Below is the REQUIRED reading title for each grade level. Following is the Recommended Summer Reading List. Selections include recommendations from teachers, librarians, and students. There are recent award winners as well as classics. Most titles are available in paperback, and many can be found at the Winchester Public Library, at Book Ends, or at your favorite online source.

There are a multitude of excellent young adult books - too numerous to list. The McCall list is a small subset of all the possible choices. If your child is not intrigued by any titles on the McCall Recommended Summer Reading List, please seek the assistance of your favorite librarian or book seller.

REQUIRED READING

Grade 6: *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate. In addition, students are expected to read at least two other books over the summer.

Grade 7: Select one title from the following: *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio or *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper. In addition, students are expected to read at least two other books over the summer.

Grade 8: *Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko. In addition, students are expected to read at least two other books over the summer.

**A Message From the Winchester Public Library**

Dear Middle School students,

Many of you may have participated in the Winchester Public Library Summer Reading Program in the past. This summer you have the opportunity to do so as a middle school student. Independent and computer based, your program allows you to record titles you read, comment on them and complete online challenges! For every two books you enter online, you will automatically be enrolled in a raffle. The grand prize is a $200 Dick’s Sporting Goods gift card. Other prizes include a gift cards to BookEnds, Scoopalooza, and Joe’s Main St. Pizza. Sign-up begins on June 22nd. The more you read, the more chances you will have to win!

To enter you will go to the following web address: [winpublib.org/teensummerreading](http://winpublib.org/teensummerreading)

After you complete your first online challenge, come to the Library reference desk to pick up a prize. Raffle winners will be notified in August.

Check out our new website for more information. [http://www.winpublib.org/children-and-teens/teen-resources](http://www.winpublib.org/children-and-teens/teen-resources)

We’re excited about this opportunity and look forward to sharing with you. Happy reading and sharing.

The Winchester Public Library.

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**Recommended Summer Reading List**

**AWARD WINNERS**

Agosin, Marjorie. *I Lived on Butterfly Hill* (Pura Belpré Award 2015) When her beloved country, Chile, is taken over by a militaristic, sadistic government, Celeste is sent to America for her safety and her parents must go into hiding before they "disappear."


Appelt, Kathi. *The Underneath*. (Newbery Honor 2009) An old hound that has been chained up at his hateful owner’s run-down shack, and two kittens born underneath the house, endure separation, danger, and many other tribulations in their quest to be reunited and free.

Applegate, Kate. *The One and Only Ivan*. (Newbery Winner 2013) 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.


Baskin, Nora Raleigh. *Anything But Typical*. Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. *The War That Saved My Life*. (Newbery Honor 2016) A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.


Choldenko, Gennifer. *Al Capone Does my Shirts*. (Newbery Honor 2005). A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

DiCamillo, Kate. *Tale of Despereaux* (Newbery Winner 2003). This is the story of 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.

DiCamillo, Kate. *Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures* (Newbery Winner 2014) Rescuing a squirrel after an accident involving a vacuum cleaner, comic-reading cynic Flora Belle Buckman is astonished when the squirrel, Ulysses, demonstrates astonishing powers of strength and flight after being revived.

Gaiman, Neil. *The Graveyard Book*. (Newbery Winner 2009) After the grisly murder of his entire family, a toddler wanders into a graveyard where the ghosts and other supernatural residents agree to raise him as one of their own.

Gantos, Jack. *Dead End in Norvelt*. (Newbery Winner 2012). In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore involving the newly dead, molten wax, twisted promises, Girl Scout cookies, underage driving, lessons from history, typewriting, and countless bloody noses.

Holm, Jennifer L. *Turtle in Paradise*. (Newbery Honor 2011) 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.

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Kelly, Jacqueline. *The Evolution of Capurnia Tate*. (Newbery Honor 2010) In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate learns about love from the older three of her six brothers and studies the natural world with her grandfather which leads to an important discovery.


Larson, Kirby. *Hattie Big Sky*. (Newbery Honor 2007). After inheriting her uncle’s homesteading claim in Montana, sixteen-year-old orphan Hattie Brooks travels from Iowa in 1917 to make a home for herself and encounters some unexpected problems related to the war being fought in Europe.

Law, Ingrid. *Savvy*. (Newbery Honor 2009). Recounts 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.

Lin, Grace. *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*. (Newbery Honor 2010). 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.

Philbrick, Rodman. *The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg*. (Newbery Honor 2010). Twelve-year-old Homer, a poor but clever orphan, has extraordinary adventures after running away from his evil uncle to rescue his brother, who has been sold into service in the Civil War.

Ryan, Pam Munoz. *Echo: A Novel* (Newbery Honor 2016). Lost in the Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and finds himself entwined in a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica--and decades later three children, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California find themselves caught up in the same thread of destiny in the darkest days of the twentieth century, struggling to keep their families intact, and tied together by the music of the same harmonica.

