

Ocean County Library & Toms River Schools 2007 SUMMEREAD -INTERMEDIATE BOOKLIST			
AUTHOR	TITLE	SUMMARY	CLASS
Adams, Douglas	Last Chance to See	An author and a zoologist travel around the world in search of exotic, endangered creatures.	Nonfiction
Albom, Mitch	Tuesdays with Morrie	The author, an alumnus of Brandeis University, tells of his meetings with a former professor suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease and of the lessons he learned about life and death from his college mentor.	Biography 8
Almond, David	The Fire-Eaters	Despite observing his father's illness and the suffering of the fire-eating Mr. McNulty, as well as enduring abuse at school and the stress of the Cuban Missile Crisis, Bobby Burns and his family and friends, living in England in 1962, still find reasons to rejoice in their lives and to have hope for the future.	Fic 8
Almond, David	Skellig	Unhappy about his baby sister's illness and the chaos of moving into a dilapidated old house, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger who is something like a bird and something like an angel.	Fic 6
Ambrose, Stephen	This Vast Land	Recounts the 1803 expedition of Lewis and Clark through the words of a young boy who is forced to choose between a woman he meets on the expedition and the life he left behind.	Fic 8
Anderson, Laurie Halse	Fever, 1793	In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a Yellow Fever epidemic.	Fic 7
Anderson, Laurie Halse	Catalyst	Eighteen-year-old Kate, who sometimes chafes at being a preacher's daughter, finds herself losing control in her senior year as she faces difficult neighbors, the possibility that she may not be accepted by the college of her choice, and an unexpected death.	Fic 7
Anderson, Laurie Halse	Speak	A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.	Fic 8
Anderson, M. T	The Game of Sunken Places	When two boys stay with an eccentric relative at his mansion in rural Vermont, they discover an old-fashioned board game that draws them into a mysterious adventure.	Fic 6
Anderson, M. T.	Feed	In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble.	Fic 8
Angelou, Maya	A Song Flung Up To Heaven	The sixth in Maya Angelou's autobiographical series, beginning in 1964 when she returned to the U.S. from Africa to work with Malcolm X, discussing her reaction to his assassination, her view of the Watts riots, her work with Martin Luther King Jr., and the impact of his death on her life and career.	Biography 8

Appelt, Kathi	My Father's Summers	A series of prose poems describes the author's life while she was growing up in Houston, Texas, from her eleventh birthday in 1965 through her eighteenth in 1972, and beyond.	Fic 8
Armstrong, Jennifer	Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World	Describes the events of the 1914 Shackleton Antarctic expedition when, after being trapped in a frozen sea for nine months, their ship, Endurance, was finally crushed, forcing Shackleton and his men to make a very long and perilous journey across ice and seas to reach inhabited land.	Nonfiction 6
Armstrong, Lance	It's Not About the Bike: My Journey Back to Life	Champion cyclist Lance Armstrong describes his triumph over cancer.	Biography 6
Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia	In the Forests of the Night	Risika, a teenage vampire, wanders back in time to the year 1684 when, as a human, she died and was transformed against her will.	Fic 7
Augarde, Steve	The Various	While staying on her uncle's rundown farm in the Somerset countryside, twelve-year-old Midge discovers that she has a special connection to the Various, a tribe of "strange, wild--and sometimes deadly" fairies struggling to maintain their existence in the nearby woods.	Fic 6
Avi	The Book without Words : a Fable of Medieval Magic	Thorston, an alchemist who has spent his life trying to decipher the secret to immortality contained in the Book Without Words, is on the brink of realizing his dream when he drops dead, leaving Odo, a talking raven, and Sybil, a servant who was about to be sacrificed to Thorston's plan, to reap the rewards of his work.	Fic 6
Avi	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.	Fic 6
Bagdasarian, Adam	Forgotten Fire	The story of how Vahan Kenderian survived the Turkish massacre of the Armenians in 1915.	Fic 8
Balliett, Blue	Chasing Vermeer	When seemingly unrelated and strange events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal.	Fic 6
Balliett, Blue	The Wright 3	In the midst of a series of unexplained accidents and mysterious coincidences, sixth-graders Calder, Petra, and Tommy lead their classmates in an attempt to keep Frank Lloyd Wright's famous Robie House from being demolished.	Fic 6
Barker, Clive	Abarat	Candy Quackenbush of Chickentown, Minnesota, journeys to the Abarat, an archipelago filled with strange wonders, and has a curious revelation: she has been here before, and it is her responsibility to save this mysterious place from the evil forces that threaten it.	Fic 7
Barrett, Tracy	Anna of Byzantium	In the eleventh century the teenage princess Anna Comnena fights for her birthright, the throne to the Byzantine Empire, which she fears will be taken from her by her younger brother John because he is a boy.	Fic 7

Bass, L. G	Sign of the Qin	In long-ago China, Prince Zong, the mortal young Starlord chosen to save humankind from destruction, joins the twin outlaws, White Streak and Black Whirlwind, to fight the Lord of the Dead and his demon hordes.	Fic 8
Bat-Ami, Miriam	Two Suns in the Sky	In 1944, an Upstate New York teenager named Christine meets and falls in love with Adam, a Yugoslavian Jew living in a refugee camp, despite their parents' conviction that they do not belong together.	Fic 7
Bauer, Joan	Hope was Here	When sixteen-year-old Hope and the aunt who has raised her move from Brooklyn to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, to work as waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways diner, they become involved with the diner owner's political campaign to oust the town's corrupt mayor.	Fic 7
Bauer, Joan	Backwater	While compiling a genealogy of her family of successful attorneys, sixteen-year-old history buff Ivy Breedlove treks into the mountain wilderness to interview a reclusive aunt with whom she identifies and who in turn helps her to truly know herself and her family.	Fic 7
Beals, Melba	Warriors Don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High	Beals chronicles her harrowing junior year at Central High where she underwent the segregationists' brutal organized campaign of terrorism against the black students.	Biography 8
Bechard, Margaret	Hanging On to Max	When his girlfriend decides to give their baby away, seventeen-year-old Sam is determined to keep him and raise him alone.	Fic 8
Bell, Hilari	A Matter of Profit	Sick of the horrors of conquering beings on other planets, Ahvrem will end his service as a soldier and save his sister from an unhappy marriage if he can discover who is behind a rumored plot to assassinate the Emperor.	Fic 8
Bell, Hilari	The Goblin Wood	A young Hedgewitch, an idealistic knight, and an army of clever goblins fight against the ruling hierarchy that is trying to rid the land of all magical creatures.	Fic 8
Bennett, Cherie	Anne Frank & Me	After suffering a concussion while on a class trip to a Holocaust exhibit, Nicole finds herself living the life of a Jewish teenager in Paris during the Nazi occupation.	Fic 7
Bennett, Cherie	Life in the Fat Lane	Sixteen-year-old Lara, winner of beauty pageants and Homecoming Queen, is distressed and bewildered when she starts gaining weight and becomes a fat girl.	Fic 7
Billingsley, Franny	Folk Keeper	Orphan Corinna disguises herself as a boy to pose as a Folk Keeper, one who keeps the Evil Folk at bay, and discovers her heritage as a seal maiden when she is taken to live with a wealthy family in their manor by the sea.	Fic 7
Bitton-Jackson, Livia	I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing Up in the Holocaust	The author describes her experiences during World War II when she and her family were sent to the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz.	Nonfiction 7

