

## Summer Reading List

### Students Entering Grades 4 and 5



### Fiction

*The titles are presented by genre. Enjoy different kinds of fiction!*

#### Fiction - Adventure/Action

- Appelt, Kathi. **The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp**. Atheneum Books, 2013. Raccoon brothers Bingo and J'miah are the newest recruits of the Official Sugar Man Swamp Scouts. The opportunity to serve the Sugar Man—the massive creature who delights in delicious sugar cane and rules over the swamp—is an honor, and also a big responsibility, since the rest of the swamp critters rely heavily on the intel of these hardworking Scouts. *Best Book of the Year 2013 and Notable Children's Books of 2013.*
- Balliett, Blue. **Holdfast**. Scholastic, 2013. The story of a girl, Early, whose father has disappeared and now she, her mother and her brother have been forced to flee their apartment and move into a homeless shelter—and it is up to her to hold her family together and solve the mystery surrounding her father.
- Barry, Dave and Ridley Pearson. **Peter and the Starcatchers**. Hyperion, 2004. Peter, an orphan boy, and his friend Molly fight off thieves and pirates in order to keep the secret safe from the Black Stache and his evil associate Mister Grin. Also read the sequels, **Peter and the Shadow Thieves**, **Peter and the Secret of Rundoon**, and **Peter and the Sword of Mercy**.
- Birdsall, Jeanne. **The Penderwicks**. Random House, 2005. While vacationing with their father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother. Also read **The Penderwicks on Gardam Street** and **The Penderwicks at Point Mouette**.
- Black, Holly. **Doll Bones**. McElderry Books, 2013. Three friends from a Pennsylvania middle school, who have long enjoyed acting out imaginary adventures with dolls and action figures, embark on a real-life quest to Ohio to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl. *Newbery Honor 2014.*
- Burg, Ann. **Serafina's Promise**. Scholastic, 2013. In a poor village outside of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Serafina works hard to help her family, but dreams of becoming a doctor – then the earthquake hits and Serafina must summon all her courage to find her father and still get medicine for her sick baby brother as she promised. A novel written in verse. *Best Books of the Year 2013.*
- Carman, Patrick. **Floors**. Scholastic, 2011. Leo, the son of the maintenance man of the Whippet Hotel, opens a series of cryptic boxes which reveals hidden floors, strange puzzles, and unexpected alliances and leads him on an adventure to save the building and his future.

**3 Below.** Scholastic, 2013. (Sequel to **Floors**) Leo has explored the Whippet Hotel from top to bottom, discovering trains, flying goats, and mazes, and when he learns the secret beneath the hotel, a new adventure will begin.

DiCamillo, Kate. **The Magician's Elephant.** Candlewick Press, 2009. Ten-year-old orphan Peter Augustus Duchene meets a fortune teller who tells him his sister, who was presumed dead, is actually alive. Peter embarks on a remarkable adventure to find her.

DuBois, William Pene. **The Twenty-One Balloons.** Viking, 1975. After setting out from San Francisco in a hot-air balloon bound across the Pacific, Professor Sherman is picked up in the Atlantic clinging to wreckage.

Gutman, Dan. **Mission Unstoppable (Genius Files Series).** Harper, 2011. On a cross-country vacation with their parents, twins Coke and Pepsi, try to come to terms with being part of a top-secret government organization known as The Genius Files. Includes Google Maps coordinates to follow along. Read sequels: **Never Say Genius** (2012) and **You Only Die Twice** (2013) **From Texas With Love** (2014).

Hiaasen, Carl. **Chomp.** Knopf, 2012. The difficult star of the reality TV show "Expedition Survival" disappears on location in the Florida Everglades. Wahoo Crane and his friend Tuna set out to find him.

Jenson, Marion. **Almost Super.** Harper Collins, 2014. Two brothers in a family of superheroes are forced to reexamine everything they knew about being super when the powers they receive are total duds and their enemy is revealed to be just like they are.

Johnson-Shelton, Nils. **The Invisible Tower.** Harper, 2012. A twelve-year-old boy learns that he is actually King Arthur brought back to life in the twenty-first century – and that the fate of the universe rests in his hands.

Korman, Gordon. **Ungifted.** Balzer + Bray, 2012. Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.

Korman, Gordon. **Hideout.** Scholastic, 2013. (5<sup>th</sup> book in **Swindle** series) Luthor's former owner, Swindle, is trying to reclaim his dog, and it is up to Griffin, Savannah, and their friends to hide the Doberman until they can come up with a plan to rescue him from the vicious crook.

Korman, Gordon. **Zoobreak.** Scholastic, 2009. After a trip to a floating zoo where animals are abused and a missing pet monkey is found caged, Griffin Bing and his band of misfits plan a rescue.

Lloyd, Natalie. **A Snicker of Magic.** Scholastic, 2014. The Pickles are new to Midnight Gulch, Tennessee, a town which legend says was once magic. Felicity is convinced the magic is still there, and with the help of her new friend Jonah the Beedle she hopes to bring the magic back

Lord, Cynthia. **Half a Chance.** Scholastic, 2014. Lucy has just moved to a small rural community in New Hampshire, and with her new friend Nate she plans to spend the summer taking photos for a contest, but pictures sometimes reveal more than people are willing to see.

Lowry, Lois. **The Willoughbys.** Houghton Mifflin, 2008. A tongue-in-cheek take on classic themes, in which the four Willoughby children set out to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on an around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny.

Mlynowski, Sarah. **Fairest of All.** Scholastic, 2013. After moving to a new house, ten-year-old Abby and her younger brother Jonah discover an antique mirror that transports them into the Snow White fairy tale. Read the sequels **If the Shoe Fits** (2013), **Sink or Swim** (2013), and **Dream On** (2014).

Naylor, Phyllis Reynold. **Shiloh**. Atheneum, 1991. Marty finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, and tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs. *Newbery Medal 1961*.

Palacio, R.J. **Wonder**. Knopf, 2012. Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive. He goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan where he endures taunts from his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.

Peck, Richard. **The Mouse With the Question Mark Tail**. Dial, 2013. Mouse Minor, an undersized orphan with a question mark-shaped tail, is uncertain of his heritage. He attends a prestigious school but is bullied by his classmates. He flees beyond familiar territory and ends up in the palace, where the staff is frantically preparing for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. All the while, Mouse Minor is unaware that spies are tracking his every move.

