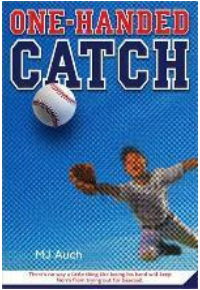




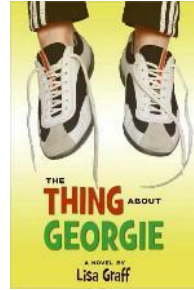
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One-Handed Catch
M.J. Auch

Losing a hand doesn't mean losing Norm's dreams. It just means it will take hard work and humor to succeed at everything from everyday tasks to playing baseball.



The Thing About Georgie
Lisa Graff

Everything is a challenge for Georgie, a 42 inch dwarf, including school furniture, running track, and playing an instrument. To add to his worries, his mother is expecting a new baby, he has a fight with his best friend, and he gets paired with "Jeanie the Meanie" for a school project. Can anything else go wrong?



Iron Thunder
Avi

Thirteen-year-old Tom Carroll finds work at the Brooklyn Navy Yard on a secret project that may benefit the Northern armies during the Civil War. Pursued by spies from the South, he ends up in the middle of a sea battle. Will he find the courage to survive?



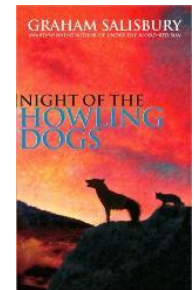
Swindle
Gordon Korman

Griffin Bing is the "man with a plan." After a collector cheats him out of a valuable baseball card, he recruits his diverse group of friends in an adventure that includes vicious dogs, high-tech security, tall trees, and a frozen turkey.



The Lemonade War
Jacqueline Davies

When Evan's sister Jessie skips third grade and ends up in his fourth grade class, he is worried she will embarrass him with her school smarts. To settle the question of who is smarter, he challenges Jessie to a lemonade war. Which sibling can run the most successful lemonade stand in a five day competition?



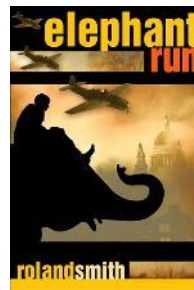
Night of the Howling Dogs
Graham Salisbury

What would you do if you were camping on an island beach with your boy scout troop and a huge earthquake woke you? What if a tsunami followed the quake and you were trapped against a cliff? What if a bully, and your least favorite person, was the only hope of rescue?



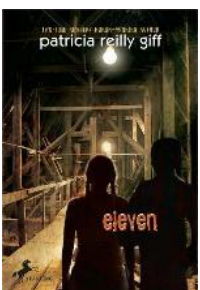
No Talking
Andrew Clements

How will the teachers and principals react when a normally way-too-talkative class nicknamed the "unshushables" suddenly becomes SILENT? Is it because of a student rebellion? A strange disease? Or is it just the result of a contest between the boys and the girls?



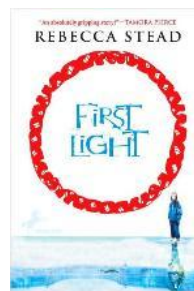
Elephant Run
Roland Smith

Nick Freestone is trying to escape Nazi bombs in London when his mother sends him to stay with his father on a teak plantation in Burma. Unfortunately he arrives in Burma just as the Japanese invade the country and take his father prisoner. Can he and his new friend Mya risk their lives to help POWs escape on elephant back?



Eleven
Patricia Reilly Giff

Just before his eleventh birthday, Sam discovers his own picture in a mysterious newspaper article in his grandfather's attic. Although gifted with woodworking skills, Sam can't read, so he enlists the help of a new girl at school to solve the puzzle of who he really is and where he came from.



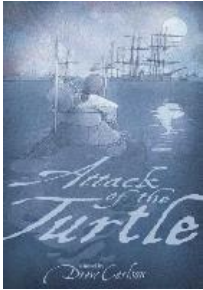
First Light
Rebecca Stead

Seven generations ago, a group of people hunted as witches escaped to a sanctuary beneath Greenland's ice cap. When Peter arrives in Greenland with his scientist parents, he discovers Thea and a passage to an underground city. Together the two teenagers must save the underground community and in doing so, discover their hidden connection.