Schlitz, Laura Amy. *Splendors and Glooms*. (Newbery Honor 2013) When Clara vanishes after the puppeteer Grisini and two orphaned assistants were at her twelfth birthday party, suspicion of kidnapping chases the trio away from London and soon the two orphans are caught in a trap set by Grisini’s ancient rival, a witch with a deadly inheritance to shed before it is too late.

Schmidt, Gary D. *The Wednesday Wars*. (Newbery Honor 2008) During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker’s classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in.

Stead, Rebecca. *When You Reach Me*. (Newbery Winner 2010) As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1970s 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.

Timberlake, Amy. *One Came Home*. (Newbery Honor 2014) In 1871 Wisconsin, thirteen-year-old Georgia sets out to find her sister Agatha, presumed dead when remains are found wearing the dress she was last seen in, and before the end of the year gains fame as a sharpshooter and foil of counterfeiters.

Tolan, Stephanie. *Surviving the Applewhites* (Newbery Honor 2003). Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent for home schooling to the artsy and eccentric Applewhite family's Creative Academy, where he discovers talents and interests he never knew he had.

Turnage, Sheila. *Three Times Lucky*. (Newbery Honor 2013) 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 café and co-parent of Mo with his cook, Miss Lana, seems implicated in a murder.

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Vanderpool, Clare. *Moon Over Manifest*. (Newbery Winner 2011) 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.


**FANTASY**

Applegate, Katherine. *Crenshaw*. A story about a homeless boy and his imaginary friend that proves in unexpected ways that friends matter, whether real or imaginary.

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

Barron, T.A. *Merlin’s Dragon*. Basil, a small, flying lizard who is searching for others like himself, discovers that there is more to him than he knows, as he becomes engaged in Avalon’s great war between the evil Rhita Gawr and the forces of good.

Flanagan, John. *The Ruins of Gorlan*. When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger. Also, the other titles in the *Ranger’s Apprentice* Series and *The Brotherband Chronicles Series*.

Forester, Victoria. *The Girl who Could Fly*. When homeschooled farm girl Piper McCloud reveals her ability to fly, she is quickly taken to a secret government facility to be trained with other exceptional children, but she soon realizes that something is very wrong and begins working with brilliant and wealthy Conrad to escape. Also: *The Boy Who Knew Everything*.

Law, Ingrid. *Scumble*. Mibs’s cousin Ledge is disappointed to discover that his "savvy"--the magical power unique to each member of their family--is to make things fall apart, which endangers his uncle Autry’s ranch and reveals the family secret to future reporter Sarah. (Companion to *Savvy*).

Lin, Grace. *Starry River of the Sky*. An innkeeper’s chore boy discovers that a visitor’s stories hold the key to returning the moon to the Starry River of the Sky.

Lloyd, Natalie. *A Snicker of Magic*. 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: *The Key to Extraordinary*.

MacHale, D.J. *Pendragon* series: *Merchant of Death*, *The Lost City of Faar*, *The Never War*, and *Reality Bug*, etc.

Nielsen, Jennifer A. Series: *The Ascendance Trilogy*: Book 1, *The False Prince*. Reviews call this book, “an action packed adventure.” In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king’s long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.

Paolini, Christopher. *Eragon*. In Aagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters. (Sequels: *Eldest*, *Brisinger*, and *Inheritance*)

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Riordan, Rick. *The Lightning Thief*. After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods. (Also: All books in the Percy Jackson and the Olympians Set, *The Kane Chronicles*, *The Heroes of Olympus*, or *The Hidden Oracle*.)

Sands, Kevin. *The Blackthorn Key*. 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.

Scott, Michael. Series: Secrets of the immortal Nicholas Flamel *The Alchemyst*. While working at pleasant but mundane summer jobs in San Francisco, fifteen-year-old twins, Sophie and Josh, suddenly find themselves caught up in the deadly, centuries-old struggle between rival alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of an ancient and powerful book holding the secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life. (also *The Magician*, *The Sorceress*, *The Necromancer*, and *The Warlock*)

Stroud, Jonathan. *The Amulet of Samarkand* (Bartimaeus Trilogy, #1). Nathaniel, a magician's apprentice, summons up the djinni Bartimaeus and instructs him to steal the Amulet of Samarkand from the powerful magician Simon Lovelace (*The Golem's Eye* and *Ptolemy's Gate*). Also: *Lockwood & Co.* Series

**Graphic Novels**

*Brown, Don. *Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina & New Orleans*. On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina's monstrous winds and surging water overwhelmed the protective levees around low-lying New Orleans, Louisiana. Eighty percent of the city flooded, in some places under twenty feet of water. Property damages across the Gulf Coast topped $100 billion. One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three people lost their lives.

Higuchi, Daisuke. *Whistle! Break Through* (Vol. 1) Having transferred schools because he was too short for his school's soccer team, Sho is mistakenly taken for a star athlete and quits school to devote himself completely to training for his soccer career. (Also, other books in the series).

Jamieson, Victoria. *Roller Girl*. A girl discovers roller derby right as she and her best friend are growing apart.

