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TITLE	AUTHOR	GENRE	SETTING	GRADES	DESCRIPTION
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea	Verne	Science Fiction	Nineteenth Century.	4-8	Captain Nemo commands the Nautilus, a submarine wonder, in an undersea world of adventure. Lots of action and accurate descriptions of undersea natural wonders.
21 Balloons, The	Pene Du Bois	Fantasy		4-6	Detailed adventure story surrounding balloon aviation - a la Jules Verne. If you enjoy "The Wizard of Oz", you will like this book.
All of a Kind Family	Taylor	Realistic Fiction		2-4	Five sisters have old-fashioned fun around the home and at school. Family life and friends are highlighted. (89 pages - HB)
Across Five Aprils	Hunt	Historical Fiction	Mid-19th Century. Rural America. Civil War.	6-9	A typical rural American is sharply divided in the Civil War.
Adventures of the Black Hat Gang, The	Press	Mystery		4-6	Readers get to participate in reading the clues from pictures in this clever book about four detective children.
Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Twain	Classic	19th Century. Rural American Midwest. Human interest.	5-9	A nineteenth century mischievous boy grows up in Mississippi, eschews chores and school work for adventure with his friends, especially the homeless orphan Huckleberry Finn.
Baby Sitters Club, The (#6) [Kristy's Big Day] <i>(New addition to list)</i>	Martin	Fiction	20th Century	2-5	When Kristy's mom get remarried, Kristy's friends help babysit the cousins while the family gets ready. Divorce and remarriage presented decently. Focus is on girls working as a team to babysit the group of children. [151 pages - HB]
Ballet Magic	Robison	Realistic Fiction		4-6	A tall, self-conscious girl, through difficult circumstances in ballet class, learns not only to appreciate her height, but indeed discovers that it can work to her advantage.

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Ballet Shoes	Streatfield	Fiction		4-7	Three young girls must be resourceful while their uncle is away. A Ballet studio and the people they meet give the girls a "start" into a life of dancing. (294 pages - HB)
Basil of Baker Street	Titus	Mystery	19th Century England.	3-5	A mouse detective admires and imitates Sherlock Holmes
Beast of Lor, The	Bulla	Realistic Fiction		2-5	An African Elephant is trained by a Roman family, then taken to Britain, where he travels with an orphan boy. (54 pages - HB)
Behind Rebel Lines	Reit	Historical Fiction	18th Century. American Civil War.	3-6	Based upon the true story of Emma Edmunds, a 19 year old Canadian girl. Emma disguises herself as a man, assumes the name Franklin Thompson, and engages several dangerous spy missions for the Union Army during the Civil War. (127 pages - SB)
Ben and Me	Lawson	Fantasy Fiction	Late 18th Century.	2-4	Humorous historical fiction account of Benjamin Franklin as told by a mouse. (114 pages - HB)
Black Arrow, The	Stevenson	Historical Fiction	15th Century England.	6-9	Action-packed adventure of young man aspiring to knighthood during the "War of the Roses" as the House of York battles the House of Lancaster for the Throne of England. Caution: graphic violence - this is war.
Black Fawn, The	Kjelgaard	Fiction		5-8	Bud, a twelve year old orphan is taken in by an elderly couple whose eleven children are grown and no longer living at home. As "Gramps" teaches Bud to farm and hunt, Bud learns to trust others and develops a love for farm life and forests, as well as a healthy view of animals and hunting.

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Boggart, The	Cooper	Fantasy	20th Century. England and New England.	4-6	A mischievous Welsh "spirit" is accidentally transported from his ancient castle home to America, where his harmless tricks amuse and befuddle his adopted family.
Boundary Riders, The	Phipson	Realistic Fiction		5-8	Very engaging story about the consequences of disobedience as Through the providence of God, three children who get lost in the wilderness become heroes as they try to find their way back home. Warning: once instance of mild profanity.
Brian's Winter	Paulson	Realistic Fiction	20th Century. Candian Wilderness	6-8	Reader requested sequel to "Hatchet". A 13 year old boy sole survivor of a plane crash uses ingenuity to survive a severe Canadian Winter.
Bright Hunter of the Skies	Best	Historical Fiction	Medieval Europe.	5-9	Borrows from a book on falconry written by Frederick II of Hohenstaufen, and is set during his reign in Europe. It chronicles the life of Jan, a young boy who is at first considered expendable enough for the dangerous job of collecting peregrine chicks from their cliff-nests, but goes on to become a falconer for the Emperor. A well-written and captivating account of an interesting sport that was the obsession of European nobility in the Middle Ages. (Advanced Vocabulary) (164 pages - HB)
Caddie Woodlawn	Brink	Historical Fiction	Mid-19th Century. American Wilderness.	4-6	Historical narrative of eleven year old Caddie Woodlawn, who faces a series of adventures with her six brothers and sisters in the 1860's Wisconsin frontier. Based upon the author's recollections of her grandmother's tales of youth,

