

Grade 5 – Grade 6 Booklist

Biography	Fantasy, Folklore, Mythology		Graphic Novels/Non-Fiction	Historical Fiction
Non-Fiction	Mystery	Poetry	Realistic Fiction	Science Fiction

Biography

Blumenthal, Karen	<u>Mr. Sam: How Sam Walton built Wal-Mart and became America's richest man</u>	Examines the life of Sam Walton and discusses how his competitive nature aided in the building of Wal-Mart and his wealth.
Carlson, Laurie	<u>Harry Houdini for Kids</u>	A biography of magician and escape artist Harry Houdini. Explains how Houdini performed some famous stunts and includes twenty-one magic tricks for readers to try for themselves.
Fleming, Candace	<u>Amelia Lost</u>	This book traces the life of female aviator Amelia Earhart from her childhood to her final flight, discusses the extensive search for her and her missing plane, and includes photographs, maps, handwritten notes by Amelia, and sidebars.
Fleming, Candace	<u>The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia</u>	Details the history of Russia's last royal family, the Romanovs.
Freedman, Russell	<u>The Adventures of Marco Polo (and other books by this author)</u>	An illustrated chronicle of the travels of thirteenth-century explorer Marco Polo: includes a discussion of the controversy over whether he indeed went to China.
Kostyal, K. M.	<u>Trial by Ice: A Photobiography of Sir Ernest Shackleton</u>	This book traces the adventurous life of the South Pole explorer whose ship, the Endurance, was frozen in ice and crushed, leaving the captain and crew to fight for survival.

Krull, Kathleen	<u>Marie Curie (and other titles by this author)</u>	A biography of Polish-French physicist and chemist Marie Curie, who was a pioneer in the field of radioactivity and won a Noble prize in both physics and in chemistry.
Lee, Tonya	<u>Almost Astronauts: 13 Women who Dared to Dream</u>	A look at the unsuccessful effort to get women into NASA's Mercury astronaut training program.
Macy, Sue	<u>Bylines: A Photobiography of Nellie Bly</u> (National Geographic Biography series)	Discusses Nelly Bly's childhood, journalistic endeavors, 72-day adventure around the world, setbacks, marriage and opinions about civil rights issues of the period.
Montgomery, Sy	<u>Temple Grandin: How the Girl Who Loved Cows Embraced Autism and Changed the World</u>	This book examines the life and accomplishments of Temple Grandin, whose childhood diagnosis of autism and love of cows led her to revolutionize the livestock industry.
Paulsen, Gary	<u>Guts: The True Stories Behind Hatchet and the Brian Books</u>	This collection of six stories reveals Paulsen's real-life spirit and the part it played in Brian's four adventures. Paulsen relates the nature lore and autobiographical incidents behind the wilderness survival scenarios.
Say, Allen	<u>Drawing from Memory</u>	The author's own story of his path to becoming the renowned artist he is today. Shunned by his father, who didn't understand his son's artistic leanings, Allen was embraced by Noro Shinpei, Japan's leading cartoonist and the man he came to love as his "spiritual father."
Woodson, Jacqueline	<u>Brown Girl Dreaming</u>	The author shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in the North and South.

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Fantasy, Folklore and Mythology

