

CDS Suggested Summer Reading 5th Grade (Annotated)

Realistic Fiction

- ***The Strange Case of the Origami Yoda*** (*Origami Yoda* series) by Tom Angleberger

Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future.

- ***The Terrible Two*** (*Terrible Two* series) by Mac Barnett and Jory John
When master prankster Miles Murphy moves to sleepy Yawnee Valley, he challenges the local, mystery prankster in an epic battle of tricks but soon the two join forces to pull off the biggest prank ever seen.

- ***Gertie's Leap to Greatness*** by Kate Beasley
When Gertie learns her estranged mother is moving away from their coastal Alabama town, Gertie goes on a mission to be the best fifth grader ever in order to show her mother that she doesn't need her--not one bit!

- ***Summer of Lost and Found*** by Rebecca Behrens
Nell is a city girl forced to spend her summer in Roanoke, North Carolina, but when she meets historical reenactor Ambrose, they explore for clues as to what really happened to the lost colonists, turning her once boring vacation into an adventure.

- ***The Thing About Jellyfish*** by Ali Benjamin
Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death.

- ***The Penderwicks: a Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy*** by Jeanne Birdsall (*Penderwick* series)
While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.

- ***Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish*** by Pablo Cartaya
After a fight at school leaves Marcus facing suspension, Marcus's mother takes him and his younger brother, who has Down syndrome, to Puerto Rico to visit relatives they do not remember or have never met, and while there Marcus starts searching for his father, who left their family ten years ago and is somewhere on the island.

● ***Blended*** by Sharon Draper

Piano-prodigy Isabella, eleven, whose black father and white mother struggle to share custody, never feels whole, especially as racial tensions affect her school, her parents' both become engaged, and she and her stepbrother are stopped by police.

● ***Ana Maria Reyes Does Not Live in a Castle*** by Hilda Eunice Burgos

With a new sibling (her fourth) on the way and a big piano recital on the horizon, Dominican-American Ana María Reyes tries to win a scholarship to a New York City private school.

● ***The Losers Club*** by Andrew Clements

Alec, a sixth-grade bookworm always in trouble for reading instead of listening and participating in class, starts a book club, solely to have a place to read, and discovers that real life, although messy, can be as exciting as the stories in his favorite books.

● ***Moo*** by Sharon Creech

Follows the efforts of twelve-year-old Reena, who has recently moved to rural Maine, to adjust to a new environment while unexpectedly bonding with an ornery cow. Also by this author: *Hate that Cat, Love that Dog* and *Walk Two Moons*

● ***Raymie Nightingale*** by Kate DiCamillo

Hoping that if she wins a local beauty pageant her father will come home, Raymie practices twirling a baton and performing good deeds as she is drawn into an unlikely friendship with a drama queen and a saboteur. Also by this author: *Because of Winn Dixie, The Flora & Ulysses: the Illuminated Adventures, The Magician's Elephant, and The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*

● ***Maximilian & the Mystery of the Guardian Angel: A Bilingual Lucha Libre Thriller*** by Xavier Garza

Eleven-year-old Maximilian, a big fan of the form of wrestling known as lucha libre, begins to suspect that he has a close connection with his favorite luchador, El Angel de La Guardia, the Guardian Angel.

● ***George*** by Alex Gino

Knowing herself to be a girl despite her outwardly male appearance, George is denied a female role in the class play before teaming up with a friend to reveal her true self.

● ***The Princess and the Foal*** by Stacy Gregg

The inspiring novel about real life princess and equestrienne Haya of Jordan.

- ***Ida B.*** by Katherine Hannigan

In Wisconsin, fourth-grader Ida B spends happy hours being home-schooled and playing in her family's apple orchard, until her mother begins treatment for breast cancer and her parents must sell part of the orchard and send her to public school. Also by this author: *True, Sort of*

- ***Far North*** by Will Hobbs

After the destruction of their floatplane, two teenage boys, a Texan and a Dene, struggle for survival in the wilderness along the South Nahanni River.

Also by this author: *The Maze*

- ***Fish in a Tree*** by Lynda Hunt

Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read. Also by this author: *One for the Murphys*

- ***Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer*** by Kelly Jones

Through a series of letters, Sophie Brown, age twelve, tells of her family's move to her Great Uncle Jim's farm, where she begins taking care of some unusual chickens with help from neighbors and friends.

- ***Amina's Voice*** by Hena Khan

Amina, a Pakistani-American Muslim girl, struggles to stay true to her family's culture while dealing with the vandalism of the local Islamic Center and mosque and her best friend Soojin's new friendship with their former nemesis.

- ***Hello Universe*** by Erin Entrada Kelly

Lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him. Also by this author: *You First, The Land of Forgotten Girls*

- ***Diary of a Wimpy Kid*** by Jeff Kinney

Greg records his sixth grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, undersized weaklings amid boys who need to shave twice daily, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.

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- ***Swindle*** (series) by Gordon Korman

After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palamino cons him out of a valuable

baseball card, sixth-grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the SmartPick fruit picker. Also by this author: *Restart, Ungifted, Schooled, Island Trilogy, Titanic Trilogy* and *Everest Trilogy*

● ***Step Up to the Plate Maria Singh*** by Uma Krishnaswami

Nine-year-old Maria Singh learns to play softball just like her heroes in the All-American Girls' League, while her parents and neighbors are struggling through World War II, working for India's independence, and trying to stay on their farmland.

● ***Rules*** by Cynthia Lord

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic. Also by this author: *Touch Blue, A Handful of Stars* and *Half a Chance*

● ***Hot Hand*** by Mike Lupica (*Comeback Kids* series)

In the wake of his parents' separation, ten-year-old Billy seems to have continual conflicts with his father, who is also his basketball coach, but his quiet, younger brother Ben, a piano prodigy, is having even more trouble adjusting, and only Billy seems to notice. Also by this author: *Lone Star, Point Guard, Fast Break*

● ***Best Friend Next Door*** by Carolyn Mackler

Two girls who share a birthday and palindromic names struggle with respective parental challenges and loneliness while gradually overcoming their differences to become close friends.

● ***The Season of Styx Malone*** by Kekla Magoon

Caleb Franklin and his younger brother, Bobby Gene, spend an extraordinary summer their new, older neighbor, Styx Malone, a foster boy from the city.

● ***The Unforgettable Genevieve St. Clair*** by Amy Makechnie

As ten-year-old Gwyn searches for a missing neighbor in her new town in Iowa, she learns much about her mother, who grew up there but has suffered from memory loss since Gwyn was four.

● ***Rain Reign*** by Ann. M. Martin

Struggling with Asperger's, Rose shares a bond with her beloved dog, but when the dog goes missing during a storm, Rose is forced to confront the limits of her comfort levels, even if it means leaving her routines in order to search for her pet. Also by this author: *Doll People* series

- ***A Mango Shaped Space*** by Wendy Mass

Afraid that she is crazy, thirteen-year-old Mia, who sees a special color with every letter, number, and sound, keeps this a secret until she becomes overwhelmed by school, changing relationships, and the loss of something important to her. Also by this author: *The Candymakers, Every Soul a Star*

- ***Merci Suarez Changes Gears*** by Meg Medina

Thoughtful, strong-willed sixth-grader Merci Suarez navigates difficult changes with friends, family, and everyone in between.

- ***Upside Down Magic (series)*** by Sarah Mlynoski

With their magic being unpredictable, Nory, Elliott, Andres, and Bax are sent to the upside-down magic room at Dunwiddle Magic School.

- ***Plunked*** by Michael Northrop

Sixth-grader Jack Mogens loses his nerve after getting hit by a pitch, and has to dig deep within himself to avoid giving up the sport he loves.

- ***I Funny: A Middle School Story*** by James Patterson

Resolving to become the world's greatest stand-up comedian despite less-than-funny challenges in his life, wheelchair-bound middle school student Jamie Grimm endures bullying from his mean-spirited cousin and hopes he will be fairly judged when he enters a local comedy contest.

- ***The Best Man*** by Richard Peck

Archer has four important role models in his life--his dad, his grandfather, his uncle Paul, and his favorite teacher, Mr. McLeod. When Uncle Paul and Mr. McLeod get married, Archer's sixth-grade year becomes one he'll never forget.

- ***Summer of the Gypsy Moths*** by Sarah Pennypacker

A foster child named Angel and eleven-year-old Stella, who are living with Stella's great-aunt Louise at the Linger Longer Cottage Colony on Cape Cod, secretly assume responsibility for the vacation rentals when Louise unexpectedly dies and the girls are afraid of being returned to the foster care system.

- ***First Rule of Punk*** by Celia Perez

Twelve-year-old Maraia Luisa O'Neill-Morales (who really prefers to be called Malâu) reluctantly moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago and starts seventh grade with a bang--violating the dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurning the middle school's most popular girl in favor of starting a band with a group of like-minded weirdos.

- ***Wild River*** by P.J. Peterson

Considered lazy and un-athletic, twelve-year-old Ryan discovers a heroic side of

himself when a kayak trip with his older brother goes horribly awry.

- ***Ghost*** (*Defenders Track Team* series) by Jason Reynolds

Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential.

- ***Ninth Ward*** by Jewell Parker Rhodes

In New Orleans' Ninth Ward, twelve-year-old Lanessa, who can see spirits, and her adopted grandmother have no choice but to stay and weather the storm as Hurricane Katrina bears down upon them.

- ***Safe at Home*** by Sharon Robinson

After the death of his father, Elijah Breeze, a ten-year-old African American boy, moves back to New York City with his mother and attends a summer baseball camp as he tries to make new friends and adapt to urban ways.

- ***The Explorer*** by Katherine Rundell

Left stranded in the Amazon jungle when their plane crashes on their way back to England from Manaus, Brazil, four children struggle to survive for days until one of them finds a map that leads them to a ruined city and a secret hidden among the vines.

