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TITLE	AUTHOR	CALL #	SUMMARY
The adventures of Vin Fiz	Cussler, Clive.	J CUS	Ten-year-old twins Casey and Lacey fly an enchanted, antique airplane, named the Vin Fiz, across the United States and have several daring adventures along the way. Includes historical notes on the real Vin Fiz, the name of the airplane that made the first transcontinental flight in 1911.
Airman	Colfer, Eoin.	J COL	In the late nineteenth century, when Conor Broekhart discovers a conspiracy to overthrow the king, he is branded a traitor, imprisoned, and forced to mine for diamonds under brutal conditions. He plans a daring escape from Little Saltee prison by way of a flying machine that he must design, build, and, hardest of all, trust to carry him to safety.
Al Capone does my shirts	Choldenko, Jennifer, 1957-	J CHO	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.
Among the free	Haddix, Margaret Peterson.	J HAD	When thirteen-year-old Luke Garner unwittingly sets off a rebellion which sweeps the country and ousts the Population Police from power, he quickly realizes that the new regime is corrupt and he may hold the only key to true freedom.
Among the hidden	Haddix, Margaret Peterson.	J HAD	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.

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Artemis Fowl	Colfer, Eoin.	J COL	When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.
The barn burner	Willis, Patricia.	J WIL	In 1933 while running from a bad situation at home and suspected of having set fire to a barn, fourteen-year-old Ross finds haven with a loving family which helps him make an important decision.
Basketball (or something like it)	Baskin, Nora Raleigh.	J BAS	Hank, Nathan, Jeremy, and Anabel deal with the realities of middle school basketball, including family pressure, a series of coaches with very different personalities and agendas, and what it means to be a team--and a friend.
Because of Winn-Dixie	DiCamillo, Kate.	J DIC	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.
Becoming Naomi León	Ryan, Pam Muñoz.	J RYA	When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father.
Bella at midnight	Stanley, Diane.	YA STA	Raised by peasants, Bella discovers that she is actually the daughter of a knight and finds herself caught up in a terrible plot that will change her life and the kingdom forever.
Belle Prater's boy	White, Ruth, 1942-	J WHI [CC]	When Woodrow's mother suddenly disappears, he moves to his grandparents' home in a small Virginia town where he befriends his cousin and together they find the strength to face the terrible losses and fears in their lives.

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The big house	Coman, Carolyn.	J COM	When Ivy and Ray's parents are sent to jail, and left in the custody of their parent's accusers, they decide to look for evidence that will spring their parents.
The bomb	Taylor, Theodore, 1921-2006.	J TAY	In 1945, when the Americans liberate the Bikini Atoll from the Japanese, fourteen-year-old Sorry Rinamu does not realize that the next year he will lead a desperate effort to save his island home from a much more deadly threat.
The book of story beginnings	Kladstrup, Kristin.	J KLA	After moving with her parents to Iowa, twelve-year-old Lucy discovers a mysterious notebook that can bring stories to life and which has a link to the 1914 disappearance of her great uncle.
Bread and roses, too	Paterson, Katherine.	J PAT	Jake and Rosa, two children, form an unlikely friendship as they try to survive and understand the 1912 Bread and Roses strike of mill workers in Lawrence, Massachusetts.
Bridge to Terabithia	Paterson, Katherine.	J PAT	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.
The bronze pen	Snyder, Zilpha Keatley.	J SNY	With her father's failing health and the family's shaky finances, twelve-year-old Audrey's dreams of becoming a writer seem very impractical until she is given a peculiar bronze pen that appears to have unusual powers.
Bud, not Buddy	Curtis, Christopher Paul.	J CUR	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.