Brashares, Ann	The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants	Carmen decides to discard an old pair of jeans, but Tibby, Lena, and Bridget think they are great and decide that whoever the pants fit best will get them. When the jeans fit everyone perfectly, a sisterhood and a memorable summer begin.	Fic 7
Bray, Libba	A Great and Terrible Beauty	After the suspicious death of her mother in 1895, sixteen-year-old Gemma returns to England, after many years in India, to attend a finishing school where she becomes aware of her magical powers and ability to see into the spirit world.	Fic 8
Breashears, David	High Exposure: An Enduring Passion for Everest & Unforgiving Places	True story of the film maker & mountain climber, David Breashears. While he was on Everest filming the IMAX movie, tragedy strikes.	Biography 8
Broach, Elise	Shakespeare's Secret	Named after a character in a Shakespeare play, misfit sixth-grader Hero becomes interested in exploring this unusual connection because of a valuable diamond supposedly hidden in her new house, an intriguing neighbor, and the unexpected attention of the most popular boy in school.	Fic 6
Brooks, Bruce	The Moves Make the Man	An African-American boy and an emotionally troubled white boy in North Carolina form a precarious friendship.	Fic 8
Brooks, Kevin	Lucas	On an isolated English island, fifteen-year-old Caitlin McCann makes the painful journey from adolescence to adulthood through her experiences with a mysterious boy, whose presence has an unsettling effect on the island's inhabitants.	Fic 8
Bunting, Eve	Blackwater	When a boy and a girl are drowned in the Blackwater River, thirteen-year-old Brodie must decide whether to confess that he may have caused the accident.	Fic 7
Burch, Jennings Michael	They Cage the Animals at Night	A personal account of the author's experiences living in New York City orphanages and foster homes from 1949 until his reunion with his friend and guardian three years later.	Biography 8
Cabot, Meg	All-American Girl	Sophomore Samantha Madison stops a presidential assassination attempt, is appointed teen ambassador to the United Nations, and catches the eye of the very cute First Son.	Fic 8
Calabro, Marian	The Perilous Journey of the Donner Party	Uses materials from letters and diaries written by survivors of the Donner Party to relate the experiences of that ill-fated group as they endured horrific circumstances on their way to California in 1846-47.	Nonfiction 6
Calhoun, Dia	Firegold	Ousted by the brown-eyed Valley folk because he is different, thirteen-year-old Jonathon Brae sets out on a dangerous journey to learn his true identity among the Dalriada people of the Red Mountains.	Fic 6

Calhoun, Dia	White Midnight	While barbarians threaten the land, mysterious visions help guide fifteen-year-old Rose when she is given the chance to free her family from servitude, if only she will provide a wicked old man an heir fathered by his deformed grandson, "the Thing", locked in the attic.	Fic 8
Cameron, Ann	Colibri	Kidnapped when she was very young by an unscrupulous man who has forced her to lie and beg to get money, a twelve-year-old Mayan girl endures an abusive life, always wishing she could return to the parents she can hardly remember.	Fic 6
Capuzzo, Michael	Close to Shore: The Terrifying Shark Attacks of 1916	In 1916, mass hysteria grips the Jersey coast when a shark terrorizes the shoreline in this account of one of the first documented shark attacks.	Nonfiction 7
Card, Orson Scott	Ender's Game	Ender Wiggin is a six-year-old genius who is the Earth's only hope for victory over invading "bugger" aliens. He is smart enough to know that time is running out. But is he smart enough to save the planet?	Fic 6
Card, Orson Scott	Ender's Shadow	Bean must overcome his past and prove to the recruiters at the Battle School that he can help save the planet from an alien invasion.	Fic 7
Carvell, Marlene	Sweetgrass Basket	In alternating passages, two Mohawk sisters describe their lives at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, established in 1879 to educate Native Americans, as they try to assimilate into white culture and one of them is falsely accused of stealing.	Fic 7
Choldenko, Gennifer	Al Capone Does My Shirts	A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.	Fic 6
Clancy, Tom	The Teeth of the Tiger	Three men from the armed forces are approached by a small firm named Handley Associates to become their newest agents in fighting terrorism, using whatever means possible.	Fic 8
Clark, Mary Higgins	The Second Time Around	Reporter Carley DeCarlo uncovers a dangerous conspiracy when she sets out to investigate the disappearance of Nicholas Spencer, the head of the medical research company.	Fic 8
Codell, Esme Raji	Educating Esme: Diary of a Teacher's First Year	Presents the diary of teacher Esme Raji Codell's first year in charge of a fifth-grade classroom in an inner-city school.	Nonfiction 6
Cofer, Judith Ortiz	The Meaning of Consuelo	A Puerto Rican girl coming of age in the 1950s struggles to negotiate her own terms of survival within the confines of her culture.	Fic 8
Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl	When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.	Fic 6

Coman, Carolyn	Many Stones	After her sister Laura is murdered in South Africa, Berry and her estranged father travel there to participate in the dedication of a memorial in her name.	Fic 8
Cooney, Caroline	Burning Up	When a girl she had met at an inner city church is murdered, fifteen-year-old Macey channels her grief into a school project that leads her to uncover prejudice she had not imagined in her grandparents and their wealthy Connecticut community.	Fic 6
Cooney, Caroline	The Ransom of Mercy Carter	In 1704, in the English settlement of Deerfield, Massachusetts, eleven-year-old Mercy and her family and neighbors are captured by Mohawk Indians and their French allies, and forced to march through bitter cold to French Canada, where some adapt to new lives and some still hope to be ransomed.	Fic 6
Cooper, Susan	The Dark is Rising	On his eleventh birthday Will Stanton discovers 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.	Fic 6
Corbett, Sara	Venus To the Hoop	Profiles the twelve female athletes and coach of the 1996 United States Women's National Basketball Team and discusses their personal journeys, and their journey as a team, to win gold medals at the 1996 Olympics.	Nonfiction 7
Cormier, Robert	In the Middle of the Night	Sixteen-year-old Denny lives in the shadow of a deadly accident with which his father was connected when he was Denny's age, a disaster for which some of the survivors still blame his father.	Fic 7
Cormier, Robert	I Am the Cheese	A young boy desperately tries to unlock his past yet knows he must hide those memories if he is to remain alive.	Fic 7
Cormier, Robert	The Rag and Bone Shop	Trent, an ace interrogator from Vermont, works to procure a confession from an introverted twelve-year-old accused of murdering his seven-year-old friend in Monument, Massachusetts.	Fic 6
Cormier, Robert	Heroes: A Novel	After joining the army at fifteen and having his face blown away by a grenade in a battle in France, Francis returns home to Frenchtown hoping to find - and kill - the former childhood hero he feels betrayed him.	Fic 8
Cottrell Boyce, Frank	Millions	The Cunningham brothers literally have money drop in their laps when a bag of cash falls from the sky; however, the crooks who initially stole the loot are hot on the trail to retrieve it.	Fic 6
Creech, Sharon	Walk Two Moons	After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.	Fic 6

Creech, Sharon	The Wanderer	Thirteen-year-old Sophie and her cousin Cody record their transatlantic crossing aboard the Wanderer, a forty-five foot sailboat, which, along with uncles and another cousin, is en route to visit their grandfather in England.	Fic 6
Crichton, Michael	Timeline	A group of scientists, having learned how to travel through time, enter life in fourteenth-century feudal France and threaten the history of the world.	Fic 8
Crowe, Chris	Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case	Using archival photographs and primary sources, Crow describes how the Mississippi murder of fourteen-year-old Emmett Till contributed to the civil rights movement.	Nonfiction 8
Crutcher, Chris	Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes	The daily class discussions about the nature of man and other contemporary issues serve as a backdrop for a high-school senior's attempt to answer a friend's dramatic cry for help.	Fic 8
Crutcher, Chris	Stotan!	A high school coach invites members of his swimming team to a memorable week of rigorous training that tests their moral fiber as well as their physical stamina.	Fic 7
Crutcher, Chris	King of the Mild Frontier: An Ill-advised Autobiography	The autobiography of award-winning author Crutcher recounts the childhood vignettes and discoveries of profound, simple truths that led to his career writing honest and gritty young-adult books.	Biography 7
Crutcher, Chris	Whale Talk	Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students.	Fic 8
Curtis, Christopher Paul	Bucking the Sarge	Deeply involved in his cold and manipulative mother's shady business dealings in Flint, Michigan, fourteen-year-old Luther keeps a sense of humor while running the Happy Neighbor Group Home For Men, all the while dreaming of going to college and becoming a philosopher.	Fic 8
Curtis, Christopher	Bud, Not Buddy	Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.	Fic 6
Curtis, Christopher	The Watsons Go to Birmingham	The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.	Fic 6
Cushman, Karen	Catherine Called Birdy	The thirteen-year-old daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off.	Fic 7

