

Clovis Unified School District
Supplemental Literature for Grade 6

Book Title	Author	Summary
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea	Vern, Jules	Descending beneath the sea in his secret submarine, the Nautilus, Captain Nemo and his crew terrorize other ships.
Absolutely Normal Chaos	Creech, Sharon	Thirteen-year-old Mary Lou grows up considerably during the summer while learning about romance, homesickness, death, and her cousin's search for his biological father.
Adam of the Road	Gray, Elizabeth Janet	The adventures of eleven-year-old Adam as he travels the open roads of thirteenth-century England searching for his missing father, a minstrel, and his stolen red spaniel, Nick.
Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Twain, Mark	Huck, escaping from his father, who had imprisoned him in a lonely cabin, meets Jim, a runaway slave, on Jackson's Island on the Mississippi River. Together they float down the Mississippi in this classic about friendship and caring. Dialogue reflects local dialect of the times.
Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, The	Conan Doyle, Arthur	It was these tales penned by Arthur Conan Doyle that first introduced the magical and eccentric character of Sherlock Holmes to the readers of <i>The Strand Magazine</i> . In his consulting room at 221B Baker Street, the master sleuth receives a stream of clients all presenting him with baffling and bizarre puzzles for him to solve.
Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The	Twain, Mark	The adventures of a mischievous young boy and his friends growing up in a Mississippi River town in the nineteenth century.
Alice in Wonderland	Carroll, Lewis	A British mathematician tells a tale of high adventure underground, including mathematical and verbal riddles. This children's classic has many unforgettable characters.
Amelia Earhart	Sutcliffe, Jane	Traces the life of the famous pilot, focusing on her record setting flights in the 1920s and 1930s and her inspiration to other women.
And Now Miguel	Krumgold, Joseph	Twelve-year-old Miguel Chavez aspires to be allowed to go on the long annual sheep drive with the older men of his family. When he attempts to prove his readiness, his requests are ignored, so he prays to the saint of farmers, San Ysidro. His prayer is answered, but the journey proves treacherous for Miguel.
Anne of Green Gables	Montgomery, L. M.	Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her.
April Morning	Fast, Howard	The men and women, the hours and minutes, the fears, loves, cries, shots, and turmoil of the Battle of Lexington brought to life by America's most powerful historical novelist. Some adult language; violence.
Arabian Nights	Anonymous	Sheherezade, daughter of King Shahryar's advisor, tells her husband a different story every night to keep the king from killing her.
Around the World in 80 days	Verne, Jules	In 1872 Phileas Fogg wins a bet by traveling around the world in seventy-nine days, twenty-three hours, and fifty-seven minutes.
Artemis Fowl	Colfer, Eoin	When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.

Bad Case of Stripes	Shannon, David	Camilla Cream loves lima beans but won't eat them because her friends hate them. Her constant concern over what others think of her causes Camilla to break out in a "bad case of stripes," for which she finally finds the perfect solution.
Bad Day at Riverbed	Stone, Lynn	Describes the anatomy, life cycle, and behavior of the bald eagle.
Ballad of Lucy Whipple	Cushman, Karen	In 1849, twelve-year-old California Morning Whipple, who renames herself Lucy, is distraught when her mother moves the family from Massachusetts to a rough California mining town.
Belle Teal	Martin, Ann M.	Belle Teal Harper is from a poor family in the country and beginning fifth-grade is a challenge as her grandmother's memory is slipping away and her brother and father are fighting again.
Bernie Magruder and the Bats in the Belfry	Reynolds Naylor, Phyllis	There are strange goings-on once again in Middleburg, and Bernie Magruder is determined to get to the bottom of things, and maybe get his picture in the paper in the process. Someone has put up posters all over town warning townspeople that the dreaded Indiana Aztec bat, whose bite is often fatal, has been sighted in the area.
Between the Dragon and the Eagle	Schneider, Mical	A relay of courageous adventure-seekers forms caravans to transport precious items including a special blue silk along the Silk Road in the year 100 A.D.
Big Red	Kjelgaard, Jim A.	A story about an orphaned French Canadian boy and his red setter, Big Red.
Bird's Christmas Carol, The	Wiggin, Kate D.	A well-known Christmas story, first published in 1888, which has both humor and sadness.
Black Beauty	Sweall, Anna	A handsome horse with a glossy black coat and a pretty white star on his forehead, Black Beauty seems to lead a charmed life. Although his mother warns him that there are 'bad, cruel men' in the world, he begins his life in a happy home, with a friendly groom to look after him and plenty to eat. However, when a change of circumstances means that he is sold, he soon discovers the truth of his mother's words.
Black Pearl	O'Dell, Scott	Sixteen-year-old Ramon joins his father to dive for pearls in Baja California. Rejecting the village legends about a monster fish called Manta Diablo; Ramon captures the great black pearl of his dreams. But when strange events afflict him, he realizes that there may be truth in the old tales.
Boy in the Striped Pajamas, The	Boyne, John	Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends Shmuel, a Jewish boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence and shares Bruno's birthday. Through the friendship and loyalty of these parallel characters and their terrible fate, Boyne explores bullying and cruelty in the context of the Holocaust.
Boy's Will and North of Boston, A	Frost, Robert	Here in one volume are Robert Frost's first two collections of poetry. <i>A Boy's Will</i> (1913) is the book that introduced readers to Frost's unmistakable poetic voice, and <i>North of Boston</i> (1914) includes two of his most famous poems, "Mending Wall" and "Death of a Hired Man."
Brian's Return	Paulsen, Gary	After having survived alone in the wilderness, Brian finds that he can no longer live in the city but must return to the place where he really belongs.
Brian's Song	Blinn, William	The story of football players Gale Sayers and his friend Brian Piccolo.
Brian's Winter	Paulsen, Gary	Brian Robeson, a young boy marooned in the wilds of Alaska in the book HATCHET, is the hero of this novel. Paulsen reintroduces the original survival story but imagines that Brian isn't rescued in the fall and therefore must fight the elements of nature in order to survive a freezing winter in the Alaskan wilderness.
Brocaded Slipper and other Vietnamese Tales	Vuong, Lynette	The five fairy tales presented here offer an exotic twist to such traditional stories as Thumbelina and Rip Van Winkle.

