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TITLE	AUTHOR	GENRE	SETTING	GRADES	DESCRIPTION
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea	Verne	Science Fiction	Nineteenth Century.	7-9	Captain Nemo commands the Nautilus, a submarine wonder, in an undersea world of adventure. Lots of action and accurate descriptions of undersea natural wonders.
Across Five Aprils	Hunt	Historical Fiction	Mid-19th Century. Rural America. Civil War.	7-9	A typical rural American family is sharply divided in the Civil War.
Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, The	Twain	Classic	Mid-19th Century. American Mid-West.	9	THE "Great American Novel". Set in the nineteenth century, a young boy learns life-changing and maturing lessons through various adventures and trials traveling South on the Mississippi River with a runaway slave.
Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Twain	Classic	19th Century. Rural American Midwest.	7-9	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.

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Around the World in Eighty Days	Verne	Realistic Fiction	19th Century. England.	7-9	An eccentric Englishman accepts a challenge to circle the globe with unprecedented speed. Exotic locales, seemingly insurmountable obstacles, and comic relief provide a fantastic blend of adventure, entertainment, and suspense.
Ballet Shoes	Streatfield	Fiction	20th Century.	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)
Black Arrow, The	Stevenson	Historical Fiction	15th Century England.	7-9	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.	7-9	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		7-9	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. Canadian Wilderness	7-9	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)

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Call of the Wild, The	London	Realistic Fiction	19th Century. North American and Alaskan Wilderness. Animal Adventure.	7-9	A domesticated dog is captured, used as an Arctic sled dog, eventually escapes and becomes leader of a wolf pack. Caution: London was a Naturalist - disciple of Spencer and Darwin. His worldview is clearly reflected in all his works.
Candy Stripers (New addition to list)	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, but (mild, but not central to the story.) (191 pages HB)
Captains Courageous	Kipling	Realistic Fiction	19th Century. Candian Maritime Provinces.	7-9	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. Excellent life lessons taught.
Carry on, Mr. Bowditch	Latham	Biography	Late 18th Century. Pre-revolutionary War America.	7-9	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 Adventure and	3	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. <i>See Book Review on GCS Website.</i>

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Christmas Carol, A	Dickens	Realistic Fiction	19th Century Victorian England.	7-9	Classic Dickens. "Scrooge" is converted from ruthless parsimony to extravagant Christmas generosity through the agency of friendly spirits who expose his covetous greed and teach him about life.
Count of Monte Cristo, The	Dumas	Realistic Fiction	18th Century. French Upper Society.	9	The greatest tale of betrayal, adventure, and revenge ever written, <i>The Count of Monte Cristo</i> continues to dazzle readers with its thrilling and memorable scenes, including Dantès's miraculous escape from prison, his amazing discovery of a vast hidden treasure, and his transformation into the mysterious and wealthy Count of Monte Cristo—a man whose astonishing thirst for vengeance is as cruel as it is just. Dumas is the master story teller.

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David Copperfield	Dickens	Realistic Fiction	19th Century. Victorian England.	9	Classic account of a boy growing up in Victorian England, a world that is by turns magical, fearful, and grimly realistic. Dickens is of course a master of character development, plots, and sub-plots that twist and turn to captivate his audience. DC is decidedly autobiographical -Dickens favorite work - promoting the major theme of all Dickens novels, redemption by perseverance through difficulties via hard work and determination.
Dead End Bluff	Wetheridge	Realistic Fiction		7-9	A teenage boy overcomes obstacles because of his blindness to have a fun and productive summer.
Detectives in Togas	Winterfield	Mystery		7	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		7	Two young children grow up caring for an amazing dog.

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Dog on Barkham Street, A	Stolz	Realistic Fiction		7	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. He learns that responsibility and character are more important than "freedom" and "payback".
Dogsled Danger	Lathrop	Realistic Fiction		7	Intriguing characters have depth. Historically accurate. No questionable language. Villians are realistic but not scary. Good triumphs.
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde	Stevenson	Horror	18th Century England.	8-9	<i>The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i> dramatically brings to life a science-fiction case study of the nature of good and evil and the duality that can exist within one person.