D'Adamo, Francesco	Iqbal : a novel	A fictionalized account of the Pakistani child who escaped from bondage in a carpet factory and went on to help liberate other children like him before being gunned down at the age of thirteen.	Fic 7
Deaver, Julie Reece	Say Goodnight, Gracie	When a car accident kills her best friend Jimmy, with whom she has shared everything from childhood escapades to entering the professional theater in Chicago, seventeen-year-old Morgan must find her own way to cope with his death.	Fic 8
Desai Hidier, Tanuja	Born Confused	As Dimple Lala turns seventeen, she realizes that life is about to become more complex as her best friend starts pulling away and her parents try to find a suitable boyfriend for Dimple, despite the fact that she is not interested.	Fic 8
Dessen, Sarah	That Summer	During the summer of her divorced father's remarriage and her sister's wedding, fifteen-year-old Haven comes into her own by letting go of the myths of the past.	Fic 8
Dessen, Sarah	Someone Like You	Halley's junior year of high school includes the death of her best friend Scarlett's boyfriend, the discovery that Scarlett is pregnant, and Halley's own first serious relationship.	Fic 8
Dessen, Sarah	Keeping the Moon	Fifteen-year-old Colie, a former fat girl, spends the summer working as a waitress in a beachside restaurant, staying with her overweight and eccentric Aunt Mira, and trying to explore her sense of self.	Fic 8
Deuker, Carl	Painting the Black	When star athlete Josh Daniels moves in across the street, Ryan Ward doesn't realize how much his life will change during his senior year at Seattle's Crown Hill High.	Fic 7
Deuker, Carl	Heart of a Champion	Seth faces a strain on his friendship with Jimmy, who is both a baseball champion and something of an irresponsible fool, when Jimmy is kicked off the team.	Fic 7
Deuker, Carl	Night Hoops	While trying to prove that he is good enough to be on his high school's varsity basketball team, Nick must also deal with his parents' divorce and the erratic behavior of a troubled classmate who lives across the street.	Fic 8
Dhami, Narinder	Bindi babes	Three Indian-British sisters team up to marry off their traditional, nosy aunt and get her out of the house.	Fic 6
Dickinson, Peter	The Ropemaker	When the magic that protects their Valley starts to fail, Tilja and her companions journey into the evil Empire to find the ancient magician Faeel, who originally cast those spells.	Fic 7
Dominick, Andie	Needles: A Memoir of Growing Up with Diabetes	Andie Dominick discusses how her life changed after she was diagnosed with diabetes.	Biography 7
Donnelly, Jennifer	A Northern Light	Sixteen-year-old Mattie, determined to attend college and be a writer against the wishes of her father and boyfriend, takes a job at a hotel in 1906 where the death of a guest renews her determination to live her own life.	Fic 8

Dowell, Frances O'Roark	Chicken boy	Since the death of his mother, Tobin's family life and school life have been in disarray, but after he starts raising chickens with his seventh-grade classmate, Henry, everything starts to fall into place.	Fic 6
Dowell, Frances O'Roark	Dovey Coe	Accused of murder in her North Carolina mountain town in 1928, Dovey Coe, a strong-willed twelve-year-old girl, comes to a new understanding of others, including her deaf brother, as she attempts to clear her name.	Fic 6
Draper, Sharon	Tears of a Tiger	The death of high school basketball star Rob Washington in an automobile accident affects the lives of his close friend Andy, who was driving the car, and many others in the school.	Fic 7
Draper, Sharon	The Battle of Jericho	A high school junior and his cousin suffer the ramifications of joining what seems to be a "reputable" school club.	Fic 8
Duncan, Lois	Don't Look Behind You	Seventeen-year-old April finds her comfortable life changed forever when death threats to her father, a witness in a federal case, force her family to go into hiding under assumed names and flee the pursuit of a hired killer.	Fic 6
DuPrau, Jeanne	The City of Ember	In the city of Ember, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in herdecaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.	Fic 6
DuPrau, Jeanne	The People of Sparks	Lina and Doon are thrilled to see their people join them above ground in the vibrant village of Sparks, but suspicion and prejudice soon turn the villagers and newcomers against each other.	Fic 6
Elders, M. Joycelyn	Jocelyn Elders, M.D.: From Sharecropper's Daughter to Surgeon General of the USA	Autobiography of Dr. Elders, discussing her life prior to entering the political arena, and reviewing the controversy surrounding her confirmation, tenure, and resignation as surgeon general of the United States.	Biography 6
Ellis, Deborah	The Breadwinner	Because the Taliban rulers of Kabul, Afghanistan, impose strict limitations on women's freedom and behavior, eleven-year-old Parvana must disguise herself as a boy so that her family can survive after her father's arrest.	Fic 6
Farman, John	The Short and Bloody History of Spies	A humorous presentation of the history of espionage and the stories of individual spies from around the world.	Fic 6
Farmer, Nancy	The Sea of Trolls	After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his little sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen.	Fic 6
Farrell, Jeanette	Invisible Enemies	The story of man's fight against seven major dangerous diseases including smallpox, leprosy, plague, tuberculosis, malaria, cholera, and AIDS.	Nonfiction 7

Fforde, Jasper	The Eyre Affair: A Novel	Thursday Next, a Special Operative in literary detection in a time-altered Great Britain in which messing with the classics is a punishable offense, sets out to apprehend a criminal who is murdering characters from works of literature and has chosen Jane Eyre as his next victim.	Fic 8
Fisher, Antwone Quenton	Finding Fish	Antwone Fisher tells the story of his life, from his birth to a prison inmate to his success as a screenwriter in Hollywood, discussing his childhood and teen years in foster homes, his stint in the navy, his attempts to find his mother and father, and the determination that led him to create the life of his dreams.	Biography 7
Fisher, Catherine	The Oracle Betrayed	After she is chosen to be "Bearer-of-the-god," Mirany questions the established order and sets out, along with a musician and a scribe, to find the legitimate heir of the religious leader known as the Archon.	Fic 7
Flake, Sharon	The Skin I'm In	Thirteen-year-old Maleeka, uncomfortable because her skin is extremely dark, meets a new teacher with a birthmark on her face and makes some discoveries about how to love who she is and what she looks like.	Fic 7
Flake, Sharon	Money Hungry	All thirteen-year-old Raspberry can think of is making money so that she and her mother never have to worry about living on the streets again.	Fic 6
Flake, Sharon	Who am I without him? : short stories about girls and the boys in their lives	Written in the vernacular of urban African-American teens, which Flake captures flawlessly, these 10 stories have universal themes and situations. Some are funny and uplifting; others, disturbing and sad.	Nonfiction 8
Fleischman, Paul	Whirligig	While traveling to each corner of the country to build a whirligig in memory of the girl whose death he caused, sixteen-year-old Brian finds forgiveness and atonement.	Fic 7
Fleischman, Paul	Mind's Eye	A novel in play form in which sixteen-year-old Courtney, paralyzed in an accident, learns about the power of the mind from an elderly blind woman who takes Courtney on an imaginary journey to Italy using a 1910 guidebook.	Fic 8
Flinn, Alex	Breaking Point	Fifteen-year-old Paul enters an exclusive private school and falls under the spell of a charismatic boy who may be using him.	Fic 8
Fogelin, Adrian	Crossing Jordan	Twelve-year-old Cass meets her new African-American neighbor, Jemmie, and despite their families' prejudices, they build a strong friendship around their mutual talent for running and a pact to read Jane Eyre.	Fic 6
Freedman, Russell	Martha Graham, A Dancer's Life	A photo-biography of the American dancer, teacher, and choreographer who was born in Pittsburgh in 1895 and who became a leading figure in the world of modern dance.	Biography 7

