



**MARK TWAIN
AWARD
MASTER LIST
1971 - 2008**

MARK TWAIN AWARD

A Brief History

It was when Marcie Neal was President of the Missouri Library Association that she planned and initiated the award for a book to be chosen by the children of Missouri. It was named THE MARK TWAIN AWARD in honor of the Missouri author who is our best known contributor to world literature.

The Missouri Library Association and the Missouri Association of School Librarians presented the first reading list to children of Missouri for the 1971-72 school year. Children from 4th through 8th grade who read or had read to them at least 4 (four) of these books were eligible to vote. *SOUNDER*, by William H. Armstrong, was the winning book when 16,559 children voted in the spring of 1972. Mr. Armstrong was presented the award during the MASS Spring Conference in 1973. The Missouri Association of School Librarians sponsor the award.

The purpose of the award is to stimulate reading and to encourage our children to read some of the best new books for young people. If numbers are any indication, the purpose is being accomplished. Each year the number of children voting has increased. In 1990, almost 90,000 children participated. The award has grown in stature and has become recognized on the national level.

MARK TWAIN AWARD WINNERS

- 2007-ABDUCTION! [J]
Peg Kehret
- 2006-CITY OF EMBER [J]
Jeanne DuPrau
- 2005-WENNY HAS WINGS [J]
Janet Lee Carey
- 2004-ZACH'S LIE [J]
Roland Smith
- 2003 BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE
Kate DiCamillo [J]
- 2002 DORK IN DISGUISE
Carol Gorman [J]
- 2001 HOLES [J]
Louis Sachar
- 2000 SAVING SHILOH [J]
Phyllis Baylor
- 1999 SMALL STEPS: The Year I Got Polio [JB K261]
Peg Kehret
- 1998 TITANIC CROSSING [J]
Barbara Williams
- 1997 TIME FOR ANDREW [J]
Mary Hahn
- 1996 GHOSTS OF MERCY MANOR [J]
Betty Ren Wright
- 1995 MAN WHO LOVED CLOWNS [J]
June Rae Wood
- 1994 SHILOH [J]
Phyllis Naylor
- 1993 MANIAC MAGEE [J]
Jerry Spinelli
- 1992 DOLL IN THE GARDEN; A ghost story [J]
Mary Downing Hahn
- 1991 ALL ABOUT SAM [J]
Lois Lowry
- 1990 THERE'S A BOY IN THE GIRLS' BATHROOM [J]
Louis Sachar
- 1989 SIXTH-GRADE SLEEPOVER [J]
Eve Bunting

- 1988 BABY-SITTING IS A DANGEROUS JOB [J]
Willo Davis Roberts
- 1987 WAR WITH GRANDPA [J]
Robert Kimmel Smith
- 1986 THE DOLLHOUSE MURDERS [J]
Betty Ren Wright
- 1985 A BUNDLE OF STICKS [J]
Pat Rhoads Mauser
- 1984 THE SECRET LIFE OF THE UNDERWEAR CHAMP [J]
Betty Miles
- 1983 THE GIRL WITH SILVER EYES [J]
Willo Davis Roberts
- 1982 THE BOY WHO SAW BIGFOOT [J]
Marian Place
- 1981 SOUP FOR PRESIDENT [J]
Robert Peck
- 1980 PINBALLS [J]
Betsy Byars
- 1979 CHAMPION OF MERRIMACK COUNTY [J]
Roger Drury
- 1978 RAMONA THE BRAVE [J]
Beverly Cleary
- 1977 THE GHOST ON SATURDAY NIGHT [J]
Sid Fleischman
- 1976 THE HOME RUN TRICK [J]
Scott Corbett
- 1975 HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS [J]
Thomas Rockwell
- 1974 IT'S A MILE FROM HERE TO GLORY [J]
Robert C. Lee
- 1973 MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH [J]
Robert C. O'Brien
- 1972 SOUNDER [J]
William H. Armstrong

MARK TWAIN MASTER LIST OF NOMINEES 1971-2008

Aardema, Verna

WHY MOSQUITOES BUZZ IN PEOPLE'S EARS (J) 1977-78

"In this amusing African legend, Mosquito tells a tall tale that sets off a chain reaction which ends in jungle disaster." All ages

Aaron, Chester

AN AMERICAN GHOST (J) 1975-76

"Trapped with a mountain lion in a house set adrift during a flood, Albie finds a new way of seeing himself and the world." Gr. 5-7

Adler, C. S.

YOUNG HE & ME (J) 1997-98

"When Caitlin's mother discovers that her adopted Korean little brother has an 11-year-old sister, of course they wanted to reunite the children, but can they become a family?" Gr. 4-6

Adler, Carole

THE CAT THAT WAS LEFT BEHIND (J) 1983-84

"This is a story about a boy's longing for affection and his reluctance to trust, which is reflected through a stray cat that he befriends." Gr. 3-6

Adler, Carole

EDDIE'S BLUE-WINGED DRAGON (J) 1990-91

"Due to his cerebral palsy, Eddie gets the brunt of teasing and bullying at school. A blue-winged dragon he purchases for his sister's birthday turns out to have magical powers and affects his behavior." Gr. 4-7

Adler, Carole

FOOTSTEPS ON THE STAIRS (J) 1984-85

"Dodie and her stepsister, Anne, discover that their vacation house is haunted and find themselves caught up in a quarrel between two sisters who died years before." Gr. 5-9

Adler, Carole

IN OUR HOUSE SCOTT IS MY BROTHER (J) 1982-83

"Thirteen-year-old Jodi makes some difficult adjustments when her widowed father remarries." Gr. 5-9

Adler, Carole

THE LUMP IN THE MIDDLE (J) 1991-92

"Kelsey feels out of sync in her family but a summer friendship helps her put things in perspective and communicate with her mother." Gr. 6-8

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Adler, Carole

MAGIC OF THE GLITS (J) 1981-82

"Twelve-year-old Jeremy, spending the summer on Cape Cod, befriends a seven-year-old girl whose mother has just died." Gr. 5-8

Adler, Carole

THE SILVER COACH (J) 1981-82

"When her parents get a divorce, twelve-year-old Chris blames everything on her mother. But after spending a happy reflective summer with her grandmother, Chris begins to understand both of her parents better." Gr. 4-7

Adler, David

EATON STANLEY AND THE MIND CONTROL EXPERIMENT (J) 1987-88

"Two sixth-grade boys try to control their teacher's mind, but find their project getting out of hand when serious things start happening to her." Gr. 2-6

Alexander, Lloyd

THE CAT WHO WISHED TO BE A MAN (J) 1974-75

"When his wizard master turns him into a man, Lionel sets off on adventures in a market town." Gr. 4-6

Alexander, Lloyd

THE KING'S FOUNTAIN (J398.2, AL27k) 1972-73

"Wise men and scholars fail to convince a king not to build a fountain; then a simple peasant uses his basic wisdom." Gr. 3+

Alexander, Lloyd

WESTMARK (J) 1983-84

"Who would have known that when Theo published a pamphlet for Dr. Absalom in Westmark trouble would begin? When the press was destroyed, Theo barely escaped alive. This book is full of exciting adventure and intricate plots." Gr. 5-9

Alexander, Martha

NO DUCKS IN OUR BATHTUB (JE) 1974-75

"When mother lays down the law about no animals in the house, David solves his problem by bringing home fish eggs--or so he thought." Gr. 3-4

Amato, Mary

NAKED MOLE RAT LETTERS [J] 2007-2008

"Told in a series of diary entries and emails, 12-year-old Frankie is not happy when she discovers her widower Dad has formed an adult romantic relationship with a Washington DC zoo keeper." Gr. 3-6

Anderson, Laurie

FEVER 1793 (J) 2002-03

"In the Philadelphia of 1793 an epidemic of yellow fever strikes and 16-year-old Matilda Cook must learn to cope on her own." Gr. 6-8

Anderson, Margaret

THE JOURNEY OF THE SHADOW BAIRNS (J) 1982-83

"In 1902, two orphans slip away to Canada to keep from being separated and find a new life in the wilderness." Gr. 5-9

Angell, Judie

A HOME IS TO SHARE--AND SHARE--AND SHARE (J) 1986-87

"The Muchmore children attempt to find homes for the animals from a failing animal shelter." Gr. 4-6

Antle, Nancy

LOST IN THE WAR (J) 2000-01

"Lisa, at 12, must cope with her mother's Vietnam induced post-traumatic stress." Gr. 5-7

Archer, Myrtle

THE YOUNG BOYS GONE (F) 1980-81

"A family manages to escape when they learn that Civil War conscriptors are scouring rural Missouri for men and boys." Gr. 7-9

Armstrong, William

SOUNDER (J) 1971-72

"With the help of the devoted dog Sounder, a young black boy grows in courage and understanding by learning to read." Gr. 5+

Asher, Sandy

JUST LIKE JENNY (J) 1984-85

"Two close friends make some adjustments and discoveries during an important year in their dance training." Gr. 5-9

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Auch, J. J.

WING NUT [J] 2007-2008

"When Grady and his Mom move in to help an elderly man, Grady learns the answer to many of the questions that haunt him." Gr. 5-8

Auch, Mary

CRY UNCLE! (J) 1989-90

"An elderly uncle given to occasional bouts of confusion causes the Andersons to wonder if they are able to care for him or if he should be sent to a nursing home." Gr. 4-7

Auch, Mary

JOURNEY TO NOWHERE (J) 1999-00

"Remembrance Nye doesn't want to leave everything she knows to trek to upstate New York in 1815 and settle new land." Gr. 5-7

Auch, Mary

KIDNAPING KEVIN KOWALSKI (J) 1992-93

"Kevin's mom is overprotective since his accident. Should his friends kidnap him for his own good?" Gr. 4-6

Auch, Mary

PICK OF THE LITTER (J) 1990-91

"Eleven-year-old adopted Catherine (better known as Cat) Corwin's world as an only child is shattered when her mother becomes pregnant. Cat goes to extreme measures to get the attention to which she has been accustomed." Gr. 5-8

Auch, Mary

THE WITCHING OF BEN WAGNER (J) 1989-90

"When twelve-year-old Ben moves with his family to a town on the shore of Lake Ontario he finds a friend who seems to be a witch; and who helps him meet the problems associated with his moving and his stormy relationships with his father and big sister." Gr. 4-7

Avi

BLUE HERON (J) 1994-95

"Too many things are different or wrong, the summer Maggie spends with her father, stepmother and the mysterious blue heron in the marsh near their summer cottage." Gr. 5-8

Avi

CRISPIN: THE CROSS OF LEAD (J/YA) 2004-05

"A young orphan fleeing his village to save his life meets a wandering juggler who holds the key to a dangerous secret." Gr. 4-8 Newbery Winner

Avi

DON'T YOU KNOW THERE'S A WAR ON? (J) 2003-04

"The author recalls his childhood efforts to win the Second World War, including planting a victory garden, collecting tin foil, and looking for spies." Gr. 5-7

Avi

ERETH'S BIRTHDAY (J) 2002-03

"Grouchy porcupine Ereth thinks Poppy has forgotten his birthday, so he goes off to sulk in the forest, only to become caretaker for three young foxes and face a wicked fisher." Gr. 4-6

Avi

GOOD DOG (J) 2003-04

"McKinley, a malamute, is torn between the domestic world of his human family and the wild world of Lupin, a wolf that is trying to recruit dogs to replenish the dwindling wolf pack." Gr. 4-6

Avi

NIGHT JOURNEYS (J) 1981-82

"Two young indentured servants escape into Pennsylvania in the late 1700's and receive help from an unexpected source." Gr. 5-9

Avi

POPPY (J) 1997-98

"Young Poppy Mouse questions why they must ask the owl's permission and embarks on a quest to get the answers herself." Gr. 3-5

Avi

SHADRACH'S CROSSING (J) 1985-86

"In 1932 a young boy determines, despite his family's fears, to help stop the liquor smugglers who have been terrorizing their island." Gr. 6-8

Avi

TRUE CONFESSIONS OF CHARLOTTE DOYLE (J) 1992-93

"She wasn't supposed to be the only female and only passenger on the sailing ship but well-bred Charlotte did not question authority. Then she discovered herself on trial for her life." Gr. 6-8

Ayres, Katherine

FAMILY TREE (J) 1998-99

"A genealogy project helps Tyler Stoud to meet her extended family." Gr. 4-6

Babbitt, Natalie

THE EYES OF THE AMARYLLIS (J) 1979-80

"After the brig AMARYLLIS goes down in a hurricane, the captain's wife waits 30 years for a message from her husband (from the sea)." Gr. 5-8

Babbitt, Natalie

GOODY HALL (J) 1972-73

"A Gothic mystery centering around the magnificent home of the Goody family." Gr. 5-8

Babbitt, Natalie

SEARCH FOR DELICIOUS (J) 1971-72

"The Prime Minister is compiling a dictionary and when no one at court can agree on the meaning of delicious, the King sends his twelve-year-old messenger to poll the country." Gr. 3-6

Babbitt, Natalie

TUCK EVERLASTING (J) 1977-78

"A kidnapping, a murder, a jailbreak; and though it has a dramatic beginning and a spellbinding middle, it can never end." Gr. 4-7

Baker, Betty

AT THE CENTER OF THE WORLD (J299.7, B171) 1974-75

"Many separate legends of the Pima and Papago Indian tribes of the Southwest are woven into a continuous narration of the creation of the world." Gr. 3-6

Bang, Molly

WILEY AND THE HAIRY MAN (JE) 1978-79

"With his mother's help, Wiley outwits the hairy creature that dominates the swamp near his home." Gr. 3-4

Barrett, Tracy

COLD IN SUMMER (J/YA) 2005-06

"Recently moved to Tennessee, 7th grader Ariadne doesn't know what to think when she is contacted by the ghost of a young girl." Gr. 4-7

Barrett, Tracy

ON ETRUSCAN TIME [J]

"Dragged along to Italy with his archeologist mother, Hector experiences nightmares that become all too real when folks start digging up ancient bones and he is contacted by a boy from the past, a boy on Etruscan time." Gr. 5-8

Bartek, Mary

FUNERALS AND FLY FISHING [J]

"Unexpectedly, 12-year-old Brad is sent to spend the summer with his unknown, funeral director grandfather and learns a lot about his mother and himself." Gr. 4-7

Bauer, Joan

BACKWATER (YA) 2001-02

"A quiet historian in a family of aggressive lawyers, Ivy decides to locate her hermit aunt who lives in the mountains." YA

Bauer, Joan

SQUASHED (J) 1994-95

"Sophomore Ellie has big plans for Max. After all, it's important to have faith in your vegetable, especially when it's a giant pumpkin." Gr. 5-8

Bauer, Joan

STAND TALL (J/YA) 2004-05

"Tree, already over 6 feet and still growing in middle school, finds life becoming more and more confusing when his parents divorce." Gr. 5-8

Bauer, Joan

STICKS (J) 1998-99

"Mickey is an awesome pool player and he has a great math whiz friend/coach, but is that enough to win the youth tournament over part gorilla Buck Pender?" Gr. 5-7

Bauer, Marion

ON MY HONOR (J) 1988-89

"Witnessing his best friend's drowning fills Joel with guilt and anguish that is finally assuaged by an understanding father." Gr. 3-6

Bauer, Marion

A QUESTION OF TRUST (J) 1996-97

"Brad, suffering from his parents separation, struggles to control his brother into also denying their mother, and in helping a stray mother cat care for her kittens. When he believes the mother cat has killed one of her kittens, his world really crumbles." Gr. 5-8

Baylor, Byrd

BEFORE YOU CAME THIS WAY (JE) 1971-72

"Cave drawings prompt questions about the lives and purposes of their prehistoric creators." Gr. 3+

Baylor, Byrd

WHEN CLAY SINGS (J970.49, Sch97) 1973-74

"By putting together some pieces of Indian pottery found in the desert, the author and artist tell of the Indian way of life in an earlier time." Gr. 3-4

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Bealer, Alex

ONLY THE NAMES REMAIN (J970.3, B365) 1973-74

"A gripping account of the Cherokee Indians and the Trail of Tears; historically accurate."
Gr. 5-6

Beatty, Patricia

BY CRUMBS, IT'S MINE (J) 1978-79

"While stranded in the Arizona territory in the 1880's, a 13-year-old girl finds herself the owner of a traveling hotel." Gr. 4-6

Beatty, Patricia

HOW MANY MILES TO SUNDOWN (J) 1976-77

"In 1881, a tomboy, her younger brother, and her pet longhorn accompany a 15-year-old boy searching for his father in the Texas, New Mexico and Arizona territories." Gr. 6-9

Beatty, Patricia

SARAH AND ME AND THE LADY FROM THE SEA (J) 1991-92

"Once wealthy, city girl Marcella's view of life changes as her father's business goes under and she spends the winter in the family's summer house on the Washington State Peninsula"
Gr. 4-7

Beatty, Patricia

THAT'S ONE ORNERY ORPHAN (J) 1982-83

"A 13-year-old girl is forced to face adoption." Gr. 7-9

Bell, Gertrude

FIRST CROP (J) 1974-75

A Civil War story set in Missouri depicting the effects of Order Number Eleven." Gr. 5-8

Benchley, Nathaniel

FELDMAN FIELDMOUSE (J) 1972-73

"The training of a mouse who was raised by his outdoor uncle, makes a survival story that is most amusing." Gr. 3-6

Betancourt, Jeanne

MY NAME IS [BRAIN] BRIAN (J) 1995-1996

"Only in sixth grade does a teacher discover that Brian is dyslexic, not lazy or stupid, and starts special ways to help him." Gr. 5-7

Billington, Elizabeth

PART-TIME BOY (J) 1982-83

"Jamie, a quiet individualist in a noisy family, finds new self-confidence while visiting in the country." Gr. 3-5

Birdseye, Tom

JUST CALL ME STUPID (J) 1995-1996

"Patrick's imaginary world contains the White Knight who vanquishes all enemies. With the help of a new neighbor he gains the confidence to vanquish some in the real world." Gr. 4-6

Blackwood, Gary

SHAKESPEARE STEALER (J) 2000-01

"Widge, able to write shorthand, is sent to transcribe and steal the script of HAMLET for a rival company of players." Gr. 5-7

Bledsoe, Lucy

TRACKS IN THE SNOW (J) 1999-00

"No one believes Amy is in trouble, so Erin and her science partner strike out to find her only to be trapped in a blizzard themselves." Gr. 5-7

Blume, Judy

IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD (J) 1973-74

"Karen has plans for reconciliation, but her parents seem adamant about getting a divorce." Gr. 5-6

Bonham, Frank

THE FRIENDS OF THE LOONY LAKE MONSTER (J) 1973-74

"As financial problems threaten her parents' ranching business, Gussie adds to their difficulties by discovering a monster in the lake on their property." Gr. 4-6

Boyd, Candy

CHARLIE PIPPIN (J) 1989-90

"Spunky eleven-year-old Charlie hopes to understand her rigid father by finding out everything she can about the Vietnam War, the war that let him survive but killed his dreams." Gr. 6-8

Bradbury, Bianca

IN HER FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS (J) 1978-79

"Jenny thought her future in partnership with her father was assured until, beginning with the fire in the animal hospital, everything went wrong." Gr. 7-8

Bradley, Kimberly

FOR FREEDOM: the story of a French spy (J) 2005-06

"Using her singing lessons as a cover, teenager Suzanne carries messages around occupied Cherbourg for the French Resistance." Gr. 5-8

Brady, Esther

TOLIVER'S SECRET (J) 1978-79

"During the Revolutionary War, a 10-year-old girl crosses enemy lines to deliver bread containing a message for the patriots." Gr. 4-6

Branley, Franklyn

MYSTERY OF STONEHENGE (J913.36, B734) 1971-72

"Stonehenge's mysteries fall under scrutiny." Gr. 6-9

Bridges, Ruby

THROUGH MY EYES (JB B7626) 2001-02

"Clearly written, fascinating autobiography of ruby Bridges who at six-years-old integrated new Orleans schools and became a Rockwell painting." Gr. 4-8

Brittain, Bill

WHO KNEW THERE'D BE GHOSTS? (J) 1987-88

"Three spunky youngsters join forces with two lively ghosts to save an historic mansion from being destroyed by a crooked antiques dealer." Gr. 4-7

Brittain, Bill

THE WISH GIVER: THREE TALES OF COVEN TREE (J) 1985-86

"The story of a Devil's deputy who passes out a wish apiece for four souls at the annual Coven Tree Church Social." Gr. 4-6

Broach, Elise

SHAKESPEARE'S SECRET [J] 2007-2008

"It's hard to fit into a new school when you share your distinctive name with a classmate's dog and your house supposedly hides a million dollar diamond." Gr. 5-8