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Drums of War	Hemmingway Shields	Historical Fiction	19th Century. American Civil War.	7-9	Historical narrative based upon the actual life of twelve year old Pennsylvanian Charles King recruited as drummer at the outset of the Civil War.
Earl's Falconer, The	Williams	Historical Fiction	Medieval Enland.	8-9	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.
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 embarassment and develops bravery and compassion. (183 pages - HB)

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Firm Hand on the Rein	Steffan	Realistic Fiction		7-9	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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Gray Sea Raiders, The	Shirreffs	Historical Fiction	19th Century. American Civil War. Confederate Perspective.	7	Young boy grows to manhood serving on a blockade-runner ship during the Civil War. Good character development; lots of action. Historically accurate. Complex plot.
Great Expectations	Dickens	Realistic Fiction	19th Century Victorian England.	9	Dickens at his finest. Well conceived and complex plot. Highly developed characters. Great Expectations is written in a semi-autobiographical style and is the story of the orphan Pip, writing his life from his early days of childhood until adulthood and trying to be a gentleman along the way. The story can also be considered semi-autobiographical of Dickens, like much of his work, drawing on his experiences of life and people. The action of the story takes place from Christmas Eve, 1812, when the protagonist is about seven years old, to the winter of 1840. (Taken from Wikipedia.)

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Gulliver's Travels	Swift	Classic	18th Century England.	8-9	Typically brilliant Swift satire on the foibles, prejudices, and pretenses of eighteenth century English high society. Caution: Unedited edition contains some adult themes.
Hamlet	Shakespeare	Drama	Medieval Denmark.	9	A tragedy by William Shakespeare, believed to have been written between 1599 and 1601. The play, set in Denmark, recounts how Prince Hamlet exacts revenge on his uncle Claudius, who has murdered Hamlet's father, the King, and then taken the throne and married Hamlet's mother. The play vividly charts the course of real and feigned madness—from overwhelming grief to seething rage—and explores themes of treachery, revenge, incest, and moral corruption.

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Hans Brinker, or The Silver Skates	Dodge	Historical Fiction	19th Century Holland.	7	Dutch brother and sister, impoverished by their father's debilitating injury, display true courage as they overcome many obstacles. Excellent picture of 19th century Dutch culture.
Hard Times	Dickens	Realistic Fiction	18th Century Victorian England.	7-9	Thomas Gradgrind, a wealthy, retired merchant in the industrial city of Coketown, England, devotes his life to a philosophy of rationalism, self-interest, and fact. He raises his oldest children, Louisa and Tom, according to this philosophy and never allows them to engage in fanciful or imaginative pursuits. He founds a school and charitably takes in one of the students, the kindly and imaginative Sissy Jupe, after the disappearance of her father, a circus entertainer.

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Hatchet	Paulson	Realistic Fiction	20th Century. Canadian Wilderness.	7	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.
Hobbit, The	Tolkien	Fantasy		7	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.

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House of the Seven Gables	Hawthorne	Historical Fiction	18th Century America. Pre-Revolutionary Puritan New England.	8	An old curse comes back to haunt members of a prominent Puritan family whose patriarch swindled the original owner of the storied home, actually having him condemned as a wizard. Read carefully; showcases Hawthorne's anti-puritan world view. Challenging but excellent reading.

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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 dapting well to new situations. There are not objectionable elements in this book. (218 pages - HB)

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<p>Hunt the Mountain Lion</p>	<p>Tavo, Gus</p>	<p>Realistic Fiction</p>	<p>19th Century New Mexico Wilderness.</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>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.</p>

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Indian Captive	Lanski	Realistic Fiction	Late 18th Century. Pre-revolutionary War America.	7	Young girl captured and raised by Seneca Indians in pre-revolutionary America.