Paulsen, Gary. **Hatchet**. Atheneum Books, 1987. After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only a hatchet. Read the sequels **The River**, **Brian's Winter**, **Brian's Return**, and **Brian's Hunt**.

Stead, Rebecca. **Liar & Spy**. Wendy Lamb Books, 2012. Seventh-grader Georges adjusts to moving from a house to an apartment, his father's efforts to start a new business, his mother's extra shifts as a nurse, being picked on at school, and Safer, a boy who wants his help spying on another resident of their building.

Stewart, Trenton Lee. **The Mysterious Benedict Society**. Little, Brown, 2007.

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. Read the sequels. **S**

Weiner, Ellis. **The Templeton Twins Have an Idea**. Chronicle Books, 2012. Abigail and John, the Templeton twins, and their dog Cassie foil a pair of inept kidnappers intent on stealing one of their father's newest inventions. **S**



## Fiction - Fantasy & Science Fiction

Applegate, Katherine. **The One and Only Ivan**. Harper, 2012. When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life. A novel of friendship, inspired by a true story. *Newbery Award Winner 2013*.

Baker, E. D. **Wide-Awake Princess**. Bloomsbury, 2010. Annie, the younger sister of the princess known as Sleeping Beauty, is immune to magic. Annie stays awake when everyone in the castle falls into an enchanted sleep, then sets out to break the spell.

**Unlocking the Spell: A Tale of the Wide-Awake Princess.** Bloomsbury 2012.

Princess Annabelle, who is immune to magic and can temporarily reverse spells put on others, encounters various fairy tale characters when she embarks on an expedition into the woods to find a dwarf responsible for turning Sleeping Beauty's prince into a bear.

Banks, Lynne Reid. **The Indian in the Cupboard.** HarperTrophy, 2003, 1980.

A magic cupboard turns toys into live people and animals. Also read the sequels. **S**

Birney, Betty G. **Summer According to Humphrey.** Putnam, 2010. When summer arrives, Humphrey, the pet hamster of Longfellow School's Room twenty-six, is surprised and pleased to learn that he will be going to Camp Happy Hollow. Read the Humphrey series.

Blackwood, Sage. **Jinx.** Harper, 2013. A young boy named Jinx encounters magic and danger as he grows up in the dark forest known as the Urwald and discovers that the world beyond – and within – the Urwald is more complex than he imagined. *Best Book of the Year 2013 – Fiction.*

Buckley, Michael. **The Council of Mirrors (The Sisters Grimm: Book 9).** Amulet, 2012.

Hoping to save their family and the citizens of Ferryport Landing from the evil plans of Mirror, Sabrina and Daphne Grimm seek counsel from the other magic mirrors, who advise them to join forces with the Scarlet Hand. Read series books 1-9.

Cole, Henry. **A Nest for Celeste: A Story about Art, Inspiration, and the Meaning of Home.** Katherine Tegan, 2012. Celeste, a mouse longing for a real home, becomes a source of inspiration to teenaged Joseph, assistant to the artist and naturalist John James Audubon, at a New Orleans, Louisiana, plantation in 1821.

Colfer, Eoin. **Artemis Fowl.** Hyperion Books, 2001. When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a nasty troll.

D'Lacey, Chris. **Dark Fire.** Scholastic, 2010. David Rain returns to help Lucy and the Pennykettle dragons find a drop of dark fire before it is used to birth a darkling. In the Arctic, shrouded in mist, hide dragons that have at last returned to Earth. Read the **Last Dragon Chronicles.** **S**

Dahl, Roald. **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.** Knopf, 2001, c1964. Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in their own way. A rags-to-riches story, in which poor little Charlie Bucket strives to outlast the selfish other four candidates in the quest to win the grand prize.

Dahl, Roald. **Matilda.** Viking, 1988. Matilda applies her mental powers to rid the school of the evil headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey, to financial security.

Dahl, Roald. **BFG.** Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 1982. Kid-snatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.

Dahl, Roald. **James and the Giant Peach.** Knopf, 1961. Wonderful adventures abound after James escapes from his fearsome aunts by rolling away inside a giant peach.

DiCamillo, Kate. **The Tale of Despereaux.** Candlewick Press, 2003. The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess he loves, the servant girl longing to be a princess, and a rat determined to bring them all to ruin. *Newbery Medal 2004.*

DiCamillo, Kate. **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.** Candlewick Press, 2006. Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself, until he is separated from the little girl who adores him. He travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.

