

TRUTH, GOODNESS, BEAUTY

THE
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COVENANT

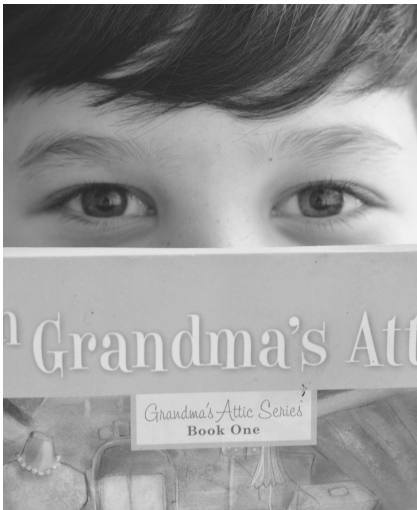
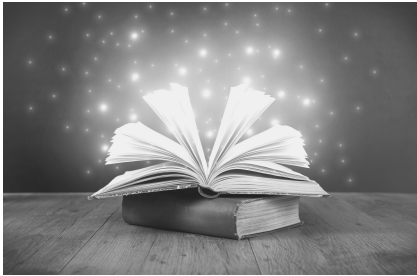
CLASSICAL

BOOK LISTS

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KINDERGARTEN

- The Ugly Duckling (Hans Christian Anderson)
- Building our House (Jonathan Bean)
- Madeleine (Ludwig Bemelmans)
- Goodnight Moon (Margaret Wise Brown)
- The Little Scarecrow Boy (Margaret Wise Brown)
- Wait Til the Moon is Full (Margaret Wise Brown)
- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom (Lois Ehlert)
- The Three Billy Goats Gruff (Paul Galdone)
- Danny and the Dinosaur (Sid Hoff)
- Sammy the Seal (Sid Hoff)
- Harold and the Purple Crayon (Crockett Johnson)
- The Quilt Story (Tony Johnston) Yonder (Tony Johnston)
- The Snowy Day (Ezra Jack Keats)
- A Color of His Own (Leo Lionni)
- Frederick (Leo Lionni)
- Swimmy (Leo Lionni)
- The Boy and the Ocean (Max Lucado)
- The Oak Inside the Acorn (Max Lucado)
- You are Mine (Max Lucado)
- You are Special (Max Lucado)
- The Three Little Pigs (Mei Matsuoka)
- A Time of Wonder (Robert McCloskey)
- Journey Cake Ho! (Robert McCloskey)
- Lentil (Robert McCloskey)



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**“SOMETIMES,' SAID POOH,
'THE SMALLEST THINGS
TAKE UP THE MOST ROOM
IN YOUR HEART.”**

A.A. Milne

- Christopher Robin Gives Pooh a Party (A.A. Milne)
- Eeyore Has a Birthday (A.A. Milne)
- Kanga and Roo Come to the Forest (A.A. Milne)
- Piglet is Entirely Surrounded by Water (A.A. Milne)
- Pooh and Piglet Go Hunting (A.A. Milne)
- Pooh Goes Visiting (A.A. Milne)
- The Little Engine that Could (Watty Piper)
- The Tale of Jemima Puddleduck (Beatrix Potter)
- The Tale of Peter Rabbit (Beatrix Potter)
- The Treasury of Beatrix Potter
- Fletcher and the Falling Leaves (Julia Rawlinson)
- Grandma's Attic series (Arleta Richardson)
- Henry and Mudge (Cynthia Rylant)
- Mr. Putter and Tabby (Cynthia Rylant)
- Poppleton (Cynthia Rylant)
- When I was Young in the Mountains (Cynthia Rylant)
- Bear Has a Story to Tell (Phillip C. Stead)
- The Story of Jumping Mouse (John Steptoe)
- The Deer in the Woods (Laura Ingalls Wilder)
- Winter on the Farm (Laura Ingalls Wilder)
- Rapunzel (Paul O. Zelinsky)
- Harry the Dirty Dog (Gene Zion)
- Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present (Charlotte Zolotow)
- Pebbles Plus nonfiction readers

