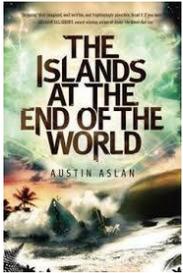


Ms. Vincent's Picks

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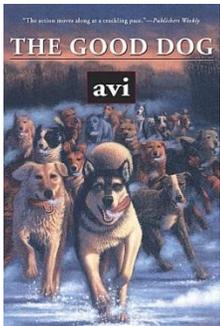


Aslan, Austin. [Islands at the End of the World](#).

Stranded in Honolulu when a strange cloud causes a worldwide electronics failure, sixteen-year-old Leilani and her father must make their way home to Hilo amid escalating perils, including her severe epilepsy.

Auxier, Jonathan. [The Night Gardener](#).

Irish orphans Molly, fourteen, and Kip, ten, travel to England to work as servants in a crumbling manor house where nothing is quite what it seems to be, and soon the siblings are confronted by a mysterious stranger and secrets of the cursed house.



Avi. [The Good Dog](#).

McKinley, a malamute, is torn between the domestic world of his human family and the wild world of Lupin, a wolf that is trying to recruit dogs to replenish the dwindling wolf pack.

Bauer, Joan. [Close to Famous](#).

The residents of Culpepper, despite their grand aspirations, have made little progress toward achieving their goals, but unexpected events and surprises put the ambitions of the residents of Culpepper to the test.

Bellairs, John. The Ghost in the Mirror.

Rose Rita Pottinger and Mrs. Zimmermann are transported back to 1828 to save the Weiss family from being destroyed by a wicked wizard.

Choldenko, Gennifer. Al Capone Does My Shirts.

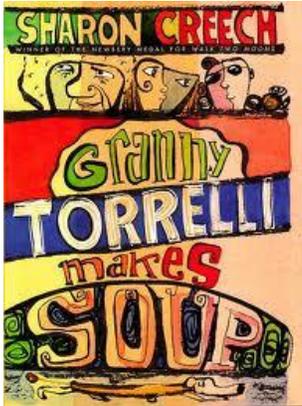
A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister

Christopher, Matt. Soccer Halfback.

A young boy is pressured by his family to abandon his promising soccer career for football.

Clements, Andrew. Frindle.

When he decides to turn his fifth-grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.



Creech, Sharon. Granny Torrelli Makes Soup.

With the help of her wise old grandmother, twelve-year-old Rosie manages to work out some problems in her relationship with her best friend, Bailey, the boy next door.

Crisp, Marty. White Star : A Dog on the Titanic.

Twelve-year-old Sam, a passenger on the Titanic's maiden sea voyage, volunteers to help care for the dogs in the ocean liner's kennel and becomes fast friends with the Irish setter of J. Bruce Ismay, the ship's owner.

D'Lacey, Chris. The Fire Within. *Series: Last Dragon Chronicles.*

When college student David Rain rents a room in an unusual boardinghouse full of clay dragons, he has no idea that they, along with some lively squirrels, will help jumpstart his writing career.

DiCamillo, Kate. Because of Winn-Dixie.

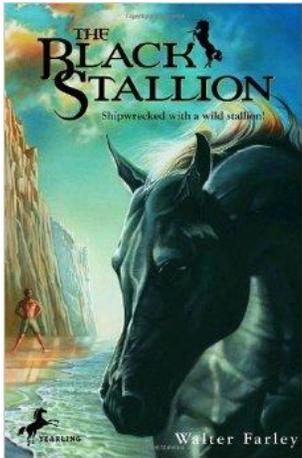
Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

Dowd, Siobhan. The London Eye Mystery.

When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.

DuPrau, Jeanne. The City of Ember. *Series: Books of Ember.*

In the city of Ember, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.



Farley, Walter, 1915-1989. The Black Stallion.

The understanding and love between Alec Ramsay and a magnificent wild horse endure through shared adventures and dangers.

Fleischman, Sid, 1920-2010. Jim Ugly.

The adventures of twelve-year-old Jake and Jim Ugly, his father's part-mongrel, part-wolf dog, as they travel through the Old West trying to find out what really happened to Jake's actor father.