Lee, Narae. James Patterson *Maximum Ride. Manga* Vol. 1 Max, Fang, and Nudge set out for Death Valley to save Angel, who has been kidnapped by a sinister scientist.

O'Connor, George. *Olympians. Aphrodite: Goddess of Love*. (Also, other books in series: Athena, Hares, Zeus, etc.) focuses on the goddess of love and recount her dramatic birth from the sea foam, her role in the Trojan War and more.

Pierce, Lincoln. *Big Nate in the Zone*. Nate's not having the best of luck . . . in fact; he's not having ANY luck. But with a little boost thanks to Chad's lucky foot, suddenly good luck is everywhere Nate turns! Nate's in the zone! (Also, other books in the series)

*Stevenson, Noelle*. *Nimona*. Nimona is an impulsive young shapeshifter with a knack for villainy. Lord Ballister Blackheart is a villain with a vendetta. As sidekick and supervillain, Nimona and Lord Blackheart are about to wreak some serious havoc. Their mission: prove to the kingdom that Sir Ambrosius Goldenloin and his buddies at the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics aren't the heroes everyone thinks they are. But as small acts of mischief escalate into a vicious battle, Lord Blackheart realizes that Nimona's powers are as murky and mysterious as her past. And her unpredictable wild side might be more dangerous than he is willing to admit.

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Stevenson, Noelle & Grace Ellis. **Lumberjanes: Vol. 1 Beware the Kitten Holy.** Friendship to the max! At Miss Quinzella Thistle Crumpet's camp for hardcore lady-types, things are not what they seem. Three-eyed foxes. Secret caves. Anagrams. Luckily, Jo, April, Mal, Molly and Ripley are five best pals determined to have an awesome summer together-- and they're not gonna let a magical quest or an array of supernatural critters get in their way!" (Also, others in series)

Tan, Shaun. **The Arrival.** A man leaves his homeland and sets off for a new country, where he must build a new life for himself and his family.

*Telgemeir., Raina. **Drama.** Callie rides an emotional roller coaster while serving on the stage crew for a middle school production of Moon over Mississippi as various relationships start and end, and others never quite get going.


Telgemeir., Raina. **Smile.** Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But one night after girl scouts she trips and falls, severely injuring her two front teeth. What follows is a long and frustrating journey with the on-again, off-again braces, surgery, embarrassing headgear, and even a retainer with fake teeth attached. And on top of all that, there's still more to deal with: a major earthquake, boy confusion, and friends that turn out to be not so friendly. Raina's story takes us from middle school to high school, where she discovers an artistic voice, finds out what true friendship really means and when she can finally smile.

Yang, Gene Yang. **American Born Chinese.** Alternates three interrelated stories about the problems of young Chinese Americans trying to participate in the popular culture.

Yang, Gene Yang. **The Shadow Hero.** In the comics boom of the 1940s, a legend was born: the Green Turtle. He solved crimes and fought injustice just like the other comics characters. But this mysterious masked crusader was hiding something—more than your run-of-the-mill secret identity: the Green Turtle was the first Asian American super hero.

Yolen, Jane. **Curses! Foiled Again.** Follows New York City high school fencer Aliera Carstairs's continuing adventures as the defender of the Seelie realm.

Yolen, Jane. **Foiled!** Aliera is a star at fencing, but at school no one notices her—until her new lab partner Avery begins flirting with her. Aliera's mother just bought her a foil from a garage sale, and it has a strange jewel attached to the hilt. Will Aliera's first date be ruined when magical creatures try to steal her foil?

**HISTORICAL FICTION**

Anderson, Laurie Halse. **Chains.** After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War. (Also: *Forge*)

Avi. **See You Later, Traitor.** In 1951, Pete Collison is a twelve-year-old kid who lives in Brooklyn, New York, But his life changes when his father is accused of being a Communist,

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

Duble, Kathleen Benner. **Phantoms in the Snow.** (The Phantoms were an actual skiing division during WWII whose actions impacted the war in Italy.) When Noah’s parents both die, he is sent to Camp Hale, Colorado to live with his uncle. Camp Hale is where the Phantoms train. Noah who has been raised as a pacifist and never seen snow finds himself on skis and fighting the enemy in Europe. Also, The Sacrifice or Quest.

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Hughes, Dean. **Soldier Boys.** Two boys, one German and one American, are eager to join their respective armies during WWII, but the realities of war come to a head when they cross paths at the Battle of Bulge.

Klages, Ellen. **The Green Glass Sea.** It is 1943, and 11-year-old Dewey Kerrigan is traveling west on a train to live with her scientist father--but no one will tell her exactly where he is. When she reaches Los Alamos, New Mexico, she learns why: he's working on a top secret government program. Sequel: *White Sands, Red Menace.*

Mone, Gregory. **Dangerous Waters: An Adventure on Titanic.** Determined to focus on work rather than books, as his father had, twelve-year-old Patrick Waters leaves Belfast as a steward on the Titanic, but the very wealthy Harry Widener arranges to tutor him, drawing Patrick into association with thieves seeking Harry's very rare edition of Francis Bacon's *Essays.*

Morpurgo, Michael. **An Elephant in the Garden.** Lizzie and Karl's mother, Mutti, working at a local zoo in Dresden, Germany, during World War II while their father is away fighting in France, brings home Marlene, a baby elephant that is slated to be destroyed as the Allied bombing grows closer, and when they are forced to flee, Mutti feels they must take Marlene with them, adding even more danger to their journey.