Call It Courage	Sperry, Armstrong	Ever since his mother was killed in a hurricane, Mafatu, the son of the Great Chief of the people of Hikuera, an island in the southern Pacific ocean, has feared that Moana, the Sea God, would kill him, too. Tired of being called a coward and saddened by the shame he has brought his father, 12-year-old Mafatu decides to face and conquer Moana on his own.
Call of the Wild	London, Jack	As Buck, a mistreated sled dog, roams the Alaskan wilderness and once again experiences the "call of the wild," he finds friendship with a new master.
Catherine Called Birdie	Cushman, Karen	The thirteen-year-old daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off.
Crispin: The Cross of Lead	Avi	Set in 14 th -century England; the story begins with the funeral of an outcast woman who leaves behind her adolescent son, who is only known as "Asta's son". Mired in grief for his mother, the boy learns his given name, Crispin, from the village priest, although his presumably dead father's identity remains obscure. The words etched on his mother's treasured lead cross may provide some clue, but the priest is murdered before he can tell the illiterate lad what they say. Worse, Crispin is fingered for the murder by the manor steward, and he is forced to flee the village and the only life he's ever known. Crispin is a story of self-discovery and identity.
Christmas Carol, A	Dickens, Charles	Scrooge was a miser. His money was his life. Then, one Christmas Eve, Scrooge received a trio of visitors who showed him not only the true meaning of Christmas, but the true meaning of his life as well...Probably one of the most beloved Christmas stories in history, Charles Dickens' <i>A Christmas Carol</i> has it all: heroes, villains, ghosts, time travel, long-lost love, and a happy ending.
Christmas Rat	Avi	Alone in his apartment during Christmas vacation, eleven-year-old Eric finds himself caught in a battle between a strange exterminator and the rat he wants to kill.
City of Ember, The	Duprau, Jeanne	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.
Cloud Catcher	McCollin, Alethea	A town is suffering severe drought. As the effects of the drought persist, one young man decides that he must do something to bring relief to his city. After trying several rain dances without success he makes up his mind to capture the clouds and obtain water from them.
Coraline	Gaiman, Neil	Coraline lives with her preoccupied parents in part of a huge old house--a house so huge that other people live in it, too. Coraline contents herself for weeks with exploring the vast garden and grounds. But with a little rain she becomes bored--so bored that she begins to count everything blue, the windows, and the doors. And it is the 14th door that--sometimes blocked with a wall of bricks--opens up for Coraline into an entirely alternate universe.
Corner of the Universe, A	Martin, Ann	Told from the perspective of a compassionate 12 year old girl, A Corner of the Universe tells the story of a girl's uneventful summer that is twist-turned upside down when her uncle who is said to have "mental problems" comes to town for a visit. With characteristic tenderness and wisdom the author portrays the complex relationship between the sympathetic heroine and her uncle. Readers will relate to the heroine's fear of being as "different" as her uncle, and will also admire her willingness to befriend an outcast.
Day No Pigs Would Die, A	Newton Peck, Robert	To a thirteen-year-old Vermont farm boy whose father slaughters pigs for a living, maturity comes early as he learns "doing what's got to be done," especially regarding his pet pig who cannot produce a litter.