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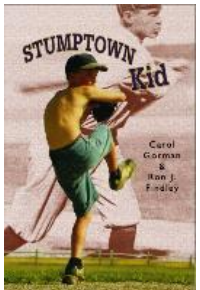
Attack of the Turtle
Drew Carlson

Living on the Connecticut shoreline during the Revolutionary War, fourteen-year-old Nathan secretly helps his cousin, inventor David Bushnell, build the first submarine. Nathan must overcome his fears and Tory spies to help the Patriots fight the British.



Drita, My Homegirl
Jenny Lombard

Drita emigrates to New York City from Kosovo. During a social studies project, she meets Maxie, a native New Yorker who can't seem to stay quiet in school. What can two girls from such different worlds possibly have in common? More than you think.



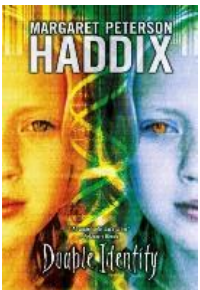
The Stumptown Kid
Carol Gorman and Ron Findley

Eleven-year-old Charlie Nebraska learns about friendship, heroism and racism when he meets a former Negro-league baseball player. Luther Peale ends up coaching Charlie's team. Will this be the change they need to win against the premier team?



Rules
Cynthia Lord

If you have to tell your autistic brother "to keep his pants on in public," how can you hope for a normal life? Catherine discovers that her own behavior with new neighbor Kristi and wheelchair-bound Jason make her look again at what "normal" really means.



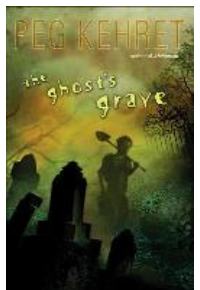
Double Identity
Margaret Peterson Haddix

What would you do if your parents dropped you off at an unknown aunt's house in the middle of the night, in an unknown town, where everyone you met looked at you as if they just saw a ghost? This is Bethany's living nightmare, and it takes all her courage to slowly unravel the truth.



A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray
Ann M. Martin

Everything is comfortable in Squirrel's world until her mother and brother disappear. Left on her own, she is forced to face many challenges from humans, other animals, and the elements. As days pass, Squirrel learns that her life will never be the same, but with all these obstacles, can she survive?



The Ghost's Grave
Peg Kehret

When twelve-year-old Josh apprehensively spends the summer in Washington state with his eccentric Aunt Ethel, he encounters the ghost of a one-legged coal miner. After stumbling upon a metal box of buried treasure, he solves the mystery of the box and finds out more about himself and his family.



Archer's Quest
Linda Sue Park

Facing another evening of dreary homework, Kevin Kim is startled by an unusual intruder. Standing before him is Koh Chu-Mong, an ancient Korean archer from the 1st century B.C. Kevin's quest is to return this brave stranger to his own time within 24 hours or history will be changed forever.



The Year of the Dog
Grace Lin

Taiwanese-American Grace, has high hopes that the Year of the Dog will bring her great luck. During Grace's funny experiences throughout the year, she figures out what makes her unique and how she fits in with her family, friends, and classmates.



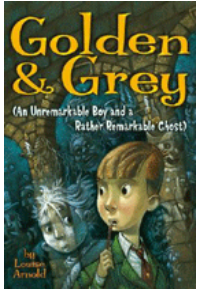
Paint the Wind
Pam Munoz Ryan

Maya lives secluded in her grandmother's over-protective care until an unexpected event sends her to Wyoming to meet her mother's family. Maya learns about the mother she hardly remembers, and she encounters a wild herd of horses including a mare that her mother once rode.



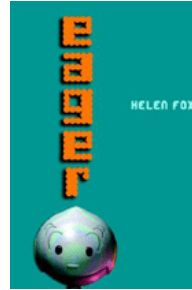
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Golden and Grey Louise Arnold

Tom escapes the school bullies by teaming up with an invisible ghost.



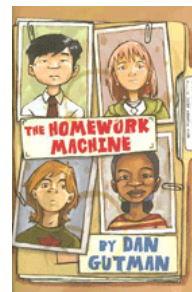
Eager Helen Fox

Would you like to live in the future where robots do all the work? All Gavin and Fleur wanted was a normal robot. Instead they have Eager, who creates more problems than he solves.



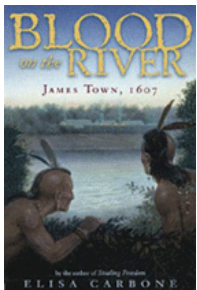
Shakespeare's Secret Elise Broach

When Hero starts sixth grade at a new school, she meets Danny Cardova, the most popular boy. They work together to solve the mystery of the missing million dollar diamond that's hidden somewhere in Hero's house.