Pearsall, Shelley. **The Seventh Most Important Thing.** In 1963, thirteen-year-old Arthur is sentenced to community service helping the neighborhood Junk Man after he throws a brick at the old man's head in a moment of rage, but the junk he collects might be more important than he suspects.

Philbrick, Rodman. **The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg.** Twelve-year-old Homer, a poor but clever orphan, has extraordinary adventures after running away from his evil uncle to rescue his brother, who has been sold into service in the Civil War.

Pierpont, Eric. **The Secret Mission of William Tuck.** After seeing his brother murdered by the British, William leaves home to join the Patriot effort. While on a mission to deliver a secret message, William meets Rebecca, posing as a boy. Together they embark on a cross-colony journey through a secret network of Patriot spies that leads them on a quest to find General Washington himself.

Oppel, Kenneth. **The Boundless.** 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.

Preus, Margi. **Shadow on the Mountain.** In Nazi-occupied Norway, fourteen-year-old Espen joins the resistance movement, graduating from deliverer of illegal newspapers to courier and spy. Includes historical note, code-breaking activity, and instructions for making invisible ink.

Preus, Margi. **West of the Moon.** In nineteenth-century Norway, fourteen-year-old Astri, whose aunt has sold her to a mean goatherder, dreams of joining her father in America.

Schlitz, Laura Amy. **The Hired Girl.** Fourteen-year-old Joan Skraggs, just like the heroines in her beloved novels, yearns for real life and true love. But what hope is there for adventure, beauty, or art on a hardscrabble farm in Pennsylvania where the work never ends? Over the summer of 1911, Joan pours her heart out into her diary as she seeks a new, better life for herself--because maybe, just maybe, a hired girl cleaning and cooking for six dollars a week can become what a farm girl could only dream of--a woman with a future.

Sharenow, Robert. **The Girl in the Torch.** After her father is killed in a pogrom, twelve-year-old Sarah and her mother immigrate to America--but when her mother dies before they get through Ellis Island, and the authorities want to send her back to the old country, Sarah hides in the torch of the Statue of Liberty.

Wiechman, Kathy Cannon. **Like a River: A Civil War Novel.** Two underage teens, West Virginian Paul Settles and Ohioan Leander Jordan, both with secrets to guard, enlist in the Union Army.

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Williams-Garcia, Rita. *One Crazy Summer.* In the summer of 1968, after travelling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.

**MULTICULTURAL**

Alvarez, Julia. *Return to Sender.* After his family hires migrant Mexican workers to help save their Vermont farm from foreclosure, eleven-year-old Tyler befriends the oldest daughter, but when he discovers they may not be in the country legally, he realizes that real friendship knows no borders.

*Edwardson, Debby Dahl*. *My Name is Not Easy.* Alaskans Luke, Chickie, Sonny, Donna, and Amiq relate their experiences in the early 1960s when they are forced to attend a Catholic boarding school where, despite different tribal affiliations, they come to find a sort of family and home.

Flores-Galbis, Enrique. *90 Miles to Havana.* When unrest hits the streets of Havana, Cuba, Julian’s parents must make the heartbreaking decision to send him and his two brothers away to Miami via the Pedro Pan operation. But when the boys get to Miami, they are thrust into a world where bullies seem to run rampant and it’s not always clear how best to protect themselves.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. *Until I Find Julian.* Mateo's big brother Julian works in the United States. When the family doesn't hear from Julian for a few weeks, Mateo sneaks out and journeys north to find him, crossing the border with the help of a new friend, Angel.

Marshall III, Joseph. *In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse.* 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.

Naidoo, Beverley. *The Other Side of Truth.* Smuggled out of Nigeria after their mother's murder, Sade and her younger brother are abandoned in London when their uncle fails to meet them at the airport. They are fearful of their new surroundings and of what may have happened to their journalist father back in Nigeria.

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

Partridge, Elizabeth. *Dogtag Summer.* In the summer of 1980 before she starts junior high school in Santa Rosa, California, Tracy, who was adopted from Vietnam when she was six years old, finds an old ammo box with a dog tag and picture that bring up painful memories for both her Vietnam-veteran father and her.

Perkins, Mitali. *Bamboo People.* Two Burmese boys, one a Karenni refugee and the other the son of an imprisoned Burmese doctor, meet in the jungle and in order to survive they must learn to trust each other.

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. *The Red Pencil.* After her tribal village is attacked by militants, Amira, a young Sudanese girl, must flee to safety at a refugee camp, where she finds hope and the chance to pursue an education in the form of a single red pencil and the friendship and encouragement of a wise elder.

