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BESS, CLAYTON. Big Man and the Burn-Out. Houghton-Mifflin, 1985. Raised by his grandmother and her husband, Jess (Big Man) becomes friends with Meechum, the oldest, oddest boy in school (Burn-Out). With the help of his English teacher, Jess begins to accept and appreciate his nontraditional family.

COLMAN, HILA. Weekend Sisters. Morrow, 1985. Learning to accept a stepsister who is a liar and a thief is difficult for fourteen year old Amanda but once reassured of her father's love, she copes with the situation in a believable manner in this satisfying first person narrative.

CONRAD, PAMELA. Prairie Songs. Harper, 1985. Louisa loves the solitude of the Nebraska prairie but eagerly awaits the arrival of the new doctor and his beautiful wife. Louisa watches helplessly as beautiful Emmeline succumbs to the isolation and problems of the prairie.

DRIMMER, FREDERICK. The Elephant Man. Putnam, 1985. In a fascinating fictionalized biography of Joseph Merrick, a grotesque victim of neurofibromatosis, sensitive Dr. Frederick Treves rescues him from a destitute, unloved existence. Aided by friends, Merrick is able to have a semblance of a normal life. The account is written for young adults.

FREEDMAN, RUSSELL. Cowboys of the Wild West. Clarion, 1985. Period photographs enliven a non-fiction text which leaves no doubt about the hardship and reality of the cowpuncher. Interesting details of daily life, clothes and equipment help dispel stereotypes.

HALL, LYNN. The Giver. Scribner, 1985. High school sophomore Mary McNeal has an unlikely crush on her homeroom teacher. Although a special bond develops between them, the conscientious Mr. Flicker gently insists that they cannot act on their feelings. The author shows great sensitivity to a teenage girl's first love and to the teacher's response.

HALL, LYNN. Just One Friend. Scribner, 1985. Dreading being mainstreamed at school Dory yearns desperately to be friends with her neighbor Robin. Jealous of Robin's friendship with Meredith, Dory inadvertently causes tragedy.

HYDE, DAYTON. The Major, the Poacher and the Wonderful One Trout River. Atheneum, 1985. Major Quillaine, pompous trout fly-fisherman, constructs the ultimate ecosystem which he stocks with a single perfect specimen-the "Virgin Queen". But his plans for the fish don't take into account fourteen year old Plummey Pittock. This poetic and humorous tale is memorable even for those whose passion is not fishing.

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IRWIN, HADLEY. Abby, My Love. Atheneum, 1985. Chip reminisces about his girlfriend Abby, their longtime friendship and the secret of her abuse. While not explicit, the topic of incest is handled sensitively and informatively. The characters and their relationships are developed with depth and compassion.

MAYHAR, ARDATH. Medicine Walk. Atheneum, 1985. After their plane crashes in the desert and his father dies, twelve year old Burr Henderson must trek across the desert with little food or water.

PECK, RICHARD. Remembering the Good Times. Delacorte, 1985. Trav, Kate, and Buck make up this trio of friends that begins with their freshman year of high school. Their special friendship is not enough to save Trav from suicide as he relentlessly pressures himself to succeed in his own eyes as well as in the eyes of parents and friends.

SCHWANDT, STEPHEN. The Last Goodie. Holt, 1985. High school senior and track star Marty Oliver is haunted by the still unsolved abduction of his babysitter twelve years ago. He stumbles upon a clue that provides a new lead in the case and finds himself involved in its dangerous solution.

SCHWARTZ, JOEL. Best Friends Don't Come in Threes. Dell, 1985. Richie, looking forward to his freshman year with his best friend Paul, comes back from summer camp only to find that Paul has a new friend named Tony. How Richie adjusts to girls, high school, girls and sharing his best friend is told in this entertaining story which deals with friendship from a boy's angle.

SLEATOR, WILLIAM. Singularity. Dutton, 1985. Sixteen year old twins Harry and Barry, house-sitting an Illinois farm their mother inherited from an eccentric relative, stumble across a gateway to another universe. There is a distortion in time and space which causes a dramatic change in their very competitive relationship.

TALBERT, MARC. Dead Birds Singing. Little, Brown, 1985. After Matt's mother and sister are killed by a drunk driver, Matt must cope with his grief and anger at their death and come to terms with a new family.

VOIGHT, CYNTHIA. Jackaroo. Atheneum, 1985. In an adventure fantasy set in the feudal land of Gwyn, the sixteen-year-old innkeeper's daughter takes on the persona of a Robin Hood type character Jackaroo. The strong characterization of a young woman, unusual for her time, marks this mystery filled plot.

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AVI. Wolf Rider: A Tale of Terror. Bradbury Press, 1986. Fifteen-year-old Andy endangers his life by investigating a reported murder after a mysterious telephone call.

BESS, CLAYTON. Tracks. Houghton and Mifflin, 1986. A brutal KKK murder, dust storms, and hobo jungles are among the problems encountered by Blue as he follows his older brother, Monroe, who is leaving Oklahoma by train during the Great Depression.

CALVERT, PATRICIA. Yesterday's Daughter. Scribner, 1986. Lennie, abandoned as a baby and now sixteen, must meet her mother and resolve her feelings of resentment and anger. Her tentative romance with a young photographer helps her put the situation in the proper perspective.

CLAPP, PATRICIA. The Tamarack Tree: A Novel of the Siege of Vicksburg. Lothrop, Lee and Shephard, 1986. Shortly after the arrival from England, Rosemary is caught in the Siege of Vicksburg and is torn between her sympathy for the Northern cause and her affection for her Southern friends.

COONEY, CAROLINE. Don't Blame the Music. Pacer Books, 1986. The return of Susan's older sister, Ashley, a failed punk rock star, not only destroys her family life but also threatens her senior year.

GELLER, MARK. My Life in the 7th Grade. Harper & Row, 1986. Inspired by Anne Frank's diary, Marvin's journal reveals humorous bits and pieces of his seventh grade experiences.

HALL, LYNN. Danger Dog. Scribner, 1986. David's attempt to save an attack-trained Doberman Pincher almost leads to tragedy.

HALL, LYNN. The Solitary. Scribner, 1986. Jane returns alone to her abandoned childhood home where her mother murdered her abusive father.

KASSEM, LOU. Middle School Blues. Parnassus Press, 1986. Finding no survival manual for middle life, Cindy compiles her own ten rules for apprehensive students.

NAYLOR, PHYLLIS REYNOLDS. The Keeper. Atheneum, 1986. Nick and his mother are powerless to aid his paranoid father, until a life-threatening experience requires police intervention.

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NIXON, JOAN LOWERY. The Other Side of Dark. Delacorte, 1986. Awakening from a four-year coma, Stacy finds herself being pursued by the person who wounded and killed her mother.

ROSTKOWSKI, MARGARET I. After the Dancing Days. Harper and Row, 1986. A badly disfigured soldier, recently returned from World War I, helps Annie realize the atrocities of war as she assists him in adjusting to a new life.

SMITH, ANNE WARREN. Sister in the Shadow. Atheneum, 1986. To combat her inferior feelings toward a more talented younger sister, Sharon takes a summer job away from home and slowly discovers her own worth.

SMITH, DORIS BUCHANNAN. Return to Bitter Creek. Viking, 1986. Three generations of an Appalachian family resolve their differences after the tragic death of a family friend.

THOMAS, JOYCE CAROL. The Golden Pasture. Scholastic, 1986. A magnificent horse and an understanding grandfather help Carl Lee resolve his troubles with a difficult father on his grandfather's Oklahoma ranch.

VOIGHT, CYNTHIA. Izzy, Willy-Nilly. Atheneum, 1986. Popular, fifteen-year-old Izzy loses a leg in an accident involving a drunken driver. She must cope with her loss and strained relationships with her friends.

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CLIMO, SHIRLEY. A Month of Seven Days. Crowell, 1987. When Union soldiers take over her Georgia home, twelve-year-old Zoe uses all her ingenuity to drive them away.

COLE, BROCK. The Goats. Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 1987. Two unpopular adolescents are tormented by their fellow summer campers and must depend on each other to survive.

CORBIN, WILLIAM. A Dog Worth Stealing. Franklin Watts, 1987. Jud learns about anger, loneliness and love when he discovers a marijuana field which is being guarded by a dog named Bo.

DUNCAN, LOUIS. The Twisted Window. Delacorte, 1987. High school student Tracy Lloyd is drawn into a series of dangerous situations by an obsessive new boy in town as he enlists her help to recover his kidnapped sister.

GORDON, SHEILA. Waiting for the Rain. Franklin Watts, 1987. Two South African boys-one black and one white-caught up in the tragedy of apartheid, end their lifelong friendship in a violent episode.

HALL, LYNN. Flyaway. Charles Scribner's Sons, 1987. During her senior year, Ariel finds the strength to plan her escape from a domineering father.

MAZER, NORMA FOX. After the Rain. William Morrow & Co., 1987. Step by grudging step, Rachel and her ornery grandfather become close during the last months of his life in this unforgettable portrait of two spirited human beings.