Freymann-Weyr, Garret	My Heartbeat	As she tries to understand the closeness between her older brother and his best friend, fourteen-year-old Ellen finds her relationship with each of them changing.	Fic 8
Funke, Cornelia Caroline	Inkheart	Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father Mo, a bookbinder, can "read" fictional characters to life when an evil ruler named Capricorn, freed from the novel "Inkheart" years earlier, tries to force Mo to release an immortal monster from the story.	Fic 6
Funke, Cornelia Caroline	The Thief Lord	Orphaned brothers Prosper and Bo, having run away from their cruel aunt and uncle, decide to hide out in Venice where they fall in with the Thief Lord, a thirteen-year-old boy who leads a crime ring of street children.	Fic 6
Gaiman, Neil	Coraline	Coraline moves into a new house where she finds a mysterious, closed-off door that takes her into an alternative reality. The story is full of page turning suspense, droll humor, horror, and bizarre moments.	Fic 6
Gantos, Jack	A Hole in My Life	The author relates how, as a young adult, he became a drug user and smuggler, was arrested, did time in prison, and eventually got out and went to college, all the while hoping to become a writer.	Biography 8
Geras, Adele	Troy	The last weeks of the Trojan War find the women sick of tending the wounded, men tired of fighting, and bored gods and goddesses trying to find ways to stir things up.	Fic 8
Giff, Patricia Reilly	Pictures of Hollis Woods	A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.	Fic 6
Giles, Gail	Dead Girls Don't Write Letters	Fourteen-year-old Sunny is stunned when a total stranger shows up at her house posing as her older sister Jazz, who supposedly died in a fire months earlier.	Fic 7
Giles, Gail	Shattering Glass	Rob, the charismatic leader of the senior class, provokes unexpected violence when he turns the school nerd into Prince Charming.	Fic 8
Grandits, John	Technically, It's Not My Fault : Concrete Poems	A collection of poems in which words and art combine to make pictures of the life of an 11 year-old boy.	Nonfiction 6
Gray, Dianne	Holding Up the Earth	Fourteen-year-old Hope visits her new foster mother's Nebraska farm and, through old letters, a diary, and stories, gets a vivid picture of the past in the voices of four girls her age who lived there in 1869, 1900, 1936, and 1960.	Fic 7
Green, John	Looking for Alaska : a novel	Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.	Fic 8

Grisham, John	Bleachers	When his old coach dies, high school football star Neely Crenshaw returns to his hometown after fifteen years, reunites with his former teammates, and struggles to resolve his mixed feelings about the man.	Fic 8
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	Among the Hidden	In a future where the Population Police enforce laws limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm until a "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.	Fic 6
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	Running Out of Time	When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840 village, thirteen-year-old Jessie discovers it is actually a 1995 tourist site under unseen observation by heartless scientists, and it's up to Jessie to escape the village and save the lives of the dying children.	Fic 6
Halam, Ann	Dr. Franklin's Island	When their plane crashes over the Pacific Ocean, three science students are left stranded on a tropical island and then imprisoned by a doctor who is performing horrifying experiments on humans involving the transfer of animal genes.	Fic 7
Haruf, Kent	Plainsong	Guthrie, a high school teacher left alone to raise his two young sons, becomes involved in the lives of Victoria, a homeless, pregnant teenager, and two elderly bachelors.	Fic 8
Hawk, Tony	Hawk: Occupation: Skateboarder	Internationally known American skateboarding champ Tony Hawk chronicles his life and his very eventful involvement with the sport.	Biography 6
Hearn, Lian	Across the Nightingale Floor	Set in ancient Japan, this is the story of Takeo, a sixteen-year-old saved from a massacre by the mysterious Lord Otori, who struggles to reconcile his dual nature-the one given him by the Hidden, the pacifist people among whom he was born and raised, and the one inherited from his father, a celebrated assassin.	Fic 8
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, on her relationship with her grandmother, on her feelings for an older boy, and on her plans to be a writer.	Fic 6
Hesse, Karen	Out of the Dust	In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.	Fic 6
Hesse, Karen	Phoenix Rising	Thirteen-year-old Nyle learns about relationships and death when fifteen-year-old Extra, who was exposed to radiation leaked from a nearby nuclear plant, comes to stay at her grandmother's Vermont farmhouse.	Fic 7
Hewett, Lorri	Dancer	Sixteen-year-old Stephanie struggles to perfect her ballet dancing as her classes are complicated by the introduction of a new male dancer.	Fic 7

Hiaasen, Carl	Flush	With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.	Fic 6
Hiaasen, Carl	Hoot	Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.	Fic 6
Hickam, Homer	Rocket Boys: A Memoir	Homer Hickam, A NASA engineer, recounts his childhood in Coalwood, a West Virginia mining town, and discusses his dreams of launching rockets into outer space, and how he made those dreams come true.	Biography 6
Hobbs, Will	Jason's Gold	When news of the discovery of gold in Canada's Yukon Territory in 1897 reaches fifteen-year-old Jason, he embarks on a 10,000-mile journey to strike it rich.	Fic 7
Hobbs, Will	Far North	After the destruction of their floatplane, sixteen-year-old Gabe and his Dene friend, Raymond, struggle to survive a winter in the wilderness of the Northwest Territories of Canada.	Fic 6
Hoeye, Michael	Time Stops for No Mouse	When Linka Perflinger, a jaunty mouse, brings a watch into his shop to be repaired and then disappears, Hermux Tantamoq is caught up in a dangerous search for external youth as he tries to find out what happened to her.	Fic 6
Holm, Anne	I Am David	After escaping from an Eastern European concentration camp where he has spent most of his life, a twelve-year-old boy struggles to cope with an entirely strange world as he flees northward to freedom in Denmark.	Fic 6
Holt, Kimberly Willis	My Louisiana Sky	Growing up in Saitter, Louisiana, in the 1950s, twelve-year-old Tiger Ann struggles with her feelings about her stern, but loving grandmother, her mentally slow parents, and her good friend and neighbor, Jesse.	Fic 6
Holt, Kimberly Willis	When Zachary Beaver Came to Town	During the summer of 1971 in a small Texas town, thirteen-year-old Toby and his best friend Cal meet the star of a sideshow act, 600-pound Zachary, the fattest boy in the world.	Fic 6
Holt, Kimberly Willis	Dancing in Cadillac Light	In 1968, eleven-year-old Jaynell's life in the town of Moon, Texas, is enlivened when her eccentric Grandpap comes to live with her family	Fic 6
Hopkinson, Deborah	Shutting out the sky : Life in the tenements of New York, 1880-1924	The author focuses on the personal stories, in their own words, of five young immigrant who made New York their home 1880-1924.	Nonfiction 6
Hoobler, Dorothy	The Ghost of the Tokaido Inn	While attempting to solve the mystery of a stolen jewel, Seikei, a merchant's son who longs to be a samurai, joins a group of kabuki actors in eighteenth century Japan.	Fic 7

Horowitz, Anthony	Raven's Gate	Prequel to: Evil star. Sent to live in a foster home in a remote Yorkshire village, Matt, a troubled fourteen-year-old English boy, uncovers an evil plot involving witchcraft and the site of an ancient stone circle.	Fic 6
Horowitz, Anthony	Stormbreaker	After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.	Fic 6
Horowitz, Anthony	Point Blank: An Alex Rider Adventure	Fourteen-year-old Alex continues his work as a spy for the British M16, investigating an exclusive school for boys in the French Alps.	Fic 7
Howe, James	The Misfits	Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names.	Fic 7
Hughes, Dean	Soldier Boys	Two boys, one German and one American, are eager to join their respective armies during World War II, and their paths cross at the Battle of the Bulge.	Fic 7
Ibbotson, Eve	The Star of Kazan	Annika, a twelve-year-old foundling in late nineteenth-century Vienna, inherits a trunk of costume jewelry, and soon afterwards a woman claiming to be her aristocratic mother arrives and takes her to live in a strangely decrepit mansion in Germany.	Fic 6
Irwin, Steve	The Crocodile Hunter	Australian conservationists Steve and Terri Irwin describe their lives and adventures in their quest to study wildlife.	Nonfiction 6
Jacques, Brian	Redwall	When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior.	Fic 6
Jiang, Ji-li	Red Scarf Girl: a Memoir of the Cultural Revolution	The author tells about the happy life she led in China up until she was twelve years-old when her family became a target of the Cultural Revolution, and discusses the choice she had to make between denouncing her father and breaking with her family, or refusing to speak against him and losing her future in the Communist Party.	Biography 7
Jimenez, Francisco	Breaking Through	Having come from Mexico to California ten years ago, fourteen-year-old Francisco is still working in the fields but fighting to improve his life and complete his education.	Fic 8
Johnson, Angela	Heaven	Fourteen-year-old Marley's seemingly perfect life in the small town of Heaven is disrupted when she discovers that her father and mother are not her real parents.	Fic 7
Johnson, Angela	The First Part Last	Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter	Fic 8
Johnson, Angela	Looking for Red	A thirteen-year-old girl struggles to cope with the loss of her beloved older brother, who disappeared four months earlier off the coast of Cape Cod.	Fic 7