- ***Tales from a Not- So- Fabulous Life*** (*Dork Diaries*) by Rene Russell

Fourteen-year-old Nikki Maxwell writes in her diary of her struggle to be popular at her exclusive new private school, then of finding her place after she gives up on being part of the elite group.

- ***Amal Unbound*** by Aisha Saeed

In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family.

- ***Guys Read: Funny Business*** edited by Jon Scieszka

A collection of humorous stories, introduced by Jon Scieszka, that includes a teenaged mummy, a homicidal turkey, and the world's largest pool of chocolate milk.

- ***Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree*** by Lauren Tarshis

A quirky and utterly logical seventh-grade girl named Emma-Jean Lazarus discovers some interesting results when she gets involved in the messy everyday problems of her peers.

- ***Hound Dog True*** by Linda Urban

Mattie, a shy fifth-grader, wants to hide out at her new school by acting as

apprentice to her Uncle Potluck, the custodian, but her plan falls apart when she summons the courage to speak about what matters most and finds a true friend. Also by this author: *Milo Speck: Accidental Agent* and *A Crooked Kind of Perfect*

- ***Save Me a Seat*** by Sarah Weeks

Ravi has just moved to the United States from India and has always been at the top of his class; Joe has lived in the same town his whole life and has learning problems--but when their lives intersect in the first week of fifth grade they are brought together by a common enemy (the biggest bully in their class) and the need to take control of their lives. Also by this author: *Oggie Cooder*, *Honey*, *Pie*

- ***Harbor Me*** by Jacqueline Woodson

When six students are chosen to participate in a weekly talk with no adults allowed, they discover that when they're together, it's safe to share the hopes and fears they have to hide from the rest of the world.

Mystery

- ***The Case of the Case of the mistaken Identity*** (*Brixton Brothers* series) by Mac Barnett

When twelve-year-old Steve Brixton, a fan of Bailey Brothers detective novels, is mistaken for a real detective, he must elude librarians, police, and the mysterious Mr. E as he seeks a missing quilt containing coded information.

- ***The Hundred-Year-Old Secret*** (*Sherlock Files* series) by Tracy Barrett

Xena and Xander Holmes, an American brother and sister living in London for a year, discover that Sherlock Holmes was their great-great-great grandfather when they are inducted into the Society for the Preservation of Famous Detectives and given his unsolved casebook, from which they attempt to solve the case of a famous missing painting.

- ***The Name of this Book is Secret*** (*Secret* series) (Bosch)

Two eleven-year-old misfits try to solve the mystery of a dead magician and stop the evil Dr. L and Ms. Mauvais, who are searching for the secret of immortality.

- ***The Wolf Keepers*** by Elise Broach

Twelve-year-old Lizzie Durango lives in a zoo, spending her days taking note of the animals' behaviors, then she meets runaway Tyler Briggs and together they investigate the wolves who are suddenly dying. Also by this author: *Masterpiece* and *Shakespeare's Secret*

- ***The Book Scavenger*** by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

Just after twelve-year-old Emily and her family move to San Francisco, she teams

up with new friend James to follow clues in an odd book they find, hoping to figure out its secrets before the men who attacked Emily's hero, publisher Garrison Griswold, solve the mystery or come after the friends.

- ***The Ghost of Fossil Glen*** by Cynthia DeFelice

Allie Nichols' friend Karen doesn't want to hear the story of a ghost calling for Allie's help and then falling to her death. As Allie discovers that her role is to avenge a murder, she also learns something about friendship, false and true. Also by this author: *Fort, Wildlife, and Signal*

- ***The Zoo at the Edge of the World*** (Gale)

Marlin, a stutterer, can talk smoothly and freely with the jungle animals that populate his father's zoo in South America--until a mysterious man-eating black jaguar that his father catches and brings back home talks back

- ***Space Case*** by Stuart Gibbs

Life among the colonists on Moon Base Alpha is surprisingly dull and predictable...until the base's doctor is found dead. Also by this author: *Fun Jungle Mysteries, The Last Musketeer and Spy School*

- ***Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*** by Chris Grabenstein

After notorious gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello designs the town library, Kyle and 11 kids are locked inside overnight and won't be free until they solve a series of puzzles based on famous books.

- ***Squirm*** by Carl Hiaasen

Billy Dickens discovers that his mysterious father lives in Montana, so this summer Billy will fly across the country, hike a mountain, float a river, dodge a grizzly bear, shoot down a spy drone, and save his own father.

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- ***The Parker Inheritance*** by Varian Johnson

Twelve-year-old Candice Miller is spending the summer in Lambert, South Carolina, in the old house that belonged to her grandmother, who died after being dismissed as city manager for having the city tennis courts dug up looking for buried treasure--but when she finds the letter that sent her grandmother on the treasure hunt, she finds herself caught up in the mystery and, with the help of her new friend and fellow bookworm, Brandon, she sets out to find the inheritance, exonerate her grandmother, and expose an injustice once committed against an African American family in Lambert.

- ***The Ghost's Grave*** by Peg Kehret

Apprehensive about spending the summer in Washington State with his Aunt

Ethel when his parents get an overseas job, twelve-year-old Josh soon finds adventure when he meets the ghost of a coal miner. Also by this author: *The Stranger Next Door*

- ***A Snicker of Magic*** by Natalie Lloyd

The Pickles are new to Midnight Gulch, Tennessee, a town which legend says was once magic--but Felicity is convinced the magic is still there, and with the help of her new friend Jonah the Beedle she hopes to bring the magic back. Also by this author: *The Problem Children* and *The Key to Extraordinary*

- ***Howard Wallace P. I.*** by Casey Lyall

Twelve-year-old private investigator Howard Wallace investigates a case of student council blackmail with new student Ivy Mason as his junior partner.

- ***Capture the Flag*** by Kate Messner

When the original Star Spangled Banner is stolen, seventh-graders Anne, Jose, and Henry, all descendants of the Silver Jaguar Society, pursue suspects on airport carts and through baggage handling tunnels while stranded at a Washington, D.C., airport during a snowstorm. Also by this author: *All the Answers* and *The Seventh Wish*

- ***The Maze of Bones (The 39 Clues)*** by Rick Riordan (and many other authors)

When their beloved aunt--matriarch of the world's most powerful family--dies, orphaned siblings Amy and Dan Cahill compete with less honorable Cahill descendants in a race around the world to find cryptic clues to a mysterious fortune. The series includes game cards which the reader may use to play an online version of the treasure hunt.

- ***Smells Like Dog*** by Suzanne Selfors

When farm boy Homer Pudding's explorer-uncle dies and leaves him a droopy dog with a mysterious coin hidden on its collar, it leads him to The City, where they meet Madame la Directeur, the conniving head of the Museum of Natural History, who is trying to steal the coin and take Homer's place in a secret society of adventurers.

- ***The Case of the Time Capsule Bandit (Ninja Detective series)*** by Octavia Spencer

Twelve-year-old Randi, unhappy about moving from Brooklyn to Deer Creek, Tennessee, after her mother's death, soon finds new friends and a case to solve surrounding a stolen time capsule and rumors of a centuries-old treasure.

- ***When You Reach Me*** by Rebecca Stead

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980s television game show, "The 20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space. Also by this author: *Goodbye Stranger* and *Liar and Spy*

- ***The Screaming Staircase*** (*Lockwood & Company*) by Jonathan Stroud
When London is overrun by malevolent spirits, a talented group of young psychic detectives compete against other ghostbusting agencies in the debut of a new series that finds three intrepid colleagues investigating one of England's most haunted houses.

- ***Murder Is Bad Manners*** (*A Wells and Wong Mystery*) by Robin Stevens
At an English boarding school in the 1930s, crime-solving friends Hazel Wong and Daisy Wells struggle to find an exciting mystery to investigate until Hazel discovers the dead body of Miss Bell, the science teacher.

- ***The Mysterious Benedict Society*** (series) by Trenton Lee Stewart
After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

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- ***Three Times Lucky*** (Tupelo Landing series) by Sheila Turnage
Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a cafe and co-parent of Mo with his cook, Miss Lana, seems implicated in a murder.

- ***Pie*** by Sarah Weeks
After the death of Polly Portman, whose award-winning pies put the town of Ipswich, Pennsylvania, on the map in the 1950s, her devoted niece Alice and Alice's friend Charlie investigate who is going to extremes to find Aunt Polly's secret pie crust recipe. Includes fourteen pie recipes. Also by this author: *Honey*

Historical Fiction

- ***The Many Reflections of Miss Jane Deming*** by J. Anderson Coats

Jane is excited to be part of Mr. Mercer's expedition to bring orphans and Civil War widows to Washington Territory, but life out west isn't at all what she expected.

- ***Crow Girl*** (*The Children of Crow Cove* series) by Bodil Bredsdorff

After the death of her grandmother, a young orphaned girl leaves her house by the cove and begins a journey which leads her to people and experiences that exemplify the wisdom her grandmother had shared with her.

- ***The Watsons Go to Birmingham*** by Christopher Paul Curtis

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963. Also by this author: *Elijah of Buxton* and *Bud, Not Buddy*

- ***The Game of Silence*** (*The Birchbark House* series) by Louise Erdrich

Nine-year-old Omakayas, of the Ojibwa tribe, moves west with her family in 1849.

- ***The Great Brain*** by John D. Fitzgerald (series)

In turn-of-the-century Utah, Tom uses his "great brain" to come up with a series of money-making schemes.

- ***The Wonder of Charlie Anne*** by Kimberly Newton Fusco

In a 1930s Massachusetts farm town torn by the Depression, racial tension, and other hardships, Charlie Anne and her black next-door neighbor Phoebe form a friendship that begins to transform their community.