MURPHY, SHIRLEY R. The Ivory Lyre. Harper & Row, 1987. Dragonbards Tebriel and Kiri, with the help of four shape-shifting dragons, battle the forces of the dark and locate the magical, ivory lyre which helps them free their people.

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PAULSEN, GARY. Hatchet. Bradbury Press, 1987. Alone after a plane crash in the Canadian wilderness, Brian struggles for survival.

PECK, RICHARD. Princess Ashley. Delacorte. 1987. Chelsea has worked so hard to become part of the "in" crowd and now a violent accident forces her to re-evaluate her new friendship.

PETERSON, P.J. Goodbye to Good Ol' Charlie. Delacorte, 1987. Charlie, tired of his boring personality, sees his family's move to a new town as a chance to change his image.

TOLAN, STEPHANIE S. The Great Skinner Getaway. Four Winds, 1987. In this hilarious adventure, the Skinner family sets out for their summer vacation to explore the United States in a mobile home.

WISLER, G. CLIFTON. The Wolf's Tooth. Lodestar, 1987. In an adventurous story of an isolated Indian reservation, two boys learn to accept their differing cultures.

WOLVERTON, LINDA. Running Before the Wind. Houghton-Mifflin, 1987. To escape problems with her abusive father, Kelly turns to long-distance running.

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BERRY, JAMES. Magicians of Erianne. Harper & Row, 1988. When Ronan finds himself on an island of Erianne with a wooden flute and a metal amulet, he must discover his identity and his mission. The Master Mage, Yorba the dragon, is the guide through King Arthur's Kingdom.

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BUNTING, EVE. A Sudden Silence. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1988. Torn by grief and guilt, Jesse is determined to find the driver of the hit and run car that killed his deaf brother.

COLLIER, JAMES LINCOLN. The Winchesters. Macmillan, 1988. Fourteen-year-old Chris, the poor nephew of the wealthy Winchesters, must choose sides when a labor strike occurs at the family's mill.

HAHN, MARY DOWNING. December Stillness. Clarion Books, 1988. After choosing the homeless for her social studies assignment, Kelly's well-meaning attempts to interview and help a homeless Vietnam War veteran result in tragedy.

HOOVER, H.M. The Dawn Palace: The Story of Medea. E.P. Dutton, 1988. After risking her life to help Jason reclaim the Golden Fleece, Medea is betrayed by him and must spend her life searching for a kingdom.

HOTZE, SOLLACE. A Circle Unbroken. Clarion Books, 1988. Returned to her white family after being kidnapped and raised by Indians, seventeen-year-old Rachel Porter has difficulty readjusting to the lifestyle demanded by her minister father.

JACOBS, PAUL SAMUEL. Born Into the Light. Scholastic Inc., 1988. An unusual flash of light causes Roger to suspect that the children who appear are not from this planet.

KLASS, DAVID. A Different Season. E.P. Dutton, 1988. Although star pitcher Jim Roarke resents Jennifer's joining the boy's varsity baseball team, he develops a better relationship with both his father and Jennifer.

PAULSEN, GARY. The Island. Orchard Books, 1988. Just when fifteen-year-old Will thinks that he has control of his life in Madison, his father is transferred to a very rural area of Wisconsin. After finding a small island, he begins a voyage of discovery that takes him through a world of nature to his inner self.

POWELL, RANDY. My Underrated Year. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1988. Roger's plans for a great sophomore year turn sour when the Mountain family moves to town.

SLEATOR, WILLIAM. The Duplicate. E.P. Dutton, 1988. When a second David is created by a mysterious black box, Angela and David are cast into a deadly experience.

TOLAN, STEPHANIE S. A Good Courage. William Morrow & Co., 1988. Ty's mother thinks the Kingdom, a commune, is a safe haven, while Ty finds the conditions there intolerable.

WOLFF, VIRGINIA EUWER. Probably Still Nick Swansen. Henry Holt & Co., 1988. Sixteen-year-old Nick, who longs to be like everyone else, must come to terms with his learning problems, classmates who make fun of him, a disappointing prom date, and the memory of his sister's death.

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CONRAD, PAM. My Daniel. Harper & Row, 1989. Julia Creath tells her grandchildren about helping her brother with his determined search for dinosaur bones on the Nebraska frontier in the late 1800's.

COONEY, CAROLINE B. Family Reunion. Bantam, 1989. Shelley's summer vacation plans are changed when the invitation to the family reunion arrives. How will she explain her new stepmother to the "perfect" Preffyns?

CREW, LINDA. Children of the River. Delacourte, 1989. After Sundara meets handsome Jonathon, she struggles to resolve the conflict between her Cambodian heritage and her new life in the United States.

HARRIS, MARK JONATHAN . Come the Morning. Bradbury, 1989. Ben and his family find themselves living among the homeless of Los Angeles while desperately searching for Ben's father.

HOBBS, WILL. Bearstone. Atheneum, 1989. As part of his last chance before being sent to reform school, a troubled Indian boy spends the summer working for an old rancher who, with the help of the bearstone, leads him to self-acceptance.

MOERI, LOUISE. The Forty-Third War. Houghton, 1989. Uno is only twelve when rebel forces enter his village and force him to join them in their Central American country's latest war. Eight days later he is much older and fully committed to the revolution.

MOULTON, DEBORAH. Children of Time. Dial, 1989. David reluctantly obeys the laws of the computer-controlled government of the future which demands that every child spend every other month with a foster parent, until he is imprisoned by a madwoman in a castle with hundreds of other children.

NELSON, THERESA. And One For All. Orchard/Watts, 1989. The close relationship between Geraldine, her older brother Wing, and their best friend Sam is torn apart by the choices they make during the Vietnam War.

PAULSEN, GARY. The Voyage of the Frog. Orchard/Watts, 1989. In this survival story, young David is caught in a storm when he goes sailing in the Pacific Ocean to scatter his uncle's ashes.

PEVSNER, STELLA. How Could You Do it Diane? Clarion, 1989. In this sensitive story, Bethany attempts to find the cause of her stepsister's suicide, while her parents try to repress the incident.

PINKWATER, JILL. Buffalo Brenda. Macmillan, 1989. Determined to make their mark on their high school, ninth graders India Ink and her zany friend Brenda Tuna organize an underground newspaper and then provide a surprise mascot for the football team.

REEDER, CAROLYN. Shades of Gray. Macmillan, 1989. Will Page is forced to live with an uncle whom he considers a coward and a traitor, but to realize that good people may have opposite views.

SMITH, K. Skeeter. Houghton, 1989. Skeeter Hawkins, a grizzled legendary hunter nearing the end of his life, leaves his legacy of hunting skills to Joey and Steve and teaches them that friendship, human dignity, and individual worth transcend all boundaries.

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THESMAN, JEAN. Appointment With a Stranger. Houghton, 1989. A lonely teenager, embarrassed by her asthma problem, becomes attached to a mysterious young man at a remote pond, but it is the school clown who helps her find value in herself.

VAN, RAVEN PIETER. The Great Man's Secret. Scribner, 1989. A reclusive, famous writer confronts the tragedy in his past when he is interviewed by fourteen-year-old Jerry.

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AVI. The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle. Franklin Watts, 1990. As the lone “young lady” on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, Charlotte learns that the captain is murderous and the crew rebellious.

BACEWSKI, PAUL. Just For Kicks. Lippincott, 1990. Brandon doesn’t suspect the difficulties on store for him as manager of the varsity football team when his sister Sarah joins and becomes the star punter.

BENNET, JAY. Sing Me a Death Song. Franklin Watts, 1990. Jason risks his life to find evidence that his mother, a convicted murderer facing execution, was framed.

CANNON, A.E. The Shadow Brothers. Delacourte, 1990. Marcus discovers that change is the only constant in his life when his Navajo foster brother Henry begins a search for his Native American identity and the girl next door becomes more than just a friend.

HAMM, DIANE JOHNSTON. Bunkhouse Journal. Scribner, 1990. Sixteen-year-old Sandy leaves his alcoholic father to spend the winter on his cousin’s Wyoming sheep ranch, where he learns more than just ranching.

JOHNSTON, NORMA. The Time of the Cranes. Four Winds Press, 1990. When her acting teacher dies and leaves her a sizable estate, Stacy investigates the death, uncovering a nursing home scandal and renewing her commitment to acting.

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KLAUSE, ANNETTE CURTIS. The Silver Kiss. Delacorte, 1990. Feeling alienated during her mother’s terminal illness, Zoe comes under the spell of Simon, a teenage vampire doomed to live until he avenges the death of his mother 300 years before.

MYERS, WALTER DEAN. The Mouse Rap. Harper & Row, 1990. My ace is Styx, he’ll always do/ Add Bev and Sheri, and you got my crew/ My tag is Mouse, and it’ll never fail/ And just like a mouse I got me a tale: Al Capone, Mystery, Romance.

PAULSEN, GARY. Canyons. Delacorte, 1990. After discovering a human skull in a canyon outside El Paso, Brannon knows he cannot find peace until he assists the young Apache killed in the 1800’s in his return to the “medicine place” of his ancestors.

