LT28523 Alexander, Kwame. **Rebound.**  
1988. Charlie is sent to stay with his grandparents, where he discovers jazz and basketball. He also learns more about his father’s past. Told in verse. Junior and senior high. 2018.

LT27740 Alexander, Lloyd. **The Golden Dream of Carlo Chuchio.**  

LT25280 Almond, David. **The Fire-Eaters.**  
England, 1962. During the Cuban Missile Crisis, Bobby worries about his father’s illness. He is friends with eccentric fire-eater Mr. McNulty, wonder-working Ailsa, and classmate Daniel. Bobby believes in miracles, finding hope amidst disillusionment. Junior and senior high. 2003. Also by this author: **Heaven Eyes** (LT22595) and **Kit’s Wilderness** (LT21969).

LT27967 Anderson, Laurie H. **Chains, Seeds of America Book 1.**  
American Revolution. Teenage slave Isabel and her younger sister are taken from Rhode Island and sold to an abusive Loyalist couple in New York City, where Isabel spies on the British to win her freedom. Some violence and some strong language. Junior and senior high. 2008. Continued in **Forge** (LT28354) and **Ashes** (LT28482).

LT22101 Anderson, Laurie H. **Fever 1793.**  

LT24716 Anderson, M.T. **The Game of Sunken Places.**  
Friends Gregory and Brian, both 13, travel to rural Vermont for a visit with Gregory’s Uncle Max. In Max’s Victorian mansion Gregory and Brian become involved in an ancient game played by supernatural opponents. Some violence. Grades 5-8. 2004.
This short story collection examines the implications of war for young people, from those caught in the line of fire to the children of the veterans. Grades 6 and up. 2004.

The mother and son of a black sharecropper family in the South struggle for survival when the sheriff arrests the father and shoots their devoted dog, Sounder. Grades 7-9. 1969.

LT24336  Asai, Carrie. *The Book of the Sword.*
Heaven, 19, survived a deadly plane crash when she was six months old. When a ninja attacks her wedding, Heaven escapes and begins to train as a samurai. Grades 6 and up. 2004. Continues in *The Book of the Shadow* (LT24547).

LT23186  Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia. *In the Forests of the Night.*
Risika, a teenage vampire, wanders back in time to the year 1684 when, as a human, she died and was transformed against her will. Grades 8 and up. 2000. Also by this author: *Hawskong* (LT24748) and *Midnight Predator* (LT24344).

Irish orphans, Molly, 14, and Kip, 10, travel to England to work as servants in a crumbling manor house where nothing is what it seems to be. Soon they are confronted by a mysterious stranger and secrets of the cursed house. Grades 4-7. 2014.

England, 1046. The Book without Words appears to have blank pages, but to a green-eyed reader it reveals dark magic. When a green-eyed man dies trying out the formulas, the fates of his servant girl, 13, and talking raven change dramatically. Grades 5-8. 2005.
LT23594  *Avi. Crispin: The Cross of Lead.*  
England, 1377. An orphan, 13, is falsely accused of murder. Before he runs away, the boy learns his name from the village priest. On the road with Bear, a juggler, Crispin learns who his father is, and the reason he was falsely accused. Grades 6-9. 2002. Sequel: *Crispin: At the Edge of the World* (LT26253).

LT18540  *Avi. Nothing But the Truth.*  
Philip, 14, is barred from the track team because of a poor grade in English. Convinced that his teacher dislikes him, he concocts a scheme to get transferred from her homeroom. Instead of standing during the national anthem, Philip hums. The issue is perceived to be one of patriotism, and the conflict explodes. Grades 6-9. 1992.

LT28527  *Avi. The Player King.*  
1486. A penniless kitchen boy named Lambert Simnel is told by a mysterious friar that he, Lambert, is actually Prince Edward, the true King of England. This revelation sets Lambert on a dangerous course to regain the throne. Grades 5-8. 2017.

LT22839  *Ayres, Katherine. Stealing South: A Story of the Underground Railroad.*  
Will, 16, leaves home to become a peddler and gets more than he bargained for when he agrees to go to Kentucky, steal two slaves, and help them reach their brother in Canada. Grades 5-9. 2001.

LT24930  *Balliett, Blue. Chasing Vermeer.*  
When seemingly unrelated and strange events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, Petra and Calder, 11, combine their talents to solve an international art scandal. Grades 6-8. 2004. Also in this series: *The Calder Game* (LT27808) and *The Wright Three* (LT25981).

LT28489  *Barnhill, Kelly R. The Girl Who Drank the Moon.*  
Every year a community leaves a baby as an offering to a powerful yet misunderstood witch named Xan. One infant, now a young girl, is being raised by the witch and must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside herself. Grades 6-8. 2016.
LT24549  Bass, L. G. **Sign of the Qin.**
Chinese Prince Zong is born with a mark identifying him as the Starlord who will save his people from his father’s oppressive regime. Rejoicing, the gods send Monkey and the Tattooed Monk to guard the boy against the evil Lord of the Dead. Grades 6-9. 2004.

LT21964  Bauer, Joan. **Hope Was Here.**
When Hope, 16, and the aunt who has raised her move from Brooklyn to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, to work as waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways diner, they become involved with the diner owner’s political campaign to oust the town’s corrupt mayor. Junior and senior high. 2000. Also by this author: **Squashed** (LT17958)

LT28529  Benjamin, Ali. **The Thing about Jellyfish.**
When Suzy’s best friend drowns, she believes a rare jellyfish was responsible for her death. Suzy, 12, will do everything possible to prove her theory is correct. Grades 5-8. 2015.

LT21320  Billingsley, Franny. **The Folk Keeper.**
Orphaned Corinna transforms herself into Corin because only boys are Folk Keepers, appeasers of the evil Folk. Her identity is challenged at her new post near the sea when she discovers her heritage as a Sealmaiden and must draw upon all her gifts to stay alive. Grades 5-8. 1999.

LT13440  Blume, Judy. **Tiger Eyes.**
Davey, her mother, and her brother fly to New Mexico to stay with relatives after her father is murdered in a holdup. Overwhelmed with grief, Davey can hardly function. A gentle boy she meets in a canyon helps her recover. Some strong language. Junior and senior high. 1981.

LT22291  Bowler, Tim. **River Boy.**
Knowing that he is dying, Jess’s grandfather insists on returning to the river he had known as a boy to finish a special painting and fulfill a life-long dream. Grades 6-9. 2001.
LT26619  Boyne, John.  *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas: A Fable.* World War II Germany. Bruno, 9, is dismayed to leave his friends when his family moves from Berlin to a country house. He struggles to understand why he can’t be friends with the boy behind the wire fence. Grades 6-9. 2006.


LT24025  Brian, Kate.  *The Princess and the Pauper.* Princess Carina of Vineland, 16, trades places with her look-alike, poverty-striken Julia Johnson of Los Angeles, so Carina can have some freedom and attend a rock concert. Complications arise when it’s time to end the impersonation. Junior and senior high. 2003.


LT14969  Burnford, Sheila.  *The Incredible Journey.* A Siamese cat, an old bull terrier, and a young Labrador retriever travel 250 miles together through the Canadian wilderness to find their family. Along the way they face the dangers of starvation, wild animals, and natural disasters. Grades 6-9. 1960.

LT24020  Cabot, Meg.  *All American Girl.* While Samantha, 15, is ducking her art class, she tackles a man trying to shoot the president of the United States. She learns that David, a cute boy in the class, is the president’s son, but her newfound popularity causes turmoil at school and at home. Junior and senior high. 2002.
Mia, 14, keeps a diary of her problems: she’s too tall and flat, she’s flunking algebra, and her mom is dating her teacher. Then her dad arrives from Europe to announce that Mia is really a princess and the heir to his throne. Junior and senior high. 2000. Continues in *Princess in the Spotlight* (LT23177), *Princess in Love* (LT23482), *Princess in Waiting* (LT23760), *Princess in Pink* (LT24337) and *Party Princess* (LT26150).

LT22602  Calhoun, Dia. *Aria of the Sea.*
In a magical kingdom by the sea, talented commoner Cerinthe, 13, wins a place in the School of the Royal Dancers. She ignores her gift for healing until a life-threatening accident occurs. Then Cerinthe realizes she must decide which career to follow to truly be herself. Grades 6-9. 2000.

LT24749  Calhoun, Dia. *White Midnight.*
Timid Rose, 15, is a bondgirl at Greengarden Orchard. The master promises her family its freedom if Rose will marry his frightening grandson, kept locked in the attic. With war raging, Rose agrees and uncovers a family secret. Grades 7-up. 2003. Companion to *Firegold* (LT25219).

LT28403  Card, Orson Scott. *Pathfinder.*
Rigg, 13, has a secret ability to trace the path of any living being. After his father dies, Rigg sets off on a dangerous quest, facing threats along the way from those who would either control his destiny or kill him. Junior and senior high. 2010.

Alexa, 12, finds the key to a secret passageway leading outside the walled city of Bridewell and fulfills her wish to explore the mysterious Dark Hills. She discovers both a threat to the Land of Elyon and a magical power that is part of her destiny. Grades 4-7. 2005. Continues in *Beyond the Valley of Thorns* (LT25527) and *The Tenth City* (LT25876).

LT28532  Cervantes, Jennifer. *The Storm Runner.*
To prevent the Mayan gods from battling each other and destroying the world, Zane, 13, must unravel an ancient prophecy and stop an evil deity. Grades 4-7. 2018.
LT15548  Childress, Alice.  **A Hero Ain’t Nothin’ But a Sandwich.**  
The story of Benjie Johnson, a thirteen-year-old heroin addict in Harlem, is told from various viewpoints, including his own. Strong language. Junior and senior high. 1973.

LT28514  Chokshi, Roshani.  **Aru Shah and the End of Time**  
Aru, 12, tries to impress her visiting classmates and claims the Lamp of Bharata in the Museum of Ancient Indian Art and Culture is cursed. Then she accidentally frees an ancient demon. Grades 4-7. 2018.

LT25348  Choldenko, Gennifer.  **Al Capone Does My Shirts.**  
1935. Moose Flanagan, 12, moves to Alcatraz Island when his father takes a job at the maximum-security prison there. Moose struggles to make friends and cares for his older autistic sister while their mother applies for the girl’s acceptance to a special school. Grades 6-9. 2004.