- ***The Inquisitor's Tale, Or, the Three Magical Children and their Holy Dog*** by Adam Gidwitz

A peasant girl and her holy greyhound, an oblate on a mission from his monastery, and a young Jewish boy travel across medieval France to escape persecution and save holy texts from being burned. Also by this author: *A Tale Dark and Grimm*

- ***Roberto & Me: a Baseball Card Adventure*** by Dan Gutman (*Baseball Card Adventures* series)

Stosh travels back to 1969 to try to prevent the untimely death of Roberto Clemente, a legendary baseball player and humanitarian, but upon his return to the present, he meets his own great-grandson who takes him into the future, and what he finds there is more shocking than anything he has encountered in his travels to the past. Also by this author: *The Million Dollar* series

- ***The Night Diary*** by Veera Hiranandani

Shy twelve-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her deceased Muslim mother in the pages of her diary.

• ***Bo at Ballard Creek*** by Kirkpatrick Hill

It's the 1920s, and Bo was headed for an Alaska orphanage when she won the hearts of two tough gold miners who set out to raise her, enthusiastically helped by all the kind people of the nearby Eskimo village.

• ***Turtle in Paradise*** by Jennifer Holm

In 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who does not like children, eleven-year-old Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in far away Key West, Florida. Also by this author: *The Fourteenth Goldfish* and *Our Only May Amelia*

• ***The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*** by Jacqueline Kelly

In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, learns about love from the older three of her six brothers, and studies the natural world with her grandfather, the latter of which leads to an important discovery.

• ***Inside Out and Back Again*** by Thanhha Lai

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

• ***In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse*** by Joseph Marshall

Teased for his fair coloring, eleven-year-old Jimmy McClean travels with his maternal grandfather, Nyles High Eagle, to learn about his Lakota heritage while visiting places significant in the life of Crazy Horse, the nineteenth-century Lakota leader and warrior, in a tale that weaves the past with the present.

• ***Never Forgotten*** by Patricia McKissack

In eighteenth-century West Africa, a boy raised by his blacksmith father and the Mother Elements--Wind, Fire, Water, and Earth--is captured and taken to America as a slave.

• ***An Eagle in the Snow*** by Michael Morpurgo

In 1940 England, stuck in a train tunnel while German fighter jets fly overhead, Barney hears an unlikely story of a highly decorated World War I soldier who once had a chance to kill young Adolf Hitler. Also by this author: *War Horse*

• ***The Book of Boy*** by Catherine Murdock

In 1350, a boy with a large hump on his back becomes the servant of a shadowy

pilgrim on his way to Rome, who pulls the boy into a dangerous expedition across Europe to gather the seven precious relics of Saint Peter.

- ***When Mischievous Came to Town*** by Katrina Nannestad

In 1911, when orphaned ten-year-old Inge comes to live with her stern grandmother in a remote island village in Bornholm, Denmark, she ends up changing the climate of the town, bringing joy and laughter to her grandmother's life and finding a new family for herself to help assuage her grief over losing her mother.

- ***A Long Way from Chicago*** by Richard Peck

A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother. Also by this author: *A Year Down Yonder* and *The Best Man*

- ***The First Test*** (*Protector of the Small* series) by Tamora Pierce

Ten-year-old Keladry of Mindalen, daughter of nobles, serves as a page but must prove herself to the males around her if she is ever to fulfill her dream of becoming a knight. Also by this author: *Wild Magic* and *Alanna the First Adventure*

- ***Finding Langston*** by Lisa Cline Ransom

Discovering a book of Langston Hughes' poetry in the library helps Langston cope with the loss of his mother, relocating from Alabama to Chicago as part of the Great Migration, and being bullied.

- ***Wolf Wilder*** by Katherine Rundell

In the days before the Russian Revolution, twelve-year-old Feodora sets out to rescue her mother when the Tsar's Imperial Army imprisons her for teaching tamed wolves to fend for themselves.

Also by this author: *Rooftoppers*

- ***Echo*** by Pam Munoz Ryan

Decades after a man is entwined in a prophecy-based quest involving three mysterious sisters and a harmonica, three individuals from different areas of the world confront daunting challenges involving the same harmonica.

Also by this author: *Riding Freedom* and *Esperanza Rising*

- ***Making Friends with Billy Wong*** by Augusta Scattergood

Sent to help care for her ailing grandmother in smalltown 1950s Arkansas, Azalea forges precarious ties with a troubled kid and a young gossip before bonding with a Chinese American boy whose immigrant family is a victim of racism.

- ***The Marvels*** by Brian Selznick

In 1766, a boy, Billy Marvel, is shipwrecked, rescued, and goes on to found a brilliant family of actors that flourishes in London until 1900--and nearly a century later, Joseph Jervis, runs away from home, seeking refuge with his uncle in London, and is captivated by the Marvel house, with its portraits and ghostly presences. Also by this author: *Wonderstruck* and *Hugo Cabret*

● ***I Survived the Shark Attacks of 1916*** (*I Survived* series) by Lauren Tarshis

In July, 1916, Chet Roscow is fascinated by news accounts of the great white shark said to be attacking people along the New Jersey shore not far from his home, but when he goes swimming in Matawan Creek he discovers the truth of the stories. Also in this series: *I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic*, *I Survived the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906*, *The Shark Attacks of 1916*, *The Bombing of Pearl Harbor 1941* and *The Japanese Tsunami 2011*

● ***Moon Over Manifest*** by Clare Vanderpool

Twelve-year-old Abilene Tucker is the daughter of a drifter who, in the summer of 1936, sends her to stay with an old friend in Manifest, Kansas, where he grew up, and where she hopes to find out some things about his past.

● ***Beyond the Bright Sea*** by Lauren Wolk Also by this author: *Wolf Hollow*
Set adrift on the ocean in a small skiff as a newborn, twelve-year-old Crow embarks on a quest to find the missing pieces of her history.

Fantasy

● ***The One and Only Ivan*** by Katherine Applegate

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life. Also by this author: *Crenshaw*

● ***The Last*** (*Endling* series) by Katherine Applegate

Fearing she may be the last of her kind, Byx sets off on a quest to see if the legends she's heard over the years about others of her kind are true. Along the way, she meets new allies, and together they uncover a secret that will threaten the existence of all creatures in their world.

● ***Small Spaces*** by Katherine Arden

After eleven-year-old Ollie's school bus mysteriously breaks down on a field trip, she has to take a trip through scary woods, and must use all of her wits to survive. She must stick to small spaces

● ***The Night Gardener*** by Jonathan Auxier

When orphaned Irish siblings Molly and Kip arrive to work as servants at a creepy, crumbling English manor house, they discover that the house and its inhabitants are not what they seem. Also by this author: *Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes* and *Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster*

- ***Crispin and the Cross of Lead*** (Avi)

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret. Also by this author: *The Secret School*, *Seer of Shadows*, and *The Fighting Ground*

- ***The Girl Who Drank the Moon*** by Kelly Regan Barnhill

An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her. Also by this author: *The Witch's Boy*

- ***Miss Ellicott's School for the Magically Minded*** by Sage Blackwood

Repeatedly landing in trouble at her finishing school because of her preference for practicing magic instead of manners, Chantel enlists her friends to protect the kingdom when her teacher goes missing along with the city's protective magic. Also by this author: *Jinx*

- ***Better You Than Me*** by Adrien Brody

When two twelve-year-old girls--one a famous TV star, the other an obsessive fan--switch bodies the results are nothing but disastrous.

- ***The Wild Robot*** by Peter Brown

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.

- ***Aru Shah and the End of Time*** by Rashani Chokshi

Telling fibs in order to fit in better with her wealthier peers, 12-year-old Aru Shah spends her school break at the Museum of Ancient Indian Art and Culture, where her decision to light a cursed lamp unwittingly releases an ancient demon.

- ***Powerless*** by Matthew Cody

Daniel Corrigan and his parents have just moved to Noble's Green, Pennsylvania, when Daniel (who's a big fan of Sherlock Holmes and therefore a careful observer) notices something odd about his neighbor Mollie and her friends. While they may look like ordinary kids, all of them have super-human abilities that they use to keep the town safe.

- ***Gregor the Overlander*** by Suzanne Collins (*Underland Chronicles*)

When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

- ***How to Train Your Dragon*** (series) by Cressida Cowell

Enjoy the adventures and misadventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan, the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, by catching and training a dragon.

- ***The Serpent's Secret*** Sayantani DasGupta

When a rakkhosh demon attacks her family on the morning of her 12th birthday, Kiranmala discovers that her parents' fantastical stories about their ties to royalty are true and is whisked away by two crush-worthy princes to a parallel dimension filled with magic, winged horses, moving maps and talking birds.

- ***The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, a Spool of Thread and Some Soup*** by Kate DiCamillo

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin. Also by this author: *The Magician's Elephant* and *Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventure*

- ***The Field Guide (Spiderwick Chronicles)*** by Tony Diterlizzi

When the Grace children go to stay at their Great Aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some unusual experiences.

- ***The City of Ember*** by Jean Duprau (*Books of Ember* series)

In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

- ***Last Day On Mars*** by Kevin Emerson

While waiting to leave Mars before it burns up just like the Earth before it, Liam and his friend Phoebe discover some facts about time and space and realize that the human race is just one of the races trying to survive in space.

- ***The Ruins of Gorlan*** by John Flanagan (*Ranger's Apprentice* series)

When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battle school, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.

- ***Dragon Rider*** by Cornelia Funke

After learning that humans are headed toward his hidden home, Firedrake, a

silver dragon, is joined by a brownie and an orphan boy in a quest to find the legendary valley known as the Rim of Heaven, encountering friendly and unfriendly creatures along the way, and struggling to evade the relentless pursuit of an old enemy. Also by this author: *Inkheart* series

● ***Odd and the Frost Giant*** by Neil Gaiman

An unlucky twelve-year-old Norwegian boy named Odd leads the Norse gods Loki, Thor, and Odin in an attempt to outwit evil Frost Giants who have taken over Asgard. Also by this author: *The Graveyard Book* and *Coraline*

● ***Tuesdays at the Castle*** by Jessica Day George

Eleven-year-old Princess Celie lives with her parents, the king and queen, and her brothers and sister at Castle Glower, which adds rooms or stairways or secret passageways most every Tuesday, and when the king and queen are ambushed while travelling, it is up to Celie--the castle's favorite--with her secret knowledge of its never-ending twists and turns, to protect their home and save their kingdom.