SERVICE, PAMELA F. Under Alien Stars. Atheneum, 1990. Jason resents his mother's friendliness toward the military commander of the alien forces that have subjugated Earth, until he finds himself and the commander's daughter fighting another, much deadlier force.

TOLAN, STEPHANIE S. Plague Year. Morrow, 1990. A town confronts the terrible secret about the strange, new kid in school; David wonders if they're right.

WREDE, PATRICIA. Dealing With Dragons. Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich, 1990. Bored with traditional palace life, a princess goes to live with a group of dragons and becomes involved in their fight against disreputable wizards.

ZETTNER, PAT. The Shadow Warrior. Atheneum, 1990. When underlords burn her home, Llyndreth embarks on a dangerous mission aided by two enemies of her people, a Danturian goblin and Eodan giant.

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AVI. Nothing But the Truth. Orchard, 1991. The story of how Philip's suspension from school for humming the Star-Spangled Banner during homeroom becomes a national news story, told through memos, diary entries, and letters.

CANNON, A.E. Amazing Gracie. Delacourte, 1991. Gracie is pushed to the limit trying to cope when her depression-prone mother marries a man with a five-year-old son and they all move to Salt Lake City.

COONEY, CAROLINE. Twenty Pageants Later. Bantam, 1991. Havoc breaks loose when nerdy Scottie-Ann finds herself in a beauty pageant run by her glamorous sister Dane.

DAVIS, JENNY. Checking on the Moon. Orchard, 1991. While spending the summer helping her grandmother run the "EATS" Restaurant in a decaying and dangerous neighborhood on the edge of Pittsburgh, Cab meets many colorful characters and helps with the neighborhood crime watch.

HAYES, DANIEL. The Trouble With Lemons. David Godine, 1991. Was it murder, a suicide, or an accident? Tyler and his friend Lymie find more than they bargain for when they discover a dead body during a forbidden midnight swim at the local quarry.

KEHRET, PEG. Cages. Dutton, 1991. When she impulsively shoplifts a gold bracelet, Kit is plunged into the world of guilt and secrecy. Can community service in an animal shelter offer her redemption?

KOLLER, JACKIE FRENCH. Nothing to Fear. HBJ, 1991. Set during the Great Depression, Denny and his family struggle to survive after his father leaves to find work.

PATERSON, KATHERINE. Lyddie. Dutton/ Lodestar, 1991. Impoverished Vermont farm girl Lyddie Worthen is determined to gain her independence by becoming a factory worker in the textile mills of Lowell, Massachusetts in the 1840's.

PAULSEN, GARY. The Monument. Delacourte, 1991. Rocky's life is changed when Nick Strum, a remarkable artist, comes to her small Kansas town to design a war memorial.

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SHUSTERMAN, NEAL. What Daddy Did. Little, Brown, 1991. How can you forgive your father for killing someone...when that someone was your mother?

SPINELLI, JERRY. There's a Girl in My Hammerlock. Simon & Schuster, 1991. Masie joins her school's formerly all male wrestling team and tries to last through the season, despite opposition from almost everyone.

THESMAN, JEAN. The Rain Catchers. Houghton, 1991. Growing up in a house full of women, Grayling learns to deal with death, love, and unanswered questions raised by her widowed mother's apparent abandonment.

WREDE, PATRICIA. Searching for Dragons. HBJ, 1991. In an adventure sparkling with sly wit and romance, Princess Cimorene and King Mendanbar join forces with a magician and a witch to rescue the king of the dragons from the wizards.

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BARRON, T.A. The Ancient One. Philomel, 1992. During a protest to save an ancient forest, Kate hides in a Redwood and is transported to the past. Can she alter the past in time to save the tree—her only way back?

BAUER, JOAN. Squashed. Delacorte, 1992. Ellie is devoted to Big Max, her entry in the big pumpkin contest against Cyril Pool, a man as rotten as the squash he grows.

BUCHANAN, WILLIAM. One Last Time. Avon, 1992. David and his friend Steve make a near-fatal mistake when they fail to capture the maverick bull Diablo.

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COONEY, CAROLINE. Flight 116 is Down. Scholastic, 1992. Sixteen-year-old Heidi faces a night of terror when a 747 crashes in her backyard.

CORMIER, ROBERT. Tunes for Bears to Dance To. Delacorte, 1992. Bigoted Mr. Hairston tries to blackmail Henry into doing an unspeakably wicked thing to Holocaust survivor Mr. Levine.

HITE, SID. Dither Farm. Holt, 1992. A flood, flying carpet, kidnapping and romance are all part of one summer in the life of the off-the-wall Dither family.

KOERTGE, RON. Harmony Arms. Orchard, 1992. Gabriel struggles to survive the culture shock he suffers when he moves from a small town to an LA condo inhabited by bizarre characters.

PETERSON, P.J. Liars. Simon & Schuster, 1992. Sam's problem? Suddenly, he has the power to tell when a person is lying.

RYLANT, CYNTHIA. Missing May. Orchard, 1992. Can Summer help Ob cope with May's death, or will she lose the only family she has?

SALISBURY, GRAHAM. Blue Skin of the Sea. Delacorte, 1992. The sea is beautiful and dangerous for a Hawaiian boy learning to be a man.

STEVERMER, CAROLINE. River Rats. Harcourt, 1992. Twenty years after THE FLASH destroys civilization, Tomcat and a group of orphans face the dangers of traveling the toxic river waters on a riverboat.

TEMPLE, FRANCES. Taste of Salt. Orchard, 1992. Recovering in a Haitian hospital, Djo tells of his impoverished life and his work with Father Aristide.

WHITE, RUTH. Weeping Willow. Farrar, Strauss and Giroux, 1992. Tiny Lambert struggles to overcome poverty and her stepfather's unwanted attentions.

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CRUTCHER, CHRIS. Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes. Greenwillow, 1993. Eric "Moby" Calhoun struggles to save his friend Sarah Byrnes from her monster of a father-and from herself.

DEUKER, CARL. Heart of a Champion. Avon, 1993. Best friends Seth and Jimmy eat and breathe baseball. It seems as if nothing can ever break their bond. But will Seth stand by Jimmy after he is kicked off the team for drinking?

FLETCHER, SUSAN. Flight of the Dragon Kyn. Macmillan, 1993. Kara's ability to call birds to her makes everyone think she can do the same with dragons. When this ability gets her summoned to help the king exterminate the dragons, she finds herself faced with an impossible choice.

FREEDMAN, RUSSELL. Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery. Houghton Mifflin, 1993. Although she began life as an ugly duckling, Eleanor Roosevelt became the most influential woman of her time.

HOFFIUS, STEPHEN. Winners and Losers. Simon and Schuster, 1993. Daryl Wagner's heart stops temporarily during a race, and his best friend Curt replaces him as the school's star runner-and as Mr. Wagner's favorite son.

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LOWRY, LOIS. The Giver. Houghton Mifflin, 1993. In the "perfect" world of an unnamed time and place, Jonas is chosen to become the "Receiver of Memory", an honor which leads him to discover a terrible truth"

MAZER, NORMA FOX. Out of Control. Morrow, 1993. Their lives spin out of control when Valerie is sexually assaulted by Rollo and his friends.

MURROW, LIZA KETCHUM. Twelve Days in August. Holiday, 1993. Is Alex gay? Does it matter?

PAULSEN, GARY. Harris and Me. HBJ, 1993. Sick on cigarettes, ambushed by a killer rooster and kicked by a bull-all before lunch. What adventures can the rest of the summer hold?

PHILBRICK, W. RODMAN. Freak the Mighty. Scholastic, 1993. Max is huge and mentally slow. Kevin is brilliant, but his illness has left him the size and strength of a four year old. Tormented by bullies, individually they are helpless, but when they combine forces they make a powerful team as Freak the Mighty.

RUBY, LOIS. Miriam's Well. Scholastic, 1993. Adam is shocked when he hears Miriam has been diagnosed with cancer. And even more shocked when he learns that her church refuses to allow her to be treated.

WITTLINGER, ELLEN. Lombardo's Law. Houghton, 1993. 15-year-old Justine and her new 13-year-old neighbor Mike find their friendship deepening as they share their love for movies and write a screenplay together.

WOLFF, VIRGINIA EUWER. Make Lemonade. Holt, 1993. To earn money for college, LaVaughn baby-sits for a teenage mother and is sucked into her messy life.

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CALVERT, PATRICIA. Bigger. Scribners, 1994. (Grades 6-8). Tyler has taken care of his mother, two younger brothers and sisters, and a farm during the years his father has fought with the Confederacy. Now the war has ended will Tyler be able to bring Papa home-even though Papa refuses to surrender?

COLLIER, JAMES LINCOLN and CHRISTOPHER COLLIER. With Every Drop of Blood. Delacorte, 1994. (Grades 7-9). Johnny can't resist the adventure of the Civil War and is captured by a black Yankee soldier his own age.

