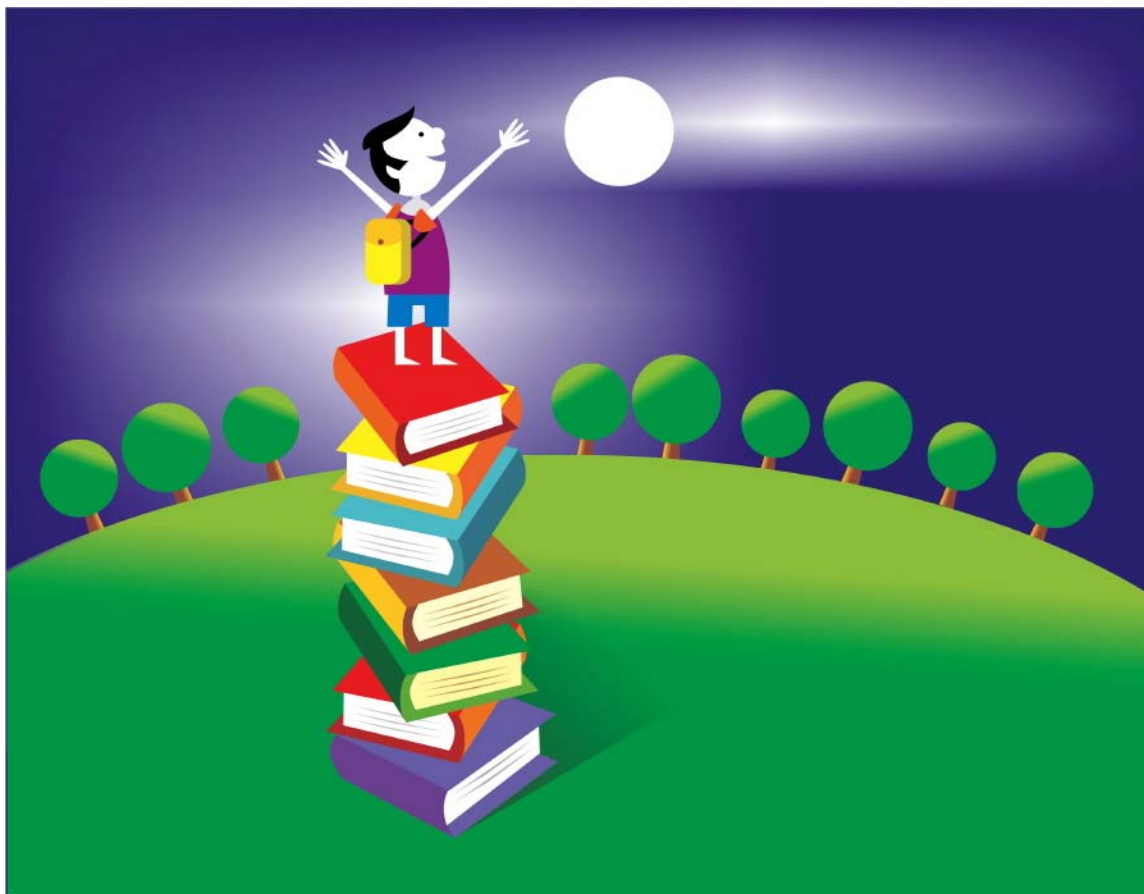


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Elementary Summer Reading List 2010

Dear Parents,

The Elementary School and Memorial Hall Librarians encourage you and your children to spend time reading this summer. These lists are recommended, not required, reading for children entering Kindergarten through fifth grade. The stories on this list are filled with adventure, humor and characters that will instill in your children an appreciation for the best of children's literature and help foster their literacy development. We have included a brief annotation to help make the selection process easier.

The authors on the list, in many instances, have written several books. Please encourage your child to choose another book by the author if the book on the list is not available.

Also, the majority of titles on the list are fiction books with a handful of folk tales, poetry, science, history, and biography titles. Your child may be motivated to read by other non-fiction titles that spark his or her own interests. Popular topics with students in the elementary grades include: Pets, Sports, Wild Animals, Dinosaurs and Drawing/Crafts.

You can find other suggested titles by visiting the Massachusetts Summer Reading List Collection compiled by Ethel Downey, the Librarian at Newton South High School.