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The Castle Corona	Creech, Sharon.	J CRE	Two orphaned peasant children discover a mysterious pouch, the contents of which lead them to the majestic Castle Corona, where their lives may be transformed forever.
Chasing Vermeer	Balliett, Blue, 1955-	J BAL	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.
Children of the lamp.	Kerr, Philip.	J KER	Twelve-year-old djinn twins Philippa and John and their friend Dybbuk have further adventures as they travel the world in search of a priceless talisman.
The city of Ember	DuPrau, Jeanne.	J DUP	In the year 241, 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.
Clay	Rodowsky, Colby F.	J ROD	After their parents divorce, eleven-year-old Elsie and her younger brother Tommy, who is mentally different, must deal with a terrible secret that causes them and their mother to move from place to place and stay in hiding.
Counting on Grace	Winthrop, Elizabeth.	J WIN	It's 1910 in Pownal, Vermont. At 12, Grace and her best friend Arthur must go to work in the mill, helping their mothers work the looms. Together, Grace and Arthur write a secret letter to the Child Labor Board about underage children working in the mill. A few weeks later, Lewis Hine, a famous reformer arrives undercover to gather evidence. Grace meets him and appears in some of his photographs, changing her life forever.
Cracker! : the best dog in Vietnam	Kadohata, Cynthia.	J KAD	A young soldier in Vietnam bonds with his bomb-sniffing dog.

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Crash	Spinelli, Jerry.	J SPI [CC]	Seventh-grader John Crash Coogan has always been comfortable with his tough, aggressive behavior, until his relationship with an unusual Quaker boy and his grandfather's stroke make him consider the meaning of friendship and the importance of family.
Crispin : the cross of lead	Avi, 1937-	J AVI	Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.
Criss cross	Perkins, Lynne Rae.	J PER	Teenagers in a small town in the 1960s experience new thoughts and feelings, question their identities, connect, and disconnect as they search for the meaning of life and love.
Crooked river	Pearsall, Shelley.	J PEA	When twelve-year old Rebecca Carter's father brings a Native American accused of murder into their 1812 Ohio settlement town, Rebecca, witnessing the town's reaction to the Indian, struggles with the idea that an innocent man may be convicted and sentenced to death.
Crossing Jordan	Fogelin, Adrian.	J FOG	Twelve-year-old Cass meets her new African-American neighbor, Jemmie, and despite their families' prejudices, they build a strong friendship around their mutual talent for running and a pact to read Jane Eyre.
The Dark Hills divide	Carman, Patrick.	J CAR	When she finds the key to a secret passageway leading out of the walled city of Bridewell, twelve-year-old Alexa realizes her lifelong wish to explore the mysterious forests and mountains that lie beyond the wall.

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Day of tears : a novel in dialogue	Lester, Julius.	J LES	Emma has taken care of the Butler children since Sarah and Frances's mother, Fanny, left. Emma wants to raise the girls to have good hearts, as a rift over slavery has ripped the Butler household apart. Now, to pay off debts, Pierce Butler wants to cash in his slave assets , possibly including Emma.
Defiance	Hobbs, Valerie.	J HOB	While vacationing in the country, eleven-year-old Toby, a cancer patient, learns some important lessons about living and dying from an elderly poet and her cow.
Dexter the tough	Haddix, Margaret Peterson.	J HAD	A sympathetic teacher and her writing assignment help fourth-grader Dexter deal with being the new kid in school after he punches a kid on the first day.
Double identity	Haddix, Margaret Peterson.	J HAD	Thirteen-year-old Bethany's parents have always been overprotective, but when they suddenly drop out of sight with no explanation, leaving her with an aunt she never knew existed, Bethany uncovers shocking secrets that make her question everything she thought she knew about herself and her family.
Dovey Coe	Dowell, Frances O'Roark.	J DOW	When accused of murder in her North Carolina mountain town in 1928, Dovey Coe, a stronged-willed twelve-year-old girl, comes to a new understanding of others, including her deaf brother.
Downsiders : a novel	Shusterman, Neal.	J SHU	When fourteen-year-old Lindsay meets Talon and discovers the Downsiders world which had evolved from the subway built in New York in 1867 by Alfred Ely Beach, she and her new friend experience the clash of their two cultures.

