



SUGGESTED READING LIST FOR STUDENTS ENTERING THE 5th & 6th Grade

All Students must read at least three (3) books over the summer, varying both the authors and genres. Upon your return to school in the fall, students can anticipate a written assignment based upon the reading.

This is a list of authors and books that your teachers and librarians think you will enjoy. Check out other books by these authors, and come up with your own favorites as well.

These books may be found in bookstores, online, at public libraries and some also may be at the CGPS book fair.

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

Appelt, Kathi

THE UNDERNEATH

An old hound that has been chained up at his hateful owner's run-down shack, and two kittens born underneath the house, endure separation, danger and many other tribulations.

Barry, Dave

SCIENCE FAIR

A story of mystery, danger, international suspense and a very nervous frog

Grdankl the Strong, president of Kprshtskan, is plotting to take over the American government. His plan is to infiltrate the science fair at Hubble Middle School. The rich kids at Hubble cheat by buying their projects every year. What transpires is a hilarious adventure filled with mystery, suspense, and levitating frogs.

Law, Ingrid

SAVVY

On Mibs' thirteenth birthday her "savvy" will be revealed. A "savvy" is a magical power unique to each member of her family.

Mass, Wendy,

11 Birthdays

After celebrating their first nine birthdays together, Amanda and Leo prepare to celebrate for the first time without each other, but peculiar things begin to happen as their birthday repeats itself over and over again.

Mass, Wendy

EVERY SOUL A STAR

Ally, Bree, and Jack meet at the one place the Great Eclipse can be seen in totality, each carrying the burden of their own problems, which become dim when compared to the task they embark upon and the friendship they find.

McHale,

THE SOLDIERS OF HALLA (Pendragon series)

Bobby Pendragon and his fellow Travelers must join forces for one last desperate battle against Saint Dane. At stake is not only the tenth and final territory, but all that ever was or will be.

Mortenson, Greg

THREE CUPS OF TEA: One Man's Journey to Change the World...One Child at a Time.

This is an account of Mortenson's life-saving mountain rescue by Pakistani villagers that inspired his life's work: building schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Mull, Brandon

FABLEHAVEN (Series)

For centuries mystical creatures were gathered into a hidden refuge called Fablehaven to prevent their extinction. The sanctuary survives today as one of the last strongholds of true magic.

Nicholls, Sally

WAYS TO LIVE FOREVER

Eleven-year-old Sam McQueen, who has leukemia, writes a book during the last four months of his life, in which he tells about what he would like to accomplish, how he feels, and things that have had happened to him.

Riordan, Rick

THE LAST OLYMPIAN (series)

In this final book in the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series, the long-awaited prophecy surrounding Percy's sixteenth birthday unfolds. And as the battle for Western civilization rages on the streets of Manhattan, Percy faces a terrifying suspicion that he may be fighting against his own fate.

Vogel Frederick, Heather

THE MOTHER-DAUGHTER BOOK CLUB (SERIES)

When the mother's of four sixth-grade girls with very different personalities pressure them into forming a book club, they find as they read and discuss *Little Women*, that they have much more in common than they could have imagined.

Wilson, N.D.

100 CUPBOARDS

Staying in the attic of Uncle Frank's mysterious house, twelve-year-old Henry discovers 100 cupboards which turn out to be portals to magical worlds.

FICTION

Abbott, Tony

FIREGIRL

A middle school boy's life is changed when Jessica, a girl disfigured by burns, starts attending his Catholic school while receiving treatment at a local hospital.

Applegate, Katherine

HOME OF THE BRAVE

Kek, an African refugee, is confronted by many strange things at the Minnesota home of his aunt and cousin, as well as his fifth-grade classroom, and longs for his missing mother, but finds comfort in the company of a cow and he owner.

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MIDNIGHT MAGIC

In Italy in 1941, Mangus the magician and his apprentice are summoned to the castle of Duke Claudio to determine if his daughter is indeed being haunted by a ghost.

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POPPY (series)

Mr. Ocax is a great horned owl who rules the mice that live around Dimwood Forest, preying on their fears by promising protection from the dreaded porcupine in exchange for unconditional obedience. Challenging his authority is the smart-talking, earring-sporting golden mouse Ragweed, whose refusal to obey turns him into a meal for the owl.