<http://www.newton.k12.ma.us/NSHS/Library/SummerReadingListsResource.htm>

Happy Summer Reading!

Elementary School Librarians

Gerri Fegan - High Plain

Paige Holman - Shawsheen

Chris McDermott - West

Melanie Patterson - Sanborn

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Julianne Toomey-Kautz - South

Entering Kindergarten

Brown, Peter

The Curious Garden

A boy demonstrates how one person can make a difference in this ALA Notable book for 2010. The illustrations show the beauty nature adds to our world.

Carle, Eric

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

A classic story with colorful illustrations, repetition and many favorite foods that also includes counting, the days of the week, and the life cycle of the butterfly. Who could ask for anything more?

Fox, Mem

Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes

This book by a well-loved author features cute illustrations by Helen Oxenbury. The story has rhyming text about babies who all have ten fingers and ten toes in common – regardless of where in the world they are from.

Hayes, Geoffrey

Benny and Penny in the Big No-No!

Cartoon-like drawings illustrate a story about breaking the rules and apologizing for misunderstandings in the winner of the 2010 Theodore Geisel Award.

Henkes, Kevin

A Good Day

Everyday occurrences are highlighted in colorful illustrations for young kids to relate to how a small event can change a bad day to a good day. (ALA Notable Book 2007)

Lee, Suzy

Wave

Here is a wordless storybook about a child at the beach. The illustrations are unique and playful. Picture books like this encourage language development and storytelling skills.

Meschenmoser, Sebastian

Waiting for Winter

Young children will relate to young animals' anticipation of first snow and delight in their mistaken identifications' based on what they've heard. Adults will delight in the unique illustrations in this 2010 ALA Notable Book.

Newbery, Linda

Posy

A *must* for kitten lovers! In addition to the most adorable pictures, the rhymes are unique for this age group because it pairs two- and three-syllable words (for example, "leaf collector" and "sock inspector").

Patricelli, Leslie

Higher! Higher!

Bold and colorful with the words repeated as a little girl chants her request to be pushed on a swing until she can see the whole world. (An ALA Notable book for 2010)

Pinkwater, Daniel

Bear's Picture

This is a wonderful story with simple text that contains a message about the intrinsic value and individuality of creating art. Illustrations are by an award-winning artist from New Hampshire.

Posada, Mia

Guess What is Growing Inside this Egg

Eye catching illustrations accompany the information about six different animals that hatch from eggs. Children try to guess what animal is in each egg before turning the page to find out the answer and more information about the animal. Adorable!

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Raschka, Chris

Yo! Yes?

A wonderful story of an unlikely start to a friendship between two boys. The use of only two words (or less) per page allows us to focus on the characters' body language, facial expression, and tone of voice. (Caldecott honor book in 1994)

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse

Duck! Rabbit!

The catch of this book is that the thick, black ink illustrations can be of a duck or a rabbit, depending on a viewer's perspective. It contains rudimentary vocabulary and text, but the idea behind "no right answer" encourages higher-level thinking.

Scanlon, Liz Garton

All the World

Taking place in a coastal community, this Caldecott Honor book for 2010 encourages embracing the joy in a day in our world.

Shaw, Nancy

Sheep in a Jeep

Clever rhyming and sound play make reading this book aloud a lesson in pre-reading phonological skills. Yet children and adults will both find delight in the sheep's adventures.

Seuss, Dr.

I Can Lick Thirty Tigers Today

A good one to start Dr. Seuss – before reading those with more sophisticated morals that lead to prolonged discussions (such as *The Lorax*). This is a story of a boy who is eager to take on a task that he decides to re-think once it stands before him. (Thick book typically contains 2 other stories, too.)

Waddell, Martin

Owl Babies

A story about three owls who awake to find their mother gone with unique illustrations. Children relate to the feeling the smallest voices, "I want my mommy!" and adults can reinforce the message the mother states, "I always come back."

Willems, Mo

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!

A great laugh-aloud book! Your child may relate to the pigeon who begs to do something he is just not allowed to do.

Wood, Audrey

Quick as a Cricket

It is difficult to decide which Audrey & Don Wood book to choose for this list, so pick any one to read with your child. All have whimsical illustrations and most will bring joy to your hearts. This one is about the awareness of self in relation to the world surrounding us.