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Dragon rider	Funke, Cornelia Caroline.	J FUN	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.
Dust	Slade, Arthur G. (Arthur Gregory)	J SLA	Eleven-year-old Robert is the only one who can help when a mysterious stranger arrives, performing tricks and promising to bring rain, at the same time children begin to disappear from a dust bowl farm town in Saskatchewan in the 1930s.
Each little bird that sings	Wiles, Deborah.	J WIL	Comfort Snowberger is well acquainted with death since her family runs the funeral parlor in their small southern town, but even so the ten-year-old is unprepared for the series of heart-wrenching events that begins on the first day of Easter vacation with the sudden death of her beloved great-uncle Edisto.
Ella enchanted	Levine, Gail Carson.	J LEV	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.
Emma-Jean Lazarus fell out of a tree	Tarshis, Lauren.	J TAR	A quirky and utterly logical seventh-grade girl named Emma-Jean Lazarus discovers some interesting results when she gets involved in the messy everyday problems of her peers.
The entertainer and the dybbuk	Fleischman, Sid, 1920-	J FLE	A struggling American ventriloquist in post-World War II Europe is possessed by the mischievous spirit of a young Jewish boy killed in the Holocaust. Author's note details the murder of over one million children by the Nazis during the 1930s and 1940s.

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First boy	Schmidt, Gary D.	J SCH	Dragged into the political turmoil of a presidential election year, fourteen-year-old Cooper Jewett, who runs a New Hampshire dairy farm since his grandfather's death, stands up for himself and makes it clear whose first boy he really is.
Flush	Hiaasen, Carl.	J HIA	With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.
Frindle	Clements, Andrew, 1949-	J CLE	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.
From the mixed-up files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	Konigsburg, E. L.	J KON	Having run away with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, twelve-year-old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home, and to become a changed person and a heroine to herself.
Gentle's Holler : a novel	Madden, Kerry.	J MAD	In the early 1960s, twelve-year-old songwriter Livy Two Weems dreams of seeing the world beyond the Maggie Valley, North Carolina, holler where she lives in poverty with her parents and eight brothers and sisters, but understands that she must put family first.
Getting air	Gutman, Dan.	J GUT	After foiling a terrorist hijacking aboard their airplane, fourteen-year-old Jimmy, his younger sister, and two skateboarding friends crash-land the plane and try to survive in a forest wilderness until help arrives.

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Ghost ship : a Cape Cod story	Clark, Mary Higgins.	J CLA (PBOR)	While visiting his grandmother on Cape Cod, nine-year-old Thomas encounters a ship's cabin boy from centuries past.
The girls	Koss, Amy Goldman, 1954-	J KOS	Each of the girls in a middle-school clique reveals the strong, manipulative hold one of the group exerts on the others, causing hurt and self-doubt among the girls.
The goats	Cole, Brock.	JLT COL	Stripped and marooned on a small island by their fellow campers, a boy and a girl form an uneasy bond that grows into a deep friendship when they decide to run away and disappear without a trace.
The great cape rescue	Shalant, Phyllis.	J SHA	Upon entering fourth grade, Fin and his friends think they must stop playing superheroes, until they discover that their game might become real through a magical cape, and the Society of Secret Superheroes is born.
Gregor and the Code of Claw	Collins, Suzanne.	J COL	When twelve-year-old Gregor finally learns the ancient prophecy, which foretells his death, he must gather his courage to defend Regalia from the army of rats, take his mother and sister home safely, and fight his own dark side.
Heartbeat	Creech, Sharon.	J CRE	Twelve-year-old Annie ponders the many rhythms of life the year that her mother becomes pregnant, her grandfather begins faltering, and her best friend (and running partner) becomes distant.
Henry and the kite dragon	Hall, Bruce Edward.	J HAL	In New York City in the 1920s, the children from Chinatown go after the children from Little Italy for throwing rocks at the beautiful kites Grandfather Chin makes, not realizing that they have a reason for doing so.