LT27734  Clements, Andrew.  **Things Hoped For.**  
Violin prodigy Gwen, 17, lives with her ailing grandfather in Manhattan while attending a music academy on a scholarship. As Gwen prepares to audition for a prestigious college, her grandfather disappears. Fellow musician Robert provides help and friendship. Grades 6-9. 2006.

LT28165  Colfer, Eoin.  **Airman.**  
The Saltee Islands, Ireland; 1890s. Fourteen-year-old Conor Broekhart’s idyllic childhood ends when he discovers a conspiracy against the king. Branded a traitor, Conor is imprisoned and must fight to stay alive. His only hope of escape is to build a flying machine. Grades 6-9. 2008.

LT22256  Colfer, Eoin.  **Artemis Fowl.**  
Artemis, 12, plans to restore his family fortune by obtaining some of the fairies’ gold. The first step involves blackmailing an alcoholic fairy to photograph her "Book," containing secrets written in an ancient tongue. Some violence. Grades 5-8. 2001. Continues in **The Arctic Incident** (LT23178); **The Eternity Code** (LT23774); **The Opal Deception** (LT25247); **The Lost Colony** (LT26631); and **The Time Paradox** (LT28047).
LT26622  Colfer, Eoin. **Half-Moon Investigations.**
Fletcher Moon has never been like other kids. He has a nose for sniffing out mysteries, a skill that’s not appreciated by many people. That doesn’t bother Fletcher: graduating at the top of his Internet class, he’s now officially certified as the youngest detective in the world. Grades 6-8. 2006.

LT24920  Colfer, Eoin. **The Supernaturalist.**
In a future world Cosmo, 14, escapes from an orphanage where children are used for product testing. Cosmo joins a gang of “spotters,” kids who share his rare ability to see small, blue creatures that steal energy from wounded humans. Grades 6-9. 2004.

LT24038  Colfer, Eoin. **The Wish List.**
Meg, 14, and friend Belch try robbing old man Lowrie McCall. A mistake costs them their lives, but St. Peter gives Meg a chance at redemption returning her as a spirit to help Mr. McCall. Belch’s spirit tries to stop her. Some violence. Grades 6-9. 2000.

LT28314  Collins, Suzanne. **The Hunger Games.**
In a future North America, Panem’s rulers maintain control through a televised survival competition pitting teens from twelve districts in a fight to the death. Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark, both 16, are this year’s contestants from District Twelve. Some violence. Junior and senior high. 2008. Continues in **Catching Fire** (LT28315) and **Mockingjay** (LT28316).

LT22099  Coman, Carolyn. **Many Stones.**
Over a year after her older sister, Laura, was murdered in South Africa, Berry is still depressed and numb. On a trip with her estranged father to the school where Laura worked, Berry gradually becomes reconciled with her grief and her father. Junior and senior high. 2000.

LT28176  Compestine, Ying Chang. **Revolution is Not a Dinner Party.**
Based on the author’s life. Ling tells about the frightening things that happened to friends, neighbors, and her own parents when, in 1972, the Chinese Revolution’s changes came to Wuhan, China. Grades 6-9. 2007.
Cooney, Caroline B. *Enter Three Witches: A Story of Macbeth.*
Lady Mary is a ward of Lord and Lady Macbeth. Her life is forever changed when her father betrays the Scottish king and is hanged as a traitor. She’s trapped in a castle with a power-hungry couple who will do anything to get what they want and are willing to crush anyone in their way. Junior and senior high. 2007.

Cooney, Caroline B. *Hit the Road.*
Brit has had her driver’s license only eleven days when her parents drop her off at her grandmother’s house for vacation. Little do they know, Brit is headed for a road trip with Nannie to pick up her college roommates and bring them to their alma mater for their sixty-fifth reunion. A reluctant recruit at first, Brit listens to “the girls” in the backseat laugh and reminisce about their friendship. Junior and senior high. 2006.

Sophie, 13, and her cousin Cody record their transatlantic voyage by sailboat, along with other relatives, to visit their grandfather in England. The family’s journey of discovery becomes especially important for Sophie, who was adopted only three years ago. Grades 5-8. 2000. Also by this author: *Chasing Redbird* (LT25285) and *Walk Two Moons* (LT21734)

Billy, recently deceased, keeps an eye on his friend, Eddie, 14, who has added to his home and school problems by becoming mute. Billy’s spirit helps Eddie stand up to a conservative English teacher who is orchestrating a censorship challenge. Some strong language. Junior and senior high. 2005

When his poor sharecropper father is killed in an accident, leaving the family in debt, Charlie, 12, agrees to accompany fearsome plantation overseer Cap’n Buck north in pursuit of thieves. But then Charlie comes face-to-face with the people he is chasing. Grades 5-8. 2018.
The whole “Weird Watson” family drives from Michigan to visit Grandma Sands in Alabama. She is the only one who can put some sense into the head of Kenny’s older brother, Byron, who acts up just too many times. The kids have never been to the South, where they experience segregation and racism. The family’s sense of humor is helpful, but life there holds serious problems. Some strong language. Grades 5-8. 1995.

LT24036 D’Adamo, Francesco. *Iqbal.*
A fictionalized account of a Pakistani boy who escaped from bondage in a carpet factory and helped liberate other children from a life of servitude. Relates how Iqbal, 13, is murdered by the “carpet mafia” after winning an international humanitarian scholarship to study abroad. Grades 5-8. 2001.

LT28485 De la Cruz, Melissa. *Alex and Eliza, A Love Story, Book 1.*
When Alex and Eliza meet one fateful night, so begins an epic love story that would forever change the course of American history. Some violence. Grades 8 and up. 2017. Continues in *Love & War* (LT28521).

LT25978 DeFelice, Cynthia. *Bringing Ezra Back.*
Ohio, 1840. Nathan, 12, sets out with peddler Orrin to rescue his family’s friend Ezra, a mute man held captive by owners of a freak show in western Pennsylvania. Grades 4-7. 2006.

LT25383 DeFelice, Cynthia. *The Missing Manatee.*
While coping with his parents’ separation, Skeet, 11, goes out in his skiff along Florida’s coastal channels, where he finds a manatee killed by a bullet. When he returns with a deputy sheriff, the manatee’s body is gone. Skeet works to unravel the mystery. Grades 5-8. 2005.

The Spook of the county, who rids the local villages of evil, is ready to retire. Twenty-nine applicants have failed to qualify to be the new Spook. Can Thomas Ward succeed? Can he learn the difference between a benign and a malevolent witch? Grades 5-8. 2005.
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LT22333 Doucet, Sharon A. **Fiddle Fever.**  
1914. Felix, 14, feels stifled by life on his family’s farm in Louisiana and after hearing his wayward uncle play the fiddle, Felix decides that he wants to be a fiddler too, even if it means making his own fiddle and going against his parents’ wishes. Grades 5-8. 2000.

LT28540 Draper, Sharon M. **Out of My Mind.**  
Cerebral palsy limits fifth grader Melody’s physical movements and ability to speak but not her capacity to think. In class, with the help of her university student aide, Melody figures out what she needs to truly communicate and in doing so surprises many people. Grades 4-7. 2010.

LT24762 Draper, Sharon M. **Tears of a Tiger: Hazelwood High Series.**  
Andy is consumed with guilt when his drinking causes an accident that kills his best friend Robert, a star athlete. Journal entries, letters, homework assignments, newspaper articles, and conversations tell the tragic story of Andy’s inability to deal with his depression. Junior and senior high. 1994. Series continues in **Forged by Fire** (LT24862); and **Darkness Before Dawn** (LT25263).

LT26624 Duble, Kathleen B. **The Sacrifice.**  
Massachusetts, 1692. Abigail, 10, and her sister are accused of witchcraft. They await trial in a miserable Salem prison while their mother searches for some way to obtain their freedom. Grades 5-8. 2005.

LT24339 Dunkle, Clare B. **The Hollow Kingdom**  
In nineteenth-century England, a powerful sorcerer and King of the Goblins chooses Kate, the elder of two orphan girls recently arrived at their ancestral home, Hallow Hill, to be the bride and queen. Grades 7-YA. 2004.

LT26121 Durrant, Lynda. **My Last Skirt: The Story of Jennie Hodgers, Union Soldier.**  
Enjoying the freedom afforded her while dressing as a boy in order to earn higher pay after emigrating from Ireland, Jennie serves in the 95th Illinois Infantry as Private Albert Cashier, a Union soldier in the American Civil War. Junior and senior high. 2006.
LT23200  Eaaston, Kelley.  **The Life History of a Star.**  
Kristin, 14, uses her diary to record her thoughts about the physical changes brought on by adolescence and the emotional strain on her family of living with the “ghost” of her beloved older brother who was physically and mentally destroyed while serving in Vietnam. Junior high. 2002.

LT24912  Elish, Dan.  **Born Too Short: The Confessions of an Eighth-Grade Basket Case.**  
Matt, a 5-foot-1-1/2-inch nerd, is envious of his best friend Keith, who is five inches taller and an athlete with plenty of girlfriends. Matt feels guilty when his luck improves and the bad luck he wished on Keith starts happening. Grades 6-9. 2002.

LT23484  Farmer, Nancy.  **The House of the Scorpion.**  
In a future where humans despise clones, Matt has special privileges as the young clone of El Patron, the 140-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire. When Matt gets a glimpse of his fate, he rebels. Some violence and some strong language. Junior and senior high. 2002. Also by this author: **The Ear, The Eye, and the Arm** (LT24913).

LT24758  Farmer, Nancy.  **The Sea of Trolls.**  
After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers. To appease a half-troll queen and save his sister, Jack journeys deep into enemy territory and encounters giant spiders and dragons. Grades 5-8. 2004. Continues in **The Land of Silver Apples** (LT27745) and **The Islands of the Blessed** (LT28322).

LT24546  Ferris, Jean.  **Of Sound Mind.**  
Theo, 17, who interprets spoken English into sign language for his domineering mother, resents her monopoly of his time. With the support and encouragement of Ivy, whose father is Deaf, Theo acknowledges the need to develop his own talents. Junior and senior high. 2001.

LT21174  Flake, Sharon.  **The Skin I’m In.**  
Problems from home and harassment from classmates about her darker skin color make seventh-grader Maleeka miserable. Befriended by her new English teacher, Maleeka courageously stands up for herself after a clique of mean girls pushes her into delinquent behavior. Grades 6-9. 1998.
LT28480  Flanagan, John. **The Tournament at Gorlan: Ranger’s Apprentice.**
   Rangers Halt and Crowley travel north to seek Prince Duncan’s royal warrant to stop Morgarth, the Baron of Gorlan, from stealing the throne. To succeed they will tread a dangerous path. Grades 5-8. 2015.