Yolen, Jane

How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?

This is one in a series of books about social behavior. The text asks if dinosaurs should act in inappropriate ways (e.g., interrupting, being late) at school and then reassures children of the accepted routines (e.g., raising hands, playing together.)

Entering Grade One

Barton, Chris

Shark vs. Train

When a boy with a toy shark faces a train-wielding companion, it sets off a series of imaginative and very funny contests between fish and machine.

Bottner, Barbara

Miss Brooks Loves Books! (and I Don't)

Missy rejects just about every book that comes her way. She complains that "they're too kissy. Too Pink. And too silly." The librarian, Miss Brooks, is not about to give up, nor is Missy's mom. When Missy realizes she'd like to read about warts, Mom comes through with the perfect choice.

Cohen, Miriam

When Will I Read? (and others in the series)

Impatient to begin reading, a first-grader doesn't realize that there is more to reading than books.

Emberley, Rebecca & Ed

Chicken Little

This classic fable is revitalized with bright graphic-style artwork, fun-to-share-aloud sound effects, and an appealing cheeky attitude.

Fucile, Tony

Let's Do Nothing!

When two boys run out of things to do, Sal comes up with a bright idea and Frankie, Being younger, gamely goes along—with hilarious results.

Guiberson, Brenda Z.

Moon Bear

The endangered Moon Bear, or Asiatic black bear, is the subject of this call-and-response tale created in partnership with the Animals Asia Foundation. Readers follow one female bear as she wakes from hibernation, explores the seasons, and awakens the following spring with a new cub. The story focuses on simple actions such as eating raspberries and swatting insects, giving young readers an idea of how these elusive bears behave.

Haseley, Dennis

A Story for Bear

A young bear finds a friend when a woman reads to him.

Heide, Florence

Princess Hyacinth: The Surprising Tale of a Girl Who Floated

Unless she is weighed by her jewel-encrusted crown, diamond-embedded socks, or tied to her chair, Princess Hyacinth floats and must spend her days watching the other children play.

Jenkins, Steve

***How to Clean a Hippopotamus:
A Look at Unusual Animal Partnerships***

This book introduces readers to symbiosis, focusing on relationships in which each partner benefits from the collaboration.

Keller, Laurie

Do Unto Otters: A Book About Manners

This guide to manners brings the "Golden Rule" to life in the form of Mr. Rabbit and his new neighbors, the Otters, who animate every page with their well-behaved hijinks.

Knudsen, Michelle

The Library Lion

A lion starts visiting the local library but runs into trouble as he tries both to obey the rules and to help his librarian friend.

Lobel, Arnold

Frog and Toad Together

Five further adventures of 2 best friends as they share cookies, plant a garden and test their bravery.

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Munsch, Robert

The Paperbag Princess

After having a dragon smash her castle, burn her clothes, and prince-nap her fiancé, Princess Elizabeth sets out to find the dragon donning a large paper bag. After tracking down the reptile, Elizabeth charms and flatters him into performing all sorts of dragonly stunts that eventually exhaust him, allowing her to rescue Prince Ronald.

Pinkney, Jerry

The Lion and the Mouse

Winner of the 2009 Caldecott Medal. In this wordless retelling of Aesop's fable, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when he rescues the King of the Jungle.

Proimos, James

Paulie Pastrami Achieves World Peace

How does a seven-year-old achieve world peace? He begins with the easy stuff and works his way up.

Thomson, Bill

Chalk

This stunningly illustrated wordless picture book tells the story of three children who find a bag of magical chalk at the playground on a rainy day.

Watt, Melanie

Chester

Chester is a story told and retold by dueling author-illustrators: Melanie Watt and her cat, Chester.

Weeks, Sarah

Woof: A Love Story

An ordinary dog who likes to do ordinary dog things happens to notice a pretty little cat and promptly falls in love.

Wells, Rosemary

Emily's First Hundred Days of School

Starting with number one for the first day of school, Emily learns the numbers to one hundred in many different ways.

Willems, Mo

Pigs Make Me Sneeze

Gerald is dismayed by the notion that he might be allergic to his best friend—until Dr. Cat comes to the rescue.

Entering Grade Two

Adler, David

Cam Jansen and the Green School Mystery

Cam Jansen's school is going green with a bottle drive. How much money can they earn? Where is all the money? Can Cam solve the mystery?