Jones, Diana Wynne	Year of the Griffin	Elda, the griffin daughter of the great Wizard Derk, arrives for schooling at the Wizards' University where she encounters new friends, pirates, assassins, worry, sabotage, bloodshed, and magic misused. Sequel to Dark Lord of Derkholm	Fic 7
Jones, Diana Wynne	Dark Lord of Derkholm	Derk, an unconventional wizard, and his magical family become involved in a plan to put a stop to the devastating tours of their world arranged by the tyrannical Mr. Chesney.	Fic 7
Jordan, June	Soldier: A Poet's Childhood	June Jordan chronicles the first twelve years of her life and discusses how her experiences during those years influenced her writing.	Biography 7
Jordan, Sherryl	Secret Sacrament	A disturbing incident when he is only seven years old foreshadows the role Gabriel will play in the relations between his Navoran people and the Shinali, a role which is solidified when he becomes an Elected One and trains to be a Healer.	Fic 8
Jordan, Sherryl	The Raging Quiet	Suspicious of sixteen-year-old Marnie, a newcomer to their village, the residents accuse her of witchcraft when she discovers that the village madman is not crazy but deaf and she begins to communicate with him through hand gestures.	Fic 8
Kaaberbol, Lene	The Shamer's daughter	After her mother, a Shamer, is summoned to Dunark for a mission, ten-year-old Dina is forced to use her own special powers as she is caught up in an adventure of political intrigue and survival.	Fic 6
Kadohata, Cynthia	Kira-kira	Chronicles the close friendship between two Japanese-American sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950s and early 1960s, and the despair when one sister becomes terminally ill.	Fic 8
Katz, Jon	Geeks; How Two Lost Boys Rode the Internet Out of Idaho	Tells the true story of Jesse and Eric, nineteen-year-old roommates in the small town of Caldwell, Idaho who changed their lives and built a new future for themselves with the power of the Internet.	Nonfiction 8
King, Laurie R.	The Moor	Mary Russell and her husband, Sherlock Holmes, investigate a death at Dartmoor and sightings of a phantom coach on the moor.	Fic 7
King, Stephen	The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon	Nine-year-old Trisha McFarland, lost in the woods after she wanders off to escape the bickering between her mom and her brother, boosts her courage by imagining that her hero, Boston Red Sox relief pitcher, Tom Gordon, is with her, helping her survive an unknown enemy.	Fic 8
Klass, David	Danger Zone	When he joins a predominantly African-American "Teen Dream Team" that will be representing the United States in an international basketball tournament in Rome, Jimmy Doyle makes some unexpected discoveries about prejudice, racism, and politics.	Fic 7

Klause, Annette Curtis	Blood and Chocolate	Having fallen for a human boy, a beautiful teenage werewolf must battle both her packmates and the fear of the townspeople to decide where she belongs and with whom.	Fic 7
Koja, Kathe	Buddha boy	Justin spends time with Jinsen, the unusual and artistic new student whom the school bullies torment and call Buddha Boy, and ends up making choices that impact Jinsen, himself, and the entire school.	Fic 7
Konigsburg, E. L.	The View from Saturday	Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond with their teacher who chooses them to compete in an Academic Bowl Competition.	Fic 6
Konigsburg, E. L.	The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place	Upon leaving an oppressive summer camp, twelve-year-old Margaret Rose Kane spearheads a campaign to preserve three unique towers her grand uncles have been building in their back yard for over forty years.	Fic 6
Korman, Gordon	Son of the Mob	Seventeen-year-old Vince's life is constantly complicated by the fact that he is the son of a powerful Mafia boss, a relationship that threatens to destroy his romance with the daughter of a FBI agent.	Fic 7
Korman, Gordon	Jake, Reinvented	When Jake Garrett arrives at F. Scott Fitzgerald High, the students immediately take a liking to him and he becomes one of the most popular boys in school, but when a dark secret is revealed, the same students begin to fear him.	Fic 8
Koss, Amy Goldman	The Girls	Each of the girls in a middle-school clique reveals the strong, manipulative hold one of the group exerts on the others, and the hurt and self-doubt it causes them.	Fic 6
Krakauer, Jon	Into Thin Air	Journalist Jon Krakauer's cathartic account of the 1996 Mount Everest disaster in which four climbers from his expedition, and several members of other expeditions, perished.	Nonfiction 8
Krisher, Trudy	Uncommon Faith	In 1837-1838, residents of Millbrook, Massachusetts, speak in their different voices of major issues of their day, including women's rights, slavery, religious differences, and one fiery girl named Faith.	Fic 8
Kuhn, Betsy	Angels of Mercy	Relates the experiences of World War II Army nurses, who brought medical skills, courage, and cheer to hospitals throughout Europe, North Africa, and the Pacific.	Nonfiction 7
Lalicki, Tom	Spellbinder: The Life of Harry Houdini	This biography ably traces his success as an illusionist, escape artist and debunker of spiritualism.	Biography 6
Langrish, Katherine	Troll Fell	Forced to move to Troll Fell to live with his uncles, Baldur and Grim, after his father's death, young Peer Ulfsson learns of his uncles' sinister plan to sell children to the trolls and sets out with an adventurous neighbor girl named Hilde to stop them.	Fic 6

Lasky, Kathryn	Blood secret	Fourteen-year-old Jerry Luna, mute since her mother's disappearance, is sent to her great-great aunt Constanza's house, where she discovers a trunk that draws her into the world of her ancestors during the Spanish Inquisition.	Fic 8
Latifa	My Forbidden Face: Growing Up Under the Taliban	Latifa, a young woman who was sixteen in 1996 when the Taliban came to power in Afghanistan, tells about her family's experiences under the repressive regime, focusing on the lives of women and girls who were denied freedom to work, go to school, or even leave their homes without a male escort.	Nonfiction 7
Lawrence, Iain	B for Buster	Sixteen-year-old Kak, desperate to escape his abusive parents, lies about his age in the spring of 1943 to enlist in the Canadian Air Force and soon finds himself based in England as part of a crew flying bombing raids over Germany.	Fic 8
Lawrence, Iain	The Smugglers	In eighteenth century England, after his father buys a schooner called the Dragon, sixteen-year-old John sets out to sail it from Kent to London and becomes involved in a dangerous smuggling scheme.	Fic 6
Lawrence, Iain	The Wreckers	Shipwrecked after a vicious storm, fourteen-year-old John Spencer attempts to save his father and himself while also dealing with an evil secret about the English coastal town where they are stranded.	Fic 6
Lawton, Clive	Hiroshima : the story of the first atom bomb	Discusses the creation of the atomic bomb in the U.S., traces events that led to its use against Japan during World War II, and examines the aftermath of the bombing.	Nonfiction 7
Lekuton, Joseph	Facing the Lion: Growing Up Maasai on the African Savanna	A member of the Massai people describes his life as he grew up in a northern Kenya village, traveled to America to attend college, and became an elementary school teacher in Virginia	Nonfiction 8
Les Becquets, Diane	The Stones of Mourning Creek	In Alabama in the 1960s, fourteen-year-old Francie develops a controversial and dangerous friendship with a black girl her own age.	Fic 7
Levine, Gail Carson	Ella Enchanted	In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.	Fic 7
Levitin, Sonia	The Cure	A young boy living in 2407 collides with the past when he finds himself in Strasbourg in 1348 confronting the anti-Semitism that sweeps through Europe during the Black Plague.	Fic 7
Levy, Marilyn	Run For Your Life	While living in a housing project in Oakland, California, thirteen-year-old Kisha joins a track team which helps her discover that she can be a winner.	Fic 7
Lisle, Janet Taylor	The Art of Keeping Cool	In 1942, Robert and his cousin Elliot uncover long-hidden family secrets while staying in their grandparents' Rhode Island town, where they also become involved with a German artist who is suspected of being a spy.	Fic 6