LT22845  Fletcher, Susan. **Walk Across the Sea.**
   California, late nineteenth-century. When Chinese immigrants are being driven out or even killed for fear they will take jobs from whites, Eliza, 15, defies the townspeople and her lighthouse-keeper father to help a Chinese boy who has been kind to her. Grades 5-8. 2001.

LT28424  Forman, Gayle. **If I Stay.**
   Cellist and Juilliard hopeful Mia clings to life after a car accident kills her family. While observing herself during an out-of-body experience, Mia flashes through her past to determine whether to fight for survival or die. Some strong language. Junior and senior high. 2009.

LT14715  Fox, Paula. **The Slave Dancer.**
   1840. Kidnapped from his home in New Orleans, Jessie, 13, is forced to serve on a slave ship. Every day he must play his fife while the shackled slaves “dance” for exercise. Grades 5-8. 1973.

LT26630  Frost, Helen. **The Braid.**
   Two Scottish sisters, living on a remote island in the 1850s, relate, in alternate voices and linked narrative poems, their experiences after their family is forcibly evicted and separated with one sister accompanying their parents and younger siblings to Cape Breton, Canada, and the other staying behind in Scotland. Junior and senior high. 2006.

LT28542  Frost, Helen. **Hidden.**
   When Wren and Darra, both 14, meet at a Michigan summer camp, both are overwhelmed by memories from six years earlier when Darra’s father stole a car, unaware that Wren was hiding in the back. Grades 6-9. 2011.

LT25349  Funke, Cornelia. **Inkheart.**
   Meggie, 12, lives with her father, Mo, a bookbinder. She discovers a terrible secret: 9 years ago when Mo read aloud from a book the characters appeared in real life while her mother disappeared into the story. Grades 5-8. 2003. Continued in **Inkspell** (LT25571).
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LT24663 Funke, Cornelia. The Thief Lord.
Orphan brothers Prosper, 12, and Bo, 5, have run away from their cruel aunt and uncle in Hamburg to Venice, their mother’s favorite city. They join a band of urchins led by a mysterious Thief Lord who steals to support them. Grades 5-8. 2000.

A toddler enters a cemetery pursued by a knife-wielding stranger who just murdered his family. Resident ghosts Mr. and Mrs. Owens protect the child, naming him Nobody “Bod” Owens. Bod’s graveyard upbringing serves him well, but why was his family targeted? Grades 5-8. 2008.

LT22069 Gantos, Jack. Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key.
When Joey’s medication for attention deficit disorder wears off during the school day, he forgets that his housekey is not on a string and swallows it. Grades 5-8. 1998. Continued in Joey Pigza Loses Control (LT22295) and What Would Joey Do? (LT23593).

LT27812 Gardner, Sally. The Red Necklace.
Yann, an orphan, was born with a gift for knowing what people are thinking and the ability to throw his voice, and has been using those skills while performing in a magic show. It is not until he meets Sido, a daughter of a marquis, that his life truly begins. The two face a common enemy at the start of the French Revolution. Junior high. 2007

LT27028 George, Jessica Day. Dragon Slippers.
Poor country girl Creel persuades a shoe-hoarding dragon to give her an exotic pair of slippers, not realizing their mysterious power. Creel sets out for the king’s city, where she finds work as a seamstress, meets princes, and becomes the heroine of the Dragon War. Grades 5-8. 2007.

LT24860 Giff, Patricia. A House of Tailors.
Dina, 13, emigrates from Germany to America in 1871. Her only wish is to return home as soon as she can, but as the months pass and she survives a multitude of hardships living with her uncle and his wife and baby, she finds herself thinking of Brooklyn as home. Grades 5-8. 2005.
LT189  Gipson, Fred. **Old Yeller.**
1860s Texas. Travis, 14, at first resents the big, yellow stray dog that hangs around his home, but he comes to love and depend on him. With his father away on a cattle drive, Travis is the man of the house and looks to Old Yeller for help and protection. Grades 5-8. 1956.

LT22599  Gray, Dianne E. **Holding Up the Earth.**
Orphan Hope, 14, spending the summer on a Nebraska farm with Sarah, her latest foster mother, reads family documents left by four previous generations of teens: Abigail, the first homesteader; Rebecca, a hired girl; Sarah’s mother, Anna; and Sarah. Grades 5-8. 2000.

LT15785  Greene, Bette. **Summer of My German Soldier.**
Patty, a twelve-year-old Jewish girl living in Arkansas, is fascinated when a truckload of German POWs arrives to be imprisoned in her small Arkansas town. At her father’s store, Patty strikes up an acquaintance with one of the prisoners, Anton. She is not prepared for the repercussions when Anton escapes and she hides him. Grades 5-8. 1973.

LT23588  Griffin, Peni. **The Music Thief.**
Living in San Antonio, Texas, Alma, 11, tries to cope with the drive-by shooting death of her favorite Latina singer, as well as deal with the struggles of her various family members, and finds herself doing something she knows is wrong. Grades 5-8. 2003. Also by this author: **The Other Shephards** (LT21873).

LT28325  Grisham, John. **Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer.**
Both kids and adults ask eighth grader Theo for legal advice because he knows the court system so well. When his friend Julio approaches Theo about a possible surprise witness for an ongoing murder trial, the biggest in Strattenburg’s history, it’s Theo’s turn to seek counsel. Grades 5-8. 2010.

LT25811  Gruber, Michael. **The Witch’s Boy.**
Lump is ugly, misshapen, more goblin than human, abandoned as an infant and taken in by a witch. His playmates are the creatures of the forest. When Lump stumbles into the human world, his innocence is no match for the depths of people’s cruelty, which turns his heart to stone and fuels a vengeance that places him in deadly peril. Grades 5-9. 2006.
Haddix, Margaret P. *Among the Hidden: The Shadow Children, Book 1.* In the future the Population Police ensure that families have only two children. Luke, 12, is a third son who hides in fear on his family’s farm. When he discovers another “shadow” kid next door, the two join forces to try to change the government. Grades 5-8. 1998. Continued in *Among the Imposters* (LT22594), *Among the Betrayed* (LT25652) and *Among the Brave* (LT24759).

Haddix, Margaret P. *Found.* After seventh-grader Jonah and his friend Chip receive threatening letters about their adoptions, they start to investigate their past. What they discover stuns them, as a conspiracy involving time travel and shadowy factions unravels. Grades 5-8. 2008. Continued in *Sent* (LT28327), *Sabotaged* (LT28326) and *Torn* (LT28355).

Haddix, Margaret P. *Just Ella.* In this continuation of the Cinderella story, Ella, 15, finds that accepting Prince Charming’s proposal ensnares her in a suffocating tangle of palace rules and royal etiquette, so she plots to escape. Junior high. 1999.

Haddix, Margaret P. *Turnabout.* After secretly receiving injections at the age of one hundred that are meant to reverse the aging process, Melly and Anny Beth grow younger until, as teenagers, they try to find a guardian to take care of them when they return to infancy. Grades 6-9. 2000.

Hale, Shannon. *Book of a Thousand Days.* Dashti, 15, is sworn to obey her sixteen-year-old mistress, the Lady Saren, and they are shut in a tower for seven years because of Saren’s refusal to marry a man she despises. The two prepare for a very long and dark imprisonment. When Saren’s two suitors arrive outside the tower, the girls are confronted with both hope and great danger. Grades 6-9. 2007.

Hale, Shannon. *Dangerous.* Space camp! Aspiring astronaut Maisie, who was born without a right hand, and the other space camp students encounter alien artifacts with powers. Maisie discovers a plot that may destroy everything, and every one, she cares about. How far she is willing to go to protect everything she has ever loved? Grades 7-10. 2014.
LT25999  Hale, Shannon. **Princess Academy.**
When it is decreed that Prince Steffan of Danland will choose a bride from remote Mount Eskel, Miri and all the village girls, including newly arrived Britta, attend a princess academy to prepare them for the potential honor. Grades 5-9. 2005.

LT24914  Hamilton, Virginia. **M.C. Higgins, the Great.**
African American Mayo Cornelius Higgins, 15, hopes a visiting folklorist will make his mother a recording star so that he and his family can escape the menacing relic of a strip mine threatening their Ohio hills home. Grades 6-9. 1974. Also by this author: **The Planet of Junior Brown** (LT14392).

LT26633  Han, Jenny. **Shug.**
Annemarie, 12, called Shug (short for sugar) by her family, feels that nothing is going right. She is too tall and skinny, she has a crush on her best friend Mark who doesn’t notice, and even her girlfriends are changing. Grades 5-8. 2006.

LT23590  Harlow, Joan Hiatt. **Joshua’s Song.**
Needing to earn money after his father’s death during the influenza epidemic of 1918, Joshua, 13, works as a newspaper boy in Boston, one day finding himself in the vicinity of an explosion that sends tons of molasses coursing through the streets. Grades 6-8. 2003.

LT28172  Hennesy, Carolyn. **Pandora Gets Jealous.**
It’s just another day in ancient Greece for Pandora, 13 (Pandy, to her friends). Then she opens a certain box and unleashes the most heinous evils into the world. Pandy goes from potential popularity to everlasting loserdom. And worse, when hauled before Zeus, she’s sentenced to collect the evils within one year’s time. First up? Jealousy. Grades 5-8. 2008.

LT28440  Hesse, Karen. **Out of the Dust.**
Told in free verse, an account of two years in the life of Billie Jo Kelby, who at 13 loses her mother and new baby brother in a terrible accident for which she is partly to blame. Life in Oklahoma in the mid-1930s is difficult, and Billie Jo can no longer play the piano, her one solace in the past. She seeks a way to heal her father and herself. Grades 6-9. 1997.
LT23192  Hesse, Karen. **Stowaway.**

1768. Stowaway Nicholas, 11, keeps a journal of the three years he spends aboard Captain James Cook’s ship “Endeavour.” He records the seamen’s adventures, the captain’s exploration of the South Seas, and naturalist Joseph Banks’s scientific discoveries. Grades 5-8. 2000.

LT21203  Hesser, Terry S. **Kissing Doorknobs.**

When she is 11, Tara begins to hear voices compelling her to repeat certain behaviors over and over. Tara drives her parents to distraction, but until she meets another sufferer years later, she doesn’t know she has obsessive-compulsive disorder and can be treated. Grades 6-9. 1998.