Beam, Emily

Tum-tum and Nutmeg: Beyond Nutmouse Hall

A mouse couple enlists the help of a neighboring general and his mouse battalion when the humans they live with need help.

Cousins, Lucy

Yummy: Eight Favorite Fairy Tales

This assortment of stories contains all the humor and wisdom that have made them favorites. The pictures are laughably foolish and deliciously menacing.

DiCamillo, Kate

Mercy Watson: Something Wonky This Way Comes

Mr. and Mrs. Watson and their porcine wonder, Mercy, are off to the Bijou Drive-In. What will happen when everyone gets the same idea for a night out? With the tempting scent of hot buttered popcorn wafting through the air, everyone's favorite pig leads the way in this hilarious romp!

DiPucchio, Kelly

Grace for President

When Grace's teacher says that the United States has never had a female president, Grace decides to be the first.

Graham, Bob

How to Heal a Broken Wing

When a boy finds a wounded bird, he and his parents take it home and tenderly care for it, hoping that it will one day fly.

Howe, James

Houndsley and Catina Plink and Plunk

Houndsley loves to canoe. Catina loves to ride bikes. Together they learn that the things you are afraid of are easier to do with a good friend at your side.

Hopkinson, Deborah

Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek

The humorous telling of a true tale about seven-year-old Abe and his friends Austin that will entertain young and old.

Jenkins, Emily

Skunkdog

A dog with no sense of smell finds a new friend but her family must do a lot of nose holding for the friendship to last.

Munson, Derek

Enemy Pie

Hoping that the enemy pie, which his father has made, will help him get rid of his enemy, a little boy finds instead it helps him make a friend.

Palatini, Margie

Lousy Rotten Stinkin' Grapes

A know-it-all fox gets help from his friends in trying to get some grapes in this funny re-telling of Aesop's fable. Get ready to have your funny bone tickled.

Phillips, J.C.

Wink

Wink, after being admitted to the Summer Moon School for Young Ninjas, finds he might be better suited for something else.

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Recorvits, Helen

Yoon and the Jade Bracelet

When an older girl borrows Yoon's bracelet but will not return it, Yoon must learn some important lessons to get it back.

Strum, James

Adventures in Cartooning

In this goofy graphic novel, a knight encounters a candy stealing dragon and receives instruction in cartooning from a cheerful elf.

Teague, Mark

Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School

Mrs. LaRue's dog is sent to obedience school. His correspondence describing his stay will have readers howling with laughter.

Van Allsburg, Chris

Jumanji

This Caldecott Award winning book will entertain with its story of a game that comes startlingly to life.

Viorst, Judith

Earrings

What's a girl to do when her mother and father refuse to let her have her ears pierced? A funny tale of a persistent girl determined to have what she wants.

Watt, Melanie

Scaredy Squirrel at Night

Scaredy is too terrified to sleep. Will he find sweet dreams in this bedtime story?

Wiesner, David

Flotsam

A boy goes to the beach to examine flotsam – anything that has washed ashore but he is astonished by what he discovers. The story is told entirely through pictures.

Wong, Herbert

Mouse and Mole, Fine Feathered Friends

The latest adventure of Mouse and Mole shows that sometimes it's fun to try something new and sometimes it isn't. But friendship helps makes each brand-new day one to look forward to.

Entering Grade Three

Becker, Bonnie

The Magical Ms. Plum

Ms. Plum is sure every year that her third-grade class is the best at Springtime Elementary and with the help of a little magic in the classroom, every year she's right!

Blume, Judy

The Pain and the Great One: Going, Going, Gone

The Pain (Jake Porter) is six years old. His sister, The Great One (Abigail Porter), is eight. Whether they are splashing around at the beach, whizzing down a super-slide or coming face-to-face with alligators, life is always an adventure for Jake and Abigail!

Christopher, Matt

The Dog That Called the Pitch

A baseball story with a twist. Mike and his pet dog, an Airedale named Harry, communicate by telepathy. To their surprise, the new umpire does, as well. When the ump loses his glasses, Mike and Harry help him call the game.

Cleary, Beverly

Muggie Maggie

Maggie decides she'll never learn to write in cursive after her third grade teacher reads her name as "Muggie."