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Call of the Wild, The	London	Realistic Fiction	19th Century. North American and Alaskan Wilderness.	5-8	A domesticated dog is captured, used as an Arctic sled dog, eventually escapes and becomes leader of a wolf pack.
Candy Stripers <i>(New addition to list)</i>	Wyndam	Fiction	1950's USA	4-8	Teenage serves as a volunteer at the hospital for the summer. Although written in the 1950's, this story provides a good description of hospital service. Teenager makes a positive attitude adjustment. Some romance (mild, but not central to the story.) (191 pages HB)
Captains Courageous	Kipling	Realistic Fiction	19th Century. Canadian Maritime Provinces.	6-9	A spoiled son of a RR tycoon falls overboard on a cruise ship crossing the Atlantic, is picked up by a Portuguese trawler out of Nova Scotia, and learns to be a man.
Carry on, Mr. Bowditch	Latham	Biography	Late 18th Century. Pre-revolutionary War America.	5-8	True pre-revolutionary American story of Nathan Bowditch, whose mathematical genius revolutionized marine navigation leading up to American independence.
Cay, The	Taylor	Realistic Fiction	20th Century. Dutch West Indies	5-8	A twelve year old boy is marooned on a small island (cay) in the Dutch West Indies with an "old ugly negro", who overcomes the boy's deep prejudice through sacrificial care and service. (Also see book review on GCS Website.)
Dead End Bluff	Witheridge	Realistic Fiction		5-8	A teenage boy overcomes obstacles because of his blindness to have a fun and productive summer.

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Detectives in Togas	Winterfield	Mystery		4-6	Great historical fiction that gives a full understanding of the government of Ancient Rome. Three boys and their schoolmaster get entangled in a humorous but very serious mystery. They must find the real culprit before one of them goes to prison for desecrating the temple. Very suspenseful!! Warning: the boys visit a soothsayer
Dog and a Half, A	Willard	Realistic Fiction		4-6	Two young children grow up caring for an amazing dog.
Dog on Barkham Street, A	Stolz	Realistic Fiction		3-5	A boy learns how to respond to a bully and create a friend, take on more responsibility, and learn about true character through a visiting uncle and a new dog. (184 pages - HB)
Dogsled Danger	Lathrop	Realistic Fiction		5-8	Intriguing characters have depth. Historically accurate. No questionable language. Villains are realistic but not scary. Good triumphs.
Drums of War	Hemmingway Shields	Historical Fiction	19th Century. American Civil War.	5-8	Historical narrative based upon the actual life of twelve year old Pennsylvanian Charles King recruited as drummer at the outset of the Civil War.
Duff, the Story of a Bear	Rush	Realistic Fiction	19th Century. American Wilderness.	4-6	The author traces the life of a Black Bear in early America, from a yearling to adulthood. The adventure of the story centers around Duff's dangerous encounters with grizzlies, older black bears, and homesteaders whose cabins and animals Duff and other bears occasionally ravage in search for food.

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Earl's Falconer, The	Williams	Historical Fiction	Medieval England.	6-9	Dickon, grandson of a serf and son of a Yeoman in feudal England, works hard to realize his dream to train falcons for the Earl. Exceptional historical period insight. Challenging vocabulary, but the author includes a brief glossary.
Ella Enchanted	Levine	Fantasy		4-6	Cinderella from a different perspective.
Far Frontier, The	Steele	Historical Fiction	Post-Revolutionary American Frontier	4-9	Young Tobe finds himself as a wilderness guide to a quirky naturalist/explorer who wants to get through Chickamauga Indian country. Unique and interesting story , filled with unexpected directions. Good character development as young man struggles to overcome feelings of embarrassment and develops bravery and compassion. (183 pages - HB)
Firm Hand on the Rein	Steffan	Realistic Fiction		5-9	Young boy moves with his family to Idaho farm. Adventure begins when the family buys the horse. Includes consequences for disobedience, respect, and rewards for doing what is right
Five Little Peppers and How They Grew	Sidney	Realistic Fiction		3-7	Escapades and interactions of the five Pepper children. Highly recommended. (320 pages - HB)
Five Little Peppers Midway	Sidney	Realistic Fiction		6-8	Uplifting. A wonderful example to present day children of what is important - respect for authority, kindness, generosity, Scripture. (426 pages - HB)