LT28388  Hiaasen, Carl. **Chomp.**

When the star of the reality TV show "Expedition Survival" disappears while filming an episode in the Florida Everglades using animals from the wildlife refuge run by Wahoo's family, Wahoo and classmate Tuna set out to find him while avoiding Tuna's gun-happy father. Grades 5-9. 2012.

LT25394  Hiaasen, Carl. **Flush.**

With their father jailed for sinking a gambling boat, Noah and his sister Abbey gather evidence that casino owner Dusty Muleman is illegally emptying sewage tanks into coastal waters. They receive help from a former card dealer, a pirate, and Dusty’s ex-girlfriend. Grades 5-8. 2005.

LT23316  Hiaasen, Carl. **Hoot.**

Middle school student Roy has just moved from Montana to south Florida. He befriends a boy named Mullet Fingers and his stepsister, who are trying to prevent a pancake-house chain from building a restaurant over a colony of burrowing owls. Grades 6-9. 2002.

LT27783  Hiaasen, Carl. **Scat.**

While her biology class is on a field trip to the Black Vine Swamp, Mrs. Starch goes missing during a mysterious wildfire. Believing the class bully Smoke is involved, Nick and his friend Marta investigate and encounter some unusual people and a panther. Grades 5-8. 2009.
   This prequel to the adventures of James Bond, 007, introduces us to the young James when he’s just started boarding school in England and is about to become involved in his first adventure. Grades 5-8. 2005.

LT25392  Hill, Stuart. *The Cry of the Icemark.***
   When her father is killed, princess Thirrin becomes queen of Icemark and searches for a way to protect her people and their homeland from invaders from the Polypontian Empire. Grades 5-8. 2006.

LT14968  Hinton, S.E. *The Outsiders.*
   Ponyboy, 14, tells about being a greaser from the wrong side of the tracks. He describes fights with the Socs, their upper-middle-class enemy, including the fight that led two deaths and a murder charge. Junior and senior high. 1967. Also by the author: *Rumble Fish* (LT15949)

LT24764  Holm, Jennifer L. *Boston Jane: The Claim.*
   With a mind of her own and a handsome suitor, Jane, 17, is the darling of the Washington Territory. When her finishing school nemesis invades Shoalwater Bay, Jane discovers that the most dangerous thing on the frontier may be an impeccably dressed debutante. Grades 6-10. 2005.

LT21855  Holm, Jennifer L. *Our Only May Amelia.*

LT24128  Holt, Kimberly W. *Keeper of the Night.*
   Guam. Isabel, 13, and her younger siblings, Olivia and Frank, try to cope after their mother commits suicide. When Frank has a crisis, their father and aunt realize the children need professional assistance. All three begin to heal with the help of a psychistrist. Grades 6-9. 2003. Also by the author: *Dancing in Cadillac Light* (LT23039); *Part of Me: Stories of a Louisiana Family* (LT26123); *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town* (LT21322).
LT25670 Horowitz, Anthony. **Raven’s Gate.**
To avoid jail, Matt, 14, enters a foster program in a remote Yorkshire village. Matt uncovers an evil plot involving witchcraft and finds his destiny inextricably intertwined with the site of an ancient stone circle, Raven’s Gate. Some violence. Junior and senior high. 2005. Continued in **Evil Star** (LT26122).

LT24030 Horvath, Polly. **The Canning Season.**
Thirteen-year-old Ratchet’s summer visit in Maine to her eccentric great-aunts, Tilly and Penpen, is filled with their strange stories from the past and unusual, colorful characters stopping by. Ratchet feels so at home that she stays for many annual cannings of blueberry jam. Grades 6-9. 2003.

LT24338 Howe, James. **The Misfits.**
Skeezie, Addie, Joe, and Bobby, who don’t fit into their middle school’s cliques, create a new party for student council elections. They call it “The No-Name Party” to represent all the students who have ever been ridiculed. Grades 6-9. 2001.

LT22242 Ibbotson, Eva. **Which Witch?**
Weary of being a wizard, Arriman has been waiting hopefully for his replacement to arrive. He finally resigns himself to marrying a witch who can give him a successor. Beautiful Belladonna wishes to become his bride, but she must first turn her white magic black. Grades 5-8. 1979.

LT27025 Jinks, Catherine. **Evil Genius.**
Antisocial child prodigy Cadel, 13, discovers his calling when he enrolls in an advanced crime academy that teaches lying, embezzlement, and other crooked tasks. Cadel’s deadly antics lead him to wonder if he really wants to be bad. Grades 6-9. 2005.

LT23584 Johnson, Angela. **Looking for Red.**
A thirteen-year-old girl struggles to cope with the loss of her beloved older brother, who disappeared four months earlier off the coast of Cape Cod. Grades 6-8. 2003. Also by this author: **Heaven** (LT21321)
LT26634  Jones, Kimberly. **Sand Dollar Summer.**  
Lise, 12, watches her safe world fall apart when her strong, self-reliant mom is injured in a car accident. To recuperate, Mom takes Lise and her little brother to live in a rattletrap house on the beach in Maine for the summer. Grades 6-8. 2006.

LT24918  Kaaberbol, Lene. **The Shamer’s Daughter.**  
After her mother, a Shamer, is summoned to Dunark for a mission, Dina is forced to use her own special powers as she is caught up in an adventure of political intrigue and survival. Grades 5-8. 2004.

LT24929  Kadohata, Cynthia. **Kira-Kira.**  
Georgia, 1950s. Katie’s close-knit Japanese American family puts up a brave front when Katie’s older sister Lynn is diagnosed with a terminal illness. The family even goes into debt to buy a house, hoping Lynn’s health will improve there. Grades 6-9. 2004.

LT24545  Keith, Harold. **Rifles for Watie.**  
Jeff, 16, joins the Union Army. He is sent as a Union scout to spy on a Cherokee Indian regiment and find the source of their rifles. To his surprise, he makes good friends among the enemy. Grades 6-9. 1957.

LT28329  Kelly, Jacqueline. **The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate.**  
Texas, 1899. Being the only girl in the middle of six brothers, it is deemed odd that Calpurnia, 11, does not prefer knitting socks and learning cookery with her mother to roaming outdoors with her naturalist grandfather. Grades 5-8. 2009.

LT24915  Kerr, Philip B. **The Akhenaten Adventure.**  
When twins Philippa and John are 12, they discover that they are descended from djinn. Uncle Nimrod takes them to Egypt to learn about their powers. While searching for the tomb of pharaoh Akhenaten, they encounter evil djinn. Grades 5-8. 2004. Continues in **The Blue Djinn of Babylon** (LT26126) and **The Cobra King of Kathmandu** (LT27033).
Tennessee, 1925. Frances, 15, watches as her father hatches a publicity stunt by arresting a high school teacher, John Scopes, for teaching evolution. As the trial progresses, Frances reevaluates her religious beliefs, concepts of truth, and feelings about her father. Junior and senior high. 2006.


Knox, Elizabeth. *Dreamhunter.*
1906. Laura, 15, and her cousin Rose come from a family of dreamhunters, people who enter the place of dreams and relay them to others. After Laura’s father disappears, Laura searches the magical world for him, experiences nightmares, and encounters a monster. Junior and senior high. 2005.

Koja, Kathe. *Buddha Boy.*
Teamed up with an unusual new high school student, Jinsen, for a class project, Justin discovers Jinsen’s artistic skills. Intrigued by Jinsen’s calm attitude toward the school bullies who torment him, Justin learns about Buddhism and reexamines his own values. Some strong language. Junior and senior high. 2003.

Konigsburg, E.L. *The Second Mrs. Gioconda.*
Korman, Gordon. **Son of the Mob.**
Seventeen-year-old Vince Luca’s father is the head of the local crime organization. Problems arise when Vince falls in love with Kendra Bightly, an FBI agent’s daughter. And it’s Kendra’s father who’s wiretapping Vince’s house. Some strong language. Junior and senior high. 2002.

Koss, Amy G. **The Girls.**
Candace, popular leader of a middle school clique, manipulates and ostracizes other kids. Her former friends (each telling her story) are hurt and embarrassed, but gradually realize that there are more important issues than being cool. Grades 5-8. 2000.

Landy, Derek. **Skulduggery Pleasant.**
When Stephanie, 12, inherits her weird uncle’s estate, she must join forces with Skulduggery Pleasant, a skeleton mage, to save the world from the Faceless Ones. Grades 5-8. 2007.

Lane, Andy. **Death Cloud: Young Sherlock Holmes.**
When Sherlock Holmes, 14, stays with his eccentric uncle and aunt during a break from the Deepdene School for Boys, he encounters his first murder mystery. Two men appear to have died from the plague, but he believes otherwise. Junior and senior high. 2010. Sequel: **Rebel Fire** (LT28379).

Larson, Kirby. **Hattie Big Sky.**
Montana, 1918. Orphan Hattie Inez Brooks, 16, arrives at the remote homestead claim she inherited from an unknown uncle. She expects hard work but does not anticipate the strong local anti-German prejudice directed at her good neighbors, the Muellers. Grades 6-9. 2006.

Larson, M. A. **Pennyroyal Academy.**
A girl with no memory enlists at Pennyroyal Academy, where princesses and knights are trained to battle witches and dragons. The girl, renamed Evie, begins to understand what it really means to be a princess. Grades 5-8. 2014.
LT28330  Law, Ingrid. **Savvy.**

Thirteenth birthdays in the Beaumont family reveal a magical power unique to the honoree. After Fish learns to cause hurricanes and Rocket to make electricity, Mibs eagerly awaits her turn. But Poppa has a terrible accident and all Mibs wants is to save him. Grades 4-7. 2008.

LT28331  Law, Ingrid. **Scumble.**

Mibs’s cousin Ledge is disappointed to discover on his thirteenth birthday that his “savvy,” or magical power, is to make things fall apart. Soon Ledge endangers his uncle’s ranch and reveals the family secret to Sarah Jane, a future reporter. Grades 4-7. 2010.

LT28393  Lawrence, Caroline. **The Case of the Deadly Desperados.**

Nevada Territory, 1862. After finding his foster parents scalped and left for dead, Pinky Pinkerton, 12, son of a railroad detective and a Sioux Indian, inherits a valuable deed. But now murderous Whittlin Walt and his gang are after Pinky. Some violence. Grades 5-8. 2011.