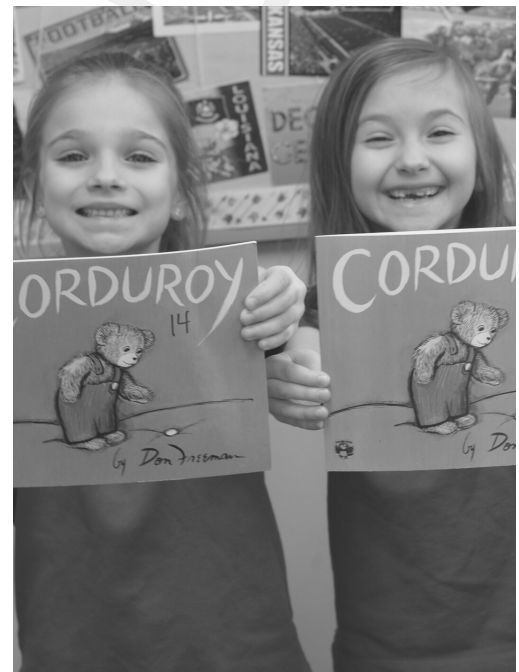
FIRST GRADE

- Mae Among The Stars (Roda Ahmed)
- Journey (Aaron Becker)
- Town Mouse, Country Mouse (Jan Brett)
- The Curious Garden (Peter Brown)
- Babar series (Jean de Brunhoff)
- Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel (Virginia Lee Burton)
- The Little House (Virginia Lee Burton)
- Zoe Sassafras (Asia Citro)
- The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles (Michelle Cuevas)
- Strega Nona (Tomie dePaola)
- Tut's Mummy: Lost and Found (Judy Donnelly)
- The Story about Ping (Margorie Flack)
- And Then It's Spring (Julie Fogliano)
- If You Want to See a Whale (Julie Fogliano)
- Corduroy (Don Freeman)
- Box Turtle at Long Pond (William George)
- Moses the Kitten (James Herriot)
- A Baby Sister for Francis (Russell Hoban)
- A Birthday for Francis (Russell Hoban)
- Bedtime for Francis (Russell Hoban)
- Bread and Jam for Francis (Russell Hoban)
- Little Red Riding Hood (Trina Schart Hyman)
- And So They Build (Bert Kitchen)
- The Story of Ferdinand (Munro Leaf)
- Frog and Toad are Friends (Arnold Lobel)
- Blueberries for Sal (Robert McCloskey)
- Make Way for Ducklings (Robert McCloskey)
- One Morning in Maine (Robert McCloskey)
- The Little Island (Robert McCloskey)
- The Lion and the Mouse (Jerry Pinkney)
- Curious George (H.A. Rey)
- A Symphony of Whales (Steve Schuch)
- Grandpa Green (Lane Smith)
- A Sick Day for Amos McGee (Philip C. Stead)
- Bear has a Story to Tell (Philip C. Stead)
- Sylvester and the Magic Pebble (William Steig)
- Dr. DeSoto (William Steig)
- The Giving Tree (Shel Silverstein)
- The Little Red Lighthouse (Hildegard Swift)
- The Great Gray Bridge (Hildegard Swift)
- Tuesday (David Wiesner)
- The Selfish Giant (Oscar Wilde)
- Joseph (Brian Wildsmith)
- Exodus (Brian Wildsmith)
- The Little Wooden Doll (Margery Williams)
- The Skin Horse (Margery Williams)
- The Velveteen Rabbit (Margery Williams)
- Gail Gibbons non-fiction picture books

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**"I like it
better here
where I can
sit just
quietly and
smell the
flowers."**