● ***Among the Hidden*** by Margaret Peterson Haddix (*Shadow Children* series)

A government decree allows each family only two children. For Luke, a third child, this has meant a lifetime of hiding. But could a stray glimpse of a child hiding in the house across the way lead to freedom?

● ***Wait till Helen Comes: a Ghost Story*** by Mary Downing Hahn

Molly and Michael dislike their spooky new stepsister, Heather, but realize that they must try to save her when she seems ready to follow a ghost child to her doom. Also by this author: *The Old Willis Place*, *All the Lovely Bad Ones* and *Closed for the Season*

● ***The Princess Academy*** by Shannon Hale

While attending a strict academy for potential princesses with the other girls from her mountain village, fourteen-year-old Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland.

● ***Into the Wild*** (*The Warriors* series) by Erin Hunter

For generations, four clans of wild cats have shared the forest. When their warrior code is threatened by mysterious deaths, a house cat named Rusty may turn out to be the bravest warrior of all.

Also by this author: *Seekers* series, *Survivors* and *Bravelands*

● ***Which Witch?*** By Eva Ibbotson

Deciding that he must sire a child to carry on his tradition of Loathing Light and Blighting the Beautiful, the Great Wizard Arriman announces a competition

among the witches of Todcaster, one of whom will marry him. Also by this author: *The Beasts of Clawstone Castle* and *The Secret of Platform 13*

● ***Return to the Willows*** by Jacqueline Kelly

In this sequel to Kenneth Grahame's classic "The Wind in the Willows," the escapades continue for four animal friends who live along a river in the English countryside--Toad, Mole, Rat, and Badger.

● ***The Tail of Emily Windsnap*** by Liz Kessler (series)

After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, twelve-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world.

● ***Dying to Meet You*** (*43 Old Cemetery Road* series) by Kate Klise

In this story told mostly through letters, children's book author I. B. Grumpy gets more than he bargained for when he rents a quiet place to write for the summer.

● ***The Capture*** (*Guardian of Ga'Hoole* series) Kathryn Lasky

When Soren, a barn owl, arrives at St. Aggie's, a school for orphaned owls, he suspects trouble and with his new friend, a clever elf owl named Gylfie, embarks on a perilous journey to save all owls from the danger at St. Aggie's.

● ***Savvy*** by Ingrid Law

The adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident. She believes her savvy will be able to save him.

● ***Ella Enchanted*** by Gail Carson Levine

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

● ***Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*** by Grace Lin

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River. Also by this author: *The Year of the Dog* and *Starry River of the Sky*

● ***The Willoughbys*** by Lois Lowry

In this tongue-in-cheek take on classic themes in children's literature, the four Willoughby children set about to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny. Also by this author: *The Birthday Ball* and *Number the Stars*

- ***The Doll People*** (*The Doll People* series) Ann M. Martin

A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.

- ***11 Birthdays*** (*Willow Falls* series) by Wendy Mass

After celebrating their first nine same-day birthdays together, Amanda and Leo, having fallen out on their tenth and not speaking to each other for the last year, prepare to celebrate their eleventh birthday separately but peculiar things begin to happen. The day of their birthday begins to repeat itself over and over again.

Also by this author: *Twice Upon a Time* series, *A Mango Shaped Space*, and *Every Soul a Star*

- ***The Unwanteds*** by Lisa McMann

In a society that purges thirteen-year-olds who are creative, identical twins Aaron and Alex are separated, one to attend University while the other, supposedly Eliminated, finds himself in a wondrous place where youths hone their abilities and learn magic.

- ***Fairest of All*** (*Whatever After* series) by Sarah Mlynoski

After moving to a new house, ten-year-old Abby and her younger brother Jonah discover an antique mirror that transports them into the Snow White fairy tale.

- ***The Boundless*** by Kenneth Oppel

Aboard "The Boundless," the greatest train ever built, on its maiden voyage across Canada, teenaged Will enlists the aid of a traveling circus to save the train from villains. Also by this author: *The Silverwing Saga*

- ***Forest of Wonder (Wing & Claw)*** by Linda Sue Park

When an injured bat crashes into Raffa's life, he invents a cure from a rare crimson vine that he finds deep in the forest. The powers of the vine are stronger than Raffa could have imagined. His remedy saves the animal but also transforms it into something much more than an ordinary bat, with far-reaching consequences.

- ***Wolf Brother*** by Michelle Paver (*Chronicles of Ancient Darkness* series)

6,000 years in the past, twelve-year-old Tarak and his guide, a wolf cub, set out on a dangerous journey to fulfill an oath the boy made to his dying father--to travel to the Mountain of the World Spirit seeking a way to destroy a demon-possessed bear that threatens all the clans.

- ***Mysterious Woods of Whistle Root*** (Pennell)

Eleven-year-old Carly Bean Bitters, an orphan, can only sleep during the day and

feels very lonely until she meets a rat, Lewis, and sets off on an adventure to figure out what is threatening the woods and its inhabitants.

• ***Nick and Tesla's High-voltage Danger Lab: a Mystery with Electromagnets, Burglar Alarms, and Other Gadgets You Can Build Yourself*** by Bob Pflugfelder

After moving in with their eccentric uncle, Nick and Tesla encounter strange occurrences in their new neighborhood and build gadgets using simple household objects to help them solve the mysteries.

• ***The Lightning Thief*** (*Percy Jackson* series) by Rick Riordan

After learning that the father he never knew is Poseidon, God of the Sea, Percy Jackson is transferred from boarding school to Camp Half-Blood, a summer camp for demigods, and becomes involved in a quest to prevent a war between the gods. Also by this author: *The Trials of Apollo series*, *Magnus Chase series*, and *The Heroes of Olympus*

• ***Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*** by J. K. Rowling

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

• ***The Blackthorn Key*** by Kevin Sands

In 1665 London, fourteen-year-old Christopher Rowe, apprentice to an apothecary, and his best friend, Tom, try to uncover the truth behind a mysterious cult, following a trail of puzzles, codes, pranks, and danger toward an unearthly secret with the power to tear the world apart.

• ***The Bad Beginning*** (*A Series of Unfortunate Events* series) by Lemony Snicket

After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that the distant relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune.

• ***The Dragonet Prophecy*** (*Wings of Fire* series) by Tui Sutherland

Determined to end a generations-long war among the seven dragon tribes, a secret movement called the Talons of Peace draws on a prophecy that calls for a great sacrifice, compelling five appointed dragonets to fulfill a painful destiny against their will.

• ***Clover Twig and the Magical Cottage*** by Kaye Umansky

Capable and hardworking ten-year-old Clover Twig takes a job as housekeeper

for a messy witch, Demelza, but while Demelza is away Clover and an accident-prone neighbor boy must defend the weird cottage from the witch's evil sister.

- ***The Real Boy*** by Anne Ursu

A shy boy named Oscar who works as the hand to a powerful magic worker becomes the only person who can save his village from an evil monster

- ***The Mysterious Howling*** (*The Incurable Children of Ashton Place* series) by Maryrose Wood

Fifteen-year-old Miss Penelope Lumley, a recent graduate of the Swanburne Academy for Poor Bright Females, is hired as governess to three young children who have been raised by wolves and must teach them to behave in a civilized manner quickly, in preparation for a Christmas ball.

- ***Dealing with Dragons*** (*Enchanted Forest Chronicles*) by Patricia Wrede

Bored with traditional palace life, a princess goes off to live with a group of dragons and soon becomes involved with fighting against some disreputable wizards who want to steal away the dragons' kingdom.

Classics

- ***The Secret Garden*** by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.

- ***My Side of the Mountain*** by Jean Craighead George

The first book of a trilogy. The second book is *On the Far Side of the Mountain* and the third is *Frightful's Mountain*.

- ***Old Yeller*** by Fred Gipson

About a Texas pioneer family in the 1860s and the big yellow stray dog that affects their lives.

- ***A Wrinkle in Time*** by Madeleine L'Engle

Meg and Charles Wallace set out with their friend Calvin in a search for their father. His top secret job as a physicist for the government has taken him away and the children search through time and space to find him.

- ***The Magician's Nephew*** (*Chronicles of Narnia*) by C. S. Lewis

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

- ***Owls in the Family*** by Farley Mowat

Adventures of two owls who are family pets.

- ***Mrs. Frisbee and the Rats of Nimh*** by Robert O'Brein

The rats of NIMH learn more than the scientists bargain for. They escape and embark on an adventurous mission of mercy to save the orphaned family of a brave field mouse colleague. A story that is as engrossing as it is unusual.

- ***Island of the Blue Dolphins*** by Scott O'Dell

Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island off the coast of California, a young Indian girl spends eighteen years, not only merely surviving through her enormous courage and self-reliance, but also finding a measure of happiness in her solitary life.

- ***Bridge to Terabithia*** by Katherine Paterson

Ten-year-old Jesse Aarons, who has lived all his life on a farm in Virginia, becomes friends with Leslie Burke, a "city girl" who has moved into a farmhouse down the road and opens doors to culture and imaginative play. But then tragedy strikes. Also by this author: *The Great Gilly Hopkins*

- ***Where the Red Fern Grows*** by Wilson Rawls

A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.

- ***The Cricket in Times Square*** by George Selden

A country cricket falls into a picnic basket and ends up in New York City.

- ***Black Beauty*** by Anna Sewell

Originally published in 1877, this classic story, told from the animal's perspective, captures the struggles and triumphs of this magnificent creature from his early days as a free colt to an owned creature poorly treated by evil men.