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CREECH, SHARON. Walk Two Moons. HarperCollins, 1994. (Grades 8-10). Salamanca Tree Hiddle sets off with her eccentric grandparents on a quest from Ohio to Idaho, looking for answers about the mother who left her.

CUSHMAN, KAREN. Catherine, Called Birdy. Clarion, 1994. (Grades 6-10). Corpus Bones! Catherine, a quick-witted daughter of a medieval knight, bound for the marriage altar at the ripe old age of fourteen, records in her diary her efforts to outsmart the last in line of would-be husbands.

FARMER, NANCY. The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm. Orchard, 1994. (Grades 7-9). In 2194 Zimbabwe, Tendai and his younger siblings must escape kidnappers, street gangs and other sinister dangers, while three mutant detectives use their special powers to search for them.

HESSE, KAREN. Phoenix Rising. Holt, 1994. (Grades 7-9). After the nuclear power plant accident near their farm, Nyle cannot understand why Gran would risk taking in Miriam Trent and her son Ezra, both suffering from radiation poisoning. Can hope and love rise like a phoenix from her fear?

KLASS, DAVID. California Blue. Scholastic, 1994. (Grades 8-10). John Rodgers discovers a new sub-species of butterfly in a logging town which may necessitate closing the mill where his dying father works. They find themselves on opposite sides of an emotional and environmental conflict.

KOERTGE, RONALD. Tiger Tiger Burning Bright. Orchard, 1994. (Grades 6-9). Jesse's beloved cowboy grandfather is sliding into senility. When Pappy nearly burns the house down and announces that he's found tiger tracks in the California desert, will Jesse be able to rescue him from the fate of a nursing home?

LASKY, KATHRYN. Beyond the Burning Time. Scholastic, 1994. (Grades 7-12). Can it be true that some of the most respected people in 1691 Salem are really witches? When Mary's mother is accused, can Mary save her from execution?

NELSON, THERESA. Earthshine. Orchard, 1994. (Grades 7-9). Can a funny and disastrous bus trip to see the miracle man give Slim the ability to cope with her beloved dad's AIDS?

SALISBURY, GRAHAM. Under the Blood Red Sun. Delacorte, 1994. (Grades 6-8). The bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941 changes forever the life of Tomikazu Nakaji, whose biggest concerns until then had been baseball, homework, and a local bully.

SCHUR, MAXINE. The Circlemaker. Dial, 1994. (Grades 6-9). Mendel escapes the Russian Cossacks, who come to conscript Jewish boys into the Czar's army. Throughout his terrifying journey, he carries within him his parent's teachings.

THESMAN, JEAN. Cattail Moon. Houghton, 1994. (Grades 7-9). Who controls Julia's life? Her mother? Her father? Julia? With the help of a ghost, Julia confronts her fears and learns to deal with them.

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BURKS, BRIAN. Runs With Horses. Harcourt Brace, 1995. (Grades 7-9). Runs With Horses trains with Geronimo and his warriors to save the Apache way of life and Geronimo's last stand.

CORMIER, ROBERT. In the Middle of the Night. Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1995. (Grades 7-9). It's been 25 years since Denny Colbert's father was blamed for a tragic accident that killed twenty-two children on Halloween-and now one of them can't forget.

CURTIS, CHRISTOPHER. The Watsons Go To Birmingham. Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1995. (Grades 7-9). The ordinary becomes humorous and disastrous as the Weird Watsons travel ton Birmingham.

FORRESTER, SANDRA. Sound the Jubilee. Dutton, 1995. (Grades 7-8). The little known story of freed slaves on Roanoke Island is told through the eyes of 11-year-old Maddie and her slave family.

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HADDIX, MARGARET. Running Out of Time. Simon & Schuster, 1995. (Grades 7-8). Jessie lives in tiny Clifton, Indiana, in 1840. Imagine her shock upon learning that it is really 1996, and she lives in a reconstructed village that serves as a tourist site.

HOBBS, WILL. Kokopelli's Flute. Simon & Schuster, 1995. (Grades 7-8). The mysterious notes of a magic flute cause a transformation in the life of 13-year-old Tepary Jones, as his family attempts to preserve the lifestyle of an ancient Indian tribe.

HURWIN, DAVIDA. A Time For Dancing. Little Brown, 1995. (Grade 9). Best friends Samantha and Juliana share everythingtheir love of dance, their first crushes, their dreams of the future. But they find they cannot share Julie's cancer. In alternating chapters, each girl tells her thought as the cancer comes between them and Julie has to travel her solo journey.

MEDEARIS, ANGELA SHELF. Skin Deep And Other Teenage Reflections. Simon & Schuster, 1995. (Grades 7-9). The pleasures and concerns of youth, from excitement to fear, confusion and joy are explored in this rich collection of contemporary poetry about being a teenager. The verses prove that youth share much beneath the surface and invite the reader to consider what is more important than "skin deep" appearances.

NAYLOR, PHYLLIS REYNOLDS. Ice. Simon & Schuster, 1995. (Grades 8-9). When 13-year-old Chrissa, alienated from her mother and desperately missing

her absent father, is sent to live in the country with her grandmother, she heals her relationships and learns fundamental truths about herself and her parents.

PECK, RICHARD. Last Safe Place on Earth. Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1995. (Grades 7-9). What's going on in Walden Woods, America, "the last safe place on earth?" Football, cheerleading, book burning, brainwashing and other hidden secrets.

REED, DON C. The Kraken. Boyds Mills Press, 1995. (Grades 7-8). Twelve-year-old Tom, a Newfoundland fisherman like his father, must be the man of his family after his father is seriously injured. He faces a giant squid, the death of his grandfather, an unscrupulous and wealthy merchant, a devastating winter, and a shortage of fish in their usually abundant fishing waters, but also finds the key to his future.

REGAN, DIAN CURTIS. Princess Nevermore. Scholastic, 1995. (Grades 8-9). It's tough being a princess, even though there are magic spells in Mandria. Like many 15-year-olds, Quinn wishes she could visit the outer world, but when the wish comes true, it is very different world from the one she's known all her life.

ROSTKOWSKI, MARGARET I. Moon Dancer. Harcourt Brace, 1995. (Grades 7-9). Two sisters, Jenny and Mira, take a hiking trip to the red rock and sagebrush canyons of Utah with their older cousin Emily and her friend Max. Emily's master thesis is to find and interpret the "Walking Woman" canyon drawings of a pioneer woman who lived alone in the canyons a century ago. Everyone changes and grows, but Mira, especially, learns who she is as she reads the stories of the drawings and silently moon dances with Max.

WEAVER, WILL. Farm Team. HarperCollins, 1995. (Grades 7-9). With Billy's father in jail, Billy's focus must turn from baseball to running the farm. The strange combination of the cow pasture and baseball creates a farm team. Involved in the adventures of Billy area bulldozed car lot, \$6,000.00 in dimes and a unique four-legged center fielder.

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CUSHMAN, KAREN. Ballad of Lucy Whipple. Clarion, 1996. (Grades 5-8). When twelve-year-old California Morning Whipple is reluctantly taken to California by her mother to run a boarding house in a mining town, she immediately changes her name to Lucy and secretly begins planning to return to Massachusetts. A disastrous fire, the death of her younger brother, and the rough life in a primitive town help her learn where home truly is.

FERRIS, JEAN. All That Glitters. Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 1996. (Grades 7-10). Brian's boring summer in Florida with his distant father turns into an unforgettable adventure of diving for sunken treasure, foiling the attempts of desperate thieves, surviving a violent hurricane and getting to know the beautiful and intriguing Tia.

FLETCHER, SUSAN. Sign of the Dove. Atheneum, 1996. (Grades 5-7). Frail, twelve-year-old Lyf reluctantly becomes the protector of thirteen baby dragons and her young nephew as she searches for the last mother dragon living in Elythia.

GILBERT, BARBARA SNOW. Stone Water. Front Street, 1996. (Grades 6-10). Grant and his grandfather are so close that when the old man becomes terminally ill he leaves Grant very explicit instructions. Grant becomes entangled in a decision that can change his life forever.

GLENN, MEL. Who Killed Mr. Chippendale: A Mystery in Poems. Lodestar Books, 1996. (Grades 7+). Mr. Chippendale, a teacher who is loved by some despised by others, is brutally murdered on the school grounds. Can this murder, set in poetry, be solved or will yet another victim succumb to an unnamed killer?

GREGORY, KRISTIANA. The Winter of the Red Snow: The Revolutionary War Diary of Abigail Jane Stewart. Scholastic, 1996. (Grades 5-8). Young Abigail and her family watch the snow near their home turn red with blood as George Washington's starving poorly-clad soldiers spend the winter of 1777 in Valley Forge.

HOBBS, WILL. Far North. Morrow Junior Books, 1996. (Grades 6+). Stranded by a plane crash in the Canadian wilderness at the onset of winter, fifteen-year-old Gabe and Raymond depend on the elderly Indian Johnny Raven to help them find their way back to civilization. Can they survive the grueling ordeal, or will Deadman Valley claim more victims.