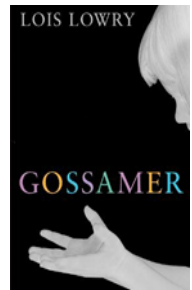
The Homework Machine Dan Gutman

Who wouldn't love a machine that does homework for you? Can four unlikely friends keep the biggest secret of their lives?



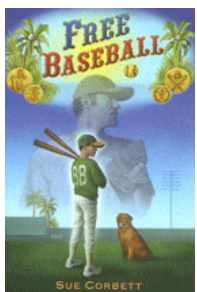
Blood on the River Elisa Carbone

As page to Captain John Smith, 11 year-old Samuel Collier witnesses the dealings of the Virginia Company, the Powhatan tribe, and even young Pocahontas during the early days of the colonial settlement at Jamestown, Virginia.



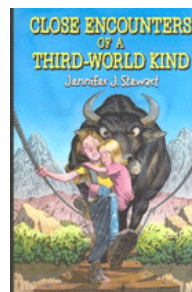
Gossamer Lois Lowry

This haunting story explores the mystery of dreams. Littlest One, a young Dream-giver, tries to stop the frightening Sinis-teeds from delivering nightmares.



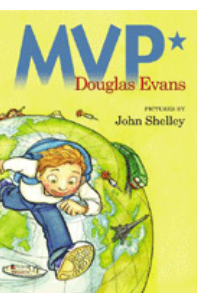
Free Baseball Sue Corbett

Desperate to connect with his absent father, 11 year-old Felix becomes the batboy for a minor league baseball team in the hope of learning more about his famous father's game.



Close Encounters of a Third World Kind Jennifer J. Stewart

12-year-old Annie's world is turned upside when her father agrees to move the entire family to Nepal on a medical mission. She makes new friends, learns some important lessons, and has adventures that change her life.



*MVP** Douglas Evans

Adam Story is chosen as a player in the MVP challenge. To win the four million dollar prize, Adam must circle the world in forty days - no flying allowed. Competing against other players through time zones and across continents, he faces danger and unknown risks. Get ready for the trip of a lifetime.



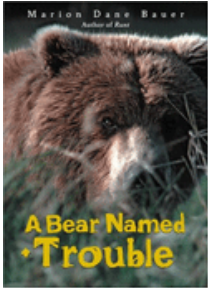
Three Good Deeds Vivian Vande Velde

Howard's troublemaking backfires when he steals the eggs of a goose belonging to a witch. The witch gives him a dose of his own medicine! Maybe life as a prankster isn't all it's quacked up to be.



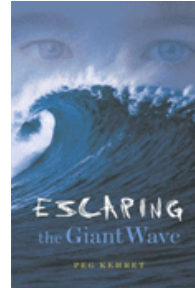
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Bear Named Trouble
Marion Dane Bauer

Jonathan, a ten year old with a passion for animals, is devastated when a brown bear kills his favorite animal at the zoo in Anchorage, Alaska. He vows to get even with the bear, and then finds revenge isn't all it's cracked up to be.



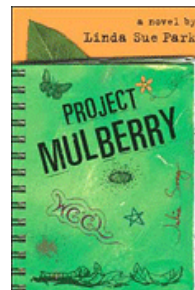
Escaping the Giant Wave
Peg Kehret

On a trip to the Oregon coastline, a dream vacation quickly turns into a nightmare for Kyle and his family. Kyle will have to use his wits if he and his sister are to survive an earthquake, a tsunami, and a hotel fire.



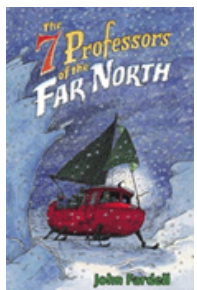
White Star: A Dog on the Titanic
Marty Crisp

Imagine you are lucky enough to be on the cruise of a lifetime. While on the trip, you explore the ship, meet a wonderful, heroic dog, and end up fighting for your life.



Project Mulberry
Linda Sue Park

Julia and her best friend Patrick decide to conduct a silkworm project for a school club. Along the way they learn as much about patience, tolerance, and friendship as they do about silkworms.