- ***The Trumpet of the Swan*** by E. B. White

Knowing how to read and write is not enough for Louis, a voiceless Trumpeter Swan; his determination to learn to play a stolen trumpet takes him far from his wilderness home.

Non-fiction

- ***Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets*** by Kwame Alexander

Presents a collection of twenty poems written in tribute to well-known poets from around the world.

- ***Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance*** by Jennifer Armstrong

• ***What Do You Do with a Voice Like That? The Story of Extraordinary Congresswoman Barbara Jordan*** by Chris Barton

A picture book of lawyer, politician, and civil rights leader Barbara Jordan emphasizes how she used her voice to make a difference in the world.

• ***Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the Front Lines of the Civil Rights Movement*** by Ann Bausum

The incredible courage and determination of young people, black, white, male and female, who risked great personal danger and even death as they participated in the freedom rides during the Civil Rights Movement are the focus of this remarkable book. (SLJ)

• ***Life on Surtsey: Iceland's Upstart Island*** by Loree Griffin Burns

In this addition to the Scientists in the Field series, readers join scientists as they tackle something unusual in the world of ecosystems: colonization. Not a colonization by people, but one of cells, seeds, spores, and other life forms that blow in, fly in, float in, and struggle to survive on the beautiful but harsh new island of Surtsey.

• ***Jason and the Argonauts*** by Robert Byrd

Retells the story of Jason and his quest for the golden fleece, from his training as a child by Chiron the centaur and his gathering of famous Greek heroes for his journey to his battles with harpies, Stymphalian birds, and the sirens.

• ***Electric Ben: The Amazing Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin*** by Robert Byrd

• ***Catch the Wind, Harvest the Sun*** by Michael Caduto

22 exciting activities and experiments focused on producing and playing with renewable energy. (amazon.com)

• ***Red Bird Sings: the Story of Zitkala-Ša, Native American Author, Activist and Musician*** by Gina Capaldi

Born in 1876 on the Yankton Sioux reservation in South Dakota, Zitkala-Ša willingly left her home at age eight to go to a boarding school in Indiana. But she soon found herself caught between two worlds-white and Native American.

• ***A Black Hole Is Not a Hole*** by Carolyn Cinami DeCristofano

This introduction to black holes takes readers from simple to complex by dropping definitions and information slowly and clearly into the lively narrative. (SLJ)

• ***DK Biographies*** (Amelia Earhart, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Joan of Arc, Harry Houdini, Thomas Edison, etc...)

● ***12 Things You Should Know about Climate Change*** by Rebecca Felix
Discusses the facts and the impact of global warming and climatic changes. Other books in this series: *12 Things You Should Know about Invasive Species*, *12 Things You Should Know about Space Exploration*, *12 Things You Should Know about Wild Weather*, *12 Things You Should Know about Political Parties*

● ***Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart*** by Candace Fleming

"Handwritten notes, photos, maps and inquisitive sidebars (What did Earhart eat during flight? Tomato juice and chocolate) complete this impeccably researched, appealing package. A stunning look at an equally stunning lady."

● ***Lafayette and the American Revolution*** by Russell Freedman

This compelling biography of Lafayette looks at the whole of his life and fully illuminates the role he played in the American Revolution. Also by this author: *The Voice That Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights*

● ***Chimpanzees I Love: Saving Their World and Ours*** by Jane Goodall

An inspiring book about the plight of the chimpanzee and efforts being made to rescue them.

● ***First Flight Around the World: Adventures of the American Flyers Who Won the Race*** by Tim Grove

An account of the 1924 race between six nations to be the first to circumnavigate the globe by airplane describes the efforts of the U.S. team as they struggled to overcome limited technology, dangerous weather, and unfamiliar cultures.

● ***I'm Just No Good at Rhyming and Other Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-ups*** by Chris Harris

An illustrated collection of comically irreverent rhyming poems for readers of all ages, ranging in topic from avocados and anacondas to zombies and zebras (dressed like ghosts).

● ***What Were the Salem Witch Trials*** by Joan Hulob

Something wicked was brewing in the small town of Salem, Massachusetts in 1692. Also in this series: *What Were the Twin Towers?*, *What Was D-Day?* *What Was Hurricane Katrina* and many more by various authors

● ***Forget-Me-Nots: Poems to Learn by Heart*** by Mary Ann Hoberman

● ***Extreme Scientists: Exploring Nature's Mysteries from Perilous Places*** by Donna Jackson

Welcome to the work—and worlds—of extreme scientists. From hurricanes to caves to the crowns of towering redwoods, these scientists battle some of the earth's most intense conditions in order to save lives, preserve species, and help us to better understand the way our planet works. (amazon.com)

● ***Journey into the Deep: Discovering New Ocean Creatures*** by Rebecca L. Johnson

This heavily illustrated title contains a wealth of information about the fascinating science of ocean life (*Booklist*)

● ***Miracle: the True Story of the Wreck of the Sea Venture*** by Gail Langer Karwoski

The flagship of a small fleet carrying colonists and supplies to the new Jamestown Colony in 1609, the *Sea Venture* is separated in a violent storm, and comes close to sinking before fetching up on Bermuda--islands then widely regarded as haunted.

● ***What's Inside?*** by Giles Laroche

This beautiful book presents interior and exterior views of 14 extraordinary structures, from King Tut's tomb and the Temple of Kukulcan to the Sydney Opera House and the Georgia Aquarium. (*SLJ*)

● ***John Muir: America's First Environmentalist*** by Katherine Lasky
Paints a vivid portrait of the life of John Muir, a writer, a scholar, an inventor, a shepherd, a farmer, an explorer, and a naturalist. *Candlewick Biographies*, Also in the series: *One Beetler Too Many: The Extraordinary Adventures of Charles Darwin* and *A Voice of Her Own: The Story of Phyllis Wheatley Slave Poet*

● ***The Case of the Vanishing Brown Bat: A Scientific Mystery*** by Sandra Markle

In recent years, large populations of little brown bats have been dying off each winter.

Also in this series: *The Case of the Vanishing Honey Bees*, and *The Case of the Vanishing Golden Frogs*

● ***Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans*** by Patricia McKissack

Provocative and powerful, this book offers a much-needed perspective for individuals of all ages seeking to understand America's past and present. (*SLJ*)

● ***Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's Strangest Parrot*** (*Scientists in the Field Series*) by Sy Montgomery

Take a parrot. Color it green. Give it soft, fluffy feathers, and whiskers. Give it

sumo proportions and take away its power of flight. Make it nocturnal, and have it nest underground. Aha! A kakapo! Also in this series: *Hive Detectives: Chronicles of a Honey Bee Catastrophe*, *Elephant Scientist*, *Saving the Ghost of the Mountain: An Expedition Among Snow Leopards in Mongolia* and *Great White Shark Scientist*

● ***Nurse, Soldier, Spy: The Story of Sarah Edmonds, a Civil War Hero*** by Marissa Moss

The true story of Sarah Emma Edmonds, who at age nineteen disguised herself as a man in order to fight in the Civil War.

● ***Truce: The Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting*** by Jim Murphy

Two-time Newbery Honor Book author Jim Murphy writes a stunning nonfiction masterpiece about a Christmas miracle on the Western Front during World War I. Also by this author: *Blizzard the Storm that Changed America*, and *A Savage Thunder: Antietam and the Bloody Road to Freedom*

● ***Treasury of Greek Mythology: Classic Stories of Gods, Goddesses, Heroes & Monsters*** by Donna Jo Napoli

● ***We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*** by Kadir Nelson

● ***Black Elk's Vision: a Lakota Story*** by S. D. Nelson

S. D. Nelson tells the story of Black Elk through the medicine man's voice, bringing to life what it was like to be Native American in the mid-to-late nineteenth century and early twentieth century. Also by this author: *Buffalo Bird Girl* and *Sitting Bull*

● ***Sea Otter Heroes: The Predators that Saved an Ecosystem*** by Jennifer Newman

Marine biologist Brent Hughes discovered a surprising connection between sea otters and sea grass at an estuary in northern California. Follow science in action as Hughes conducts the research that led to this major discovery.

● ***Martin Rising: A Requiem for a King*** by Andrea Davis Pinkney

An illustrated tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. celebrates his commitment to non-violent protest in support of civil rights. Also by this author: *The Red Pencil*

● ***Shadows that Rush Past: A Collection of Frightening Inuit Folktales*** by Rachel Qitsualik

This book introduces some of the scariest stories from Inuit mythology. Bringing to life four fearsome creatures; these Inuit tales are sure to captivate young readers, page after thrilling page.

● ***Lemonade and Other Poems Squeezed from a Single Word*** (Raczka)

An accessible, playful poetry collection.

- ***Into the Unknown: How Great Explorers Found Their Way by Land, Sea, and Air*** (Ross)

Open this dynamic book and discover how the greatest explorers in history — from Marco Polo to Neil Armstrong- plunged into the unknown and boldly pieced together the picture of the world we have today.

- ***Eruption: Volcanoes and the Science of Saving Lives*** (*Scientists in the Field* series) by Elizabeth Rusch

Young geology enthusiasts may not realize that there are so many volcanoes in the world, erupting constantly and posing threats to so many people, so the maps and personal narratives are eye-opening. The text is easy to understand but does not oversimplify the content, and the captions for the full-color photos give brief but valuable information about the images. (SLJ)

- ***Whydah: A Pirate Ship Feared, Wrecked and Found*** by Martin Sandler

Describes what happened when a slave ship that was captured by pirates in 1717, packed with plunder, was sunk by a brutal storm, and the expedition to locate the wreck and what was uncovered.

- ***21: The Story of Roberto Clemente*** by Wilfred Santiago

- ***Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Almost True Stories of Growing up Scieszka*** by Jon Scieszka

In this arch, glib, unapologetically shame-free outing, Scieszka, who grew up as the second of six sons, has written an autobiography about boys, for boys and anyone else interested in baseball, fire, and peeing on stuff. (*Booklist*)

- ***Buried Alive: How 33 Miners Survived 69 Days Under the Chilean Desert*** by Elaine Scott

- ***Nocturne: Creatures of the Night*** by Traer Scott

Whether fierce, cuddly, startling, mysterious, or some indefinable combination of all of the above, nocturnal animals never fail to fascinate.