Auxier, Jonathan	<u>Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes</u>	Raised to be a thief, blind orphan Peter Nimble, age ten, steals from a mysterious stranger three pairs of magical eyes that lead him to a hidden island where he must decide to become a hero or resume his life of crime.
Baker, E.D.	<u>Fairy Wings</u>	When Tamisin discovers that she is half fairy, she decides to find out more answers directly from the fairies themselves, including her mother, the fairy queen.
Cooper, Susan	<u>The Dark is Rising</u> (series)	In the first book, <u>Over Sea, Under Stone</u> , Will Stanton discovers on his eleventh birthday that he is the last of the Old Ones, destined to seek the six magical signs that will enable the Old Ones to triumph over the evil forces of the Dark.
D'Lacey, Chris	<u>The Fire Within</u> (part of the Dragon Chronicles series)	College student David Rain rents a room in an unusual boarding house full of clay dragons, not realizing that they, along with some lively squirrels, will help jumpstart his writing career.
Flanagan, John	<u>Halt's Peril: The Ranger's Apprentice</u> (series)	Tennyson, the false prophet of the Outsider cult, has escaped and Halt is determined to stop him before he crosses the border into Araluen, but Genovesan assassins put Will and Halt's extraordinary archery skills to the test.
Hunter, Erin	<u>Into the Wild</u> Warriors (series)	Four clans of cats in the woods, who used to get along, are now disagreeing about hunting rights and the Thunderclan adopts an orange tomcat into their group as an apprentice.
LeGuin, Ursula	<u>A Wizard of Earthsea</u>	A boy grows to manhood while attempting to subdue the evil he unleashed on the world as an apprentice to the master wizard.

Mull, Brandon	<u>A World Without Heroes</u>	Fourteen-year-old Jason Walker is transported to a strange world called Lyrian, where he joins Rachel and a few rebels to piece together the Word that can destroy the malicious wizard emperor, Surroth.
Napoli, Donna Jo	<u>A Treasury of Greek Mythology</u>	This book presents illustrated retellings of classic Greek myths, sharing the stories of Zeus, Aphrodite, Apollo, Athena, Helen of Troy, Perseus, and Medusa, with sidebars for each god, goddess, hero, and monster that link the tales to constellations, history, geography, and culture, and including profiles, a family tree, and other resources.
Nielsen, Jennifer	<u>Mark of the Thief</u> (series)	When Nic, a slave in the mines outside of Rome, is forced to enter a sealed cavern containing lost treasures of Julius Caesar, he finds himself in possession of an ancient amulet filled with magic once reserved for the Gods.
Oliver, Lauren	<u>Liesl & Po</u>	After her father's death, Liesel is locked away in a tiny attic room by her stepmother, where she meets Po, a lonely ghost, and Will, an alchemist's apprentice who bungles an important delivery and enlists Liesl and Po's help in setting things straight.
Paver, Michelle	<u>Wolf Brother</u> Book One of the Chronicles of Ancient Darkness series	6,000 years ago, twelve-year-old Torak and his guide, a wolf cub, set out on a dangerous journey to fulfill an oath the boy made to his dying father-- to travel to the Mountain of the World Spirit to destroy a demon possessed bear that threatens all the clans.
Riordan, Rick	<u>The Sword of Summer</u> The Magnus Chase series	Magnus Chase has always been a troubled kid. Since his mother's mysterious death, he's lived alone on the streets of Boston, surviving by his wits, keeping one step ahead of the police and the truant officers.

Scott, Michael	<u>The Alchemist</u> the Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel series	Fifteen-year-old twins, Sophie and Josh, find themselves caught up in the deadly struggle between rival alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of an ancient book that holds the secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life.
Selznick, Brian	<u>Wonderstruck</u>	Ben, loses his mother and his hearing in a short time frame and decides to leave his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he has never known in New York City. A second story involves Rose, who lives with her father but feels compelled to search for what is missing in her life. Ben's story is told in words; Rose's in pictures.
Snyder, Zilpha Keatley	<u>The Bronze Pen</u>	With her father's failing health and the family's shaky finances, twelve-year-old Audrey's dreams of becoming a writer seem very impractical until she is given a peculiar bronze pen that appears to have unusual powers.
Springer, Nancy	<u>Rowan Hood, Outlaw Girl of Sherwood Forest</u> and other books by this author	In her quest to connect with Robin Hood, the father she has never met, thirteen-year-old Rosemary disguises herself as a boy, befriends a half-wolf, half-dog, a runaway princess, and an overgrown boy whose singing is hypnotic, and makes peace with her elfin heritage.
Stephens, John	<u>The Emerald Atlas</u>	Kate, Michael, and Emma have passed from one orphanage to another in the ten years since their parents disappeared to protect them, but now they learn that they have special powers--and a fearsome enemy--and embark on a prophesied quest to find a magical book.
Ursu, Anne	<u>Breadcrumbs</u>	Hazel and Jack are best friends until an accident with a magical mirror and a run-in with a villainous queen find Hazel on her own, entering an enchanted wood in the hopes of saving Jack's life.