Bauer, Marion Dane

ON MY HONOR

Joe's best friend Tony drowns in the dangerous river Vermillion. Joel has to find a way of telling his parents and Tony's parents the awful truth of the drowning.

Blume, Judy

ARE YOU THERE GOD? IT'S ME, MARGARET

Faced with the difficulties of growing up and choosing a religion, a twelve-year-old girl talks over her problems with God.

Burnett, Frances Hodgson

THE SECRET GARDEN

Mary, a spoiled orphan, is sent to live in an English mansion, where she encounters Dickon, Colin, and a secret walled garden.

Byars, Betsy

THE SUMMER OF THE SWANS

All on one summer day, a girl deals with her own growing up, her brother's handicap, and a new friend. Also **THE DARK STAIRS**, a Herculeah Jones mystery.

Byng, Georgia

MOLLY MOON'S INCREDIBLE BOOK OF HYPNOTISM

Unlucky and unloved, Molly Moon, discovers her hidden talent for hypnotism and hypnotizes her way to stardom in New York City.

Clements, Andrew

NO TALKING

It's the boys against the girls in a contest of who can say the fewest words during two whole days. Also try **THE LAST HOLIDAY CONCERT**, and **LUNCH MONEY**.

Creech, Sharon

LOVE THAT DOG and HATE THAT CAT

A boy learns that diary journals, school, poetry and Walter Dean Myers are a great way to spend life. Also try **RUBY HOLLER** and **ABSOLUTELY NORMAL CHAOS**.

Creech, Sharon

GRANNY TORRELLI MAKES SOUP

With the help of her wise grandmother, Rosie manages to work out some problems in her relationship with her best friend Bailey.

Danziger, Paula and Ann M. Martin

P.S. LONGER LETTER LATER.

Best friends Tara Starr and Elizabeth continue their friendship through letters when one of them moves away. Also, **SNAIL MAIL NO MORE**.

DeClements, Barthe
NOTHING'S FAIR IN FIFTH GRADE

A fifth grade class is repelled by an overweight classmate who has problems at home.

Du Bois, William Pene
THE TWENTY-ONE BALLOONS

Three weeks after taking off from San Francisco in an attempt to cross the Pacific by balloon, Professor Sherman is picked up in the Atlantic clinging to wreckage.

Farley, Walter
THE BLACK STALLION

The adventures of a boy and a wild stallion who are thrown together after a shipwreck.

Feiffer, Jules
THE MAN IN THE CEILING

Jimmy is no athlete or scholar, but boy, can he draw!

Gantos, Jack
JOEY PIGZA SWALLOWED THE KEY

School is seen through the eyes of an ADHD child, whose wild actions and mood swings are not being effectively controlled by his medication. This is a funny, yet poignant novel. Also, **JOEY PIGZA LOSES CONTROL** (Newbery Honor Book, 2001), and **WHAT WOULD JOEY DO?**

Han, Jenny
SHUG

A twelve-year old girl learns about friendship, first loves, and self-worth in a small Southern Town.

Henkes, Kevin
OLIVE'S OCEAN

On a summer visit to her grandmother's cottage by the ocean, twelve-year-old Martha gains perspective on the death of a classmate and her feelings for an older boy.

Hiaasen, Carl
HOOT

Roy becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

Hiaasen, Carl
FLUSH

With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah and his sister, must gather evidence to prove that a casino boat is polluting the protected waters in the Florida Keys.

Konigsburg, E.L.
FROM THE MIXED-UP FILES OF MRS. BASIL E. FRANKWEILER

Hiding out in the Metropolitan Museum of Art creates some unexpected problems.

Levine, Gail Carson
DAVE AT NIGHT

Dave, placed in an orphanage, sneaks out at night to take part in the music and culture of the Harlem Renaissance.

Lord, Cynthia
RULES (Newbery Honor Book)

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

Lowry
The WILLOGHBYS

The four Willoughby children set about to become “deserving orphans” after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous adventure, leaving them in the care of their odious nanny.