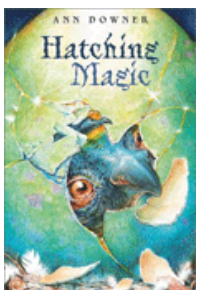
The Seven Professors of the Far North
John Fardell

How would you go about rescuing your uncle and five other professors who have been kidnapped by an evil scientist? You will need to find the secret underground tunnel that will lead you there!



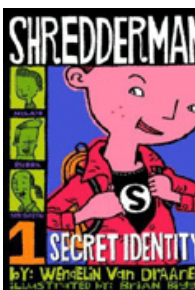
The Lightning Thief
Rick Riordan

21st century kid Percy Jackson discovers he is the secret son of one of the mythical Greek gods of Mount Olympus. After this discovery, Percy is sent to a summer camp for children of the gods, where he learns to fight monsters and survive against unnatural odds, handy skills for his first quest.



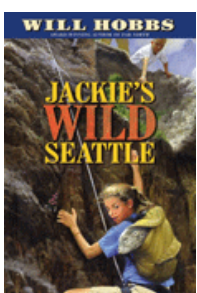
Hatching Magic
Ann Downer

Take one dragon's egg, a candy factory, two battling wizards, a time travel vortex, magic cards, a two-headed snake, and a secret circle club, and you have a recipe for "hatching" a fantastic summer vacation.



Shredderman Secret Identity
Wendelin van Draanen

What's the best way to get even with a bully? Nolan – alias Shredderman— comes up with a hilarious plan to teach Bubba Bixby a lesson he won't soon forget.



Jackie's Wild Seattle
Will Hobbs

While their parents are volunteering overseas, Shannon and Cody spend the summer in Seattle with their uncle, a wild life rescuer. Unusual and dangerous rescues and new friendships provide an unexpectedly action-packed summer.



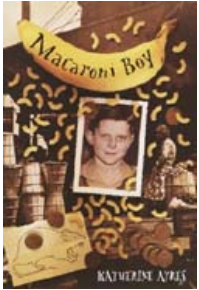
The Ravenmaster's Secret
Elvira Woodruff

It's 1735. If you had the chance to help rescue a young Scottish prisoner, would you? When two friends risk their lives to free Maddy from the Tower of London, adventure and intrigue are sure to follow.



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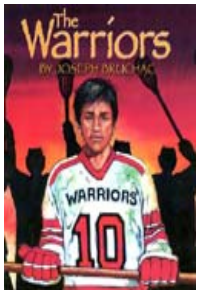
Macaroni Boy
Katherine Ayres

Living in Pittsburgh during the Great Depression, Mike investigates the cause of the sickness that is affecting so many in his community, including his own grandfather. To learn the truth he must enlist the help of the neighborhood bully who nicknames Mike "Macaroni Boy."



Kensuke's Kingdom
Michael Morpurgo

While sailing in the Pacific Ocean, eleven-year-old Michael falls overboard and ends up stranded on a nearly deserted island. He is befriended by an old Japanese man, the island's other inhabitant, in this exciting tale of friendship and survival.



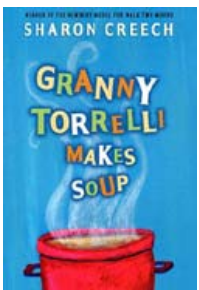
The Warriors
Joseph Bruchac

One of the best lacrosse players on his Iroquois reservation team, Jake is conflicted when his mother relocates him to a boarding school. Jake is praised for his athletic abilities, but feels like an outcast until he resolves a school crisis with a special game of lacrosse.



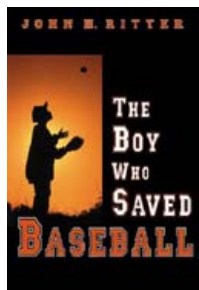
Half and Half
Lensey Namioka

Fiona Cheng knows who she is, but her mixed heritage (Chinese and Scottish) can never be explained with just one word. Supported by her family, she demonstrates that her two halves add up to a perfect whole.



Granny Torrelli Makes Soup
Sharon Creech

Mix a little bit of wisdom, a ton of love, and a pinch of friendship. That's how Granny Torrelli and twelve-year-old Rosie cook a delicious soup that proves life tastes good.



THE BOY WHO SAVED BASEBALL
John H. Ritter

Can an average boy, an ornery old baseball star, and one last game save Tom's small, California town from destruction by a developer?



Thunder From the Sea
Joan Hiatt Harlow

Harsh weather brings an orphan boy, Tom, and a stranded dog, Thunder, together on the island of Newfoundland. They struggle to find a family despite a blizzard, a tidal wave, and worst of all, Thunder's former owner.