Brooke, Peggy

JAKE'S ORPHAN (J) 2002-03

"Tree, adopted away from his younger brother, Acorn, by the harsh Gundersons, tries everything he can think of to protect Acorn when he suddenly shows up at the Gunderson farm." Gr. 5-7

Brown, Irene

BEFORE THE LARK (J) 1984-85

"Despite the objections of her ailing grandmother, Jocey determines that they will start a new life on Papa's abandoned farm, far from Kansas City and the taunts about her disfiguring harelip." Gr. 4-7

Buchanan, Jane

GRATEFULLY YOURS (J) 1999-00

"Orphaned, 9-year-old Hattie isn't sure she can be grateful to the Nebraska farmer and his ailing wife who adopt her off an Orphan Train." Gr. 4-6

Bulla, Clyde

CONQUISTA! (J) 1980-81

While Coronado searches for gold for his country and personal glory, a young Indian boy goes on a quest for manhood and his man-name." Gr. 3-6

Bulla, Clyde

DEXTER (J) 1975-76

"Dave befriends the strange new family and their pony, Dexter, when the rest of the townspeople remain aloof." Gr. 3-5

Bulla, Clyde

JOSEPH, THE DREAMER (J222.11, B872) 1972-73

"The story of Joseph, told in easy-to-read style, is faithful to the incidents as recorded in the Bible." Gr. 3-5

Bulla, Clyde

A LION TO GUARD US (J) 1983-84

"Left on their own in London, three impoverished children draw upon all their resources to stay together and make their way to the Virginia colony in search of their father." Gr. 2-5

Bulla, Clyde

SHOESHINE GIRL (J) 1977-78

"Her mother's illness forces independent, defiant Sara Ida to spend a 'growing up' summer with Aunt Claudia." Gr. 3-6

Bunting, Eve

BLACKWATER (J) 2001-02

"Brodie's troubled cousin comes to visit causing more trouble than 13-year-old Brodie can imagine." Gr. 5-7

Bunting, Eve

IS ANYBODY THERE? (J) 1990-91

"Marcus, a latchkey kid for five years, has never been afraid until his key is missing from its usual hiding place. Soon strange things begin to happen." Gr. 5-8

Bunting, Eve

THE GHOST CHILDREN (J) 1991-92

"Matt and his little sister go to live with their only surviving relative and discover she already has a family of ghost children." Gr. 5-8

Bunting, Eve

SHARING SUSAN (J) 1993-94

"Susan thought her parents' big worry was impending divorce--in truth it was worse. She had been switched as an infant and her blood parents wanted her back." Gr. 5-7

Bunting, Eve

SIXTH-GRADE SLEEPOVER (J) 1988-89

"The Rabbit Reading Club's sleepover forces Jane to confront her fear of the dark, as she learns that her friend has a secret too." Gr. 4-6

Bunting, Eve

SOS TITANIC (AF) 1998-99

"Barry O'Neill makes friends aboard the Titanic only to have it sink beneath him." Gr. 6-8

Burch, Robert

DOODLE AND THE GO-CART (J) 1973-74

"The first time Doodle sees the go-cart he knows he wants one more than anything in the world; but how can a boy in rural Georgia earn \$200.00?" Gr. 4-6

Burch, Robert

IDA EARLY COMES OVER THE MOUNTAIN (J) 1982-83

"Ida Early makes life interesting when she comes to keep house for the family." Gr. 5-9

Burch, Robert

WILKIN'S GHOST (J) 1980-81

"A story of Wilkin's friendship with Alex, whom he first sees under the 'hanging tree' and thinks is a ghost. On the night Wilkin plans to hop a train with Alex, he learns the truth about their friendship." Gr. 5-7

Butler, Beverly

GHOST CAT (J) 1986-87

"Annabel is stuck in a 100-year-old farmhouse, 'sentenced' to spend the summer among relatives she doesn't know. A ghost story that will be hard to put down." Gr. 6-9

Butler, Don

SLIDING INTO HOME (J/YA) 2005-06

"New girl and first-base player Joelle is aghast when her new high school doesn't offer baseball to girls and when her efforts to establish a school team fail, decides to set up an all-girl baseball league." Gr. 6-8

Butler, Dori

DO YOU KNOW THE MONKEY MAN [J] 2007-2008

"Sam, wondering why her father never tried to contact her after he disappeared, goes searching for him, only to discover much more than she bargained for" Gr. 5-8

Byars, Betsy

AFTER THE GOAT MAN (J) 1976-77

"When Harold and his friend Ada meet Figgy, a pathetic, lonely little boy they are drawn into a desperate search for Figgy's grandfather, the Goat Man." Gr. 4-7

Byars, Betsy

THE ANIMAL, THE VEGETABLE, AND JOHN D. JONES (J) 1984-85

"Clara and Deanie's long-awaited vacation at the shore with their divorced father goes sour when his friend, Delores and her know-it-all son, John D., come too. The kids become avowed enemies until a near-tragedy forces them to re-evaluate their relationship." Gr. 5-9

Byars, Betsy

BINGO BROWN, GYPSY LOVER (J) 1992-93

"Poor Bingo, Christmas is coming and what can he get Melissa? Also, will the new baby replace him in his parents' heart?" Gr. 6-8

Byars, Betsy

THE BLOSSOMS MEET THE VULTURE LADY (J) 1988-89

"When Junior accidentally gets caught in his own coyote trap deep in the woods, he is rescued by the reclusive woman known as Mad Mary and begins an unforgettable adventure." Gr. 5-8

Byars, Betsy

THE BURNING QUESTIONS OF BINGO BROWN (J) 1990-91

"As Bingo Brown struggles with all the questions that accompany adolescence, he becomes involved in a larger and more serious problem. The strange behavior of Mr. Markham, Bingo's English teacher, leads Bingo to wonder if there was anything he could have done to prevent the resulting accident." Gr. 5-8

Byars, Betsy

THE CYBIL WAR (J) 1983-84

"Simon learns some hard lessons about good and bad friendships when his good friend's stories involve him in some troublesome and complicated situations." Gr. 3-6

Byars, Betsy

THE 18th EMERGENCY (J) 1974-75

"Twelve-year-old Mouse's friend has a solution for every emergency until a bully plans to fight Mouse." Gr. 4-6

Byars, Betsy

THE HOUSE OF WINGS (J) 1973-74

"A feud between a boy and his grandfather ends in mutual love when the two attempt to tame a wild crane." Gr. 4-6

Byars, Betsy

THE PINBALLS (J) 1979-80

"According to Carlie, she and Thomas and Harvey are just pinballs -- bounced around, victimized by thoughtless, cruel foster parents, unable to control their fate." Gr. 5-7

Byars, Betsy

WANTED...MUD BLOSSOM (J) 1993-94

"The visiting school hamster is missing and Mud Blossom, Pap's dog is the prime suspect." Gr. 4-7

Byfield, Barbara

ANDREW AND THE ALCHEMIST (J) 1979-80

"A story of the occult, with a medieval setting and hair-raising adventures." Gr. 4-7

Calvert, Patricia

BIGGER (J) 1996-97

"Tyler sets out from his Missouri family farm to find his father, fleeing to Mexico with General Jo Shelby. A mistreated dog becomes company and after finding his father, he learns that some dreams are unattainable." Gr. 5-8

Calvert, Patricia

SOONER (J) 2000-01

"A sequel to BIGGER. Tyler tries to be the man of the family since his father refuses to concede the Confederacy's loss." Gr. 5-8

Calvert, Patricia

THE STONE PONY (J) 1984-85

"Following the death of her multi-talented and beautiful older sister, Jobeth tries to bury her feelings of resentment and guilt by absorbing herself in the study of a stone pony." Gr. 7-9

Cameron, Eleanor

COURT OF THE STONE CHILDREN (J) 1974-75

"Aided by the journal of a young woman who lived in nineteenth-century France, Nina solves a murder mystery dormant since the time of Napoleon." Gr. 5-8

Cameron, Eleanor

A ROOM MADE OF WINDOWS (J) 1972-73

"Pre-teen Julia finds her room a sanctuary which gives her a shield and security from her loneliness." Gr. 6-8

Carbone, Elisa

STEALING FREEDOM (J) 2000-01

"Maryland slave Anne Marie is kidnapped for a chance at freedom. Fact-based historical fiction." Gr. 6-8

Carey, Janet

WENNY HAS WINGS (J/YA) 2004-05

"Through conversational journal entries, Will North comes to terms with the accidental death of his little sister." Gr. 4-8

Carlson, Dale

GIRLS ARE EQUAL TOO (J301.412, CI97) 1974-75

"Traces the historic pressures against women's equality and describes how teenaged girls can work for social change." Gr. 5-8

Carrick, Carol

STAY AWAY FROM SIMON! (J) 1987-88

"Lucy and her younger brother examine their feelings about a mentally handicapped boy they fear when he follows them home one snowy day." Gr. 2-5

Carrick, Carol

WHAT A WIMP! (J) 1985-86

"Although his teacher, mother and older brother are sympathetic, Barney knows that he will have to find his own way to deal with the bully, Lennie." Gr. 4-6

Carris, Joan

PETS, VETS, AND MARTY HOWARD (J) 1986-87

"Twelve-year-old Marty Howard is proud of his job at the veterinary clinic, but is torn between fun with his friends and learning the trade he has chosen." Gr. 5-7

Casanova, Mary

WOLF SHADOWS (J) 1999-00

"Wolves in the north woods separate two friends in this sequel to Moose Tracks." Gr. 4-6

Caudill, Rebecca

COME ALONG (JE) 1971-72

"Haiku verse describes the treasure of mountain and meadow." All Ages

Chester, Deborah

THE SIGN OF THE OWL (J) 1983-84

"Wint, son of the Duke of Gaumont, has one goal -- to serve his father. He encounters danger when he wages a war against Lord Claude to avenge his father's murder and claim his heritage." Gr. 5-9

Choldenko, Gennifer

AL CAPONE DOES MY SHIRTS [J/YA]

"Twelve-year-old Moose objects to his family's move to Alcatraz Island in 1935 but his parents want a better school for his autistic sister so he becomes 'Moose Flanagan, Alcatraz Island boy.'" Gr. 5-8

Cleary, Beverly

DEAR MR. HENSHAW (J) 1985-86

"In his letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school and generally finding his own place in the world." Gr. 4-6

Cleary, Beverly

RALPH S. MOUSE (J) 1984-85

"Presents further adventures of a motorcycle riding mouse who goes to school and becomes the instigator of an investigation of rodents and the peacemaker for two lonely boys." Gr. 2-6

Cleary, Beverly

RAMONA AND HER FATHER (J) 1979-80

"The adjustments Ramona must make when her father loses his job are both funny and sad." Gr. 3-5

Cleary, Beverly

RAMONA THE BRAVE (J) 1977-78

"The ebullient Ramona learns to cope with an unsympathetic teacher in this funny story about the trials of a first grader." Gr. 3-5

Cleary, Beverly

STRIDER (J) 1993-94

"Leigh Botts is back. Now fourteen, he shares an adopted dog with his friend Barry and develops some new talents." Gr. 4-7

Cleaver, Vera

DUST OF THE EARTH (J) 1977-78

"A timeless novel, set in the Black Hills, about interfamily relationships and personal isolation." Gr. 7-9

Cleaver, Vera and Bill

ME TOO (J) 1974-75

"Hoping to expunge neighborhood prejudice and to do something everyone else has failed to do, a 12-year-old desperately tries to teach her retarded twin." Gr. 6-8

Cleaver, Vera

WHERE THE LILIES BLOOM (J) 1971-72

"Gutsy Mary Call Luther is determined to fulfill her father's dying wish to keep the family together and to support them." Gr. 5-8

Clements, Andrew

LAST HOLIDAY CONCERT [J]

"When the Art and Music teachers are eliminated, the sixth graders decide to stage their own holiday concert." Gr. 4-7

Clements, Andrew

LUNCH MONEY [J]

"Greg, a pretty good kid and born money maker, decides to go into the comic business to earn money even if it means teaming up with rival Maura." Gr. 3-6

Clements, Andrew

REPORT CARD [J]

"Very bright fifth grader Nora decides to get a bad report card to protest the fuss over high test scores and grades." Gr. 4-5

Clements, Andrew

SCHOOL STORY (J) 2003-04

"After 12-year-old Natalie writes a wonderful novel, her best friend Zoe helps her devise a scheme to get it accepted by the publishing house where Zoe's mother works as an editor." Gr. 4-6

Clements, Bruce

I TELL A LIE EVERY SO OFTEN (J) 1976-77

"In 1848, a fourteen-year-old Missourian tells two lies that start off an unusual chain of events." Gr. 5-8

Clifford, Eth (Rosenberg)

HELP! I'M A PRISONER IN THE LIBRARY (J) 1981-82

"When their father's car runs out of gas in an unfamiliar city during a blizzard, Mary Rose and Jo Beth look for shelter and become trapped in a curious old library filled with mysterious creatures." Gr. 2-5

Clifford, Eth (Rosenberg)

THE MAN WHO SANG IN THE DARK also as LEAH'S SONG (J) 1989-90

"Ten-year-old Leah, her young brother and their widowed mother begin a new life for themselves through friendships with a blind man and others in their boarding house in Philadelphia during the Depression." Gr. 4-6

Clifford, Eth (Rosenberg)

THE ROCKING CHAIR REBELLION (J) 1980-81

"When Opie, a fourteen-year-old girl, volunteers at a home for the aged, she becomes much more involved than she planned, and so does the home. A block party she plans for the home has far-reaching effects that lead to a day in court." Gr. 5-8

Clifford, Eth (Rosenberg)

SEARCH FOR THE CRESCENT MOON (J) 1975-76

"In 1840 fifteen-year-old Tobias accompanies his grandfather on yet another search for the old man's twin sister kidnapped as a child by the Indians." Gr. 5-8

Clymer, Eleanor

ME AND THE EGGMAN (J) 1973-74

"Dissatisfied with home life, a young boy runs away to live on the farm of a man who delivers eggs." Gr. 3-4

Clymer, Eleanor

THE SPIDER, THE CAVE AND THE POTTERY BOWL (J) 1972-73

"An Native American brother and sister are left alone for the summer in the care of their ailing grandmother." Gr. 3-6

Cochrane, Patricia

PURELY ROSIE PEARL (J) 1998-99

Twelve-year-old Rosie Pearl makes many friends in the migrant farm labor camp but sees the hard side of it too when her sister is refused admittance to the town hospital. Gr. 5-7

Coerr, Eleanor

SADAKO AND THE THOUSAND PAPER CRANES (J) 1979-80

"Ten years after the atom bomb was dropped, Sadako developed the first signs of leukemia and learned the legend of the paper cranes." Gr. 3-7

Cohen, Barbara

THANK YOU, JACKIE ROBINSON (J) 1976-77

"A fatherless white boy shares an enthusiasm for Jackie Robinson with an old black man." Gr. 4-7

Collier, Christopher and James

WAR COMES TO WILLY FREEMAN (J) 1985-86

"The story of a young black woman living in America during the Revolutionary War." Gr. 6-8

Collier, James

THE CLOCK (J) 1993-94

"Progress in the form of a clock her spendthrift father buys and a woolen mill effect Annie Steele's life." Gr. 7-9

Collier, James

MY BROTHER SAM IS DEAD (J) 1976-77

"Young Tim Meeker is caught between his brother's patriotic idealism and his father's Tory sympathies." Gr. 6-8

Colver, Anne

THE WAYFARER'S TREE (J) 1975-76

"Such famous residents of Concord, MA., as Emerson and Thoreau play a part in this tale of a 19th-century boy sent to live with his uncle in the historic town." Gr. 4-6

Conford, Ellen

AND THIS IS LAURA (J) 1979--80

"Born into a family of extraordinary talent, Laura feels depressed by her own ordinariness until she discovers she has 'The Gift'." Gr. 5-7

Conford, Ellen

FELICIA THE CRITIC (J) 1975-76

"An amusing story of a critically outspoken loner and her problems with her peers, her older sister and other relatives." Gr. 4-6

Conford, Ellen

THE LUCK OF POKEY BLOOM (J) 1977-78

"Pokey learns that winning and getting along with people is often more than a matter of luck." Gr. 4-6

Conford, Ellen

ME AND THE TERRIBLE TWO (J) 1976-77

"Dorrie vows that no one can take the place of her best friend who has moved, so when twin boys move into the empty house next door, the war is on." Gr. 4-6

Conford, Ellen

WHY ME? (J) 1987-88

"Thirteen-year-old Hobie, hoping to sweep women off their feet in the manner of his spy novel hero, runs into complications when he encounters a girl who has studied the bestseller, HOW TO MAKE MEN CRAZY." Gr. 5+

Conly, Jane

CRAZY LADY (J) 1995-1996

"Big lummo Vernon is lost in the shuffle of his large motherless family, but the desire to improve his grades, a helpful teacher and the sideways friendship he develops with the neighborhood's resident 'crazy lady' and her retarded son, gives him the encouragement he needs to learn and succeed." Gr. 5-7

Conly, Jane

RACSO AND THE RATS OF NIMH (J) 1988-89

"Timothy Frisby, a field mouse, teams up with the adventurous young rat Racso as together they try to prevent the destruction of a secret community of rats that can read and write." Gr. 4-7

Conrad, Pam

MY DANIEL (J) 1991-92

"The finding of a dinosaur skeleton inadvertently causes a young man's death in this tale of reminiscence." Gr. 5-8

Constant, Alberta

PAINTBOX ON THE FRONTIER (J749.13, B513c) 1976-77

"Biography of George Caleb Bingham, a 19th-century painter." Gr. 6-8

Cooney, Caroline

SAFE AS THE GRAVE (J) 1981-82

"Left alone while her parents and her twin sister go to a party, curious and trouble-prone eleven-year-old Lynn puts together several clues to discover the story behind a mysterious tombstone in the family graveyard and a jeweled cross missing since the Civil War." Gr. 3-5

Cooper, Susan

THE GREY KING (J) 1977-78

"Will Stanton, visiting in Wales, is swept into a desperate quest to find the golden harp and to awaken the ancient sleepers." Gr. 5-8

Corbett, Scott

THE HOCKEY GIRLS (J) 1978-79

"The gloom caused by the introduction of compulsory sports at Wagstaff High lifts slowly with the enforced and cajoled participation of ninth grader Irma Tuttle and her friends." Gr. 4-6

Corbett, Scott

THE HOME RUN TRICK (J) 1975-76

"Mrs. Graymalkin rescues the boys from the soul-searching experience of playing an exhibition game against an all-girl baseball team." Gr. 3-6

Corbett, Scott

THE RED ROOM RIDDLE (J) 1973-74

"A scary story (perfect for Halloween) about the adventures of two boys in a haunted house." Gr. 4-6

Crayder, Dorothy

SHE, THE ADVENTURESS (J) 1974-75

"The remarkable shipboard adventures of Maggie while on a ten-day voyage to meet her aunt in Italy." Gr. 5-8

Creech, Sharon

CHASING REDBIRD (J) 1999-00

"Zinna, one of a large family finds space and herself the summer she clears an overgrown mountain trail." Gr. 5-8\

Creech, Sharon

RUBY HOLLER (J/YA) 2004-05

"Abandoned to be raised in the Boxter Creek Home for Children and fostered out to a series of homes, each worse than the last, Florida and Dallas don't know how to behave when taken in by an older couple who feel they still have some adventure left in them." Gr. 4-8

Creech, Sharon

WALK TWO MOONS (J) 1996-97

"Salamanca Tree Hiddle, traveling to Idaho with her grandparents, retracing her lost mother's last trip, comes to terms with life and loss." Gr. 6-8

Creech, Sharon

WANDERER (J) 2002-03

"Sophie's journal entries written as a record on a trans Atlantic sail can't be true according to her uncles and cousins, but why then do they have the ring of truth?" Gr. 5-7

Cummings, Priscilla

SAVING GRACE (J) 2005-06

"Grace, sent to an orphanage because her depression-stressed family is evicted, faces a big decision when the family she is fostered to wants to adopt her." Gr. 5-7

Curry, Jane

THE BASSUMTYTE TREASURE (J) 1980-81

"Tommy finds everything necessary for complete happiness in the old English mansion: a loving uncle, a secret room, a treasure and even a ghost." Gr. 5-7

Curry, Jane

THE ICE GHOSTS MYSTERY (J) 1973-74

"Highly original suspense story about a family searching for their father, lost in the Austrian Alps." Gr. 4-8

Curtis, Christopher Paul

WATSONS GO TO BIRMINGHAM—1963 (J) 1997-98

"Being young and black in Flint, Michigan is different than being young and black down south in the 60's as fifth grader Kenny Watson learns to his sorrow." Gr. 5-7

Cushman, Karen

BALLAD OF LUCY WHIPPLE (J) 1998-99

"Lucy much preferred Massachusetts to Lucky Diggings, California and she plans to get back there as soon as she can." Gr. 5-7

Dahlberg, Maurine

ESCAPE TO WEST BERLIN [J]

"In 1961, East Berlin is filled with tension. When her parents decide to flee to the West, Heidi, trapped on the East side, must find a way to join them." Gr. 4-6

Dahlberg, Maurine

PLAY TO THE ANGEL (J) 2002-03

"In 1938 Vienna, Greta was able to find her won piano teacher, but could she help her depressed mother recover from the death of her brother?" Gr. 5-8

Dahlberg, Maurine

SPIRIT AND GILLY BUCKET (J/YA) 2004-05

"Almost orphan Gilly is sent to live in Virginia and discovers things are not as they seem on her aunt and uncle's plantation." Gr. 5-7

David, C. L.