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Follow My Leader	Garfield	Realistic Fiction		1-6	Eleven year old Jimmy was blinded in an accident, but gets help from people and a guide dog. (191 pages - HB)
Gray Sea Raiders, The	Shirreffs	Historical Fiction	19th Century. American Civil War.	6-9	Young boy grows to manhood serving on a blockade-runner ship during the Civil War.
Gulliver's Travels	Swift	Classic	18th Century England.	6-9	Typically brilliant Swift satire on the foibles, prejudices, and pretenses of eighteenth century English high society.
Guns for General Washington	Reit	Historical Fiction	Late 18th Century. American Revolutionary War.	3-6	Based upon a true story. In the bitter winter of 1775-1776, Colonel Henry Knox and his younger brother Will, both of the Continental Army, become frustrated with the British blockade of Boston, and attempt to move 183 cannons from Fort Ticonderoga, over 300 miles of mountainous wilderness, to defend the besieged city. (From the book jacket.) (140 pages - SB)
Hans Brinker, or The Silver Skates	Dodge	Historical Fiction	19th Century Holland.	6-9	Dutch brother and sister, impoverished by their father's debilitating injury, display true courage as they overcome many obstacles, growing into maturity. Excellent historical sketches of 19 th century Holland. Engaging, informative, and very well written.
Hatchet	Paulson	Realistic Fiction	20th Century. Canadian Wilderness.	5-8	Good adventure story of thirteen year old boy's inventive efforts to survive (with only his hatchet - a gift from his mother) after being stranded in Canadian wilderness by plane crash.

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Heidi Grows Up	Tritten	Fiction		4-6	A continuation of life on the mountain with Heidi, her grandfather, and the other characters. (190 pages - HB)
Hobbit, The	Tolkien	Fantasy	Medieval.	6-9	A hobbit (a little person, smaller than a dwarf), named Bilbo Baggins, is drafted - clearly against his will - by a wizard, Gandalf, to embark on a pilgrimage assisting a band of homeless dwarves attempting a return to their homeland to recover their lost kingdom and untold wealth, currently in the clutches of an evil dragon. The hobbit and dwarves engage a series of desperate, life-threatening adventures on their homeward trek, including goblins, trolls, and various frightening mythical creatures eager to eat them. (Also see book review on GCS Website.)
House Upon a Rock	Pedersen	Historical Fiction	Alaska, 1950's	5-9	Fictional characters in Fidalgo, Alaska experience the earthquake and tidal wave of 1954 and must decide whether to rebuild their town as it was before the disaster or with major changes. Focusing on one week of the characters' lives, "House" centers on 16 year old Derrick, his family, and a friend, Sharon, who loses both her parents in the tidal wave. A fine book. Themes include: growing to adulthood; the value of hard work and family cooperation; the senselessness of racism (a minor theme), and; the importance of adapting well to new situations. There are not objectionable elements in this book. (218 pages - HB)

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Hunt the Mountain Lion	Tavo, Gus	Realistic Fiction	19th Century New Mexico Wilderness.	7	Ten year old Johnny Triger and his parents eke out a living in the wilderness of nineteenth century New Mexico. "Already a crack shot", Johnny joins his father who hires out as a hunter to a crusty land baron losing horses to mountain lions. Continuous wilderness adventure propels this story through Johnny's taming (and eventually owning) Bravo, an aptly named spirited black colt from the Baron's herd, the fierce hunter vs. hunted life and death struggle between Johnny and his father and "Old Murder", a wounded and thereby especially dangerous male mountain lion, and Johnny's forced, premature, yet courageous growth into manhood. (Also see book review on GCS Website.)
Indian Captive	Lenski	Realistic Fiction	Late 18th Century. Pre-revolutionary War America.	5-8	Young girl captured and raised by Seneca Indians in pre-revolutionary America.
Island of the Blue Dolphins	O'Dell	Historical Fiction	17 Century pre-colonial California Coast.	5-8	Young girl is sole survivor of aboriginal tribe that once inhabited islands off the California coast. Based upon a true story.
Jeptha and the New People	Vance	Realistic Fiction	20th Century New England Coast.	4-6	Good story of a young boy and his mom who operate a New England Inn after his father's death. He meets a friend; his mom finds a husband.