LT25248  Lawrence, Iain. **The Convicts.**

By trying to avenge his father’s unjust imprisonment, Tom Tin ends up on the streets of nineteenth-century London with some nasty characters. When Tom is convicted of murder, confined to a prison ship, and sent to Australia, the boy has a surprise reunion. Grades 5-8. 2005.

LT21959  Lawrence, Iain. **Ghost Boy.**

Unhappy in a home seemingly devoid of love, a fourteen-year-old albino boy who thinks of himself as Harold the Ghost runs away to join the circus, where he works with the elephants and searches for a sense of who he is. Grades 8-10. 2000.

LT21103  Lawrence, Iain. **The Wreckers.**

1799. John, 14, is on his first sea voyage with his father when their ship is forced aground off the Cornwall coast. John is rescued by a village man and his niece, but can he escape from the pirates who caused the wreck? Grades 5-8. 1998. John’s story continues in **The Smugglers** (LT22244) and **The Buccaneers** (LT22605).
LT13324  L’Engle, Madeleine.  **A Wrinkle in Time.**  
As Meg Murry and her friends search for Meg’s scientist father who has vanished, they are transported to another world. Grades 5-8. 1962. Meg’s story continues in **A Wind in the Door** (LT17847).

LT27810  Levine, Gail C.  **Ever.**  
Kezi, 14, and Olus, Akkan god of the winds, fall in love and together try to change her fate (to be sacrificed to a Hyte god because of a rash promise her father made) through a series of quests that might make her immortal. Grades 5-9. 2008

LT26636  Levine, Gail C.  **Fairest.**  
In Ayortha, where singing and beauty are prized above all else, Aza’s voice soars, but her looks are homely. While discovering her true self, Aza encounters a mysterious magical mirror, a romantic prince, a queen’s treachery, and ogres. Grades 6-9. 2006.

LT22073  Levy, Elizabeth.  **Seventh-Grade Tango.**  
When ballroom dancing is introduced to their school, Rebecca and Scott are teamed up and turn into wonderful dance partners. But Rebecca’s friend, Samantha, claims Scott as her new boyfriend just when Rebecca starts to like him as more than a friend. Grades 5-8. 2000.

LT27968  Lockhart, E.  **The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks.**  
A sophomore at a prestigious prep school, Frances Rose (Frankie) starts dating senior Matthew. When Matthew refuses to discuss his all-male secret society, the Loyal Order of the Basset Hounds, Frankie infiltrates the group via the Internet and orchestrates some spectacular on-campus pranks. Junior and senior high. 2008.

LT26552  Lord, Cynthia.  **Rules.**  
Sometimes Catherine, 12, resents her autistic brother, David, who breaks rules and gets all her parents’ attention. She meets Jason, a teenage nonverbal paraplegic, at David’s therapy center. As the two become friends, Catherine realizes that accepting differences matters more than any rules. Grades 5-8. 2006.
LT18415 Lowry, Lois. The Giver.
Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the Receiver of Memories, a profession shared by only one other in his community, and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives. Grades 6-9. 1993. Also in this series: Gathering Blue (LT21849); Messenger (LT24346); and Gossamer (LT26257).

LT24983 Lupica, Mike. Travel Team.
When Danny, 12, is cut from seventh-grade basketball for being too small, he and his dad, once a professional player, form their own team. When his father is injured in a car accident, Danny takes over coaching for the big game. Grades 5-8. 2004.

LT22770 Lynch, Chris. Gold Dust.
1975. Richard, 12, befriends Napoleon, a Caribbean newcomer to his Catholic school, hoping that Napoleon will learn to love baseball and the Red Sox, and will win acceptance in the racially polarized Boston school. Grades 5-8. 2000.

LT22609 Matthews, Kezi. John Riley's Daughter.
In 1973, living in a small South Carolina town with her grandmother and mentally handicapped aunt, Memphis, 13, finds her troubled relationship with her grandmother grow steadily worse, especially when Memphis is held responsible for her aunt's disappearance. Grades 6 and up. 2000.

LT23176 Mazer, Norma Fox. Girlhearts.
Thirteen-year-old Sarabeth’s life is turned upside down when her twenty-nine-year-old mother dies suddenly. Orphaned and grief-stricken, Sarabeth moves in with her Mom’s best friend but doesn’t feel comfortable in the crowded apartment with Cynthia’s husband and baby son. Grades 6-9. 2001. Also by this author: After the Rain (LT15325) and When She Was Good (LT27743).

The animals and humans on Noah’s ark describe suffering through many trials including a tidal wave and hunger. Noah’s daughter Timna defies him and rescues a boy and his baby sister from drowning. Many on board begin to question Noah’s faith in God. Grades 6-9. 2004.
LT23587  McKay, Hilary. **Saffy’s Angel.**
    When she is three and her mother dies, Saffron “Saffy” Casson is adopted by her offbeat English relatives. At thirteen, she stows away to Italy with a friend’s family, hoping to recall her early childhood and try to claim her inheritance, a stone garden angel. Grades 5-8. 2001.

LT14716  McKinley, Robin. **The Hero and the Crown.**
    With the guidance of a wizard and the help of the blue sword, Aerin fights for the birthrights due her as the daughter of both a king and a witchwoman of the mysterious, demon-haunted north. Grades 6-9. 1984.

LT28556  Medina, Meg. **Merci Suarez Changes Gears.**
    Merci Suarez relies on her close extended family as she goes through many changes during her sixth-grade year at Florida’s Seaward Pines Academy. Grades 4-7. 2018.

LT26628  Meehl, Brian. **Out of Patience.**
    Jake Waters, 12, cannot wait to escape the small town of Patience, Kansas, until the arrival of a cursed toilet plunger causes him to reevaluate his feelings toward his family and its history. Grades 5-8. 2006.

LT28369  Meloy, Maile. **The Apothecary.**

LT25568  Meyer, Kai. **The Water Mirror: The Dark Reflections.**
    Merle and her friends Junipa, with mirrors for eyes, and Serafin, a rakish master thief, live in enchanted Venice under Egyptian occupation, and are swept into a dangerous mission to face their destinies. Grades 5-9. 2006. The story continues in **The Stone Light** (LT26625).

LT24021  Mikaelsen, Ben. **Touching Spirit Bear.**
    To avoid prison after viciously attacking a classmate, Cole, 15, agrees to a Native American tradition for healing: one year alone on a remote Alaskan island. There Cole confronts a huge white Spirit Bear that changes his life. Some violence. Grades 5-8. 2001.
LT22596  Moeri, Louise. **The Devil In Ol’ Rosie**.
Oregon, 1907. When the horses run off this time, it is up to twelve-year-old “Wart” to round them up. Alone in the mountains, he suffers from cold, a lame horse, and a stalking cougar, but he doesn’t want to let his father down. Some strong language. Grades 5-8. 2001.

LT24316  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 in Canada. There she proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her. Grades 5-8. 1908. Anne’s story continues in **Anne of Avonlea** (LT4662) and **Anne of the Island** (LT20588).

LT28528  Moore, David B. **The Stars Beneath Our Feet**.
Unable to celebrate the holidays in the wake of his older brother’s death in a gang-related shooting, Lolly Rachpaul struggles to avoid being forced into a gang himself while constructing a fantastically creative Lego city at a Harlem community center. Grades 5-8. 2017.

LT22097  Morris, Gerald. **The Savage Damsel and the Dwarf**.
Feisty young Lynet journeys to King Arthur's court seeking a champion to rescue her older sister Lyonesse from the Red Knight. Lynet is joined by a dwarf and a kitchen knave, neither of whom is what he seems. Grades 5-8. 2000. Also by this author: **The Squire’s Tale** (LT21848).

LT24916  Moses, Shelia P. **The Legend of Buddy Bush**.
North Carolina, 1947. Pattie Mae, 12, dreams of moving to Harlem where African Americans can live more freely than in the South, especially after her Uncle Buddy is arrested for the attempted rape of a white woman. Some strong language. Grades 6-9. 2004.

LT22239  Murphy, Rita. **Night Flying**.
Like all the females in her Vermont family, Georgia can fly. She is preparing for her first solo flight as her sixteenth birthday approaches. But grandmother’s rules are stringent, kindling Georgia’s curiosity about her strange family. Her digging exposes secrets. Grades 6-9. 2000.
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LT27970  Myers, Walter Dean. **Game.**
Harlem. African American high school senior Drew Lawson aims to go to college and play basketball for the NBA despite his mediocre grades. Rivalry begins when Drew’s coach favors Tomas, a new white teammate from Prague. Junior and senior high. 2008.

LT27843  Nance, Andrew. **Daemon Hall.**
Horror story writer R.U. Tremblin comes to town to hold a writing contest, offering the finalists the chance to spend what turns out to be a terrifying and deadly night with him in a haunted house. Grades 6-9. 2007.

LT24981  Napoli, Donna Jo. **Beast.**
Elaborates the tale of “Beauty and the Beast” from the Beast’s point of view. After he is transformed into a lion for violating a ritual, a Persian prince retreats to France to save his life. Grades 6-9. 2000.

LT24765  Napoli, Donna Jo. **Bound.**
In a novel based on Chinese Cinderella tales, stepchild Xing-Xing, 14, endures a life of neglect and servitude, as her stepmother cruelly mutilates her own child’s feet so that she alone might marry well. Grades 5-8. 2005.

LT25283  Napoli, Donna Jo. **Breath.**
A retelling of “The Pied Piper,” told from the point of view of a boy who is too ill to keep up with a piper who spirits away the healthy children of a plague-ridden town after being cheated out of full payment for ridding Hamelin of rats. Grades 6-9. 2003.

LT23763  Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. **Blizzard’s Wake.**
March, 1941. When a blizzard suddenly hits Bismarck, North Dakota, a girl trying to save her stranded father and brother inadvertently helps the man who killed her mother four years before. Grades 6 and up. 2003.

LT21966  Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. **Jade Green: A Ghost Story.**
While living with her uncle in a house haunted by the ghost of a young woman, recently orphaned Judith Sparrow wonders if her one small transgression causes mysterious happenings. Grades 5-8. 2000.
LT21720  Nixon, Joan Lowery. **The Haunting.**
When Lia’s great-grandmother dies, she leaves an old plantation to Lia’s mother. An ancestor’s diary describes the house as haunted. Lia’s parents are determined to fill the place with adopted children. Lia, 15, feels it her responsibility to drive the ghost away. Junior and senior high. 1998.