CHRISTMAS BARN (J) 2003-04

"When a snow-laden tree collapses into their log home, Rosie's family moves into the barn." Gr. 4-6

Davies, Jacqueline (J/YA) 2004-05

WHERE THE GROUND MEETS THE SKY

"Preteen Hazel must deal with a depressed mother, an absent father and rampant rumors in the enclosed environment of Los Alamos during WWII." Gr. 5-7

Davis, Ossie

JUST LIKE MARTIN (J) 1994-95

"Stone wants to be part of the Freedom March on Washington, D.C. but his father says no. Can he change his father's mind in time?" Gr. 5-8

DeFelice, Cynthia

APPRENTICESHIP OF LUCAS WHITAKER (J) 1998-99

"Tuberculosis wipes out Lucas' family and even the doctor is helpless to save folks. Can the cure Lucas hears about really save people?" Gr. 5-7

DeFelice, Cynthia

GHOST OF FOSSIL GLEN (J) 2000-01

"The chance finding of a journal and an interest in fossils lead Allie into danger." Gr. 5-7

DeFelice, Cynthia

LIGHT ON HOGBACK HILL (J) 1995-1996

"Lonely Hadley makes friends with new kid in town Josh and together they investigate the mysterious lights on the reputedly haunted Hogback Hill. Gr. 4-7

DeFelice, Cynthia

NOWHERE TO CALL HOME (J) 2001-02

"Orphaned Frankie decides to ride the rails rather than live with her aunt in Chicago." Gr. 6-8

DeFelice, Cynthia

UNDER THE SAME SKY (J) 2005-06

"Added to a farm work crew to earn money for the motorbike he wants, 14-year-old Joe learns more about life than he ever imagined." Gr. 5-7

DeFord, Deborah

AN ENEMY AMONG THEM (J) 1989-90

"A Young Hessian soldier questions his loyalty to his king after fighting with the British in the American Revolution and spending time as a prisoner in the home of a German-American family in Pennsylvania." Gr. 6-8

DiCamillio, Kate

BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE (J) 2002-03

"10-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie." Gr. 5-8

Donahue, John

AN ISLAND FAR FROM HOME (J) 1997-98

"Joshua Loring begins a correspondence with a Confederate prisoner at his uncle's request and learns about war, friendship and life." Gr. 5-7

Dermuth, Patricia

JOEL: GROWING UP A FARM MAN (J630, D399) 1984-85

"Focuses on a 13-year-old boy who works on his family's farm, caring for livestock, harvesting hay and preparing to manage the farm himself one day." Gr. 5-9

Denzel, Justin

BOY OF THE PAINTED CAVE (J) 1990-91

"Even though it is taboo for anyone but a chosen one to paint images, Tao longs to be a painter of caves. He brings on the wrath of the clan by breaking this taboo and by hunting with a wolf-dog." Gr. 4-6

De Paola, Tomie

STREGA NONA (J398.2, D44s) 1977-78

"Dumb Anthony, one of the funniest bunglers of all time, worked for Strega Nona and thought he had learned some of her magic." Gr. 3+

Dexter, Catherine

MAZEMAKER (J) 1991-92

"Winnie follows the twists and turns of a maze painted on a playground and finds herself moved back in time 100 years." Gr. 5-8

Dickinson, Peter

WEATHERMONGER (J) 1971-72

"Modern society having been crushed, England finds herself in the middle of another Dark Age where mechanical knowledge is punished by death." Gr. 7-8

Doren, Marion

BORROWED SUMMER (J) 1988-89

"When Jan's great-grandmother breaks her hip and is relocated from hospital to nursing home, she draws inward, refusing life. Only Jan shows the extraordinary understanding and commitment to reach out to Gram and coax a response." Gr. 3-7

Doty, Jean

CAN I GET THERE BY CANDLELIGHT? (J) 1982-83

"Gail and her pony become friends with a girl from another country." Gr. 5-9

Doty, Jean

THE CRUMB (J) 1978-79

"A young girl working at a stable for the summer is disturbed by the obsessive competitive spirit of some of the riders." Gr. 7-8

Doty, Jean

IF WISHES WERE HORSES (J) 1986-87

Since the death of their father, 13-year-old Stephanie Reed and her older sister, Camilla, have been struggling to keep their family's horse-breeding farm alive." Gr. 6-8

Draper, Cena

THE WORST HOUND AROUND (J) 1981-82

"A young boy, his father and his dog are living a happy bachelor existence in the Missouri ridge land until his mother's cousin, along with her three daughters descend on them for a long visit." Gr. 5-8

Drucker, Malka and Michael Halperin

JACOB'S RESCUE, A HOLOCAUST STORY (J) 1995-1996

"Jacob and his little brother David are saved from the Warsaw ghetto by a Polish family in this true account of WWII." Gr. 5-7

Drunker, Olga Levy

KINDER TRANSPORT (940.53161 D84) 1994-95

"Young Olga, one of the 10,000 Jewish children who managed to escape Germany before WW II, relates her experiences in England." Gr. 5-8

Drury, Roger

CHAMPION OF MERRIMACK COUNTY (J) 1978-79

"Discovery of a bike-riding mouse in the bathtub is just the beginning of humorous complications for the Berryfield family." Gr. 4-7

DuPrau, Jeanne

CITY OF EMBER (J) 2005-06

"Systems are failing in the subterranean city of Ember and the children are worried. What will happen if the lights fail?" Gr. 5-8

Dygard, Thomas

OUTSIDE SHOOTER (J) 1981-82

"A young high school basketball coach tackles the double problem of molding his new team, Bloomfield's beloved Bulldogs, into a smooth unit and getting through to Bobby Haggard, an insolent guard on whose talented, troubled shoulders rest the team's hopes for the season." Gr. 7-9

Edmonds, Walter

BERT BREEN'S BARN (J) 1977-78

"A richly detailed novel about a young man's attempt to claim ownership of an old barn that might or might not contain a hidden treasure." Gr. 5-9

Ehrenhaft, Daniel

LAST DOG ON EARTH (J) 2005-06

"Logan's only friend is a mean-tempered dog named Jack so when Jack is threatened they run, only to discover they are caught up in something really big." Gr. 5-6

Eige, Lillian

CADY (J) 1989-90

"After having been shuttled from one place to another since his father left when his mother died, twelve-year-old Cady is taken in by a woman who seems to know more about him than she will tell and who helps Cady discover who he really is." Gr. 6-8

Engelbrecht, Patricia

UNDER THE HAYSTACK (J) 1974-75

"Three sisters, abandoned by their mother, struggle to stay together and operate their farm." Gr. 5-8

Erickson, Russell

A TOAD FOR TUESDAY (JE) 1976-77

"A fantasy about a toad who makes himself a pair of skis and sets out over the snow in midwinter to visit his aunt." Gr. K-3

Erickson, Russell

WARTON'S CHRISTMAS EVE ADVENTURE (JE) 1979-80

"Caught in a snowfall with a mole who can't see at all, Warton gets his bearings in a cave where his caroling raises the hackles of a hibernating grizzly." Gr. 3-5

Ethridge, Kenneth

TOOTHPICK (J) 1987-88

"With the help of a terminally ill friend, eleventh-grade Jamie begins to question the values of some of his fellow students who seem to specialize in ridicule." Gr. 4-7

Farrell, Mame

MARRYING MALCOLM MURGATROYD (J) 1997-98

"In-crowd member Hannah has two secrets in her life--a little brother with Muscular Dystrophy and a long time family friendship with dorky Malcolm Murgatroyd. A sixth grade autobiography assignment threatens to broadcast her secrets." Gr. 5-7

Fenner, Carol

GORILLA, GORILLA (J599, F363) 1974-75

"An account of a gorilla's life, from birth in East Africa, through capture, to living in a United States Zoo." Gr. 6-8

Fenner, Carol

RANDALL'S WALL (J) 1993-94

"Scruffy, stinky Randall could really use a friend when Jean takes him in tow. But is she too late?" Gr. 5-7

Fife, Dale

NORTH OF DANGER (J) 1980-81

"When ships came to evacuate the people of his village, Arne decided to stay behind in order to ski 200 miles north over almost impassable terrain to warn his scientist father of a Nazi threat." Gr. 5-9

Fleischman, Sid

BANDIT'S MOON (J) 2000-01

"Orphaned Annyrose is rescued from mean O. O. Mary by Mexican bandit Joaquin Murleta and after some hair raising adventures is reunited with her brother." Gr. 5-7

Fleischman, Sid

THE GHOST ON SATURDAY NIGHT (J) 1976-77

"A thick fog and a ghost-raising lead to more excitement and reward than Opie had counted on." Gr. 2-5

Fleischman, Sid

HUMBUG MOUNTAIN (J) 1980-81

"Pa's outspoken newspaper practices cause the Flint family to be constantly on the move, and their last stroke of bad luck sends them up the Missouri River to Grandpa and Sunrise, a town he is supposed to have founded." Gr. 4-6

Fleischman, Sid

JIM UGLY (J) 1994-95

A suspicious funeral, a half-wolf dog, some itinerant players and some missing diamonds make young Jake's life very interesting." Gr. 4-7

Fleischman, Sid

JINGO DJANGO (J) 1972-73

"Hilarious fun when Jingo Hawks is hired out as a chimney sweep and becomes involved with gypsies, highwaymen and a life raft made from a cake of ice." Gr. 4-6

Fleischman, Sid

McBROOM TELLS A LIE (JE) 1978-79

"A farmer and his family save their farm by using a popcorn machine, frozen sunlight and jumping beans." Gr. 3-4

Fleischman, Sid

ME AND THE MAN ON THE MOON-EYED HORSE (J) 1979-80

"Plenty of action and humor in this story about a one-man crime wave and how it is stopped." Gr. 4-7

Fleischman, Sid

THE WHIPPING BOY (J) 1988-89

"Prince Brat, an ill-tempered runaway, learns compassion from his whipping boy after a series of funny, suspenseful adventures." Gr. 2-6

Fletcher, Ralph

FIG PUDDING (J) 1997-98

"Eleven-year-old Cliff, oldest of six kids, and supposedly an example, recounts an eventful year of his family." Gr. 4-6

Flory, Jane

GOLDEN VENTURE (J) 1978-79

"Determined to accompany her father to the California gold fields, a young girl stows away in his westbound wagon and finds herself involved in an adventure requiring all her wits and emotional resources." Gr. 4-6

Flory, Jane

THE GREAT BAMBOOZLEMENT (J) 1984-85

"When Serena's family, proprietors of a raftboard general store, take on a mysterious passenger, they solve the mystery with the help of her father's gift for trickery." Gr. 5-9

Fogel, Julianna

WESLEY PAUL, MARATHON RUNNER (JB, P281) 1981-82

"Highlights the life of a Chinese-American runner, his record-breaking performance in the New York City Marathon at the age of nine and his dream to compete in the Olympics." Gr. 1-5

Fogelin, Adrian

ANNA CASEY'S PLACE IN THE WORLD (J/YA) 2003-04

"12-year-old foster child Anna hopes against hope that this placement will be her last." Gr. 5-7

Forrester, Sandra

SOUND THE JUBILEE (J) 1997-98

"North Carolina slave Maddie and her family think they have lost their chance for freedom when they are taken to the Outer Banks to wait on their mistress and wait out the Civil War. A turn of events changes that in this book of historical fiction." Gr. 5-8

Foster, Genevieve

YEAR OF COLUMBUS, 1492 (J909.07, F813) 1971-72

"Shows interacting events in many parts of the world in the year that Columbus came to the shores of America." Gr. 3+

Fox, Michael

SUNDANCE COYOTE (J) 1976-77

"A fictionalized information book set apart from others by this author's lively storytelling style." Gr. 3-4

Fox, Michael

THE WOLF (J591.51, F832) 1974-75

"Although we learn the vital part this magnificent animal plays in the balance of nature, we realize it is an endangered species because of myths that characterize the wolf as a killer to be feared and exterminated." Gr. 6+

Fox, Paula

THE KING'S FALCON (J) 1971-72

"King Philip, discontent with the condition of his poor, tiny country, forsakes his kingdom to pursue his real joy in life - falconry." Gr. 4+

Fox, Paula

MONKEY ISLAND (J) 1993-94

"Two homeless men help 11-year-old Clay survive when he is abandoned first by his father then his mother in the city." Gr. 5-7

Fox, Paula

ONE-EYED CAT (J) 1986-87

"Ned believes that he has shot out the eye of a wild cat with a forbidden gun. His guilt poisons his life." Gr. 6-9

Fox, Paula

PORTRAIT OF IVAN (J) 1971-72

"An eleven-year-old boy gains new understanding of himself and his father after a trip to Florida with unusual people." Gr. 6-8

Fox, Paula

WESTERN WIND (J) 1995-1996

"Sent to stay with her grandmother while her mother has a long hoped for sibling, young Elizabeth is not sure why she is there and where she fits in." Gr. 5-8

Franklin, Kristine

DOVE SONG (J) 2001-02

"Bobbie Lynn's life becomes overwhelming when her father is sent to Vietnam and her mother retreats into a mental breakdown." Gr. 4-6

Franklin, Kristine

LONE WOLF (J) 1999-00

"The arrival of a family to a house near their remote cabin helps Perry come to terms with his sister's death and parent's divorce." Gr. 4-7

Freschet, Berniece

BEAR MOUSE (JE) 1975-76

"A day in the life of a bear mouse with its frustrations and fears; vivid with details and enriched by language both realistic and poetic." Gr. 3-4

Fritz, Jean

AND THEN WHAT HAPPENED, PAUL REVERE? (JB, R32fr) 1974-75

"Paul Revere's career as silversmith, printer and house builder, as well as his political activities, come bounding to life in this energetic account." Gr. 3-5

Fritz, Jean

THE DOUBLE LIFE OF POCAHONTAS (JB, P75f) 1985-86

"Describes the life of Pocahontas with immediacy and color." Gr. 4-6

Fritz, Jean

WHERE WAS PATRICK HENRY ON THE 29th OF MAY? (JB, H39f) 1977-78

"Little known facts about the fiery Virginia orator from his barefoot childhood through his career as a lawyer." Gr. 3-5

Fritz, Jean

WHY DON'T YOU GET A HORSE, SAM ADAMS? (JB, Ad19f) 1976-77

"This lively biographical account of Sam Adams before the Revolutionary War brings out the colorful personality of the talkative, contentious patriot." Gr 3-5

Fritz, Jean

WILL YOU SIGN HERE, JOHN HANCOCK? (JB, H191f) 1978-79

"Looks at the President of the Second Continental Congress, giving special attention to his vanity and magnetic charm." Gr. 3-4

Fuqua, Jonathon

DARBY (J/YA) 2004-05

"In 1926 South Carolina, young Darby decides to write for the local newspaper and unwittingly brings some ugly truths to light." Gr. 5-8

Gaeddert, LouAnn

YOUR FORMER FRIEND, MATTHEW (J) 1986-87

"Gail and Matthew have been friends since they were toddlers, but things seem to have changed over the summer. A story about young boy-girl friendships." Gr. 3-5

Garelick, Mary

ABOUT OWLS (J598.97, G179) 1977-78

"Focusing on just three types of owls, the author tells how each hunts, escapes enemies, what he eats and a bit about the mythology that surrounds him." Gr. 3-5

Garner, Alan

CAVALCADE OF GOBLINS (J398.4, G186) 1971-72

"Forty-two tales, legends and poems from various countries about giants, goblins, demons and other supernatural creatures." Gr. 3+

Garrigue, Sheila

ALL THE CHILDREN WERE SENT AWAY (J) 1978-79

"In July, 1940, during the German bombardment of London, Sara's parents put her aboard a ship bound for Canada so she could be safe for the duration of World War II." Gr. 4-6

Garrigue, Sheila

BETWEEN FRIENDS (J) 1980-81

"When Jill moves to California and searches for new friends, she finds a special friend in eighteen-year-old Dede, a developmentally disabled girl." Gr. 5-8

Gates, Doris

A MORGAN FOR MELINDA (J) 1982-83

"Ten-year-old Melinda overcomes her fear of riding when her father buys her a horse." Gr. 3-7

Gauch, Patricia

THIS TIME, TEMPE WICK? (J) 1976-77

"A humorous tale of how a remarkable little girl kept her wits and courage in defending her horse from mutinous Revolutionary soldiers." Gr. 3-4

George, Jean

ALL UPON A STONE (JE) 1972-73

"The cycle of a mole cricket done in typical Jean George style with lovely illustrations by Don Bolognese." Gr. 3-4

George, Jean Craighead

CHARLIE'S RAVEN [J]

"Charlie hand raises a raven chick in his desperate attempt to return his beloved grandfather to health." Gr 4-6

George, Jean

JULIE (J/YA) 1996-97

"In this sequel to JULIE OF THE WOLVES, Julie is reunited with her father and learns the hard choices survival forces on one." Gr. 7-9

George, Jean

JULIE OF THE WOLVES (J/YA) 1973-74

"Common sense and courage enable a young Eskimo girl to survive when she becomes lost on the Arctic tundra." Gr. 6+

George, Jean

THERE'S AN OWL IN THE SHOWER (J) 1997-98

"Borden hates the California Spotted Owl that caused his father to become unemployed, but gladly takes home and hunts mice for the baby owl he finds, thinking it is a Barred owl." Gr. 4-6

Gerson, Corinne

SON FOR A DAY (J) 1982-83

"Danny becomes a helper for single-parent families." Gr. 4-6

Gibbons, Faye

SOME GLAD MORNING (J) 1984-85

"After her parents separation, city-raised Maude must learn to accept her mother's rowdy family after she moves to the mountains of Georgia." Gr. 4-6

Gifaldi, David

ONE THING FOR SURE (J) 1988-89

"Twelve-year-old Dylan can't bring himself to forgive his father who is serving time in an Oregon prison for illegally cutting timber." Gr. 4-7

Giff, Patricia

THE GIFT OF THE PIRATE QUEEN (J) 1984-85

"Sixth grade is full of problems for Grace O'Malley -- a stern teacher, a reckless sister with diabetes and her father's cousin who is coming from Ireland and who Grace fears will try to take her dead mother's place." Gr. 4-8

Giff, Patricia

LILY'S CROSSING (J) 1999-00

"Lily misses her father and her old life when WWII changes everything." Gr. 5-7

Giff, Patricia

MAGGIE'S DOOR (J) 2005-06

"Nory and neighbor Sean make their perilous way across Ireland and the ocean to be reunited with their families on America's shore." Gr. 5-7

Giff, Patricia

NORY RYAN'S SONG (J) 2002-03

"The potato famine in Ireland threatens to tear Nory's family apart, especially when her fisherman father fails to return home with the rent money." Gr. 6-8

Giff, Patricia

PICTURES OF HOLLIS WOODS (J/YA) 2004-05

"Orphaned Hollis Woods wants a life like she saw pictured when she was 6." Gr. 5-8 Newbery Honor

Girion, Barbara

JOSHUA, THE CZAR, AND THE CHICKEN BONE WISH (J) 1980-81

"Josh is the klutz of the 4th-grade until he meets 'the Czar' who teaches him how to break the winning half of the wishbone, as well as to have a little self-confidence." Gr. 4-6

Glubok, Shirley

KNIGHTS IN ARMOR (J399, G52) 1971-72

"Tells about knights and knighthood and about the armor which they wore." Gr.3-6

Golding, Theresa

SECRET WITHIN (J/YA) 2004-05

"Carly, caught between a secretive, abusive father, a bully and her love of the ocean finally summons the courage to stand up to her tormentors." Gr 5-7

Gordon, Amy

GORILLAS OF GILL PARK (J) 2005-06

"A mysterious musician, a private/public park, a visiting nephew and thirty gorilla suits combine for a very interesting summer." Gr. 4-6

Gordon, Sheila

THE MIDDLE OF SOMEWHERE (J) 1992-93

"Rebecca struggles to understand the different aspects of being a Black under apartheid." Gr. 5-8

Gordon, Shirley

THE BOY WHO WANTED A FAMILY (J) 1982-83

"A young boy explores new hopes and fears during the one-year waiting period before he can be adopted." Gr. 3-4

Gorman, Carol

DORK IN DISGUISE (J) 2001-02

"Jerry wants to run with the 'cool' kids at his new middle school but his interest lies otherwise.:" Gr. 4-6

Graeber, Charlotte

GREY CLOUD (J) 1981-82

"Tom wishes that his family never had left Chicago and moved to rural Coatsville, until his new friend, Orville, introduces Tom to an unusual hobby -- pigeon racing. Tom grows to respect the reserved farm boy, and Orville shows his trust by giving Tom a pigeon to keep." Gr. 3-7

Graff, Nancy

LONG WAY HOME (J) 2003-04

"After moving to his mother's hometown in rural Vermont, 12-year-old Riley must reconsider his feelings about war and heroes when he meets a man who refused to fight in Vietnam." Gr. 5-7

Gray, Dianne

HOLDING UP THE EARTH (J/YA) 2002-03

"Orphaned Hope feels like a fish out of water when foster mother Sarah takes her to a Nebraska farm, but finding journals written by earlier women helps Hope find her way." Gr. 6-8

Greene, Bette

PHILIP HALL LIKES ME, I RECKON MAYBE (J) 1976-77

"A novel set in rural Arkansas about an intelligent and vivacious 11-year-old's first crush."