Ferdinand the Bull



SECOND GRADE

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- Billy and Blaze series (Clarence William Anderson)
- Damon, Pythias, and the Test of Friendship (Teresa Bateman)
- Building Our House (Jonathan Bean)
- The Owl and the Pussycat (Jan Brett)
- The Great Tulip Trade (Beth Wagner Brust)
- The Secret Valley (Clyde Robert Bulla)
- Riding the Pony Express (Clyde Robert Bulla)
- Kashtanka (Anton Chekhov and Gennadii Spirin)
- Ralph S. Mouse (Beverly Cleary)
- The Story of Ruby Bridges (Robert Coles)
- Pinocchio (Carlo Collodi and Roberto Innocenti)
- Emperor Qin's Terra Cotta Army (Michael Capek)
- Miss Rumphius (Barbara Cooney)
- King Midas and the Golden Touch (Charlotte Craft)
- Can You Find It?: Search and Discover More Than 150 Details in 19 Works of Art (Judith Cressy)
- The Courage of Sarah Noble (Alice Dalgliesh)
- D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths (Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire)
- The Boy Who Drew Birds: A Story of John James Audubon (Jaqueline Davies)
- One Tiny Turtle (Nicola Davies)
- Alexander the Great (Demi)
- The Empty Pot (Demi)
- The Hungry Coat (Demi)
- Grace for President (Kelly DiPucchio)
- Cyclops (Leonard Everett Fisher)
- Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille (Russell Freedman)
- Three Tales of My Father's Dragon (Ruth Stiles Gannett)
 - My Father's Dragon
 - Elmer & the Dragon
 - The Dragons of Blue land
- Dolphin Adventure series (Wayne Grover)
- A House is a House for Me (Mary Ann Hoberman)
- Theseus and the Minotaur (Warwick Hutton)
- The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins (Barbara Kerley)
- The Waterhorse (Dick King-Smith)
- The Librarian Who Measured the Earth (Kathryn Lasky)
- Sacred River (Ted Lewin)
- Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story (Gregg Lewis)
- National Geographic Book of Animal Poetry: 200 Poems with Photographs that Squeak, Soar, and Roar! (J. Patrick Lewis, compiler)
- The Language of Birds (Rafe Martin)
- Nature in the Neighborhood (Gordon Morrison)
- Favorite Greek Myths (Mary Pope Osborne)
- The Magic Treehouse series (Mary Pope Osborne)
- Rikki Tikki Tavi (Rudyard Kipling/Jerry Pinkney)

*"Friends have
ways of speaking
without words."*

ALICE DALGLIESH,
THE COURAGE OF SARAH NOBLE

SECOND GRADE *(continued)*

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- The Lion and the Mouse (Jerry Pinkney)
- Just Plain Fancy (Patricia Polacco)
- 20th Century Children's Poetry Treasury (Jack Prelutsky, editor)
- Volcanoes (Seymour Simon)
- Kate Shelley: Bound for Legend (Robert D. San Souci)
- N. C. Wyeth's Pilgrims (Robert D. San Souci)
- The Tale of the Firebird (Gennady Spirin)
- Cleopatra (Diane Stanley)
- Yellow and Pink (William Steig)
- Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters (John Steptoe)
- A Child's Garden of Verses (Robert Louis Stevenson)
- The Water Princess (Susan Verde)
- Unwitting Wisdom (Helen Ward)
- Boxcar Children series (Gertrude Chandler Warner)
- Wells of Knowledge Science Series (Robert R. Wells):
 - How Do You Lift a Lion?
 - Is a Blue Whale the Biggest Thing There Is?
 - What's Smaller than Pygmy Shrew?
 - Can You Count to a Googol?
 - Why Do Elephants Need the Sun?
 - What's Faster than a Speeding Cheetah?
 - What's Older than a Giant Tortoise?
 - Polar Bear, Why is Your World Melting?
 - Did a Dinosaur Drink this Water?
- Little House in the Big Woods (Laura Ingalls Wilder)
- Little House on the Prairie (Laura Ingalls Wilder)
- Wings (Jane Yolen)
- Malala's Magic Pencil (Malala Yousafzai)
- Rumpelstiltskin (Paul Zelinsky)