LT24551  Nixon, Joan Lowery. **Nightmare.**
Emily, 16, is sent to a camp for underachievers where she discovers a murderer on the staff who might provide an explanation for her recurring nightmares. Grades 6-10. 2004.

LT24919  O’Connor, Barbara. **Moonpie and Ivy.**
Pearl, 12, 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. Grades 5-8. 2004.

LT12758  O’Dell, Scott. **Island of the Blue Dolphins.**
When her Native American tribe leaves a California coastal island, Karana remains behind with her younger brother. After his death, she survives for eighteen years finding comfort, beauty, and at times joy in her solitude. Grades 6-9. 1960.

LT15042  Oneal, Zibby. **Language of Goldfish.**
Growing up is much more difficult for Carrie, 13, than it is for her sister or classmates. She knows she is going crazy, but nobody in suburban Northpoint takes her seriously until she forces them to. Grades 6-9. 1980.

LT24550  Oppel, Kenneth. **Airborn.**
Teenage Kate is a first-class passenger on the same airship where Matt is cabin boy. When the airship is captured by pirates then crashes on a remote island, Matt puts aside helping Kate search for legendary flying creatures to focus on survival. Grades 6-9. 2004.

LT12759  Paterson, Katherine. **Bridge to Terabithia.**
Jess finds his biggest rival and best friend in Leslie, a girl who moves to his rural Virginia community from the city. Together they create Terabithia, a secret kingdom in the woods where they reign supreme until tragedy strikes. Grades 5-8. 1977.
Paterson, Katherine. **Jacob Have I Loved.**
Louise has always lived in the shadow of her beautiful twin sister on a tiny Chesapeake Bay Island. Tomboy Louise grows up hating delicate Caroline, who robs her of her friends, her hopes for schooling, and even the boy she loves. Junior and senior high. 1980.

Paterson, Katherine. **Lyddie.**
1840s. An impoverished Vermont farm girl is determined to gain her independence by becoming a factory worker in Lowell, Massachusetts. Grades 6 and up. 1991.

Paterson, Katherine. **My Brigadista Year.**
Cuba, 1961. After reading flyers posted around her school, Lora, 13, convinces her family to let her spend a year in Fidel Castro’s army of literacy teachers. Although Lora faces danger in her mission, she willingly trades her sheltered life for the cause. Grades 5-8. 2017.

Paton Walsh, Jill. **A Parcel of Patterns.**
Eyam, England; 1665. Mall recalls the way the plague came to her village: in a package of sewing patterns sent from London for the minister’s wife. The villagers voluntarily isolate themselves to prevent the disease from spreading, but three-fourths of them die. Junior and senior high. 1983. Also by this author: **A Chance Child** (LT13887).

Patterson, James. **The Angel Experiment.**
Max, 14, and her adopted family are part-human, part-bird lab experiments pursued by mutant predators. When Angel is kidnapped, Max leads the flock on a cross-country mission to rescue Angel, find their parents, exact revenge, and save the world. Some violence. Grades 6-9. 2005. The story continues in **School’s Out – Forever** (LT25960), **Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports** (LT26991), **The Final Warning** (LT28015), **Nevermore** (LT28410) **Maximum Ride Forever** (LT28440).

Paulsen, Gary. **Hatchet.**
Brian, 13, upset by his parents’ divorce, is flying in a small plane to visit his father. When the pilot has a heart attack and dies, the plane crashes in the Canadian wilderness. Brian has only the hatchet attached to his belt to help him survive. Grades 6-9. 1987. Continued in **The River** (LT21970).
Peck, Richard. **Fair Weather.**

1893. Three youngsters travel from an Illinois farm to Chicago to visit their aunt and the world’s fair. Their escapades at the fair and the differences between country and city ways provide them, their grandfather, and their aunt with life-changing experiences. Grades 5-8. 2001.

Peck, Richard. **A Long Way from Chicago.**

In eight short stories an old man reminisces about the week each summer he and his little sister spent with his grandmother. Joey likes the train ride and his feisty, independent grandmother, who tells “whoppers,” fishes, and shoots a shotgun. Grades 6-9. 1998.

Peck, Richard. **On the Wings of Heroes.**

Davy remembers the home-front years in Illinois during World War II, especially his two heroes: his brother, 19, who is in the air force, and his father, who was injured in the previous war. Boyhood adventures mix with scrap drives, shortages, and the dread of telegrams. Grades 5-8. 2007.

Peck, Richard. **A Season of Gifts.**

Rural Illinois, 1958. The new preacher and his family learn to appreciate their seemingly gruff neighbor Mrs. Dowdel, who is no church woman. Companion to **A Year Down Yonder** (LT22096). Grades 5-8. 2009.

Peck, Richard. **The Teacher’s Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts.**

Rural Indiana, 1904. After his teacher dies in August, Russell, 15, figures the one-room schoolhouse will close. His dreams of quitting school and joining a wheat-threshing crew are disrupted when his older sister fills the vacancy. Grades 6-9. 2004.

Peck, Richard. **A Year Down Yonder.**

Peck, Robert. **A Day No Pigs Would Die.**
Vermont, 1920s. To a thirteen-year-old farm boy whose father slaughters pigs for a living, maturity comes early as he learns "doing what's got to be done," especially regarding his pet pig who cannot produce a litter. Grades 6 and up. 1972.

Perkins, Lynne Rae. **Criss Cross.**
Debbie wishes something good would happen to her. She and other young teens in her hometown experience new thoughts and feelings, question their identities, and connect and disconnect as they search for meaning in life and love. Grades 6-9. 2005. Also by this author: **All Alone in the Universe** (LT25671).

Peters, Julie. **Define “Normal”.**
Studious Antonia agrees to become a peer counselor, but she’s horrified to be assigned punker Jaz, whose complaint is her wealthy parents’ attitude problem. Meanwhile, Antonia copes with her severely depressed, divorced mother and cares for her two little brothers. A crisis deepens the girls’ relationship. Grades 6-9. 2001.

Philbrick, W. Rodman. **Freak the Mighty.**
Maxwell, a large, lumbering eighth-grader who calls himself a “butthead goon” has lived with his grandparents since his dad’s imprisonment for killing his mom. Mean-spirited schoolmates and special ed have left him totally unprepared for a friendship with Kevin, who calls himself “Freak,” a genius with a birth defect that has left his body small and weak. The two become “Freak the Mighty.” Grades 6-9. 1993.

Pierce, Tamora. **First Test: Protector of the Small.**
Keladry, 10, is dismayed that she must pass a year’s probation to be the first female page in Tortall. Her desire to become a knight and protect people is so strong that Kel accepts the condition. Grades 5-8. 1999. Kel’s story continues in **Page** (LT22633) and **Squire** (LT23032).

Pierce, Tamora. **Trickster’s Choice**
Alianne must call forth her mother’s courage and her father’s wit in order to survive on the Copper Isles in a royal court rife with political intrigue and murderous conspiracy. Grades 7-10. 2004.
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LT18312 Pierce, Tamora. **Wild Magic.**
   Queen Thayet enlists 13-year-old Daine’s help to battle the dreadful immortal creatures that have attacked the kingdom of Tortall. Grades 5-7. 1992.

LT27846 Prose, Francine. **Bullyville.**
   After the death of his estranged father in the World Trade Center on 9/11, Bart, 13, still struggling with his feelings of guilt, sorrow and loss, wins a scholarship to the local prep school and there encounters a vicious bully whose cruelty compounds the aftermath of the tragedy. Grades 7-9. 2007.

LT23314 Pullman, Philip. **The Amber Spyglass: His Dark Materials, Book 3.**
   Lyra is hidden in a cave by her mother, Mrs. Coulter. Two angels want Will and his magic knife to accompany them to Lord Asriel, but Will is determined to find Lyra first. Some violence. Grades 7 and up. 2003.

LT23179 Pullman, Philip. **The Subtle Knife: His Dark Materials, Book 2.**
   Lyra and her daemon are joined in Ci’gazze by Will, 12, who is searching for his long-lost explorer father. Will proves his mettle by losing two fingers in a fight and now bears the magical Subtle Knife. Lyra and Will assist in each other’s quests. Some violence. Grades 7 and up. 1997.

LT14010 Raskin, Ellen. **The Westing Game.**
   The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they may claim their inheritance. Grades 5-8. 1978.

LT372 Rawlings, Marjorie K. **The Yearling.**
   The Baxter family make a precarious living on a backwoods farm in northern Florida. Their young son, Jody, tames an orphaned fawn. When the deer begins to eat the family corn, Jody is ordered to shoot him. Grades 5-8. 1938.

LT13320 Rawls, Wilson. **Where the Red Fern Grows.**
   Billy, 10, a country boy in the Ozarks, wants a pair of coon hounds so badly that he works for two years to pay for them. Grades 5-8. 1961.
LT24345 Rees, Celia. **Pirates! The True and Remarkable Adventures of Minerva Sharpe and Nancy Kington, Female Pirates.**
   In 1722, Nancy Kington, 16, arrives at her family’s Jamaican plantation to be married off to Bartholome. To escape her fate she runs away with her slave friend, Minerva Sharpe, and together they become pirates searching for adventure and true love. Grades 6-9. 2003.

LT22588 Rees, Celia. **Witch Child.**
   In 1659, Mary Newbury, 14, keeps a journal of her voyage from England to the New World and her experiences living as a witch in a community of Puritans near Salem, Massachusetts. Grades 5-9. 2000.

LT26637 Resau, Laura. **What the Moon Saw.**
   American Clara Luna, 14, learns about her Mexican father’s background when she spends the summer with her grandparents in their remote village in Oaxaca. She discovers her grandmother’s gift for healing, becomes friends with Pedro, and finds missing pieces of her soul. Grades 6-9. 2006.

LT28503 Reynolds, Jason. **As Brave as You.**
   Genie, 11, and his older brother, Ernie, spend part of their summer vacation in the Virginia countryside with their grandparents. Genie learns a secret about his grandfather and what it means to be brave. Grades 5-8. 2016.

LT28564 Reynolds, Jason. **Ghost.**
   Aspiring to be the fastest sprinter on his city’s elite track team, gifted runner Ghost finds his goal challenged by a tragic past with an abusive, alcoholic father. Grades 5-8. 2016.