Becoming Naomi León
Pam Muñoz Ryan

Naomi and her brother are being raised by their great-grandmother in a trailer park. When her mother reappears after a seven year absence, Naomi struggles to keep her family together and discover her Mexican heritage.



Gifts from the Sea
Natalie Kinsey-Warnock

Quila receives an unexpected surprise when the sea washes a baby up on the shore outside her family's Maine lighthouse.



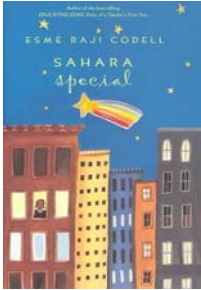
Brainboy and the Deathmaster
Tor Seidler

Darryl, video game whiz, is drawn into a high-tech program where kids compete to be the best video gamers. However, Darryl discovers the ultimate prize may be winning his survival and that of his friends.



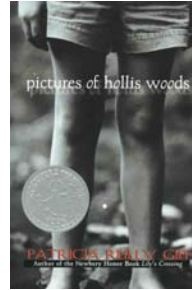
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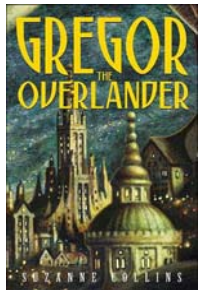
Sahara Special
Esme Raji Codell

Does Sahara Jones really belong in special ed.? Her teacher, Miss Pointy, doesn't think so. But what does Miss Pointy know? She wears purple lipstick and besides, the real truth lies on a library shelf.



Pictures of Hollis Woods
Patricia Reilly Giff

Hollis does not think she needs a family. In every home, she's been "a mountain of trouble." Josie, her elderly foster mother, shares her passion for art. When Josie loses her memory, Hollis must find the courage to help... and perhaps gain a second chance for a family of her own.



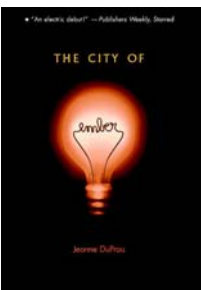
Gregor the Overlander
Suzanne Collins

When Boots and Gregor fall through a vent in the laundry room, they find themselves in an underland full of giant bugs and creepy creatures that help in the quest to fulfill an ancient prophecy.



Trial by Jury
by Kate Klise

12 year-old juror Lily Watson puzzles through the case of Perry Keet, a boy who has disappeared under mysterious circumstances. Will she crack the case? Newspaper articles, illustrations, and court documents provide the clues in this clever mystery.



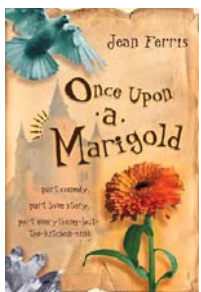
The City of Ember
Jeanne DuPrau

Can Lina and Doon save their beloved city from impending darkness?



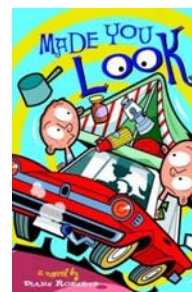
Trouble Don't Last
by Shelley Pearsall

Travel the Underground Railroad with 11 year-old Samuel as he flees a lifetime of slavery in Kentucky. Surprises, frightening twists and turns continue to the very last page as he attempts the dangerous journey north.



Once Upon a Marigold
Jean Ferris

When his super-powerful telescope allows Christian a glimpse of faraway Princess Marigold, he decides to become her friend. A carrier pigeon, an untouchable princess, and a troll for a dad...Christian's life couldn't be more weird. Or could it?



Made You Look
by Diane Roberts

6th-grader Jason and his family attempt a perilous, hilarious road trip from Texas to California where Jason hopes to compete on his favorite game show, Masquerade Mania.



The Voyage of Patience Goodspeed
Heather Vogel Frederick

In 1835, Patience never wanted to leave Nantucket. But her father insisted the family journey with his whaling ship. Suddenly, she is left with mutinous sailors and without her father to guide her. Will she be able to survive?



Goosed!
by Bill Wallace

When T.P., Jeff's formerly Favorite dog, has to share Jeff's love, feathers fly!