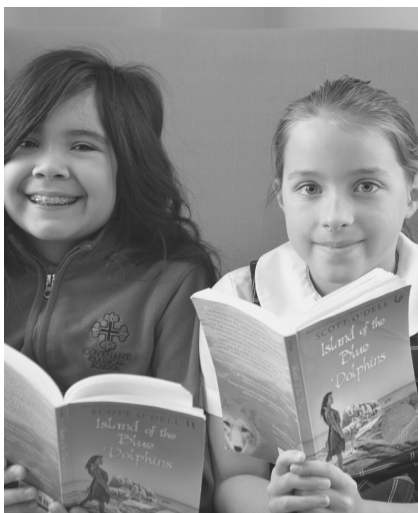
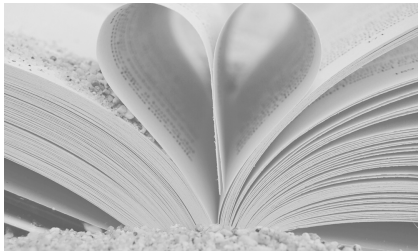


"The real things haven't changed. It is still best to be honest and truthful; to make the most of what we have; to be happy with simple pleasures; and have courage when things go wrong."

LAURA INGALLS WILDER,
THE LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE

THIRD GRADE

- A Medieval Feast (Ailiki)
- Living in Ancient Rome (Odile Bombarde and Claude Moatti)
- Paddington series (Michael Bond)
- Viking Adventure (Clyde Robert Bulla)
- Who in the World Was the Unready King?: The Story of Ethelred (Connie Clark)
- The Mouse and the Motorcycle (Beverly Cleary)
- Yussel's Prayer (Barbara Cohen)
- Leif the Lucky (Ingri Parin d'Aulaire, Edgar Parin d'Aulaire)
- The Parables of Jesus (Tomie De Paola)
- The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane (Kate DiCamillo)
- The Tale of Despereaux (Kate DiCamillo)
- Atlantis, The Lost City (Drew Donkin)
- Gone-Away Lake (Elizabeth Enright)
- Return to Gone-Away (Elizabeth Enright)
- Ginger Pye series (Eleanor Estes)
- Moffats series (Eleanor Estes)
- The Whipping Boy (Sid Fleischman)
- The Great Wall of China (Leonard Everett Fisher)
- How Do You Spell God? Answers to the Big Questions from Around the World (Rabbi Marc Gellman and Monsignor Thomas Hartman)
- The Samurai's Tale (Erik Haugaard)



- The Weaving of a Dream: A Chinese Folktale (Marilee Heyer)
- Saint George and the Dragon (Margaret Hodges)
- The Kitchen Knight (Margaret Hodges)
- Shaking Things Up: 14 Young Women Who Changed the World (Susan Hood)
- Lassie Come-Home (Eric Knight, adapted by Rosemary Wells, illustrated by Susan Jeffers)
- A Tournament of Knights (Joe Lasker)
- The Chronicles of Narnia (C.S. Lewis)
- Pippi Longstocking (Astrid Lindgren)
- Washington Irving's Rip Van Winkle (Thomas Locker)
- Dr. Dolittle series (Hugh Lofting)
- The Light Princess (George MacDonald)
- Homer Price (Robert McCloskey)
- Centerburg Tales (Robert McCloskey)
- Robin Hood of Sherwood Forest (Ann McGovern)
- Roxaboxen (Alice McLerran)
- Ten Kings and the Worlds they Ruled (Meltzer)
- The Arabs in the Golden Age (Mohktar Moktefi)
- Sir Gawain and the Green Knight (Michael Morpurgo)
- Beethoven Lives Upstairs (Barbara Nichol)
- Island of the Blue Dolphins (Scott O'Dell)

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**"I HAVE NEVER
TRIED THAT
BEFORE, SO I
THINK I SHOULD
DEFINITELY BE
ABLE TO DO
THAT."**

*Astrid Lindgren,
Pippi Longstocking*

THIRD GRADE (continued)

