

Contemporary

Return to Sender.....	<i>Alvarez</i>
Nothing But the Truth.....	<i>Avi</i>
Tangerine.....	<i>Bloor</i>
The Tequila Worm.....	<i>Canales</i>
Things Not Seen.....	<i>Clements</i>
The Girl Who Threw Butterflies.....	<i>Cochrane</i>
Hazelwood High Trilogy (series).....	<i>Drapner</i>
Monkey Island.....	<i>Fox</i>
Jack Henry (series).....	<i>Gantos</i>
Eleven.....	<i>Giff</i>
Blue Lipstick: Concrete Poems.....	<i>Grandits</i>
Middle School is Worse Than Meatloaf.....	<i>Holm</i>
Bird.....	<i>Johnson</i>
Silent to the Bone.....	<i>Konigsburg</i>
Zoobreak.....	<i>Korman</i>
Silk Umbrellas.....	<i>Marsden</i>
Autobiography of My Dead Brother.....	<i>Myers</i>
A Step from Heaven.....	<i>Na</i>
Mismatch.....	<i>Namioka</i>
Big Mouth and Ugly Girl.....	<i>Oates</i>
Slob.....	<i>Potter</i>
Holes.....	<i>Sachar</i>
The Schwa Was Here.....	<i>Shusterman</i>
Keeping the Night Watch.....	<i>Smith</i>
Drums, Girls, and Dangcrus Pic.....	<i>Sonnenblick</i>
Stargirl.....	<i>Spinelli</i>
Love, Stargirl.....	<i>Spinelli</i>
Black and White.....	<i>Volponi</i>
Millicent Min, Girl Genius.....	<i>Yee</i>
Reaching for Sun.....	<i>Zimmer</i>

Fantasy/Science Fiction

Underland Chronicles (series).....	<i>Collins</i>
The Dark Is Rising.....	<i>Cooper</i>
Books of Ember (series).....	<i>DuPrau</i>
Inkheart Trilogy (series).....	<i>Funke</i>
The Graveyard Book.....	<i>Gaiman</i>
Princess Academy.....	<i>Hale</i>
The Keys to the Kingdom (series).....	<i>Nix</i>
The Wee Free Men.....	<i>Pratchett</i>
His Dark Materials Trilogy (series).....	<i>Pullman</i>
Larklight (series).....	<i>Reeve</i>
The True Meaning of Smekday.....	<i>Rex</i>
Endymion Spring.....	<i>Skelton</i>
The Mysterious Benedict Society (series).....	<i>Stewart</i>

Bartimaeus Trilogy (series).....	<i>Stroud</i>
The Doom Machine.....	<i>Teague</i>
The New Policeman.....	<i>Thompson</i>
Sorcery and Cecelia.....	<i>Wrede</i>

Biography

Thura's Diary: My Life in Wartime Iraq.....	<i>Al-Windawi</i>
Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood.....	<i>Barakat</i>
Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science.....	<i>Fleischman</i>
The Trouble Begins at 8: A Life of Mark Twain in the Wild, Wild West.....	<i>Fleischman</i>
The Lincolns: A Scrapbook Look at Abraham and Mary.....	<i>Fleming</i>
5,000 Miles To Freedom: Ellen and William Craft's Flight from Slavery.....	<i>Fradin</i>
Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth.....	<i>Giblin</i>
Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice.....	<i>Hoose</i>
Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution.....	<i>Jiang</i>
Tree Shaker: The Story of Nelson Mandela.....	<i>Keller</i>
Diego Rivera: Legendary Mexican Painter.....	<i>Litwin</i>
Terror of the Spanish Main: Sir Henry Morgan and His Buccaneers.....	<i>Marrin</i>
Something Out of Nothing: Marie Curie and Radium.....	<i>McClafferty</i>
Open the Door to Liberty! A Biography of Toussaint L'Ouverture.....	<i>Rockwell</i>
Satchel Paige: Striking Out Jim Crow.....	<i>Sturm</i>