Dead Sea Scrolls	Herzl Gaster, Theodor	This volume contains the translated text of the ancient Hebrew writings found in caves near the Dead Sea, plus separate introductions for each scroll as well as new translations of the Hymns and paraphrases of the Bible narratives by Professor Gaster, one of the world's leading Hebraists.
Dear America – Mirror, Mirror on the Wall	Denenberg, Barry	In 1932, a twelve-year-old girl who lost her sight in an accident keeps a diary, recorded by her twin sister, in which she describes life at Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, Massachusetts.
Dear America – My Secret War	Pope Osborne, Mary	Thirteen-year-old Madeline's diaries for 1941 and 1942 reveal her experiences living on Long Island during World War II while her father is away in the Navy.
Deep-Sea Explorer – the Story of Robert Ballard, Discoverer of the Titanic	Archbold, Rick	This fast-paced biography begins with a description of Ballard's first view of the wreckage of the Titanic and then flashes back to his childhood by the Pacific Ocean. The twists and turns his life took, which led to his pioneering work in undersea exploration, are then described. The man's brash, sometimes abrasive, personality comes through, along with his determination in the face of setbacks and obstacles, resulting in a multifaceted portrayal.
DIVE, Book One: The Discovery	Korman, Gordon	When four kids are recruited as interns for the Poseidon Oceanographic Institute, they expect cool underwater diving in the warm Caribbean waters. But Taz Cutter and the other leaders ignore them, and Dante, Adriana, Kaz, and Star begin wondering about the true mission of their "scientific research." After they discover an old anchor and a silver coin -- and learn plenty about sharks, firsthand -- the four interns realize they're really helping lead a group of treasure hunters to sunken gold.
Divorce Express, The	Danziger, Paula	Resentful of her parents' divorce, a young girl tries to accommodate herself to their new lives and also find a place for herself.
Doll People, The	Martin, Ann M.	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.
Door in the Wall, The	De Angeli, Marguerite	In this tale of the Middle Ages, Robin, son of Sir Jon de Bureford, is crippled by a strange disease. He is rescued by Brother Luke, who opens Robin's eyes to the many doors in life.
Double – Digit Club, The	Bauer, Marion Dane	Nine-year-old Sarah is excited about summer vacation, but she faces unexpected crises when her best friend Paige becomes old enough to join a local girls' clique, and when she makes choices which affect her relationship with an elderly blind neighbor.
Dragon's Gate	Yep, Laurence	When he accidentally kills a Manchu, a fifteen-year-old Chinese boy is sent to America to join his father, an uncle, and other Chinese working to build a tunnel for the transcontinental railroad through the Sierra Nevada mountains in 1867. Sequel to "Mountain light."
Drifting Snow	Houston	Having been taken from her Arctic home when a tiny child, a teenager returns to look for her parents and learn once again about her Eskimo culture
Egypt Game, The	Keatley Snyder, Zilpha	The A-Z Antique Shop is a shabby store run by an older man known as the Professor. The shop's abandoned storage yard features a few curios and soon draws the attention of 11-year-old April Hall, her friend Melanie Ross, and Melanie's younger brother, Marshall. Inspired by their mutual love of Egypt, April and Melanie turn the storage yard into the land of Egypt--a land filled with altars, oracles, and sacred rituals created by the girls.
Eight Tales of Terror	Poe, Edgar Allen	A collection of horror stories includes depictions of a man haunted by the spirit of his dead wife, strange plots of revenge, and a traveler trapped on ghost ship.
Fellowship of the Ring, The	Tolkien, JRR	Sauron, the Dark Lord, has gathered to him all the Rings of Power except one -- the One Ring that rules them all -- which has fallen into the hands of the hobbit Bilbo Baggins. Young Frodo Baggins

		finds himself faced with an immense task when Bilbo entrusts the Ring to his care. Frodo must make a perilous journey across Middle-earth to the Cracks of Doom, there to destroy the Ring and foil the Dark Lord in his evil purpose.
Fire Bug Connection – An Ecological Mystery, The	Craighead George, Jean	Maggie Mercer, lover of bugs, bats, and beetles, is very happy with her pet firebugs- until they start exploding! Even more suspicious, only the firebugs in the jars are dying! Who, or what, could possibly be murdering her favorite birthday present?
Fish in a Tree	Hunt, Lynda Mullaly	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 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.
Flags	Crampton, William	Each country of the world appears in this book, with its flag. Organized in alphabetical order, each entry contains simple facts about the country.
Flipped	Van Draanen, Wendelin	In alternating chapters, two teenagers describe how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years.
Following Fake Man	Holmes, Barbara	For twelve years, the only thing Homer was told was that his father was a neurologist who died of a neurological disease, so when Homer arrives at a town in Maine where his father once lived, he feels it is time to get answers to the questions his family wouldn't answer.
Frankenstein	Shelley, Marry	A monster assembled by a scientist from parts of dead bodies develops a mind of his own as he learns to loathe himself and hate his creator.
From Where I Sit, Making my Way with Cerebral Palsy	Nixon, Shelley	Shelley Nixon loves to laugh, to write stories and poetry, and to challenge herself. In this heartfelt autobiography, she tells readers how she does all this while confined to a wheelchair and living with all the other challenges of cerebral palsy.
Ghosts of Mercy Manor, The	Ren Wright, Betty	Twelve-year-old Gwen, an orphan who comes to live with the Mercy family, discovers that the house is haunted by the ghost of a sad-looking young girl and is determined to solve the mystery behind her appearances.
Gift of Magi	O' Henry	A Christmas story.
Glory of a Unicorn, A	Coville, Bruce	In these 11 short stories and a poem, settings vary from the here and now to the long ago and far away, with some fantasy worlds included as well. All of the stories have young protagonists.
Gold Bug and other Tales	Poe, Edgar Allan	Nine gripping tales of psychological terror and the supernatural, by the undisputed master of the American Gothic horror story: The Murders in the Rue Morgue, The Fall of the House of Usher, The Masque of the Red Death, The Tell-Tale Heart, The Pit and the Pendulum and four others.
Gold Nugget Trip	Hodges, Candri	The story of Betsy Hale, a ten-year-old who desperately wants to reunite her parents. Her father, a miner in the California gold mines, lives so far away from Philadelphia where Betsy and her mother have returned after a family tragedy. Realistic historical information is woven into a heart-tugging story of life in the 1850s.
Good Dog	Avi	McKinley, a malamute, is torn between the domestic world of his human family and the wild world of Lupin, a wolf that is trying to recruit dogs to replenish the dwindling wolf pack.