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Henry's freedom box	Levine, Ellen.	J LEV (PBOR)	A fictionalized account of how in 1849 a Virginia slave, Henry Box Brown, escapes to freedom by shipping himself in a wooden crate from Richmond to Philadelphia.
Here lies the librarian	Peck, Richard, 1934-	J PEC	Fourteen-year-old Eleanor Peewee McGrath, a tomboy and automobile enthusiast, discovers new possibilities for her future after the 1914 arrival in her small Indiana town of four young librarians.
The higher power of Lucky	Patron, Susan.	J PAT	Fearing that her legal guardian plans to abandon her to return to France, ten-year-old aspiring scientist Lucky Trimble determines to run away while also continuing to seek the Higher Power that will bring stability to her life.
Holes	Sachar, Louis, 1954-	J SAC	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.
Hoot	Hiaasen, Carl.	J HIA	Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.
Hot hand : a Comeback Kids novel	Lupica, Mike.	J LUP	In the wake of his parents' separation, ten-year-old Billy seems to have continual conflicts with his father, who is also his basketball coach, but his quiet, younger brother Ben, a piano prodigy, is having even more trouble adjusting, and only Billy seems to notice.
The house on the gulf	Haddix, Margaret Peterson.	J HAD	A sixteen-year-old boy arranges a housesitting job for the summer, but he starts acting strangely after his family moves in, and his sister begins to suspect they are not supposed to be there.

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How Angel Peterson got his name : and other outrageous tales about extreme sports	Paulsen, Gary.	J PAU	Author Gary Paulsen relates tales from his youth in a small town in northwestern Minnesota in the late 1940s and early 1950s, such as skiing behind a souped-up car and imitating daredevil Evel Knievel.
Hush	Woodson, Jacqueline.	YA WOO	Twelve-year-old Toswiah finds her life changed when her family enters the witness protection program.
I am not Joey Pigza	Gantos, Jack.	J GAN	Joey's father returns, calling himself Charles Heinz and apologizing for his past bad behavior, and he swears that once Joey and his mother change their names and help him fix up the old diner he has bought, their lives will change for the better.
Iron Thunder : the battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac : a Civil War novel	Avi, 1937-	J AVI	Accompanied by period illustrations, photographs, and maps, this exciting historical novel follows thirteen-year-old Tom Carroll as he, after his father is killed during the Civil War, finds work at a bustling ironworks to help support his family, which makes him a target of Confederate spies.
Jack Plank tells tales	Babbitt, Natalie.	J BAB	A failed pirate looking for a new career, Jack turns down every job proposed with a tall tale about that occupation.
Jeremy Fink and the meaning of life	Mass, Wendy, 1967-	J MAS	Just before his thirteenth birthday, Jeremy Fink receives a keyless locked box--set aside by his father before his death five years earlier--that purportedly contains the meaning of life.
Jim Ugly	Fleischman, Sid, 1920-	J FLE	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.

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The John Hancock Club	Borden, Louise.	J BOR	Third-grader Sean McFerrin wants to be part of the good penmanship club, but it all depends on how well he learns the new cursive writing.
The kidnapers : a mystery	Roberts, Willo Davis.	J ROB	No one believes eleven-year-old Joey, who has a reputation for telling tall tales, when he claims to have witnessed the kidnapping of the class bully outside their expensive New York City private school.
The Landry News : a brand new school story	Clements, Andrew, 1949-	J CLE	A fifth-grader starts a newspaper with an editorial that prompts her burnt-out classroom teacher to really begin teaching again, but he is later threatened with disciplinary action as a result.
Lawn boy	Paulsen, Gary.	J PAU	Things get out of hand for a twelve-year-old boy when a neighbor convinces him to expand his summer lawn mowing business.
Letters from Rapunzel	Holmes, Sara.	J HOL	Through a series of letters written to a post office box, twelve-year-old Cadence describes her father's hospitalization for depression, her subsequent problems at school, and her hope that the mysterious recipient will help her find a happy ending.
The liberation of Gabriel King	Going, K. L. (Kelly L.)	J GOI	In Georgia during the summer of 1976, Gabriel, a white boy who is being bullied, and Frita, an African American girl who is facing prejudice, decide to overcome their many fears together as they enter fifth grade.
Lily's crossing	Giff, Patricia Reilly.	J GIF	During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.