Funke, Cornelia Caroline. Dragon Rider.

After learning that humans are headed toward his hidden home, Firedrake, a silver dragon, is joined by a brownie and an orphan boy in a quest to find the legendary valley known as the Rim of Heaven, encountering friendly and unfriendly creatures along the way, and struggling to evade the relentless pursuit of an old enemy.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. Eleven.

When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, it brings forth memories from his past, and, with the help of a new friend at school and the castle they are building for a school project, his questions are eventually answered.

Green, Tim. Football Hero.

When twelve-year-old Ty's brother Thane is recruited out of college to play for the New York Jets, their Uncle Gus uses Ty to get insider information for his gambling ring, landing Ty and Thane in trouble with the Mafia.

Gutman, Dan. Jackie & Me : A Baseball Card Adventure. *Series*.

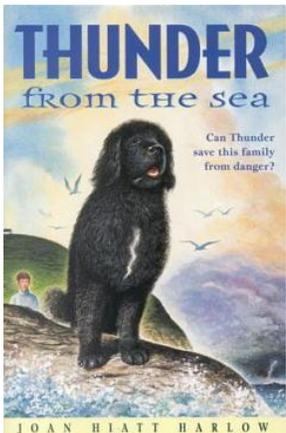
With his ability to travel through time by using baseball cards, Joe goes back to 1947 to meet Jackie Robinson, turning into a black boy in the process.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. Among the Hidden. *Series: The Shadow Children*.

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.

Hahn, Mary Downing. All the Lovely Bad Ones.

Travis and his sister Corey decide to boost business at their grandmother's Vermont inn by staging a few "hauntings" that soon draw tourists from across the country, but when their antics awaken a dark force, they must find a way to put to rest the ghosts they have disturbed.



Harlow, Joan Hiatt. Thunder From the Sea.

Just when his dreams of being part of a family and having a dog seem to be coming true, Tom wonders if trouble with neighbors on his new island home and the impending birth of a new baby will change everything. Set in Newfoundland in 1929.

Henry, Marguerite, 1902-1997. King of the Wind.

Follows the adventures of the Arabian stallion brought to England to become one of the founding sires of the Thoroughbred breed and the mute Arab stable boy who tended him with loyalty and devotion all his life.

Hesse, Karen. The Music of Dolphins.

Using sophisticated computer technology, a fifteen-year-old girl who has been raised by dolphins, records her thoughts about her reintroduction to the human world.

Hiaasen, Carl. Chomp.

When the difficult star of the reality television show "Expedition Survival" disappears while filming an episode in the Florida Everglades using animals from the wildlife refuge run by Wahoo Cray's family, Wahoo and classmate Tuna Gordon set out to find him while avoiding Tuna's gun-happy father.

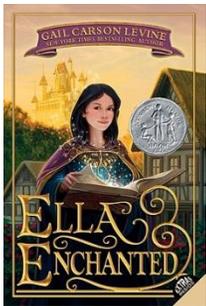
Alexander, Kwame. The Crossover.

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

Newbery Award/ King Honor Book 2015

L'Engle, Madeleine. A Wrinkle in Time. *Series: Time Quintet*.

Meg Murry, her brother Charles, and their friend Calvin, embark on a journey through space and time, assisted by three otherworldly women, when they set out to find Meg's father, a physicist who disappeared while experimenting with time travel.



Levine, Gail Carson. Ella Enchanted.

In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

Lewis, C. S. The Magician's Nephew. *Series: The Chronicles of Narnia*.

When Digory and Polly try to return the wicked witch Jadis to her own world, the magic gets mixed up and they all land in Narnia where they witness Aslan blessing the animals with human speech.

Lipsyte, Robert. Center Field.

Mike lives for baseball and hopes to follow his idol into the major leagues one day, but he is distracted by a new player who might take his place in center field, an ankle injury, problems at home, and a growing awareness that something sinister is happening at school.

Lord, Bette. In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson.

In 1947, a Chinese child comes to Brooklyn where she becomes Americanized at school, in her apartment building, and by her love for baseball.