Gr. 5-7

Greene, Constance

BEAT THE TURTLE DRUM (J) 1978-79

"Sustained by her parents and friends, Kate recalls and grieves for her younger sister, suddenly dead at eleven." Gr. 4-6

Greene, Constance

THE EARS OF LOUIS (J) 1976-77

"A small boy with big ears tries to cope with the teasing and bullying of his classmates."

Gr. 4-6

Greene, Constance

ISABELLE THE ITCH (J) 1974-75

"When super-energetic Isabelle finally learns the accomplishments she can achieve by channeling her energy, she makes friends out of enemies." Gr. 3-6

Greer, Gery

MAX AND ME AND THE TIME MACHINE (J) 1985-86

"Steve buys a time machine at a garage sale and takes his friend Max to the year 1250, where they land in the middle of a jousting match." Gr. 4-6

Gregory, Kristiana

ACROSS THE WIDE AND LONESOME PRAIRIE: The Oregon Trail Diary Of Hattie Campbell (J) 1999-00

"Fictional diary of the westward trip of 12-year-old Hattie as her family treks from Booneville, Missouri to Oregon." Gr. 5-7

Griese, Arnold

AT THE MOUTH OF THE LUCKIEST RIVER (J) 1975-76

"An Athabascan Indian boy confronts his tribe's medicine man in an effort to prevent trouble with the Eskimos." Gr. 3-5

Griese, Arnold

THE WIND IS NOT A RIVER (J) 1980-81

"Hiding out in the hills, two young children manage to survive on their own when the other inhabitants of Attu are captured by the Japanese during World War II." Gr. 4-6

Griffin, Judith

PHOEBE AND THE GENERAL (J973.41, G875) 1979-80

"When Samuel hears of a plot to kill George Washington, he sends his 13-year-old daughter, Phoebe, to become the General's housekeeper and to protect him." Gr. 4-7

Griffith, Helen

FOXY (J) 1986-87

"Jeff and his parents are involved in a car crash and Jeff believes his dog, Foxy, is dead. This story follows Amber, a girl who attempts to find Foxy and win the dog's affection." Gr. 4-6

Grove, Vicki

CRYSTAL GARDEN (J/YA) 1997-98

"Transplanted to Gouge Eye, Missouri when her mother moves in with a boyfriend, Eliza has trouble recognizing true friends." Gr. 6-8

Grove, Vicki

THE FASTEST FRIEND IN THE WEST (J) 1992-93

"Somewhere there has to be a place for car-living Vern to call home and someone chunky Lori can call friend." Gr. 6-8

Grove, Vicki

GOOD-BYE, MY WISHING STAR (J) 1990-91

"Jens discovers the difficulties of saying good-bye to her friends and lifestyle when her family loses their farm." Gr. 4-7

Grove, Vicki

REACHING DUSTIN (J) 2000-01

"Sixth-grader Carly has always steered clear of bully Dustin Grout until a class project leads her to see what his life's really like." Gr. 5-7

Grove, Vicki

RIMWALKERS (J) 1995-1996

"Tory reminisces about a life-changing summer she spent at her grandparents' Illinois farm with her show-stealing little sister and two cousins." Gr. 5-8

Grove, Vicki

STARPLACE (J) 2001-02

"In the early '60's a friendship develops between white Frannie and black Celeste in a small Oklahoma town that holds a terrible secret." Gr. 5-7

Grover, Wayne

ALI AND THE GOLDEN EAGLE (J) 1995-1996

"While constructing an airport in Saudi Arabia, the author makes friends with a boy from an isolated village and helps him win acclaim with his hunting eagle." Gr. 5-7

Gruenberg, Linda

HUMMER (J) 1992-93

"The loan of an Arabian trail horse brings things to a head with Hummer's chaotic home life." Gr. 5-7

Haas, Dorothy

THE BEARS UPSTAIRS (J) 1980-81

"Two bears, dressed as humans, arrive mysteriously to stay in a Chicago apartment. With the help of a daring young heroine, they are able to accomplish their mission." Gr. 3-6

Haas, Dorothy

THE SECRET LIFE OF DILLY McBEAN (J) 1988-89

"After being orphaned at an early age and spending years in boarding schools, Dilly begins a new life in a real house in a small town, developing secret magnetic powers under the tutelage of a kindly professor." Gr. 5-7

Haas, Jessie

UNCLE DANNEY'S WAY (J) 1996-97

When Cole's Uncle Daney comes to stay, he isn't what was expected. And his trained logging horse Nip just wasn't expected. Cole wants to help his uncle keep Nip but doubts he is strong enough to do so." Gr. 5-7

Haddix, Margaret

DOUBLE IDENTITY [J/YA] 2007-2008

"Bethany's very protective parents unexpectedly leave her with an unknown aunt and she decide to find out why." Gr. 5-8

Hahn, Mary

DAPHNE'S BOOK (J/YA) 1985-86

"As author Jessica and artist Daphne collaborate on a picture book for a 7th-grade English class contest, Jessica becomes aware of conditions in Daphne's home life that seem to threaten her health and safety." Gr. 6-8

Hahn, Mary

DECEMBER STILLNESS (J) 1990-91

"For a class current issues paper, thirteen-year-old Kelly decides to befriend Mr. Weems, a disturbed homeless Vietnam War veteran, to learn first hand about the War. She learns a painful lesson when tragedy occurs." Gr. 4-7

Hahn, Mary

THE DOLL IN THE GARDEN: A GHOST STORY (J) 1991-92

"A ghostly cat and a crying child summon newcomer Ashley to right an 80-year-old wrong." Gr. 5-8

Hahn, Mary

FOLLOWING MY OWN FOOTSTEPS (J) 1998-99

"Finding a home with his grandmother after fleeing an abusive father, Gordy makes friends with William, a polio stricken boy next door." Gr. 5-8

Hahn, Mary Downing

OLD WILLIS PLACE [J]

"Diana and Georgie must remain on the grounds of the Old Willis place even though the ghost of Old Lady Willis seeks them." Gr 4-6

Hahn, Mary

STEPPING ON THE CRACKS (J) 1993-94

"In 1944, while her brother is overseas fighting in WWII, Margaret gets a new view of the school bully Gordy when she finds him hiding his own brother, an army deserter, and decides to help him." Gr. 5-7

Hahn, Mary

TALLAHASSEE HIGGINS (J) 1989-90

"Tallahassee Higgins enjoys the vagabond lifestyle she lives with her free-spirited mother; but when Mother goes to Los Angeles to try her luck in TV and movies, Tallahassee is placed with her uncle whose conventional suburban lifestyle makes her question her mother's values--and her own." Gr. 5-7

Hahn, Mary

TIME FOR ANDREW (J) 1996-97

"Drew, staying in the old family homestead, exchanges places with an ill relative from earlier times so that he can be cured by modern medicine. The switch achieves more that Drew expected." Gr. 4-7

Hale, Marian

TRUTH ABOUT SPARROWS [J]

"Leaving Missouri for work and a new life in Texas, Sadie wonders if she will ever find new friends and a new home." Gr 5-8

Haley, Gail

JACK JOUETT'S RIDE (J973.38, H137) 1975-76

"Jack's ride to save the leaders of the Revolution from Tarleton's Raiders is captured in this dramatic story." Gr. K-3

Hamilton, Virginia

THE PLANET OF JUNIOR BROWN (J/YA) 1972-73

"The story has two heroes: Junior Brown, an obese boy of great musical ability, and Buddy Clark, his self-appointed protector." Gr. 6-9

Hansen, Joyce

THE CAPTIVE (J) 1996-97

"Kofi is terrified when his chieftain father's slave has his father and brother killed and sells him and another brother to slavers. Only good luck and courage allow him to survive the passage and ultimately find safety and freedom in America. Inspired by a slave narrative." Gr. 5-7

Hansen, Joyce

I THOUGHT MY SOUL WOULD RISE AND FLY: THE DIARY OF PATSYA FREED GIRL (J)
1999-00

"Fictional diary of an ex-slave covering eight months immediately after the Civil War detailing what life was like then. Coretta Scott King Award winner." Gr. 5-7

Harlow, Jean Hiatt

THUNDER FROM THE SEA [J]

"Just as his dreams of having a home and a dog seem to be coming true, orphaned Tom finds trouble with malicious neighbors, an earthquake and tsunami and a new baby." Gr 5-8

Harrah, Madge

MY BROTHER, MY ENEMY (J) 1999-00

"One hundred years prior to the Revolutionary War, Virginia colonists begin to chaff against British rule and 14-year-old Robert Bradford is swept up into the conflict." Gr. 5-8

Harris, Mark

THE LAST RUN (J) 1983-84

"Offered a chance to catch a horse of his own as well as to see his legendary grandfather in action, Lyle can't believe his good fortune! Little does he know that the events on this last run will also challenge his faith in his dream and in his grandfather." Gr. 5+

Hassler, Jon

JEMMY (J) 1982-83

"Seventeen-year-old Jemmy struggles to fight her way out of poverty and to find her identity as a Native American, a woman and an artist." Gr. 6+

Hayes, Sheila

YOU'VE BEEN AWAY ALL SUMMER (J) 1988-89

"After a summer spent away in Connecticut, twelve-year-old Fran looks forward to resuming her usual activities with her best friend Sarah, but Sarah has a new friend who seems to claim all her time and attention." Gr. 4-7

Hays, Wilma

FOR MA AND PA: ON THE OREGON TRAIL (J) 1973-74

"A true story of the Sager children crossing the mountains alone after the death of their parents." Gr. 3-4

Haywood, Caroline

BETSY'S PLAY SCHOOL (J) 1979-80

"One summer Betsy starts a play school for six young children, and gets some unexpected animals, too." Gr. 3-6

Heisel, Sharon

WRAPPED IN A RIDDLE (J) 1995-1996

"Her grandmother's bed and breakfast inn has strange things occurring and Maranda wonders what's up." Gr. 5-8

Henry, Marguerite

SAN DOMINGO: THE MEDICINE HAT STALLION (J) 1973-74

"In pre-Civil War Wyoming, a teenager's life is complicated when his hostile father trades the boy's beloved horse to the Pony Express." Gr. 4-6

Herman, Charlotte

OUR SNOWMAN HAD OLIVE EYES (J) 1979-80

"Grandmother shares Sheila's room when she comes to live with the family and Sheila tries to make her feel like a person." Gr. 4-6

Hermes, Mary

MAMA, LET'S DANCE (J) 1993-94

"Being a mother to 7-year-old Callie and helping Ariel while keeping their mother's abandonment a secret is the hardest thing 11-year-old Mary Belle has ever done, especially when Callie gets sick." Gr. 5-7

Hermes, Patricia

TAKE CARE OF MY GIRL (J) 1994-95

"Raised by her grandfather, Brady fantasizes about her father but discovers reality does not come close." Gr. 5-7

Hermes, Patricia

WHO WILL TAKE CARE OF ME? (J) 1985-86

"Mark, 12, loves his younger brother, Pete, even though he is developmentally disabled and must be watched constantly. After the death of his grandmother, with whom they lived, the boys run away to avoid being separated." Gr. 4-6

Herzig, Alison

SHADOWS ON THE POND (J/YA) 1987-88

"Dangerous intruders threaten to destroy the secluded beaver pond which is Jill's only refuge from her many problems." Gr. 6+

Hesse, Karen

MUSIC OF DOLPHINS (J/YA) 1998-99

"Orphaned and living with dolphins, Mila is discovered and imprisoned in a lab by scientists wanting to converse with the dolphins who nurtured her." Gr. 5-8

Hesse, Karen

OUT OF THE DUST (J) 1999-00

"Like a phoenix from the fire, Billie Jo rises out of the dust of Depression era Oklahoma. Newberry Award winner." Gr. 5-8

Hesse, Karen

PHOENIX RISING (J/YA) 1996-97

"In post-nuclear holocaust New England, Nyle is afraid to make friends with radiation refugee Ezra, but life is too hard alone--even when caring causes pain." Gr. 7-9

Hiaasen, Carl

HOOT (J/YA) 2004-05

"Little burrowing owls and big and small bullies drive Roy and his new friends to action." Gr. 5-8

Hightower, Florence

THE SECRET OF THE CRAZY QUILT (J) 1973-74

"The discovery of an ugly, somehow frightening old quilt provides a look into the past and slowly reveals a story of evil." Gr. 5-8

Hilgartner, Beth

A MURDER FOR HER MAJESTY (J) 1988-89

"In Elizabethan England, a girl disguised as a choir boy solves the mystery of her father's murder to live happily ever after." Gr. 5+

Hill, Pamela

VOICE FROM THE BORDER (J) 2000-01

"Teen Reaves sees her future change dramatically when the Civil War really comes to her Springfield, Missouri home. Gr. 6-8

Hobbs, Valerie

DEFIANCE [J] 2007-2008

"During a country summer 11-year-old Toby, bald from cancer treatments, meets a reclusive poet and her pet cow." Gr. 5-8

Hobbs, Will

FAR NORTH (J/YA) 1998-99

"Winter wilderness survival keeps Texan Gabe and Dene Indian Raymond going when they are stranded in Deadmen Valley." Gr. 5-8

Hobbs, Will

DOWN THE YUKON (J/YA) 2003-04

"It's 1899 and 16-year-old Jason and his girlfriend Jamie canoe the Yukon River across Alaska in an epic race from Canada's Klondike to the new gold fields at Cape Nome. Sequel to JASON'S GOLD." Gr, 5-8

Hobbs, Will

JACKIE'S WILD SEATTLE (J/YA) 2005-06

"Helping injured animals in Seattle helps Shannon and little brother Cody deal with 9/11 trauma." Gr. 5-8

Hobbs, Will

JASON'S GOLD (J/YA) 2001-02

"Well researched, adventure story following young Jason's quest for Yukon gold and the characters he meets along the way." YA

Hobbs, Will

THE MAZE (J/YA) 2000-01

"Rick Walter, on the run from a juvenile detention center, meets up with a bird biologist, some condors, and some men up to no good." Gr. 5-8

Hobbs, Will

WILD MAN ISLAND (J/YA) 2004-05

"Andy Galloway, stranded on an island in SE Alaska is saved by a wild living hermit." Gr. 5-7

Holl, Kristi

NO STRINGS ATTACHED (J/YA) 1990-91

"In the sequel to *JUST LIKE A REAL FAMILY*, June finds that when she and her mother share a home with her foster grandfather, it requires more tolerance and love than she had realized." Gr. 4-7

Holl, Kristi

JUST LIKE A REAL FAMILY (J/YA) 1985-86

"June's foster grandfather resists her friendship until June's mother is forced to sell their home and he comes up with a solution to their problems." Gr. 4-6

Holl, Kristi

ROSE BEYOND THE WALL (J) 1987-88

"Rachel's family brings Grandma home to live her final days, and everyone including Rachel and Grandma herself, must find a path to acceptance." Gr. 4-6

Holland, Barbara

PRISONERS AT THE KITCHEN TABLE (J) 1981-82

"Two friends, one confident and the other timid, find their positions reversed when they must plot to escape their kidnappers." Gr. 4-7

Holland, Isabelle

NOW IS NOT TOO LATE (J) 1982-83

"Cathy, spending the summer with her grandmother on an island, discovers an interesting new relationship with the 'witch' on the island." Gr. 5-8

Holland, Isabelle

PAPERBOY (J) 2001-02

"Twelve-year-old Kevin O'Donnell, an Irish errand boy at a New York newspaper, is falsely accused of theft." Gr. 5-7

Holm, Jennifer

OUR ONLY MAY AMELIA (J) 2001-02

"The only girl in a family of boys, May Amelia wishes for a baby sister while growing up on the family farm in turn of the century Washington State." Gr. 5-7

Holman, Felice

THE WILD CHILDREN (J) 1985-86

"Set in Revolutionary Russia, this is the story of a gang of street children in Moscow." Gr. 5-7

Holt, Kimberly

DANCING IN CADILLAC LIGHT (J/YA) 2003-04

In 1968, 11-year-old Jaynell's life in the town of Moon, Texas is enlivened when her eccentric grandfather comes to live with her family." Gr. 5-7

Holt, Kimberly

WHEN ZACHARY BEAVER CAME TO TOWN (J/YA) 2001-02

"Toby and Cal join forces to help new friend, Zachary, the fattest boy in the world get his heart's desire." Gr. 5-7

Honeycutt, Natalie

INVISIBLE LISSA (J) 1987-88

"Lissa badly wants to get into Debra's exclusive fifth-grade lunch club, until she finds out what it is really like." Gr. 4-6

Hooks, William

CIRCLE OF FIRE (J) 1984-85

"Shortly before Christmas, 1936, eleven-year-old Harrison overhears a notorious local bigot planning a Ku Klux Klan raid on a band of Irish tinkers camped nearby and realizes he must do something to prevent it." Gr. 5-9

Hoover, H. M.

CHILDREN OF MORROW (J) 1975-76

"Unable to risk staying in their village any longer, two children with telepathic powers travel to a refuge called The Sea." Gr. 5-8

Hoover, H. M.

THE SHEPHERD MOON (J) 1986-87

"Merry lives in the 48th century. After a visit from an alien from one of Earth's artificial moons, she and her grandfather try to unravel the mystery of the alien." Gr. 7-9

Houston, Gloria

LITTLEJIM (J) 1992-93

"Littlejim tries hard to please his demanding father and hopes an essay about the meaning of home will do it." Gr. 5-7

Houston, James

FROZEN FIRE: A TALE OF COURAGE (J) 1979-80

"An adventure, with a partial basis in fact, about a boy and his Eskimo companion who go to rescue the boy's father in the far north." Gr. 4-7

Howard, Ellen

HER OWN SONG (J) 1990-91

"Mellie wants to be accepted by the children at school, so she joins in when they taunt and tease the Chinese man who delivers the laundry. She feels a sense of familiarity to him and wonders why or how that could be possible." Gr. 5-7

Howe, James

A NIGHT WITHOUT STARS (J) 1985-86

"Admitted to the hospital for heart surgery, 11-year-old Maria Tirone encounters 'Monster Man' -- Donald Harris -- whose burns have scarred his psyche as well as his face. Donald, rejected by the other patients, becomes friends with Maria." Gr. 6-8

Hughes, Dean

SWITCHING TRACKS (J) 1984-85

"A lonely ninth-grader struggling with a sense of responsibility for his father's suicide learns that his new friend has cancer." Gr. 7-9

Hurwitz, Johanna

FARAWAY SUMMER (J) 2000-01

"In 1910, New Yorker Haddasah spends two weeks on a farm in Jericho, Vermont making friends and learning about rural life." Gr. 4-6

Hurwitz, Johanna

THE HOT AND COLD SUMMER (J) 1986-87

"Two ten-year-old boys learn to include a girl in their friendship." Gr. 4-6

Hurwitz, Johanna

TOUGH-LUCK KAREN (J) 1984-85

"Karen Sossi learns that it was really her laziness and carelessness that caused her problems at school and not bad luck." Gr. 4-6

Hyde, Dayton

ISLAND OF THE LOONS (J) 1986-87

"An orphaned boy saves a convict from a sinking ship and is kept prisoner on an uninhabited island. A combination of adventure and natural science." Gr. 5-7

Ingold, Jeanette

MOUNTAIN SOLO (J/YA) 2005-06

"Violin prodigy Tess flies to Montana and her father after she freezes on the concert stage and doubts her music career." Gr. 6-8

Ingold, Jeanette

WINDOW (J) 1998-99

"Blinded by the accident that killed her mother, 15-year-old Mandy goes to live with unknown distant relatives and must cope with a new school, new surroundings and ghosts." Gr. 6-8

Irwin, Hadley

KIM/KIMI (J) 1989-90

"Despite a warm relationship with her mother, stepfather and half brother, sixteen-year-old Kim feels the need to find answers about the Japanese-American father she never knew." Gr. 6-8

Irwin, Hadley

MOON AND ME (J/YA) 1983-84

"While spending time at her grandparents' farm, fourteen-year-old Elizabeth Jane meets twelve-year-old Moon and learns a lesson in real friendship." Gr. 5-9

Irwin, Hadley

ORIGINAL FREDDIE ACKERMAN (J) 1994-95

"Too many parents and step siblings cause Trevor Frederick Ackerman to agree to a quiet summer with two elderly great aunts where he can be himself." Gr. 5-7

Isaacs, Anne

TORN THREAD (J) 2002-03

"Recounting the trials of two Polish Jewish sisters in a German Work Camp that makes blankets for the German Army." Gr. 6-8

Ish-Kishor, Sulamith

OUR EDDIE (J) 1971-72

"Two young people relate the difficulties a family suffers at the hands of an idealistic, religious and loving father who cannot understand their needs." Gr. 7+

Jacob, Helen

THE DIARY OF THE STRAWBRIDGE PLACE (J) 1980-81

"When the Strawbridge Station of the underground railway is discovered, it takes courage and intelligence by the thirteen-year-old heroes of the story to save the slaves hiding there."