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Lion boy : the first book in a trilogy	Corder, Zizou.	J COR	In the near future, a boy with the ability to speak the language of cats sets out from London to seek his kidnapped parents and finds himself on a Paris-bound circus ship learning to train lions.
Loser	Spinelli, Jerry.	J SPI	Even though his classmates from first grade on have considered him strange and a loser, Daniel Zinkoff's optimism and exuberance and the support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.
The loud silence of Francine Green	Cushman, Karen.	J CUS	In 1949, thirteen-year-old Francine goes to Catholic school in Los Angeles where she becomes best friends with a girl who questions authority and is frequently punished by the nuns, causing Francine to question her own values.
Love that dog	Creech, Sharon.	J CRE	A young student, who comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem.
Magic by the book	Bernstein, Nina, 1949-	J BER	After returning from a trip to the library, eleven-year-old Anne and her younger brother and sister discover a magic book which sends them on adventures in which they meet Robin Hood, giant bugs, and a dark, sinister man with a wolfish face.
Maniac Magee	Spinelli, Jerry.	J SPI	After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.
Messenger	Lowry, Lois.	J LOW	In this novel that unites characters from <i>The Giver</i> and <i>Gathering Blue</i> , Matty, a young member of a utopian community that values honesty, conceals an emerging healing power that he cannot explain or understand.

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The misadventures of Benjamin Bartholomew Piff.	Lethcoe, Jason.	J LET	When a miserable orphan unknowingly disrupts the balance of power between the magical realms of wishes and curses, he must join forces with the Wishworks Factory to reclaim his errant wish and set things right again.
Miss Daisy is crazy!	Gutman, Dan.	J GUT	Miss Daisy's unusual teaching methods surprise her second grade students, especially reluctant learner A.J.
Monkey island	Fox, Paula.	J FOX	Forced to live on the streets of New York after his mother disappears from their hotel room, eleven-year-old Clay is befriended by two men who help him survive.
Moonpie and Ivy	O'Connor, Barbara.	J OCO	Twelve-year-old Pearl feels hurt, confused, and unwanted when her wild, irresponsible mother leaves her with Aunt Ivy in a little country house in Georgia and then disappears.
Mrs. Yonkers is bonkers!	Gutman, Dan.	J GUT	As the new computer lab teacher tries to bring Ella Mentry School into the twenty-first century with her peculiar inventions, second-grader A.J. struggles to survive without sugary snacks when principal Klutz bans junk food.
The music of dolphins	Hesse, Karen.	J HES	After rescuing an adolescent girl from the sea, researchers learn she has been raised by dolphins and attempt to rehabilitate her to the human world.
My last best friend	Bowe, Julie, 1962-	J FIC BOWE	After her best friend moves away, fourth-grader Ida May is determined not to make another best friend, despite the efforts of a new girl in her class.
My Louisiana sky	Holt, Kimberly Willis.	J HOL	Growing up in Saitter, Louisiana, in the 1950s, twelve-year-old Tiger Ann struggles with her feelings about her stern, but loving grandmother, her mentally slow parents, and her good friend and neighbor, Jesse.