- D'Lacey, Chris. **The Fire Within (Last Dragon Chronicles)**. Scholastic, 2001. Magical story about mysterious hand-crafted clay dragons who have unusual powers. When David moves in with Liz and Lucy, he discovers a collection of hand crafted, clay dragons that comes to life and has magical powers. **S**
- DuPrau, Jeanne. **City of Ember**. Random House, 2003. The city of Ember has no natural light, and the blackouts of its old electrical grid are occurring more frequently. Twelve-year-old friends Doon and Lina are determined to save the city. Read the sequels in the series: **The People of Sparks**, **The Prophet of Yonwood**, and **The Diamond of Darkhold**.
- Funke, Cornelia. **Inkheart**. Scholastic, 2003. Meggie learns that her father (Moe) can “read” fictional characters to life, when an evil ruler is freed from the novel “Inkheart” and tries to force Moe to release an immortal monster from the story. Read the rest of the trilogy, **Inkspell** and **Inkdeath**. **S**
- George, Jessica. **Tuesdays at the Castle**. Bloomsbury, 2011. Princess Celie loves Tuesdays at Castle Glower, because every Tuesday the castle adds a new room, a turret, or sometimes a whole new wing, and Celie likes to map the changes. When her parents, King and Queen Glower are taken captive, Celie uses her knowledge of the castle to save the kingdom.
- Gutman, Dan. **Return of the Homework Machine**. Simon & Schuster, 2009. After discarding their homework machine, four friends find themselves in trouble in an incident involving a powerful computer chip and a Grand Canyon treasure.
- Gutman, Dan. **Ted & Me: A Baseball Card Adventure**. Harper, 2012. When Stosh travels back in time to 1941, hoping to prevent the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor that brought the U.S. into WWII, he meets Ted Williams, one of the greatest hitters in baseball history. Read any title in this series. **S**
- Haddix, Margaret Peterson. **Among the Hidden**. Simon & Schuster, 1998. In a future where the law limits each family to only two children, third-child Luke has lived in isolation and fear on his family’s farm, until another “third” convinces him that the government is wrong. Read the **Shadow Children** series. **S**
- Hale, Shannon. **Princess Academy**. Bloomsbury Children’s Books, 2005. While attending a strict academy for potential princesses, fourteen-year-old Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland.
- Holt, Kimberly Willis. **When Zachary Beaver Came to Town**. Holt, 1999. During the summer of 1971 in a small Texas town, thirteen-year-old Toby and his best friend Cal meet a sideshow star, 600-pound Zachary, the fattest boy in the world.
- Horvath, Polly. **Mr. and Mrs. Bunny- Detectives Extraordinaire!** Schwartz Wade, 2012. Middle-schooler Madeline’s hippy parents have been kidnapped from Hornby Island, Canada, by foxes. When Madeline discovers that she can understand animal languages, she hires two rabbit detectives to find them.
- Hunter, Erin. **Into the Wild (The Warriors Series)**. Harper Collins, c. 2003. Four clans of wild cats share a forest. One clan decides to change “hunting rites” and their peace is challenged. Read other books in the **Warriors**, **The Seekers**, and **Omen of the Stars** series.
- Juster, Norton. **The Phantom Tollbooth**. Random House, 1961. Milo travels through a magical tollbooth and journeys to the Kingdom of Wisdom, where he and a “watch” dog named Tock try to end the feud between numbers and words.

- Kessler, Liz. **Emily Windsnap and the Land of the Midnight Sun**. Candlewick Press, 2013.  
Neptune, King of the ocean, sends half-mermaids Emily and Aaron to the land of the midnight sun to investigate the source of the dangerous storms brewing in the ocean. **S**
- LaFevers, R. L. **Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos**. Houghton Mifflin, 2007. Theodosia can detect black magic and ancient curses cast on objects in the Museum of Legends and Antiquities, where her father is curator. She discovers that an Egyptian artifact is cursed and must be returned to its original tomb before disaster strikes.
- Law, Ingrid. **Savvy**. Dial Books, 2008. The adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her “savvy”—a magical power unique to each member of her family—just as her father is injured in a terrible accident. Read the sequel, **Scrumble**. *Newbery Honor 2009. Coretta Scott King Award 2009.*
- L’Engle, Madeleine. **A Wrinkle in Time**. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1962. Three extraterrestrial beings take Meg, her brother, and her friend to another world in search of her missing father.  
*Newbery Medal 1963.*
- Levine, Gail Carson. **A Tale of Two Castles**. Harper, 2011. Twelve-year-old Elodie journeys to Two Castles in hopes of studying acting but instead becomes apprentice to a dragon, who teaches her to be observant and use reasoning, thus helping her to uncover who is poisoning the king.
- Lewis, C. S. **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (The Chronicles of Narnia)**. Harper Collins, 1950. Four English schoolchildren find their way through a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and help Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch who has cursed the land with eternal winter. Read all of the **Chronicles of Narnia**. **S**
- Lin, Grace. **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon**. Little, Brown, 2009.  
Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish and joins a dragon who cannot fly in a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon. *Newbery Honor 2010.*  
**Starry River of the Sky**. Little, Brown 2012. Companion book to **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon**. Rendi is a runaway, working at an inn in the Village of Clear Sky. No one else seems to notice that the moon is missing and that the sky moans in pain all night long, until the mysterious Madame Chang arrives and Rendi discovers that the visitor’s stories hold the key to returning the moon to the Starry River of the Sky.
- Martin, Ann. **The Doll People**. Hyperion Books for Children, 2000.  
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. Also read **The Meanest Doll in the World** and **The Runaway Dolls**. **S**
- McMann, Lisa. **The Unwanteds**. Aladdin, 2011.  
In a society that purges thirteen-year-olds who are creative, identical twins Aaron and Alex are separated, one to attend University while the other, supposedly Eliminated, finds himself in a wondrous place where youths hone their abilities and learn magic. **S**
- O’Donnell, Tom. **Space Rocks!** Penguin, 2014. Chorkle narrates the adventures of Earth children Hollins, Becky, Nicki, and Little Gus, marooned on his asteroid, as he watches over them with his five eyes, teaches them to fight a ferocious thys-cat, and seeks a way to get them home.
- Oliver, Lauren. **The Spindlers**. Harper, 2012. Accompanied by an eccentric, human-sized rat, Liza embarks on a perilous quest through an underground realm to save her brother Patrick, whose soul has been stolen by the vilest of creatures—the spider-like spindlers.

Paolini, Christopher. **Eragon**. Knopf, 2003. The harrowing adventure of Eragon, a peasant boy who discovers a strange rock that happens to be a lost, coveted dragon's egg. Read sequels **Eldest** and **Brisingr**. **S**

Prineas, Sarah. **The Magic Thief**. Harper Collins, 2008. Conn's life is changed forever after he tries to pick the pocket of the wizard Nevery, but instead gets a strong jolt of magic. Rather than punishing the boy, Nevery begins teaching him magic, and enlists Conn's help in finding the person who has been stealing the city's dwindling magic supply. **S**

Riordan, Rick.