Lowry, Lois
ANASTASIA KRUPNIK (series)

The first book in a series about Anastasia, a bright, affectionate girl growing up in a Boston suburb.

Lupica, Mike
TRAVEL TEAM

After he is cut from his travel basketball team –twelve-year-old Danny forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory. Also try **SUMMER BALL** and **HEAT**.

MacLachlan, Patricia
JOURNEY

Journey is eleven-years-old the summer his mother leaves him and his sister Cat with their grandparents. Journey finds that the camera is a means of finding things that his naked eye has missed like the love that still binds his family together even though his mother has left.

Martin, Ann M.
A DOG’S LIFE

The Autobiography of a Stray

Squirrel and her brother Bone begin their lives in a tool shed behind someone’s summer house. But when their mother is taken from them suddenly and too soon, the puppies are forced to make their own way in the world.

Mass, Wendy
JERMEY FINK AND THE MEANING OF LIFE

Just before his thirteenth birthday, Jeremy Fink receives a keyless locked box—set aside by his father before his death five years earlier—that purportedly contains the meaning of life.

Mass, Wendy
A MANGO-SHAPED SPACE

For 13-year-old Mia, the world has always been filled with a wonderful, if sometimes dizzying, sensory onslaught--numbers, letters, words, and sounds all cause her to see a distinct array of colors.

McKay, Hillary
SAFFY’S ANGEL

After learning that she is adopted, thirteen-year old Saffron travels to her Italian birthplace and finds a memento from her past. Also, **INDIGO’S STAR** and **PERMANENT ROSE** and **CADDY EVER AFTER**.

Merrill, Jean
THE PUSHCART WAR

A war between pushcart peddlers and truckers in New York City, complete with a shoot-out using hi-tech pea shooters.

Morey, Walt
GENTLE BEN

An Alaskan brown bear held in captivity is freed by a boy.

Myers, Walter Dean
MONSTER

Sixteen-year-old Steve records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a script while on trial for murder.

Namioka, Lensey
HALF AND HALF

At Seattle's annual Folk Fest, twelve-year-old Fiona and her older brother are torn between trying to please their Chinese grandmother and making their Scottish grandparents happy.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds
SHILOH

A boy who loves a dog that is not his struggles with right and wrong as he attempts to make the dog his own. Also **SHILOH SEASON** and **SAVING SHILOH**.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds

ALICE IN RAPTURE SORT-OF (sequel to *The Agony of Alice*)

The summer of twelve-year-old Alice is filled with excitement, including going on a first date with her best friend.

Paterson, Katherine
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA

Jess meets a neighbor girl named Leslie who leads him to the magical world of imagination. This power of imagination also helps him get through one of the most terrible things that will happen to him.

Paterson, Katherine
THE GREAT GILLY HOPKINS

Eleven-year-old Gilly lives in a foster home and tries to cope with life. Can she learn to accept friendship?

Paulson, Gary
HATCHET

This Newbery Honor book is a dramatic, heart-stopping story of a boy who, following a plane crash in the Canadian wilderness must learn to survive with only a hatchet and his own wits. Also try **BRIAN'S WINTER** & **THE RIVER**.

Rex, Adam
THE TRUE MEANING OF SMEKDAY

A misfit cast of characters are led by a precocious 11-year-old, Gratuity "Tip" Tucci and a bumbling alien named J.Lo who has an appetite for dental floss and air fresheners in this comedic fantasy.

Sachar, Louis
THERE'S A BOY IN THE GIRL'S BATHROOM

A difficult but lovable eleven-year old misfit learns to believe in himself when he gets to know the new school counselor .

Sachar, Louis
SMALL STEPS

In this sequel to **HOLES**, Armpit, three years after being released from Camp Greenlake, tries hard to keep in life on track.

Sage, Angie
QUESTE

Septimus Heap Book Four. Septimus is pulled back through time and becomes an apprentice to an alchemist.

Schmidt, Gary, D.
THE WEDNESDAY WARS

In 1967 when all his classmates go to religious school, Holling Hoodhood has to stay in Mrs. Bakers classroom where they read Shakespeare and he learns the value of the world he lives in

Selznick, Brian

THE INVENTION OF HUGO CABRET

When twelve-year old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toy seller and his goddaughter, his biggest secrets are jeopardized.