   After serving Martha Washington loyally for twenty years, Oney Judge realizes that she is just a slave and must decide if she will run away to find true freedom. Grades 7 and up. 2003.
Riordan, Rick. **The Hidden Oracle: The Trials of Apollo.**

After angering his father, Zeus, the god Apollo is cast down from Olympus. He must learn to survive in the modern world as a teenager until he can somehow find a way to regain Zeus’s favor. Grades 5-8. 2016. Continued in *The Dark Prophecy* (LT28483); *The Burning Maze* (LT28518); and *The Tyrant’s Tomb* (LT28612).

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

Upstate New York, 2005. Sixth-grader Percy Jackson, the son of Poseidon and a mortal mother, attends a summer camp for demigods. After Percy angers Zeus, his friends Grover, a satyr, and Annabeth, a daughter of Athena, join him to resolve the problem. Grades 5-8. 2005. Continued in *The Sea of Monsters* (LT25958); *The Titan’s Curse* (LT26822); *The Battle of the Labyrinth* (LT27807); and *The Last Olympian* (LT27966).

Riordan, Rick. **The Lost Hero: The Heroes of Olympus.**

Jason, Piper, and Leo, three friends from a school for juvenile delinquents, find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods. The trio begins a quest to free Hera, who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth. Grades 4-7. 2010. Continued in *The Son of Neptune* (LT28345); *The Mark of Athena* (LT28390); *The House of Hades* (LT28416); and *The Blood of Olympus* (LT28426).

Riordan, Rick. **The Red Pyramid: The Kane Chronicles.**

After his mother’s death, Carter Kane follows his Egyptologist father, Julius, across the globe. When they visit the British Museum to reunite with Carter’s sister, a mysterious figure banishes Julius, sending the siblings on a dangerous adventure to save their dad. Grades 5-8. 2010. Continued in *The Throne of Fire* (LT28346) and *The Serpent’s Shadow* (LT28378).

Riordan, Rick. **The Sword of Summer: Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard.**

Magnus Chase, 16, a troubled teen living on the streets of Boston, is reunited with Uncle Randolph. As dangerous creatures hunt them, he learns an incredible secret: he is the son of a Norse god and must prevent Ragnarok. Grades 6-9. 2015. Continued in *The Hammer of Thor* (LT28456) and *The Ship of the Dead* (LT28569).
LT28359  Ripkin Jr., Cal. **Hothead.**
Baseball phenom Connor, 12, has a terrible temper, which is aggravated by money worries at home. When Melissa, sports editor of the school paper, threatens to publish an embarrassing story about his tantrums, Connor knows he needs to make a change. Grades 4-7. 2011.

LT21875  Robinet, Harriette G. **Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule.**
Pascal, who is about twelve, is excited when his brother Gideon returns home in 1865 saying that all black men are free, and they can have forty acres of land and maybe a mule. Along with Nelly, a young slave girl, they set out to claim their land. Grades 4-7. 1998.

LT13795  Rodgers, Mary. **Freaky Friday.**
After 13-year-old Annabel Andrews and her mother have an argument over freedom and responsibility, Annabel wakes to find she has turned into her mother! Grades 5-8. 1972.

LT21101  Rowling, J.K. **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone.**
On Harry Potter’s eleventh birthday, he learns that he is more than an unwanted orphan. The Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry recruits him because he has inherent magical abilities. As he purchases his school supplies (robes, wand, and messenger owl) Harry looks forward to attending his new boarding school. Grades 4-7. 1997. Continued in **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** (LT21206); **Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban** (LT21323); **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire** (LT21689); **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix** (LT23596); **Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince** (LT25052); and **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows** (LT26693).

LT27848  Rutkoski, Marie. **The Cabinet of Wonders.**
When Petra’s father returns home from Prague where he was commissioned by the Prince of Bohemia to build the world’s greatest astronomical clock, Petra is surprised to see that her father’s eyes have been stolen by the Prince and he is now blind. With the help of her magical tin spider and a Roma boy and his sister, Petra goes to Prague hoping to retrieve her father’s eyes. Grades 5-8. 2008.
Schwartz, Virginia Frances. **Send One Angel Down.**
A young slave tries to hide the horrors of slavery from his younger cousin, a light-skinned slave who is the daughter of the plantation owner. Grades 5-9. 2003.

Scott, Michael. **The Alchemyst: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel.**
While working at mundane summer jobs in San Francisco, twins Sophie and Josh, 15, are caught up in the deadly, centuries-old struggle between rival alchemists Nicholas Flamel and John Dee. At issue is possession of an ancient book of secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life. Grades 6-9. 2007. Continued in **The Magician** (LT27786); **The Sorceress** (LT28383); **The Necromancer** (LT28384); and **The Warlock** (LT28313).

Sepetys, Ruta. **Salt to the Sea.**
Toward the end of World War II, thousands of European refugees desperately trek toward freedom. During this time, the paths of four very different young adults converge aboard the ship Wilhelm Gustloff. Junior and senior high. 2016.

Shan, Darren. **Cirque Du Freak: Saga of Darren Shan.**
Two boys who are best friends visit an illegal freak show, where an encounter with a vampire and a deadly spider forces them to make life-changing choices. Grades 6-9. 2000. Continued in **The Vampire’s Assistant** (LT22592).

Singleton, L. J. **Regeneration.**
The mastermind of an experiment in DNA enhancement decides that the experiment is a failure and that the resulting cloned children should be terminated. Grades 5-8. 2000. Continued in **Regeneration: The Truth** (LT22841).

Smith, Sherri L. **Lucy the Giant.**
Lucy, 15, the largest girl in her school, leaves her small Alaska town and her alcoholic father and discovers hardship and friendship posing as an adult aboard a commercial fishing boat. Grades 6-10. 2002.
LT24717  Snyder, Zilpha.  **The Unseen.**  
When Xandra, 12, finds a magical feather, she unlocks a usually unseen world filled with both cuddly creatures and malicious monsters. Through experiences in this new reality, she learns a great deal about herself and the family in which she has felt like an outsider. Grades 5-8. 2004.

LT25292  Sonnenblick, Jordan.  **Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie.**  
Steven, 13, prefers drum practice over homework, has a crush on a girl in his class, and wishes his brother, Jeffrey, 5, weren’t so annoying. When Jeffrey is diagnosed with leukemia, Steven’s world is turned upside down. Grades 5-8. 2004.

LT15784  Speare, Elizabeth G.  **The Witch of Blackbird Pond.**  
When Kit Tyler, 16, helps a woman accused of witchcraft in colonial New England, she too is brought to trial as a suspect. Kit’s friend Prudence, and Nat, a sailor who has fallen in love with Kit, come to her defense. Grades 6-9. 1958. Also by this author:  **The Sign of the Beaver** (LT14714).

LT27036  Spinelli, Jerry.  **Eggs.**  
Quirky Primrose, 13, moves out of her fortune-telling mother’s house and into an abandoned van. David, 9, mourns his mother’s death and resents his grandmother and absentee father. Primrose and David forge a friendship through late night adventures and escapades. Grades 4-7. 2007.

LT27030  Spinelli, Jerry.  **Love, Stargirl.**  
Stargirl and her parents have moved away, but the homeschooled free spirit still misses her Arizona boyfriend Leo, who dumped her. She begins writing him “the world’s longest letter,” describing her new neighbors and her feelings. Junior and senior high. 2007.

LT28337  Stead, Rebecca.  **When You Reach Me.**  
New York City, 1979. Miranda, 12, helps her mother prepare to be on a television game show. Meanwhile Miranda tries to understand why her best friend Sal doesn’t want to hang out anymore and why someone is sending Miranda tiny notes from the future. Grades 5-8. 2009.
LT438  Steinbeck, John.  **The Red Pony.**
Jody Tiflin is ten years old when he receives the red pony as a gift. As Jody matures, his experiences with horses, an old ranchhand, and the birth of a colt teach him about the interconnections between life and death. Grades 6-9. 1933.

LT28420  Stroud, Jonathan.  **The Screaming Staircase**
Plagued by malevolent spirits, London turns to ghost-hunting agencies staffed with youth sensitive to paranormal activities. Anthony Lockwood, George Cubbins, and Lucy Carlyle join together to become Lockwood and Co. After bungling a job, their only chance at redemption is clearing a dangerous haunted house. Grades 6-9. 2013.

LT25955  Sturtevant, Katherine.  **A True And Faithful Narrative.**
London, 1680s. Wooed by her friend’s brother Edward, Meg, 16, jokingly suggests he get himself captured by pirates. She is chagrined when Edward is indeed taken prisoner and enslaved en route to Italy. Grades 6-9. 2006.

LT26445  Taylor, Mildred.  **Mississippi Bridge.**
1930s. Told by Jeremy Simms, a ten-year-old white boy who aspires to be friends with the Logan children, this is the story of a rainy day, an overloaded bus, and its tragic destiny after the driver has ordered the black passengers off to make room for latecoming whites. Grades 5-7. 1990.

LT21742  Thesman, Jean.  **Calling the Swan.**
When Skylar goes to summer school and tentatively begins to make some friends, she finally starts to get over the loss of her older sister and its terrible effects on the whole family. Grades 6-10. 2000.

LT25380  Thesman, Jean.  **Singer.**
Imprisoned by her wicked and power-hungry mother, Lady Rhiannon, Gwenore escapes to a women’s healing community, later changing her name and becoming nursemaid and protector to the children of the magical king of Lir, who is now married to Rhiannon. Grades 6-10. 2005.
LT23326 Tolkien, J.R.R. **The Hobbit; or, There and Back Again.**

The wandering wizard Gandalf recruits Bilbo Baggins, a Hobbit, to be the fourteenth member of an expedition. Hobbits prefer comfort to adventures, but Bilbo joins the quest and encounters many perils, including a dragon. Grades 6-12. 1937.

LT22289 Townley, Roderick. **The Great Good Thing.**

Twelve-year-old Princess Sylvie’s storybook kingdom really is a storybook, where nothing ever changes, even the character’s mad scramble to reach their places whenever the book is opened, until Sylvie discovers she can enter new worlds with the Reader, and find new adventures. Grades 5-8. 2001.

LT24980 Trevino, Elizabeth Borton de. **I, Juan de Pareja.**

Velazquez, the great Spanish painter of the early seventeenth century, owned a black slave, Juan de Pareja, who narrates this story. The period forms a background for an array of characters, from a humble dwarf to famous artists and King Philip himself. Grades 6-9. 1965.