Great Expectations	Dickens, Charles	Pip, an orphan in Victorian England, is plucked from a life of poverty and informed that he is to be educated and reared as a gentleman. A critical introduction, a chronology, and bibliographical references are included in this 1998 edition.
Gulliver' Travels	Swift, Jonathan	The voyages of an Englishman carry him to such strange places as Lilliput, where people are six inches tall; Brobdingnag, a land of giants; an island of sorcerers; and a country ruled by horses.
Hannibal	Green, Robert	Presents the life and military exploits of the famous Carthaginian general
Hardy Boys Series, The	Dixon, Franklin W. Stratemeyer Syndicate	The Hardy boys are active, inquisitive amateur detectives who become involved in all manner of local intrigue, involving thieves, kidnappers, counterfeiters, and thugs. They are always on a roller-coaster of danger, lurching from one precarious situation to another as they try to outwit criminals and solve mysteries.
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	Rowling, J. K.	Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry.
Haunting Tales	Hawthorne, Nathaniel	"Tales and Sketches" offers --an authoritative edition of Hawthorne's complete stories in a single comprehensive volume. Here is everything from his three collections, "Twice-told Tales," "Mosses from an Old Manse," "The Snow-Image, and Other Twice-told Tales," his two books of stories for children based on classical myths, "A Wonder Book for Girls and Boys" and "Tanglewood Tales," and sixteen uncollected stories.
Heartland	Brooke, Lauren	The Heartland series is really good for anyone to read who is in love with horses.
Henry V	Shakespeare, William	This popular, much-studied drama focuses on the young warrior king--from Henry's decision to continue the military exploits of his royal ancestors and press England's claim to the French throne, to his nervous watch before the Battle of Agincourt and his role in one of the greatest military triumphs in English history.
His Majesty, Queen Hatshepsut	Sharp Carter, Dorothy	Hatshepsut, whom readers first meet as a teenager, barely endures the indignities of being an Egyptian princess. She detests having creams rubbed onto her face and feet and learning to read and write. Later she has to rule as a widowed queen-regent until her late husband's son can become king; but Hatshepsut dares to presume that she is to be the next pharaoh. She seizes power and spends the next several years ruling her people and defending her right to the title.
Hitler's Daughter	French, Jackie	What if Hitler had a physically disabled daughter he kept hidden because she didn't fit his prototype for breeding a superior Aryan race? In Australia today Mark listens to his friend Anna make up a story about Heidi, a Nazi leader's child who knows her dad only as a kind visitor. Her story makes Mark ask questions about his own family.
Hobbit, The	Tolkien, J.R.R.	Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.
Hound of the Baskervilles, The	Conan Doyle, Arthur	When a second member of the Baskerville family dies, Sherlock Holmes investigates and finds murderous greed behind the supposed curse.
Hunchback of Notre Dame, The	Hugo, Victor	Feared and hated by all, Quasimodo is looked after by Dom Claude Frollo, a stern, cold priest who ignores the poor hunchback in the face of his frequent public torture. But someone steps forward to help—the beautiful gypsy Esmeralda, whose single act of kindness fills Quasimodo with love.
Iliad, The	Homer	Helen, queen of Sparta and the most beautiful woman in the world, is kidnapped by Paris, a Trojan prince. Hungry for revenge, the Greek Army lays siege on Troy. For nine long years they are

		unsuccessful -- until they come up with a plan for their greatest-ever attack on the city. For victory or death the two armies will collide for the final time ...
Invisible Man, The	Wells, H.G.	A quiet English country village is disturbed by the arrival of a mysterious stranger who keeps his face hidden and his back to everyone.
Island Series – Books 1, 2, 3	Korman, Gordan	Island is a thrilling trilogy of stories. Luke, Charla, Will, Lyssa, J.J., and Ian aren't alone on their desert island. They've survived so far, but now their enemies are closing in. They have only one chance to escape.
Island, The	Paulsen, Gary	Fifteen-year-old Will discovers himself and the wonders of nature when he leaves home to live on an island in northern Wisconsin.
It's Our World, Too!	Hoose, Phillip	A collection of essays about children who have made notable achievements, arranged in the categories "Taking a Stand," "Reaching Out to Others," "Healing the Earth," and "Creating a Safer Future," accompanied by a handbook for young activists.
Jacob Have I Loved	Peterson, Katherine	Sarah Louise, who lives with her family on a Chesapeake Bay island, grows up feeling less important than her twin sister, until she finally begins to find her own identity.
Journal, The	Costain, Merideth	Presents the three adventures of Mowgli, a young boy raised by the animals in an Indian jungle, as well as other animal stories and songs. Includes illustrated notes throughout the text explaining the historical background of the story.
Journey to America	Levitin, Sonia	A Jewish family fleeing Nazi Germany in 1938 endures innumerable separations before they are once again united.
Just Juice	Hesse, Karen	Realizing that her father's lack of work has endangered her family, nine-year-old Juice decides that she must return to school and learn to read in order to help their chances of surviving and keeping their house.
Just So Stories	Kipling, Rudyard	A collection of the well-known stories including "The Butterfly that Stamped," "How the Whale Got his Throat," and "The Sing-Song of Old Man Kangaroo."
King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table	Lancelyn Green, Richard	A retelling of the story of the boy fated to be the "true-born King of Britain," covering his glorious reign and his tragic, yet triumphant, passing.
Knights of the Kitchen Table	Scieszka, Jon	When Joe, Fred, and Sam are sent back in time by a magic book, they find themselves face-to-face with giants, dragons, wizards, and the Knights of the Round Table.
Lady or the Tiger, The	Stockton, Frank R.	In ancient times, a king devised a system of justice where guilt or innocence was determined entirely by chance. The person who committed a crime had to choose between two doors. One containing a tiger and the other a beautiful woman. When the criminal is the lover of the king's daughter she must decide this fate.
Land I lost, The	Quang Nhuong, Huynh	A collection of personal reminiscences of the author's youth in a hamlet on the central highlands of Vietnam.
Letter from Rifka	Hesse, Karen	In letters to her cousin, a young Jewish girl chronicles her family's flight from Russia in 1919 and her own experiences when she must be left in Belgium for a while when the others immigrate to America.
Letters from Camp	Klise, Kate	Sent to Camp Happy Harmony to learn how to get along with each other, pairs of brothers and sisters chronicle in letters home how they come to suspect the intentions of the singing family running the camp.