Gr. 4-8

Jameson, Cynthia

CLAY POT BOY (J398.2, J238c) 1974-75

"Similar to the gingerbread boy, except this boy is hungry and eats everything, even the old man and woman who created him." Gr. 1-4

Jensen, Dorothea

THE RIDDLE OF PENNCROFT FARM (J) 1991-92

"Lars was not looking forward to making new friends when his family moved to a Pennsylvania farm and he really hadn't expected his first one to be a ghost." Gr. 5-8

Jones, Hettie

THE TREES STAND SHINING (J897, J717) 1972-73

"Poems taken from a variety of Native American cultures and arranged so they recount a two-day journey." Gr. 4+

Jones, Jennifer

DEAR MRS. RYAN, YOU'RE RUINING MY LIFE (J) 2002-03

"Harvey's life is hard enough with a children's book author mom who writes about him—then she starts dating his principal!" Gr. 4-6

Jukes, Mavis

BLACKBERRIES IN THE DARK (J) 1987-88

"Nine-year-old Austin visits his grandmother the summer after his grandfather dies and they try to come to terms with their loss." Gr. 3-5

Karr, Kathleen

GREAT TURKEY WALK (J) 2000-01

"Industrious Simon Green and friends herd 1000 turkeys from Union, Missouri to Denver, Colorado, overcoming many obstacles along the way." Gr. 5-7

Kassem, Lou

MIDDLE SCHOOL BLUES (J) 1988-89

"Cindy sorts out the confusion of beginning seventh grade by writing a rule book for middle school." Gr. 4-6

Kehret, Peg

ABDUCTION! [J]

"When a supposed stranger kidnaps her little brother, her dog and then Bonnie, can she get anyone to believe her and bring help?" Gr 4-5

Kehret, Peg

EARTHQUAKE TERROR (J) 1998-99

"After an earthquake strands 12-year-old Jonathon, his dog and his handicapped six-year-old sister on an island only fast thinking and bravery can save them." Gr. 4-6

Kehret, Peg

HORROR AT THE HAUNTED HOUSE (J) 1994-95

"Portraying Joan of Arc at a historical haunted house, Ellen discovers it really is haunted." Gr. 5-7

Kehret, Peg

I'M NOT WHO YOU THINK I AM (J) 2001-02

"Stalked by a woman in a white can and concerned about an attempt to fire the girl's basketball coach, Ginger has her hands full right after her 13th birthday." Gr. 5-7

Kehret, Peg

MY BROTHER MADE ME DO IT (J) 2002-03

"Letters written to an elderly pen pal relay eleven-year-old Julie's life the year she develops Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis." Gr. 4-6

Kehret, Peg

NIGHT OF FEAR (J) 1996-97

"T. J. takes his Alzheimer-suffering grandmother with him while he goes to feed the neighbor's pets only to be captured by an assumed murderer in the barn. Will he be able to free himself from his captor and return to Grandmother Ruth before she leaves the barn?" Gr. 5-7

Kehret, Peg

NIGHTMARE MOUNTAIN (J) 1991-92

"Molly's cousin seems to be trying to kill her but the truth is more horrifying." Gr. 5-7

Kehret, Peg

SHELTER DOGS: Amazing stories of adopted strays (636.7 K261) 2001-02

"Interesting and informative stories about shelter dogs who became movie stars or saved lives." Gr. 7-8

Kehret, Peg

SMALL STEPS: THE YEAR I GOT POLIO (JB K261) 1998-99

Autobiography of author Peg Kehret and her fight to recover from polio contracted at age twelve." Gr. 5-7

Kehret, Peg

STRANGER NEXT DOOR (J/YA) 2004-05

"Bullies, a new school, a new home and a stand-offish neighbor makes Alex's life difficult, especially when vandalism and fires start up in his neighborhood." Gr. 4-6

Kerr, M. E.

DINKY HOCKER SHOOTS SMACK (J) 1973-74

"Dinky has a weight problem, not a dope problem; but her mother, a dedicated do-gooder, doesn't think weight problems are important." Gr. 7+

Kibbe, Pat

MY MOTHER THE MAYOR, MAYBE (J) 1983-84

"When Dorothy Pinkerton agrees to run for mayor of Cranberry Falls, her children, especially ten-year-old B.J. do all they can to help her win." Gr. 3-7

Kingman, Lee

THE LUCK OF THE MISS L. (J) 1988-89

"Eleven-year-old Alec's determination to win a local boat race helps him learn the meaning of success on his own terms." Gr. 4-6

Klass, Sheila

KOOL ADA (J) 1993-94

"Slowly Ada learns to live again after being transplanted to Chicago following her father's death." Gr. 5-7

Klaveness, Jan

THE GRIFFIN LEGACY (J) 1985-86

"A deft blend of fantasy and realism. Amy Enfield gets caught up in a tangle of mysteries and strange occurrences as she searches for the family legacy that has been missing for 200 years." Gr. 6-8

Kochenderfer, Lee

VICTORY GARDEN (J/YA) 2004-05

"Fighting the war on the Homefront for 11-year-old Teresa means rallying friends to help with a neighbor's Victory garden." Gr. 4-6

Konigsburg, E. L.

VIEW FROM SATURDAY (J) 1998-99

"Five lives, five stories intertwine as Mrs. Olenski's sixth grade academic bowl team heads toward the state championships." Gr. 4-7

Konigsburg, Elaine

ABOUT THE B'NAI BAGELS (J) 1971-72

"Having his mother as manager and his brother as coach of his little league team makes Mark self-conscious on the playing field." Gr. 3-5

Konigsburg, Elaine

A PROUD TASTE FOR SCARLET AND MINIVER (J) 1975-76

"A fantasy set in Heaven. Eleanor of Aquitaine and some of her contemporaries discuss their earthly lives while awaiting Henry II's arrival." Gr. 5-9

Korman, Gordon

NO MORE DEAD DOGS (J) 2002-03

"Wally Wallace always tells the truth. But his English teacher is not amused when Wally reports that the teacher's favorite book is really lame, so Wally gets detention instead of football practice." Gr. 5-8

LaFaye, A.

WORTH [J]

"Nate, injured in a farm accident, worries about his place when his father brings home an Orphan Train boy to help with farm chores." Gr 4-7

Lampman, Evelyn

BARGAIN BRIDE (J) 1979-80

"Sold by her cousin to a farmer as his bride, Ginny at fifteen tries hard to manage a winter on the farm with very little help." Gr. 6-9

Lampman, Evelyn

THE POTLATCH FAMILY (J) 1978-79

"A Chinook Indian girl endures her alcoholic father and white classmates' condescension until her brother returns from post-war hospitalization and begins reviving long-discarded tribal customs." Gr. 7-8

Lauber, Patricia

VOLCANO (J552.21, L361) 1988-89

"An account of why and how Mt. St. Helen's erupted in May 1980, the disruption it caused and a discussion of the return of life to that area." Gr. 3-6

Laycock, George

AMERICA'S ENDANGERED WILDLIFE (J639.9, L452) 1971-72

"Describes the animals and birds that are in danger of becoming extinct in the U.S. and what is being done and can be done to try to save them." Gr. 6+

Lee, Beverly

SECRET OF VAN RINK'S CELLAR (J) 1981-82

"While searching for the ghost that haunts the house in which their mother is a maid and dressmaker for an English officer's wife, Sarah and Stephen become secretly involved in the Revolutionary War effort." Gr. 4-9

Lee, Robert

IT'S A MILE FROM HERE TO GLORY (J) 1973-74

"A shy, undersized 16-year-old finds himself suddenly popular when he becomes star of the track team." Gr. 5-7

Lee, Robert

SUMMER OF THE GREEN STAR (J) 1983-84

"As their summer friendship deepens, David begins to suspect that Adrienne and her family are different until finally, at summer's end, his full understanding of just how extraordinary they are forces him to make a difficult decision." Gr. 5-9

Lee, Virginia

THE MAGIC MOTH (J) 1973-74

"When ten-year-old Maryanne dies, six-year-old Mark and the rest of the family become a little wiser about death." Gr. 1-4

L'Engle, Madeleine

A WIND IN THE DOOR (J) 1974-75

"With Meg Murry's help, the dragons her six-year-old brother saw in the vegetable garden plays an important part in his struggle between life and death." Gr. 5-8

Le Guin, Ursula

THE TOMBS OF ATUAN (J) 1972-73

"Arha, high priestess of the tombs, finds Ged, a wizard, seeking treasure hidden in her kingdom, and she alone must decide whether or not he will live." Gr. 6-9

Lester, Julius

THE KNEE-HIGH MAN AND OTHER TALES (J398.24, L567) 1973-74

"Six animal tales from African-American folk literature." Gr. 1-3

Levine, Gail

ELLA ENCHANTED (J/YA) 1999-00

"Gifted with obedience at birth, Ella is a perfect princess but that makes life not perfect."

Gr. 5-7

Levine, Gail

DAVE AT NIGHT (J) 2001-02

"Dave, 11-years-old and living in the Hebrew Home for Boys, sneaks out at night and makes a new set of friends." Gr. 5-7

Levitin, Sonia

ROANOKE (J) 1975-76

"Story of William Wythers, a runaway apprentice and presumably a survivor of the lost colony."

Gr. 5-9

Little, Jean

KATE (J) 1972-73

"Kate Bloomfield, 13, makes surprising discoveries about herself, her friends and her Jewish father. Sequel to LOOK THROUGH MY WINDOW." Gr. 5-7

Little, Jean

ONE TO GROW ON (J) 1971-72

"Twelve-year-old Janie's family had reached the point that no one believed a word she said, but then godmother Tillie appeared just at the right time to save the summer -- and Janie."

Gr. 3-6

Lomask, Milton

ODD DESTINY (JB, H18L) 1971-72

"The controversial life of Alexander Hamilton who was killed in a duel with Aaron Burr."

Gr. 7+

Lord, Bette

IN THE YEAR OF THE BOAR AND JACKIE ROBINSON (J) 1986-87

"Set in 1947, a story of a Chinese girl's adjustment to her Brooklyn neighborhood." Gr. 4-6

Lowry, Lois

ALL ABOUT SAM (J) 1990-91

"Sam, Anastasia Krupnik's younger brother, has many adventures from his first day as a newborn through his mischievous times as a toddler." Gr. 4-6

Lowry, Lois

ATTABOY, SAM! (J) 1994-95

"Sam has a big secret for his mother's birthday--will he be able to keep it?" Gr. 4-6

Lowry, Lois

ANASTASIA AGAIN (J) 1983-84

"Anastasia learns that moving to a new community involves not only saying good-bye, but also saying hello to new faces and making new friends." Gr. 4-7

Lowry, Lois

ANASTASIA AT YOUR SERVICE (J) 1984-85

"Twelve-year-old Anastasia has a series of disastrous experiences when, expecting to get a job as a lady's companion, she is hired instead to be a maid. Sequel to ANASTASIA AGAIN." Gr. 3-6

Lowry, Lois

ANASTASIA'S CHOSEN CAREER (J) 1989-90

"Thirteen-year-old Anastasia acquires poise, self-confidence, a new friend and advice on becoming a bookstore owner when she commutes to Boston to take a modeling course." Gr. 4-6

Lowry, Lois

NUMBER THE STARS (J) 1991-92

"Newbery Award winning historical fiction about the Danish resistance in World War II and the saving of Denmark's Jewish population." Gr. 5-8

Lowry, Lois

RABBLE STARKEY (J) 1989-90

"Many things change for twelve-year-old Rabble Starkey, her mother, and her best friend, Veronica Bigelow when Veronica's mother becomes incapacitated and the Starkeys move in with the Bigelows." Gr. 5-7

Lowry, Lois

A SUMMER TO DIE (J) 1979-80

"A perceptive, poignant story about the complex emotions of a young girl who knows her sister is dying." Gr. 4-7

Lowry, Lois

SWITCHAROUND (J) 1987-88

"Forced to spend a summer with their father and his 'new' family, Caroline, age eleven, and J. P., age thirteen, are given unpleasant responsibilities for which they are determined to get revenge." Gr. 4-7

McClung, Robert

HUGH GLASS, MOUNTAIN MAN (J) 1992-93

"Historical fiction about a fur trapper who survived a fight with a bear and crawled 200 miles to safety." Gr. 6-8

MacDonald, Reby

THE GHOSTS OF AUSTWICK MANOR (J) 1984-85

"As a result of their older brother's inheritance, Hillary and Heather find themselves entering the 16th century where they learn of a curse on the males of their family from which they must save their brother." Gr. 3-7

MacGraw, Eloise

THE MONEY ROOM (J) 1983-84

"In an effort to keep their mother from selling their great-grandfather's house, a brother and sister intensify their search for the treasure that is supposedly hidden there." Gr. 3-7

MacKellar, William

THE WITCH OF GLEN GOWRIE (J) 1980-81

"Never in Gavin's life had he met anyone quite like the old woman who lived with her pets in the reaches of Glen Gowrie. There were whispers of a mysterious treasure, whispers that grew into a mighty roar before they were stilled." Gr. 5-9

McKenna, Colleen

MOTHER MURPHY (J) 1994-95

"Collette considered two brothers and two sisters quite enough family but her mother thought differently." Gr. 5-7

McKillip, Patricia

A HOUSE ON PARCHMENT STREET (J) 1975-76

"An American girl and her English cousin don't have much in common until they discover two ghosts." Gr. 5-7

McKissack, Patricia

COLOR ME DARK (J) 2002-03

"This entry in the *Dear America* series chronicles 1919 when Nellie Lee Love and her family move from Tennessee to Chicago and become enmeshed in the 'Red Summer' riots." Gr. 5-7

McKissack, Patricia

THE DARK-THIRTY: SOUTHERN TALES OF THE SUPERNATURAL (J) 1994-95

"Award winning collection about African-American ghosts, phantoms and haunts, ideal for sharing at that dusk time--the Dark-Thirty." Gr. 4-8

McKissack, Patricia

PICTURE OF FREEDOM: THE DIARY OF COLTEE, A SLAVE GIRL (J) 1999-00

"Fictional diary of a young self taught slave who becomes a station manager on the underground railroad." Gr. 5-7

McKissack, Patricia

RUN AWAY HOME (J) 1999-00

"An African American farm family rescue and protect an Apache boy fleeing from a train taking him to a reservation in Florida." (J) 1999-00

MacLachlan, Patricia

ARTHUR, FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME (J) 1982-83

"Arthur spends the summer with his aunt and uncle on the farm and learns that there is more than one way of seeing and doing and loving." Gr. 4-7

MacLachlan, Patricia

BABY (J) 1995-1996

"Little Sophie arrives on the Larkin family's doorstep in a basket and works her way into their hearts to help them heal." Gr. 4-7

MacLachlan, Patricia

JOURNEY (J) 1993-94

"Abandoned at his grandparents, Journey wonders who he is--past, present and future." Gr. 4-8

MacLachlan, Patricia

SARAH, PLAIN AND TALL (J) 1987-88

"When their father invites a mail-order bride to come to live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by her and hope that she will stay." Gr. 3-5

McDonald, Amy

NO MORE NASTY (J) 2003-04

"Simon feels his fifth grade career is over when his colorful Aunt Mattie becomes his substitute teacher." Gr. 4-6

McMullan, Kate

THE GREAT IDEAS OF LILA FENWICK (J) 1988-89

"Fifth grade as it should be: resourceful, curious boys and girls, with a teacher to match." Gr. 3-7

McNeill, Janet

GOODBYE, DOVE SQUARE (J) 1971-72

"Everybody was supposed to have moved from Dove Square into new apartments, but Matt discovers that one of his friends is still living in a house about to be demolished." Gr. 7+

Madden, Kerry

GENTLE'S HOLLER [J] 2007-2008

"Livy 2, part of a large North Carolina family, tries to keep it together when little sister Gentle's blindness becomes fact, her musician father fails to support his family and her older brother runs off." Gr. 4-5

Manning-Sanders, Ruth

A BOOK OF GHOSTS AND GOBLINS (J398.47, M316) 1971-72

"Twenty-one tales from various countries about ghosts, goblins and other supernatural beings." Gr. 3-6

Martin, Ann

BELLE TEAL (J) 2003-04

"Belle Teal Harper is from a poor family in the country, and beginning fifth grade is a challenge as she deals with integration, a forgetful and confused grandmother, and an abused friend." Gr. 3-8

Martin, Ann

WITH YOU AND WITHOUT YOU (J) 1988-89

"Sensitive and insightful account of how twelve-year-old Liza and her close-knit family face the impending death of the father and its consequences." Gr. 5-9

Martin, Ann

YOURS TURLY, SHIRLEY (J) 1990-91

"Shirley, a fourth-grader with dyslexia, struggles with her feeling of inferiority as she compares herself to her intellectually gifted older brother and newly adopted Vietnamese sister." Gr. 4-6

Mathis, Sharon

THE HUNDRED PENNY BOX (J) 1977-78

"Michael is the only one who seems to understand the importance of 100-year-old Aunt Dew's shabby old box full of pennies." Gr. 3-6

Mauser, Pat Rhoads

A BUNDLE OF STICKS (J) 1984-85

"At the mercy of the class bully, a fifth-grader is sent to a martial arts school where he learns techniques to defend himself as well as a philosophy that makes no sense to him." Gr. 3-6

Mayhar, Ardath

CARROTS AND MIGGLE (J) 1988-89

"Life on the east Texas dairy farm changes when an unknown cousin comes to stay." Gr. 5-8

Meyer, Carolyn

JUBILEE JOURNEY (J) 1999-00

"Bi-racial Emily never considered her African American identity until she visits her great grand mother in the south." Gr. 5-7

Mikaelsen, Ben

TOUCHING SPIRIT BEAR (J) 2003-04

"Angry Cole is sentenced to a year of solitude on a Southeast Alaskan island for beating up a classmate. The experience teaches him more than he expected." Gr. 7+

Miles, Betty

THE SECRET LIFE OF THE UNDERWEAR CHAMP (J) 1983-84

"Ten-year-old Larry is 'discovered' on the street and asked to appear in a television commercial. Only later does he find out what he is advertising." Gr. 3-6

Miles, Miska

ANNIE AND THE OLD ONE (JE) 1972-73

"Annie, a young Navaho girl, loves her grandmother, The Old One, and refuses to believe that when the new rug is taken from the loom, her grandmother will die."

Gr. 3-4

Mills, Claudia

LOSERS, INC. (J) 1999-00

"Ethan doesn't want to be a loser, not with a beautiful student teacher he's trying to impress."

Gr. 5-7

Mills, Claudia

YOU'RE A BRAVE MAN, JULIUS ZIMMERMAN (J) 2001-02

"Julius' mother plans a summer for him full of French lessons and babysitting." Gr. 4-6

Milton, Hilary

BLIND FLIGHT (J) 1982-83

"Blind Debbie, a thirteen-year-old, must take the controls of the plane when her uncle, the pilot, loses consciousness." Gr. 5+

Milton, Hilary

TORNADO (J) 1985-86

"When the river floods and the bridge washes out, the Carsons abandon their car in the hopes of finding shelter. Disaster follows disaster in this fast-paced adventure." Gr. 6-8

Moeri, Louise

A HORSE FOR X.Y.Z. (J) 1979-80

"Solveig wanted one thing from camp -- a chance to ride the famous quarter horse, but no one thought she was capable." Gr. 4-6

Moeri, Louise

SAVE QUEEN OF SHEBA (J) 1983-84

"After miraculously surviving a Sioux raid on the trail to Oregon, a brother and sister set out with few provisions to find the rest of the settlers." Gr. 4-7

Monjo, F. N.