Ursu, Anne	<u>The Shadow Thieves</u> (series)	After her cousin Zee arrives from England, he and thirteen-year-old Charlotte must set out to save humankind from denizens of the underworld, Nightmares, Death, Pain, and a really nasty guy named Phil. (Mythical animals – like Titan’s Curse).
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Graphic Novels/Non-Fiction

Bell, Cece	<u>El Deafo</u>	A graphic novel memoir of author/illustrator Cece Bell who grew up hearing impaired.
Guibert, Emmanuel	<u>Sardine in Outer Space</u> 4 (series)	Young space pirate Sardine foils the plans of Supermuscleman, a tyrant who wants all the galaxy’s children to behave as she fights monsters under the bed, diseased tattoos and boredom.
Hergé	<u>Adventures of Tin Tin</u> (series)	This classic graphic novel follows the unquenchably curious young reporter Tintin and his fiercely loyal dog Snowy as they discover a model ship carrying an explosive secret.
Kazu Kibuishi	<u>Amulet: Book One The Stonekeeper</u> (series)	After moving to their ancestral home, Emily and Navin’s mother is kidnapped by a tentacled creature in the basement. This leads the children on a deadly chase into the magical world below their home.
O’Donnell, Liam	<u>The Shocking World of Electricity with Max Axiom, Super Scientist</u>	Follows the adventures of Max Axiom as he explains the science behind electricity.

Selznick, Brian	<u>The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures</u>	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 undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.
Smith, Jeff	<u>Bone 7: Ghost Circles Series</u>	Bone continues to struggle to reach the city of Atheia.
Telgemeier, Raina	<u>Smile</u>	The author relates, in graphic form, her experiences after she injured her two front teeth and had to have surgeries and wear embarrassing braces and headgear, all while also dealing with the trials and tribulations of middle school.
Watterson, Sam	<u>Calvin and Hobbes</u>	This book is a collection of comic strips following the adventures of Calvin and his stuffed tiger Hobbes.
Yeh, Phil	<u>Dinosaurs Across America</u>	A collection of comics that teaches interesting facts about each of the states, their history, people, and cities.

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Historical Fiction

Avi	<u>Iron Thunder</u>	Tom gets work building the iron ship called the Monitor.
Axelrod, Amy	<u>Your Friend in Fashion, Abby Shapiro</u>	Beginning in 1959, Abby, nearly eleven, writes a series of letters to Jackie Kennedy, each with sketches of outfits she has designed, as she faces family problems, concerns about neighbors, and her own desperate desire for both her first bra and a Barbie doll.
Bradley, Kimberly	<u>The War That Saved My</u>	A young disabled girl and her brother are

Brubaker	<u>Life</u>	evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.
Brandeis, Gayle	<u>My Life With the Lincolns</u>	In 1966 Illinois, twelve-year-old Wilhelmina is convinced that she, her parents and her sisters are Abraham Lincoln's family reincarnated. She is determined to keep them from suffering the same fates, and this becomes complicated when she and her father become involved in the Civil Rights Movement.
Curtis, Christopher Paul	<u>The Mighty Miss Malone</u>	Deza Malone, the smartest girl in her class in Gary, Indiana, accompanies her mother and older brother on a trip to find her father, an African American man who left to find work after the Great Depression hit. They end up in Hooverville outside of Flint, Michigan, and her brother attempts to be a performer while Deza and her mother search for a home.
Draper, Sharon M.	<u>Stella by Starlight</u>	A burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, and fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.
Howard, Ellen	<u>The Crimson Cap</u>	11-year-old Pierre Talon sets out in 1684 on the last ill-fated expedition of the great French explorer Rene-Robert Cavelier. The quest soon falls apart and Pierre finds himself captured by local Hasinai Indians. As he lives among them and learns more about their ways of life, he must decide whether to stay with them or risk everything to return home and retain his European roots.
Lai, Thanhha	<u>Inside Out and Back Again</u>	Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