Little Women	Alcott, Louisa May	Four poor sisters in New England experience the Civil War at home. The social customs, the economic conditions, and health problems faced by people in that era are presented in realistic detail. The author shared many of her experiences in this novel.
Lorna Doone	Blackmore, R.D.	Lorna Doone is the story of how John Ridd, an unsophisticated farmer, falls in love with the beautiful and aristocratic Lorna Doone, kidnapped as a child by the outlaw Doones on Exmoor.
Lost World, The	Conan Doyle, Arthur	Two scientists, a big game hunter, and a journalist travel to the Amazon rain forest. On a volcanic plateau, they discover an isolated world still inhabited by dinosaurs, climaxing in a chase scene with a Tyrannosaurus Rex.
Lostman's River	DeFelice, Cynthia	In the early 1900s, thirteen-year-old Tyler encounters vicious hunters whose actions threaten to destroy the Everglades ecosystem, and as a result joins the battle to protect that fragile environment
Mick Harte was Here	Park, Barbra	Thirteen-year-old Phoebe recalls her younger brother Mick and his death in a bicycle accident.
Midwife's Apprentice, The	Cushman, Karen	In medieval England, a nameless, homeless girl is taken in by a sharp-tempered midwife, and in spite of obstacles and hardship, eventually gains the three things she most wants: a full belly, a contented heart, and a place in this world.
Mississippi Bridge	Taylor, Mildred D.	During a heavy rainstorm in 1930s rural Mississippi, a ten-year-old white boy sees a bus driver order all the black passengers off a crowded bus to make room for late-arriving white passengers and then set off across the raging Rosa Lee River.
Morgan's Zoo	Howe, James	When the Chelsea Park Zoo is about to close, Morgan, the desolate animal keeper, receives help from a television newscaster to keep it open--and from the animals themselves.
My Friend Flicka	O'Hara, Mary	Through his intense devotion to the colt Flicka, a young boy, living on a Wyoming ranch, begins to learn about responsibility and gain a better understanding of his brusque father.
Mystery of the Green Ghost, The	Hitchcock, Alfred	The Three Investigators become entangled in the theft of a string of rare pearls and a fraudulent scheme involving family inheritance when they try to solve the mystery of a ghost's appearance in the old Green Mansion.
Nancy Drew Mysteries	Keene, Carolyn	Most young readers find Nancy's adventures interesting, entertaining, and exciting. Nancy Drew books describe positive qualities including a sense of independence, poise in unusual social situations, persistence, initiative, and resourcefulness. The series also emphasizes not only respect for elders and authority, but also the ability of a young woman to hold her own in the world of adults and men.
Night Journeys	Avi	In the spring of 1768, twelve-year-old Peter, living with his Quaker guardian near the Pennsylvania-New Jersey border, joins in the search for two runaway indentured servants.
Night Swimmers, The	Byars, Betsy	With their mother dead and their father working nights, Retta tries to be mother to her two younger brothers.
Nightmare	Lowery Nixon, Joan	Emily is sent to a camp for underachievers where she discovers a murderer on the staff who might provide an explanation for her recurring nightmares.
Nighty-Nightmare	Howe, James	When scary strangers appear at the Monroes' overnight campsite, Chester the cat tries to convince the family's two dogs that foul play is intended.
Nutcracker, The	Hoffman, E.T.A.	One Christmas after hearing how the toy nutcracker made by her godfather got his ugly face, a little girl helps break the spell and watches him change into a handsome prince.
Old Ben	Stuart, Jesse H.	When young Shan befriends a bull black snake, his Kentucky mountain family decides that perhaps the only good snake isn't a dead snake after all.

Once Upon a Marigold	Ferris, Jean	A young man with a mysterious past and a penchant for inventing things leaves the troll who raised him, meets an unhappy princess he has loved from afar, and discovers a plot against her and her father.
Otis Spofford	Cleary, Beverly	Otis is the most irritating--and irresistible--troublemaker in school and his string of misadventures will amuse readers.
Our Only May Amelia	Holm, Jennifer L.	As the only girl in a Finnish American family of seven brothers, May Amelia Jackson resents being expected to act like a lady while growing up in Washington state in 1899.
Pacific Crossing	Soto, Gary	Fourteen-year-old Mexican American Lincoln Mendoza spends a summer with a host family in Japan, encountering new experiences and making new friends.
Phoenix Rising	Hesse, Karen	Thirteen-year-old Nyle learns about relationships and death when fifteen-year-old Ezra, who was exposed to radiation leaked from a nearby nuclear plant, comes to stay at her grandmother's Vermont farmhouse.
Percy Jackson and the Olympians (Series - Battle of the Labyrinth, Last Olympian, Lightning Thief, Sea of Monsters, Titan's Curse)	Riordan, Rick	This fictional chapter book series is about the adventures of a fourteen-year-old boy, Percy Jackson, living with ADHD in New York, who discovers he is really an off-spring of the Greek god Poseidon. Jackson's dyslexic eyes view everything as ancient Greek figures in disguise and finds himself in the middle of an intense battle between the gods. This series takes place between the modern world and the world of the gods.
Pistachio Prescription, The	Danziger, Paula	Cassandra (Cassie) Stephens is thirteen, a "mousy-brown" in a family of blonds and redheads, a totem pole among shapelies, a nonentity in a world of achievers. On top of that, she's got asthma. World War III is waged daily in her home, beginning at the breakfast table and ending with slammed doors at night. "Operation Overthrow" is under way at school, with Cassie running for freshman class president.
Preacher's Boy	Paterson, Katherine	In 1899, ten-year-old Robbie, son of a preacher in a small Vermont town, gets himself into all kinds of trouble when he decides to give up being Christian in order to make the most of his life before the end of the world.
Prince and the Pauper, The	Twain, Mark	When young Edward VI of England and a poor boy who resembles him exchange places, each learns something about the other's very different station in life.
Raven and Other Poems	Poe, Edgar Allan	Forty-one of Poe's most memorable poems-among them The Bells, Ulalume, Israfel, To Helen, The Conqueror Worm, Eldorado and Annabel Lee-reveal the spectrum of Poe's personality and his virtuoso command of poetic language, rhythms and figures of speech.
Reluctant Dragon, The	Grahame, Kenneth	The story of the last dragon on earth who is far more interested in reading and writing poetry than pillaging villages as dragons of old always did. Even though St. George, the dragon slayer, is called in to slay the dragon because of the bad reputation of all dragons who snort fire and cause danger, the village sees his good qualities and allows him to remain.
Reptile Room, The (Series of Unfortunate Events: 2)	Snicket, Lemony	After narrowly escaping the menacing clutches of the dastardly Count Olaf, the three Baudelaire orphans are taken in by a kindly herpetologist with whom they live happily for an all-too-brief time.
Return to Hawk's Hill	Eckert, Allan W.	Running away from a vicious trapper, seven-year-old Ben MacDonald is separated from his family and eventually ends up on the shores of Lake Winnipeg, where he is taken in by a tribe of Metis Indians.