POOR RICHARD IN FRANCE (JE) 1975-76

"Benjamin Franklin's seven-year-old grandson recounts the events of his grandfather's visit to France seeking aid for the revolutionaries in America." Gr.3-4

Monjo, F. N.

THE VICKSBURG VETERAN (J973.734, M749) 1972-73

"The siege of Vicksburg during the Civil War is told by Fred Grant, 12-year-old son of General Grant who accompanied his father on the campaign." Gr. 3+

Morey, Walter

DEEP TROUBLE (J) 1972-73

"A young Alaskan has a difficult time persuading the local cannery to hire him as a diver." Gr. 6-8

Morey, Walter

SANDY AND THE ROCK STAR (J) 1981-82

"Rock Star Paul Winters finds himself on an island with a big-game hunter who has an enormous cougar imported to kill for sport. Paul resolves to save the animal's life when he discovers that it is a gentle, lovable companion." Gr. 3-7

Morris, Gerald

PARSIFAL'S PAGE

"Piers, thinking himself too grand to be a blacksmith like his father, follows first one knight and then another – Parsifal – on a series of adventuresome quests." Gr. 5-8

Morrison, Dorothy N.

WHISPER GOODBYE (J) 1987-88

"When Katie's small Oregon town is to be flooded and turned into a lake, she learns she will not be able to take her beloved horse to her new home." Gr. 4-8

Murrow, Lisa

FIRE IN THE HEART (J) 1991-92

"Molly searches for information about her ten year's gone geologist mother when her father refuses to talk about her." Gr. 6-8

Murrow, Lisa

GHOST OF LOST ISLAND (J) 1993-94

"Scaredy-cat Gabe accompanies his grandfather on a sheep-shearing expedition and meets 'the Dairymaid' who haunts the island." Gr. 5-7

Myers, Anna

HOGGEE [J/YA]

"Working as a mule tender on the Erie Canal, 14-year-old Howard encounters a deaf-mute girl and tries to find a way to communicate." Gr 5-7

Naylor, Phyllis

BEETLES, LIGHTLY TOASTED (J) 1989-90

"In hopes of winning a fifth-grade essay contest and getting his name in the paper, Andy, who plans to be a farmer like his father, tests recipes using insects on his unsuspecting family and friends." Gr. 4-6

Naylor, Phyllis

THE FEAR PLACE (J) 1996-97

"Doug hates his older brother Gordan's constant digs about his fear of heights. Only his surprising greater love for his brother compels him to overcome the fear place to save him. A cougar named Charlie plays a part too." Gr. 5-7

Naylor, Phyllis

MAUDIE IN THE MIDDLE (J) 1990-91

"Maudie is the middle child of seven and longs to be someone really special. She tries to be really good in order to gain attention but often winds up being bad instead. Only when her parents are called away does she have the opportunity to show how special she really is." Gr. 5-7

Naylor, Phyllis

NIGHT CRY (J) 1986-87

"Ellen lives in a cabin in the Mississippi hills. Follow her adventures as she tries to overcome her fears and save a terrified child from kidnappers." Gr. 4-6

Naylor, Phyllis

RELUCTANTLY ALICE (J) 1993-94

"Seventh grade and Alice mix nicely until she meets Denise 'Mack Truck' Whitlock. The continuing trails of Alice." Gr. 5-7

Naylor, Phyllis

SAVING SHILOH (J) 1999-00

"Marty and his family give Judd another chance and he rises to the challenge." Gr. 4-6

Naylor, Phyllis

SHILOH (J) 1993-94

"Is it right to keep a valuable dog if its owner is abusing it? Marty must deal with some tough questions." Gr. 4-7

Naylor, Phyllis

SHILOH SEASON (J) 1998-99

"Marty Preston owns Shiloh, the beagle pup, now but Judd Travers has taken to drinking and seems to think it is Shiloh season." Gr. 4-6

Nelson, Theresa

EMPRESS OF ELSEWHERE (J) 2000-01

"The hot Texas sun, a monkey, a rich old lady and her troubled granddaughter combine to make a summer more interesting than Jim and Mary Al ever imagined." Gr. 5-7

Nelson, Theresa

THE 25 [CENT] MIRACLE (J) 1988-89

"Motherless, eleven-year-old Elvira, looks for a mother and finds instead the father she hardly knew she had." Gr. 6-8

Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux

POSSIBLES (J) 1997-98

"Recovering from her father's death, Sheppy gets a job sitting with an invalid. Finding her father's poetry helps her focus on the possible." Gr. 5-7

Newman, Robert

THE CASE OF THE BAKER STREET IRREGULARS (J) 1980-81

"When Mr. Dennison mysteriously brings Andrew to London and then is kidnapped, Andrew meets the Baker Street Irregulars and becomes involved in a mystery Sherlock Holmes is trying to solve." Gr. 5-9

Nicholson, Dorinda

PEARL HARBOR WARRIORS (J940.5426 N521P) 2003-04

"The true story of hatred, fear, prejudice and finally close friendship between an American Marine bugler and his former enemy, a Japanese dive-bomber pilot who had attacked Battleship Row in the bombing of Pearl Harbor." Gr. 3-6

Nixon, Joan

CAUGHT IN THE ACT (J) 1990-91

"When sent west on the orphan train, young Mike is taken in by the Friedrichs, a German immigrant family. Mr. Friedrich is tough and cruel to Mike until Mike begins to suspect Mr. Friedrich of a crime and decides to do something about it." Gr. 5-7

Nixon, Joan

DANGEROUS PROMISE (J) 1996-97

"A promise to return a watch for a fallen comrade sends Mike Kelly across Civil War torn Missouri and shows him its horrors first hand. Part of the Orphan Train series." Gr. 5-7

Nixon, Joan

A FAMILY APART (J) 1989-90

"When their mother can no longer support them, six siblings are sent by the Children's Aid Society of New York to live with farm families in Missouri and Kansas in 1860." Gr. 4-7

Nixon, Joan

IN THE FACE OF DANGER (J) 1990-91

"Megan arrives in St. Joseph on the orphan train and is adopted by the Browders, a kind young couple who take Megan to their home on the Kansas prairie. Believing herself a bad penny, Megan is slow to accept the kindness of her new family."

Gr. 4-8

Nixon, Joan

SEARCH FOR THE SHADOWMAN (J) 1998-99

"Andy Thomas' family history project turns into a search to prove a dead man's innocence." Gr. 5-8

Nixon, Joan

SHADOWMAKER (J) 1996-97

"When Katie and her mother move to Kluney, they are accosted in many ways and when people start dying, Katie really strives to find out who and why." Gr. 7-9

O'Brien, Robert C.

MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH (J) 1972-73

"Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse in need of help, is sent to a group of rats known for doing strange things." Gr. 4-7

O'Dell, Scott

SARAH BISHOP (J) 1982-83

"Sarah must escape to the wilderness to prevent arrest by the British during the Revolutionary War." Gr. 7+

O'Dell, Scott

THE TREASURE OF TOPO-EL-BAMPO (J) 1973-74

"The poorest village in Mexico becomes the richest village with the help of two donkeys. Has a folk story quality." Gr. 3-4

O'Dell, Scott

ZIA (J) 1978-79

"Zia is the niece of Karana and goes to the mission where Karana is brought after her rescue from the Island of the Blue Dolphins." Gr. 7-8

Okimoto, Jean D.

TAKE A CHANCE, GRAMPS! (J) 1992-93

"Her best friend moved away, seventh grade is starting and her grandpa stares at TV all day without his teeth, Jane is having a very bad Fall." Gr. 5-8

Orenstein, Denise

WHEN THE WIND BLOWS HARD (J) 1984-85

"After her parents divorce, and her subsequent move to Klawock, Alaska, Shawn endures loneliness until her friendship with Vesta and Vesta's grandfather bring new insight into human relationships." Gr. 3-7

Park, Barbara

BEANPOLE (J) 1985-86

"A novel about growing up, and what it's like to be the tallest girl in the 7th grade." Gr. 6-8

Park, Barbara

GRADUATION OF JAKE MOON (J) 2002-03

"Coping with a beloved grandfather's descent into dementia from Alzheimer's is harder than Jake ever imagined." Gr. 5-7

Park, Barbara

KID IN THE RED JACKET (J) 1989-90

"When ten-year-old Howard has to move with his family to a distant state, he is forced to live on a street named Chester Pewe, adjust to a new school and get used to being shadowed by the little girl in a nearby house." Gr. 4-6

Park, Barbara

MICK HARTE WAS HERE (J/YA) 1997-98

"Bittersweet story of the time of recovery for 13-year-old Phoebe and her parents after her brother is killed in a bike accident." Gr. 4-7

Park, Barbara

MY MOTHER GOT MARRIED (AND OTHER DISASTERS) (J) 1991-92

"Charlie's life was just returning to sort of normal when his mom remarries and he is faced with dealing with two step-siblings." Gr. 4-7

Park, Linda

PROJECT MULBERRY [J] 2007-2008

"Best buds Julia and Patrick team up to grow silkworms as a club project." Gr. 4-7

Park, Linda

A SINGLE SHARD (J) 2003-04

"Tree-Ear, a 13-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village. Longing to earn an apprenticeship with master potter Min, he agrees to deliver a special pot to the emperor." Gr. 5-8

Park, Linda

WHEN MY NAME WAS KEOKO (J/YA) 2004-05

"Told in the voices of a brother and sister, is the story of the Japanese occupation of Korea and its suppression of Korean Culture." Gr. 5-6

Paterson, Katherine

BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (J) 1979-80

"The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm." Gr. 5-7

Paterson, Katherine

JIP: HIS STORY (J) 1998-99

"Raised on the County Poor Farm, Jip assumes like the rest of the town that he is a lost gypsy child until the slave catchers come looking for him." Gr. 6-8

Paterson, Katherine

LYDDIE (J) 1993-94

"Being a mill girl is not the free life Lyddie imagined when poverty forced her from the family farm but it helped her decide what she wanted from life." Gr. 7-9

Patneaude, David

DEADLY DRIVE [J] 2007-2008

"Casey, a talented basketball player, is haunted by the accident that killed her mother and makes it a personal goal to discover who did it." Gr. 5-8

Patneaude, David

FRAMED IN FIRE (J) 2001-02

"Peter, an ordinary kid, has a stepfather who is trying to prove his is crazy." Gr. 4-6

Patneaude, David

THIN WOOD WALLS [J/YA]

"Joe Hanada and his family join hundreds of other Japanese Americans evacuated and detained at Tule Lake because of their race." Gr 5-8

Patterson, Nancy

SIMPLE GIFT (J) 2005-06

"Budding actress Carrie is excited about her summer theater gig but nearly ruins her chances."
Gr. 4-5

Paulsen, Gary

BRIAN'S WINTER (J) 1998-99

"If Brian of Hatchet wasn't rescued by fall, this could have been his winter." Gr. 5-7

Paulsen, Gary

CANYONS (J) 1992-93

"The spirit of a long-dead Native American boy haunts young Brennan until he finds peace for both of them." Gr. 5-8

Paulsen, Gary

HATCHET (J) 1989-90

"After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce." Gr. 6-8

Paulsen, Gary

HAYMEADOW (J) 1994-95

"John hadn't figured spending his 14th summer with only a horse, two dogs and 6000 sheep for company." Gr. 5-8

Paulsen, Gary

HOW ANGEL PETERSON GOT HIS NAME and other outrageous tales about extreme sports
(JB P285H) 2005-06

"Makes you wonder how he managed to grow into adulthood." Gr. 5-9

Paulsen, Gary

MR. TUCKET (J) 1996-97

"Separated from the wagon train and kidnapped by Indians, Francis Tucket figures his goose is cooked until he meets mountain man Mr. Grimes and learns there are several ways to live your life." Gr. 4-7

Paulsen, Gary

VOYAGE OF THE FROG (J) 1991-92

"What was to be a simple solo sailing trip turns into a test of David's courage and strength when a sudden storm blows The Frog off course." Gr. 7-10

Paulsen, Gary

WOODSONG (JB, P285) 1992-93

"Dogs howl different songs, Gary Paulsen explains in this autobiographical book about his experiences with the woods, sled dogs and running in the Iditarod sled race." Gr. 7-10

Pearsall, Shelly

TROUBLE DON'T LAST (J/YA) 2004-05

"Elderly escaping slave Harrison drags 11-year-old Samuel with him as he flees to Canada." Gr. 5-7

Pearson, Ridley

KINGDOM KEEPERS [J] 2007-2008

"Finn, one of 5 Orlando area middle school students tapped to become holographic guides at Disney World, soon finds himself enmeshed in a rack to keep the "overtakers" from taking over the Magic Kingdom." Gr. 5-8

Peck, Richard

FAIR WEATHER (J) 2003-04

"Farm girl Rose, her sister, brother and grandpa visit her aunt to attend the Chicago World's Fair and get more of an education than they bargained for." Gr. 5-8

Peck, Richard

THE GHOST BELONGED TO ME (J) 1977-78

"This touching and hilarious tale of turn-of-the-century America is filled with exploding steamboats, Mack Sennett chases, and 'exorcizing the Ghost'." Gr. 5-8

Peck, Richard

GHOSTS I HAVE BEEN (J) 1979-80

"With Blossom Culp narrating, this story becomes a combination of humor, occult and adventure and proves Blossom's claim -- that she lives by her wits." Gr. 6-9

Peck, Richard

A LONG WAY FROM CHICAGO (J) 2000-01

"A story collection of events happening to a boy and his sister when they visit their grandmother in a small town." Gr. 5-8

Peck, Richard

LOST IN CYBERSPACE (J) 1997-98

"Prep school boys, Josh and Aaron, create a time machine with the media center's computers and bring back a mystery and a maid." Gr. 4-7

Peck, Richard

YEAR DOWN YONDER (J) 2002-03

"This sequel to A Long Way from Chicago sees a now 15-year-old Mary Alice facing her senior year in high school with Grandma Dowdell." Gr. 6-8

Peck, Robert

SOUP FOR PRESIDENT (J) 1980-81

"With Rob managing his campaign, Soup is running for school president against Rob's girlfriend." Gr. 4-6

Perkins, Matali

SUNITA EXPERIMENT (J) 1995-1996

"Life in Sunita's home changes when her grandparents come for an extended visit from India and her mother works to be the perfect Indian daughter, not the math professor she was before." Gr. 5-8

Perl, Lila

THAT CRAZY APRIL (J) 1976-77

"With liberated parents, young Cress attacks her own individualization with humor and determination." Gr. 4-7

Petersen, P. J.

LIARS (J) 1994-95

"Sam discovers he can tell when people lie. Is it a power worth having?" Gr. 6-8

Pevsner, Stella

ME, MY GOAT, & MY SISTER'S WEDDING (J) 1987-88

"Doug and his friends keep their pet goat a secret from their families, but before long, sightings of the high-spirited animal occur in very inappropriate places." Gr. 4-7

Pevsner, Stella

SISTER OF THE QUINTS (J) 1989-90

"Having quintuplet step-siblings complicates Natalie's life and makes her rethink her decision to stay in her hometown instead of going to live with her mother, who wants her, too." Gr. 5-7

Pfeffer, Susan

JUST BETWEEN US (J) 1982-83

"Cass utilizes behavior modification methods to learn how to keep a secret." Gr. 4-7

Pfeffer, Susan

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOUR MOUTH WON'T OPEN? (J) 1983-84

"Reesa's excitement turns to fright when she discovers that winning the junior high school essay contest means reading her essay to an audience of 500 people." Gr. 4-7

Pfitsch, Patricia

RIDING THE FLUME (J/YA) 2004-05

"While chaffing under the restraints of her over-protective parents, Francie discovers a secret left by her 6-years gone sister." Gr. 5-8

Phelan, Terry

S. S. VALENTINE (J) 1981-82

"Worried about finding a role in the class play for Connie, a handicapped classmate confined to a wheelchair, Andy comes up with the clever idea of turning Connie's wheelchair into the S. S. Valentine." Gr. 2-5

Philbrick, Rodman

YOUNG MAN AND THE SEA [J]

"A leaky boat, a stolen harpoon and a REALLY BIG FISH test 12-year-old Skiff's mettle." Gr 5-7

Pinkney, Andrea

SILENT THUNDER: A CIVIL WAR STORY (J) 2001-02

"Roscoe and Summer, born slaves on a Virginia plantation, dare to dream about learning to read and being free." Gr. 5-7

Place, Marian

THE BOY WHO SAW BIGFOOT (J) 1981-82

"Living in Oregon, the heart of Bigfoot country, Joey Wilson was always afraid of the eight-foot hairy monster until the day when he claims he actually saw the creature." Gr. 5+

Porter, Tracy

TREASURES IN THE DUST (J) 1999-00

"The 30's drought of the Oklahoma panhandle separates two friends as one goes with her family to California." Gr. 5-7

Potter, Marian

BLATHERSKITE (J) 1982-83

"Talkative Maureen learns how to put her wagging tongue to good use." Gr. 4-6

Precek, Katherine

KEEPSAKE CHEST (J) 1994-95

"Unhappy with her family's move from Colorado to Ohio, eighth grader Meg nevertheless becomes interested in the contents of a chest long forgotten in the attic." Gr. 5-7

Rabe, Berniece

THE GIRL WHO HAD NO NAME (J) 1979-80

"After her mother's death, Girlie is shunted from sister to sister, each of whom is unwilling or unable to tackle her upbringing." Gr. 7+

Rabe, Berniece

RASS (J) 1974-75

"Chronicles a young boy's continuing conflict with his father while growing up on a Missouri farm during the Depression." Gr. 6+

Randall, Florence

THE ALMOST YEAR (F) 1972-73

"Tensions develop when a hostile, bitter, unhappy black girl is sent to spend a school year with a suburban white family." Gr. 9+

Ray, Delia

GHOST GIRL: a Blue Ridge Mountain story (J) 2005-06

"Pale haired April's grandmother insists that she be given the opportunity to attend the new school being built in the mountains by President Hoover's wife." Gr. 4-6

Reiss, Johanna

THE JOURNEY BACK (J) 1978-79

"The journey is the return home for 13-year-old Annie and her sister after being hidden by a farm family during the German occupation of Holland." Gr. 4-6

Reiss, Johanna

THE UPSTAIRS ROOM (J940.531, R2782) 1973-74

"Story of two Jewish sisters who were hid from the Nazis by a Gentile family in wartime Holland." Gr. 4-8

Reeder, Carolyn

SHADES OF GRAY (J) 1991-92

"Sent to live with his aunt after losing his whole family in the Civil War, Will Page learns that passive resistance can also take courage." Gr. 6-8

Renner, Beverly

THE HIDEAWAY SUMMER (J) 1980-81

"A sister and brother learn to manage on their own when they hide away one summer instead of going to camp." Gr. 3-6

Riordan, Rick

LIGHTNING THIEF [J] 2007-2008

"Strange things keep happening to 12-year-old Percy Jackson, things like having your math teacher turn into a demon and then disappear in at the stroke of a pen. Now he wonders if he will survive summer vacation." Gr. 5-8

Ritter, John

BOY WHO SAVED BASEBALL (J) 2005-06

"A small California town will be lost to developers unless its kids' baseball team can win the big game." Gr. 4-7

Roberts, Willo

BABY-SITTING IS A DANGEROUS JOB (J) 1987-88

"A baby-sitter and her three willful charges make a formidable team to outwit their surprised kidnappers." Gr. 4-6

Roberts, Willo

THE GIRL WITH THE SILVER EYES (J) 1982-83

"Katie can move things with her mind and knows what animals are thinking." Gr. 4+

Roberts, Willo

JO AND THE BANDIT (J) 1994-95

"Jo has enough trouble with her female hating, bachelor judge Uncle without falling for a young vulnerable stage robber." Gr. 6-8

Roberts, Willo

MEGAN'S ISLAND (J) 1990-91

"Eleven-year-old Megan is astonished when her mother suddenly, and without explanation, takes her and her brother to their grandfather's cottage in the middle of the night. When mysterious strangers arrive looking for them, she and her brother hide on an island in the lake." Gr. 4-8

Roberts, Willo

UNDERCURRENTS (J/YA) 2004-05

"Fourteen-year-old Nikki is left to cope with a stepmother having nightmares and strange neighbors at an isolated beach house. Suspenseful." Gr. 5-8

Roberts, Willo

VIEW FROM THE CHERRY TREE (J) 1977-78

"Rob was in danger because he had seen a murder and said so, but no one believed him -- except the murderer." Gr. 5-8

Roberts, Willo

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT DAVID (J) 1995-1996

"David, child of busy self-centered parents, is left at his grandmother's while they go their separate ways. He makes a new life for himself that he fights to maintain when they decide to reclaim him." Gr. 5-7