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KLASS, DAVID. Danger Zone. Scholastic, 1996. (Grades 7+). Unexpectedly chosen for a spot on the U.S. Teen Dream Team, small town basketball star

Jimmy Doyle faces racism and resentment from teammate and former gang member Augustus LeMay, whose attitude and recklessness put the whole team in the Danger Zone.

LASKY, KATHRYN. True North. Blue Sky Press, 1996. (Grades 6-8). Three years before the Civil War, fourteen-year-old Lucy and Afrika, a fugitive slave near Lucy's age, find their lives curiously entwined as they both learn to follow the North Star-Lucy learns to sail to Boston Harbor with her abolitionist grandfather, and Afrika as she desperately attempts to escape to freedom.

MCMANUS, PATRICK. Never Cry "Arp"! Henry Holt, 1996. (Grades 6-9). In his collection of twelve stories about growing up in the mountains of Idaho, Pat's misadventures include his best friend Eddie Muldoon, his skunk dog, Strange, and other oddball characters as they introduce a new and rollicking definition of "outdoor life".

PHILBRICK, RODMAN. Fire Pony. Blue Sky Press, 1996. (Grades 5-8). The Bar None Ranch seems like a good place for eleven-year-old Roy and his older half-brother Joe to "lay low" for a while, until a life threatening fire endangers the security Roy longs for.

RODOWSKY, COLBY. Remembering Mog. Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 1996. (Grades 7+). As Annie approaches graduation from high school, she finds herself preoccupied with her sister Mog who was killed two years earlier after a graduation party.

SPINELLI, JERRY. Crash. Knopf, 1996. (Grades 5-8). Seventh grader John "Crash" Coogan has always taken great pride in being the toughest, meanest, and fastest "jock" around until his beloved grandfather suffers a stroke, and Crash is forced to reconsider the important things in life with the help of a quiet classmate whom he's been bullying for years.

THESMAN, JEAN. The Ornament Tree. Houghton Mifflin, 1996. (Grade 7+). When she arrives at her eccentric relatives' boarding house at the end of World War I, orphaned Bonnie is entranced by the tree that is decorated with paper scraps containing wishes. Can she find her place in this unlikely family or will she, too, resort to placing her wish on the ornament tree.

WHITE, RUTH. Belle Prater's Boy. Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 1996. (Grades 6-9). Now that Gypsy's cousin Woodrow has moved next door to live with their grandparents, maybe Gypsy will learn what really happened when Woodrow's mother disappeared without a trace. Maybe she will also come to terms with the death of her own father and her life in Virginia in the late 1950's.

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BANKS, SARA HARRELL. Under the Shadow Wings. Atheneum, 1997. (Grades 5-8). Even though Tattnall and Obie, her brain damaged cousin, have been best friends forever, Tattnall is growing tired of protecting and caring for him. What could happen if she just let him take care of himself?

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BITTON, JACKSON LIVIA. I Have Lived a Thousand Years. Simon and Schuster, 1997. 224 p. (Grades 8+). Life in a Nazi death camp is vividly and hauntingly brought to life as seen through the eyes of a thirteen-year-old resident.

DEXTER, CATHERINE. I Dream of Murder. Morrow, 1997. 140 p. (Grades 6-9). Haunted by a recurring dream in which he witnesses a murder, fourteen-year-old Jere attempts to solve a ten-year-old mystery.

GUTMAN, DAN. Honus and Me. Avon Books, 1997. 140 p. (Grades 4-7). When Joe Stoshack finds the legendary Honus Wagner T-206, the most valuable baseball card in the world, his whole life is changed forever. Not only does this amazing card let Joe meet Honus, but it also transports Joe back to game seven of the 1909 World Series.

HESSE, KAREN. Out of the Dust. Scholastic Press, 1997. 227 p. (Grades 5+). Billie Jo's journal of free verse poetry describes her life during the Oklahoma dust bowl. When tragedy shakes her family, she learns about survival, forgiveness and herself.

HOBBS, WILL. Ghost Canoe. Morrow Junior Books, 1997. 195 p. (Grades 6-9). A shipwreck with no survivors pulls fourteen-year-old Nathan MacAllister and his friend Lighthouse George of the Makah whaling tribe into a murder mystery of Spanish gold, a ghostly canoe and a dangerous "hairy man".

KISNEY, WARNOCK, NATALIE. As Long As There Are Mountains. Cobblehill, 1997. 139 p. (Grades 5-8). Iris, a thirteen-year-old tomboy, cannot imagine anywhere but on her family's farm in Vermont. When the barn burns down in the summer of 1956, it begins a series of disasters that threatens the family and the way of life Iris loves.

LEVINE, GAIL CARSON. Ella Enchanted. Harper Collins, 1997. 232 p. (Grades 5-8). Gifted with obedience by a fairy at birth, Ella is the spunky heroine of this retelling of Cinderella, complete with ogres, wicked stepsisters and a handsome prince. But it's hard to save your prince and his realm when you have to do exactly what anyone tells you to do.

MCDONALD, JOYCE. Swallowing Stones. Delacorte Press, 1997. 245 p. (Grades 7+). Michael and Jenna have never met, but they are pulled together when, on the same day, Jenna's father is killed and Michael fires his grandfather's Winchester rifle into the air.

PAULSEN, GARY. Sarny: A Life Remembered. Bantam Books, 1997. 224 p. (Grades 7+). Sarny sets out on a journey to search for her sold-away children. She begins a new life in New Orleans after finding herself a free woman at the end of the war.

ROTTMAN, S.L. Hero. Peachtree, 1997. 134 p. (Grades7+). Sean, an angry and confused fifteen-year-old who is sentenced to community service at Mr. Hassler's farm, finds an unexpected hero and learns how rare heroes really are.

SHUSTERMAN, NEAL. The Dark Side of Nowhere: A Novel. Little, Brown, 1997. 192 p. (Grades 7+). Jason's boring, small-town existence is shaken by the mysterious death of a classmate, the exploration of a forbidden part of town, and the suspicion that his family and many of the people he has known all his life are not what he has believed them to be.

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BAUER, JOAN. Rules of the Road. Putnam 1998.

BUTTS, NANCY. The Door in the Lake. Front Street 1998.

FLETCHER, RALPH J. Flying Solo. Clarion Books 1998.

HADDIX, MARGARET PETERSON. Among the Hidden. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers 1998.

HILL, DONNA. Shipwreck Season. Clarion Books 1998.

HOBBS, WILL. The Maze. Morrow Junior Books 1998.

HOLT, KIMBERLY WILLIS. My Louisiana Sky. Holt 1998.

KIMMEL, ELIZABETH CODY. In the Stone Circle. Scholastic Press 1998.

MIKAELSEN, BEN. Petey. Hyperion Books for Children 1998.

PAULSEN, GARY. Soldier's Heart: a novel of the Civil War. Delacorte Press 1998.

PECK, RICHARD. A Long Way From Chicago: a novel in stories. Dial Books for Young Readers 1998.

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SACHAR, LOUIS. Holes. Farrar, Straus and Giroux 1998.

SYKES, SHELLEY. For Mike. Delacorte Press 1998.

WERLIN, NANCY. The Killer's Cousin. Delacorte Press 1998.

YOLEN, JANE. Armageddon Summer. Harcourt Brace 1998.

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ANDERSON, LAURIE HALSE. Speak. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1999. 198 p. (Grades 8+) A high-school freshman becomes a social outcast after she calls the police during an end-of-summer party, and her trauma prevents her from sharing the real reason for the call. The shocking truth causes her to withdraw from everyone and to gradually cease speaking at all.

BODETT, TOM. Williwaw! Knopf, 1999. 192 p. (Grades 5-8) In their father's absence, 13 year-old September and her younger brother Ivan attempt to earn the money to repair the radio set they damaged, facing great danger as they attempt to cross the Alaskan bay alone

COOPER, SUSAN. King of Shadows. Simon & Schuster, 1999. 186 p. (Grades 6-9) A boy actor who is readying for his role as Puck in A Midsummer Night's Dream awakens to find himself transported through time to Shakespeare's London where he is taken under the playwright's wing and guided through rehearsals and a performance of the play at the original Globe Theater.

DESSEN, SARAH. Keeping the Moon. Viking, 1999. 244 p. (Grades 6-9) While her mother tours Europe promoting her aerobics infomercial, newly-thin Colie spends the summer in a quiet North Carolina town where she finds self-confidence, friendship and love with the help of her eccentric aunt, two wisecracking college-age waitresses, and a shy and artistic boy named Norman.

GROVE, VICKI. The Starplace. Putnam, 1999. 208 p. (Grades 5-8) Thirteen year-old Frannie learns hard lessons about prejudice and segregation when she befriends Celeste, a young black girl who moves into a small Oklahoma town in 1961. Together, they uncover the mysteriously hidden truths that connect Celeste's family to the people and history of the town.

HOBBS, WILL. Jason's Gold. Morrow, 1999. 192 p. (Grades 5-9) Drawn by headlines announcing the discovery of gold in Canada's Yukon in 1897, 15-year-old Jason embarks on a 5,000-mile journey to strike it rich.