Sewall, Anna

BLACK BEAUTY

Told by the magnificent black horse himself, this is the tale of Black Beauty's life-from his idyllic days on a country squire's estate to his harsh fate as a London cab horse.

Spinelli, Jerry

SMILES TO GO

What is stargazer, skateboarder, chess champ, pepperoni pizza eater, older brother, sister hater, best friend, first kisser, science geek, control freak Will Tuppence so afraid of in this great big universe?

Stewart, Trenton Lee

THE MYSTERIOUS BENEDICT SOCIETY AND THE PERILOUS JOURNEY

Book 2. In the series. Reynie, Kate, Sticky, and Constance, all graduates of the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened and members of the Benedict Society, embark on a scavenger hunt that turns into a desperate search for the missing Mr. Benedict.

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

Spinelli, Jerry

MANIAC MAGEE

Maniac Magee is the fastest runner in town. He's even better at showing people how to get along with one another.

White, Ruth.

BELLE PRATER'S BOY

In this 1997 Newbery Honor book, twelve-year old Gypsy wants to know the facts about the sudden and unsolved disappearance of her Aunt Belle. With the help and friendship of her cousin, she comes to understand that there are different truths.

Wiles, Deborah

LOVE, RUBY LAVENDER

Nine-year-old Ruby Lavender corresponds with her grandmother by leaving notes and letters in the hollow of a tree in town.

Wilson, Jacqueline

DOUBLE ACT

This is an amusing story about how Ruby and Garnet learn to grow apart but still remain best friends with each other. Other titles by this witty author you might enjoy are: **BAD GIRLS, THE LOTTIE PROJECT, THE SUITCASE KID, and ELSA, STAR OF THE SHELTER.**

Woodson, Jacqueline

LAST SUMMER WITH MAIZON

Eleven-year-old Margaret tries to accept the changes that come with her father's death and her best friend's leaving for a boarding school. Her story continues in **MAIZON AT BLUE HILL** where Maizon is one of five black students trying to fit in.

Zarr, Sara
SWEETHEARTS

As children, Jennifer Harris and Cameron Quick were both social outcasts. They were also one another's only friend. So when Cameron disappears without warning, Jennifer thinks she's lost the only person who will ever understand her.

Zevin, Gabrielle
ELSEWHERE

After fifteen-year-old Liz is hit by a taxi and killed, she finds herself in a place that is both like and unlike earth.

SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY

Barron, T.A.
THE LOST YEARS OF MERLIN

Washed up on the shores of ancient Wales, the boy had no home, no memory and no name... he was determined to find all three. The sequels to this book are **THE SEVEN SONGS OF MERLIN**, **THE FIRES OF MERLIN**, and **the MIRROR OF MERLIN**.

Barry, Dave
PETER & THE STARCATCHERS

A fast paced adventure of the young orphan Peter and his mates dispatched to an island ruled by the evil King Zarboff.

Bellairs, John.
THE HOUSE WITH A CLOCK IN ITS WALLS

An orphaned boy, a house with a tick, and both good and evil wizards. Also other books by John Bellairs.

Brittain, Bill.
SHAPE-CHANGER.

Two shape-changers who can assume the form of anything are loose on Earth. One is a policeman, the other an insane master criminal. How can Frank and Lauren be sure they are helping the right alien? Also, **THE WISH GIVER**.

Card, Orson Scott
ENDER'S GAME and ENDER'S SHADOW (two series)

In these two companion stories; Ender and Bean are two brilliant children who are given the burden of saving humanity from the invading alien force.

Clements, Andrew
THINGS UNSEEN

Fifteen-year old Bobby wakes up and realizes he is invisible.

Cooper, Susan
THE BOGGART

By mistake, Emily and her brother, Jessup, carry a mischievous old spirit with them from Castle Keep in Scotland to their home in Canada, where it creates havoc in their lives. By the author of **THE DARK IS RISING** Sequence. **THE BOGGART AND THE MONSTER** is its sequel.