Roberts, Willo

WHAT COULD GO WRONG? (J) 1991-92

"Three preteens are flying to visit their aunt in San Francisco. What could go wrong? Plenty if there are crooks, FBI agents, klutzy old ladies and a lot of money involved." Gr. 5-7

Robertson, Keith

IN SEARCH OF A SANDHILL CRANE (J) 1975-76

"On summer vacation in Michigan, a boy learns patience and nature's beauty as he photographs sandhill cranes." Gr. 5-9

Rockwell, Thomas

HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS (J) 1974-75

"A fast-paced, original story of two boys and a bet they made; written with genuine understanding of the kind of humor children love." Gr. 3-5

Rodgers, Mary

A BILLION FOR BORIS (J) 1976-77

"In this hilarious sequel to FREAKY FRIDAY, Annabel and her friend Boris almost strike it rich with a TV set that is as exceptional as Annabel's imagination." Gr. 5-7

Rodgers, Mary

FREAKY FRIDAY (J) 1973-74

"A day of revelations and fresh insights as 13-year-old Annabel Andrews wakes up to discover she has turned into her mother." Gr. 4-6

Rodgers, Raboo

MAGNUM FAULT (J) 1986-87

"Two teens try to stop Magnum Gas Company's scheme which will increase the company's reserves, but ruin the environment." Gr. 7-9

Rodman, Mary Ann

YANKEE GIRL [J]

"Alice Ann, a new girl in 1964 Jackson, Mississippi, wants to fit into her new town but also wants to reach out to the lone black girl in her newly integrated classroom." Gr 4-6

Rosen, Sybil

SPEED OF LIGHT (J) 2001-02

"In her small Virginia town Audrey Ina ponders the problems swirling around her family when her Jewish father tries to help a black man become a policeman." Gr. 5-7

Rounds, Glen

BLIND OUTLAW (J) 1982-83

"A blind outlaw horse is trained by a mute boy." Gr. 4-7

Rounds, Glen

MR. YOWDER AND THE LION ROAR CAPSULES (J) 1978-79

"A tall tale recounting the ludicrous exploits of a sign painter during the Great Depression." Gr. 3-4

Ruckman, Ivy

NIGHT OF THE TWISTERS (J) 1986-87

"Eleven-year-old Dan retells the events leading up to the night when a series of tornadoes tore through a Nebraska town and of the following rescue operations." Gr. 4-6

Ruckman, Ivy

WHO INVITED THE UNDERTAKER (J) 1991-92

"Dale shoulders more than his share of responsibility for his widowed mom and when he advertises for a father replacement he really gets into hot water." Gr. 6-8

Ryan, Pam Muñoz

BECOMING NAOMI LEÓN [J]

"Naomi's quiet life with her grandmother and little brother is shattered when her wandering mother returns to reclaim only Naomi." Gr 5-7

Rylant, Cynthia

A BLUE-EYED DAISY (J) 1987-88

"Relates episodes in the life of eleven-year-old Ellie and her family who live in a coal mining town in West Virginia." Gr. K-6

Rylant, Cynthia

MISSING MAY (J) 1994-95

"Summer and Ob are not sure they can survive after May dies. Without her loving presence is life worth living?" Gr. 4-8

Sachar, Louis

HOLES (J) 2000-01

"If it wasn't for bad luck, Stanley Yelnats would have no luck at all because he is sent to Green Lake Detention Camp where he must dig holes under the hot Texas sun." Gr. 5-8

Sachar, Louis

THERE'S A BOY IN THE GIRLS' BATHROOM (J) 1989-90

"An unmanageable but loveable eleven-year-old misfit learns to believe in himself when he gets to know the school counselor, who is sort of a misfit too." Gr. 4-6

Sachs, Marilyn

THE BEARS' HOUSE (J) 1972-73

"Poignant, sad tale of a little girl who is fatherless and all but motherless, desperately clinging to the two things she loves: her baby sister and the Bears' House in her classroom." Gr. 3-6

Sachs, Marilyn

DORRIE'S BOOK (J) 1977-78

"A funny, charmingly biased, first-person account by Dorrie O'Brien whose delightful life as an only child for eleven years comes to an abrupt end when her mother produces triplets." Gr. 4-6

Sachs, Marilyn

A POCKET FULL OF SEEDS (J) 1975-76

"During World War II in occupied France, Nicole a Jewish girl, returns from an overnight visit with a friend to find her family has disappeared." Gr. 4-7

Sachs, Marilyn

A SECRET FRIEND (J) 1980-81

"Fifth-grade Jessica is devastated when her friendship with Wendy breaks up, and, for once, super-supportive Mom doesn't have the solution." Gr. 4-6

Sachs, Marilyn

THE TRUTH ABOUT MARY ROSE (J) 1974-75

"A funny, touching story told by eleven-year-old Mary Rose about what really happened years ago to her namesake whom she idolizes." Gr. 4-6

St. George, Judith

BY GEORGE, BLOOMERS (JE) 1978-79

"Eight-year-old Hannah meets with mother's disapproval when she wants to wear the new women's garment, bloomers." Gr. 3-4

Salisbury, Graham

UNDER THE BLOOD-RED SUN (J) 1996-97

"Third generation American of Japanese heritage, Hawaiian Tomi's world crashes around him when the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor. His fisherman father is "relocated" to Texas, his grandfather is taken away by the FBI, and former friends turn mean. Gumption, honor and the help from some friends see his family through." Gr. 5-8

Schellie, Don

ME, CHOLAY AND COMPANY (J) 1975-76

"Joshua sets off to rescue his Apache friend who has been captured as a slave. Based on a true story of the Arizona Territory, 1870." Gr. 5+

Schenker, Dona

THROW A HUNGRY LOOP (J) 1992-93

"Tres wanted that mare so bad he could hardly stand it, but his grandfather called the shots and didn't see the need." Gr. 6-8

Schmidt, Gary

FIRST BOY 2007-2008

"When his Grandfather called him 'First Boy,' dairy farmer Cooper didn't realize it was literally true." Gr. 7-8

Scott, Jack

CANADA GEESE (J598.41, Sco84) 1978-79

"Photographs and text elucidate the physical traits, behavior, mating and migration patterns, and life cycle of Canada geese." Gr. 4-6

Schur, Maxine Rose

CIRCLEMAKER (J) 1996-97

"When the Tsar's army comes to conscript the Jewish boys in Mendel's village, he runs away towards the Hungarian border and his Aunt Belle in New York. His faith, a village bully, the underground and relentless troops all play a part in his escape."

Gr. 5-8

Seabrooke, Brenda

HAUNTING OF HOLROYD HILL (J) 1997-98

"New kids in the neighborhood, Melinda and Kevin find a ghost nightly walking through their kitchen and resourcefully try to set the ghost to rest." Gr. 5-7

Seabrooke, Brenda

HAUNTING OF SWAIN'S FANCY (J/YA) 2005-06

"Odd girl in, in a blended family, Taylor joins her step-siblings in investigating who is haunting their antebellum house and why." Gr. 4-6

Seabrook, Brenda

HOME IS WHERE THEY TAKE YOU IN (J) 1982-83

"In her relationship with a couple on a nearby ranch, a young girl experiences a break between herself and her alcoholic mother." Gr. 7-9

Sebestyn, Ouida

IOU'S (J) 1984-85

"A visit with his dying grandfather, who Annie, his mother has not spoken to in years, helps 13-year-old Stowe Garret resolve his feelings about her and her estranged father." Gr. 7-9

Sebestyn, Ouida

WORDS BY HEART (J) 1981-82

"A young black girl struggles to fulfill her papa's dream of a better future for their family in the southwestern town, where in 1910, they are the only blacks." Gr. 5+

Seidler, Tor

TOES [J]

"A very smart 7-toed cat with an ear for classical music figures out a way to bring the mountain to Mohammad." Gr 4-6

Selden, George

CHESTER CRICKET'S NEW HOME (J) 1985-86

"This gentle and humorous story continues the adventures of Chester Cricket. In this tale, Chester searches for a new home." Gr. 4-6

Selden, George

THE GENIE OF SUTTON PLACE (J) 1974-75

"Tim has his own personal genie who works as many mix-ups as miracles." Gr. 4-7

Selden, George

HARRY CAT'S PET PUPPY (J) 1976-77

"Harry Cat and Tucker Mouse adopt a soggy, homeless puppy, but living in a drainpipe with him presents problems." Gr. 3-6

Selden, George

TUCKER'S COUNTRYSIDE (J) 1971-72

"The adventures of a city bred cat and mouse when they go to the country to visit a friend." Gr. 3-6

Sharmat, Marjorie

NATE THE GREAT GOES UNDERCOVER (JE) 1976-77

"Nate has a new case to solve: someone has been stealing from Oliver's garbage can each night." Gr. 2-4

Shreve, Susan

THE FLUNKING OF JOSHUA T. BATES (J) 1986-87

"Joshua has been 'held back' in the third grade. Can his new teacher, Mrs. Goodwin, help him to rejoin his class?" Gr. 3-5

Shura, Mary F.

THE BARKLEY STREET SIX-PACK (J) 1981-82

"Shortly after her friend, Natalie, who possesses magical skills, moves away, Jane sees something dark and shapeless stirring on her front porch. In her efforts to solve the mystery, she tried some of Natalie's tricks and gains insight into herself, Natalie and all of Barkley Street." Gr. 4+

Shura, Mary

CHESTER (J) 1982-83

"Chester moves in and changes the entire neighborhood." Gr. 4+

Shura, Mary

DON'T CALL ME TOAD! (J) 1989-90

"When her younger brother stumbles onto a crime ring, Dinah, brash newcomer to Riverton, Nebraska, and Jane, who Dinah calls 'Toad', find themselves right in the middle of a dangerous plot and are forced to work together." Gr. 4-6

Shura, Mary

GRAY GHOSTS OF TAYLOR RIDGE (J) 1980-81

"Ghostly intruders, phantom horses and hidden treasure on a windswept ridge turn out to be more than figments of an old man's imagination." Gr. 4-7

Shura, Mary

HAPPLES AND CINNAMUNGER (J) 1983-84

"When the Taggart family's housekeeper wins a trip around the world, her replacement leads the children into a mysterious adventure." Gr. 3-6

Shura, Mary

THE JOSIE GAMBIT (J) 1988-89

"Shy, twelve-year-old, chess-loving Greg is apprehensive about spending six months with his grandmother in Pineville, Illinois, but his relationship with the outgoing Nolan family involves him in some real-life chess moves with a troubled girl that open him up to loyalty and friendship with people who really count." Gr. 5+

Shura, Mary

MISTER WOLF AND ME (J) 1981-82

"A strange young man is determined to have Mister Wolf, Miles' pet German shepherd, destroyed, and the dog's distraught owner tries to find out why." Gr. 5+

Shura, Mary

SEARCH FOR GRISSI (J) 1987-88

"Eleven-year-old Peter feels uncomfortable at home and school after his family moves to Brooklyn, until his search for his sister's missing cat opens up a new life for him." Gr. 4+

Shura, Mary

THE SUNDAY DOLL (J) 1990-91

"Emmy hates to turn thirteen because she fears growing up and acting like a crazy teenager. When her older sister becomes involved in a serious situation with her boyfriend, Emmy is sheltered from the problem and sent to live with her Aunt Harriet." Gr. 6-8

Skolsky, Mindy

LOVE FROM YOUR FRIEND HANNAH (J) 2000-01

"Hannah's friend Aggie doesn't write back so Hannah starts writing other folks including the President and First Lady." Gr. 4-6

Skurzynski, Gloria

LOST IN THE DEVIL'S DESERT (J) 1984-85

"Eleven-year-old Kevin finds himself alone and lost in the Utah desert, with only his wits to help him survive." Gr. 3-7

Sleator, William

BLACKBRIAR (J) 1973-74

"Novel of chilling suspense as young Danny investigates the mysterious fires around Blackbriar." Gr. 6-8

Slote, Alfred

FINDING BUCK MCHENRY (J) 1993-94

"Arbitrarily assigned to an 'expansion' team, Jason doesn't think he has a chance for a winner year until a chance encounter with a school janitor and a pack of Negro league sports cards lead him to draw some false conclusions." Gr. 4-7

Slote, Alfred

A FRIEND LIKE THAT (J) 1990-91

"Robbie had adjusted to his family's latest move and has come to love their housekeeper when his world begins to fall apart. Unable to adjust again to the changes in his life, Robbie starts getting into fights and tries to run away from his problems." Gr. 4-6

Slote, Alfred

MY TRIP TO ALPHA I (J) 1980-81

"In a future world where space travel is fast and simple, Jack visits his aunt on Alpha I where he discovers that the sneaky Arbos are plotting something sinister." Gr. 3-5

Slote, Alfred

THE TRADING GAME (J) 1992-93

"Andy idolizes his grandpa---a single season big league ball player---and is willing to trade almost anything for his baseball card." Gr. 5-8

Smith, Doris

A TASTE OF BLACKBERRIES (J) 1974-75

"Jamie's best friend dies suddenly from bee stings, and the boy feels guilty for not believing the danger was real." Gr. 3-6

Smith, Doris

KELLY'S CREEK (J) 1977-78

"Kelly's learning disability makes school and sports difficult, but on the creek his knowledge seems limitless." Gr. 4-6

Smith, Doris

LAST WAS LLOYD (J) 1983-84

"Despite the teasing of classmates and his sheltered home life, Lloyd takes a step in the right direction toward growing up and becoming more independent." Gr. 3-7

Smith, Doris

PENNYWHISTLE TREE (J) 1993-94

"Jonathon's tidy, middle-class life is wildly upset when a large family moves onto his street and seems to take over his yard and life." Gr. 5-7

Smith, K.

SKEETER (J) 1991-92

"Skeeter, an elderly black man, teaches two boys in rural Tennessee more than how to hunt." Gr. 7-10

Smith, Robert

BOBBY BASEBALL (J) 1991-92

"Bobby's fantasies about winning outstrip his abilities." Gr. 4-6

Smith, Robert

THE SQUEAKY WHEEL (J) 1992-93

"Unhappy Mark decides he must become a squeaky wheel to force his parents to recognize his needs." Gr. 5-7

Smith, Robert

THE WAR WITH GRANDPA (J) 1986-87

"Peter's grandfather moves in and Peter is forced to give up his room. Peter declares war on Grandpa and the two trade tricks until the problem is resolved." Gr. 4-6

Smith, Roland

CRYPTID HUNTERS [J] 2007-2008

"Lost in the jungle of the Congo, twins Marty and Grace not only discover a still living dinosaur, they find hunters out to kill it." Gr. 5-8

Smith, Roland

JACK'S RUN [J] 2007-2008

"In this sequel to ZACK'S LIE, Jack Osbourne and his witness protected family have moved again as the court date for the drug lord his father is testifying against nears. Then he and his sister are kidnapped." Gr. 5-8

Smith, Roland

JAGUAR (J) 1999-00

Joining his father in the Amazon, Jake discovers more than one force trying to prevent them from establishing a jaguar preserve." Gr. 5-8

Smith, Roland

SASQUATCH (J) 2000-01

"Dylan and his dad go search for Bigfoot only to discover something bigger." Gr. 5-8

Smith, Roland

ZACH'S LIE (J) 2003-04

"Forced into Witness Protection when his drug-running father turns state evidence, Zach has a hard time understanding that he may never be safe again." Gr. 5-9

Snyder, Zilpha

BLAIR'S NIGHTMARE (J) 1986-87

"Blair, a six-year-old, keeps waking up at night to visit a huge dog named Nightmare. Is the dog really a dog or is it a dream? Another story of the adventures of the Stanley family." Gr. 6-8

Snyder, Zilpha

CAT RUNNING (J) 1996-97

"Cat Kinsey is the fastest runner in school until new boy and barefoot Okie Zane Perkins moves to town. Her religiously strict father, the town's mistrust for the Okies and the Great Depression all interact on Cat as she tries to understand what's going on around her." Gr. 5-7

Snyder, Zilpha

FOOL'S GOLD (J) 1995-1996

"Rudy's fear of close spaces and his own common sense make him try to redirect the energies of his friend Barney and newcomer Ty, but the lure of the abandoned gold mines is too strong and Rudy is forced to face one of the toughest ordeals of his life--saving Barney from a cave-in." Gr. 5-7

Snyder, Zilpha

GIB AND THE GRAY GHOST (J) 2002-03

"Returned to the Thornton Ranch, orphaned Gib befriends a badly treated horse and learns more about families." Gr. 5-7

Snyder, Zilpha

GIB RIDES HOME (J) 2000-01

"Orphan Gib discovers a new life when he is 'farmed out' from the orphanage, one with plentiful food, real teaching and horses." Gr. 4-7

Snyder, Zilpha

THE HEADLESS CUPID (J) 1972-73

"Life is never quite the same again for eleven-year-old David after the arrival of his new stepsister, a student of the occult." Gr. 4-7

Snyder, Zilpha

LIBBY ON WEDNESDAY (J) 1992-93

"Sheltered Libby McCall is being forcibly 'Socialized' at Morrison Middle School, but only she thinks, until she can convince her family otherwise." Gr. 6-8

Snyder, Zilpha

SONG OF THE GARGOYLE (J) 1993-94

"Tymmon's father is abducted in the night, but a mysterious warning and the friendship of a large frightening dog save Tymmon from the same fate." Gr. 5-7

Snyder, Zilpha

TRESPASSERS (J) 1997-98

"Cornelia (Neely) and her younger brother Gregory (Grub) discover inhabitants and ghosts in the long vacant mansion over the hill. But something scary is afoot and Neely isn't sure if its from the living or the dead." Gr. 5-7

Snyder, Zilpha

THE TRUTH ABOUT STONE HOLLOW (J) 1976-77

"Amy and her friend visit haunted Stone Hollow where they see people who have lived there in the past: Indians, bootleggers, even Amy's grandfather." Gr. 6-8

Snyder, Zilpha

THE WITCHES OF WORM (J) 1973-74

"A lonely twelve-year-old is convinced that the cat she finds is possessed by a witch and is responsible for her own strange behavior." Gr. 5-8

Speare, Elizabeth

THE SIGN OF THE BEAVER (J) 1985-86

"Left alone to guard the family's wilderness home in 18th century Maine, a boy is hard-pressed to survive until local Indians teach him their skills." Gr. 4-6

Spinelli, Jerry

CRASH (J) 1998-99

"Thirteen-year-old Crash Cogan runs and runs into things in this story of family, friendship, and the Penn Relays." Gr. 5-8

Spinelli, Jerry

LOSER (J/YA) 2004-05

"Donald Zinkoff is a klutz to his classmates but never to himself or his family." Gr. 4-6

Spinelli, Jerry

MANIAC MAGEE (J) 1992-93

"Ma-niac, Ma-niac He's so cool; Ma-niac, Ma-niac Don't go to school, Runs all night Runs all right; Ma-niac Ma-niac kissed a bull!" Gr. 5-7

Spinelli, Jerry

THERE'S A GIRL IN MY HAMMERLOCK (J) 1993-94

"Maisie, voted best girl athlete in the seventh grade, decides to take up wrestling in the eighth. Will it make or break her?" Gr. 5-8

Spooner, Michael

DANIEL'S WALK (J) 2003-04

"With little more than a bedroll, a change of clothes and a Bible, 14-year-old Daniel begins walking the Oregon Trail in Missouri in search of his father, trapper in the Rocky Mountains." Gr. 6-8

Steele, Mary

JOURNEY OUTSIDE (J) 1971-72

"On a journey down a dark, underground river, Dillar becomes separated from his people and discovers a strange, beautiful land which must be the Better Place for which the Raft People are searching." Gr. 7+

Steig, William

THE AMAZING BONE (JE) 1978-79

"On her way home from school, Pearl finds an unusual bone that has unexpected powers." Gr. 3-4

Steig, William

THE REAL THIEF (J) 1975-76

"Gawain, the goose, is entrusted to guard the Royal Treasury, but the jewels disappear."
Gr. 4-8

Stevenson, Laura

HAPPILY AFTER ALL (J) 1992-93

"Becca discovers her now deceased, doting father had lied to her when she is sent to live with her mom." Gr. 5-7

Stolz, Mary

BY THE HIGHWAY HOME (J) 1972-73

"Everything changes for Catty when she is thirteen: her brother dies in Vietnam, her father loses his job and the family moves to Vermont to live with relatives." Gr. 6-8

Stolz, Mary

CAT WALK (J) 1985-86

"A barn kitten, who's taken into the house by a little girl runs away. After a long, long trek, he finally makes his way back home." Gr. 4-6

Stolz, Mary

EXPLORER OF BARKHAM STREET (J) 1987-88

"Reformed bully Martin Hastings fantasizes about heroic adventures as an explorer and a sports star." Gr. 4-6