LT22842 Trueman, Terry. **Stuck in Neutral.**

Shawn, 14, has a phenomenal memory for everything he’s ever heard, but nobody knows it because his cerebral palsy has made him unable to communicate. Now Shawn suspects that his father, in a misguided plan to end the boy’s pain, is planning to kill him. Some strong language. Junior and senior high. 2000.

LT26629 Turner, Ann. **Hard Hit.**

A rising high school baseball star faces his most difficult challenge when his father is diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Grades 7-10. 2006.

LT26030 Updale, Eleanor. **Montmorency: Thief, Liar, Gentleman?**

Victorian London. After his life is saved by a physician, a thief utilizes the knowledge he gains in prison and from the scientific lectures he attends as the physician’s case study exhibit to create a new, highly successful, double life for himself. Grades 6-10. 2003.
LT24031  Van Draanen, Wendelin. **Swear to Howdy.**
Two boys, 13, share neighborhood adventures, complaints about their older sisters, family secrets, and even guilt that bind them together in a special friendship. Grades 5-8. 2003.

LT28352  Vanderpool, Clare. **Moon Over Manifest.**
Great Depression. Drifter Gideon Tucker sends his daughter Abilene, 12, to stay with his friend, a saloon-owner-turned-pastor, in Manifest, Kansas, where Gideon grew up. Abilene discovers a cigar box full of papers that lead her to long-held secrets. Grades 5-8. 2010.

LT22072  Velde, Vivian V. **The Rumpelstiltskin Problem.**
The author presents six alternative version of the familiar story of a boastful miller and the daughter he claims can spin straw into gold. Grades 5-7. 2000.

LT18109  Voigt, Cynthia. **Dicey's Song.**
Dicey Tillerman, oldest of four abandoned children, wrestles with when to let go, when to hold on, and when to reach out as she and her brothers and sisters settle into living with their grandmother. Grades 6-9. 1982.

LT28046  Westerfeld, Scott. **The Secret Hour: Midnighters.**
Upon moving to Bixby, Oklahoma, Jessica Day, 15, learns that she is one of a group of people who have special abilities that help them fight ancient creatures living in an hour hidden at midnight. These creatures seem determined to destroy Jess. Junior and senior high. 2004.

LT26118  Whelan, Gloria. **The Turning.**
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LT21874  White, Ruth. **Belle Prater's Boy**.
          Virginia, 1950s. When twelve-year-old Woodrow Prater's mother, Belle, vanishes from the family's Appalachian shack, Woodrow moves in with his grandparents. Beautiful next-door cousin Gypsy first seeks to discover Woodrow's secret and then comes to respect him for who he is. Grades 5-8. 1996. Continued in **The Search for Belle Prater** (LT25572).

LT23761  White, Ruth. **Tadpole**.
          Kentucky, 1955. Carolina, 10, tells about the summer her favorite cousin, Tadpole, 13, runs away from his abusive uncle to visit her family. Learning that the orphaned boy is being whipped, the family tries to figure out how to keep Tadpole. Grades 5-8. 2003.

LT27034  White, Ruth. **Way Down Deep**.
          West Virginia; 1950s. Found as a toddler, Ruby is taken in by boardinghouse owner Miss Arbutus, who, along with a loving community, raises her. When Ruby is twelve, newcomers arrive with clues to her past, prompting Ruby to decide where she really belongs. Grades 4-7. 2007.

LT26455  White, T.H. **The Sword in the Stone**.
          A boy named Arthur, king-to-be, grows up in the time of knights in armor, fair damsels, foul monsters, and evil witches. His tutor Merlin, the all-powerful magician, transforms Arthur into various animals as part of his schooling and prepares him for his destiny. Grades 6-9. 1939.

LT22608  Williams, Laura. **Up a Creek**.
          Starshine, 13, learns how to cope with an unconventional, politically active mother and does a lot of growing up in the process. Grades 5-8. 2001.

LT27311  Wilson, Budge. **Before Green Gables: The Prequel to Anne of Green Gables**.
          This prequel to *Anne of Green Gables* (LT24316) portrays Anne's childhood before her eleventh birthday. Anne's parents died in an epidemic when she was a baby, leading her to have many adventures at foster homes, orphanages, and school. Grades 5-8. 2008.
LT22606  Wittlinger, Ellen. **Gracie's Girl.**
As she starts middle school, Bess volunteers to work on the school musical in hopes of fitting in, but when she and a friend get to know an elderly homeless woman, Bess changes her mind about what is really important. Grades 4-7. 2000.

LT26012  Wooding, Chris. **The Haunting of Alaizabel Cray.**
As Thaniel, a wych-hunter, and Cathaline, his friend and mentor, try to rid the alleys of London's Old Quarter of the terrible creatures that infest them, their lives become entwined with that of a woman who may be either mad or possessed. Grades 7 and up. 2004.

LT25980  Wooding, Chris. **Poison.**
When Poison leaves her home in the marshes of Gull to retrieve her infant sister who was snatched by the fairies, she and a group of unusual friends survive encounters with the inhabitants of various Realms, and Poison herself confronts a surprising destiny. Grades 7-10. 2003.

LT23626  Woods, Ron. **The Hero.**
Idaho, 1957. Jamie, 14, his older cousin Jerry, and their outcast neighbor, Dennis, build a raft and take it out on the river. Tragedy ensues and Jamie lies to maintain peace in the community. His action leads to unforeseen consequences. Grades 6-9. 2002.

LT22237  Woodson, Jacqueline. **Miracle's Boys.**
Three orphaned African American brothers confront the challenges of growing up in New York City. The eldest, Ty'ree, works to support the boys; hostile and sullen Charlie returns from two years in detention; and Lafayette, the youngest, longs for family closeness. Some strong language. Grades 6-9. 2000.

LT22838  Wynne-Jones, Tim. **The Boy in the Burning House.**
Since his father disappeared, Jim Hawkins, 14, has helped his mother run their Canadian farm. When Ruth Rose, the disturbed stepdaughter of a powerful local pastor, claims that the minister killed his father, Jim's investigation weaves a web of suspense. Junior and senior high. 2000.
LT12712 Wyss, Johann. **The Swiss Family Robinson.**
When they are shipwrecked on a desert island, a Swiss clergyman, his wife, and four boys use their ingenuity to overcome all dangers and to make a happy home. Grades 5-8. 1812.

LT27032 Yancey, Richard. **The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp.**

LT23762 Yep, Laurence. **The Tiger’s Apprentice.**
A tiger, a monkey, a dragon, and a twelve-year-old Chinese American boy fight to keep a magic talisman out of the hands of an enemy who would use its power to destroy the world. Grades 6-9. 2003. Also by this author: **Dragon’s Gate** (LT26452); **Dragonwings** (LT18106).

LT25594 Zevin, Gabrielle. **Elsewhere.**
After Liz Hall, 15, is hit by a taxi and killed, she finds herself in a place called “Elsewhere” that is both like and unlike Earth. There she must adjust to her new status and figure out how to “live.” Junior and senior high. 2005.

LT22837 Zindel, Paul. **The Scream Museum.**
New York City. The Museum of Natural History’s head of research is found murdered at work. High school sleuth P. C. Hawke and his classmate Mackenzie come to the defense of their friend Tom Bogg, the museum’s assistant custodian, when he is accused of the crime. Grades 4-7. 2001.
Non Fiction

LT18316 Levine, Ellen. *Freedom’s Children.* The words of participants in landmark civil rights struggles recreate their experiences. African Americans who were children or teens at the time share memories of segregation, of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, of integrating the schools, of “Bloody Sunday,” and of sit-ins, freedom rides, and voter registration drives. Grades 6-9. 1993.


LT28551 Kluger, Jeffrey. *To The Moon! The True Story of the American Heroes on the Apollo 8 Spaceship.* Recounts the exciting and inspiring true story of Apollo 8, the first manned American spaceship to break free of the Earth’s orbit and reach the moon. Grades 5-8. 2018.
Memoir by Rivera (born 1969), who joined the New York Yankees in 1995 and served as one of the team’s most successful closing pitchers until his retirement in 2013. Discusses his years with the team, the rivalry with the Red Sox, and his Christian faith. Junior and senior high. 2014.

Recounts the accomplishments of nine working-class athletes from the University of Washington who beat elite teams at home and abroad and won the gold medal for rowing at the 1936 Nazi-orchestrated Berlin Olympics. Grades 5-10. 2013.

In this autobiography told through vivid poems, Woodson explores her childhood as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s and her growing awareness of the civil rights movement. Reflects on the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, despite her difficulties with reading as a child. Grades 4-7. 2014.

North, Sterling. *Rascal.*
Although his life is full with a Saint Bernard, a family of skunks, a raucous crow, and an unfinished canoe, Sterling is captivated by a tiny raccoon he names Rascal. The ingenious animal quickly takes over the house and Sterling’s heart but also makes enemies by stealing corn and raiding chicken coops. Until he gets too big, Rascal shares many adventures with Sterling in the Wisconsin countryside. Grades 4-7. 1963.

Paulsen, Gary. *Caught by the Sea.*
Author of *Hatchet* (LT26442) relates how falling in love with the ocean at age seven evolved into a later love for sailing. Describes boats he has owned, his adventures up and down the Pacific Coast, and surviving a killer storm. Grades 6-9. 2001.

Thorne, Jack. *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child, Parts I & II.*
Special rehearsal-edition script for a play that is based on an original story by J. K. Rowling, John Tiffany, and Jack Thorne. Nineteen years after the final battle at Hogwarts, Harry Potter’s youngest son, Albus, struggles with his family’s legacy. Junior and senior high. 2016.
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<td>A Jewish teenager in German-occupied Amsterdam records her hopes, fears, and growing pains during two years of close confinement with her family hiding from the Nazis in a secret apartment. Grades 6-9. 1952.</td>
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<td>The author of <em>Hatchet</em> (LT26442) and other books featuring Brian Robeson describes the experiences that inspired him to write. These include surviving plane crashes, working as an ambulance driver, hunting for subsistence, and starving for food. Grades 5-8. 2001.</td>
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<td>During World War II, nearly 4,000 Navajo Indians answered the call to serve in the U.S. military, despite the legacy of Native American genocide. Perhaps their most important contribution to the war effort was the development and use of a special code by a select corps of marines known as the code talkers. The unbreakable communications code was based on the Navajo language, and proved invaluable in the Pacific theater. Grades 6-9. 1992.</td>
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<td>The story of a young Jewish Dutch girl who was hidden by a farm family for two years during World War II and the Nazi occupation. Grades 6-9. 1972.</td>
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