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Island of the Blue Dolphins	O'Dell	Historical Fiction	17 Century pre-colonial California Coast.	7	Young girl is sole survivor of aboriginal tribe that once inhabited islands off the California coast. Based upon a true story.
Jane Eyre	Bronte	Classic	19th Century Victorian England.	9	<i>Jane Eyre</i> is a first-person narrative of the title character, a small, plain-faced, intelligent and honest English orphan. The novel goes through five distinct stages: Jane's childhood at Gateshead, where she is abused by her aunt and cousins; her education at Lowood School, where she acquires friends and role models but also suffers privations; her time as the governess of Thornfield Manor, where she falls in love with her Byronic employer, Edward Rochester; her time with the Rivers family at Marsh's End (or Moor House) and Morton, where her cold clergyman-cousin St John Rivers proposes to her; and her reunion with

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					and marriage to her beloved Rochester at his house of Ferndean.
Johnny Tremain	Forbes	Historical Fiction	Late 18th Century. Pre-revolutionary War Boston.	7	Johnny Tremain, a 1943 children's novel by Esther Forbes, retells in narrative form the final years in Boston prior to the outbreak of the American Revolution. The novel's themes include the 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.)

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Kidnapped	Stevenson	Classic	Mid-18th Century. Scotland and Colonial America.	7-8	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.
Lady of Stonewicke, The	Phillips and Pella	Realistic Fiction		7-9	Joanna travels to Scotland at her dyng grandmother's request, to search for her roots. She discovers that she may be the heiress to a large estate. Her quest helps her to see her need for salvation and helps her get her priorities in order. (262 Pages - SB)

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Leather Greatcoat, The	Robertson	Historical Fiction	Early 18th Century America. Southern Colonies.	7	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.
Little Britches	Moody	Realistic Fiction	Early 20th Century American West.	7-9	Based upon the author's life story; his family moves to Colorado in 1906, when he is only eight years old. Through his eyes experience the pleasures and perils of ranching at the dawn of the 20th century. WARNING: Frequent profanity spoken by the ranch hands.
Marvelous Misadventures of Sabastian, 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	19th Century London.	7-9	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. (206 pages - HB)
My Brother Sam is Dead	Collier and Collier	Historical Fiction	18th Century. American Revolutionary War.	7-9	Well written historically accurate book of two brothers who fought the British during the American Revolution. Caution: contains graphic violence; but this is an accurate picture of war.
My Lord of Canterbury	Turton	Historical Fiction	16th Century. Pre-Reformation England.	9	The story of Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, leader of the Reformation, martyred by the Catholic Queen Mary.

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Mystery of Green Hill	Kusan	Realistic Fiction	Early 20th Century. 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)
Northanger Abbey	Austen	Realistic Fiction	19th Century victorian England.	8	17 year old nineteenth century English girl obsessed with gothic novels is introduced to the upper crust of Victorian society. Brilliantly written satire on high society.
Number the Stars	Lowry	Historical Fiction	20th Century. Denmark. WW II.	7-9	Ten year old Danish girl learns courage by hiding a Jewish friend from the Nazis during WWII.

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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.	7-9	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. Brilliantly written - captivating.

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Pearl, The	Steinbeck	Realistic Fiction	Early 20th Century. Caribbean islands.	7	Kino, a poor pearl diver like his father, and grandfather before him, emerges from the sea with a pearl as large as a seagull's egg, as "perfect as the moon." With the pearl comes hope, the promise of comfort and of security at the cost of defying the system. The Pearl explores the secrets of man's nature, the darkest depths of evil, and the disastrous effects of stepping out of the established system.
Red Badge of Courage, The	Crane	Historical Fiction	Mid-19th Century. American Civil War.	7-9	Well-written historical novel of a young man's difficult personal journey from cowardice to courage under fire during the civil war.