Levine, Kristin	<u>The Best Bad Luck I Ever Had</u>	Harry "Dit" Sims and his newest friend Emma Walker work together to come up with a plan that could save the town barber, an African-American, who is put on trial and faces a horrible end.
Lisle, Janet Taylor	<u>Black Duck</u>	Years afterwards, Ruben Hart tells the story of how, in 1929 Newport, Rhode Island, his family and his best friend's family were caught up in the violent competition among groups trying to control the local rum-smuggling trade.
Morpurgo, Michael	<u>An Elephant in the Garden</u>	Lizzie and Karl's mother is working at a local zoo in Dresden, Germany, during World War II while their father is away fighting in France. She brings home Marlene, a baby elephant that is slated to be destroyed as the Allied bombing grows closer. When they are forced to flee, Mutti feels they must take Marlene with them, adding even more danger to their journey.
Morpurgo, Michael	<u>Kaspar the Titanic Cat</u>	Fourteen-year-old Johnny Trott, a bell-boy at London's Savoy Hotel in 1912, becomes caregiver to Kaspar Kandinsky, the Prince of Cats, and soon the two are stowing away on the Titanic, where they are befriended by the Stanton family of New York.
Olson, Tod	<u>How to Get Rich on the Oregon Trail</u> (Read other titles in this series)	Features a selection of journal entries written by William Reed, who describes his experiences while traveling along the Oregon Trail in the mid-nineteenth century.
Park, Linda Sue	<u>When My Name Was Keoko</u> (Read other books by this author)	In alternating chapters, ten-year-old Sun-Hee and her thirteen-year-old brother, Tae-yul, describe the changes their family undergoes starting in 1940, when the Japanese who rule Korea decree all Koreans must forsake their Korean names for Japanese ones.

Paterson, Katherine	<u>Bread and Roses, Too</u>	This tale is about two children caught up in the 1912 Bread and Roses Strike in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Jake labors in the textile mills, and Rosa goes to school while her mother and sister toil. Both Jake and Rosa are unwilling participants in the labor action.
Peck, Richard	<u>On the Wings of Heroes</u> (Read other books by this author)	Davy's small-town life reflects joy and sorrow just before and after World War II.
Phelan, Matt	<u>Storm in the Barn</u>	This is the tale of 11-year-old Jack Clark. It's 1937, and Jack faces many challenges on his family's Kansas farm, including bullies, a pesky younger sister and the effects of the Dust Bowl. When Jack witnesses and investigates a mysterious flash in Talbot's abandoned barn, he uncovers a sinister figure lurking.
Philbrick, W.R.	<u>The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg</u>	Homer P. Figg escapes from his wretched foster home in Pine Swamp, Maine, and sets out to find his beloved older brother, Harold, who has been illegally sold into the Union Army.
Slate, Joseph	<u>I Want to Be Free</u>	An escaped slave rescues a baby from slave traders.
Slayton, Fran Cannon	<u>When the Whistle Blows</u>	Jimmy Cannon is growing up in a railroad town in 1940s West Virginia and is determined to jump a steam train as it chugs its way through town. He knows it is dangerous and he is breaking rules, but the exhilaration is worth it. Besides, he's not like his dad, who is afraid to take a chance.
Swanson, James L.	<u>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</u>	Details John Wilkes Booth's loyalty to the South and his determination to rid the Union of Lincoln's presence any way he could.