Riding Freedom	Muñoz Ryan, Pam	By the age of 12, Charlotte Parkhurst knows the world of the 1860s holds more opportunities for boys than girls. So she cuts off her hair, dons boy's clothing and begins a new life that gives her many privileges, including the right to vote.
Riding the Tiger	Bunting, Eva	Danny, new to town, is proud when a glittery-eyed tiger invites him for a ride. He climbs up onto the tiger's massive back, and together they cruise the neighborhood. Everyone gives them respect—shopkeepers and passersby, even other kids. Danny feels powerful and much older than ten. Soon, though, he realizes it isn't respect people feel for him and the tiger—it's fear. And when he decides to get down off the tiger's back, he discovers it's a lot harder than climbing on.
Rikki-Tikki-Tavi	Pinkney, Jerry	A courageous mongoose thwarts the evil plans of Nag and Nagaina, two big black cobras who live in the garden.
Rip Van Winkle & Other Stories	Irving, Washington	The legendary enchantment of Rip Van Winkle in the Kaatskill Mountains; the gruesome end of Ichabod Crane, who met the Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow; the Spectre Bridegroom who turned out to be happily substantial; the pride of an English village and the come-uppance of the over-zealous Mountjoy - these witty, perceptive and captivating tales range from fantasy to romance.
River, The	Paulsen, Gary	Because of his success surviving alone in the wilderness for fifty-four days, fifteen-year-old Brian, profoundly changed by his time in the wild, is asked to undergo a similar experience to help scientists learn more about the psychology of survival.
Road Not Taken, The	Frost, Robert	The poems in this volume are selected from Frost's first three books: <i>A Boy's Will</i> , <i>North of Boston & Mountain Interval</i> . Poems of rural life and universal wisdom including; "Mending Wall," "The Road Not Taken," and "Mowing."
Robin Hood of Sherwood Forest	McGovern, Anne Sugarman, Tracy	In a time when laws were unfair and the poor were left to starve, Robin Hood was a friend to those in need. Ann McGovern's retelling of this classic tale transports young readers to an era of adventure and heroism.
Rosa Parks – My Story	Parks, Rosa Haskins, James	"The only tired I was, was tired of giving in." These are the words of Rosa Parks, who on December 1, 1955, refused to give up her seat to a white man on a segregated bus, sparking the Montgomery, Alabama, bus boycott. Written in her own language, this is Parks's story.
Royal Diaries – Isabel, The	Meyer, Carolyn	King Enrique of Spain sees his 14-year-old sister, Princess Isabel, as a pawn to be used to strengthen his rule over the kingdom. He tries to marry her off to any patron who would benefit his political cause. Luckily, Isabel manages to escape each unfavorable suitor, avert danger from warring forces in the land, and find the one man she actually wants to marry.
Royal Diaries – Kaiulani, The	Emerson White, Ellen	Hawaii in 1889 is a pristine island paradise. Thirteen year old Princess Ka'iulani lives a carefree life at Ainachau, her home by the sea in Waikiki, Oahu. Used to having personal governesses as tutors, her family has decided that as a future monarch, she is to be educated abroad at a boarding school in England. While abroad Hawaii is transforming from a monarchy to a provisional government, a movement strongly opposed by the Hawaiian people. The young princess rallies to her people's cause.
Royal Diaries – Marie Antoinette, The	Lasky, Kathryn	In 1769, thirteen-year-old Maria Antonia Josepha Johanna, daughter of Empress Maria Theresa, begins a journal chronicling her life at the Austrian court and her preparations for her future role as queen of France. Includes information about the history of the period, a family tree, and contemporary portraits.