Legends and Myths

The August House Book of Scary Stories.....	<i>August House</i>
Bearwalker.....	<i>Bruchac</i>
Book of a Thousand Days.....	<i>Hale</i>
Outlaw: The Legend of Robin Hood.....	<i>Lee</i>
Ever.....	<i>Levine</i>
Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales.....	<i>Mandela</i>
Gilgamesh.....	<i>McCaughrean</i>
Starry Tales.....	<i>McCaughrean</i>
Bound.....	<i>Napoli</i>
Ain't Nothing But a Man: My Quest to Find the Real John Henry.....	<i>Nelson</i>
Beowulf: A Tale of Blood, Heat and Ashes.....	<i>Raven</i>
Percy Jackson and the Olympians (series).....	<i>Riordan</i>
American Born Chinese.....	<i>Yang</i>

Mystery

Echo Falls Mysteries (series).....	<i>Abrahams</i>
Chasing Vermeer.....	<i>Balliett</i>
The Hundred-Year-Old Secret.....	<i>Barrett</i>
The Red Blazer Girls: The Ring of Rocamadour.....	<i>Beil</i>
Skeleton Man.....	<i>Bruchac</i>
Lady Grace Mysteries (series).....	<i>Cavendish</i>
Hoot.....	<i>Hiaasen</i>
The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn.....	<i>Hoobler</i>
Alex Rider (series).....	<i>Horowitz</i>
Bad Kitty.....	<i>Jaffe</i>
Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos.....	<i>LaFavers</i>
Lulu Dark Can See Through Walls.....	<i>Madison</i>
Kiki Strike (series).....	<i>Miller</i>
Jade Green.....	<i>Naylor</i>
When You Reach Me.....	<i>Stead</i>
The Secret of Gumbo Grove.....	<i>Tate</i>
Montmorency: Thief, Liar, Gentleman?.....	<i>Urdale</i>
Sammy Keyes (series).....	<i>Van Draanen</i>
Never Trust a Dead Man.....	<i>Vande Velde</i>



Historical Fiction

Before We Were Free.....	<i>Alvarez</i>
Fever, 1793.....	<i>Anderson</i>
Year of Impossible Goodbyes.....	<i>Choi</i>
Al Capone Does My Shirts.....	<i>Choldenko</i>
Revolution is Not a Dinner Party.....	<i>Compstine</i>
Iqbal.....	<i>D'Adamo</i>
Water Street.....	<i>Giff</i>
Jazmin's Notebook.....	<i>Grimes</i>
Incantation.....	<i>Hoffman</i>
Kira-Kira.....	<i>Kadobata</i>
The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate.....	<i>Kelly</i>
Green Glass Sea.....	<i>Klages</i>

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Historical Fiction (continued)

Dave At Night.....	<i>Levine</i>
Gold Dust.....	<i>Lynch</i>
When I Crossed No-Bob.....	<i>McMullan</i>
Mary, Bloody Mary.....	<i>Meyer</i>
Riot.....	<i>Myers</i>
The Storm In the Barn.....	<i>Phelan</i>
Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy.....	<i>Schmidt</i>
Keeping Corner.....	<i>Sheth</i>
Climbing the Stairs.....	<i>Venkatraman</i>
Red Moon at Sharpsburg.....	<i>Wells</i>
Listening for Lions.....	<i>Whelan</i>
Black Storm Comin'.....	<i>Wilson</i>
Counting on Grace.....	<i>Winthrop</i>

Informational

Mysterious Messages: A History of Codes and Ciphers.....	<i>Blackwood</i>
Wake Up Our Souls: A Celebration of Black American Artists.....	<i>Bolden</i>
Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion.....	<i>Burns</i>
What the World Eats.....	<i>D'Aluisio</i>
Bodies from the Ice: Melting Glaciers and the Rediscovery of the Past.....	<i>Deem</i>
What Are You?: Voices of Mixed-Race Young People.....	<i>Gaskins</i>
The Bone Detectives.....	<i>Jackson</i>
The Way We Work: Getting to Know the Amazing Human Body.....	<i>Macaulay</i>
An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793.....	<i>Murphy</i>
Marching for Freedom: Walk Together, Children, and Don't You Grow Weary.....	<i>Partridge</i>
Cars on Mars: Roving the Red Planet.....	<i>Siy</i>

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Grades 6–8

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