- ***Ubiquitous*** by Joyce Sidman

This volume of beautifully illustrated poems investigates the natural world, from the single-celled bacteria and diatom to the ever-present ant and dandelion.

(SLJ) Also by this author: *Butterfly Eyes and Other Secrets of the Meadow*, and *Red Sings from the Treetops*

- ***More True Lies: 18 Tales for You to Judge*** by George Shannon

- ***The Girl Who Drew Butterflies*** by Joyce Sidman

Newbery-Honor winning author Joyce Sidman explores the extraordinary life and scientific discoveries of Maria Merian, who discovered the truth about metamorphosis and documented the science behind the mystery in this visual biography that features many original paintings by Maria herself.

● ***Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream*** by Tanya Lee Stone

Nearly 20 years before the U.S. officially admitted women into the astronaut program, 13 women, known as the Mercury 13, fought for the right to soar into space.

● ***Some Writer: The Story of E. B. White*** by Melissa Sweet

In this stunning, first-ever fully-illustrated biography of legendary author E.B. White, Sibert medalist and Caldecott Honor winner Melissa Sweet uses White's letters, photos, and mementos, as well as her original collaged art, to tell the true story of one of the most beloved authors of all time.

● ***Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon*** by Catherine Thimmesh

This beautiful and well-documented tribute will introduce a new generation to that triumphant time. (*Kirkus*)

● ***Thomas Jefferson Grows a Nation*** by Peggy Thomas

Thomas Jefferson was more than a president and patriot. He was also a planter and gardener who loved to watch things grow—everything from plants and crops to even his brand-new nation.

● ***Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras*** by Duncan Tonatiuh

Presents the life of the Mexican artist, who became famous for his drawings of skeletons in multiple everyday poses which have become identified with the Mexican Day of the Dead.

● ***Crow Smarts: Inside the Brain of the World's Brightest Bird*** by Pamela Turner

Follow crows in aviaries and in the wild while answering many thought-provoking questions like: "Can a crow outsmart a scientist?" Remarkably engaging narrative nonfiction coupled with beautiful photographs, this is a trip you won't regret booking!

Graphic Novels

- ***El Deafo*** by Cece Bell

Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers!

- ***Be Prepared*** by Vera Brosgol

Her friends live in fancy houses and their parents can afford to send them to the best summer camps, but Vera's single mother can't afford that sort of luxury. There's only one summer camp in her price range—Russian summer camp. Nothing could prepare her for all the "cool girl" drama, endless Russian history lessons, and outhouses straight out of nightmares!

- ***Awkward*** by Svetlana Chmakova

After shunning Jaime, the school nerd, on her first day at a new middle school, Penelope Torres tries to blend in with her new friends in the art club, until the art club goes to war with the science club, of which Jaime is a member. Also by this author: *Brave* and *Crush*

- ***Tower of Treasure (Three Thieves)*** by Scott Chandler

Fourteen-year-old orphaned acrobat Dessa, who is searching for her long-lost twin brother, reluctantly agrees to help Topper, the juggler of the circus she works for, and Fisk, the strongman, rob the royal treasury.

- ***Sharks: Nature's Perfect Hunters*** (Science Comics) by Joe Flood

For over 400 million years, sharks have been the ocean's top predator! They're vital to our ecosystem, but their importance is often overshadowed by our own fear—even though they hardly ever threaten humans. Also in the series (by various authors): *Volcanoes*, *Plagues*, *Dogs*, *Bats* and *Dinosaurs*

- ***Big, Bad Ironclad*** (Hazardous Tales of Nathan Hale) by Nathan Hale

Revolutionary War spy, Nathan Hale, tells a hangman and British officer about the ironclad steam warships used in the Civil War.

- ***Zita the Space Girl: Far from Home*** by Ben Hatke

When young Zita discovers a device that opens a portal to another place, and her best friend is abducted, she is compelled to set out on a strange journey from star to star in order to get back home

- ***Mighty Jack*** by Ben Hatke

Prompted by his sister, Jack trades his mom's car for a box of mysterious seeds, but soon their normal garden turns into a wild jungle filled with magical creatures and, one night, changes into a dragon.

- ***Sunny Side Up*** by Jennifer Holm

Sunny Lewin is sent to live with her grandfather for the summer in Florida, where she befriends Buzz, a boy completely obsessed with comic books, and faces the secret behind why she is in Florida in the first place.

- ***All's Faire In Middle School*** by Victoria Jamieson

Homeschooled by Renaissance Fair enthusiasts, eleven-year-old Imogene has a hard time fitting in when her wish to enroll in public school is granted. Also by this author: *Roller Girl*

- ***The Stonekeeper*** (*Amulet* series) by Kazu Kibuishi

Graphic novel star Kazu Kibuishi creates a world of terrible, man-eating demons, a mechanical rabbit, a talking fox, a giant robot---and two ordinary children on a mission.

- ***Chi's Sweet Home*** by Kanata Konami

Follows the adventures of Chi, a mischievous kitten who is adopted by Yohei and his family, the Yamadas, even though their lease explicitly states pets are not allowed in their building.

- ***The Witch Boy*** by Molly Ostertag

In thirteen-year-old Aster's family, all the girls are raised to be witches, while boys grow up to be shapeshifters. Anyone who dares cross those lines is exiled. Unfortunately for Aster, he still hasn't shifted . . . and he's still fascinated by witchery, no matter how forbidden it might be. When a mysterious danger threatens the other boys, Aster knows he can help -- as a witch.

- ***Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman*** by Marc Tyler Nobleman

Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, two high school misfits in Depression-era Cleveland, were more like Clark Kent--meek, mild, and myopic--than his secret identity, Superman. Both boys escaped into the worlds of science fiction and pulp magazine adventure tales. Jerry wrote his own original stories and Joe illustrated them. In 1934, the summer they graduated from high school, they created a superhero who was everything they were not.

- ***Phoebe and her Unicorn*** by Dana Simpson

When Phoebe meets a unicorn named Marigold who grants her one wish, Phoebe wishes Marigold would become her best friend, and the two set off on adventures big and small.

- ***Out from Boneville*** (*Bone* series) by Jeff Smith

BONE is the incredible comic book saga of the unwitting hero who must save an idyllic valley from the forces of evil.

- ***Lost & Found*** by Shaun Tan

Three stories explore how we lose and find what matters most to us, as a girl finds a bright spot in a dark world, a boy leads a strange, lost being home, and a group of peaceful creatures loses its home to cruel invaders.

- ***Ghosts*** by Raina Telgemeier

Catrina and her family have moved to the coast of Northern California for the sake of her little sister, Maya, who has cystic fibrosis--and Cat is even less happy about the move when she is told that her new home is haunted, and Maya sets her heart on meeting a ghost. (also by this author: *Drama, Sisters,* and *Smile*)

- ***Robot Dreams*** by Sara Varon

The enduring friendship between a dog and a robot is portrayed in this wordless graphic novel.

- ***Frazzled: Everyday Disasters and Impending Doom*** by Booki Vivat

Nervous about middle school because her family does not get her and her friends know exactly what they want to do, Abbie Wu searches for her own passion before discovering a knack for leadership when injustices in the cafeteria come to light.

- ***Fish Girl*** by David Wiesner

Fish Girl, a young mermaid living in a boardwalk aquarium, has never interacted with anyone beyond the walls of her tank until a chance encounter with an ordinary girl, Livia. Their growing friendship inspires Fish Girl's longing for freedom, independence, and a life beyond the aquarium tank.

- ***The Secret Coders*** by Gene Luen Yang

Attending an elite school where enterprising students are challenged to solve a variety of clues and puzzles using computer programming, Hopper and her friend, Eni, resolve to crack the school founder's most elusive mystery together.

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- ALSC Tween List:
http://www.ala.org/alsc/sites/ala.org.alsc/files/content/Tween13_RecReadsList.pdf
- ALSC Summer Reading List:
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/2017-summer-reading-list>
- ALSC Summer Reading List:
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/2018-summer-reading-list>
- ALSC 2019 Notable Children's Books:
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>
- Hoopla: Digital Books, audio books, movies and more (available through clpgh.org) <https://www.hoopladigital.com/>

CDS Suggested Summer Reading 5th Grade

Realistic Fiction

- ***The Strange Case of the Origami Yoda*** (*Origami Yoda* series) by Tom Angleberger
- ***The Terrible Two*** (*Terrible Two* series) by Mac Barnett and Jory John
- ***Gertie's Leap to Greatness*** by Kate Beasley
- ***Summer of Lost and Found*** by Rebecca Behrens
- ***The Thing About Jellyfish*** by Ali Benjamin
- ***The Penderwicks: a Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy*** by Jeanne Birdsall (*Penderwick* series)
- ***Ana Maria Reyes Does Not Live in a Castle*** by Hilda Eunice Burgos
- ***The Losers Club*** by Andrew Clements
- ***Moo*** by Sharon Creech

Also by this author: *Hate that Cat, Love that Dog* and *Walk Two Moons*

- ***Raymie Nightingale*** by **Kate DiCamillo**

Also by this author: *Because of Winn Dixie, The Flora & Ulysses: the Illuminated Adventures, The Magician's Elephant, and The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*

- ***Maximilian & the Mystery of the Guardian Angel: A Bilingual Lucha Libre Thriller*** by Xavier Garza