Cole, Joanna and Degen, Bruce

The Magic School Bus and the Climate Change

Ms. Frizzle's students are putting on a play about global warming and Ms. Frizzle supplies the awesome field trip to give her class the facts!

Dahl, Roald

The Fantastic Mr. Fox

Mr. Fox is only trying to save his family from the nasty farmers, Boggis, Bunce, and Bean.

Davies, Jacqueline

Tricking the Tallyman

When Phineas Bump rides into town in 1790 to count the residents for a government survey, the townsfolk greet him with suspicion and deceit.

Estes, Eleanor

The Hundred Dresses

Wanda Petronski lives way up in shabby Boggins Heights, and she doesn't have any friends. Every day she wears a faded blue dress, which wouldn't be too much of a problem if she didn't tell her schoolmates that she had a hundred dresses at home--all silk, all colors, and velvet, too.

Floca, Brian

Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11

This stirring picture book account retraces *Apollo 11*'s historic mission in brief but precise detail, and also brilliantly captures the mighty scope and drama of the achievement.

Gibbons, Gail

Hurricanes!

An informative overview of these fascinating storms, with facts, maps, and history.

Kinney, Jeff

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Kinney's popular Web comic, which began in 2004, makes its way to print as a laugh-out-loud "novel in cartoons," adapted from the series. Middle school student Greg Heffley takes readers through an academic year's worth of drama.

Kline, Suzy

Horrible Harry Goes Cuckoo

It's a horrible day for Harry: a classmate is calling him names; his library book is overdue; he's last in line for a turn to be the Room 3B VIP. Worst of all, it's cold and icy outside again, which means no outdoor recess. It's all too much for Harry—he starts to go cuckoo!

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McDonald, Megan

Judy Moody & Stink:

The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt

Judy Moody and her younger brother, Stink, work to solve the clues in a pirate contest. The prize? A trip around the harbor in a real pirate ship!

Neuschwander, Cindy

Sir Cumference And All The King's Tens:

A Math Adventure

Sir Cumference and Lady Di are planning a surprise birthday party for King Arthur, but more and more guests appear. How can they keep track? Counting by tens, of course!

Pennypacker, Sara

Clementine, Friend of the Week

Clementine has been picked for Friend of the Week. She gets to feed the fish, collect the milk money, and best of all, she gets a book where her classmates write good things about her.

Polacco, Patricia

My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother

A girl burdened with a bratty big brother tries to do something, anything, better than he can, but gets more than she intended when she does.

Roy, Ron

A to Z Mysteries: Sleepy Hollow Sleepover

Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose are spending Halloween in Sleepy Hollow, home of the legendary Headless Horseman. Strange things start happening that don't seem to be part of the planned spooky fun. Is there a real Headless Horseman haunting Sleepy Hollow?

Sachar, Louis

Sideways Stories From Wayside School

There was a terrible mistake-Wayside School was built with one classroom on top of another, thirty stories high! (The builder said he was sorry.) Maybe that's why all kinds of funny things happened at Wayside-especially on the thirteenth floor.

Scieszka, Jon

Wushu Were Here (Time Warp Trio series)

After being warped back to Ancient China, Joe, Fred and Anna learn about kung fu, scale the Great Wall of China, and rescue Sam who is trapped in The Book!

Entering Grade Four

Avi *Iron thunder : the battle between the Monitor & the Merrimac : a Civil War novel*

Tom's job as an assistant to Captain John Ericsson, the inventor of the Monitor, makes him a target of Confederate spies.

Barton, Chris *The Day-Glo Brothers: The True Story of Bob and Joe Switzer's Bright Ideas and Brand-New Colors*

When an accident left Bob recovering in a darkened basement, the brothers began experimenting with ultraviolet light and fluorescent paints. Together they invented a whole new kind of color, one that glows with an extra-special intensity—Day-Glo.

Byng, Georgia *Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism*

Unlucky and unloved, Molly Moon, living in a dreary orphanage in a small English town, discovers a hidden talent for hypnotism and hypnotizes her way to stardom in New York City. The 2005 MCBA Winner

Clements, Andrew *Extra Credit*

As letters flow back and forth--between the prairies of Illinois and the mountains of Afghanistan, across cultural and religious divides--sixth-grader Abby, ten-year-old Amira, and eleven-year-old Sadeed begin to speak and listen to each other.