DuPrau, Jeanne
THE CITY OF EMBER

In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a messenger, to run to new places in her beloved but decaying city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

Sequels: THE PEOPLE OF SPARKS, THE PROPHET OF YONWOOD, AND THE DIAMOND OF DARKHOLD.

Eager, Edward

HALF MAGIC

Four children discover a (half) magic coin, saving them from a dreadfully boring summer. Also try **MAGIC BY THE LAKE** and **KNIGHTS CASTLE**.

Edwards, Julie

THE LAST OF THE REALLY GREAT WHANGDOODLES

Ben, Tom, and Lindy Potter met a man named Professor Savant who told them about the last Whangdoodle, a magical creature who rules over the other strange animals in Whangdoodleland.

Ende, Michael

THE NEVER ENDING STORY

Bastien steals a book and when he arrives at school late, he decides to read the book in the spooky school attic. Before he knows it, he goes inside the book himself and is having many fantastic adventures. But he needs to get back to his own world before he will never be able to get back again.

Farmer, Nancy

THE EAR, THE EYE, AND THE ARM

This 1995 Newbery Honor book, is about Tendai, a boy who lives in Zimbabwe, Africa, in the year 2194. Tendai runs away and is kidnapped by gangsters and wakes up in the land of the Ear, the Eye, and the Arm.

Funke, Cornelia

INKHEART

Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father can “read” fictional characters to life. An adventure begins once one of the characters abducts them and tries to force her father into service. Also, **INKSPELL** and **THE THIEF LORD**.

Gaiman, Neil

CORALINE

Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own. Here she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others. Also try **THE GRAVEYARD BOOK**.

Haddix, Margaret

AMONG THE HIDDEN

Luke is the third boy in his farming family, has been hidden since birth thereby safe for the time being from the Population Police. One day he notices a girls face in the window and realizes that there must be other shadow children like himself.. Also, check out **AMONG THE IMPOSTERS**, **AMONG THE BETRAYED**, **AMONG THE BARONS** and **AMONG THE BRAVE** also by the same author.

Levine, Gail Carson

ELLA ENCHANTED

A story about a noble girl, Ella, who suffers from a terrible curse from birth: the curse that forces her to obey anybody’s command. This is a humorous and well-crafted retelling of the Cinderella story.

Levine, Gail Carson

TWO PRINCESSES OF BAMARRE

Full of magical inventions, and detailed description of fairy tale objects, this adventure of Princess Addie in her attempt to save her sister Meryl's life.

Lewis, C.S.

THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE (series)

A magic wardrobe allows three children to enter a perpetual wintry land ruled by the white witch. They embark on adventures that lead them through a commitment involving trust and sacrifice to find the only creature who can turn winter into spring. Part of the NARNIA series.

Martin, Ann M. and Laura Godwin.

THE DOLL PEOPLE (series)

Annabelle Doll has been eight-years-old for over one hundred years. Being cooped up in the same dollhouse with the same people is boring--until the pink plastic Funcrafts arrive. The sequel include **THE MEANEST DOLL IN THE WORLD** and **RUNAWAY DOLLS**.

Nix, Garth

MISTER MONDAY (series)

The first book of the **KEYS TO THE KINGDOM** series. An asthmatic boy named Arthur battles Mister Monday over a magical key that unlocks a large, magical house.

Norton, Mary

THE BORROWERS

Miniature people who live in an old country house by borrowing things from the humans are forced to move from their home under the clock.

O'Brien, Robert C.

MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH

The 1972 Newbery winner, Mrs. Frisby, has a terrible problem and she has nowhere to turn to but the rats who keep to themselves. Those rats once were the lab rats in the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and they possess special intelligence and powers.

Oppel, Kenneth

AIRBORN & SKYBREAKER

Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the earth's surface.

Paulsen, Gary

THE TRANSALL SAGA

While backpacking in the desert, thirteen-year-old Mark falls into a tube of blue light and is transported to a more primitive world. He must use his knowledge and skills to survive.

Pierce, Tamora

ALANNA: THE FIRST ADVENTURE

Eleven year old Alanna, who wishes to be a Knight, disguises herself as a boy and has exciting adventures. This is the first book in the Song of the Lioness Quartet. There are many more books in the series.