- Japan: Land of Samurai and Robots (Laurence Ottenheimer)
- Koko's Kitten (Francine Patterson)
- Who in the World Was the Acrobatic Empress?: The Story of Theodora (Robin Phillips)
- Bearskin (Howard Pyle)
- Buddha (Susan Roth)
- Young Lancelot (Robert San Souci)
- Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!: Voices from a Medieval Village (Laura Amy Schlitz)
- The Cricket in Times Square (George Selden)
- Encyclopedia Brown series (Donald J. Sobol)
- Peter the Great (Diane Stanley)
- Castles (Philip Steele)
- Growing Up In Ancient China (Ken Teague)
- The Castle in the Attic (Elizabeth Winthrop)

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“TALENT IS SOMETHING
RARE AND BEAUTIFUL
AND PRECIOUS, AND IT
MUST NOT BE ALLOWED
TO GO TO WASTE.”

George Selden, The Cricket in Times Square

FOURTH GRADE

- Along Came Galileo (Jeanne Bendick)
- The Penderwicks series (Jeanne Birdsall)
- Hurricane Watch (Franklyn M. Branley)
- The Fire on the Mountain and Other Ethiopian Stories (Harold Courlander)
- Bud, not Buddy (Christopher Paul Curtis)
- A Midsummer's Night's Dream for Young People (Diane Davidson)
- The Door in the Wall (Marguerite de Angeli)
- Because of Winn-Dixie (Kate DiCamillo)
- Poetry for Young People (Emily Dickinson)
- Twenty-One Balloons (William Pène du Bois)
- The Hundred Dresses (Eleanor Estes)
- Ginger Pye series (Eleanor Estes)
- Moffats series (Eleanor Estes)
- Hitty, Her First Hundred Years (Rachel Field)
- Gutenberg (Leonard Everett Fisher)
- Continents (Dennis B. Fradin)
- General Butterfingers (John Reynolds Gardner)
- The Vanderbeekers series (Karina Yan Glaser)
- Benjamin West and His Cat Grimalkin (Marguerite Henry, Wesley Dennis)
- Don Quixote and Sancho Panza (Margaret Hodges adaptation)
- The Secret of Zoom (Lynne Jonell)
- The Second Mrs. Giaconda (E. L. Konigsburg)
- Ten Tales of Shakespeare (Charles Lamb)
- Number the Stars (Lois Lowry)
- Cathedral: The Story of Its Construction (David Macaulay)
- The Tarantula Scientist (Sy Montgomery)
- Owls in the Family (Farley Mowat)
- Shiloh (Phyllis Reynold Naylor)
- The Borrowers (Mary Norton)
- Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH (Robert C. O'Brien)
- Gulliver's Travels (adapted by James Riordan)
- The Little Prince (Antoine de Saint-Exupéry)
- The Time Warp Trio series (Jon Scieszka)
- Casey at the Bat (Ernest Lawrence Thayer)
- Sundiata: Lion King of Mali (David Wisniewski)
- The Renaissance (Tim Wood)
- Leonardo (Ernest Raboff)
- Michelangelo (Ernest Raboff)
- Raphael (Ernest Raboff)

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***“Half of this story
is true and the
other half might
very well have
happened.”***