Murphy, Jim. West to a Land of Plenty : The Diary of Teresa Angelino Viscardi. *Series: Dear America*.

While traveling in 1883 with her Italian American family (including a meddlesome little sister) and other immigrant pioneers to a utopian community in Idaho, fourteen-year-old Teresa keeps a diary of her experiences along the way.



Myers, Walter Dean. The Journal of Scott Pendleton Collins : A World War II Soldier. *Series: My Name is America*

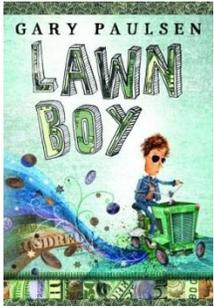
A seventeen-year-old soldier from central Virginia records his experiences in a journal as his regiment takes part in the D-Day invasion of Normandy and subsequent battles to liberate France.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. Shiloh.

Marty finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, and tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.

Paterson, Katherine. Bridge to Terabithia.

The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.



Paulsen, Gary. Lawn Boy.

Things get out of hand for a twelve-year-old boy when a neighbor convinces him to expand his summer lawn mowing business.

Peck, Richard. A Year Down Yonder.

During the recession of 1937, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice is sent to live with her feisty, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois and comes to a better understanding of this fearsome woman.

Riordan, Rick. The Lightning Thief. *Series: Percy Jackson and the Olympians*

Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon, and is sent to Camp Half Blood where he is befriended by a satyr and the demigod daughter of Athena who join him in a journey to the Underworld to retrieve Zeus's lightning bolt and prevent a catastrophic war.



Ryan, Pam Muñoz. Paint the Wind.

After her overprotective grandmother has a stroke, eleven-year-old Maya, an orphan, leaves her extremely restricted life in California to stay with her mother's family on a remote Wyoming ranch, where she discovers a love of horses and encounters Artemisia, a wild mare that her mother once rode.

Sachar, Louis. Holes.

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

Selznick, Brian. The Invention of Hugo Cabret : A Novel in Words and Pictures.

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

Sperry, Armstrong. Call It Courage.

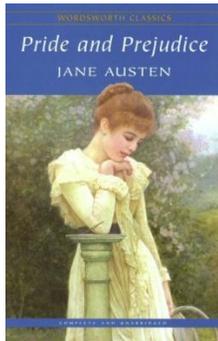
Relates how Mafatu, a young Polynesian boy whose name means Stout Heart, overcomes his terrible fear of the sea and proves his courage to himself and his people.

Spinelli, Jerry. Hokey Pokey.

Ever since they were Snotsippers, Jack and the girl have fought, until one day she steals his bike and as he and the Amigos try to recover it, Jack realizes that he is growing up and must eventually leave the "goodlands and badlands of Hokey Pokey."

Armstrong, William H. Souder.

A young African-American boy, angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, grows in courage and understanding with the help of the devoted dog Souder.



Austen, Jane. Pride and Prejudice. ★

In early nineteenth-century England, a spirited young woman copes with the courtship of a snobbish gentleman as well as the romantic entanglements of her four sisters.

Bacigalupi, Paolo. Ship Breaker.

In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl.

Bradbury, Ray. Fahrenheit 451.

A book burner in a future fascist state finds out books are a vital part of a culture he never knew. He clandestinely pursues reading, until he is betrayed.

Brashares, Ann. Here and Now.

Seventeen-year-old Prenna, an immigrant who moved to New York when she was twelve, came from another time and she and the other travelers must follow strict rules to avoid destroying the new life they have worked so hard to get, as well as the one person Prenna is desperate to protect.

Brontë, Charlotte. Jane Eyre. ★

In early nineteenth-century England, an orphaned young woman accepts employment as a governess and soon finds herself in love with her employer who has a terrible secret.

Bruchac, Joseph. Code Talker : A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two.

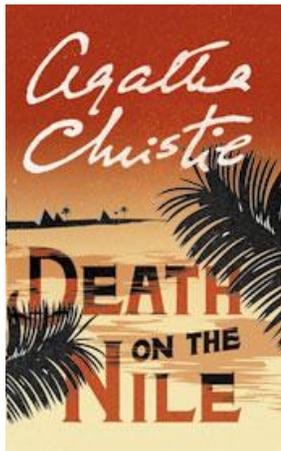
After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.