Pullman, Philip

THE GOLDEN COMPASS

Lyra and her daemon Pantalaimon live in Jordan College, Oxford. Like other daemons of young children, Pantalaimon can change shapes and turn into any animal he wants to. Don't skip Books 2 & 3, **THE SUBTLE KNIFE** and **THE AMBER SPYGLASS**.

Riordan, Rick

THE LIGHTNING THIEF (series)

A middle-schooler named Percy struggles with Latin, attention deficit disorder, and the reality that he may be the son of Greek god.

Sleator, William
INTERSTELLAR PIG

Barney's strange new neighbors invite him to play a bizarre board game called Interstellar Pig, which actually spans the universe and destroys worlds. Sleator's other titles you will enjoy are: **THE BOY WHO REVERSED HIMSELF; THE GREEN FUTURE OF TYCON.**

Thurber, James.
THE 13 CLOCKS

A classic written in 1901, this book is a poem, fairy tale and parable. It remains lovely and comic to this day.

Wallace, Barbara Brooks
PEPPERMINTS IN THE PARLOR

Newly-orphaned Emily finds Sugar Hill mansion, where she has gone to live with her aunt and uncle. Dark and eerie.

Wrede, Patricia
DEALING WITH DRAGONS (series)

Cimorene hates being a princess so she runs away to live with dragons. This is a fun read about Cimorene's adventures with the dragons. These adventures continue in **SEARCHING FOR DRAGONS, CALLING ON DRAGONS and TALKING TO DRAGONS.**

Yep, Laurence
DRAGON OF THE LOST SEA

Shimmer, the dragon princess, is joined by the orphan boy Thorn in her quest to recover a magic pebble containing a stolen sea. Followed by **DRAGON STEEL, DRAGON CAULDRON, and DRAGON WAR.**

Yolen, Jane
THE YOUNG MERLIN trilogy (**PASSAGER, HOBBY, and MERLIN**)

An introduction to the world of King Arthur through the great wizard Merlin.

HUMOROUS STORIES

Carey, Peter
THE BIG BAZOOHLEY

Sam's family sure could use "The Big Bazoohly" when they find themselves staying at a fancy hotel with barely enough money to buy a sandwich. If only Sam could win the \$10,000 prize in the Perfect Kiddo contest! Can he do it?

Dahl, Roald
ROALD DAHL'S REVOLTING RHYMES

Dahl changes your view of fairy tales in this collection of short twisted tales/rhymes by making them funnier, odder, and definitely more gruesome.

Babbit, Natalie
DEVIL'S STORYBOOK.

A humorous book of stories about the Devil. Each short story is very funny and has a moral. I suggest this book for readers over the age of 8. The sequel is **DEVIL'S OTHER STORYBOOK.**

Coville, Bruce
JENNIFER MURDELY'S TOAD

Jennifer, a fifth grader, discovers that a kiss from the talking toad she purchased in a magic shop will give you more than warts.

Elish, Dan

THE WORLDWIDE DESSERT CONTEST

Can John Applefeller and Captain B. Rollie Ragoon concoct a treat to beat the sickening Sylvester S. Sweet?

Fitzgerald, John D.

THE GREAT BRAIN

The exploits of the Great Brain of Adenville, Utah, are described by his younger brother, frequently the victim of the Great Brain's schemes for gaining prestige or money.

Fitzhugh, Louise

HARRIET THE SPY

When Harriet's classmates find her diary and read what she has written about them, they decide to make life miserable for her. Also: **THE LONG SECRET**.

Gantos, Jack

JOEY PIGZA SWOLLED THE KEY- series

Joey is a completely "wired" kid. When he doesn't take his meds, he often loses control over what he's doing, like accidentally snipping off the tip of a classmate's nose.

Horvath, Polly

EVERYTHING ON A WAFFLE

Primrose's dire predicament -- losing her parents in a storm, combined with her humorous observations of the adults surrounding her, make this a quirky tale of faith, friendship, and growth. At the end of each chapter, there is a recipe that fits into the story. A Newbery Honor book of 2002.