Creech, Sharon *The Unfinished Angel*

In a tiny village in the Swiss Alps, an angel meets an American girl named Zola who has come with her father to open a school, and together Zola and the angel rescue a group of homeless orphans, who gradually change everything.

Funke, Cornelia *Dragon Rider*

After learning that humans are headed toward his hidden home, Firedrake, a silver dragon, is on a quest to find a legendary valley.

Gutman, Dan *Roberto & Me: A Baseball Card Adventure*

Stosh travels back to 1969 to try to prevent the untimely death of Roberto Clemente, a legendary baseball player and humanitarian, but upon his return to the present, he meets his own great-grandson who takes him into the future, and what he finds there is more shocking than anything he has encountered in his travels to the past.

Horvath, Polly *The Pepins and Their Problems*

The reader is invited to help solve the Pepin family's unusual problems, which include having a cow who creates lemonade rather than milk and having to cope with a competitive neighbor.

Ibbotson, Eva *Which Witch?*

The Great Wizard announces a competition among the witches to decide which one will marry him.

Krull, Kathleen *The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth*

This picture-book biography explains how Farnsworth held on to his dream to develop television and the scientific concepts behind it.

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Lasky, Kathryn

The Capture (Guardians of Ga'hoole, Book 1)

Soren is born in the forest of Tyto, a tranquil kingdom where the Barn Owls dwell. But evil lurks in the owl world, evil that threatens to shatter Tyto's peace and change the course of Soren's life forever.

Lewis, C.S.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Readers are introduced to the Chronicles of Narnia in this first book which details how Aslan, the noble Lion, freed Narnia from the spell of the White Witch.

Lowry, Lois

The Birthday Ball

When a bored Princess Patricia Priscilla makes her chambermaid switch identities with her so she can attend the village school, her attitude changes and she plans a new way to celebrate her sixteenth birthday.

Martin, Ann M.

The Doll People

A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.

Namioka, Lensey

Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Year

Yang would rather play baseball than practice the violin.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds

Shiloh

Marty's love for an abused dog he cares for and names Shiloh earned this thoughtful story the Newbery Medal.

O'Connor, Barbara

The Small Adventure of Popeye and Elvis

In Fayette, South Carolina, the highlight of Popeye's summer is learning vocabulary words with his grandmother until a motor home gets stuck nearby and Elvis, the oldest boy living inside, joins Popeye in finding the source of strange boats floating down the creek.

Schlitz, Laura Amy

The Night Fairy

When Flory the night fairy's wings are accidentally broken and she cannot fly, she has to learn to do everything differently.

Sis, Peter

Train of States

This beautifully illustrated book presents fabulous train cars with facts about each state. All aboard the train of states!

Thirnmesh, Catherine

Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions

Through the years women have invented many things in response to a need in their daily lives.

Van Draanen, Wendelin

Shredderman: Secret Identity

Fifth-grader Nolan Byrd, tired of being called names by the class bully, has a secret identity--Shredderman!

Weitzman, David

Pharaoh's Boat

This beautifully illustrated book tells the story of how one of the greatest boats of ancient Egypt came to be built—and built again.

Ziefert, Harriet

Lights on Broadway: A Theatrical Tour from A to Z

Brightly illustrated collection includes an introduction by Mitchell, quotes from famous Broadway performers, and theater facts and trivia.

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Entering Grade Five

Broach, Elise

Shakespeare's Secret

Starting sixth grade in a new school isn't fun for Hero until she meets an elderly neighbor with a secret involving a diamond that may have connections to the famous playwright.

Collins, Suzanne

Gregor the Overlander

Imagine if Alice hadn't fallen into Wonderland but landed in Underland instead! That's what happens to eleven year old Gregor when he tries to pull his young sister from the grate in the basement laundry room of his New York City apartment.

Fleischman, Sid

Escape!: The Story of the Great Houdini (2009 MCBA)

A biography of the magician, ghost chaser, aviator, and king of escape artists whose amazing feats are remembered long after his death in 1926.

Haddix, Margaret

Found (2010 MCBA)

Thirteen-year-old Jonah has always known that he was adopted, and he's never thought it was any big deal. Then he and a new friend, Chip, who's also adopted, begin receiving mysterious letters. The first one says, "You are one of the missing." The second one says, "Beware! They're coming back to get you."