Ruby Holler	Creech, Sharon	Dallas and Florida have been dubbed the "trouble twins." They have been shuffled between foster families and orphanages all their lives, longing only for a loving place to call home, though mistrustful that one exists for the likes of them. Tiller and Sairy are an eccentric older couple whose children are grown and long gone, and they're each restless for one more big adventure while their bodies are still spry enough to paddle a river or climb a mountain. Ruby Holler is the beautiful, mysterious place that changes all their lives forever.
Sarah Bishop	O'Dell, Scott	Left alone after the deaths of her father and brother who take opposite sides in the War for Independence, and fleeing from the British who seek to arrest her, Sarah Bishop struggles to shape a new life for herself in the wilderness.
Secret School, The	Avi	In 1925, fourteen-year-old Ida Bidson secretly takes over as the teacher when the one-room schoolhouse in her remote Colorado area closes unexpectedly.
Sense and Sensibility	Austen, Jane	The Dashwood sisters are very different from each other in appearance and temperament; Elinor's good sense and readiness to observe social forms contrast with Marianne's impulsive candor and warm but excessive sensibility. Both struggle to maintain their integrity and find happiness in the face of a competitive marriage market.
Series of Unfortunate Events – The Bad Beginning, A	Snicket, Lemony	This book tells an unhappy tale about three very unlucky children, who despite being clever and charming lead lives filled with misery and woe. From the very beginning of this volume, when the children are at the beach and receive terrible news, continuing onto the last page of this distressing story, disaster lurks at their heels.
Series of Unfortunate Events – The Slippery Decent, A	Snicket, Lemony	In the perilous Mortmain Mountains, Klaus and Violet Baudelaire meet another well-read person, who helps them try to rescue Sunny from the villainous Count Olaf and his henchmen as they all near "the last safe place."
Seth of the Lion People	Pryor, Bonnie	Although Seth, the young teenager with the twisted leg, is only tolerated by his tribe for his storytelling abilities, he senses his people are on the brink of a transition from hunters to artisans and growers of food, if only he can become their leader.
Shadow of the Bull	Wojciechowska, Maia	Manolo Olivar has to make a decision: to follow in his famous father's shadow and become a bullfighter, or to follow his heart and become a doctor.
Silent to the Bone	Konigsburg, E. L.	When he is wrongly accused of gravely injuring his baby half-sister, thirteen-year-old Branwell loses his power of speech and only his friend Connor is able to reach him and uncover the truth about what really happened.
Single Shard, A	Parker, Linda Sue	Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.
Six Great Sherlock Holmes Stories	Conan Doyle, Arthur	Masterfully written detective fiction featuring the famed Victorian supersleuth and a multitude of sinister characters and unprincipled villains. Choice selections include: <i>A Scandal in Bohemia</i> , <i>The Red-headed League</i> , and <i>The Adventure of the Speckled Band</i> , <i>The Adventure of the Engineer's Thumb</i> , <i>The Final Problem</i> , and <i>The Adventure of the Empty House</i> .
Sixth Grade Secrets	Sachar, Louis	When Laura Sibbie starts a club called Pig City, she incites a near-war among her sixth-grade classmates and generates the creation of a rival club that has designs on Pig City's precious box of secrets.
Slump	Jarzyna, Dave	When thirteen-year-old Mitch finds himself at odds with everyone in his life: brother, sister, friends, teachers, and coach, he worries that the situation will never change.

Small Steps, The Year I Got Polio	Kehret, Peg	The author describes her battle against polio when she was thirteen and her efforts to overcome its debilitating effects.
Snake and Lizard	Theodorou, Rod	Compares and contrasts the physical attributes, habits, and habitat of snakes and lizards.
Some Fine Dog	Sherlock, Patti	Terry Riley, age 12, finds a smart, handsome collie that, after the boy's clever maneuvering, his indigent mother lets him keep. The dog mustn't interfere with Terry's obligations as a choir soloist, however--his key to a music scholarship and a better life. Yet when the boy discovers how quickly Duffy learns tricks, he decides that his time is better spent plotting the animal's show business career.
Sparrow Hawk Red	Mikaelsen, Ben	Thirteen-year-old Ricky, the Mexican American son of a former Drug Enforcement Agency man, tries to avenge his mother's murder by crossing over into Mexico to steal a high-tech radar plane from drug smugglers.
Spy X, Hide and Seek	Lerangis, Peter	Evie and Andrew have always wondered what happened to their mother after she disappeared on their birthday. Now they are starting to find out and the results are very surprising. Their mother was into something big, and now the twins are being drawn in as well. Nobody - not their baby-sitter, not their new school friend, not a pair of doddering professors - is who he or she appears to be. But Evie and Andrew will have to uncover the truth if they ever want to see their mother again.
Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde	Stevenson, Robert Louis	Idealistic young scientist Henry Jekyll struggles to unlock the secrets of the soul. Testing chemicals in his lab, he drinks a mixture he hopes will isolate—and eliminate—human evil. Instead it unleashes the dark forces within him, transforming him into the hideous and murderous Mr. Hyde.
Stranger with my Face	Duncann, Lois	Have you ever been haunted by the feeling that someone is spying on you, lurking around your house and yard, even entering your bedroom? Are your friends plotting against you when they say they've seen you do things you know you haven't done? What's going on — and does Laurie really want to find out?
Stranger, The	Van Allsburg, Chris	The enigmatic origins of the stranger Farmer Bailey hits with his truck and brings home to recuperate seem to have a mysterious relation to the changing season.
Summer of the Monkeys	Rawls, Wilson	In the late 1800's, a fourteen-year-old Ozark mountain boy spends the summer trying to recapture monkeys escaped from a traveling circus.
Supernaturalist, The	Colfer, Eoin	In futuristic Satellite City, fourteen-year-old Cosmo Hill escapes from his abusive orphanage and teams up with three other people who share his unusual ability to see supernatural creatures, and together they determine the nature and purpose of the swarming blue Parasites that are invisible to most humans.
Tales From Shakespeare	Lamb, Charles Lamb, Mary	Shakespeare's fourteen comedies and six tragedies retold in prose.
They Led The Way	Johnston, Johanna	A collection of biographies about women who have made a difference in American history. From Anne Hutchinson to Carrie Chapman Catt, these women all worked for women's rights.
Thief and the Beanstalk, The	Catanese, P. W.	Everyone knows the story of Jack and the beanstalk. Everyone <i>also</i> knows that Jack's little adventure made him a very rich man. But what they don't know is what happened a long time <i>after</i> Jack.... That's where Nick comes in. Orphaned and desperate, Nick joins a rugged band of thieves in hopes of a warm meal and a little protection. In exchange Nick must help them break into the lavish white castle rumored to belong to an old man named Jack.
Throwing Shadows	Konigsburg, E. L.	Five short stories in which young people gain a sense of self.