Cabot, Meg. The Princess Diaries. *Series*

Fourteen-year-old Mia, who is trying to lead a normal life as a teenage girl in New York City, is shocked to learn that her father is the Prince of Genovia, a small European principality, and that she is a princess and the heir to the throne.

Chevalier, Tracy. Girl With a Pearl Earring.

The life of sixteen-year-old Griet is transformed forever when she goes to work as a maid in the home of Dutch painter Johannes Vermeer, and catches the eye of the famous artist.



Christie, Agatha. Death on the Nile.

A murder on a cruise ship on the Nile baffles everyone except Hercule Poirot.

Crane, Stephen. The Red Badge of Courage. ★

Story of a young Union soldier under fire for the first time during the Civil War.

Crichton, Michael. Jurassic Park.

An account of the attempt, through a hair-raising twenty-four hours on a remote jungle island, to avert a global emergency--a crisis triggered by today's rush to commercialize genetic engineering.

Crutcher, Chris. The Sledding Hill.

Billy, recently deceased, keeps an eye on his best friend, fourteen-year-old Eddie, and helps him stand up to a conservative minister and English teacher who is orchestrating a censorship challenge.

Dickens, Charles. A Tale of Two Cities. ★

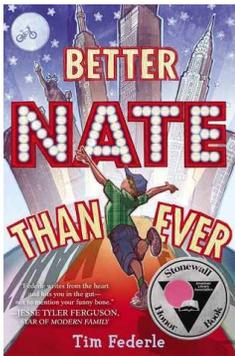
Relates the adventures of a young Englishman who gives his life during the French Revolution to save the husband of the woman he loves.

Doyle, Arthur Conan, Sir. The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes. ★

A collection of Sherlock Holmes mystery adventures, including "A Scandal in Bohemia," "The Red-headed League," and "The Adventure of the Speckled Band."

Enzensberger, Hans Magnus. The Number Devil : A Mathematical Adventure.

Annoyed with his math teacher who assigns word problems and won't let him use a calculator, twelve-year-old Robert finds help from the number devil in his dreams



Federle, Tim. Better Nate Than Ever.

An eighth-grader who dreams of performing in a Broadway musical concocts a plan to run away to New York and audition for the role of Elliot in the musical version of "E.T."

Friesner, Esther M. Nobody's Princess.

Determined to fend for herself in a world where only men have real freedom, headstrong Helen, who will be called queen of Sparta and Helen of Troy one day, learns to fight, hunt, and ride horses while disguised as a boy, and goes on an adventure throughout the Mediterranean world.

Golding, William. Lord of the Flies.

After a plane crash strands them on a tropical island while the rest of the world is ravaged by war, a group of British schoolboys attempts to form a civilized society but descends into brutal anarchy.

Hemingway, Ernest. The Old Man and the Sea.

An old fisherman battles the sea and sharks to bring home the giant marlin he caught.

Janeczko, Paul B. Worlds Afire.

In this novel written as a collection of eyewitness poems, the excitement and anticipation of attending the circus on July 6, 1944 in Hartford, Connecticut, turns to horror when a fire engulfs the circus tent, killing nearly 180 people, mostly women and children.

Kipling, Rudyard. Kim. ★

Kim, the orphaned son of an Irish soldier, grows up in India. A secret mission for the British and a bond with a Tibetan lama soon lead Kim into a life of spies and secrets.

London, Jack. The Call of the Wild ★

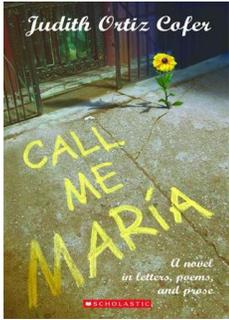
a dog in the Klondike reverts to wilderness life and becomes the leader of a pack of wolves.

Martel, Yann. Life of Pi.