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Number the stars	Lowry, Lois.	J LOW	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.
The old Willis place : a ghost story	Hahn, Mary Downing.	J HAH	Tired of the rules that have bound them ever since the bad thing happened, twelve-year-old Diana ignores her brother's warnings and befriends the daughter of the new caretaker, setting in motion events that lead to the release of the spirit of an evil, crazy woman who once ruled the old Willis place.
Olive's ocean	Henkes, Kevin.	J HEN	On a summer visit to her grandmother's cottage by the ocean, twelve-year-old Martha gains perspective on the death of a classmate, on her relationship with her grandmother, on her feelings for an older boy, and on her plans to be a writer.
On the wings of heroes	Peck, Richard, 1934-	J PEC	A boy in Illinois remembers the homefront years of World War II, especially his two heroes--his brother in the Air Force and his father, who fought in the previous war.
The one left behind	Roberts, Willo Davis.	J ROB	Mandy's life changes forever when her ten-year-old twin sister eats a hamburger tainted with E coli and dies.
Out of the dust	Hesse, Karen.	J HES	In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.
The outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place	Konigsburg, E. L.	J KON	Upon leaving an oppressive summer camp, twelve-year-old Margaret Rose Kane spearheads a campaign to preserve three unique towers her great-uncles have been building in their backyard for over forty years.

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The Penderwicks : a summer tale of four sisters, two rabbits, and a very interesting boy	Birdsall, Jeanne.	J BIR	While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.
Penny from heaven	Holm, Jennifer L.	J HOL	As she turns twelve during the summer of 1953, Penny gains new insights into herself and her family while also learning a secret about her father's death.
Peter & the Starcatchers	Barry, Dave.	J BAR	Soon after Peter, an orphan, sets sail from England on the ship Never Land, he befriends and assists Molly, a young Starcatcher, whose mission is to guard a trunk of magical stardust from a greedy pirate and the native inhabitants of a remote island.
Pieces of Georgia : a novel	Bryant, Jennifer.	J BRY	In journal entries to her mother, a gifted artist who died suddenly, thirteen-year-old Georgia McCoy reveals how her life changes after she receives an anonymous gift membership to a nearby art museum.
Poppy	Avi, 1937-	J AVI	Poppy the deer mouse urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas.
The power of Un	Etchemendy, Nancy.	J ETC	When he is given a device that will allow him to undo what has happened in the past, Gib Finney is not sure what event from the worst day in his life he should change in order to keep his sister from being hit by a truck.

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Project Mulberry : a novel	Park, Linda Sue.	J PAR	While working on a project for an after-school club, Julia, a Korean American girl, and her friend Patrick learn not just about silkworms, but also about tolerance, prejudice, friendship, patience, and more. Between the chapters are short dialogues between the author and main character about the writing of the book.
Racing the past	Deans, Sis Boulos.	J DEA	After the death of his abusive father, eleven-year-old Ricky tries to help his younger brother deal with his residual fears and discovers that running helps him deal with his own anger and the taunts of a bullying classmate.
Ragweed	Avi, 1937-	J AVI	Ragweed, a young country mouse, leaves his family and travels to the big city, where he finds excitement and danger and sees cats for the first time.
Remembering Mrs. Rossi	Hest, Amy.	J HES	Although she loves her father, their home in New York City, and third-grade teacher Miss Meadows, Annie misses her mother who died recently.
The report card	Clements, Andrew, 1949-	J CLE	Fifth-grader Nora Rowley has always hidden the fact that she is a genius from everyone because all she wants is to be normal, but when she comes up with a plan to prove that grades are not important, things begin to get out of control.
The river between us	Peck, Richard, 1934-	J PEC	During the early days of the Civil War, the Pruitt family takes in two mysterious young ladies who have fled New Orleans to come north to Illinois.
Roll of thunder, hear my cry	Taylor, Mildred D.	J TAY	A black family living in Mississippi during the Depression of the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.

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Room one : a mystery or two	Clements, Andrew, 1949-	J CLE	Ted Hammond, the only sixth grader in his small Nebraska town's one-room schoolhouse, searches for clues to the disappearance of a homeless family.
Rules	Lord, Cynthia.	J LOR	Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.
Running out of time	Haddix, Margaret Peterson.	J HAD	When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840 village, thirteen-year-old Jessie discovers it is actually a 1995 tourist site under unseen observation by heartless scientists, and it's up to Jessie to escape the village and save the lives of the dying children.
Sam I am	Cooper, Ilene.	J COO	Twelve-year-old Sam, the son of a Jewish father and Christian mother, struggles to understand religion and its role in his family's life during the Hanukkah and Christmas holidays.
The same stuff as stars	Paterson, Katherine.	J PAT	When Angel's self-absorbed mother leaves her and her younger brother with their poor great-grandmother, the eleven-year-old girl worries not only about her mother and brother, her imprisoned father, the frail old woman, but also about a mysterious man who begins sharing with her the wonder of the stars. When Angel's mother leaves her and her younger brother with their poor great-grandmother, the eleven-year-old girl with the weight of the world on her shoulders meets a mysterious stranger who teaches her about the stars.