HOUBLER, DOROTHY & THOMAS. The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn. Putnam/Philomel, 1999. 224 p. (Grades 5-8) Seikei is a 14-year-old merchant's son in eighteenth-century Japan who secretly wishes to become a samurai. When he sees a ghost steal a samurai's jewel, the famous Judge Ooka hires him to investigate the crime and solve the mystery.

LUBAR, DAVID. Hidden Talents. Tor, 1999. 224 p. (Grades 6-9) Martin Anderson has been kicked out of every school he has ever attended; now he has landed in alternative school where he fits in with all the other misfits. He discovers that he

and some of the others have psychic powers that turn out to be awesome hidden talents!

MCNEAL, TOM & LAURA. Crooked. Knopf, 1999. 224 p. (Grades 8+) The crooked path of life leads 9th-grade students Clara and Amos into a dangerous situation involving the two worst bullies in the town.

MYERS, WALTER DEAN. Monster. HarperCollins, 1999. 281 p. (Grades 9+) While on trial as an accomplice to murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon tries to understand the direction his life has taken by recording his trial as a film script and his prison experiences in a personal diary.

ROTTMAN, S. L. Head Above Water. Peachtree, 1999. 192 p. (Grades 9+) Faced with the dilemma of finding time to care for her older brother who has Down's Syndrome, to compete for a state swimming medal, to hang-out with friends, and to maintain her straight-A average, Skye, a high-school junior, must make some difficult choices. When the school's football star asks her for a date, these choices require a re-examination of her priorities and values.

SHELDON, DYAN. Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen. Candlewick, 1999. 272 p. (Grades 6-9) Lola Cep, dragged from the City to the Suburbs against her will, matches wits with Carla, the most popular and vicious girl in school. Can Lola win the lead in the school play and follow through on her boast to attend a private party for a famous rock band?

SHUSTERMAN, NEAL. Downsiders. Simon & Schuster, 1999. 208 p. (Grades 6-9) Two cultures collide beneath sidewalks, sewer grates and manholes when the Downside world comes into contact with that of the Topside. Fourteen-year-old Talon enlists the help of Topsider Lindsay to help save the Downsiders' subterranean culture which has evolved in the long abandoned subway tunnels of New York City.

THOMAS, ROB. Green Thumb. Simon & Schuster, 1999. 192 p. (Grades 6-9) Grady Jacobs, 13 years old and two-time winner of the National Science Fair, is chosen to be an assistant to a renowned botanist in Brazil. While there, Grady discovers that the research team is damaging the ecosystem and he must rely on his own powers of logic and wit in an attempt to save the rain forest and himself.

TOLAN, STEPHANIE. Ordinary Miracles. Morrow, 1999. 160 p. (Grades 6-9) When Mark Filkins spends some time away from his twin brother, he befriends a Nobel-prize winning scientist who is dying of cancer. Mark, a fundamentalist Christian, believes that faith can heal and launches a prayer campaign to save his friend, testing both his faith and his family as he searches for an extraordinary miracle.

VANDE VELDE, VIVIAN. Never Trust a Dead Man. Harcourt, 1999. 194 p.
(Grades 6-9) Wrongly convicted of murder, Selwyn tries to uncover the true killer with the help of a cranky witch, the murdered victim who is resurrected as a talking bat, and a series of hilarious magical disguises in this comedic medieval mystery.

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ALPHIN, ELAINE MARIE. Counterfeit Son. Harcourt, 2000. 180 p. (Grades 8-9) When serial killer Hank Miller is killed in a shoot-out with police, his fourteen-year-old abused son, Cameron, adopts the identity of one of his father's victims in order to find a better life and escape the horror of the past.

BAUER, JOAN. Hope Was Here. Putnam, 2000. 186 p. (Grades 7-9) Sixteen-year-old Hope and her Aunt Addie move from Brooklyn, N.Y., to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, where they work as a waitress and a cook in the Welcome Stairways Diner and become involved in the diner owner's political campaign against the town's corrupt mayor.

FOGELIN, ADRIAN. Crossing Jordan. Peachtree, 2000. 140 p. (Grades 6-9) Cassie's father builds a fence when an African-American family moves next door. Through a hole in the wall Cassie and Jemmie become friends and running partners, and as team "Chocolate Milk", use a race to bring their families together.

GRAY, DIANNE E. Holding Up the Earth. Houghton Mifflin, 2000. 210 p. (Grades 6-9) After her mother's death and seven foster homes, fourteen-year-old Hope is spending the summer with her foster mother on a Nebraska farm. Hope explores the farm's past through a series of old letters, a diary, and stories recorded by five generations of girls who have lived on the farm before her.

HANLEY, VICTORIA. The Seer and the Sword. Holiday House, 2000. 340 p. (Grades 6-9) When her conquering father returns from war, he gives young Princess Torina a slave, and a stone in which she can see the future. Landen, a deposed prince, struggles to complete his battle training in a hostile kingdom while seeking a legendary sword that belonged to his father. When an evil man hatches a plot to take over Torina's kingdom, the two must work together to save their world.

KARR, KATHLEEN. The Boxer. Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, 2000. 169 p. (Grades 8-9) Fifteen-year-old Johnny starts boxing and battles for the chance to make a better life for his family in the tenements of Manhattan in 1885.

KONIGSBURG, E. L. Silent to the Bone. Atheneum/ Simon & Schuster, 2000. 261 p. (Grades 6-9) Thirteen-year-old Branwell becomes mute while making a 911 call to report that his baby sister is not breathing, and ends up in the juvenile behavioral center unable to speak about the events that led up to the emergency call.

LEVINE, GAIL CARSON. The Wish. HarperCollins, 2000. 197 p. (Grades 6-8) Wilma Sturtz has been granted her dearest wish—to be the most popular girl in

school. But what will happen to her extraordinary popularity when she graduates for the eighth grade in three weeks.

PARK, BARBARA. The Graduation of Jake Moon. Atheneum/Simon & Schuster, 2000. 115 p. (Grades 6-9) When Jake's beloved grandfather, Skelly, gets Alzheimer's disease, his behavior becomes embarrassing to Jake. Jake feels guilty and angry, and has a hard time making peace with the situation.

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PETERS, JULIE ANNE. Define "Normal". Little, Brown, 2000. 196 p. (Grades 8-9) Antonia and Jasmine agree to do peer tutoring in their middle school. Antonia is the perfect straight A student on her way to great things, Jazz is a pierced punker on her way down. After a series of meetings, both girls wonder who is being counseled.

PHILBRICK, RODMAN. The Last Book in the Universe. Blue Sky Press/Scholastic, 2000. 223p. (Grades 6-9) After an earthquake destroys most of civilization on Earth, Spaz, and epileptic, has no hope for a better life than the violent one he is now living, until he meets Ryter, one of the few people who can still read and write and whose most valuable possession is the manuscript of the book he is writing.

WHELAN, GLORIA. Homeless Bird. HarperCollins, 2000. 216 p. (Grades 6-9) A widow at thirteen! Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage and is abandoned to a life of misery and loneliness when her sickly sixteen-year-old husband dies soon after their marriage. Koly is then doomed to the life of a widow, as dictated by Indian tradition, and must find the strength to survive.

WOODSON, JACQUELINE. Miracle's Boys. Putnam, 2000. 133 p. (Grades 6-9) After the loss of their parents, Ty'ree, Charlie, and Lafayette are trying hard to raise themselves. Ty'ree dreams of college, Charlie gets mixed up with some bad kids, and Lafayette just hides away from the world. It will be a hard struggle to survive, but brother to brother, they'll work it out.

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BELL, HILARI. A Matter of Profit. HarperCollins, 2001 (Grade 6-8). Weary of war, Ahvrem bargains with his father to travel to a conquered planet and investigate the assassination plot against the emperor and save his sister from her own devices.

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BRASHARES, ANN. Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants. Delacorte, 2001. (Grade 6-9). Four best friends who must spend their summer apart discover magical pants that transform their lives and create a bond stronger than any of them have ever felt before.

COONEY, CAROLINE B. Ransom of Mercy Carter. Delacorte, 2001. (Grade 6-9). Eleven-year-old Mercy Carter, kidnapped along with 100 other settlers during an Indian raid on her Massachusetts settlement in the winter of 1704, learns to appreciate the Kahnawake way of life and must decide whether to return to her former life or to remain with her Mohawk captors

FLINN, ALEX. Breathing Underwater. HarperCollins, 2001. (Grade 8-9). When sixteen-year-old Nick is forced to attend counseling for hitting his girlfriend, Caitlin, he discovers that the phrase “like father, like son” can be a terrifying reality.

HOUBLER, DOROTHY and THOMAS. The Demon in the Teahouse. Philomel, 2001. (Grade 6-9). In this sequel to The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn, fourteen-year-old Seikei poses as a teahouse attendant to discover who is murdering geishas and setting fires in Japan’s capital city of Edo.

KERR, M.E. Slap Your Sides. HarperCollins, 2001. (Grade 6-9). Family, friends and neighbors are drawn into the conflict between religious freedom and patriotic fervor during World War II as the Quaker beliefs of a conscientious objector create turmoil for fourteen-year-old Jubal Shoemaker.

