

Alexander, Lloyd. **THE BOOK OF THREE.** (XF)

Taran, Assistant Pig-Keeper to a famous oracular sow, sets out on a hazardous mission to save the land of Prydain from the evil forces of the Horned King. (series)

Angleberger, Tom. **THE STRANGE CASE OF ORIGAMI YODA.** (XF)

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

Appelt, Kathi. **THE UNDERNEATH.** (XF)

An old hound and two kittens endure separation, danger, and many other tribulations in their quest to be reunited.

Atkinson, E.J. I, **EMMA FREKE.** (XF)

Twelve-year-old Emma has always felt out of place but when she attends the family reunion her father's family holds annually in Wisconsin, she is in for some surprises.

Babbitt, Natalie. **TUCK EVERLASTING.** (XF)

The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger learn the secret of a mysterious spring.

Brink, Carol. **CADDIE WOODLAWN.** (XF)

Growing up in frontier Wisconsin, red-headed tomboy Caddie prevents a massacre and survives a prairie fire.

Cleary, Beverly. **DEAR MR. HENSHAW.** (XF)

Frustrated with the challenges of being the "new kid" in his school, Leigh writes to his favorite author and receives a list of questions he is to answer in return.

Collins, Suzanne. **GREGOR THE OVERLANDER.** (XF)

When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle foretold by ancient prophecy. (series)

Cooper, Susan. **THE BOGGART.** (XF)

After visiting the castle her family inherited in Scotland, twelve-year-old Emily finds she has accidentally brought back with her a boggart, a mischievous spirit with a fondness for practical jokes.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. **BUD, NOT BUDDY.** (XF)

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway.

Dahl, Roald. **BOY: TALES OF CHILDHOOD.** (X921 Dahl)

This famous children's author recounts the details of many of his unusual boyhood adventures, such as almost losing his nose in a car accident, the "Great Mouse Plot" of 1924, and boarding school antics.

Dendy, Leslie A. **THE GUINEA PIG SCIENTISTS.** (X509 Dendy)

Stories of ten men and women who devoted their lives, and sometimes risked them, to answer some of the big questions in science and medicine.

Fenner, Carol. **YOLANDA'S GENIUS.** (XF)

After moving to a smaller town, fifth-grader Yolanda tries to prove that her younger brother is not a slow learner but a musical genius.

Fitzhugh, Louise. **HARRIET THE SPY.** (XF)

Harriet's ambition to become a writer motivates her to write down everything she sees in a secret notebook, which gets her into big trouble when her notebook is found by her classmates and read out loud.

Fleischman, Sid. **BANDIT'S MOON.** (XF)

Twelve-year-old Annyrose relates her adventures with Joaquín Murieta and his band of outlaws in the California gold-mining region during the mid-1800s.

Frazier, Sundee. **OTHER HALF OF MY HEART.** (XF)

Keira and Minna are twins from interracial parents and have very different skin tones. Light skinned Minna realizes what life has been like for Keira after their grandmother enters them in a beauty pageant.

Funke, Cornelia. **INKHEART.** (XF)

One night, Meggie's father reads aloud from a book called "Inkheart," and an evil ruler escapes the boundaries of fiction and lands in their living room. (series)

Gaiman, Neil. **THE GRAVEYARD BOOK.** (XF, YAF)

An orphaned boy is raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard.

George, Jean. **JULIE OF THE WOLVES.** (XF)

While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.

Gipson, Fred. **OLD YELLER.** (XF)

A wily stray, Old Yeller helps Travis and his family stay safe from the many dangers of the wild Texas frontier.

Gliori, Debi. **PURE DEAD MAGIC.** (XF)

When their father is kidnapped and danger looms, the Strega-Borgia children, their mysterious new nanny, and a giant tarantula use magic and actual trips through the Internet to bring peace to their Scottish castle. (series)

Gormley, Beatrice. **FIFTH GRADE MAGIC.** (XF)

Devastated at not getting a part in the fifth-grade play, Gretchen is surprised when her desperation conjures up a well-meaning, but not very efficient, fairy godmother. (series)

Gutman, Dan. **THE MILLION DOLLAR SHOT.** (XF)

Eleven-year-old Eddie gets a chance to win a million dollars by sinking a foul shot at the National Basketball Association finals.

Hoberman, Mary Ann. **STRAWBERRY HILL.** (XF)

Ten-year-old Allie's family moves from urban New Haven to rural Stamford, Connecticut, in the midst of the Great Depression.

Horvath, Polly. **THE TROLLS.** (XF)

Eccentric Aunt Sally comes from Canada to babysit the Anderson children while their parents are on a trip and every night the bedtime story adds another piece to a very suspect family history.

Ibbotson, Eva. **DIAL-A-GHOST.** (XF)

A family of nice ghosts protects a British orphan from the diabolical plans of his evil guardians.

Jacques, Brian. **REDWALL.** (XF)

When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny, Matthias, a young mouse, sets out to find a legendary sword. (series)

Jones, Diana Wynne. **THE LIVES OF CHRISTOPHER CHANT.** (XF)

Young Christopher Chant, in training to become the next Chrestomanci or head controller of magic, becomes a key figure in a battle with renegade sorcerers.