Tarshis, Lauren [The Sinking of the Titanic, 1912](#) Ten-year-old George Calder's life changes forever as he, his little sister, Phoebe, and their Aunt Daisy set out across the ocean on the "Titanic" in 1912.

Thor, Annika [The Lily Pond](#) Having left Nazi-occupied Vienna a year ago, thirteen-year-old Jewish refugee Stephanie Steiner adapts to life in the cultured Swedish city of Gothenburg, where she attends school, falls in love, and worries about her parents who were not allowed to emigrate.

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Non-Fiction

Aronson, Marc [Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 feet Below the Chilean Desert](#) A detailed account of rescue efforts to save thirty-three miners, who got trapped in a copper-gold mine in San Jose, Chile, examining the psychological, physical, and environmental factors influencing the course of the rescue, and describing the efforts of experts from around the world--drillers, astronauts, submarine specialists, and others--came together in response to the crisis.

Bonner, Hannah [When Bugs Were Big, Plants Were Strange, and Tetrapods Stalked the Earth: A Cartoon Prehistory of Life Before](#) This book takes a tour of the earth three hundred and twenty million years ago, during the Paleozoic Era, and investigates the plants and animals found there.

Borden, Louise [His name was Raoul Wallenberg: Courage, Rescue, and Mystery During World War II](#) This book chronicles the life of Raoul Wallenberg, a Swede, who at the end of World War II was able to save thousands of Hungarian Jews from the Nazi concentration camps.

Cummins, Julie [Women Daredevils: Thrills, Chills, and Frills](#) Fourteen women who flouted convention to work as entertainers in the years between 1880 and 1929 are profiled in this book. They performed thrilling feats in the water, in the air,

and in the circus.

Freedman, Russell	<u>Who Was First? Discovering the Americas</u>	Who really discovered America? This book examines the evidence that indicates others may have traveled to the Americas before Columbus in 1492 including Viking ruins, Mayan stonework, and other mysterious objects found in New England that date before Columbus.
Hopkinson, Deborah	<u>Titanic: Voices From the Disaster</u>	This book draws on stories from survivors and archival photographs to describe the history of the "Titanic" from its launch to its sinking.
Jenkins, Steve	<u>Down, Down, Down</u>	Caldecott Honor winning Steve Jenkins provides a top-to-bottom look at the ocean, from birds and waves to thermal vents and ooze. Half the earth's surface is covered by water more than a mile deep, but most of this watery world is a mystery to us. In fact, more people have stood on the surface of the moon than have visited the deepest spot in the ocean.
Kops, Deborah	<u>The Great Molasses Flood: Boston, 1919</u>	January 15, 1919, started off as a normal day in Boston's North End. But all of a sudden a large tank of molasses exploded, sending shards of metal hundreds of feet away, collapsing buildings, and coating the harbor front community with a thick layer of sticky-sweet sludge. Many people died or were injured in the accident—the book reveals who was to blame.
Kurlansky, Mark	<u>The Story of Salt</u>	This handsome picture book explores every aspect of salt: The many ways it's gathered from the earth and sea; how ancient emperors in China, Egypt, and Rome used it to keep their subjects happy; why salt was key to the Age of Exploration; what salt meant to the American Revolution; and even how the search for salt eventually led to oil.