**The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson and the Olympians)**. Hyperion, 2005.

Percy, expelled from six schools for his uncontrollable temper, learns that his father is the Greek god Poseidon. Percy is sent to Camp Half Blood, where he is befriended by the demigod daughter of Athena, who joins him in a journey to the Underworld to retrieve Zeus's lightning bolt and prevent a catastrophic war. **S**

**Lost Hero**. Hyperion, 2010. Jason, Piper, and Leo, three students from a school for "bad kids," find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hera, who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth herself. **S**

**The Red Pyramid**. (Kane Chronicles, Book 1). Hyperion, 2010. The brilliant Egyptologist Dr. Julius Kane accidentally unleashes the Egyptian god Set, who banishes him to oblivion. Carter and Sadie Kane must embark on a dangerous quest to save their father, in the first story of the Kane Chronicles. Also read **The Throne of Fire** (Book 2), Hyperion, 2011, and **The Serpent's Shadow** (Book 3), Hyperion, 2012. **S**

Rowling, J. K. **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**. Scholastic, 1999, 1997. Rescued from the neglect of his aunt and uncle, Harry, age 11, attends Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry where he fights evil forces. Read the entire **Harry Potter** series. **S**

Sage, Annie. **Magyk**. Katherine Tegen Books, 2005. (Septimus Heap Series). Jenna learns that she is a princess, and was found as a baby by the man she believed was her father. Now she and Septimus, the seventh son of the seventh son, who was taken at birth by the midwife, are being threatened by the evil wizard. **S**

Seldon, George. **A Cricket in Times Square**. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, c1960. The adventures of a country cricket who unintentionally arrives in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat. *Newbery Honor Book 1961*.

Selznick, Brian. **Wonderstruck**. Scholastic, 2011. Relates the stories of twelve-year-old Ben, who loses his mother and his hearing in a short time frame and decides to leave his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he has never known in New York City; and Rose, who lives with her father but feels compelled to search for what is missing in her life. Ben's story is told in words; Rose's in pictures.

Sutherland, Tui. **The Dragonet Prophecy: Wings of Fire Series, Book 1**. Scholastic, 2012.

Clay and the other four dragonets were stolen from their homes while they were still in their eggs and hidden for years in order to fulfill a prophecy claiming that the dragonets would end the war between the dragon tribes, but not all of the dragonets want their destiny.



## Fiction - Historical Fiction

- Anderson, Laurie Halse. **Fever, 1793**. Simon & Schuster, 2000. Sixteen-year-old Matilda, separated from her sick mother, learns perseverance and self-reliance when she must cope with the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793.
- Blakemore, Mega. **Spy Catchers of Maple Hill**. Bloomesbury, 2014. Hazel Kaplansky and new student Samuel Butler investigate rumors that a Russian spy has infiltrated their small Vermont town, amidst the fervor of Cold War-era McCarthyism, but more is revealed than they could ever have imagined.
- Blundell, Judy. **A City Tossed and Broken: The Diary of Minnie Bonner**. Scholastic, 2013. In 1906, fourteen-year-old Minnie Bonner's family is cheated out of their tavern, and she is forced to become a maid to the Sump family, who are moving to San Francisco □ three weeks before the great earthquake. Read any book in the **Dear America** Series.
- Choldenko, Gennifer. **Al Capone Does My Shirts**. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2004. A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935, when guards' families were housed there, and has to adapt to his new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister. Read the sequel, **Al Capone Shines My Shoes** (2009) and **Al Capone Does My Homework**(2013).
- Curtis, Christopher Paul. **Elijah of Buxton**. Scholastic, 2007. Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, a haven for slaves fleeing the American South in 1859, uses his wits to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money intended to buy a family's freedom. *Newbery Honor 2008*.
- Curtis, Christopher Paul. **Mighty Miss Malone**. Wendy Lamb Books, 2012. Deza Malone, the smartest girl in her class in Gary, Indiana, accompanies her mother and older brother on a trip to find her father, who left to find work after the Great Depression hit. They end up in a Hooverville outside of Flint, Michigan, and her brother attempts to be a performer while Deza and her mother search for a home.
- Curtis, Christopher Paul. **The Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963**. Delacorte Press, 1995. The usual routines of the Watsons, an African-American family living in the North, change after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in 1963 and experience life in the South. *Newbery Honor Book*.
- Cushman, Karen. **Alchemy and Meggy Swann**. Clarion Books, 2010. Meggy Swann, a girl who walks with the aid of two sticks, arrives in Elizabethan London, along with her goose, to stay with her father who really does not want her. While he pursues his dream of transforming base metal into gold, Meggy undergoes a transformation herself.
- Gantos, Jack. **Dead End in Norvelt**. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2011. In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with most unusual chores. *Newbery Award 2012*.
- Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Gingersnap**. Wendy Lamb Books, 2013. In 1944, W.W. II is raging. Jayna's big brother Rob is her only family and he is called to duty. Jayna is left in their small town in upstate New York with their cranky landlady. But the night before he leaves, Rob tells Jayna a secret: they may have a grandmother in Brooklyn.

Jinks, Catherine. **How to Catch a Bogle**. Houghton Mifflin, 2013. In 1870s London, a young orphan girl becomes the apprentice to a man who traps monsters for a living.

Levine, Kristen. **The Lions of Little Rock**. G.P. Putnam, 2012. Twelve-year-old Marlee develops a strong friendship with Liz, the new girl in school, but when Liz suddenly stops attending school and Marlee hears a rumor that her friend is actually an African American girl passing herself off as white, the two young girls must decide whether their friendship is worth taking on integration and the dangers it could bring to their families.

Park, Linda Sue. **A Single Shard**. Clarion Books, 2001. Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village and longs to learn how to create delicate celadon ceramics. *Newbery Medal 2002*.

Rose, Carolyn Starr. **May B.** Schwartz & Wade, 2012. When a failed wheat crop nearly bankrupts the Betterly family, twelve-year-old May's father pulls her from school and hires her out to a couple new to the Kansas frontier.

Tarshis, Lauren. **I Survived the Battle of Gettysburg, 1863 (I Survived Series)**. Scholastic, 2013. In 1863, child slaves Thomas and Birdie journey north and meet up with Union soldiers who have orders to fight at Gettysburg. Read any book in the series. **S**

Vanderpool, Clare. **Navigating Early**. Delacorte Press, 2013. Odyssey-like adventure of two boys' incredible quest on the Appalachian Trail, where they deal with pirates, buried secrets, and extraordinary encounters. *Best Books of 2013*.

Ylisaker, Anne. **The Luck of the Buttons**. Candlewick Press, 2011. In Iowa circa-1929, spunky twelve-year-old Tugs vows to turn her family's luck around, with the help of a Brownie camera and a small-town mystery that only she can solve.



## Fiction - Mystery

Balliett, Blue. **Chasing Vermeer**. Scholastic, 2004. When strange events start to occur and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal.