Pi Patel, having spent an idyllic childhood in Pondicherry, India, as the son of a zookeeper, sets off with his family at the age of sixteen to start anew in Canada, but his life takes a marvelous turn when their ship sinks in the Pacific, leaving him adrift on a raft with a 450-pound Bengal tiger for company.

Melling, O. R. The Hunter's Moon.

Two teenage cousins, one Irish, the other from the United States, set out to find a magic doorway to the Faraway Country, where humans must bow to the little people.



Ortiz Cofer, Judith. Call Me Maria .

Fifteen-year-old Maria leaves her mother and their Puerto Rican home to live in the barrio of New York with her father, feeling torn between the two cultures in which she has been raised.

Orwell, George. Nineteen Eighty-Four .

Winston Smith, a worker at the Ministry of Truth in the future political entity of Oceania, puts his life on the line when he joins a covert brotherhood in rebelling against the totalitarian regime that controls all human thought and action.

Paulsen, Gary. Woods Runner.

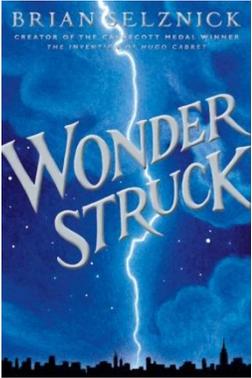
From his 1776 Pennsylvania homestead, thirteen-year-old Samuel, who is a highly-skilled woodsman, sets out toward New York City to rescue his parents from the band of British soldiers and Native Americans who kidnapped them after slaughtering most of their community. Includes historical notes.

Poe, Edgar Allan, 1809-1849. Eight Tales of Terror. ★

Tales of mystery and horror from a great nineteenth century American author.

Pratchett, Terry. Nation.

A tsunami destroys everything leaving Mau, an island boy, Daphne, an aristocratic English girl, and a small group of refugees responsible for rebuilding their village and their lives.



Selznick, Brian. Wonderstruck : a Novel in Words and Pictures.

Relates the stories of twelve-year-old Ben, who loses his mother and his hearing in a short time frame and decides to leave his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he has never known in New York City; and Rose, who lives with her father but feels compelled to search for what is missing in her life. Ben's story is told in words; Rose's in pictures.

Smith, Roland. Peak. Orlando, Fla. : Harcourt, c2007.

A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.

Sonnenblick, Jordan. After Ever After.

Although Jeff and Tad, encouraged by a new friend, Lindsey, make a deal to help one another overcome aftereffects of their cancer treatments in preparation for eighth-grade graduation, Jeff still craves advice from his older brother Stephen, who is studying drums in Africa.

Tolkien, J. R. R. The Hobbit, or, There and Back Again.

The adventures of the well-to-do hobbit, Bilbo Baggins, who lived happily in his comfortable home until a wandering wizard granted his wish.

Twain, Mark. A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court. ★

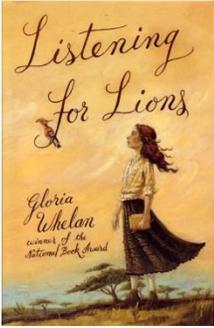
Nineteenth-century mechanic Hank Morgan suffers a blow to the head and wakes up in King Arthur's Court where he tries to introduce modern technology and political ideas to the inhabitants.

Verne, Jules. 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea.

An American frigate tracks down a ship-sinking submarine commanded by the mysterious Captain Nemo.

Wells, H. G. The Time Machine. ★

A scientist invents a machine that transports him far into the future where he discovers a changed world inhabited by two unusual races, the Eloi and the Morlocks.



Whelan, Gloria. Listening for Lions.

Left an orphan after the influenza epidemic in British East Africa in 1918, thirteen-year-old Rachel is tricked into assuming a deceased neighbor's identity to travel to England, where her only dream is to return to Africa and rebuild her parents' mission hospital.

Yep, Laurence. Dragonwings.

In the early twentieth century a young Chinese boy joins his father in San Francisco and helps him realize his dream of making a flying machine.

Bauer, Joan. Almost Home.

Sixth-grader Sugar and her mother lose their beloved house and experience the harsh world of homelessness.

Balliett, Blue. Chasing Vermeer.

When seemingly unrelated and strange events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal.