MacCaulay, David	<u>Built to Last</u>	This book has colorful, detailed illustrations and explanations of how castles, mosques, and cathedrals were built.
Mann, Elizabeth	<u>Statue of Liberty</u> (series)	Photographs and text trace the history of the Statue of Liberty, describing what the various symbols found on the statue mean, how it was built, what it means to the American people, and how it has been restored over the years.
Pringle, Laurence P.	<u>Billions of Years, Amazing Changes: The Story of Evolution</u>	A captivating view of evolution that brings together research from a variety of scientific disciplines to create a compelling argument that supports what is now called evolution by natural selection.
Rusch, Elizabeth	<u>Eruption!: Volcanoes and the Science of Saving Lives</u>	Follows volcanologists Andy Lockhart and John Pallister as they helicopter onto active volcanoes to install equipment, climb into blast zones to collect ash samples, and endure suspense as they wait to find out if their predictions are accurate.
Stone, Tanya Lee	<u>Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream</u>	Profiles thirteen women who challenged social norms and government policies to prove they could be exceptional astronauts.
Wecchsler, Doug	<u>Bizarre Bugs</u>	A visit to the fascinating world of some very unusual creatures, both in appearance and behavior. Most of the insects live in tropical habitats, but the text does relate similarities in behavior to those found in North America. The reasons for the insects' specific appearances and the importance of these adaptations to survival are explained.

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Mystery

Barnett, Mac	<u>It Happened on a Train</u> (series)	Seventh-grader Steve Brixton finds himself pulled back into sleuthing when, during a train trip down the California coast, he uncovers a mystery involving a fleet of priceless automobiles, an assassin, an a private rail car.
Beil, Michael D.	<u>The Red Blazer Girls:</u> <u>The Ring of</u> <u>Rocamadour</u> (series)	Catholic-schooled seventh-graders Sophie, Margret, Rebecca, and Leigh Ann help an elderly neighbor solve a puzzle her father left for her estranged daughter twenty years ago.
Bosch, Pseudonymous	<u>You Have to Stop This</u>	When a mummy disappears from the local history museum while Cass and her friends Max-Ernest and Yo-Yoji are there, they try to solve the case in order to clear their names and, they hope, discover the Secret they have been seeking.
Clements, Andrew	<u>Room One: A Mystery or</u> <u>Two</u>	Sixth-grader Ted Hammond, who loves a good mystery, finds one in real life when he sees a face in the window of an abandoned farmhouse while on his paper route.
DeFelice, Cynthia	<u>The Missing Manatee</u> (and other books by this author)	While coping with his parents' separation, eleven-year old Skeet spends most of spring break in his skiff on a Florida river, where he finds a manatee shot to death and begins looking for the killer.
Dowd, Siobhan	<u>The London Eye</u> <u>Mystery</u>	When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.
Gibbs, Stuart	<u>Belly Up</u> (Read other books by this author)	Twelve-year-old Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt Fitzroy believes that Henry, the hippopotamus at the brand-new FunJungle, has been murdered. The zoo's top brass claim the hippo went belly up the natural way, but Teddy and his feisty friend Summer McCracken have other ideas.

Hahn, Mary Downing	<u>Deep and Dark and Dangerous: A Ghost Story</u>	When thirteen-year-old Ali spends the summer with her aunt and cousin at the family's vacation home, she stumbles upon a secret that her mother and aunt have been hiding for over thirty years.
Horowitz, Anthony	<u>Scorpia</u> (series)	After being told that his father was an assassin for a criminal organization, fourteen-year-old Alex goes to Italy to find out more and becomes involved in a plan to kill thousands of English schoolchildren.
Konigsburg, E.L.	<u>Silent to the Bone</u>	When he is wrongly accused of gravely injuring his baby half-sister, thirteen-year-old Branwell loses his power of speech and only his friend Connor is able to reach him and uncover the truth about what really happened.
Raskin, Ellen	<u>The Westing Game</u>	The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.
Springer, Nancy	<u>The Case of the Bizarre Bouquets: An Enola Holmes Mystery</u>	Fourteen-year-old Enola Holmes, disguised as a beautiful woman, finds clues in floral bouquets as she searches for the missing Doctor Watson, a companion of her famous older brother, Sherlock.
Turnage, Sheila	<u>The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing</u> (series)	In this charming Southern story, Miss Lana accidentally buys a haunted inn at the Tupelo Landing town auction. So the Desperado Detectives—aka Mo LoBeau and her best friend Dale—open up a paranormal division to solve the ghosts' identity before the town's big 250 th anniversary.