Klise, Kate

REGARDING THE FOUNTAIN: A TALE, IN LETTERS, OF LIARS AND LEAKS

This short, beautifully illustrated "watery" story has many twists and turns and amusing word plays. Other books by the same author include **LETTERS FROM CAMP** and **REGARDING THE SINK**.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds

THE BOYS START THE WAR (series)

The Hatford boys' best friends and next door neighbors move away. The Meloy girls move in. The Hatford boys plan a lot of pranks on the Meloy girls and the girls get even!

Peck, Richard

A YEAR DOWN YONDER

Fifteen-year-old, Mary Alice is sent to live with her grandmother who is a sharpshooter, bakes the most delicious pies, steals pumpkins from her neighbor's garden, plays tricks on Halloween, and is truly kind-hearted.

Rogers, Mary

SUMMER SWITCH.

A boy and his father find themselves, literally, in each other's shoes. Also **FREAKY FRIDAY** in which Annabel wakes up to find herself turned into her mother.

Sleator, William

ODD BALLS

This is a collection of short stories of an odd ball family. In one story, a boy is hypnotized by his brother's friend and actually drinks out of the toilet bowl! Another time the children throw water balloons out of a window at people and are not even punished. This is a great funny book.

HISTORICAL FICTION

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CRISPIN:THE CROSS OF LEAD

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.

Bishop, Claire Huchet

TWENTY AND TEN

French children hiding Jewish children from the Nazis.

Brink, Carol

CADDIE WOODLAWN

The story of an eleven-year-old tomboy growing up on the Wisconsin frontier in the mid-nineteenth century.

Curtis, Christopher Paul

THE WATSONS GO TO BIRMINGHAM-1963

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African-American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go visit Grandma in Alabama in 1963. A Newbery Honor Book.

Cushman, Karen

CATHERINE, CALLED BIRDY

Against the background of a medieval manor, Catherine's spirited account of her fourteenth year is told in a diary format. **THE MIDWIFE'S APPRENTICE** by the same author won the 1998 Newbery Award for its excellence in literary quality, also set in Middle Ages.

Giff, Patricia

LILY'S CROSSING

This story is about a girl during World War II whose friendship with Albert, a young Hungarian refugee, makes her see the war and her own world from a different perspective.

Giff, Patricia Reilly.

NORY RYAN'S SONG

Twelve-year-old Nory Ryan, along with her family and friends, learns how to survive and help one another during the Potato Famine in Ireland.

Hesse, Karen

LETTERS FROM RIFKA.

Rifka and her family flee Russia in 1919 and travel to America.

Kerr, Judith

WHEN HITLER STOLE PINK RABBIT

A Jewish girl and her family flee Berlin just before the outbreak of World War II.

Larson, Kirby

HATTIE BIG SKY

After inheriting her uncle's homestead claim in Montana, sixteen-year-old orphan Hattie Brooks travels from Iowa in 1917 to make a home for herself and encounters some unexpected problems related to the war.

Lord, Bette Bao

IN THE YEAR OF THE BOAR AND JACKIE ROBINSON

A Chinese girl comes to Brooklyn in 1947 and makes new friends at school, in her new apartment, and through her love of baseball.

Lowry, Lois

NUMBER THE STARS

Set in Nazi-occupied Denmark, this novel recounts the efforts of Annemarie Johansen and her family to smuggle their Jewish friends to safety in Sweden.

Lyons, Mary

LETTERS FROM A SLAVE GIRL

A fictionalized version of the life of Harriet Jacobs, told in the form of letters that she might have written during her slavery in North Carolina and as she prepared for escape to the North in 1842.

Park, Linda Sue

A SINGLE SHARD

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year old orphan in medieval Korea, lives in a famous potters' village and longs to throw the ceramics himself. Also, *WHEN MY NAME WAS KEOKO*, in which Kim Sun-hee must keep a family secret during the Japanese takeover of Korea in World War II.

Park, Linda Sue

PROJECT MULBERRY

While working on a project for an after-school club, Julia, a Korean American girl, and her friend learn not just about silkworms, but about tolerance, prejudice, friendship and more.