Barron, T. A. The Lost Years of Merlin. *Series*

A young boy who has no identity nor memory of his past washes ashore on the coast of Wales and finds his true name after a series of fantastic adventures.

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. The Boy Who Dared.

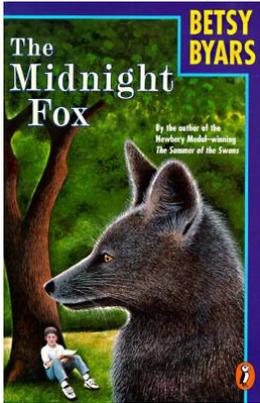
In October 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hübener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people.

Bodeen, S. A. The Raft.

Experienced traveler Robie, having decided to take a cargo plane from Honolulu to Midway Atoll after a visit with her aunt, struggles to survive with the co-pilot, Max, after the plane crashes in the Pacific Ocean and they are left on a raft in shark-infested waters with only one bag of Skittles. *Teen Nutmeg 2015*

Bunce, Elizabeth C. A Curse Dark as Gold.

Upon the death of her father, seventeen-year-old Charlotte struggles to keep the family's woolen mill running in the face of an overwhelming mortgage and what the local villagers believe is a curse, but when a man capable of spinning straw into gold appears on the scene she must decide if his help is worth the price.



Byars, Betsy Cromer. The Midnight Fox.

Tom dislikes spending the summer on his aunt's farm until he discovers a black fox in the forest and tracks her to her den.

Clement-Davies, David. The Sight. *Series*

Morgra, a lone wolf that possesses a mysterious and terrifying power known as the Sight, sets off a battle that involves all of nature when she attempts to find a pup, born into a brave and loving pack, that holds the key to a power that could control the world.

Colfer, Eoin. Airman.

In the 1890s on an island off the Irish coast, Conor Broekhart is falsely imprisoned and passes the solitary months by scratching designs of flying machines into the walls, including one for a glider with which he dreams of escape.

Cooney, Caroline B. Code Orange.

While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs and fears that he has infected himself and all of New York City.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. Bud, Not Buddy.

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

Danziger, Paula. Everyone Else's Parents Said Yes.

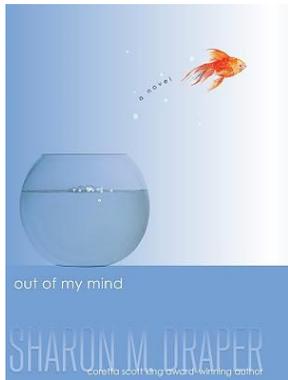
Matthew cannot resist the temptation to play practical jokes on his older sister and all the girls in his class at school, so by the time of the big party for his eleventh birthday they have all declared war on him.

Dashner, James. The Maze Runner. *Series*

Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.

Delaney, Joseph. Revenge of the Witch. *Series: Last Apprentice*

Young Tom, the seventh son of a seventh son, starts work as an apprentice for the village spook, whose job is to protect ordinary folk from "ghouls, boggarts, and all manner of wicked beasties."



Draper, Sharon M. Out of My Mind.

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

Duncan, Lois. Stranger with My Face. A seventeen-year-old senses she is being spied on and probably impersonated, but when she discovers what actually is occurring, it is more unbelievable than she ever imagined.

Glenn, Mel. Jump Ball : A Basketball Season in Poems.

Tells the story of a high school basketball team's season through a series of poems reflecting the feelings of students, their families, teachers, and coaches.

Feinstein, John. Last Shot : A Final Four Mystery.

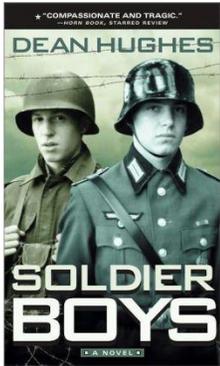
After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth graders Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game.

Gaiman, Neil. Coraline.

Looking for excitement, Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others.

Gratz, Alan. The Brooklyn Nine : A Novel in Nine Innings.

Follows the fortunes of a German immigrant family through nine generations, beginning in 1845, as they experience American life and play baseball.