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Preus, Margi. **Heart of a Samurai.** In 1841, rescued by an American whaler after a terrible shipwreck leaves him and his four companions castaways on a remote island, fourteen-year-old Manjiro, who dreams of becoming a samurai, learns new laws and customs as he becomes the first Japanese person to set foot in the United States.

Resau, Laura. **What the Moon Saw.** Fourteen-year-old Clara Luna spends the summer with her grandparents in the tiny, remote village of Yucuyoo, Mexico, learning about her grandmother’s life as a healer, her father’s decision to leave home for the United States, and her own place in the world. (Also, **Red Glass** and **The Indigo Notebook**).

Rundell, Katherine. **Cartwheeling in Thunderstorms.** "Will must find her way after she's plucked out of a wonderful life in Zimbabwe and forced to go to boarding school in England"--Provided by publisher.

Ryan, Pam Munoz. **The Dreamer.** A fictionalized biography of the Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, who grew up a painfully shy child, ridiculed by his overbearing father, but who became one of the most widely-read poets in the world.

Yee, Lisa. **Stanford Wong Flunks Big Time.** After flunking sixth-grade English, basketball prodigy Stanford Wong must struggle to pass his summer-school class, keep his failure a secret from his friends, and satisfy his academically demanding father.

**MYSTERIES**

Beil, Michael D. **The Red Blazer Girls Series:** **The Mistaken Identity, The Secret Cellar.** When Sophie finds a secret message in the antique fountain pen she bought for her father, she and her friends become involved in a treasure hunt devised by the pen’s previous owner, whose house is full of puzzles that protect a hidden treasure.

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

Feinstein, John. **Last Shot: a Final Four Mystery.** After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth graders Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game. (Also, **Cover-Up, Change-Up, and Vanishing Act, Rush for the Gold: Mystery at the Olympics.**

Ferraiolo, Jack D. **Quick Fix.** When the star of the basketball team is blackmailed, it is up to Matt Stevens, the lone voice for justice in corrupt Franklin Middle School, to uncover who is behind the scheme--Vinny "Mr. Biggs" Biggio, his deputy Kevin Carling, or perhaps the scheming Thompson twins.

Frederick, Heather Vogel. **Absolutely Truly.** “Twelve-year-old Truly Lovejoy's family moves to a small town to take over a bookstore. Soon, she has to solve two mysteries involving a missing book and an undelivered letter"--Provided by publisher.

Gibbs, Stuart. **Spy School.** Twelve-year-old Ben Ripley leaves his public middle school to attend the CIA’s highly secretive Espionage Academy, which everyone is told is an elite science school. Also: **Spy Camp, Evil Spy School, Belly Up, Poached and Space Case.**

Grisham, John. **Theodore Boone: The Abduction.** When his best friend disappears from her bedroom in the middle of the night, thirteen-year-old Theo uses his legal knowledge and investigative skills to chase down the truth and save April.

*Klise, James. **The Art of Secrets.** When some quirky art donated to a school fundraising effort to help a Pakistani American family, victims of a possible hate crime, is revealed to be an unknown work by a famous outsider artist,*

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worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, adults and teenagers alike debate who should get the money and begin to
question each other's motivations.

Milford, Kate. *Greenglass House*. At Greenglass House, a smuggler's inn, twelve-year-old Milo, the innkeepers'
adopted son, plans to spend his winter holidays relaxing but soon guests are arriving with strange stories about
the house sending Milo and Meddy, the cook's daughter, on an adventure.

Mulligan, Andy. *Trash*. Fourteen-year-olds Raphael and Gardo team up with a younger boy, Rat, to figure out the
mysteries surrounding a bag Raphael finds during their daily life of sorting through trash in a third-world country’s
dump.

Oliver, Lauren. *Curiosity House: The Shrunken Head*. Orphans Philippa, Sam, Thomas, and Max must find out who
stole a valuable artifact in order to save their home, Dumfrey's Dime Museum of Freaks, Oddities, and Wonders.

Wells, Marcia. *Eddie Red, Undercover: Mystery on Museum Mile*. Sixth grader Edmund Xavier Lonnrot, codename
"Eddie Red," has a photographic memory and talent for drawing anything he sees. When the NYPD is stumped by a
mastermind art thief, Eddie becomes their secret weapon to solve the case"-- Provided by publisher.

**REALISTIC FICTION**

*Alexie, Sherman. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled
school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the
school mascot.

Birdsall, Jeanne. *The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy*. 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. Sequels: *The Penderwicks on
gardam Street*, *The Penderwicks at Point Mouette* and *The Penderwicks in Spring*.

*Dessen, Sarah. *The Truth About Forever*. The summer following her father’s death, Macy plans to work at the
library and wait for her brainy boyfriend to return from camp, but instead she goes to work at a catering business
where she makes new friends and finally faces her grief.

*Gemeinhart, Dan. *The Honest Truth*. A boy named Mark, tired of being sick with cancer, conceives a plan to
climb Mount Rainier, and runs away from home with his dog, Beau--but with over two hundred miles between
him and his goal, and only anger at his situation to drive him on nothing will be easy, and only his best friend,
Jessie, suspects where he is heading.