Lobel, Anita	No Pretty Pictures	The author, known as an illustrator of children's books, describes her experiences as a Polish Jew during World War II and for years in Sweden afterwards.	Biography 7
Lowry, Lois	Gathering Blue	Lame and suddenly orphaned, Kira is mysteriously removed from her squalid village to live in the palatial Council Edifice, where she is expected to use her gifts as a weaver to do the bidding of the all-powerful Guardians.	Fic 7
Lupica, Mike	Travel Team	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.	Fic 7
Lubar, David	Dunk	Chad, hoping to work out his frustrations and his anger by taking a summer job as a dunk tank Bozo on the boardwalk at the Jersey shore, comes to a better understanding of himself and the uses of humor as he undergoes training in the fine art of insults.	Fic 6
Lynch, Chris	Freewill	A teenager trying to recover from the tragic death of his father and stepmother believes himself to be responsible for the rash of teen suicides in his town.	Fic 8
Lynch, Chris	Slot Machine	When overweight thirteen-year-old Elvin Bishop is sent to camp at St. Paul's Seminary Retreat Center, he and his two best friends are forced to try out various sports in order to find out where they belong.	Fic 7
Mackel, Kathy	Alien in a bottle	With the help of a star-gazing classmate and an unusual assortment of aliens from outer space, teenager Sean Winger tries to find a way to convince his parents to let him pursue his dream of becoming a glass blower.	Fic 6
Macy, Sue	A Whole New Ball Game	Describes the activities of the members of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League that existed between 1945 and 1954.	Nonfiction 7
Mah, Adeline Yen	Chinese Cinderella	The author tells the story of her painful childhood in China where she lived until the age of fourteen with her father, stepmother, and siblings, all of whom considered her bad luck because her mother died shortly after giving birth to her.	Biography 6
Marchetta, Melina	Looking for Alibrandi	During her senior year in a Catholic school in Sydney, Australia, seventeen-year-old Josie meets and must contend with the father she has never known.	Fic 8
Marillier, Juliet	Daughter of the Forest	A retelling of the Celtic "Swans" myth, in which Sorcha, the only daughter in a family of seven children, is forced to leave the only safe place she has ever known in order to save her brothers from a spell that only she can lift.	Fic 8
Marsden, John	Tomorrow When the War Began	Seven Australian teenagers return from a camping trip in the bush to discover that their country has been invaded and they must hide to stay alive.	Fic 8

Martel, Yann	Life of Pi: A Novel	Pi Patel, having spent an idyllic childhood in India as the son of a zookeeper, sets off with his family to start anew in Canada, but his life takes a marvelous turn when their ship sinks in the Pacific, leaving him adrift on a raft with a 450-pound Bengal tiger for company.	Fic 7
Martinez, Manuel Luis	Drift	Sixteen-year-old Robert Lomos, living with his grandmother in San Antonio since his father abandoned the family and his mother suffered a breakdown and moved with his little brother to California, struggles to earn the money to follow her and put his family back together.	Fic 8
Martinez, Victor	Parrot in the Oven	Manny relates his coming of age experiences as a member of a poor Mexican American family in which the alcoholic father only adds to everyone's struggle.	Fic 7
Matas, Carol	After the War	After being released from Buchenwald at the end of World War II, fifteen-year-old Ruth risks her life to lead a group of children across Europe to Palestine.	Fic 7
Matthews, Kezi	Scorpio's Child	When a strangely-behaving uncle she has never heard of comes to live in her family's house in a small Georgia town, fourteen-year-old Afton, grieving over her brother's death in World War II, tries to unravel the secrets her mother refuses to share with her.	Fic 7
Mazer, Harry	A boy at war : a novel of Pearl Harbor	While fishing with his friends off Honolulu on December 7, 1941, teenaged Adam is caught in the midst of the Japanese attack and through the chaos of the subsequent days tries to find his father, a naval officer who was serving on the U.S.S. Arizona when the bombs fell.	Fic 8
Mazer, Norma Fox	Girlhearts	Thirteen-year-old Sarabeth Silver's life is turned upside-down when her mother dies suddenly, leaving her orphaned, confused, and at the mercy of everyone who seems to know what is best for her.	Fic 7
Mazer, Norma Fox	Good night, Maman	After spending years fleeing from the Nazis in war-torn Europe, twelve-year-old Karin Levi and her older brother Marc find a new home in a refugee camp in Oswego, New York.	Fic 6
McDonald, Joyce	Swallowing Stones	Depression, guilt and fear plague Michael's dreams after a stray bullet from his rifle kills a man.	Fic 7
McKay, Hilary	Indigo's Star	Spurred on by his youngest sister, Rose, twelve-year-old Indigo sticks up for himself and an American boy who has replaced him as the primary target of the school bullies.	Fic 6
McKinley, Robin	Spindle's End	The infant princess Briar Rose is cursed on her name day by Pernicia, an evil fairy, and then whisked away by a young fairy to be raised in a remote part of a magical country, unaware of her real identity and hidden from Pernicia's vengeful powers.	Fic 7

McLaren, Clemence	Inside the Walls of Troy	The events surrounding the famous battle between the Greeks and the Trojans are told from the points of view of two women, the beautiful Helen and the prophetic Cassandra.	Fic 7
McNamee, Graham	Acceleration	Stuck working in the lost and found department of the Toronto Transit authority for the summer, seventeen-year-old Duncan finds the diary of a serial killer and sets out to stop him.	Fic 8
McWhorter, Diane	A Dream of Freedom : the Civil Rights movement from 1954 to 1968	Examines the rise of the Civil Rights movement in America, the men and women whose lives made an impact in the pursuit of social and political equality, and landmark Supreme Court cases that changed the fabric of American society in the mid-to-late twentieth century.	Nonfiction 6
Meyer, Carolyn	Mary, Bloody Mary	Young Mary Tudor has a difficult life, first as heir to the throne and then as diaper changer to the new princess, baby Elizabeth.	Fic 6
Mikaelsen, Ben	Touching Spirit Bear	After his anger erupts into violence, fifteen-year-old Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the Native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.	Fic 6
Mikaelsen, Ben	Petey	In 1922 Petey, who has cerebral palsy, is misdiagnosed as an idiot and institutionalized; sixty years later, still in the institution, he befriends a boy and shares with him the joy of life.	Fic 6
Moriarty, Jaclyn	Feeling Sorry for Celia	An epistolary novel about a teenager named Elizabeth, made up of notes and letters from her best friend, a runaway named Celia; Christina, the new pen pal Elizabeth reluctantly takes on for a school assignment; her busy mother; and Elizabeth's own angst-ridden mind.	Fic 8
Morrison, Toni	The Bluest Eye	An eleven-year-old African-American girl in Ohio, in the early 1940s, prays for her eyes to turn blue so that she will be beautiful.	Fic 6
Murphy, Jim	The Great Fire	Vivid firsthand descriptions by persons who lived through the 1871 Chicago fire are woven into a gripping account of this famous disaster.	Nonfiction 6
Myers, Walter Dean	Handbook for Boys: a Novel	Sixteen-year-old Jimmy, on probation for assault, talks about life with three old men in a Harlem barbershop and hears about the tools he can use to get what he wants.	Fic 7
Myers, Walter Dean	The Greatest: Muhammad Ali	An illustrated biography of boxing great Muhammad Ali that addresses his politics, his fight against Parkinson's disease, and boxing's dangers.	Biography 7
Myers, Walter Dean	Slam!	Sixteen-year-old "Slam" Harris is counting on his noteworthy basketball talents to get him out of the inner city and give him a chance to succeed in life, but his coach sees things differently.	Fic 7