Strang, Celia

FOSTER MARY (J) 1981-82

"Part of the shifting migrant farm worker community, Foster Mary courageously struggles to raise her three children and to realize her dreams of a better life for all of them." Gr. 7-9

Strauss, Linda

THE ALEXANDRA INGREDIENT (J) 1990-91

"When she is trying her hardest to convince her parents that she is mature and responsible, Alexandra has to face a host of problems, including the illness of her 'adopted' grandfather, Mr. Potts." Gr. 4-6

Strickland, Brad

WHEN MACK CAME BACK (J) 2002-03

Maury's soldier brother's dog returns to their farm and Maury must figure out how to keep him over his father's objections." Gr. 5-7

Swallow, Pamela

LEAVE IT TO CHRISTY (J) 1989-90

"Kind-hearted Christy enters seventh grade worrying about what to do for a science project, yearning for the attention of a gorgeous male classmate, surprisingly winning the lead in 'Peter Pan,' and helping out a boy with a really serious problem." Gr. 5-7

Talbot, Charlene

THE GREAT RAT ISLAND ADVENTURE (J) 1979-80

"During the summer Joel spent with his father on a remote island bird sanctuary, his adventures include a run-away girl and a hurricane." Gr. 4-7

Talbot, Charlene

AN ORPHAN FOR NEBRASKA (J) 1981-82

"The story of an eleven-year-old Irish immigrant, who briefly makes his way as a newsboy in New York City before going to Nebraska with a group of other orphans sponsored by the Children's Aid Society. Presents a picture of pioneer life in the late 1800's." Gr. 4+

Taylor, Mildred

MISSISSIPPI BRIDGE (J) 1992-93

"The Lord works in mysterious ways Jeremy discovers when some folks are ejected from the bus so others can ride." Gr. 6-8

Taylor, Mildred

ROLL OF THUNDER, HEAR MY CRY (J) 1978-79

"A book presenting violence between blacks and whites in Mississippi in the 1930's and several ways of dealing with the injustice." Gr. 4-6

Taylor, Mildred

WELL (J) 1997-98

"A black man's place in the post Civil War south is a hard lesson for Hammer Logan to learn." Gr. 4-7

Taylor, Theodore

TEETONCEY (J) 1976-77

"Suspenseful story of a castaway girl and the boy who saves her from a shipwreck off the Carolina coast." Gr. 5-8

Taylor, Theodore

TEETONCEY AND BEN O'NEAL (J) 1977-78

"This sequel to TEETONCEY continues the story of the girl who survived the shipwreck and the boy who rescued her." Gr. 5-8

Taylor, Theodore

TIMOTHY OF THE CAY (J) 1995-1996

"A prequel-sequel to THE CAY, this sets the stage for Timothy's presence on the raft and completes Phillip's story of rescue. Gr. 5-7

Taylor, Theodore

THE TROUBLE WITH TUCK (J) 1983-84

"This is a story about the devotion and determination of Helen to help her dog Tuck overcome his blindness as a handicap." Gr. 4-6

Taylor, Theodore

TUCK TRIUMPHANT (J) 1993-94

"Gawky Helen and her blind dog Tuck cope with more than they believe possible when a deaf Korean orphan joins their family." Gr. 5-7

Teague, Sam

THE KING OF HEART'S HEART (J) 1989-90

"Aspiring to make the varsity track team, thirteen-year-old Harold neglects his brain-damaged friend Billy until a crisis leads him to transfer his dreams of a championship to Billy." Gr. 5-8

Teibl, Margaret

DAVEY COME HOME (J) 1981-82

"A young boy without a mother yearns for someone to make his home a comfortable and secure place for him and his father." Gr. 1-5

Thesman, Jean

WHEN THE ROAD ENDS (J) 1994-95

"Three foster children who find themselves abandoned with physically challenged 'Aunt Cecile' band together to become a supportive family." Gr. 5-7

Thomas, Jane

THE COMEBACK DOG (J) 1983-84

"Daniel, a Midwestern farm boy, finds a battered dog in a ditch and nurses it back to health, but is disappointed when the dog doesn't immediately respond to his gestures of affection." Gr. 2-6

Thomas, Jane

COURAGE AT INDIAN DEEP (J) 1986-87

"Cass can't seem to get along with his new classmates, so he spends his time in a secret cave. During an unexpected autumn storm, he is called upon to help a foundering ship." Gr. 5-7

Tolan, Stephanie

ORDINARY MIRACLES (J) 2001-02

"Mark struggles with his 'twinners' and his faith when a scientist moves back to his small town and befriends him." Gr. 5-8

Tolan, Stephanie

SURVIVING THE APPLEWHITES (J/YA) 2004-05

"Jake, sent to "Creative Academy" as a last resort before reform school, finds his life radically changed by the extended Applewhite family." Gr. 5-8 Newbery Honor

Tolan, Stephanie

A TIME TO FLY FREE (J) 1985-86

"Ten-year-old Josh, who finds private school unbearable, joins forces with an elderly man in tending injured birds." Gr. 4-6

Tolan, Stephanie

WHO'S THERE? (J) 1996-97

"Drew and her mute brother Evan go to live with an aunt and grandfather they never knew existed after a fire destroys their home and parents. A cold welcome, several ghosts and a disturbing secret keep it from becoming 'home'." Gr. 5-7

Townsend, John

TROUBLE IN THE JUNGLE (J) 1971-72

"Four children take up residence in a supposedly deserted area of the slum, which turns out to be headquarters for a gang of smugglers." Gr. 7-9

Tunis, Edwin

CHIPMUNKS ON THE DOORSTEP (J599, T834) 1972-73

"The life-cycle of the chipmunk and description of their markedly individual personalities." Gr. 5-7

Tunis, Edwin

THE TAVERN AT THE FERRY (J917.48, T834) 1975-76

"Using the story of a tavern and ferry owner on the Delaware River, the author tells of Colonial American life, and the events leading to Washington's crossing of this river in 1776." Gr. 5-8

Turkle, Brinton

THY FRIEND, OBADIAH (JE) 1971-72

"Obadiah has a strange friend, a seagull, who follows him around like a pet." Gr. 3+

Turkle, Brinton

RACHEL AND OBADIAH (JE) 1980-81

"More than anything else, Rachel wants to be the one to announce a ship's coming home to port, but her brother Obadiah insists that he, being a boy, will get to." Gr. K-3

Turner, Ann

GRASSHOPPER SUMMER (J) 1991-92

"A Kentucky farm family strives to make a new life for themselves in the Dakota prairie following the Civil War, but it looks like the grasshoppers won't let them." Gr. 5-8

Van Leeuwen, Jean

CABIN ON TROUBLE CREEK [J/YA]

"Left to maintain their family's Ohio wilderness cabin while their father returns with the rest of the family, Daniel and Will end up trying to survive the winter by themselves." Gr 5-7

Van Steenwyk, Elizabeth

TRAITOR AMONG US (J) 2000-01

"Pieter's resistance efforts become more dangerous when he realizes that someone in his Dutch village is betraying his neighbors to the Nazis." Gr. 6-8

Wait, Lea

WINTERING WELL [J/YA]

"Will, after losing a leg in a farm accident, has to reconsider what he wants to do in life." Gr 5-8

Wallace, Barbara

HAWKINS (J) 1979-80

"Ten-year-old Harvey Small fills out an entry blank and three weeks later discovers he has won the services of an English-gentleman's gentleman for a month." Gr. 3-7

Wallace, Barbara

TWIN IN THE TAVERN (J) 1995-1996

"Young Taddy is surrounded by mystery as he is enslaved in a tavern after the death of his aunt and uncle and ponders the last words of his uncle that nothing is as it seems." Gr. 5-8

Wallace, Bill

BEAUTY (J) 1990-91

"Luke is unhappy when his parents divorce and he and his mother move to her father's farm. Caring for a horse named Beauty helps Luke adjust to his grandfather's gruff ways and learn responsibility." Gr. 4-7

Wallace, Bill

COYOTE AUTUMN (J) 2002-03

"Brad, wanting a dog, saves a coyote pup from hunters and secretly tends it only to have to decide what to do with it once it's grown." Gr. 4-6

Wallace, Bill

DANGER IN QUICKSAND SWAMP (J) 1991-92

"Will the fishing boat and treasure map Ben and Jake find lead them to the clutches of a murderer and murderous alligators?" Gr. 5-8

Wallace, Bill

NEVER SAY QUIT (J) 1995-1996

"Kids not chosen for the town soccer team decide to form their own and reform an alcoholic coach, learn about appearances and prejudices and get some well earned revenge in the process." Gr. 4-6

Wallace, Bill

RED DOG (J) 1989-90

"Living with his family in the rugged, often dangerous, Wyoming mountains in the 1860's, twelve-year-old Adam finds his courage put to the test when he is left in charge of the household during his stepfather's absence." Gr. 4-6

Wallace, Bill

SHADOW ON THE SNOW (J) 1987-88

"When his sister gets sick, a young boy must go for help even though there is a panther prowling in the neighborhood." Gr. 4-7

Wallace, Bill

TRUE FRIENDS (J) 1996-97

"Courtney isn't finding middle school what she expected after her brother is wrongly arrested, her father's business goes bust and she is falsely accused of theft. Who are her friends?" Gr. 4-7

Walter, Mildred

JUSTIN AND THE BEST BISCUITS IN THE WORLD (J) 1988-89

"Suffering in a family full of females, ten-year-old Justin feels that cleaning and keeping house are women's work until he spends time on his beloved grandfather's ranch." Gr. 3-7

Weik, Mary

A HOUSE ON LIBERTY STREET (J) 1974-75

"A story of hard-working Louis Kranz, a typical immigrant who came to America in the mid-19th century seeking freedom." Gr. 5+

Weiman, Eiveen

WHICH WAY COURAGE (J) 1983-84

"An Amish girl, Courage, who increasingly questions the strictness of her life, leaves her family's Pennsylvania farm to try to find herself in the city." Gr. 4-7

Wells, Rosemary

THE MAN IN THE WOODS (J) 1986-87

"Despite a threat to her life, Helen is determined to expose a drug-smuggling ring." Gr. 6-9

Whelan, Gloria

IMPOSSIBLE JOURNEY (J) 2005-06

"Maya and Gregor undertake the long journey across Russia to be reunited with their parents sent to Siberia by the Stalinists." Gr. 5-7

Whelan, Gloria

A TIME TO KEEP SILENT (J) 1981-82

"Thirteen-year-old Clair stops talking after her mother's death. In order to heal her emotional wounds, Clair's father resigns his pastorate and takes her to a new world in the back country of northern Michigan." Gr. 7-12

White, Alana

COME NEXT SPRING (J) 1992-93

"The winter of '49 brought a lot of change in eighth-grader, Salina's life in the Tennessee Smoky Mountains." Gr. 7-9

White, Ruth

BELLE PRATER'S BOY (AF) 1998-99

"Two 12-year-old cousins are both dealing with heavy burdens as they become friends in Coal Station, Virginia." Gr. 5-7

White, Ruth

BUTTERMILK HILL [J]

"Ten-year-old Piper's perfect life changes when her parents divorce and her mother returns to college." Gr 4-5

White, Ruth

TADPOLE (J/YA) 2005-06

"A fatherless Kentucky family takes an abused cousin over the objections of their extended family." Gr. 5-7

Whitmore, Arvella

THE BREAD WINNER (J) 1992-93

"Sarah's baking talent and dream provides her family with the means to survive the Depression." Gr. 6-8

Wiles, Deborah

EACH LITTLE BIRD THAT SINGS [J] 2007-2008

"Comfort, child of small town Mississippi funeral directors, has a hard year when she loses her great uncle, great-great aunt, finds her best friend changing and is beset with an obnoxious, whiney cousin. Then she loses her dog." Gr. 3-6

Wiles, Deborah

LOVE, RUBY LAVENDER (J) 2003-04

"A collection of hilarious letters from Ruby to her grandmother who is off visiting another grandchild." Gr. 3-6

Williams, Barbara

TITANIC CROSSING (J/YA) 1997-98

"Thirteen-year-old Albert, his mother, uncle and sister board the Titanic only to have it sink beneath them." Gr. 5-7

Williams, Carol

IF I FORGET, YOU REMEMBER (J) 2000-01

"Twelve-year-old Elyse has already lost her father and grandfather and now her beloved grandmother's Alzheimer's disease is getting worse. Having Granny move in was not how she planned to spend the summer." Gr. 5-7

Williams, Karen Lynn

REAL CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR (J) 1997-98

"For seventh grade Megan living with a multiply handicapped little brother isn't easy and it gets worse when right before Christmas he damages his glasses and hearing aid and regresses badly." Gr. 5-7

Willis, Patricia

PLACE TO CLAIM AS HOME (J) 1993-94

"Henry, sent as a farm hand to Sarah Morrison's farm, finds many puzzling problems." Gr. 5-7

Willner-Pardo, Gina

FIGURING OUT FRANCES (J) 2001-02

"There's a lot for Abigail to figure out when Travis, her best friend, moves full time next door and her Alzheimer's suffering grandmother keeps calling her Frances." Gr. 4-6

Wilson, Diane

BLACK STORM COMIN' [J/YA] 2007-2008

"Biracial Colton can 'pass' in the far west of 1859 and becoming a Pony Express rider means he can support his sick, widowed mother and younger sisters but only if he can get a very important letter through to Sacramento before a big storm." Gr. 5-8

Wilson, Nancy

MOUNTAIN POSE (J) 2003-04

"The unexpected inheritance of a Vermont farm and a collection of diaries helps 12-year-old Ellie to understand her mother." Gr. 5-7

Winthrop, Elizabeth

BATTLE FOR THE CASTLE (J) 1995-1996

"William and his friend Jason are magically returned to medieval times and face danger as they try to save the castle." Gr. 5-7

Winthrop, Elizabeth

CASTLE IN THE ATTIC (J) 1987-88

"A gift of a toy castle, complete with silver knight, introduces William to an adventure involving magic and a personal quest." Gr. 4-7

Wisler, G. Clifton

THE ANTRIAN MESSENGER (J) 1988-89

"A startling revelation about who he really is starts fourteen-year-old Scott on a strange new path." Gr. 5-9

Wisler, G. Clifton

BUFFALO MOON (J) 1986-87

"To avoid being sent to New Orleans for school, Willie heads for the hills where he joins up with a tribe of Indians. Willie struggles to change from a boy to a man." Gr. 6-9

Wisler, G. Clifton

CALEB'S CHOICE (J) 1998-99

"Only after he is sent to stay with his Grandmother and cousin does Caleb realize there are many kinds of slaves and many kinds of choices." Gr. 5-7

Wisler, G. Clifton

JERICHO'S JOURNEY (J) 1995-1996

"The move from Tennessee to Texas in the 1850's starts Jericho on the path to manhood." Gr. 5-7

Wisler, G. Clifton

MR. LINCOLN'S DRUMMER (J) 1997-98

"Willie Johnston sees war before he sees his twelfth birthday. Based on an actual person."
Gr. 5-7

Wisler, G. Clifton

RED CAP (J) 1993-94

"Union drummer boy Ransom Powell was the only one of his squad to survive Andersonville Prison." Gr. 5-7

Wisler, G. Clifton

THE SEER (J) 1991-92

"Now living with fellow Antrian Tiaf, Scott still longs to be a normal earthling with a normal high school existence." Gr. 6-8

Wittlinger, Ellen

GRACIE'S GIRL (J) 2002-03

"6TH grader Bess befriends a homeless woman only to learn that things are not fair." Gr. 5-7

Wolf, Bernard

CONNIE'S NEW EYES (J362.41, W831) 1978-79

"Photographic essay about a blind girl, twenty-two-year-old Connie David, and her guide dog, Blythe." Gr. 4-6

Wolf, Bernard

TINKER AND THE MEDICINE MAN (J970.3, W831) 1975-76

"Photos and text follow a young Navajo boy's first lessons in becoming a medicine man like his father." Gr. 3-6

Wolkoff, Judie

WALLY (J) 1979-80

"When two boys try to keep the presence of a chuckwalla a secret from their family, chaos results." Gr. 3-5

Wood, June Rae

MAN WHO LOVED CLOWNS (J) 1994-95

"Delrita's special Uncle Punky enriches many lives when sad circumstances enlarge his life." Gr. 5-8

Wood, June Rae

TURTLE ON A FENCE POST (J) 1999-00

"Delrita, still grieving the loss of her parents and Uncle slowly begins to understand her Aunt Queenie." Gr. 5-7

Wood, June Rae

WHEN PIGS FLY (J) 1997-98

"Buddy Rae spends much of her time watching out for her younger sister with Down's syndrome. A move, a snake, and a button turn the tables." Gr. 5-7

Woodruff, Elvira

DEAR AUSTIN, LETTERS FROM THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD (J) 2000-01

"While big brother Austin is traveling west, Levi has his own adventures in Pennsylvania when slave catchers steal his friend's little sister." Gr. 4-6

Woodruff, Elvira

DEAR LEVI: LETTERS FROM THE OVERLAND TRAIL (J) 1996-97

"Twelve-year-old Austin writes his younger brother Levi back in Ohio about the arduous trip he takes to claim his father's land in Oregon." Gr. 4-7

Woodruff, Elvira

DEAR NAPOLEON, I KNOW YOU'RE DEAD BUT... (J) 1994-95

"A secret courier delivers Marty letters from people as diverse as Abraham Lincoln and Vincent Van Gogh. Proving them real is a problem soon superseded by his beloved Gramps failing health and loss." Gr. 4-6

Woodruff, Elvira

THE MAGNIFICENT MUMMY MAKER (J) 1996-97

"A mummy's spirit or 'ka' help Andy Maenad come to grips with his smart stepbrother, the loss of his mother and his life when it grants him wishes." Gr. 4-7

Woodruff, Elvira

RAVENMASTER'S SECRET (J) 2005-06

"'If they catch me, don't let them hang me in a dress' whispers chimneysweeper/ratcatcher Ned as he and Forrest conspire to free a young Jacobite from the Tower of London." Gr. 4-6

Woodruff, Elvira

THE SECRET FUNERAL OF SLIM JIM THE SNAKE (J) 1995-1996

"Orphaned Nick wants to be normal, but how can he when he lives with his aunt and funeral home director uncle? A plan to raise money by holding a funeral for a snake when his uncle is out of town causes multiple disasters." Gr. 5-7

Woodworth, Chris

WHEN RATBOY LIVED NEXT DOOR [J] 2007-2008

"When Willis and his family move into the house next door, Lydia learns a lot about getting along with people and her own family's secrets." Gr. 3-6

Wooldridge, Rhoda

HANNAH'S FLOOD (J) 1983-84

"Hannah and her family endure a flood in this third story of a continuing series." Gr. 4-6

Wright, Betty

CHRISTINA'S GHOST (J) 1987-88

"Christina's summer in a spooky, isolated Victorian house with her grumpy uncle turns into a ghostly adventure." Gr. 4-7

Wright, Betty

CRANDALL'S CASTLE (J)

"Pre-cognitive orphan Sophia comes to stay with distant cousins and finds ghosts as well as a home." Gr. 4-7

Wright, Betty

THE DOLLHOUSE MURDERS (J) 1985-86

"Amy spends some time at her Aunt Clare's home where she discovers a beautiful dollhouse, dark family secrets, ghostly events, danger and suspense." Gr. 4-6

Wright, Betty

GHOSTS OF MERCY MANOR (J) 1995-1996

"Orphaned Gwen knows something or someone is after her in her new foster home, but she can't get anyone to believe her." Gr. 5-7

Wright, Betty

OUT OF THE DARK (J) 1997-98

"Nightmares and a mysterious abandoned school house come into Jessica's life when her family moves to the Wisconsin countryside. When the ghost of the nightmares starts materializing during the day Jessica is afraid she won't figure out the puzzle in time." Gr. 5-7

Wright, Betty

THE PIKE RIVER PHANTOM (J) 1990-91

"Rachel and her cousin Charlie become mixed up with a frightening poltergeist when Rachel runs for Sunbonnet Queen in their small town. A surprising conclusion threatens Rachel's life." Gr. 4-8

Wright, Betty

THE SECRET WINDOW (J) 1984-85

"Scared by her ability to see into the future, Meg decides to keep her prophetic dreams safe inside a notebook, but with encouragement of her grandmother, Meg finds the strength to use her dreams to help others." Gr. 4-6

Yep, Laurence

DRAGONWINGS (J) 1977-78

"Inspired by an account of a Chinese immigrant, the author's historical novel portrays the rich traditions of the Chinese community as it made its way in a hostile new world." Gr. 6-9

Yep, Laurence

DREAM SOUL (J) 2002-03

"Joan, Bobby and Emily want to fit in in their small West Virginia town, only it's hard when your father runs the Chinese laundry and insists on following Chinese ways." Gr. 5-7



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