- ***George*** by Alex Gino
- ***Lost in the Sun*** by Lisa Graff Also by this author: *Absolutely Almost, The Great Treehouse War, and Umbrella Summer*
- ***The Princess and the Foal*** by Stacy Gregg
- ***Ida B.*** by Katherine Hannigan Also by this author: *True, Sort of*
- ***Far North*** by Will Hobbs Also by this author: *The Maze*
- ***Fish in a Tree*** by Lynda Hunt Also by this author: *One for the Murphys*
- ***Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer*** by Kelly Jones
- ***Amina's Voice*** by Hena Khan
- ***Hello Universe*** by Erin Entrada Kelly Also by this author: *You Go First, and The Land of Forgotten Girls*
- ***Diary of a Wimpy Kid*** by Jeff Kinney
- ***Swindle*** (series) by Gordon Korman Also by this author: *Restart, Ungifted, Schooled, Island Trilogy, Titanic Trilogy and Everest Trilogy*
- ***Step Up to the Plate Maria Singh*** by Uma Krishnaswami

- **Rules** by Cynthia Lord

Also by this author: *Touch Blue, A Handful of Stars* and *Half a Chance*

- **Hot Hand** by Mike Lupica (*Comeback Kids* series) Also by this author: *Lone Star, Point Guard, Fast Break*

- **Best Friend Next Door** by Carolyn Mackler

- **The Season of Styx Malone** by Kekla Magoon

- **The Unforgettable Genevere St. Clair** by Amy Makechnie

- **Rain Reign** by Ann. M. Martin

Also by this author: *Doll People* series

- **A Mango Shaped Space** by Wendy Mass

- **Merci Suarez Changes Gears** by Meg Medina

- **Plunked** by Michael Northrop

- **I Funny: A Middle School Story** by James Patterson

- **The Best Man** by Richard Peck

- **Summer of the Gypsy Moths** by Sarah Pennypacker

- **First Rule of Punk** by Celia Perez

- **Ghost** (*Defenders Track Team* series) by Jason Reynolds

- **Ninth Ward** by Jewell Parker Rhodes

- **Safe at Home** by Sharon Robinson

- **The Explorer** by Katherine Rundell

- **Tales from a Not- So- Fabulous Life** (*Dork Diaries*) by Rene Russell

- **Amal Unbound** by Aisha Saeed

- **Guys Read: Funny Business** edited by Jon Scieszka

- **Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree** by Lauren Tarshis

- **Hound Dog True** by Linda Urban

Also by this author: *Milo Speck: Accidental Agent* and *A Crooked Kind of Perfect*

- **Save Me a Seat** by Sarah Weeks

Also by this author: *Pie, Honey* and *Oggie Cooder*

- **Harbor Me** by Jacqueline Woodson Also by this author: *Brown Girl Dreaming*

Mystery

- **Small Spaces** by Katherine Arden

- **The Case of the Case of the mistaken Identity** (*Brixton Brothers* series) by Mac Barnett

- **The Hundred- Year- Old Secret** (*Sherlock Files* series) by Tracy Barrett

- ***The Name of this Book is Secret*** (*Secret* series) (Bosch)

- ***Shakespeare's Secret*** by Elise Broach

Also by this author: *Masterpiece* and *Superstition Mountain Mysteries*

- ***The Book Scavenger*** by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

- ***The Ghost of Fossil Glen*** by Cynthia DeFelice

Also by this author: *Fort*, *Wildlife*, and *Signal*

- ***Space Case*** by Stuart Gibbs

Also by this author: *Fun Jungle Mysteries*, *The Last Musketeer* and *Spy School*

- ***Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*** by Chris Grabenstein

- ***Squirm*** by Carl Hiaasen

Also by this author: *Chomp*, *Scat* and *Flush*

- ***The Parker Inheritance*** by Varian Johnson

- ***The Ghost's Grave*** by Peg Kehret

Also by this author: *The Stranger Next Door*

- ***A Snicker of Magic*** by Natalie Lloyd

Also by this author: *The Problem Children* and *The Key to Extraordinary*

- ***Howard Wallace P. I. series*** by Casey Lyall

- ***Capture the Flag*** by Kate Messner

Also by this author: *All the Answers* and *The Seventh Wish*

- ***The Maze of Bones*** (*The 39 Clues*) by Rick Riordan (and many other authors)

- ***Smells Like Dog*** by Suzanne Selfors

- ***The Case of the Time Capsule Bandit*** (*Ninja Detective* series) by Octavia Spencer

- ***When You Reach Me*** by Rebecca Stead

Also by this author: *Goodbye Stranger* and *Liar and Spy*

- ***Murder Is Bad Manners*** (*A Wells and Wong Mystery*) by Robin Stevens

- ***The Mysterious Benedict Society*** (series) by Trenton Lee Stewart

Also by this author: *The Secret Keepers*

- ***The Screaming Staircase*** (*Lockwood & Company*) by Jonathan Stroud

- ***Three Times Lucky*** (*Tupelo Landing* series) by Sheila Turnage

- ***Pie*** by Sarah Weeks

Also by this author: *Honey*

Historical Fiction

- ***The Many Reflections of Miss Jane Deming*** by J. Anderson Coats

● **Crow Girl** (*The Children of Crow Cove* series) by Bodil Bredsdorff

● **The Watsons Go to Birmingham** by Christopher Paul Curtis

Also by this author: *Elijah of Buxton* and *Bud, Not Buddy*

● **The Game of Silence** (*The Birchbark House* series) by Louise Erdrich

● **The Great Brain** by John D. Fitzgerald (series)

● **The Wonder of Charlie Anne** by Kimberly Newton Fusco

● **The Inquisitor's Tale, Or, the Three Magical Children and their Holy Dog** by Adam Gidwitz

Also by this author: *A Tale Dark and Grimm*

● **Roberto & Me: a Baseball Card Adventure** by Dan Gutman (*Baseball Card Adventures* series)

Also by this author: *The Million Dollar* series

● **Bo at Ballard Creek** by Kirkpatrick Hill

● **The Night Diary** by Veera Hiranandani

● **Turtle in Paradise** by Jennifer Holm

Also by this author: *The Fourteenth Goldfish*, *Full of Beans* and *Our Only May Amelia*

● **The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate** by Jacqueline Kelly

● **Inside Out and Back Again** by Thanhha Lai

● **In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse** by Joseph Marshall

● **Never Forgotten** by Patricia McKissack

● **An Eagle in the Snow** by Michael Morpurgo

Also by this author: *War Horse*

● **The Book of Boy** by Catherine Murdock

● **When Mischievous Came to Town** by Katrina Nannestad

● **A Long Way from Chicago** by Richard Peck

Also by this author: *A Year Down Yonder* and *A Season of Gifts*

● **The First Test** (*Protector of the Small* series) by Tamora Pierce

Also by this author: *Wild Magic* and *Alanna the First Adventure*

● **Finding Langston** by Lisa Cline Ransom

● **Wolf Wilder** by Katherine Rundell

Also by this author: *Rooftoppers*

● **Echo** by Pam Munoz Ryan

Also by this author: *Riding Freedom* and *Esperanza Rising*

● **Making Friends with Billy Wong** by Augusta Scattergood

● **The Marvels** by Brian Selznick

Also by this author: *Wonderstruck* and *Hugo Cabret*

- ***I Survived the Shark Attacks of 1916*** (*I Survived* series) by Lauren Tarshis

Also in this series: *I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic*, *I Survived the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906*, *The Shark Attacks of 1916*, *The Bombing of Pearl Harbor 1941* and *The Japanese Tsunami 2011*

- ***Beyond the Bright Sea*** by Lauren Wolk Also by this author: *Wolf Hollow*

Fantasy

- ***The One and Only Ivan*** by Katherine Applegate

- ***The Last*** (Endling series) by Katherine Applegate

Also by this author: *Crenshaw*, *The One and Only Ivan*

- ***The Night Gardener*** by Jonathan Auxier

Also by this author: *Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes* and *Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster*

- ***Crispin and the Cross of Lead*** (Avi)

Also by this author: *The Secret School*, *Seer of Shadows*, and *The Fighting Ground*

- ***The Girl Who Drank the Moon*** by Kelly Regan Barnhill

Also by this author: *The Witch's Boy*

- ***Miss Ellicott's School for the Magically Minded*** by Sage Blackwood

Also by this author: *Jinx*

- ***Better You Than Me*** by Adrien Brody

- ***The Wild Robot*** by Peter Brown

- ***Aru Shah and the End of Time*** by Rashani Chokshi

- ***Gregor the Overlander*** by Suzanne Collins (*Underland Chronicles*)

- ***Powerless*** by Matthew Cody

- ***How to Train Your Dragon*** (series) by Cressida Cowell

- ***The Serpent's Secret*** Sayantani DasGupta

- ***The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, a Spool of Thread and Some Soup*** by Kate DiCamillo

Also by this author: *The Magician's Elephant* and *Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventure*

- ***The Field Guide*** (*Spiderwick Chronicles*) by Tony Diterlizzi

- ***The City of Ember*** by Jean Duprau (*Books of Ember* series)

- ***Last Day On Mars*** by Kevin Emerson

● ***The Ruins of Gorlan*** by John Flanagan (*Ranger's Apprentice* series)

● ***Dragon Rider*** by Cornelia Funke

Also by this author: *Inkheart* series

● ***Odd and the Frost Giant*** by Neil Gaiman

Also by this author: *The Graveyard Book* and *Coraline*

● ***Tuesdays at the Castle*** by Jessica Day George

● ***Among the Hidden*** by Margaret Peterson Haddix (*Shadow Children* series)

● ***Wait till Helen Comes: a Ghost Story*** by Mary Downing Hahn

Also by this author: *The Old Willis Place*, *All the Lovely Bad Ones* and *Closed for the Season*

● ***The Princess Academy*** by Shannon Hale

● ***Into the Wild*** (*The Warriors* series) by Erin Hunter

Also by this author: *Seekers* series, *Survivors* and *Bravelands*

● ***Which Witch?*** By Eva Ibbotson

Also by this author: *The Beasts of Clawstone Castle* and *The Secret of PLatform*

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● ***Return to the Willows*** by Jacqueline Kelly