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Sammy Keyes and the wild things	Van Draanen, Wendelin.	J VAN	While on her first hiking and camping trip, thirteen-year-old Sammy tries to solve a mystery involving endangered condors while avoiding scorpions, ticks, and embarrassment.
The sea of monsters	Riordan, Rick.	J RIO	Demi-god Percy Jackson and his friends must journey into the Sea of Monsters to save their camp. But first Percy will discover a secret that makes him wonder whether being claimed as Poseidon's son is an honor or a cruel joke.
Secret identity	Van Draanen, Wendelin	J VAN	Fifth-grader Nolan Byrd, tired of being called names by the class bully, has a secret identity--Shredderman!
Seedfolks	Fleischman, Paul.	J FLE [CC]	One by one, a number of people of varying ages and backgrounds transform a trash-filled inner-city lot into a productive and beautiful garden, and in doing so, the gardeners are themselves transformed.
Shabanu, daughter of the wind	Staples, Suzanne Fisher	J STA	When eleven-year old Shabanu, the daughter of a nomad in the Cholistan Desert of present-day Pakistan, is pledged in marriage to an older man whose money will bring prestige to the family, she must either accept the decision, as is the custom, or risk the consequences of defying her father's wishes.
The (short) story of my life	Jones, Jennifer B.	J JON	With both the help and hindrance of family, his best friend, and the school bully, sixth-grader Michael Jordan copes with romance and the fact that he is, as usual, the shortest one in his class.
Show way	Woodson, Jacqueline.	HF J Picture Books for O	The making of Show ways, or quilts which once served as secret maps for freedom-seeking slaves, is a tradition passed from mother to daughter in the author's family.

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The silent boy	Lowry, Lois.	J LOW	Katy, the precocious ten-year-old daughter of the town doctor, befriends a retarded boy.
Silent to the bone	Konigsburg, E. L.	J KON	When he is wrongly accused of gravely injuring his baby half-sister, thirteen-year-old Branwell loses his power of speech and only his friend Connor is able to reach him and uncover the truth about what really happened.
The slave dancer : a novel	Fox, Paula.	JLT FOX	Kidnapped by the crew of an Africa-bound ship, a thirteen-year-old boy discovers to his horror that he is on a slaver and his job is to play music for the exercise periods of the human cargo.
Small steps	Sachar, Louis, 1954-	J SAC	Three years after being released from Camp Green Lake, Armpit is trying hard to keep his life on track, but when his old pal X-Ray shows up with a tempting plan to make some easy money scalping concert tickets, Armpit reluctantly goes along.
So B. It : a novel	Weeks, Sarah.	J WEE	After spending her life with her mentally retarded mother and agoraphobic neighbor, twelve-year-old Heidi sets out from Reno, Nevada, to New York to find out who she is.
Soldier's heart : being the story of the enlistment and due service of the boy Charley Goddard in the First Minnesota Volunteers : a novel of the Civil War	Paulsen, Gary.	J PAU	Eager to enlist, fifteen-year-old Charley has a change of heart after experiencing both the physical horrors and mental anguish of Civil War combat.
Something upstairs : a tale of ghosts	Avi, 1937-	J AVI	When he moves from Los Angeles to Providence, Rhode Island, Kenny discovers that his new house is haunted by the spirit of a black slave boy who asks Kenny to return with him to the early nineteenth century and prevent his murder by slave traders.