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Johnny Tremain	Forbes	Historical Fiction	Late 18th Century. Pre-revolutionary War Boston.	7	Action and intrigue story of the years in Boston just prior to the outbreak of the American Revolution. Describes the silversmith apprenticeship system, the conflicts in Boston between the Sons of Liberty and Loyalists as the war approaches, and the reasons why each character in the novel chooses one side or the other. (Also see Book Review on GCS Website)
Kidnapped	Stevenson	Classic	Mid-18th Century. Scotland and Colonial America.	6-9	In 1751 in Scotland, cheated out of his inheritance by a greedy uncle who has him kidnapped and put on a ship to the Carolinas, seventeen year-old David Balfour escapes to the Highlands with the help of the Jacobite Alan Breck Stewart and there encounters further danger and intrigue as he attempts to clear his name and regain his property. Classic Stevenson – fast paced, action packed, well written.
Lantern in the Window, A	Fisher	Historical Fiction	Pre-Civil War Rural American Midwest	2-5	A 12 year old boy moves to his relatives farm to help out and discovers that they help the Underground Railroad. (Story starts with mystery that will keep readers interested. Good explanation of the Underground Railroad.) (126 pages - HB)

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Leather Greatcoat, The	Robertson	Historical Fiction	Early 18th Century America. Southern Colonies.	5-8	Charles Bradley, an English youth emigrates from England to the new colony of Georgia in 1738 with his father after his mother's death, only to be saved from a shipwreck on the American coast – as an orphan. Keeping a promise made to his mother on her deathbed, he guards his sole possession, his father's old greatcoat. As the British battle the Spanish for dominance of the new world, Charles is swept into danger, conspiracy, and high adventure, along with the Brent family that has taken him in. (Also see book review on GCS Website.)
Little Lord Fauntleroy	Burnett	Classic	17th-18th Century England.	4-5	An American boy, inheritor of a large English estate, through his kindness, honesty, and courage converts his grandfather the Earl from curmudgeon to authentic gentleman. (Also see book review on GCS Website.)
Little Women (abridged)	Alcott	Fiction		4-6	The four sisters of the March family are growing up while their father is away at war. They love each other and learn to love others outside the family as well. Many biblical principles taught. The girls play Pilgrim's Progress and give their Christmas breakfast to poor neighbors. They learn to put others before themselves. Well written and very engaging. (240 pages - SB)
Marvelous Misadventures of Sebastian, the	Alexander	Adventure Fiction	Renaissance Europe	5-7	Fictional boy musician dodges disaster after near disaster by use of his wits. Fun! (204 pages - SB) NEW LISTING OCT-2009

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Mary Poppins	Travers	Humor		6-8	An extraordinary English nanny blows in on the East Wind with her parrot-headed umbrella and magic carpetbag and introduces her charges, Jane and Michael, to some delightful people and experiences.
Miss Pickerell Goes Undersea	MacGregor	Fiction	20th Century	2-4	Peculiar older woman has an adventure and learns about scuba diving, sunken ships, and atomic submarines. (127 pages - HB)
Mr. Revere and I	Lawson	Fantasy Fiction	18th Century. American Revolutionary War. Boston.	4-6	Humorous fictional account of Paul Revere as told by his horse. (152 pages - HB)
Mystery of Green Hill	Kusan	Realistic Fiction	Early 20 th Century rural America	4-8	A group of boys try to catch thieves stealing from their village. Realistic risks taken by boys in historical (1900's) setting. Nothing specifically religious. However, consciences pricked by right and wrong. Intrigue and humor. (189 pages - HB)
Nicky's Bugle	Rietveld	Historical Fiction	Mid-18th Century. American Wilderness.	3-6	Nicky Twiggs, a young boy living with his pioneer family in pre-revolutionary America near Fort Winnebago (modern Wisconsin), passionately wants to serve the colonial army as bugler – but has no bugle, and his parents cannot afford the shiny instrument for sale at the local trading post. Eventually, through a series of adventures and trades with local Indians, Nicky secures the bugle and realizes his dream. (Also see book review on GCS Website.)