Myers, Walter Dean	Monster	While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.	Fic 8
Myers, Walter Dean	The Beast	A teenager from Harlem struggles to save his girlfriend from herself when she develops a drug problem while he is away at a Connecticut prep school.	Fic 8
Na, An	A Step From Heaven	A young Korean girl and her family find it difficult to learn English and adjust to life in America.	Fic 8
Nam, Victoria, ed.	Yell-oh Girls!: Emerging Voices Explore Culture, Identity, and Growing Up Asian American	This collection of writings addresses a variety of issues Asian American girls face in today's modern culture	Nonfiction 8
Namioka, Lensey	Ties that Bind, Ties that Break: a Novel	Ailin's life takes a different turn when she defies the traditions of upper class Chinese society by refusing to have her feet bound.	Fic 7
Napoli, Donna Jo	Spinners	Elaborates on the events recounted in the fairy tale, "Rumpelstiltskin," in which a strange little man helps a miller's daughter spin straw into gold for the king on the condition that she will give him her first-born child.	Fic 7
Napoli, Donna Jo	Sirena	The gods grant immortality to the mermaid Sirena when she rescues a human man from the sea and they fall in love, but his mortality creates great conflict between love and honor when he is called to defend Greece in the Trojan War.	Fic 7
Napoli, Donna Jo	Breath	Elaborates the tale of "The Pied Piper," told from the point of view of a boy who is too ill to keep up when a piper spirits away the healthy children of a plague-ridden town after being cheated out of full payment for ridding Hameln of rats.	Fic 7
Naylor, Phyllis	Jade Green: A Ghost Story	While living with her uncle in a house haunted by the ghost of a young woman, recently orphaned Judith Sparrow wonders if her one small transgression causes mysterious happenings.	Fic 6
Nelson, Peter	Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice	Recalls the sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis at the end of World War II, the Navy cover-up and unfair court martial of the ship's captain, and how a young boy helped the survivors set the record straight fifty-five years later.	Nonfiction 8
Nix, Garth	Lirael: Daughter of the Clay	When a dangerous necromancer threatens to unleash a long-buried evil, Lirael and Prince Sameth are drawn into a battle to save the Old Kingdom and reveal their true destinies. Sequel to Sabriel	Fic 8
Nixon, Joan Lowery	Who Are You?	When the police discover that a man who has been shot has been keeping a file of her entire life, sixteen-year-old Kristi, an aspiring artist, suspects a connection with the possible theft of a painting from a museum.	Fic 7

Oates, Joyce Carol	Big Mouth & Ugly Girl	When sixteen-year-old Matt is falsely accused of threatening to blow up his high school and his friends turn against him, an unlikely classmate comes to his aid.	Fic 8
O'Connor, Jane	The Emperor's Silent Army	Describes the archaeological discovery of thousands of life-sized terracotta warrior statues in northern China in 1974, and discusses the emperor who had them created and placed near his tomb.	Nonfiction 6
O'Dell, Scott	Island of the Blue Dolphins	Records the courage and self-reliance of an Indian girl who lived alone for eighteen years on an isolated island off the California coast when her tribe emigrated and she was left behind.	Fic 6
Opdyke, Irene Gut	In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer	Recounts the experiences of the author who, as a young Polish girl, hid and saved Jews during the Holocaust.	Biography 7
Oppel, Kenneth	Airborn	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.	Fic 7
Orgill, Roxane	Shout, Sister, Shout!: Ten Girl Singers Who Shaped a Century	A collective biography of ten outstanding female singers of popular music in the twentieth century.	Biography 8
Orr, Wendy	Peeling the Onion	Following an automobile accident in which her neck is broken, a teenage karate champion begins a long and painful recovery with the help of her family.	Fic 7
Osa, Nancy	Cuba 15: a Novel	Violet Paz, a Chicago high school student, reluctantly prepares for her upcoming "quince," a Spanish nickname for the celebration of an Hispanic girl's fifteenth birthday.	Fic 8
Paolini, Christopher	Eragon	In Aagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters.	Fic 7
Park, Linda Sue	A Single Shard	Set in twelfth century Korea, this is the story of Tree-Ear's determination and bravery in pursuing his dream of becoming a potter.	Fic 6
Park, Linda Sue	When My Name Was Keoko	With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely.	Fic 7
Paterson, Katherine	Jacob Have I Loved	Feeling deprived all her life of schooling, friends, mother, and even her name by her twin sister, Louise finally begins to find her identity.	Fic 7
Paulsen, Gary	How Angel Peterson Got His Name	Paulsen relates tales from his youth in a small town in northwestern Minnesota in the late 1940s and early 1950s, such as skiing behind a car and imitating daredevil Evel Knievel.	Biography 7

Paulsen, Gary	Dogsong	A fourteen-year-old Eskimo boy who feels assailed by the modernity of his life takes a 1400-mile journey by dog sled across ice, tundra, and mountains seeking his own "song" of himself.	Fic 6
Pearsall, Shelley	Trouble Don't Last	Samuel, an eleven-year-old Kentucky slave, and Harrison, the elderly slave who helped raise him, attempt to escape to Canada via the Underground Railroad.	Fic 6
Peck, Richard	A Year Down Yonder	During the recession of 1937, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice is sent to live with her feisty, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois and comes to a better understanding of this fearsome woman.	Fic 6
Peck, Richard	A Long Way From Chicago	A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.	Fic 6
Pelzer, David J.	A Child Called "It": One Child's Courage to Survive	David Pelzer, victim of one of the worst child abuse cases in the history of California, tells the story of how he survived his mother's brutality and triumphed over his past.	Nonfiction 8
Perkins, Lynn Rae	Criss Cross	Teenagers in a small town in the 1960s experience new thoughts and feelings, question their identities, connect, and disconnect as they search for the meaning of life and love.	Fic 7
Philbrick, Nat	In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex	Essex, a whaleship that set sail from Nantucket in 1819 on a routine voyage was rammed and sunk by an enraged sperm whale in the South Pacific, setting the twenty-man crew adrift in three tiny boats.	Nonfiction 7
Philbrick, W. R.	The Last Book in the Universe	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.	Fic 6
Pierce, Meredith Ann	Treasure at the Heart of Tanglewood	Hannah, a healer with unusual powers, leaves the wizard she has always served and, along with her animal companions, begins a journey which uncovers the truth about her real nature.	Fic 7
Pierce, Tamora	Alanna: The First Adventure	Eleven-year-old Alanna, who aspires to be a knight even though she is a girl, disguises herself as a boy to become a royal page, and proves to be capable of high adventure.	Fic 6
Pierce, Tamora	Trickster's Choice	Alianne must call forth her mother's courage and her father's wit in order to survive on the Copper Isles in a royal court rife with political intrigue and murderous conspiracy.	Fic 7
Plum-Ucci, Carol	The Body of Christopher Creed	Torey Adams, a high school junior with a seemingly perfect life, struggles with doubts and questions surrounding the mysterious disappearance of the class outcast.	Fic 8
Porter, Connie Rose	Imani All Mine	Tasha, a fifteen-year-old mother, is proud of her baby girl and is determined to be a good parent to her child, but she must draw upon her newfound faith to go on when tragedy strikes.	Fic 8

Potok, Chaim	The Chosen	Recounts the story of Reuven Malter and Danny Saunders-one an orthodox Jew, the other the son of a Hasidic rabbi-and the course of their friendship as they grow up in Brooklyn.	Fic 8
Powell, Randy	Tribute to Another Dead Rock Star	Grady Grennan is a skateboard punk whose one claim to fame is being the son of a dead heavy-metal singer.	Fic 7
Powell, Randy	Three Clams and an Oyster	During their humorous search to find a fourth player for their flag football team, three high school juniors are forced to examine their long friendship, their individual flaws, and their inability to try new experiences.	Fic 8
Pratchett, Terry	Only You Can Save Mankind	Prequel to : Johnny and the dead. Twelve-year-old Johnny endures tensions between his parents, watches television coverage of the Gulf War, and plays a computer game called Only You Can Save Mankind, in which he is increasingly drawn into the reality of the alien ScreeWee.	Fic 6
Preston, Douglas	The Relic	When visitors are killed at the New York Museum of Natural History before the opening of the Superstition exhibition, graduate student Margo Green discovers a link between the killings, a tragic archaeological trip to the Amazon Basin, and a figurine from the exhibit.	Fic 8
Preston, Richard	The Hot Zone	Tells the dramatic story of U.S. Army scientists and soldiers who worked to stop the outbreak of a deadly and extremely contagious virus in 1989.	Nonfiction 8
Pullman, Philip	The Golden Compass	Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.	Fic 7
Pullman, Philip	The Ruby in the Smoke	In nineteenth century London, sixteen-year-old Sally, a recent orphan, becomes involved in a deadly search for a mysterious ruby.	Fic 7
Quarles, Heather	A Door Near Here	Four siblings struggle to maintain a semi normal home life when their single mother's alcoholism becomes debilitating.	Fic 7
Randle, Kristen D.	Breaking Rank	Seventeen-year-old Casey has some of her preconceived notions challenged when she begins to tutor Baby, a member of a ganglike non-conformist society called the Clan.	Fic 8
Reeve, Christopher	Nothing is Impossible: Reflections on a New Life	Actor Christopher Reeve reflects on how his life has changed since the horse riding accident which left him confined to a wheelchair and discusses how he overcame many hardships to gain a new appreciation for life.	Biography 6
Rinaldi, Ann	Amelia's War	When a Confederate general threatens to burn Hagerstown, Maryland, unless it pays an exorbitant ransom, twelve-year-old Amelia and her friend find a way to save the town.	Fic 7