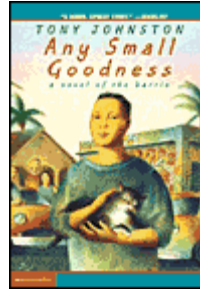
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Skeleton Man
Joseph Bruchac

Where had Molly's parents gone? And who was this strange man claiming to be her Great-Uncle? The old Mohawk legend of the Skeleton Man seemed to hold the only clues to the mystery.



Any Small Goodness
Tony Johnston

Los Angeles is a glittery place to live. But Arturo doesn't live in Hollywood, he lives in the barrio. Sometimes it is a place of drugs, gangs and guns. But mostly it is a place of family, friends and goodness.



The School Story
Andrew Clements

Who would publish a novel by a twelve-year-old? Natalie's novel is very good and her best friend Zoe is sure it will get published if only they can convince the publisher that an adult wrote it. But that means fooling Natalie's Mother who is the editor!



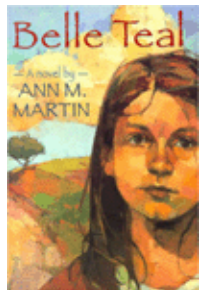
Saving Lilly
Peg Kehret

Erin hadn't meant to start a war with her teacher. She just didn't want the class to take a field trip to a place that abused animals! Can one girl actually make a difference, and save even one elephant?



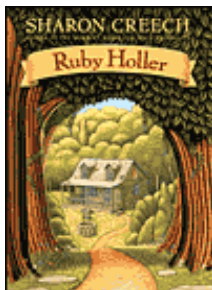
The Monsters of Morley Manor
Bruce Coville

When Anthony saw the wooden box at Morley Manor he had to have it. He never dreamed that when he opened it his life would change forever! Can Anthony, his sister, and a host of alien monsters save the Earth?



Belle Teal
Ann M. Martin

Ten-year-old Belle loves her life with her mother and grandmother in her small rural town. But then life begins to fall apart. Gran's memory is failing and her classmates are hiding terrible secrets that threaten the community. Can Belle keep them all together?



Ruby Holler
Sharon Creech

Dallas and Florida know that they are not loved or wanted by anyone. But one day an old, eccentric couple invite them on an adventure that starts in a magical place called Ruby Holler. Whose lives will change the most?



Loser
Jerry Spinelli

Donald Zinkoff is just like all the other kids; he loves snow and enjoys his bike. But he can also be a little different, which leads the other kids to call him a different name. Loser. But sometimes being different, is what it takes to be a hero.



Joshua's Song
Joan Hiatt Harlow

1919 has been a terrible year for Joshua. After his Father died he had to quit school and take a job as a newspaper boy in Boston. He thought his life could not get harder until the day the molasses tank exploded.



The Mysterious Matter of I.M. Fine
Diane Stanley

Kids all over the country are acting strangely after reading the latest in the Chillers series of books. Franny is determined to track down the author and solve the mystery. After all, reading a book can't hurt you, can it?



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The Wanderer
Sharon Creech

Esperanza Rising
Pam Munoz Ryan

The Year of Miss Agnes
Kirkpatrick Hill

Following Fake Man
Barbara Ware Holmes

The Power of Un
Nancy Etchemendy

Babe and Me
Dan Gutman

Walking to the Bus-Rider Blues
Harriette Gillem Robinet

The Kite Fighters
Linda Sue Park

Love, Ruby Lavender
Deborah Wiles

Gracie's Girl
Ellen Wittlinger



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Fever 1793
Laurie Halse Anderson

Heart of a Chief
Joseph Bruchac

Star in the Storm
Joan Hiatt Harlow

Perloo the Bold
Avi

Because of Winn Dixie
Kate DiCamillo

Dave at Night
Gail Carson Levine

Williwaw
Tom Bodett

Elevator Family
Douglas Evans

Homeless Bird
Gloria Whelan

Flying Solo
Ralph Fletcher



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The Shakespeare Stealer
Gary L. Blackwood

Bandit's Moon
Sid Fleischman

The Great Turkey Walk
Kathleen Karr

The Door in the Lake
Nancy Butts

Among the Hidden
Margaret Peterson Haddix

*Regarding the Fountain: A Tale in
Letters, of Liars and Leaks*
Kate Klise

The Landry News
Andrew Clements

Sun & Spoon
Kevin Henkes

*A Long Way From Chicago:
A Novel in Stories*
Richard Peck

*When Zachary Beaver
Came to Town*
Kimberly Willis Holt



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The Ghost of Fossil Glen
Cynthia DeFelice