Green, Tim. *Baseball Great*. All twelve-year-old Josh wants to do is play baseball but when his father, a minor
league pitcher, signs him up for a youth championship team, Josh finds himself embroiled in a situation with
potentially illegal consequences. (Also, *Deep Zone*, *Best of the Best*, and any others by author)

Greenwald, Lisa. *My Life in Pink & Green*. When the family’s drugstore is failing, seventh-grader Lucy uses her
problem solving talents to come up with solution that might resuscitate the business, along with helping the
environment. Also: *Pink & Green is the New Black*.

Hiaasen, Carl. *Hoot* (Newbery Honor Book). Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved
in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site. (Also *Flush*, *Seat*,
and *Chomp*.)

Hunt, Lynda Mullaly. *Fish in a Tree*. Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands
in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to
ask for help; after all, how can you cure dumb? However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative
kid underneath the trouble maker. With his help, Ally learns not to be so hard on herself and that dyslexia is nothing

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to be ashamed of. As her confidence grows, Ally feels free to be herself and the world starts opening up with possibilities. She discovers that there's a lot more to her -- and to everyone -- than a label, and that great minds don't always think alike.

Hyde, Catherine Ryan. Pay it Forward. Trevor McKinney, a twelve-year-old boy in a small California town, accepts his teacher's challenge to earn extra credit by coming up with a plan to change the world. His idea is simple: do a good deed for three people and instead of asking them to return the favor, ask them to 'pay it forward' to three others who need help.

Kelly, Erin Entrada. Blackbird Fly. Bullied at school, eighth-grader Apple, a Filipino American who loves the music of the Beatles, decides to change her life by learning how to play the guitar.

*Klise, James. The Art of Secrets. When some quirky art donated to a school fundraising effort to help a Pakistani American family, victims of a possible hate crime, is revealed to be an unknown work by a famous outsider artist, worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, adults and teenagers alike debate who should get the money and begin to question each other's motivations.

Lupica, Mike. Travel Team. After he is cut from his travel basketball team--the very same team that his father once led to national prominence--twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory. (Also, Summer Ball, Miracle on 49th Street, Heat, The Big Field, and any others by the author)

Martin, Ann M. Rain Reign. Struggling with Asperger's syndrome, 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.

Mass, Wendy. The Candy Makers. When four twelve-year-olds, including Logan, who has grown up never leaving his parents’ Life Is Sweet candy factory, compete in the Confectionary Association’s annual contest, they unexpectedly become friends and uncover secrets about themselves during the process.

Palacio, R.J. Wonder. Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.

Tracy, Kristen. Too Cool for This School. Twelve-year-old Lane Cisco has good friends, a secret boyfriend, and the position of sixth-grade captain at Rio Chama Middle School, but life gets complicated when her off-beat cousin Angelina arrives for an extended visit.

Stead, Rebecca. Goodbye Stranger. As Bridge makes her way through seventh grade on Manhattan's Upper West Side with her best friends, curvacious Em, crusader Tab, and a curious new friend--or more than friend--Sherm, she finds the answer she has been seeking since she barely survived an accident at age eight: "What is my purpose?"

Vance, Alexander. The Heartbreak Messenger. Quentin thinks delivering break-up messages will be a great way to earn extra money, but starts to question his service when he realizes how complicated emotions can be.

**SCIENCE FICTION**

Anderson, M.T. The Game of Sunken Places and sequel The Suburb Beyond the Stars. Friends Brian and Gregory have survived the Game of Sunken Places, but are once again drawn back to cousin Prudence’s house in Vermont, where they discover that something has gone very wrong with time, people have disappeared, and danger is lurking everywhere.

*Bedford, Martyn. Flip. A teenager wakes up inside another boy’s body and faces a life-or-death quest to return to his true self or be trapped forever in the wrong existence.

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Black, Peter Jay. **Urban Outlaws.** Deep beneath London, five extraordinary youths, orphans who bonded over their shared sense of justice, have formed the Urban Outlaws and dedicated themselves to outsmarting criminals and performing Random Acts of Kindness (R.A.K.s), but they are in serious trouble when they face a genius supercomputer, Proteus

*Card, Orson Scott. **Ender’s Game** series. Ender Wiggins is a genius who is training to save the planet from impending Alien attacks.

*Clements, Andrew. **Things Not Seen.** When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend Alicia try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it. Also try Things Hoped For and Things That Are.

*Collins, Suzanne. **Hunger Games.** In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss’s skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister’s place. Sequels: Catching Fire, and Mockingjay.

DuPrau, Jeanne. **The City of Ember** and **People of Sparks.** 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. The Prophet of Yonwood is the prequel.