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Number the Stars	Lowry	Historical Fiction	20th Century. Denmark. WW II.	5-8	Ten year old Danish girl learns courage by hiding a Jewish friend from the Nazis during WWII. Touching and engaging story.
Oregon at Last!	Van Der Loeff	Historical Fiction	Mid-19th Century American Wilderness.	5-7	Thirteen year old John Sager and his family are heading across the 1840's American wilderness to Oregon for a better life. He intends to get his brother and six sisters (including a tiny baby) to Oregon, no matter what peril awaits. (220 Pages - HB)
Out of the Dust	Hesse	Fiction in Verse	20th Century. American Midwest. The Dust Bowl.	5-9	Free verse poem of a young girl surviving the dust bowl with her father, overcoming her own disfigurement and guilt feelings regarding the accidental death of her mother and her mother's unborn child. This book will capture your heart. A great read!
Peachtree Island	Lawrence	Realistic Fiction		3-4	Nine year old Cecilla (Cissie), an orphaned child passed from one aunt to another goes to live temporarily with her forgetful yet fun-loving Uncle Eben and his spunky housekeeper on Peachtree Island in Lake Michigan. She comes to love her life there and hopes to stay by proving that she can help her uncle with his work. Descriptive writing, hard-working and imaginative main character, and the interesting facts about what it takes grow peaches make this a charming story. 224 pages (large type) HB.
Pearl, The	Steinbeck	Realistic Fiction	Early 20th Century. Caribbean islands.	5-8	Island pearl diver finds a priceless pearl, only to discover that this brings more harm than good.

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Powder Boy of the Monitor	Shirreffs	Historical Fiction	Mid-19th Century. American Civil War.	4-6	Story of boy who serves during the Civil War aboard the Monitor and the war ships following the sinking of the Monitor. Historically accurate. Great action and very accurate descriptions of naval battles. (Written by same author as "Gray Sea Raiders".)
Quarter Horse Winner	Van Steenwyk	Realistic Fiction		5-8	Holly puts her own agenda aside to befriend a shy girl and take care of her five year old cousin. She learns the value of real friendship and even qualifies for the championship as well.
Rasmus and the Vagabond	Lindgren	Realistic Fiction		3-4	Adventure story of a young orphan boy who runs away from the orphanage in search of parents who would want an "older, straight-haired" boy. He encounters many good and bad characters in his journey. (192 pages, HB)
Red Badge of Courage, The	Crane	Historical Fiction	Mid-19th Century. American Civil War.	6-9	Well-written historical novel of courage under fire during the civil war. Action and violence, handled tastefully.
Redwall	Jaques	Fantasy		6-9	The invasion of Redwall Abby by a horde of rats gives rise to anew champion of Redwall and spurs the community to join forces to protect what is good and right. (351 Pages - HB)

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Rescue, The	Cunningham	Realistic Fiction	Modern U.S.A.	2-5	Family gets caught in a mountain cabin during severe thunderstorm and flooding. At the beginning, siblings are rude to each other, but get better as they work together. Dad is deceased and mom gets sick in this story, so the children must figure out what to do. (59 pages - HB)
Robinson Crusoe	Defoe	Classic	18th Century. South Pacific islands	6-9	An eighteenth century Englishman survives a terrifying shipwreck -alone! Courage, patience, perseverance, and ingenuity guide Robinson as he escapes cannibals and pirates, and eventually rescues a companion ("Friday"), calling his tropical island home for thirty years. Entirely credible and appropriate Christian references and themes abound. Read the classic unabridged edition; by all means avoid the modern editions that rob the book of its Christianity.
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Taylor	Historical Fiction	Early 20th Century. Rural American South.	4-6	Typical story of racial prejudice in the Post-bellum South.
Sarah, Plain and Tall	MacLachlan	Realistic Fiction	19th Century Rural America.	4-6	Mail-order bride in 19th Century American plains civilizes widower and his two children, and is convinced to stay by their devotion.
Saturdays, The	Enright	Fiction	Mid-20th Century (WW II years) America.	2-5	Four siblings pool their allowances and take turns going out for adventures on Saturday afternoons. (175 pages - HB)