MCDONALD, JOYCE. Shades of Simon Gray. Delacorte, 2001.(Grade 7-9). Trapped in a coma after crashing his car into a tree where an innocent man had been lynched 200 years before, seventeen-year-old Simon finds himself fluctuating between time and space in this suspenseful thriller.

MIKAELSEN, BEN. Touching Spirit Bear. HarperCollins, 2001. (Grade 6-9). Guilty of beating Peter Driscall, who now might have permanent brain damage, fifteen-year-old Cole Matthews’ punishment is to spend a year alone on an isolated Alaskan island as part of the Native American system of Circle Justice.

PARK, LINDA SUE. A Single Shard. Clarion Books, 2001. (Grade 6-8) In medieval Korea, thirteen-year-old orphan Tree-ear longs to become apprenticed to the cranky master craftsman Min and hopes to prove himself worthy by successfully carrying samples of Min's pottery to the royal palace.

PIERCE, MEREDITH ANN. Treasure at the Heart of the Tanglewood. Viking, 2001. (Grade 6-9). Hannah, a young healer in love with a knight who has been turned into a fox by the wizard of the Tanglewood forest, journeys to find someone who can reverse the spell.

SCHMIDT, GARY D. Straw Into Gold. Clarion Books, 2001. (Grade 6-8) In this alternate version of the Rumpelstiltskin story, eleven-year-old Touse and his blind companion set out to answer a riddle that will save innocent lives and reunite the boy with his mother, the queen.

TAYLOR, MILDRED D. The Land. Phyllis Fogelman Books, 2001. (Grade 7-9). After the Civil War, Paul-Edward, the son of a white father and a black mother, finds himself caught between two worlds as he pursues his dream of owning land.

VAN DRAANEN, WENDELIN. Flipped. Knopf, 2001. (Grade 6-9). In their eighth grade year, Bryce and Juli, two incompatible teenagers who have been across-the-street neighbors since the second grade, see a reversal in their feelings and a change in their perceptions of each other.

WOLFF, VIRGINIA EUWER. True Believer. Atheneum, 2001. (Grade 6-9). Fifteen-year-old LaVaughn, an inner-city girl struggling to get out of the projects and into college, has earned her place in advanced classes and after-school programs.

WULFFSON, DON. Soldier X. Viking, 2001. (Grade 8-9). After being wounded during World War II fighting for the German army, sixteen-year-old Russian soldier Erik, who realizes that the sights, sounds and smells of war are almost more than he can bear, trades his clothing for an enemy uniform, changing not only his role in the war, but his life.

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ALVAREZ, JULIA. Before We Were Free. Alfred A. Knopf, 2002. In 1960, twelve-year-old Anita de la Torre's childhood comes to an abrupt end when Anita's father and brother are arrested for their involvement with the assassination of the Dominican Republic's dictator and the rest of the family must go into hiding.

AUCH, MARY JANE. Ashes of Roses. Holt, 2002. Rose, a sixteen-year-old Irish immigrant, finds work in New York City's Triangle Shirtwaist Factory where she and her fellow employees become trapped during the infamous fire of 1911.

BAUER, JOAN. Stand Tall. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2002. At twelve years old and already six feet, three inches tall, Tree tries to cope with his parents divorce, coaches who think he is an athlete, and the new girl in school by examining how things work as his Vietnam vet grandfather has taught him.

COONEY, CAROLINE B. Goddess of Yesterday. Delacorte Press, 2002. Anaxandra, posing as Princess Callisto in order to save her life, is captured by King Menelaus and taken to Sparta where she becomes part of the drama of the Trojan War sparked by the half-mortal, half goddess, Helen.

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FARMER, NANCY. The House of the Scorpion. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2002. As Matt, a clone of the 142-year-old powerful drug lord El Patron, grows from a boy to a young man with intelligence and ideals, he tries to reconcile his love for El Patron with the knowledge of the real reason he was created.

GRIMES, NIKKI. Bronx Masquerade. Dial Books, 2002. Eighteen teenagers decide to read aloud their poetry at school on Open Mike Fridays, even though it could mean revealing their true selves behind their masquerades.

HIAASEN, CARL. Hoot. Alfred A. Knopf, 2002. Roy, once again the new-kid in his middle school, becomes the victim of a bully and the friend of a strange kid who runs barefoot through town and employs outlaw tactics to protect some endangered owls.

KLASS, DAVID. Home of the Braves. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2002. Joe Brickman's senior year is not turning out to be as he planned because the soccer team of which he is the captain has a new player from Brazil who is stealing his glory and his girl.

LUBAR, DAVID. Dunk. Clarion Books, 2002. From the moment the eleventh grader hears the dunk tank clown's insults, Chad makes plans on how to become

one, only to have his plans go awry while he deals with his mom's new renter, the police, and his best friend's illness.

MURPHY, CLAIRE RUDOLF. Free Radical. Clarion Books, 2002. When Luke's mother confesses that she is wanted by the FBI for participating in an anti-Vietnam War protest at Berkeley during which someone was killed, his hopes for making the Fairbanks' summer baseball All-Star team may be in jeopardy, and he must come to terms with his mother's thirty one-year-old secret.

PARK, LINDA SUE. When My Name Was Keoko. Clarion Books, 2002.). Stripped of their family's Korean culture during the 1940-45 Japanese occupation, ten-year-old Sun-hee and her brother, thirteen-year-old Tae-yul face years of family secrets and danger as they struggle to maintain their identities.

PHILBRICK, NAT. Revenge of the Whale: The True Story of the Whaleship Essex. Putnam's, 2002. This is the firsthand account of an angry sperm whale taking revenge on the Nantucket whaleship Essex and the twenty unfortunate crew members who attempted to kill the whale for oil in 1892.

RINALDI, ANN. Numbering All the Bones. Jump at the Sun/Hyperion Books for Children, 2002. Eulinda, a thirteen-year-old house slave on a plantation in Kentucky near the end of the Civil War, must decide to which world she really belongs, white or black, and if she will remain on the plantation or run away.

ROTTMAN, S. L. Stetson. Viking, 2002. Stetson's world becomes unbalanced when he meets the sister he never knew he had, and together they begin to build a relationship despite their differences and their dysfunctional family background.

VANDE VELDE, VIVIAN. Heir Apparent. Harcourt, 2002. Trapped in a total immersion computer game, Giannine asks herself, as she dies again, if she can win the throne to exit the malfunctioning computer before the machine damages her brain.

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ATWATER-RHODES, AMELIA. Hawksong. Delacorte Press, c2003. Danica Shardae, an avian shapeshifter, never remembers a time in her land without war and death, and she is willing to do anything to end the fighting, even if that means marrying her greatest enemy, a serpente shapeshifter, Zane Cobriana.

BRADLEY, KIMBERLY BRUBAKER. For Freedom: The Story of a French Spy. Delacorte Press, c2003. When thirteen-year-old Suzanne David becomes involved with the French Resistance during World War II, it will take every ounce of courage and strength for Suzanne to survive “for freedom.”

BROWN, DAN. Our Time on the River. Houghton Mifflin, 2003. It's 1968 and brothers Steve and David take an adventurous, life changing, river ride in a canoe before David is shipped out to Vietnam.

DEFELICE, CYNTHIA. Under the Same Sky. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003. In order for Joe Pederson to get a new motorbike he must work on his father's farm with the Mexican laborers, but Joe will learn how hard the laborers have it and how racism can destroy everything around you.

FROST, HELEN. Keesha's House. Frances Foster Books/Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003. Only in Joe's house will you find troubled teens like Stephie, who is pregnant, Harris who is gay, Carmen who struggles against addiction, Dontay, whose parents are in jail, and Keesha; all looking for a place to belong.

HO, MINGFONG. Stone Goddess. Orchard Books, c2003. When the Khmer Rouge takes over Cambodia, life for classical dancer Teeda dramatically changes as she winds up in a brutal labor camp and refugee camp before coming to the U.S.

JOHNSON, ANGELA. The First Part Last. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2003. Bobby was a happy teenager but that's all changed forever when he becomes a father and must unexpectedly care for Feather, his new baby daughter, alone.

KOERTGE, RON. Shakespeare Bats Cleanup. Candlewick Press, 2003. One, two, three, you're out! Shakespeare's bat had been retired. Mono, bed rest, prose.

KOJA, KATHE. Buddha Boy. Frances Foster Books, 2003. When Justin first saw “Jinsen” crossing the cafeteria wearing a sloppy red tie-dyed dragon T-shirt with his head shaved bald as he begged for change, Justin realized that Jinsen was clearly the biggest weirdo in the school.

MACK, TRACY. Birdland. Scholastic Press, c2003. While Jed and his friend Flyer shoot a video of their neighborhood for a class assignment, Jed discovers his dead brother Zeke's poetry journal and starts to see their East Village neighborhood through his eyes.