*Evans, Richard Paul. **Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25.** To everyone at Meridian High School, fourteen-year-old Michael Vey is nothing special, just the kid who has Tourette's syndrome. But in truth, Michael is extremely special—he has electric powers. Michael thinks he is unique until he discovers that a cheerleader named Taylor has the same mysterious powers. With the help of Michael's friend, Ostin, the three of them set out to discover how Michael and Taylor ended up with their abilities, and their investigation soon brings them to the attention of a powerful group who wants to control the electric teens—and through them, the world.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. **The Missing Series:** Found, Sent, Sabotaged, Torn, and Caught. When Jonah and Katherine travel to early 1900s Switzerland and Serbia to return Albert Einstein’s daughter, Lieserl, to history, her mother Mileva grasps entirely too much about time travel and has no intention of letting her daughter go.

Holm, Jennifer L. **The Fourteenth Goldfish.** Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging, and consequently has turned into a teenager—which makes for complicated relationships when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter.

Korman, Gordon. **Masterminds.** A group of kids discovers they were cloned from the DNA of some of the greatest criminal masterminds in history for a sociological experiment.

L’Engle, Madeline. **A Wrinkle in Time.** Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

*Lowry, Lois. **Son.** Unlike the other Birthmothers in her utopian community, teenaged Claire forms an attachment to her baby, feeling a great loss when he is taken to the Nurturing Center to be adopted by a family unit.

Stephens, John. Series: **The Books of Beginning:** The Emerald Atlas. In order to protect them, Kate, Michael, and Emma have passed from one orphanage to another in the ten years since their parents disappeared but now they learn that they have special powers, a prophesied quest to find a magical book, and a fearsome enemy. Also, The Fire Chronicle.

Stewart, Trenton Lee. **The Mysterious Benedict Society.** 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. Sequels: The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey and The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Prisoners Dilemma.

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Walden, Mark. **Higher Institute of Villainous Education** (H.I.V.E) Series.

*Weir, Andy. **The Martian**. Astronaut Mark Watney is stranded and completely alone on Mars, with no way to even signal Earth that he's alive, but Mark isn't ready to give up and drawing on his engineering skills and determination, he faces each obstacle with resourcefulness, but will it be enough for him to survive?

*Westerfeld, Scott. **The Leviathan Series**. **Leviathan**. In an alternate 1914 Europe, fifteen-year-old Austrian Prince Alek, on the run from the Clanker Powers who are attempting to take over the globe using mechanical machinery, forms an uneasy alliance with Deryn who, disguised as a boy to join the British Air Service, is learning to fly genetically-engineered beasts. (Also **Behemoth** and **Goliath**)

**QUICK READS**

Boyce, Frank Cottrell. **Millions**. After their mother dies, two brothers find a huge amount of money which they must spend quickly before England switches to the new European currency, but they disagree on what to do with it.

Clements, Andrew. **A Week in the Woods**. The fifth grade's annual camping trip in the woods tests Mark's survival skills and his ability to relate to a teacher who seems out to get him. Also try **The Report Card**, **Janitor's Boy**, **Frindle**, **Landry News**, **No Talking**, **Room One: A Mystery or Two**.

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

Gutman, Dan. **Mission Unstoppable**. On a cross-country vacation with their parents, twins Coke and Pepsi, soon to be thirteen, fend off strange assassins as they try to come to terms with their being part of a top-secret government organization known as The Genius Files. Also try **Never Say Genius**, **Ted and Me**, **Honus and Me**, and **Shoeless Joe and Me**, **The Homework Machine**, **The Kid Who Ran for President**, and **Getting Air**.

Lowry, Lois. **The Willoughbys**. 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.

Mass, Wendy. Twice Upon a Time Series. **Sleeping Beauty**: The One who Took the Really Long Nap, **Beauty and the Beast**: The Only One Who Didn’t Run Away, **Rapunzel**: The One with All the Hair
Both Rapunzel and Prince Benjamin are trapped -- in very different ways. It’s only when their paths cross that things really start to change. There are two sides to every story…

Morpurgo, Michael. **Kensuke’s Kingdom**. Michael and his dog, Stella, are washed up on an island. Alone, Michael struggles for survival.

O’Connor, Barbara. **The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester**. After Owen captures an enormous bullfrog, names it Tooley Graham, then has to release it, he and two friends try to use a small submarine that fell from a passing train to search for Tooley in the Carter, Georgia, pond it came from, while avoiding nosy neighbor Viola.

O’Connor, Barbara. **How to Steal a Dog**. Living in the family car in their small North Carolina town after their father leaves them virtually penniless, Georgina, desperate to improve their situation and unwilling to accept her overworked mother’s calls for patience, persuades her younger brother to help her in an elaborate scheme to get money by stealing a dog and then claiming the reward that the owners are bound to offer.

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O'Dell, Kathleen. *Agnes Parker - Keeping Cool in the Middle School*. Agnes Parker tries to maintain her old persona and keep a low profile in middle school, but her best friend Prejean’s problems, persistent harassment from the eighth-grade boys, and a friendship with an interesting boy in her art class make it difficult.

Patterson, James. *Treasure Hunters*. Following clues left by their missing father, twelve-year-old twins Bickford and Rebecca Kidd sail from the Caribbean to New York City with their siblings to finish the dangerous quest of their world-famous treasure-hunting parents. Also *The House of Robots*.