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Sea Ape, The	Crisp	Mystery		4-6	Adventure happens aboard a salvage vessel. Kidnapping, an honorable captain, and treasure fill the pages. Author does a great job of giving the reader an accurate description and image of life aboard a ship. The Captain's honor and character are to be emulated. (255 pages - HB)
Secret Garden, The	Burnett	Classic	Early 20th Century. India and England.	5-8	Well written tale of a young lady maturing out of her selfishness into a generous, giving person.
Secret of the Old Post-box	Sterling, Dorothy	Realistic Fiction		4-6	Sweet story, well-written. Characters get along. Parents are kind, married, and normal.
Secret of the Rosewood Box, The	Orton	Historical Fiction	Late 19th Century America.	2-4	A family moves west to Michigan in the Spring of 1880. Grandma's special hat box is lost, but eventually recovered. (Large type, easy to read, good story with a bit of a mystery.) (112 pages, HB)
Single Shard, A	Park	Historical Fiction	Medieval Korea.	6-9	Thirteen year old orphan learns courage and perseverance under severe trials working for ceramic potter in medieval Korea. Fascinating read. Lots of adventure.
Souder	Armstrong	Realistic Fiction	Early 20th Century, Rural American South	4-6	Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young black boy grows in courage and understanding by learning to read and through his relationship with his devoted dog Souder. (Taken from Barnes and Noble review.)

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Star Spangled Banner, The	Swanson	Historical Fiction	Early 19th Century. Revolutionary War.	5-7	Young lad thrown into the middle of the sacking of Washington in 1814 by the British. A gem, full of heroism and courage. Exalts courage, character, honesty, truth, honor. (202 Pages - HB)
Teacher for Tibby, A	Priestly	Realistic Fiction		6-8	A little girl rallies support of her parents and then the entire town to build a schoolhouse.
The Hundred Dresses	Estes	Realistic Fiction		4-8	Insightful story of young school girls' cruel treatment of a "different" schoolmate, and the positive, long term effect on one of the girls.
Treasure Island	Stevenson	Classic	18th Century England.	6-9	Eighteenth century classic sea adventure of young Englishman who finds a treasure map, and eventually great courage battling pirates, subterfuge, greed, and temptation to compromise his integrity.
Trumpet of the Swan	White	Fantasy	20 th century. Urban Setting.	4-6	A uniquely - and magically - talented swan gains fame.
Two Years Before the Mast	Dana	Historical Fiction	18th Century America.	6-9	A Harvard-educated Bostonian sign on an eighteenth century ship sailing around the cape to California and back. His writings positively revolutionized the treatment of sailors.
Understood Betsy	Fisher	Fiction		2-4	Nine year old girl moves from city to country farm after the death of her parents; learns to take care of herself and help others. Although the setting is old-fashioned and rural, activities are interesting. (211 Pages - HB)
Watership Down	Adams	Fable	20th Century England.	6-9	Communities of Rabbits battle over territory in this anthropomorphic modern classic. Fast action, lots of intrigue. Very engaging read.

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Westing Game, The	Raskin	Mystery	Modern day	5-8	Outstanding mystery tale: many twists and turns leading to a well-developed surprise ending.
Wheel on the School, The	DeJong	Realistic Fiction	19th Century Holland	4-6	Lina asks the question, "Why do storks no longer come to our village?" Her teacher encourages the students to find an answer, and they gradually begin to work together to bring back the storks. Soon the whole village is committed to the cause and bands together as never before. A classic, beautifully written and illustrated book. (297 pages - HB)
Whipping Boy, The	Fleishman	Humor		5-6	A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws. <i>(Taken from Barnes and Noble Review.)</i>
White Fang	London	Realistic Fiction	19th Century Canadian Wilderness.	5-8	"Part wolf and part dog, orphaned White Fang relies on his instincts as well as his inborn strength and courage to survive in the Yukon wilderness despite both animal and human predators but eventually comes to make his peace with man."
Wilderness Journey	Steele	Realistic Fiction		5-6	Good adventure tale about a boy named Flan Taylor who can't seem to do anything right. With the patient guidance of Chapman Green, Flan grows into himself and actually does some wonderfully brave things.
Wolf Dog of Ambush Canyon	Sykes, Jo	Realistic Fiction	19th Century American Wilderness.	4-6	A well written, exciting adventure of a respectful, responsible, teenage boy who, while attempting to clear the negative opinions of his wolf dog, learns of hidden treasure in the hills.

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Young Pioneers	Lane	Historical Fiction	Mid-19th Century Rural America	4-9	Newlyweds move to South Dakota in the 1850's to set up a homestead despite many challenges. (Best suited for girls.) (118 page - HB).