Balliett, Blue. **Wright 3**. Scholastic, 2006. In the midst of a series of mysterious coincidences and unexplained accidents, sixth-graders Calder, Petra, and Tommy lead an attempt to keep Frank Lloyd Wright's famous Robie House from being demolished.

Balliett, Blue. **The Calder Game**. Scholastic, 2008. When seventh-grader Calder Pillay disappears from a remote English village along with an Alexander Calder sculpture to which he has felt strangely drawn, his friends Petra and Tommy fly from Chicago to help his father find him.

Birney, Betty. **Mysteries According to Humphrey**. Putnam, 2012. After learning about Sherlock Holmes, Humphrey the classroom hamster follows clues to try to discover why Mrs. Brisbane is gone and Mr. E, a fun but not very educational substitute, is taking her place in Room 26 at Longfellow School. **S**

Beil, Michael. **The Red Blazer Girls**. Alfred Knopf 2009. Three friends find themselves on a spooky scavenger hunt, in this literary debut for those who love mystery, math, and a modest measure of mayhem. **S**

Blackwood, Gary. **The Shakespeare Stealer**. Dutton Children's Books, c.1998. Widge, a likeable orphan, finds himself in a quest to steal and copy the play Hamlet from Shakespeare. He soon discovers that life in the Globe Theatre is much better than the other places he has apprenticed.

Burnett, Francis Hodges. **The Secret Garden**. c. 1910 (various editions). Ten-year-old Mary, a spunky orphan, comes to live in a lonely servant-run house on the English moors. There she discovers her invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden. Can she find her own happiness and a key to the garden?

Clements, Andrew. **We the Children (Benjamin Pratt & the Keepers of the School)**. Atheneum, 2010. Sixth-grader Benjamin Pratt's waterfront school is about to be torn down to make way for an amusement park, but something seems fishy. When the school janitor gives him a mysterious old coin, then dies suddenly, Benjamin is drawn into solving a mystery. **S**

Creech, Sharon. **Castle Corona**. Joanna Cotler Books, c. 2007. Two orphaned peasant children discover a mysterious pouch, the contents of which lead them to the majestic Castle Corona, where their lives may be transformed forever.

Dowd, Siobhan. **The London Eye Mystery**. David Fickling Books, c. 2007. When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye Ferris Wheel, the two siblings □ Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat □ must work together to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.

Fitzhugh, Louise. **Harriet the Spy**. First published Harper & Row, 1964. Eleven-year-old Harriet keeps notes on her classmates and neighbors in a secret notebook, but when some of the students read the notebook, they seek revenge.

Korman, Gordan. **Jackpot**. Scholastic, 2014. Griffin Bing and his friends are trying to locate Mr. Fielder's missing thirty million dollar lottery ticket, and thwart the local bully, Darren Vader, who wants to find it for himself--and Mr. Bing's latest invention may help. Also read **Swindle** (2008), **Zoobreak** (2009), **Framed**(2010), **Showoff** (2012) and **Hideout** (2013).

Riordan, Rick. **Maze of Bones (39 Clues)**. Scholastic, 2008. Amy and Dan, members of the powerful Cahill family, try to uncover the thirty-nine clues which will reveal the secrets of their lineage and what really happened to their parents. Read other titles in the **39 Clues** series, each written by a different author. *Look for all the books in the 39 Clues series, and the new series **Cahills vs. Vespers** and **The Cahill Files**.* **S** *Some books in the series are available as eBooks.*

Rylander, Chris. **Codename Zero**. Harper Collins, 2014. When a desperate man in a black suit asks thirteen-year-old Carson Fender to deliver a mysterious package for him, the middle school student discovers there's something going on in his sleepy North Dakota hometown he never expected □ something involving the CIA.

Schlitz, Amy. **Splendors and Glooms**. Candlewick, 2013. When Clara vanishes after the puppeteer Grisini and two orphaned assistants were at her twelfth birthday party, suspicion of kidnapping chases the trio away from London and soon the two orphans are caught in a trap set by Grisini's ancient rival, a witch with a deadly inheritance to shed before it is too late.  
*Newbery Honor Book 2013.*

Selznick, Brian. **The Invention of Hugo Cabret**. Scholastic, 2007. When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living hidden in the Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized. *Caldecott Medal 2008.*

Turnage, Sheila. **Three Times Lucky**. Dial, 2012. Eleven-year-old Mo LoBeau, who was washed ashore as a baby, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a cafe and co-parent of Mo, seems implicated in a murder. *Newbery Honor Book 2013*.

**Ghost of Tupelo Landing** (Sequel to **Three Times Lucky**). Penguin, 2014. When Miss Lana accidentally buys a haunted inn at the Tupelo Landing town auction, Desperado Detectives – a.k.a. Mo LoBeau and her best friend Dale – opens up a paranormal division to uncover the ghost’s identity before the town’s big 250th anniversary bash.

Weiner, Ellis. **The Templeton Twins Have an Idea: Bk 1** Chronicle Books, 2012. Abigail and John, the Templeton twins, and their dog Cassie, foil a pair of inept kidnappers intent on stealing one of their father’s newest inventions. **S**

Wood, Maryrose. **The Incurable Children of Ashton Place Series: The Mysterious Howling**. Balzer+Bray 2010. Fifteen-year-old Penelope, a recent graduate of the Swanburne Academy for Poor Bright Females, is hired as governess to three children who have been raised by wolves and she must teach them to behave in a civilized manner. Read the sequels: **The Hidden Gallery** (2011) and **Unseen Guests** (2012).

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#### Fiction - Realistic

Appelt, Kathi. **The Underneath**. Atheneum, 2008. An old hound, who has been chained up at his hateful owner’s run-down shack, and two kittens born underneath the house endure danger and separation in their quest to be reunited and free. *Newbery Honor 2009*.

Birdsall, Jeanne. **The Penderwicks**. Random House, 2005. While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother. Read the sequels: **The Penderwicks on Gardam Street** (2008) and **The Penderwicks at Point Mouette** (2012).

Blume, Judy. **Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great**. Dutton, 1972. A summer in Tarrytown, N.Y., is a lot of fun for ten-year-old Sheila, even though her friends make her face up to some self-truths she doesn’t want to admit.