**William Pène du Bois,
Twenty-One Balloons**



FIFTH GRADE

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- The Black Cauldron series (Lloyd Alexander)
- Tuck Everlasting (Natalie Babbitt)
- Walk the World's Rim (Betty Baker)
- Indian in the Cupboard quintet (Lynne Reid Banks)
- Benjamin Franklin's Battle with Electricity (Beverly Birch)
- Marie Curie's Search for Radium (Beverly Birch)
- Caddie Woodlawn (Carol Ryrie Brink)
- A Little Princess (Frances Hodgson Burnett)
- Dr. Beaumont and the Man with a Hole in his Stomach (Sam Epstein)
- By the Great Horn Spoon (Sid Fleishman)
- Johnny Tremain (Esther Forbes)
- George Washington's World (Genevieve Foster)
- Shh! We're Writing the Constitution (Jean Fritz)
- Why Don't You Get a Horse, Sam Adams? (Jean Fritz)
- The Great Little Madison (Jean Fritz)
- Stone Fox (John Reynolds Gardiner)
- Voyage to Freedom (David Gay)
- Julie of the Wolves (Jean Craighead George)
- My Side of the Mountain trilogy (Jean Craighead George)
 - My Side of the Mountain
 - On the Far Side of the Mountain
 - Frightful's Mountain
- Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales series (Nathan Hale)
- Vinegar Boy (Alberta Hawse)
- Out of the Dust (Karen Hesse)
- Paddle-to-the-Sea (Holling C. Holling)
- Minn of the Mississippi (Holling C. Holling)
- Tree in the Trail (Holling C. Holling)
- Seabird (Holling C. Holling)
- Pagoo (Holling C. Holling)
- Redwall series (Brian Jacques)
- The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (William Kamkwamba)
- Focus on Elementary Physics (Rebecca Keller)
- I Am Malala (Christina Lamb and Malala Yousafzai)
- A Wrinkle in Time series (Madeleine L'Engle)
- The Princess and the Goblin (George MacDonald)
- Ghana, Mali, Songhay: the Western Sudan (Kenny Mann)
- The Octopus Scientists (Sy Montgomery)
- Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions (Margaret Musgrove)
- 5 Children and It (Edith Nesbit)
- Rascal (Sterling North)
- American Tall Tales (Mary Pope Osborne)

FOR THE
FIRST TIME
HE LEARNED
TO THINK
BEFORE HE
SPOKE.

Esther Forbes, Johnny Tremain

FIFTH GRADE (continued)

- Hatchet (Gary Paulsen)
- The Sign of the Beaver (Elizabeth George Speare)
- The Witch of Blackbird Pond (Elizabeth George Speare)
- Call it Courage (Armstrong Sperry)
- World History Biographies: Isaac Newton: The Scientist Who Changed Everything (Philip Steele)
- World History Biographies: Marie Curie: The Woman Who Changed the Course of Science (Philip Steele)
- Treasure Island (Robert Louis Stevenson)
- Exploring Planet Earth (John Hudson Tiner)
- Listening for Lions (Gloria Whelan)
- Amos Fortune, Free Man (Elizabeth Yates)
- Landmark Books biography series

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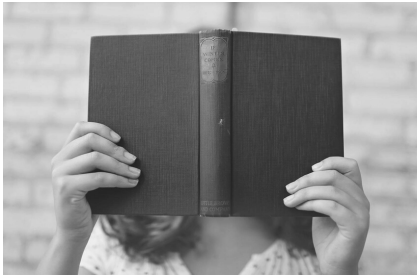
"Don't be afraid of death. Be afraid of an unlived life. You don't have to live forever, you just have to live."