● ***The Tail of Emily Windsnap*** by Liz Kessler (series)

● ***Dying to Meet You*** (*43 Old Cemetery Road* series) by Kate Klise

● ***The Capture*** (*Guardian of Ga'Hoole* series) Kathryn Lasky

● ***Savvy*** by Ingrid Law

● ***Ella Enchanted*** by Gail Carson Levine

● ***Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*** by Grace Lin

Also by this author: *The Year of the Dog*, *Starry River of the Sky* and *When the Sea Turned to Silver*

● ***The Willoughbys*** by Lois Lowry

Also by this author: *The Birthday Ball* and *Number the Stars*

● ***The Doll People*** (*The Doll People* series) Ann M. Martin

● ***11 Birthdays*** (*Willow Falls* series) by Wendy Mass

Also by this author: *Twice Upon a Time* series, *A Mango Shaped Space*, *Bob*, and *Every Soul a Star*

● ***The Unwanteds*** by Lisa McMann

● ***Upside Down Magic*** (series) by Sarah Mlynoski

● ***Fairest of All*** (*Whatever After* series) by Sarah Mlynoski

● ***The Boundless*** by Kenneth Oppel

Also by this author: *The Silverwing Saga*

- ***Forest of Wonder (Wing & Claw)*** by Linda Sue Park
- ***Wolf Brother*** by Michelle Paver (*Chronicles of Ancient Darkness* series)
- ***Mysterious Woods of Whistle Root*** (Pennell)
- ***Nick and Tesla's High-voltage Danger Lab: a Mystery with Electromagnets, Burglar Alarms, and Other Gadgets You Can Build Yourself*** by Bob Pflugfelder
- ***The Lightning Thief*** (*Percy Jackson* series) by Rick Riordan
Also by this author: *The Trials of Apollo* series, *Magnus Chase* series, and *The Heroes of Olympus*
- ***Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*** by J. K. Rowling
- ***The Blackthorn Key*** by Kevin Sands
- ***The Bad Beginning*** (*A Series of Unfortunate Events* series) by Lemony Snicket
- ***The Dragonet Prophecy*** (*Wings of Fire* series) by Tui Sutherland
- ***Clover Twig and the Magical Cottage*** by Kaye Umansky
- ***The Real Boy*** by Anne Ursu
- ***The Mysterious Howling*** (*The Incurable Children of Ashton Place* series) by Maryrose Wood
- ***Dealing with Dragons*** (*Enchanted Forest Chronicles*) by Patricia Wrede

Classics

- ***The Secret Garden*** by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- ***My Side of the Mountain*** by Jean Craighead George
- ***Old Yeller*** by Fred Gipson
- ***A Wrinkle in Time*** by Madeleine L'Engle
- ***The Magician's Nephew*** (*Chronicles of Narnia*) by C. S. Lewis
- ***Owls in the Family*** by Farley Mowat
- ***Mrs. Frisbee and the Rats of Nimh*** by Robert O'Brein
- ***Island of the Blue Dolphins*** by Scott O'Dell
- ***Bridge to Terabithia*** by Katherine Paterson
- Also by this author: *The Great Gilly Hopkins*
- ***Where the Red Fern Grows*** by Wilson Rawls
- ***The Cricket in Times Square*** by George Selden
- ***Black Beauty*** by Anna Sewell
- ***The Trumpet of the Swan*** by E. B. White

Non-fiction

- ***Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets*** by Kwame Alexander
- ***Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance*** by Jennifer Armstrong
- ***What Do You Do with a Voice Like That? The Story of Extraordinary Congresswoman Barbara Jordan*** by Chris Barton
Also by this author: *Slither and Crawl* and *Creep and Thunder*
- ***Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the Front Lines of the Civil Rights Movement*** by Ann Bausum
- ***Life on Surtsey: Iceland's Upstart Island*** by Loree Griffin Burns
- ***Jason and the Argonauts*** by Robert Byrd
- ***Electric Ben: The Amazing Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin*** by Robert Byrd
- ***Catch the Wind, Harvest the Sun*** by Michael Caduto
- ***Red Bird Sings: the Story of Zitkala-Ša, Native American Author, Activist and Musician*** by Gina Capaldi
- ***A Black Hole Is Not a Hole*** by Carolyn Cinami DeCristofano
- **DK Biographies** (Amelia Earhart, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Joan of Arc, Harry Houdini, Thomas Edison, etc...)
- ***12 Things You Should Know about Climate Change*** by Rebecca Felix
Other books in this series: *12 Things You Should Know about Invasive Species*, *12 Things You Should Know about Space Exploration*, *12 Things You Should Know about Wild Weather*, *12 Things You Should Know about Political Parties*
- ***Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart*** by Candace Fleming
- ***Sharks: Nature's Perfect Hunters*** (Science Comics) by Joe Flood
Also in the series (by various authors): *Volcanoes*, *Plagues*, *Dogs*, *Bats* and *Dinosaurs*
- ***Lafayette and the American Revolution*** by Russell Freedman
- ***The Voice That Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights*** by Russell Freedman
- ***Chimpanzees I Love: Saving Their World and Ours*** by Jane Goodall
- ***First Flight Around the World: Adventures of the American Flyers Who Won the Race*** by Tim Grove
- ***I'm Just No Good at Rhyming and Other Nonsense for Mischievous***

Kids and Immature Grown-ups by Chris Harris

- ***What Were the Salem Witch Trials*** by Joan Hulob

Also in this series: *What Were the Twin Towers?*, *What Was D-Day?* *What Was Hurricane Katrina* and many more by various authors

- ***Forget-Me-Nots: Poems to Learn*** by Heart by Mary Ann Hoberman
- ***Extreme Scientists: Exploring Nature's Mysteries from Perilous Places*** by Donna Jackson

- ***Journey into the Deep: Discovering New Ocean Creatures*** by Rebecca L. Johnson

- ***Miracle: the True Story of the Wreck of the Sea Venture*** by Gail Langer Karwoski

- ***What's Inside?*** by Giles Laroche

- ***John Muir: America's First Environmentalist*** by Katherine Lasky
Series: Candlewick biographies Also in the series: *One Beetle Too Many: The Extraordinary Adventures of Charles Darwin* and *A Voice of Her Own: The Story of Phyllis Wheatley Slave Poet*

- ***The Case of the Vanishing Brown Bat: A Scientific Mystery*** by Sandra Markle

Also in this series: *The Case of the Vanishing Honey Bees*, *Snowy Owl Invasion*, and *The Case of the Vanishing Golden Frogs*

- ***Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans*** by Patricia McKissack

- ***Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's Strangest Parrot*** (*Scientists in the Field* Series) by Sy Montgomery

Also in this series: *Hive Detectives: Chronicles of a Honey Bee Catastrophe*, *Elephant Scientist*, *Saving the Ghost of the Mountain: An Expedition Among Snow Leopards in Mongolia* and *Great White Shark Scientist*

- ***Nurse, Soldier, Spy: The Story of Sarah Edmonds, a Civil War Hero*** by Marissa Moss

- ***Truce: The Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting*** by Jim Murphy

Also by this author: *Blizzard the Storm that Changed America*, and *A Savage Thunder: Antietam and the Bloody Road to Freedom*

- ***Treasury of Greek Mythology: Classic Stories of Gods, Goddesses, Heroes & Monsters*** by Donna Jo Napoli

- ***We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*** by Kadir Nelson

- ***Black Elk's Vision: a Lakota Story*** by S. D. Nelson
Also by this author: *Buffalo Bird Girl* and *Sitting Bull*
- ***Sea Otter Heroes: The Predators that Saved an Ecosystem*** by Jennifer Newman
- ***Martin Rising: A Requiem for a King*** by Andrea Davis Pinkney
Also by this author: *The Red Pencil*
- ***Shadows that Rush Past: A Collection of Frightening Inuit Folktales*** by Rachel Qitsualik
- ***Lemonade and Other Poems Squeezed from a Single Word*** (Raczka)
- ***Into the Unknown: How Great Explorers Found Their Way by Land, Sea, and Air*** (Ross)
- ***Eruption: Volcanoes and the Science of Saving Lives*** (*Scientists in the Field* series) by Elizabeth Rusch
- ***Whydah: A Pirate Ship Feared, Wrecked and Found*** by Martin Sandler
- ***21: The Story of Roberto Clemente*** by Wilfred Santiago
- ***Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Almost True Stories of Growing up Scieszka*** by Jon Scieszka
- ***Buried Alive: How 33 Miners Survived 69 Days Under the Chilean Desert*** by Elaine Scott
- ***Nocturne: Creatures of the Night*** by Traer Scott
- ***Ubiquitous*** by Joyce Sidman
Also by this author: *Butterfly Eyes and Other Secrets of the Meadow*, and *Red Sings from the Treetops*
- ***The Girl Who Drew Butterflies*** by Joyce Sidman
- ***Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream*** by Tanya Lee Stone
- ***Some Writer: The Story of E. B. White*** by Melissa Sweet
- ***Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon*** by Catherine Thimmesh
- ***Thomas Jefferson Grows a Nation*** by Peggy Thomas
- ***Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras*** by Duncan Tonatiuh
- ***Crow Smarts: Inside the Brain of the World's Brightest Bird*** by Pamela Turner

Graphic Novels

- ***El Deafo*** by Cece Bell
- ***Awkward*** by Svetlana Chmakova

Also by this author: *Brave*

- ***Be Prepared*** by Vera Brosgol
- ***Tower of Treasure (Three Thieves)*** by Scott Chandler
- ***Big, Bad Ironclad*** (Hazardous Tales of Nathan Hale) by Nathan Hale
- ***Zita the Space Girl: Far from Home*** by Ben Hatke
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- ALSC Summer Reading List:

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/2018-summer-reading-list>

- ALSC 2019 Notable Children's Books:

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>

- Hoopla: Digital Books, audio books, movies and more (available through clpgh.org) <https://www.hoopladigital.com/>