Clements, Andrew. **About Average**. Atheneum, 2012. As the end of sixth grade nears, Jordan Johnson, unhappy that she is only average in appearance, intelligence, and athletic ability, reveals her special skills when disaster strikes her central Illinois elementary school.

Clements, Andrew. **Extra Credit**. Atheneum, 2009. Three middle-school children in Illinois exchange letters with children living in the mountains of Afghanistan, and begin to bridge a gap across cultural and religious divides. Read any titles by this author.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. **Bud, Not Buddy**. Delacorte Press, 1999. Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Michigan during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father □ the bandleader H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids. *Newbery Medal 2000*.

Davies, Jacqueline.

**The Lemonade War**. Houghton Mifflin, 2007. Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, battle it out through their lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn \$100. Includes mathematical calculations and tips for a successful lemonade stand.

**The Lemonade Crime**. Houghton Mifflin, 2011. (The Lemonade War Series #2) When money disappears from fourth-grader Evan's pocket and everyone thinks his annoying classmate Scott stole it, Evan's younger sister stages a trial involving the entire class, trying to prove what happened.

**Bell Bandit**. Houghton Mifflin 2011. (Lemonade War Series#3). Jessie gets ready to celebrate the New Year at his grandmother's house, although things are different after the fire and his grandmother's hospitalization, but when the New Year's bell is stolen from atop Lovell Hill, Jessie wonders how they will manage to ring in the new year without it.

**Candy Smash**. (Lemonade War Series #4). Houghton Mifflin, 2013. Jessie and Evan Treski have waged a lemonade war, sought justice in a class trial, and even unmasked a bell thief. Now, they are at opposite ends over the right to keep secrets.

**Magic Trap**. Houghton Mifflin, 2014. Book #5. Jessie and Evan Treski have waged a lemonade war, sought justice in a class trial, unmasked a bell thief, and stood at opposite ends over the right to keep secrets. Now they are creating a magic show

DiCamillo, Kate. **Because of Winn Dixie**. Candlewick, 2000. Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Flora and Ulysses**. Candlewick, 2013. After Flora saves a squirrel named Ulysses from a run-in with a vacuum cleaner, they team up to use Ulysses' superpowers to conquer villains and protect the weak. *Newbery Winner 2014*.

Frederick, Heather Vogel. **The Mother-Daughter Book Club: Pies & Prejudice**. Simon & Schuster, 2010. Four girls and their mothers continue their mother-daughter book club via videoconference between Massachusetts and England, reading Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, as they try to put friendship first. *Fourth book in the series. S*

Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Eleven**. Wendy Lamb, 2008. Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, prompting memories from his past. With the help of a new friend and the castle they are building for a school project, his questions are answered.

Grabenstein, Chris. **Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library**. Random House, 2013. Twelve-year-old Kyle and his friends get to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero the famous game-maker Luigi Lemoncello, but they find that come morning they must work together to solve puzzles in order to escape.

Grimes, Nikki. **The Road to Paris**. Putnam, 2006. Inconsolable at being separated from her older brother, eight-year-old Paris is apprehensive about her new foster family but just as she learns to trust them, she faces a life-changing decision. *Coretta Scott King Honor Book 2007*.

Gutman, Dan. **Nightmare at the Book Fair**. Simon & Schuster, 2008. While Trip is on his way to lacrosse tryouts, the PTA president asks him to help with the book fair. His resulting head injury causes amnesia and leads to a strange journey home.

- Kodahata, Cynthia. **The Thing About Luck**. Atheneum, 2013. Just when twelve-year-old Summer thinks nothing else can possibly go wrong in a year of bad luck, an emergency takes her parents to Japan, leaving Summer to care for her little brother while helping her grandmother cook and do laundry for harvest workers. *Best Books of 2013 - Fiction*.
- LaFleur, Suzanne. **Eight Keys**. Wendy Lamb, 2011. When twelve-year-old Elise, orphaned since age three, becomes disheartened by middle school, with its bullies, changing relationships, and high expectations, keys to long-locked rooms and messages from her late father help her cope.
- Lin, Grace. **Dumpling Days**. Little, Brown, 2012. Pacy and her family go to Taiwan to celebrate Grandma's sixtieth birthday, and Pacy is excited when her parents sign her up for a Chinese painting class, but she cannot speak the language and struggles to make friends and understand the teacher's instructions. Read previous books in the series: **The Year of the Dog** (2006) and **The Year of the Rat** (2007).
- Look, Lenore. **Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking and Other Natural Disasters**. Schwartz & Wade, 2009. Alvin makes a new friend and learns that he can be brave despite his fear of everything when his father takes him camping, hoping to install a love of nature like that of their hometown hero, Henry David Thoreau.
- Lord, Cynthia. **Half a Chance**. Scholastic, 2014. Lucy, with her mother and her photographer father, has just moved to a small rural community in New Hampshire. With her new friend Nate she plans to spend the summer taking photos for a contest, but pictures sometimes reveal more than people are willing to see.
- Lord, Cynthia. **Rules**. Scholastic, 2006. Though Catherine loves her brother, David, who is autistic, she is embarrassed by his behavior and feels neglected by their parents. She wants so badly for him to be "normal" that she makes up rules for him to follow.
- Martin, Ann. **Candymakers**. Little, Brown 2010. Four gifted twelve-year-olds, including Logan, the candymaker's son, are set to be contestants in the Confectionary Association's national competition to determine the tastiest sweet, but nobody anticipates that a friendship will form between them.
- Martin, Ann. **Ten Rules for Living with My Sister**. Feiwel & Friends, 2011. Lexie is Pearl's older sister and she is popular. Pearl is not, mostly because of the embarrassing Three Bad Things that happened in school and which no one has forgotten. Everything Pearl does seems to drive Lexie crazy.
- Mass, Wendy. **Last Present**. Scholastic, 2013. Sequel to **13 Gifts**. Children's birthdays are always strange in Willow Falls, but when Connor's little sister Grace falls into a frozen state on her tenth birthday, Amanda and Leo must travel back in time to find out what force prevented Angelina from casting the blessing that would have protected her.
- Palacio, R.J. **Wonder**. Knopf, 2012. Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.
- Pennypacker, Sara. **Summer of the Gypsy Moths**. Balzer & Bray, 2012. Angel, a foster child, and twelve-year-old Stella are living with Stella's great-aunt Louise at her Inn on Cape Cod. They secretly assume responsibility for the vacation rentals when Louise dies and the girls are afraid of being returned to the foster care system.