MORRIS, GERALD. Ballad of Sir Dinadan. Houghton Mifflin Co., 2003. After he is knighted by his father, Sir Dinadan journeys forth to seek his fortune but will it be as a knight at Arthur's Court or as a gifted minstrel?

PAOLINI, CHRISTOPHER. Eragon. Knopf : Distributed by Random House, c2003. Little did Eragon dream that the blue stone he found in the forest known as the Spine would become his precious dragon, Saphira, or that he would become one of the legendary Dragon Riders, pursued by the evil Galbatorix and his minions.

PECK, RICHARD. The River Between Us. Dial Books, c2003. When Howard visits his grandmother he learns about her town during the Civil War and the steamboat from New Orleans that brought the beautiful Delphine and her mysterious companion Calinda.

RITTER, JOHN. The Boy Who Saved Baseball. Philomel Books, c2003. With help from a stranger who rides into town on a horse, a former pro player and a miracle, a rag-tag baseball team must find the secret and win a game against their rival to save their rural community.

SCHUSTERMAN, NEAL. Full Tilt. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2003. Thrust into an eerie invitation-only phantom amusement park, sixteen-year-old Blake must quickly finish a series of seven terrifyingly bizarre, surreal rides to save the life of his younger brother, Quinn, and his own soul.

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ALLENDE, ISABEL. The Kingdom of the Golden Dragon. 2004. New York: HarperCollins. Grades 7-12. When Tom Cold and his friend Nadia travel to the Forbidden Kingdom, an isolated, untouched land in the Himalayas, they find the Golden Dragon, an oracle statue that foretells the future of the kingdom, is threatened by outsiders who want to possess it.

ALVAREZ, JULIA. Finding Miracles. 2004. New York: Knopf. Grades 6-9. On his first day at an American high school, Pablo is instantly drawn to Milly's eyes, a window to her past.

BENNETT, CHERIE & JEFF GOTTESFELD. A Heart Divided. 2004. New York: Delacort Press. Grades 8+. When Kate moves from New York City to a small town near Nashville, she learns first hand what she has always heard about "Yankees and Confederates" and what it means to fight for something in which she believes.

CHOLDENKO, GENNIFER. Al Capone Does My Shirts. 2004. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Grades 5-8. When Moose Flanagan's dad takes a job at the Alcatraz prison during the depression, the family moves onto the island where Moose meets Piper, the irresistible, troublemaking daughter of the warden who leads him into her schemes.

CUMMINGS, PRISCILLA. Red Kayak. 2004. New York: Dutton Children's Books. Grades 7+. After discovering the secret behind a tragic river accident, thirteen-year-old Brady struggles to choose between loyalty to his friends and the truth.

FUSCO, KIMBERLY. Tending to Grace. 2004. New York: Knopf Books. Grades 6-9. When Cornelia's mother runs off with a boyfriend and leaves her with an eccentric aunt, Cornelia must find the strength to confront the truth about herself and her mother.

HOBBS, WILL. Leaving Protection. 2004. New York: HarperCollins Publishers. Grades 6-10. While fishing for king salmon on the Storm Petrel, sixteen-year-old Robbie Daniels discovers the owner is after something more valuable than salmon.

MCDONALD, JOYCE. Devil On My Heels. 2004. New York: Delacorte. Grades 6-9. During the summer of 1959, trouble brews among the migrant workers in the orange groves and Dove Alderman realizes things in her hometown are not as simple as they seem.

MCMULLAN, MARGARET. How I Found the Strong: A Civil War Story. 2004. Boston: Houghton. Grades 5-8. In 1861 just before the Civil War, Frank (Shanks) Russell lives a safe life with those he loves surrounding him; however, before the war ends in 1865, his secure world crumbles and he must find the courage to become a man when everyone and everything he loves need him to be strong.

PETERSEN, P.J. and IVY RUCKMAN. Rob&sara.com. 2004. New York: Delacorte Press. Grades 7-10. A teen poetry chat room, "Poets 'n' Wannabes," draws two unlikely participants much closer than they could have ever imagined.

SCHMIDT, GARY D. Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy. 2004. New York: Clarion. Grades 6-9. In 1911, preacher's son Turner Buckminster hates living in his new town until he makes friends with Lizzie Bright Griffin, a mysterious and adventurous girl whose island community of former slaves is threatened by the townspeople.

SHUSTERMAN, NEAL. The Schwa Was Here. 2004. New York: Dutton. Grades 7-10. Calvin Schwa is nearly invisible to all who know him, especially people at school and in his Brooklyn neighborhood. However, twists and turns, romance, a hermit with fourteen dogs, friends, and enemies all collide before Calvin is finally noticed by those who are important in his life.

THURLO, DAVID and AIMEE THURLO. Spirit Line. 2004. New York: Viking Press. Grades 5-9. Crystal Manyfeathers struggles with the death of her mother and questions traditional Navajo ways as she and her friend, Henry, search the reservation for her nearly completed ceremonial rug.

TORREY, MICHELE. Voyage of Ice. 2004. New York: Knopf. Grades 6-10. Two brothers volunteer to work aboard a dangerous whaling ship only to find unexpected adventure and love as they struggle to survive in the arctic.

WESTERFELD, SCOTT. The Secret Hour. 2004. New York: HarperCollins. Grades 6-10. High school student Jessica Day moves to Bixby, Oklahoma, and learns she has the ability to move in the magical 25th hour of the day thereby making her a member of a group of special people known as the midnighters.

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ABRAHAMS, PETER. Down the Rabbit Hole: an Echo Falls Mystery. Laura Geringer Books/HarperCollins: New York. 2005. 375 p. Grades 6-9. Realizing she left her red soccer shoes in the home of murdered "Cracked-Up Katie," Ingrid becomes an amateur sleuth, and solves a crime connected to a local theater production of Alice in Wonderland.

BRUCHAC, JOSEPH. Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War Two. Dial Books: New York. 2005. 240p. Grades 5 up. Follow sixteen-year-old Navajo Ned Begay, a Marine, as he becomes a secret Code Talker during World War Two.

DEUKER, CARL. Runner. Houghton Mifflin: Boston. 2005. 216p. Grades 7 & up. Although the job is dangerous and suspicious, desperate high school senior Chance Taylor jumps at an opportunity to use his love of running to earn money delivering mysterious packages in order to pay his alcoholic father's bills.

HALE, SHANNON. The Princess Academy. Bloomsbury Publishing: New York. 2005. 314 p. Grades 5-9. While at a special academy training as a possible bride for the prince, Miri discovers she has special talents that help her communicate with her hometown and save the other girls.

HIAASEN, CARL. Flush. Alfred A. Knopf: New York. 2005. 272p. Grades 5-8. Florida Keys resident Noah Underwood, with the help of his family, tries to solve the mystery of a casino riverboat's flushing toilets.

LUBAR, DAVID. Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie. Dutton Books: New York. 2005. 270 p. Grades 7-10. While trying to survive his first year in high school, freshman Scott Hudson records the details of his life, becomes a big brother, and attempts to win the heart of a "freshman goddess."

MCKERNAN, VICTORIA. Shackleton's Stowaway. Alfred A. Knopf: New York. 2005. 317 p. Grades 5-9. When eighteen-year-old Perce Blackborow becomes a stowaway aboard the Endurance, a ship carrying the Shackleton Expedition to Antarctica, he doesn't expect to be a part of the greatest survival story of the 20th century.

MYERS, ANNA. Assassin. Walker: New York. 2005. 192 p. Grades 7 & up. Follow the events leading up to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln as John Wilkes Booth connives, charms and mesmerizes those around him.

NAPOLI, DONNA JO. The King of Mulberry Street. Wendy Lamb Books/Random House: New York. 2005. 245 p. Grades 5-8. Left by his mother as a stowaway on a ship in 1892, Italian speaking Dom struggles to survive, alone in New York City.

PEARSALL, SHELLEY. Crooked River. Random House: New York. 2005. 249 p. Grades 5-8. In 1812, thirteen-year-old Rebecca Carver, living in an Ohio settlement, learns a powerful lesson in what she believes is right and what she knows is wrong.

RIORDAN, RICK. The Lightning Thief: Percy Jackson and the Olympians. Hyperion Books for Children: New York. 2005. 377 p. Grades 5-9. After learning his father is Poseidon, the god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy Jackson and his friends set out to save the world.

ROBERTS, LAURA PEYTON. The Queen of Second Place. Delacorte Press: New York. 2005. 324 p. Grades 6 – 10. Even though sophomore Cassie Howard believes her talent is always to come in second place, she is determined to win the heart of the new guy, Kevin Matthews, even if it includes lying, cheating, and breaking the law.

TORREY, MICHELE. Voyage of Plunder: A Chronicle of Courage. Alfred A. Knopf: New York. 2005. 192 p. Grades 5-8. Daniel, forced into becoming part of an infamous pirate crew, discovers his true love, his true courage, and his true parentage.

WESTERFELD, SCOTT. Uglies. Simon Pulse: New York. 2005. 425 p. Grades 6 & up. When Shay runs away to the Smoke to avoid becoming “pretty,” Tally must betray her friend or stay “ugly” forever.