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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)
Robinson Crusoe	Defoe	Classic	18th Century.	8-9	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.

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Scarlet Letter, The	Hawthorne	Historical Fiction	Early 18th Century. New England Puritan colonies.	9	Set in 17th-century Puritan Boston, it tells the story of Hester Prynne, who gives birth after committing adultery and struggles to create a new life of repentance and dignity. Throughout the novel, Hawthorne explores themes of legalism, sin, and guilt.
Sea Captain from Salem	Wibberley	Historical Fiction	18th Century. American revolutionary War. Paris and England.	7-9	Historical fiction set in Paris and Great Britain in 1778. Benjamin Franklin enlists Peace of God Manley, a humble fisherman and a proven soldier, to sail on a war cruise of the British Isles with the hopes of inspiring the French to join with the colonies in their fight for Independence. (186 pages - HB)

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Secret Garden, The	Burnett	Classic	Early 20th Century. India and England.	7	Well written tale of a young lady maturing out of her selfishness into a generous, giving person.
Secret Mission to Valley Forge	Bell	Historical Fiction	American Revolution	7-9	16 year old Jeff Lundy is recruited by General Mad Anthony Wayne to lead a secret mission to secure food for starving soldiers and their horses in 1778 Valley Forge. Story closely follows main facts of history. Boys and girls interested in an exciting but little known mission during the Revolutionary War will enjoy the risk and danger that young Jeff encounters as he bravely serves his country. (246 pages - HB).
Single Shard, A	Park	Historical Fiction	Medieval Korea.	7-9	Thirteen year old orphan learns courage and perseverance under severe trials working for ceramic potter in medieval Korea. Fascinating read. Lots of adventure.

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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		7	A little girl rallies support of her parents and then the entire town to build a schoolhouse.

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To Kill a Mockingbird	Lee	Historical Fiction	Early 20th Century. American South.	8-9	Excellent treatment of prejudice in 1920's South, as seen through the eyes of a young white girl whose attorney father unsuccessfully defends a black man falsely accused of assault on a white girl.
To the Far Blue Mountains	L'Amour	Historical Fiction	16th Century England and America	7-9	In 16th Century England Barnabas Sackett eagerly sets out for the blue mountains of Virginia when he learns about a queen's warrant for his arrest. It's no easy road. Pirates and battles at sea, prison escape, and Indian attacks are just some of the perils he faces. An amazing adventure of a man pursuing his dream. Beautifully written. L'Amour grabs the reader on the first page and doesn't let go. (287 pages - HB)
Treasure Island	Stevenson	Classic	18th Century England.	7	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.

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Two Years Before the Mast	Dana	Historical Fiction	18th Century America.	7	A Harvard-educated Bostonian sign on an eighteenth century ship sailing around the cape to California and back. His brilliant, detailed account of his adventures led to significant, necessary changes in the treatment of seamen.
Uncle Tom's Cabin	Stowe	Historical Fiction	19th Century. American Civil War.	9	According to legend, Abraham Lincoln referred to this as the book "that started the Civil War." Historically accurate portrayal of Ante-Bellum South. Uncle Tom offers a classic picture of Christian attitude under extreme oppression.
Watership Down	Adams	Fable	20th Century England.	8-9	Communities of Rabbits battle over territory in this anthropomorphic modern classic. Very well-written, Highly developed characters and complex plot.

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Westing Game, The	Raskin	Mystery	20th Century America	3	Outstanding mystery tale: many twists and turns leading to a well-developed surprise ending.
Whipping Boy, The	Fleishman	Humor	18th Century Europe.	7	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.	7	"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." Caution: London was a disciple of Spencer and Darwin. His Naturalistic worldview is prevalent in all his works.

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TITLE	AUTHOR	GENRE	SETTING	GRADES	DESCRIPTION
Wilderness Journey	Steele	Realistic Fiction		7	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		7	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.
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).