Hiaasen, Carl

Scat

When their unpopular biology teacher goes missing in a suspicious fire during a field trip to the Black Vine Swamp, Nick and Marta don't buy the headmaster's excuse for her absence and decide to do some investigating of their own. Eco-avengers; an endangered, hunted panther; illegal pipelines in the Everglades; and an underachieving student with the nickname "Smoke" all play a part in this gripping novel.

Horowitz, Anthony

Stormbreaker

After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

Janeczko, Paul B.

Top Secret

A handbook for the budding cryptographer including codes and ciphers, invisible inks, concealment techniques, spy stories and some history.

Jonell, Lynne

The Secret of Zoom

Christina lives in an old stone mansion on the edge of a forest surrounded by barbed wire and signs that read TRESPASSERS WILL BE BOILED. Deep within the forest is the laboratory where her father works—and where her mother was blown to bits years ago.

Kelly, Jacqueline

The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate

Growing up with six brothers in rural Texas in 1899, 12-year-old Callie realizes that her aversion to needlework and cooking disappoints her mother. Still, she prefers to spend her time exploring the river, observing animals, and keeping notes on what she sees. Callie's growing interest in nature creates a bond with her previously distant grandfather, an amateur naturalist of some distinction. After they discover an unknown species of vetch, he attempts to have it officially recognized.

Lupica, Mike

Heat

Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.

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Mass, Wendy

Every Soul a Star

Three young teens witness a total solar eclipse and are changed forever in this novel, told in alternating narratives, that weaves exciting astronomy facts into the teens' personal lives.

McKay, Hilary

Indigo's Star

Spurred on by his youngest sister, Rose, twelve-year-old Indigo sticks up for himself and an American boy who has replaced him as the primary target of the school bullies.

Paterson, Katherine

Bread and Roses, Too (MCBA 2010)

Jake and Rosa, two children, form an unlikely friendship as they try to survive and understand the 1912 Bread and Roses strike of mill workers in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Paulsen, Gary

Lawn Boy

Learning the workings of the free-market economy has never been more fun than in this tall tale of entrepreneurship set in Eden Prairie, MN. When the narrator's grandmother gives him an old rider mower for his 12th birthday, his life changes; he senses "some kind of force behind it." Almost as soon as he figures out how to run it, the boy is in business—by the second day he has eight jobs.

Riordan, Rick

The Red Pyramid

Since their mother's death, Carter and Sadie have become near strangers. While Sadie has lived with her grandparents in London, her brother has traveled the world with their father, the brilliant Egyptologist, Dr. Julius Kane. One night, Dr. Kane brings the siblings together for a "research experiment" at the British Museum, where he hopes to set things right for his family. Instead, he unleashes the Egyptian god Set, who banishes him to oblivion and forces the children to flee for their lives.

Stead, Rebecca

When You Reach Me (Newbury 2010)

Shortly after sixth-grader Miranda and her best friend Sal part ways, for some inexplicable reason her once familiar world turns upside down. Maybe it's because she's caught up in reading *A Wrinkle in Time* and trying to understand time travel, or perhaps it's because she's been receiving mysterious notes which accurately predict the future.

Stewart, Trenton Lee

The Mysterious Benedict Society (MCBA 2009)

After Reynie Muldoon responds to an advertisement recruiting "gifted children looking for special opportunities," he finds himself in a world of mystery and adventure. The 11-year-old orphan is one of four children to complete a series of challenging and creative tasks, and he, Kate, Constance, and Sticky become the Mysterious Benedict Society.

Wilson, N.D.

100 Cupboards (MCBA 2011)

Twelve-year-old Henry York wakes up one night to find bits of plaster in his hair. Two knobs have broken through the wall above his bed and one of them is slowly turning . . . Henry scrapes the plaster off the wall and discovers cupboards of all different sizes and shapes. Henry soon understands that these are not just cupboards, but portals to other worlds.

Winthrop, Elizabeth

Counting on Grace

Twelve-year-old Grace does her best working at the mill to bring in more money for her family, and when Grace writes a secret letter to the Child Labor Board describing her working conditions, things change when a concerned reporter shows up to get the story.