Hughes, Dean. Soldier Boys.

Two boys, one German and one American, are eager to join their respective armies during World War II, and their paths cross at the Battle of the Bulge.

Jacques, Brian. Redwall. *Series*

When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.

Lasky, Kathryn. The Capture. *Series: Gaurdians of Ga'Hoole*

Soren, a barn owl that is captured and taken to a special school for orphaned owls, is befriended by elf owl Gylfie and together the two set out to discover what is really going on at St. Aegolius Academy.

Lockhart, E. The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks.

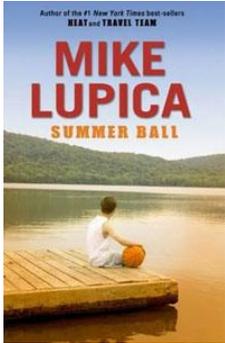
Frankie Landau-Banks attempts to take over a secret, all-male society at her exclusive prep school, and her antics with the group soon draw some unlikely attention and have unexpected consequences that could change her life forever.

Lowry, Lois. Number the Stars.

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

Lupica, Mike. Heat.

Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.



Lupica, Mike. Summer Ball.

Thirteen-year-old Danny must prove himself all over again for a disapproving coach and against new rivals at a summer basketball camp.

Montgomery, L. M. Anne of Green Gables.

Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her.

Morpurgo, Michael. War Horse.

Joey the horse recalls his experiences growing up on an English farm, his struggle for survival as a cavalry horse during World War I, and his reunion with his beloved master.

Murdock, Catherine Gilbert. Dairy Queen.

After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her.

Paterson, Katherine. Bridge to Terabithia. The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.

Pearsall, Shelley. All of the Above.

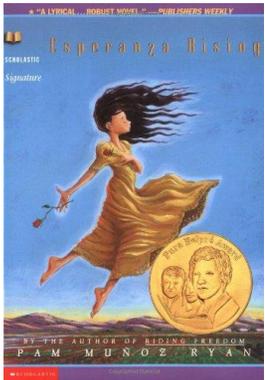
Five urban middle school students, their teacher, and other community members relate how a school project to build the world's largest tetrahedron affects the lives of everyone involved.

Pfeffer, Susan Beth. Life as We Knew It. *Series*

Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

Rowling, J. K. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. *Series*

Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.



Ryan, Pam Muñoz. Esperanza Rising.

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.

Salisbury, Graham. Under the Blood-Red Sun.

Tomikazu Nakaji's biggest concerns are baseball, homework, and a local bully, until life with his Japanese family in Hawaii changes drastically after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941.

Shusterman, Neal. The Schwa Was Here.

A Brooklyn eighth-grader nicknamed Antsy befriends the Schwa, an "invisible-ish" boy who is tired of blending into his surroundings and going unnoticed by nearly everyone.

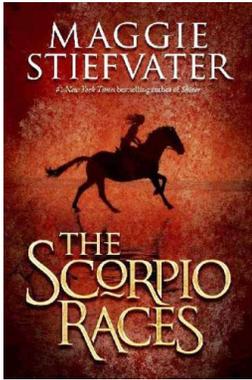
Smith, Roland. Elephant Run.

Nick endures servitude, beatings, and more after his British father's plantation in Burma is invaded by the Japanese in 1941, and when his

father and others are taken prisoner and Nick is stranded with his friend Mya, they plan a daring escape on elephants, risking their lives to save Nick's father and Mya's brother from a Japanese prisoner of war camp.

Spinelli, Jerry. Milkweed.

A street child, known to himself only as Stopthief, finds community when he is taken in by a band of orphans in Warsaw ghetto which helps him weather the horrors of the Nazi regime.



Stiefvater, Maggie. The Scorpio Races.

Nineteen-year-old returning champion Sean Kendrick competes against Puck Connolly, the first girl to ever ride in the annual Scorpio Races, both trying to keep hold of their dangerous water horses long enough to make it to the finish line.

Van Draanen, Wendelin. Flipped.

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Books to Movies

Anderson, Laurie Halse. [Speak](#).

A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.

Babbitt, Natalie. [Tuck Everlasting](#).