- Shang, Wendy Wan Long. **The Great Wall of Lucy Wu**. Scholastic Press, 2010. Eleven-year-old aspiring basketball star and interior designer Lucy Wu is excited about finally having her own bedroom, until she learns that her great-aunt is coming to visit and Lucy has to share her room, shattering her plans for a perfect sixth-grade year.
- Spinelli, Jerry. **Jake and Lily**. Balzer+Bray, 2012. Twins Jake and Lily have a very close relationship, but when they turn eleven, Jake begins to spend time with a group of neighborhood boys. Lily is devastated as she struggles to make friends, and Jake is faced with a bully.
- Stead, Rebecca. **When You Reach Me**. Wendy Lamb Books, 2009. As her mother prepares to compete on the 1980s TV show “The \$20,000 Pyramid,” a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of anonymous notes that seem to defy the laws of time and space. *Newbery Medal 2010*.
- Stead, Rebecca. **Liar and Spy**. Wendy Lamb Books, 2012. Seventh-grader George adjusts to moving from a house to an apartment, his father's efforts to start a new business, his mother's extra shifts as a nurse, being picked on at school, and Safer, a boy who wants his help spying on another resident of their building. *Children's Book of the Year 2013*.
- Tashjian, Janet. **My Life as A Joke**. Henry Holt, 2014. Derek Fallon discovers all the angst that comes with being twelve—he just wants to feel grown up, but life gets in the way with a series of mishaps that make him look like a baby. Also read **My Life as a Book** (2010), **My Life as a Stuntboy** (2013), and **My Life as a Cartoonist** (2013).
- Weston, Carol. **Ava and Pip**. Jabberwocky, 2014. When ten-year-old Ava uses her writing talents to help her older sister overcome her shyness, both girls learn the impact their words and stories can have on the world around them.
- Wiles, Deborah. **Love, Ruby Lavender**. Harcourt, 2001. When Ruby's grandma goes to Hawaii for the summer, Ruby learns to survive on her own by writing letters, befriending the chickens, and meeting the new girl in town.



## School Stories

- Birney, Betty. **School Days According to Humphrey**. Putnam, 2011. Humphrey the hamster is excited to return to room 26 on the first day of school, and though he is at first shocked to see a new group of students, he soon comes to know and love them, and gets nervous when he hears talk of moving him from Mrs. Brisbane's room. **S**
- Clements, Andrew. **No Talking**. Simon & Schuster, 2007. The noisy fifth-grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud girls to a "no talking" contest. Read other school stories by this author.
- Gutman, Dan. **Miss Kraft is Daft!** Harper 2013. A.J. and his friends find their school days getting even more odd when Mr. Granite gets sick and their substitute teacher, Miss Kraft, uses unconventional methods like doing magic tricks to teach them. **S**
- Kinney, Jeff. **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal**. Amulet Books, 2007. Greg records his sixth grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship. Read the sequels, including the latest, **Hard Luck**. **S**
- Konigsburg, E.L. **A View from Saturday**. Atheneum, c. 1996. Four students develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition. *Newbery Medal 1997*.
- Korman, Gordon **Schooled**. Hyperion, 2007. Cap has been raised in isolation and home-schooled by his hippie grandmother. When she falls and breaks her hip, Cap is sent to a foster home and experiences his first year in public school.
- Korman, Gordon. **Ungifted**. Balzer + Bray, 2013. Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.
- Patterson, James. **Middle School, the Worst Years of my Life**. Little, Brown, 2011. When Rafe Kane enters middle school, he teams up with his best friend, "Leo the Silent," to create a game to make school more fun by trying to break every rule in the school's code of conduct. There's a place for everyone even if you don't fit the mold.
- Peirce, Lincoln. **Big Nate in the Zone**. Harper, 2014. Sixth-grader and self-proclaimed genius Nate Wright's bad luck has turned around and suddenly he can do no wrong. Graphic novel. **S**
- Sachar, Louis. **Sideways Stories from the Wayside School**. Morrow Junior Books, c1978. Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways, with one classroom on each story. **S**
- Spinelli, Jerry. **Loser**. Joanna Cotler Books, 2002. Even though his classmates from first grade on have considered him strange and a loser, Daniel Zinkoff's optimism and the support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.

## Books about Fourth Grade

Blume, Judy. **Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing**. Dutton, 2002, c. 1972.

Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever-increasing problem.

Dowell, Frances. **Phineas L. Macguire Erupts! The First Experiment**. Atheneum, 2006.

Fourth-grade science whiz Phineas MacGuire is forced to team up with the new boy on a science fair project, but the boy's quirky personality causes Phineas to wonder if they have any chance of winning.

Fleming, Candace. **The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School**. Schwartz & Wade, 2007. An unlikely teacher takes over the disorderly fourth-grade class of Aesop Elementary School with surprising results.

Salisbury, Graham. **Calvin Coconut, Dog Heaven**. Wendy Lamb Books, 2010.

Fourth-grader Calvin creates a unique way to express his desire for a dog after his teacher asks him to write a persuasive argument about something he really wants.

## Books about Fifth Grade

Clements, Andrew. **Homework Machine**. Simon & Schuster, 2006.

Four fifth-grade students—a geek, a class clown, a teacher's pet, and a slacker—as well as their teacher and mothers, each relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments.

Clements, Andrew. **Landry News**. Simon & Schuster, 1999

Mr. Larson challenges his fifth-grade students to create a real newspaper. Soon *The Landry News* gets more attention than either Cara or her teacher bargained for, as the principal uses the paper to try to get Mr. Larson fired.

DeClements, Barthe. **Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade**. Viking, 1981.

Initially repelled by an overweight new student who has serious home problems, the fifth grade class finally learns to accept her.

Gantos, Jack. **Jack on the Tracks**. Farrar, Straus & Giroux

Jack Henry, a fifth grader, is the narrator of this collection of stories about the new friends he makes after his family moves from Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, to Miami. Jack's zany adventures were inspired by the author's childhood journals.