Juster, Norton. **THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH.** (XF)

Through the Phantom Tollbooth lies a strange land, and even stranger adventures for Milo in his quest for Rhyme and Reason.

Klise, Kate. **GROUNDLED.** (XF)

Daralynn's life turns upside down after a plane crash takes the lives of family members.

Kurzweil, Allen. **LEON AND THE CHAMPION CHIP.** (XF)

Employing scientific methods learned in Mr. Sparks's class, fifth-grader Leon competes in a potato chip tasting contest and takes revenge against Lumpkin the bully.

Law, Ingrid. **SAVVY.** (XF, YAF)

A 13 year old girl has an adventure while trying to get to her dad, who has been in an accident. On the way she learns about her own secret powers.

L'Engle, Madeleine. **A WRINKLE IN TIME.** (XF)

Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers in the search for Meg's father, who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government. (series)

Lowry, Lois. **NUMBER THE STARS.** (XF)

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, 10-year-old Annemarie helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

McKay, Hilary. **DOG FRIDAY.** (XF)

Robin Brogan is determined to keep the dog he finds abandoned on the beach from being impounded by the police.

Myers, Walter Dean. **ME, MOP AND THE MOONDANCE KID.** (XF)

Although now adopted, T.J. and his younger brother Moondance remain involved with their friend Mop's attempts to become adopted herself and to wreak revenge on their baseball rivals, the Eagles.

Naylor, Phyllis. **THE AGONY OF ALICE.** (XF)

Eleven-year-old motherless Alice decides she needs a gorgeous role model, but when placed in homely Mrs. Plotkin's class, she learns that it is what is inside of people that counts. (series)

Nelson, Kadir. **WE ARE THE SHIP: THE STORY OF NEGRO LEAGUE BASEBALL.**

(X796.357 Nelson)

Tells the story of Negro League baseball from its beginnings in the 1920s through the decline after Jackie Robinson crossed over to the majors in 1947.

O'Brien, Robert. **MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH.** (XF)

Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise and long lived.

O'Dell, Scott. **THE ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHINS.** (XF)

Left alone on an isolated island off the coast of California, a young Indian girl not only survives through her enormous courage and self-reliance, but also finds happiness in her solitary life.

Paterson, Katherine. **BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA.** (XF)

Jess, defeated by Leslie in his effort to be the fastest runner in the fifth grade, becomes her best friend and together they create their own imaginative world.

Patron, Susan. **THE HIGHER POWER OF LUCKY.** (XF)

Fearing her guardian will abandon her, a young girl is determined to run away while also continuing to seek the Higher Power that will bring stability to her life. (series)

Paulsen, Gary. **HATCHET.** (XF)

On his way to visit his father in the Canadian mountains, Brian Robeson is the only survivor when the single-engine plane crashes. His body battered, his clothes in shreds, Brian must now stay alive in the boundless Canadian wilderness.

Peck, Richard. **FAIR WEATHER.** (XF)

In 1893, Rosie and her family travel from their Illinois farm to Chicago to visit Aunt Euterpe and attend the World's Columbian Exposition, which turns out to be a life-changing experience for everyone.

Rawls, Wilson. **WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS.** (XF)

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

Rex, Adam. **THE TRUE MEANING OF SMEKDAY.** (XSF)

When her mother is abducted by aliens, Tip heads to Florida to find her. She meets an alien who agrees to help her and save the planet from disaster.

Rowling, J.K. **HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE.** (XF)

Orphaned Harry escapes his dreadful relatives when he is invited to attend Hogwarts Academy and learn how to use his wizard's powers. (series)

Soto, Gary. **TAKING SIDES.** (XF)

Lincoln Mendoza, an aspiring basketball player, must deal with his divided loyalties when he moves from the inner city to a suburban neighborhood.

Spinelli, Jerry. **MANIAC MAGEE.** (XF)

After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary as he accomplishes awe inspiring athletic and other feats.

Stead, Rebecca. **WHEN YOU REACH ME.** (XF)

A twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space.

Taylor, Mildred. **ROLL OF THUNDER, HEAR MY CRY.** (XF)

Cassie and her family, fight to stay together in the face of brutal racist attacks, illness, poverty, and betrayal in the Deep South of the 1930s.

Uchida, Yoshiko. **JOURNEY TO TOPAZ.** (XF)

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, a Japanese-American girl and her family are forced to go to a concentration camp in Utah.

Williams-Garcia, Rita. **ONE CRAZY SUMMER.** (XF)

Eleven year old Delphine and her two younger sisters take a trip to visit their estranged mother (a dedicated poet and printer) in Oakland, only to discover that she resents their visit.

Yee, Lisa. **MILLICENT MIN, GIRL GENIUS.** (XF)

In a series of journal entries, eleven-year-old child prodigy Millicent Min records her struggles to learn to play volleyball, tutor her enemy, deal with her grandmother's departure, and make friends.

Yep, Laurence. **WHEN THE CIRCUS CAME TO TOWN.** (XF)

An Asian cook and a Chinese New Year celebration help a ten-year-old girl at a Montana stage coach station regain her confidence after smallpox scars her face.

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