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Poetry

Alexander, Kwame	<u>The Crossover</u>	Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.
Grandits, John	<u>Technically, It's Not My Fault: Concrete Poems</u>	A collection of poems in which words and art combine to make pictures of the life of an eleven-year old boy.
Janeczko, Paul	<u>A Foot in the Mouth Poems to speak, sing and shout</u> (And other books by this author)	Playfully enticing ode to the pleasures of reading poetry aloud. One voice, two voice, three voice, free voice! Whether rhyming, tongue tying, or defying structure, here are more than three dozen poems that simply beg to be read aloud.
Kennedy, Caroline	<u>A Family of Poems</u>	Presents a collection of over one hundred poems from around the world drawn from the author's family memories.
Lai, Thanhha	<u>Inside Out and Back Again</u>	Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.
Lewis, J. Patrick	<u>National Geographic Book of Nature Poetry: More than 200 Poems With Photographs That Float, Zoom, and Bloom!</u>	No further explanation necessary!
	<u>L is for Lolly Gag Quirky words for a Clever Tongue</u>	Packed with oodles of tongue-tickling words and a hodgepodge of curious illustration for fun trivia.
Schlitz, Amy	<u>Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village</u>	A collection of one-person plays and poems featuring characters, between ten and fifteen years old, who live in or near a thirteenth-century English manor.

Sidman Joyce This is Just to Say:
Poems of Apology and
Forgiveness A collection of poems written by a number of sixth-grade students who write poems of apology to someone, and a collection of responses in poetry form.

Yolen, Jane Shape Me a Rhyme:
Nature's Forms in Poetry Twelve poems and photographs explore the beauty and variety of shapes and forms in nature, examining such items as an egg, the sun, and the moon.

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Realistic Fiction

Applegate, Katherine Crenshaw A story about a homeless boy and his imaginary friend that proves in unexpected ways that friends matter, whether real or imaginary.

Baskin, Nora Raleigh Anything but Typical Jason Blake is an autistic 12-year-old living in a neurotypical world. Most days it's just a matter of time before something goes wrong. But Jason finds a glimmer of understanding when he comes across PhoenixBird, who posts stories to the same online site as he does.

Clements, Andrew No Talking The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.

Draper, Sharon Out of My Mind Melody is not like most people. She cannot walk or talk, but she has a photographic memory; and she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She is smarter than most of the adults who try to diagnose her and smarter than her classmates in her integrated classroom where she is dismissed as mentally challenged, because she cannot tell them otherwise.

Graff, Lisa	<u>Lost in the Sun</u>	As Trent Zimmerman struggles to move past a traumatic event that took place several months earlier, he befriends class outcast Fallon Little, who helps him understand that he can move on.
Ellis, Deborah	<u>No Ordinary Day</u>	Valli has always been afraid of the lepers living on the other side of the train tracks in the coal town of Jharia, India, so when a chance encounter with a doctor reveals she also has leprosy, Valli rejects help and begins an uncertain life on the streets.
Hiasson, Carl	<u>Chomp</u>	The difficult star of the reality television show, "Expedition Survival," disappears on location in the Florida Everglades, where they were filming animals from the wildlife refuge run by Wahoo Crane's family, and Wahoo and classmate Tuna Gordon set out to find him, but they must avoid Tuna's gun-happy father.
Korman, Gordan	<u>Schooled</u>	Home schooled by his hippie grandmother, Cap Anderson has never watched television, tasted a pizza, or even used money. When his grandmother has to go to the hospital, Cap is forced to move in with a guidance counselor and attend the local middle school. While Cap knows a lot about tie-dying and Zen Buddhism, no education could prepare him for the politics of public school!
Lord, Cynthia	<u>Rules</u>	Frustrated at life with her autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a paraplegic.
Lupica, Mike	<u>Travel Team</u>	After he is cut from his travel basketball team - the very same team that his father once led to national prominence - twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.