A Shooting Star:
Sheila Solomon Klass

Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief
Wendelin Van Draanen

Deep Doo Doo
Michael Delaney

No More Nice
Amy MacDonald

101 Ways to Bug Your Parents
Lee Wardlaw

My Louisiana Sky
Kimberly Willis Holt

Riding Freedom
Pam Munoz Ryan

Belle Prater's Boy
Ruth White

Gib Rides Home
Zilpha Keatley Snyder



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Frindle
Andrew Clements

Wagon Train 911
Jamie Gilson

Search for the Shadowman
by Joan Lowery Nixon

The Ballad of Lucy Whipple
Karen Cushman

*The Million Dollar Shot ***
Dan Gutman

Gooseberry Park
Cynthia Rylant

Lone Wolf
Kristine L. Franklin

The Music of Dolphins
Karen Hesse

*Dear Levi: Letters from the
Overland Trail*
Elvira Woodruff

Ella Enchanted
Gail Carson Levine



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Poppy
Avi

Kokepelli's Flute
Will Hobbs

Junebug
Alice Mead

Summer of the Bonepile Monster
Aileen K Henderson

Nasty Stinking Sneakers
Eve Bunting

Running Out of Time
Margaret Haddix

Just Call Me Stupid
Tom Birdseye

Seven Spiders Spinning
Gregory Maguire

*Mick Harte was Here ***
Barbara Park

The 13th Floor, a Ghost Story
Sid Fleischman



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Jennifer Murdley's Toad
Bruce Coville

Mr. Tucket
Gary Paulsen

Twin in the Tavern
Barbara Wallace

The Gold Dust Letters
Janet Lisle

Breaking Free
LouAnn Gaeddert

Alien Secrets
Annette C. Klause

Lostman's River
Cynthia DeFelice

Poison Ivy and Eyebrow Wigs
Bonnie Pryor

The Magnificent Mummy Maker
Elvira Woodruff

*The Private Notebook of
Katie Roberts, Age 11*
Amy Hest



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*Shape Changer ***
Bill Brittain

*Yang the Youngest and
the Terrible Ear*
Lensey Namioka

Mayfield Crossing
Vaunda Micheaux Nelson

Treasure Bird
Peni Griffin

In-Between Days
Eve Bunting

Jacob's Rescue
Malka Drucker and
Michael Halperin

Bull Run
Paul Fleischman

Prince of the Pond
Donna Jo Napoli

Knights of the Kitchen Table
Jon Scieszka

Strider
Beverly Cleary



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My Name is Brain Brian
Jeanne Betancourt

Soccer Shock
Donna J. Napoli

Disappearing Bike Shop
Elvira Woodruff

Sparrow Hawk Red
Ben Mikaelson

The Boggart
Susan Cooper

Dinah for President
Claudia Mills

Chevrolet Saturdays
Candy D. Boyd

*The Grand Escape ***
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

The Star Fisher
Laurence Yep

I Am Lavina Cumming
Susan Lowell



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My Daniel
Pam Conrad

Tails of the Bronx
Jill Pinkwater

*The Biggest Klutz in the
Fifth Grade ***
Bill Wallace

Rescue Josh McGuire
Ben Mikaelson

Letters from Rifka
Karen Hesse

Afternoon of the Elves
Janet Taylor Lisle

Jim Ugly
Sid Fleischman

Finding Buck McHenry
Alfred Slote

Dealing with Dragons
Patricia C. Wrede

The Twinkie Squad
Gordon Korman



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Windcatcher
Avi

Shoebag
Mary James

The Cookcamp
Gary Paulsen

Stepping on the Cracks
Mary Downing Hahn

Everywhere
Bruce Brooks

Stonewords: A Ghost Story
Pam Conrad

Fudge-a-Mania
Judy Blume

*Shiloh ***
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Maniac Magee
Jerry Spinelli

*Aunt Morbelia and the
Screaming Skulls*
Joan Carris



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Cry Uncle
Mary Jane Auch

Number the Stars
Lois Lowry

Eyeballs for Breakfast
M.M. Ragz

Heads, I Win
Patricia Hermes

Weasel
Cynthia DeFelice

*In Trouble Again, Zelda Hammer-
smith?*
Lynn Hall

*My Teacher is an Alien ***
Bruce Coville

Seal Child
Sylvia Peck

Shades of Gray
Carolyn Reeder

The Village by the Sea
Paula Fox