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Stepping on the cracks	Hahn, Mary Downing.	J HAH	In 1944, while her brother is overseas fighting in World War II, eleven-year-old Margaret gets a new view of the school bully Gordy when she finds him hiding his own brother, an army deserter, and decides to help him.
Stonewords : a ghost story	Conrad, Pam.	J CON	Zoe discovers that her house is occupied by the ghost of an eleven-year-old girl, who carries her back to the day of her death in 1870 to try to alter that tragic event.
Summer ball	Lupica, Mike.	J LUP	Thirteen-year-old Danny must prove himself all over again for a disapproving coach and against new rivals at a summer basketball camp.
Surviving the Applewhites	Tolan, Stephanie S.	J TOL	Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent for home schooling to the arty and eccentric Applewhite family's Creative Academy, where he discovers talents and interests he never knew he had.
Tangerine	Bloor, Edward, 1950-	YA BLO	Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.
The teacher's funeral : a comedy in three parts	Peck, Richard, 1934-	J PEC	In rural Indiana in 1904, fifteen-year-old Russell's dream of quitting school and joining a wheat threshing crew is disrupted when his older sister takes over the teaching at his one-room schoolhouse after mean old Myrt Arbuckle hauls off and dies.
The Thief Lord	Funke, Cornelia Caroline.	J FUN	Two brothers, having run away from the aunt who plans to adopt the younger one, are sought by a detective hired by their aunt, but they have found shelter with--and protection from-- Venice's Thief Lord.

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Things not seen	Clements, Andrew, 1949-	J CLE	When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend Alicia try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.
The time hackers	Paulsen, Gary.	J PAU	When someone uses futuristic technology to play pranks on twelve-year-old Dorso Clayman, he and his best friend set off on a supposedly impossible journey through space and time trying to stop the gamesters who are endangering the universe.
The time thief	Buckley-Archer, Linda.	J BUC	When an attempt to bring Peter and Kate back to their own time is bungled, Peter finds himself stranded in 1763 while The Tar Man, a villainous eighteenth-century criminal, returns with Kate to twenty-first-century London.
Travel team	Lupica, Mike.	J LUP	After he is cut from his travel basketball team--the very same team that his father once led to national prominence--twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.
Tuck everlasting : a novel	Babbitt, Natalie.	JLT BAB	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 older.
The view from Saturday	Konigsburg, E. L.	J KON	Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.

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Way Down Deep	White, Ruth, 1942-	J WHI	In the West Virginia town of Way Down Deep in the 1950s, a foundling called Ruby June is happily living with Miss Arbutus at the local boarding house when suddenly, after the arrival of a family of outsiders, the mystery of Ruby's past begins to unravel.
Weedflower	Kadohata, Cynthia.	J KAD	After twelve-year-old Sumiko and her Japanese-American family are relocated to an internment camp on a Mojave Indian reservation in Arizona, she struggles to become friends with a Mohave boy and to find her place in the world.
Willow Run	Giff, Patricia Reilly.	J GIF	During World War II, after moving with her parents to Willow Run, Michigan, when her father gets a job in the B-24 bomber-building factory, eleven-year-old Meggie learns about different kinds of bravery from all of the people around her.
Wing nut	Auch, Mary Jane.	J AUC	When twelve-year-old Grady and his mother relocate yet again, they find work taking care of an elderly man, who teaches Grady about cars, birds, and what it means to have a home.
Wringer	Spinelli, Jerry	J SPI	As Palmer comes of age, he must either accept the violence of being a wringer at his town's annual Pigeon Day or find the courage to oppose it.
Yankee girl	Rodman, Mary Ann.	J ROD	When her FBI-agent father is transferred to Jackson, Mississippi, in 1964, eleven-year-old Alice wants to be popular but also wants to reach out to the one black girl in her class in a newly-integrated school.

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A year down yonder	Peck, Richard, 1934-	J PEC	In 1937, during the Depression, 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.
The year of the dog : a novel	Lin, Grace.	J LIN	Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog, those of making best friends and finding oneself, to her own life.