The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing any older.

Baum, L. Frank. [The Wonderful Wizard of Oz](#).

After a cyclone transports her to the land of Oz, Dorothy must seek out the great wizard in order to return to Kansas.

Carroll, Lewis. [Alice in Wonderland](#).

A little girl falls down a rabbit hole and discovers a world of nonsensical and amusing characters.

DiCamillo, Kate. [Because of Winn-Dixie](#).

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

DiCamillo, Kate. [The Tale of Despereaux](#).

Being the story of a mouse, a princess, some soup, and a spool of thread.

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

DuPrau, Jeanne. [The City of Ember](#).

In the city of Ember, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

Farley, Walter. [The Black Stallion](#).

The understanding and love between Alec Ramsay and a magnificent wild horse endure through shared adventures and dangers.

Funke, Cornelia Caroline. [Inkheart](#).

Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father Mo, a bookbinder, can "read" fictional characters to life when an evil ruler named Capricorn, freed from the novel "Inkheart" years earlier, tries to force Mo to release an immortal monster from the story.

Hillenbrand, Laura. [Unbroken](#).

An Olympian's journey from airman to castaway to captive. A biography of Olympic runner and World War II bombardier, Louis Zamperini, who had been rambunctious in childhood before succeeding in track and eventually serving in the military, which led to a trial in which he was forced to find a way to survive in the open ocean after being shot down.

Lasky, Kathryn. The Capture.

Soren, a barn owl that is captured and taken to a special school for orphaned owls, is befriended by elf owl Gylfie and together the two set out to discover what is really going on at St. Aegolius Academy.

L'Engle, Madeleine. A Wrinkle in Time.

Meg Murry, her brother Charles, and their friend Calvin, embark on a journey through space and time, assisted by three otherworldly women, when they set out to find Meg's father, a physicist who disappeared while experimenting with time travel.

Levine, Gail Carson. Ella Enchanted.

In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

Lewis, C. S. The Chronicles of Narnia.

The Magicians Nephew -- The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe -- The Horse and his Boy -- Prince Caspian -- The Voyage of the Dawn Treader -- The Silver Chair -- The Last Battle -- On three ways of writing for children. Presents the unabridged text of C. S. Lewis's seven-part fantasy series in which a group of children walk into a magical realm called Narnia and find themselves in the midst of an ongoing battle between good and evil led by the Christlike lion king Aslan.

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Paterson, Katherine. Jacob Have I Loved.

Filled with resentment over the attention showered upon her twin sister, and awaiting the day she can leave her town behind, young Louise meets a wise old sea captain and begins learning how to let go of her anger.

Pullman, Philip, 1946-. The Golden Compass.

Eleven-year-old Lyra Belacqua journeys from her home at Oxford University to the frozen North on a quest to save kidnapped children from the evil Gobblers; and then rescue her father from the Panserbjorne, a race of mercenary polar bears who have taken him captive.

Riordan, Rick. The Lightning Thief.

Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon, and is sent to Camp Half Blood where he is befriended by a satyr and the demigod daughter of Athena who join him in a journey to the Underworld to retrieve Zeus's lightning bolt and prevent a catastrophic war.

Sachar, Louis. Holes.

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

Selznick, Brian. The Invention of Hugo Cabret : A Novel in Words and Pictures.

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toy seller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

Sewell, Anna. Black Beauty : the Autobiography of a Horse.

A horse in nineteenth-century England recounts his experiences with both good and bad masters.

Tolkien, J. R. R. The Fellowship of the Ring : Being the First Part of The Lord of the Rings.

The first volume of a three-volume epic adventure set in the fantasy world of the Third Age of Middle-earth, a world inhabited by many strange beings.

Tolkien, J. R. R. The Hobbit, Or, There and Back Again.

The adventures of the well-to-do hobbit, Bilbo Baggins, who lived happily in his comfortable home until a wandering wizard granted his wish.

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Yolen, Jane. The Devil's Arithmetic.

Hannah resents the traditions of her Jewish heritage until time travel places her in the middle of a small Jewish village in Nazi-occupied Poland.

Zusak, Markus. The Book Thief.

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.