Time Machine, The	Wells, H.G.	A scientist invents a time machine and uses it to travel hundreds of thousands of years into the future, where he discovers the childlike Eloi and the hideous underground Morlocks.
Touching Spirit Bear	Mikaelsen, Ben	After his anger erupts into violence, Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.
Treasure Island	Stevenson, Robert Louis	While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map that leads them to a pirate's fortune.
Tree Castle Island	Craighead George, Jean	After building his own canoe, fourteen-year-old Jack Hawkins goes to try it out in his beloved Okefenokee Swamp, where an accident tests his survival skills and leads him to a shocking discovery.
Trespassers, The	Keatly Snyder, Zilpha	Having trespassed and explored the empty Hutchinson mansion, which seems haunted by the presence of a long-dead young girl, sixth grader Neely and her little brother become regular visitors when emotionally disturbed Curtis Hutchinson moves in.
Two Towers, The	Tolkein, J.R.R.	In this second volume of Tolkien's trilogy <i>The Lord of the Rings</i> , the intrepid hobbit Frodo Baggins moves toward Mordor, Sauron's stronghold, where he must attempt to destroy the dangerous ring that could destroy the world.
Upstairs Room, The	Reiss, Johanna	A Dutch Jewish girl describes the two-and-one-half years she spent in hiding in the upstairs bedroom of a farmer's house during World War II.
View from Saturday, The	Konigsburg, E. L.	Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.
Viking Claw, The	Dahl, Michael	Finn and his mystery-writer uncle head to the Haunted City of Tquuli, in Iceland, where Finn's archaeologist parents were last seen -- before they'd disappeared, eight years before.
Vikings, The	Janewawy, Elizabeth	An account of the explorations of Eric the Red and his son, Leif Ericson, in the New World, 500 years before Columbus.
Voyage of Doctor Dolittle	Lofting, Hugh	When his colleague Long Arrow disappears, Dr. Dolittle sets off with his assistant, Tommy Stubbins, his dog, Jip, and Polynesia the parrot on an adventurous voyage over tropical seas to floating Spidermonkey Island.
Walk Two Moons	Creech, Sharon	After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.
Wanderer	Creech, Sharon	Thirteen-year-old Sophie and her cousin Cody record their transatlantic crossing aboard the Wanderer, a forty-five foot sailboat, which, along with uncles and another cousin, is en route to visit their grandfather in England.
War of the Worlds	Wells, H. G.	As life on Mars becomes impossible, Martians and their terrifying machines invade the earth.
War Within, The	Matas, Carol	In 1862, after Union forces expel Hannah's family from Holly Springs, Mississippi, because they are Jews, Hannah reexamines her views regarding slavery and the war.
Westing Game, The	Raskin, Ellen	The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.
Wheel on the School, The	DeJong, Meindert	Why did the storks no longer come to the little Dutch fishing village of Shora to nest? It was Lina, one of the six schoolchildren, who first asked the question, and she set the others to wondering. And sometimes when you begin to wonder, you begin to make things happen. So the children set out to

		bring the storks back. They had to overcome many obstacles, including the fierce and threatening sea. But they wouldn't give up -- and soon their determination and their vision got the whole village working, until at last the dream began to come true.
Widow's Broom, The	Van Allsburg, Chris	A witch's worn-out broom serves a widow well, until her neighbors decide the thing is wicked and dangerous.
Worm, The	Dahl, Michael	Finnegan, his uncle, and their friend are off to an archeological dig in Angular, land of giant cacti, jungles, and buried dinosaurs. The crew digs up a very valuable dinosaur egg. But digging too deeply can stir up trouble, not to mention a murder or two.
Wringer	Spinelli, Jerry	As Palmer comes of age, he must either accept the violence of being a wringer at his town's annual Pigeon Day or find the courage to oppose it.
Year Down Yonder, A	Peck, Richard	Chicago-bred Mary Alice has been sentenced to a year-long stay in rural Illinois with her irrepressible, rough and gruff grandmother. Soon, however, she becomes Grandma's partner in crime, helping to carry out schemes to benefit friends and avenge enemies
You Come Too	Frost, Robert	A collection of poems chosen by Frost to be read and enjoyed by children including: "Acquainted with the Night," "A Patch of Old Snow," "Not of School Age," and "Mending Wall."
Zeely	Hamilton, Virginia	Geeder's summer at her uncle's farm is made special because of her friendship with a very tall, composed woman who raises hogs and who closely resembles the magazine photograph of a Watutsi queen.
Zippity Zinger	Winkler, Henry	The pressure is on when Hank Zipzer is chosen as pitcher for the softball team at Public School 87's annual Olympiad, the most anticipated day of the school year.