NATALIE BABBITT,
TUCK EVERLASTING

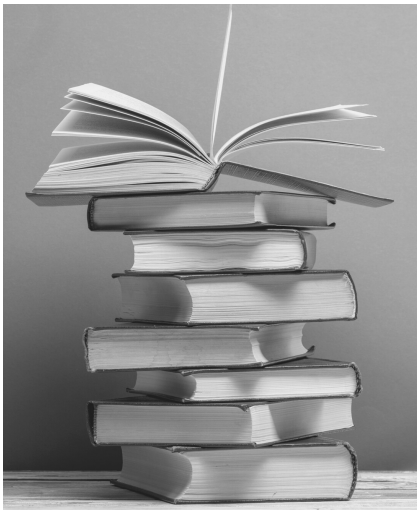
SIXTH GRADE

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- Wolves of Willoughby Chase (Joan Aiken)
- Peter Pan (J.M. Barrie)
- Turn Homeward, Hannalee (Patricia Beatty)
- Be Ever Hopeful, Hannalee (Patricia Beatty)
- Galen and the Gateway to Medicine (Jeanne Bendick)
- Pasteur's Fight Against Microbes (Beverly Birch)
- The Secret Garden (Frances Hodgson Burnett)
- Alice in Wonderland (Lewis Carroll)
- A Christmas Carol (Charles Dickens)
- Stella by Starlight (Sharon M. Draper)
- Abraham Lincoln's World (Genevieve Foster)
- Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt (Jean Fritz)
- Stonewall (Jean Fritz)
- The Reluctant Dragon (Kenneth Grahame)
- The Wind in the Willows (Kenneth Grahame)
- The Adventures of Robin Hood (Roger Lancelyn Green)
- Phantom Tollbooth (Norton Juster)
- Carry On, Mr. Bowditch (Jean Lee Latham)
- National Geographic Book of Nature Poetry (J. Patrick Lewis, editor)
- On the Back of the North Wind (George McDonald)
- Little Britches series (Ralph Moody)
- Where the Red Fern Grows (Wilson Rawls)



- The Green Ember series (S.D. Smith)
- The Winged Watchman (Hilda van Stockum)
- Black Ships Before Troy (Rosemary Sutcliff)
- The Wanderings of Odysseus (Rosemary Sutcliff)
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry (Mildred D. Taylor)
- Exploring the World of Chemistry (John Hudson Tiner)
- Beyond the Bright Sea (Lauren Wolk)
- The Mystery of the Periodic Table (Benjamin Wiker and Ted Schluenderfritz)



“IT'S STRANGE INDEED HOW MEMORIES CAN LIE
DORMANT IN A MAN'S MIND FOR SO MANY
YEARS. YET THOSE MEMORIES CAN BE
AWAKENED AND BROUGHT FORTH FRESH AND
NEW, JUST BY SOMETHING YOU'VE SEEN, OR
SOMETHING YOU'VE HEARD, OR THE SIGHT OF
AN OLD FAMILIAR FACE.”

WILSON RAWLS, WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS

SEVENTH GRADE

- Little Women (Louisa May Alcott)
- And Then There were None (Agatha Christie)
- Murder on the Orient Express (Agatha Christie)
- The Moonstone (Wilkie Collins)
- Robinson Crusoe (Daniel Defoe)
- Oliver Twist (Charles Dickens)
- G.A. Henty series (historical fiction)
- Anne of Green Gables (L.M. Montgomery)
- A Long Way from Chicago (Richard Peck)
- A Year Down Yonder (Richard Peck)
- Percy Jackson series (Rick Riordan)
- Harry Potter series (J.K. Rowling)
- Esperanza Rising (Pam Munoz Ryan)
- Holes (Louis Sachar)
- Fuzzy Mud (Louis Sachar)
- Theras and His Town (Caroline Dale Snedeker)
- The Bronze Bow (Elizabeth George Speare)
- Piecing Me Together (Renee Watson)
- Mystery of the Roman Ransom (Henry Winterfeld)

EIGHTH GRADE

- Pride and Prejudice (Jane Austen)
- Archimedes and the Door of Science (Jeanne Bendick)
- Fahrenheit 451 (Ray Bradbury)
- Jane Eyre (Charlotte Bronte)
- Ender's Game (Orson Scott Card)
- Jurassic Park (Michael Crichton)
- The Lost World (Michael Crichton)
- The Watsons Go to Birmingham (Christopher Paul Curtis)
- Augustus Caesar's World (Genevieve Foster)
- Traitor!: The Case of Benedict Arnold (Jean Fritz)
- The Story of Science (Joy Hakim)
- The Old Man & the Sea (Ernest Hemingway)
- The Hunchback of Notre Dame (Victor Hugo)
- A Separate Peace (John Knowles)
- To Kill a Mockingbird (Harper Lee)
- Till We Have Faces (C.S. Lewis)
- Screwtape Letters (C.S. Lewis)
- The Call of the Wild (Jack London)
- White Fang (Jack London)
- The Giver (Lois Lowry)
- City: A Story of Roman Planning and Construction (David Macaulay)
- Animal Farm (George Orwell)

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“I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading! How much sooner one tires of any thing than of a book!”

**Jane Austen,
*Pride and Prejudice***