Mass, Wendy	<u>13 Gifts</u>	Tara, a self-proclaimed shrinking violet, tries to break out of her shell by stealing the school mascot, a goat, but she gets caught and is shipped off for the summer to stay with relatives in the quirky town of Willow Falls, which she decides is as good a place as any to reinvent herself.
O'Connor, Barbara	<u>How to Steal a Dog</u>	Living in the family car in their small North Carolina town after their father leaves them virtually penniless, Georgina, desperate to improve their situation and unwilling to accept her overworked mother's calls for patience, persuades her younger brother to help her in an elaborate scheme to get money by stealing a dog and then claiming the reward that the owners are bound to offer.
Paulson, Gary	<u>Lawn Boy</u>	Things get out of hand for a twelve-year old boy when a neighbor convinces him to expand his summer lawn mowing business.
Pearsall, Shelley	<u>The Seventh Most Important Thing</u>	In 1963, thirteen-year-old Arthur is sentenced to community service helping the neighborhood junk man after he throws a brick at the old man's head in a moment of rage.
Peirce, Lincoln	<u>Big Nate Goes for Broke</u> (series)	In this newest adventure, Nate has met with an accident and gets more than carried away when all the extra attention sends him on a Nate-centric power trip.
Schmidt, Gary D.	<u>Okay for Now</u>	Fourteen-year-old Doug Swieteck faces many challenges, including an abusive father, a brother traumatized by Vietnam, suspicious teachers and police officers, and isolation, but when he meets a girl known as Lil Spicer, he develops a close relationship with her and finds a safe place at the local library.

Sonnenblick, Jordan	<u>After Ever After</u>	Although Jeff and Tad, encouraged by a new friend, Lindsey, make a deal to help one another overcome aftereffects of their cancer treatments in preparation for eighth-grade graduation, Jeff still craves advice from his older brother Stephen, who is studying drums in Africa.
Spinelli, Jerry	<u>Eggs</u>	Mourning the loss of his mother, nine-year-old David forms an unlikely friendship with independent, quirky thirteen-year-old Primrose, as the two help each other deal with what is missing in their lives.
Urban, Linda	<u>Hound Dog True</u>	Mattie, a shy fifth grader, wants to hide out at her new school by acting as apprentice to her Uncle Potluck, the custodian, but her plan falls apart when she summons the courage to speak about what matters most and finds a true friend.

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Science Fiction

Bracken, Alexandra	<u>The Princess, the Scoundrel, and the Farm Boy</u>	Presents an illustrated retelling of the first Star Wars film in which the galaxy's fate lies in the hands of Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia, and Han Solo.
Hubbard, Kirsten	<u>Watch the Sky</u>	The signs are everywhere, according to Jory's stepfather, Caleb. The end is coming, and they must be prepared. School is Jory's only escape from Caleb's tight grasp, and with the help of new friends, he begins to explore the outside world.
Oppel, Kenneth	<u>Airborn</u> (Series)	Matt and Kate embark on a quest to prove "cloud cats" exist, but evil pirates attack their airship. Can they survive the battle?

Philbrick, Rodman	<u>Last Book in the Universe</u> (Read other books by this author)	After an earthquake has destroyed much of the planet, an epileptic teenager nicknamed Spaz begins the heroic fight to bring human intelligence back to the Earth of a distant future.
Trenton, Lee Stewart	<u>Extraordinary Education of Nicholas Benedict</u> (series)	Nine-year-old Nicholas Benedict, a boy without parents and afflicted with an unfortunate nose and narcolepsy, is sent to a new orphanage where he encounters vicious bullies, selfish adults, strange circumstances, and a mystery that could change his life forever.

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