Pope, Elizabeth

THE SHERWOOD RING

The location is Orange County, New York during the Revolutionary War. Peggy has to adjust to a new life at her uncle's house during a time of guerrilla warfare.

Speare, Elizabeth George

THE SIGN OF THE BEAVER

Left alone to guard the family's wilderness home in eighteenth-century Maine, a boy is hard-pressed to survive until local Indians teach him their skills.

Whelan, Gloria

HOMELESS BIRD

When thirteen-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage, she must either suffer a destiny dictated by India's tradition or find the courage to oppose it.

BIOGRAPHY & MEMOIRS

Bridges, Ruby

THROUGH MY EYES

Ruby Bridges recounts the story of her involvement, as a six-year old, in the integration of her school in New Orleans in 1960.

Choi, Sook Nyui

YEAR OF IMPOSSIBLE GOODBYES

A young Korean girl survives oppressive Japanese and Russian occupation of North Korea during the 1940's only to be forced to escape to freedom in South Korea.

Codell, Esme Raji

SING A SONG OF TUNA FISH:

Hard- to –Swallow Stories from Fifth Grade

Codell describes attending an alternative school where "you only did what you wanted," such as learning how to disco dance. That is until her father, who was a teacher there, got fired for taking his class on a field trip that entailed riding the public bus to Esmé's house, eating hot dogs, and watching the White Sox game on TV.

Dahl, Roald

BOY: TALES OF CHILDHOOD

This story of the author's childhood in Norway and England is filled with peculiar, funny and awful incidents.

Freedman, Russell

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

A lively and inspiring portrait of perhaps our most influential First Lady. Excellent photographs and numerous quotations add to this well researched biography.

Freedman, Russell

THE WRIGHT BROTHERS

The Newbery author has filled this photo-biography, which follows the lives of the Wright brothers and describes how they developed the first airplane with original photographs by Wilbur and Orville Wright.

Fritz, Jean

HOMESICK, MY OWN STORY

This is the author's fictionalized version, though all events are true, of her childhood in China in the 1920's.

Grogan, John

MARLEY: A DOG LIKE NO OTHER

Marley, an oversize, energetic, and supremely loving yellow Lab, was expelled from his first obedience school. He bolted his food, chewed everything in sight, and went berserk in thunderstorms. But he is a dog like no other.

Krull, Kathleen

LIVES OF THE WRITERS: COMEDIES, TRAGEDIES, AND WHAT THE NEIGHBORS THOUGHT

This is a collection of biographies of some of the most famous writers ever, such as Mark Twain and William Shakespeare. Also look for **LIVES OF THE MUSICIANS**, **LIVES OF THE ATHLETES**, and **LIVES OF THE ARTISTS** by the same author.

Lowry, Lois

LOOKING BACK: A BOOK OF MEMORIES

Using family photographs and quotes from her books, the very popular author of **THE GIVER** and the **ANASTASIA KRUPNIC** stories provides glimpses into her life.

Reiss, Johanna

THE UPSTAIRS ROOM

The true story of Annie, who is hidden by a Dutch family when the Nazi's invade Holland. **THE JOURNEY BACK** tells what happened after the war.

Spinelli, Jerry

KNOTS IN MY YO-YO STRING

Spinelli, author of **MANIAC MAGEE** and **WRINGER**, makes regular happenings in his life like sidewalk races and his first kiss hilarious in this autobiography.

Uchida, Yoshido

THE INVISIBLE THREAD

Author tells her true story of feeling American, but being treated differently, as she describes her early life and incarceration in a prison camp for Japanese-Americans during World War II.

Wadsworth, Ginger

JULIA MORGAN, ARCHITECT OF DREAMS

Biography of one of the country's first highly successful female architects, who spent many years designing Hearst Castle in San Simeon, California.

Yates, Elizabeth

AMOS FORTUNE, FREE MAN

The life of the eighteenth-century African prince brought to Massachusetts after being captured by slave traders.

Zindel, Paul

THE PIGMAN AND ME

Paul Zindel is the author of the Pigman books for older children. In this memoir, he wrote about when he was a kid. The family moved a lot but there is one place that was special to him because there he met his own "pigman," Nanno Frankie.