Shreve, Susan Richards. **Joshua T. Bates Takes Charge**. Dell, 2000.

Eleven-year-old Joshua, worried about fitting in at school, feels awkward when the new student he is supposed to be helping becomes the target of the fifth grade's biggest bully.



## Newbery Medal Winners, 1922 to Present

Choose any of these award-winning Fiction titles.

*Flora & Ulysses*, Kate DiCamillo, 2014  
*The One and Only Ivan*, Katherine Applegate, 2013  
*Dead End in Norvelt*, Jack Gantos, 2012

*Moon Over Manifest*, Clare Vanderpool, 2011  
*When You Reach Me*, Rebecca Stead, 2010  
*The Graveyard Book*, Neil Gaiman, 2009  
*Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village*, Laura Amy Schlitz, 2008  
*The Higher Power of Lucky*, Susan Patron, 2007  
*Criss Cross*, Lynne Rae Perkins, 2006  
*Kira Kira*, Cynthia Kadohata, 2005  
*The Tale of Despereaux*, Kate Dicamillo, 2004  
*Crispin: The Cross of Lead*, Avi, 2003  
*A Single Shard*, Linda Sue Park, 2002  
*A Year Down Yonder*, Richard Peck, 2001  
*Bud, Not Buddy*, Christopher Curtis, 2000  
*Holes*, Louis Sachar, 1999  
*Out of the Dust*, Karen Hesse, 1998  
*The View from Saturday*, E.L. Konigsburg, 1997  
*The Midwife's Apprentice*, Karen Cushman, 1996  
*Walk Two Moons*, Sharon Creech, 1995  
*The Giver*, Lois Lowry, 1994  
*Missing May*, Cynthia Rylant, 1993  
*Shiloh*, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, 1992  
*Maniac Magee*, Jerry Spinelli, 1991  
*Number the Stars*, Lois Lowry, 1990  
*Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices*, Paul Fleishman, 1989  
*Lincoln: A Photobiography*, Russell Freedman, 1988  
*The Whipping Boy*, Sid Fleishman, 1987  
*Sarah, Plain and Tall*, Patricia MacLachlan, 1986  
*The Hero and the Crown*, Robin McKinley, 1985  
*Dear Mr. Henshaw*, Beverly Cleary, 1984  
*Dacey's Song*, Cynthia Voigt, 1983  
*A Visit to William Blake's Inn*, Nancy Willard, 1982  
*Jacob Have I Loved*, Katherine Paterson, 1981  
*A Gathering of Days*, Joan W. Blos, 1980  
*The Westing Game*, Ellen Raskin, 1979  
*Bridge to Terabithia*, Katherine Paterson, 1978  
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, Mildred Taylor, 1977  
*The Grey King*, Susan Cooper, 1976  
*M.C. Higgins, The Great*, Virginia Hamilton, 1975  
*The Slave Digger*, Paula Fox, 1974  
*Julie of the Wolves*, Jean Craighead George, 1973  
*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh*, Robert C. O'Brien, 1972  
*The Summer of Swans*, Betsy Byars, 1971  
*Souder*, William H. Armstrong, 1970

***The High King***, Lloyd Alexander, 1969  
***From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler***, E.L. Konigsburg, 1968  
***Up the Road Slowly***, Irene Hunt, 1967  
***I, Juan De Pareja***, Elizabeth Borton de Trevino, 1966  
***Shadow of a Bull***, Maia Wojciechowska, 1965  
***It's Like This, Cat***, Emily Neville, 1964  
***A Wrinkle in Time***, Madeleine L'Engle, 1963  
***Bronze Bow***, Elizabeth George Speare, 1962  
***Island of the Blue Dolphins***, Scott O'Dell, 1961  
***Onion John***, Joseph Krumgold, 1960  
***The Witch of Blackbird Pond***, Elizabeth George Speare, 1959  
***Rifles for Watie***, Harold Keith, 1958  
***Miracles on Maple Hill***, Virginia Sorenson, 1957  
***Carry On, Mr. Bowditch***, Jean Lee Latham, 1956  
***The Wheel on the School***, Meindert Dejong, 1955  
***...And Now Miguel***, Joseph Krumgold, 1954  
***Secrets of the Andes***, Ann Nolan Clark, 1953  
***Ginger Pye***, Eleanor Estes, 1952  
***Amos Fortune, Free Man***, Elizabeth Yates, 1951  
***The Door in the Wall***, Maguerite De Angeli, 1950  
***The 21 Balloons***, William Du Bois, 1948  
***Miss Hickory***, Carolyn Sherwin Bailey, 1947  
***Strawberry Girl***, Lois Lenski, 1946  
***Rabbit Hill***, Robert Lawson, 1945  
***Johnny Tremain***, Esther Forbes, 1944  
***Adam of the Road***, Elizabeth Janet Gray, 1943  
***The Matchlock Gun***, Walter D. Edmonds, 1942  
***Call It Courage***, Armstrong Sperry, 1941  
***Daniel Boone***, James Daugherty, 1940  
***Thimble Summer***, Elizabeth Enright, 1939  
***The White Stag***, Kate Seredy, 1938  
***Roller Skates***, Ruth Sawyer, 1937  
***Caddie Woodlawn***, Carol Ryrie Brink, 1936  
***Dobry***, Monica Shannon, 1935  
***Invincible Louisa***, Cornelia Meigs, 1934  
***Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze***, Elizabeth Lewis, 1933  
***Waterless Mountain***, Laura Adams Armer, 1932  
***The Cat Who Went to Heaven***, Elizabeth Coatsworth, 1931  
***Hitty, Her First Hundred Years***, Rachel Field, 1930  
***The Trumpeter of Krakow***, Eric Kelly, 1929  
***Gay Neck, The Story of a Pigeon***, Dhan Gopal, 1928  
***Smoky, The Cowhorse***, Will James, 1927  
***Shen of the Sea***, Arthur Bowie Chrisman, 1926  
***Tales from Silver Lands***, Charles Finger, 1925  
***The Dark Frigate***, Charles Boardman Hawes, 1924  
***The Voyages of Doctor Doolittle***, Hugh Lofting, 1923  
***The Story of Mankind***, Hendrik van Loon, 1922