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

Paulsen, Paul. *Liar, Liar*. Fourteen-year-old Kevin is very good at lying and doing so makes life easier, but when he finds himself in big trouble with his friends, family, and teachers, he must find a way to end his lies forever. Also, *Crush*, *Flat Broke*, and *Vote*.

Rivers, Karen. *The Encyclopedia of Me*. As Tink Aaron-Martin writes an encyclopedia of her life, she also tells the story of the summer leading into her eighth-grade year.

Schroeder, Lisa. *Sprinkles and Secrets*. Twelve-year-old Sophie is excited to have the opportunity to audition for a television commercial until she learns the company is Beatrice's Brownies, the biggest competitor to her best friend's family's cupcake shop. Includes recipes for chocolate treats.

Tarshis, Lauren. *I Survived Series: The Sinking of the Titanic, 1912, The Nazi Invasion, 1944* and others.

Tashjian, Janet. *My Life as a Gamer*. Derek Fallon gets the chance of a lifetime when he is asked to test software for new video games, but he soon discovers that his dream job isn't all it's cracked up to be. Also: Other books in *The My Life Series*.

**NON FICTION**


Aronson, Marc. *Trapped: How the World rescued 33 Miners From 2,000 Feet below the Chilean Desert*.


Brown, Mike. *How I Killed Pluto and Why It Had It Coming*.


DeCristofano, Carolyn Cinami. *A Black Hole Is Not a Hole*.


Jarrow, Gail. *Red Madness: How a Medical Mystery Changed What We Eat*.


Markle, Sandra. *The Case of the Vanishing Frogs: A Scientific Mystery*.

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Montgomery, Sy.  Saving the Ghost of the Mountain: An Expedition Among Snow Leopards in Mongolia, or The Man-Eating Tigers of Sundarbans, or Quest for the Tree Kangaroo, or Saving the World’s Strangest Parrot.


Phillbrick, Nathaniel: In the Heart of the Sea: The True Story of the Whaleship Essex. Tells the story of the Essex, a whaleship that set sail from Nantucket in 1819 on a routine voyage, and was rammed and sunk by an enraged sperm whale in the South Pacific, setting the twenty-man crew adrift in three tiny boats.


Sheinkin, Steve. The Race to Build and Steal the World’s Most Dangerous Weapon.


Tunnell, Michael O. Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift’s “Chocolate Pilot”

**BIOGRAPHIES / MEMOIRS**

Allen, Thomas B. Harriet Tubman, Secret Agent. How Daring Slaves and Free Blacks Spied for the Union During the Civil War. Grade 8 social studies teacher, Mrs. Maloney, recommends!

Byrd, Robert. Electric Ben: The Amazing Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin

**Cooper, Ilene: Jack: the Early Years of John F. Kennedy.** (Winchester Reads: 2016 Reading Tie-In)

Cunxin, Li. Mao’s Last Dancer.

Dahl, Roald. Boy: Tales of Childhood and Going Solo.


Engle, Margarita, Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: a Memoir. Engle, the first Latina woman to receive a Newbery Honor, tells of growing up as a child of two cultures during the Cold War. Her heart was in Cuba, her mother's tropical island country, a place so lush with vibrant life that it seems like a fairy tale kingdom. But most of the time she lived in Los Angeles, lonely in the noisy city and dreaming of the summers when she can take a plane through the enchanted air to her beloved island. When the hostility between Cuba and the United States erupted at the Bay of Pigs Invasion, Engle's worlds collided in the worst way possible. Would she ever get to visit her beautiful island again?


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Fleming, Candace. *Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart*


Greenberg, Jan. *Chuck Close Up Close.* The story of an American artist who struggled to overcome severe learning disabilities as a child and physical disabilities as an adult.

*Kamkwamba, William. The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind.*


Latham, Jean Lee. *Carry On, Mr. Bowditch.* Nathaniel Bowditch, a nautical wonder and mathematical wizard, grew up in a sailor’s world.

McClafferty, Clara Killough. *Something Out of Nothing: Marie Curie and Radium*


Reef, Catherine, Jane Austen. *A Life Revealed*


Twain, Mark. *The Trouble Begins at 8: A Life of Mark Twain in the Wild, Wild West.*

**POETRY**

Appelt, Kathi. *Poems from Homeroom: A Writer’s Place to Start.* A collection of poems about the experiences of young people. Includes a section with information about how each poem was written to enable readers to create their own original poems.

Creech, Sharon. *Love that Dog.* A young student, who comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem. Also try *Heartbeat* and *Hate That Cat.*

George, Kristine O’Connell. *Swimming Upstream: Middle School Poems.* A collection of poems that capture the feelings and experiences of a middle school student.

Kennedy, X. J., ed. *Knock at a Star: A Children’s Introduction to Poetry.* A collection of poems arranged in such categories as poems that make you smile, send messages or share feeling; poems that contain “beats that repeat” or “word play”; and special kinds of poems such as limericks, songs, and haiku.

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