Rinaldi, Ann	Girl in Blue	To escape an abusive father and an arranged marriage, fourteen-year-old Sarah, dressed as a boy, leaves her Michigan home to enlist in the Union Army, and becomes a soldier on the battlefields of Virginia as well as a Union spy working in the house of Confederate sympathizer Rose O'Neal Greenhow in Washington, D.C.	Fic 7
Rinaldi, Ann	Hang a Thousand Trees with Ribbons	Kidnapped from her home in Senegal and sold as a slave in 1761 Phillis becomes a poet and finds it difficult to publish a Negro woman's poetry.	Fic 8
Rinaldi, Ann	In My Father's House	Oscie Mason struggles with battles during the Civil War and her relationship with her father.	Fic 7
Rinaldi, Ann	A Ride Into Morning: the Story of Tempe Wick	When unrest spreads at the Revolutionary War camp in Morristown, New Jersey, under the command of General Anthony Wayne, a young woman cleverly hides her horse from the mutinous soldiers who have need of it.	Fic 8
Riordan, Rick	Lightning Thief	Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon, and is sent to Camp Half Blood where he is befriended by a satyr and the demigod daughter of Athena to retrieve Zeus's lightning bolt and prevent a catastrophic war.	Fic 6
Ritter, John H.	Over the Wall	Thirteen-year-old Tyler, who has trouble controlling his anger, spends an important summer with his cousins in New York City, playing baseball and sorting out how he feels about violence, war, and in particular the Vietnamese conflict that took his grandfather's life.	Fic 7
Robinson, Sharon	Promises to keep : how Jackie Robinson changed America	A biography of baseball legend Jackie Robinson, the first African American to play in the major leagues, as told by his daughter.	Biography 6
Rosenbloom, Fiona	You Are So Not Invited to My Bat Mitzvah!	As her bat mitzvah approaches, Stacy Adelaide Friedman of White Plains, New York, has a lot on her mind--her parents have separated, her mother dresses her like an American Girdoll, her younger brother is embarrassing, and she is totally in love with Andy Goldfarb.	Fic 7
Rottman, S. L.	Head Above Water	Skye, a high school junior, tries to find the time for both family obligations and personal interests, which include caring for her brother who has Down Syndrome, dating her first boyfriend, and swimming competitively.	Fic 8
Ryan, Pam Munoz	Becoming Naomi Leon	When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father.	Fic 6
Ryan, Pam Munoz	Esperanza Rising	Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.	Fic 6

Sachar, Louis	Small Steps	Three years after being released from Camp Green Lake, Armpit is trying hard to keep his life on track, but when his old pal X-Ray shows up with a tempting plan to make some easy money scalping concert tickets, Armpit reluctantly goes along.	Fic 6
Salisbury, Graham	Lord of the Deep	Working for his stepfather on a charter fishing boat in Hawaii teaches thirteen-year-old Mikey about fishing, and about taking risks, making sacrifices, and facing some of life's difficult choices.	Fic 6
Schmidt, Gary	Straw Into Gold	Pursued by greedy villains, two boys on a quest to save innocent lives meet the banished queen whose son was stolen by Rumpelstiltskin eleven years earlier, and she provides much more than the answer they seek.	Fic 7
Schmidt, Gary	Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster boy	In 1911, Turner Buckminster hates his new home of Phippsburg, Maine, but things improve when he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin, a girl from a poor, nearby island community founded by former slaves that the town fathers--and Turner's--want to change into a tourist spot.	Fic 8
Shea, Pegi Deitz	Tangled Threads: a Hmong Girl's Story	After ten years in a refugee camp in Thailand, thirteen-year-old Mai Yang travels to Providence, Rhode Island, where her Americanized cousins introduce her to pizza, shopping, and beer, while her grandmother and new friends keep her connected to her Hmong heritage.	Fic 8
Shusterman, Neal	Downsiders: A Novel	When fourteen-year-old Lindsay meets Talon and discovers the Downsiders world which had evolved from the subway built in New York in 1867 by Alfred Ely Beach, she and her new friend experience the clash of their two cultures.	Fic 7
Shusterman, Neal	Full Tilt : A Novel	When sixteen-year-old Blake goes to a mysterious, by invitation-only carnival he somehow knows that it could save his comatose brother, but soon learns that much more is at stake if he fails to meet the challenge presented there by the beautiful Cassandra.	Fic 8
Shusterman, Neal	The Schwa Was Here	A Brooklyn eighth-grader nicknamed Antsy befriends the Schwa, an "invisible-ish" boy who is tired of blending into his surroundings and going unnoticed by nearly everyone.	Fic 7
Skurzynski, Gloria	Virtual War	In a future world where global contamination has necessitated limited human contact, three young people with unique genetically engineered abilities are teamed up to wage war in virtual reality.	Fic 7
Skurzynski, Gloria	Spider's Voice	Because he is a young mute person who can hear, Aran becomes involved in the adventures of Eloise and Abelard, France's most famous lovers, who lived during the twelfth century.	Fic 8
Sleator, William	The Boxes	When she opens two strange boxes left in her care by her mysterious uncle, fifteen-year-old Annie discovers a swarm of telepathic creatures and unleashes a power capable of slowing down time.	Fic 7

Sleator, William	Interstellar Pig	Barney's boring seaside vacation suddenly becomes more interesting when the cottage next door is occupied by three exotic neighbors who are addicted to a game.	Fic 7
Sleator, William	Rewind	Not long after learning that he was adopted, eleven-year-old Peter is hit by a car and then given several chances to alter events that could lead to his death.	Fic 6
Sones, Sonya	One of those hideous books where the mother dies	Fifteen-year-old Ruby Milliken leaves her best friend, her boyfriend, her aunt, and her mother's grave in Boston and reluctantly flies to Los Angeles to live with her father, a famous movie star who divorced her mother before Ruby was born.	Fic 8
Soto, Gary	Pacific Crossing	Fourteen-year-old Mexican American Lincoln Mendoza spends a summer with a host family in Japan, encountering new experiences and making new friends.	Fic 7
Spinelli, Jerry	Milkweed : a novel	A street child, known to himself only as Stopthief, finds community when he is taken in by a band of orphans in Warsaw ghetto which helps him weather the horrors of the Nazi regime.	Fic 6
Spinelli, Jerry	Stargirl	Stargirl, a teen who animates quiet Mica High with her colorful personality, suddenly finds herself shunned for her refusal to conform.	Fic 7
Springer, Nancy	Rowan Hood, Outlaw Girl of Sherwood Forest	In her quest to connect with Robin Hood, the father she has never met, thirteen-year-old Rosemary disguises herself as a boy and eventually makes peace with her elfin heritage.	Fic 7
Springer, Nancy	I am Mordred: A Tale From Camelot	King Arthur's son must fight his fate for the love of his dad.	Fic 7
Staples, Suzanne	Shiva's Fire	Story of a young girl from the South of India who refuses to squander her magical gifts in the face of life's ordinary mysteries.	Fic 7
Staples, Suzanne	Shabanu, Daughter of the Wind	When eleven-year-old Shabanu, daughter of a nomad in the Cholistan Desert of Pakistan, is pledged in marriage to an older man, she must either accept the decision or risk the consequences of defying her father's wishes.	Fic 7
Stratton, Allan	Chanda's Secrets	Chandra Kabelo, a sixteen-year-old in a small South African town, faces down shame and stigma in her efforts to help friends and family members who are dying of AIDS.	Fic 8
Stroud, Jonathan	The Amulet of Samarkand	Nathaniel, a young magician's apprentice, becomes caught in a web of magical espionage, murder, and rebellion, after he summons the djinni Bartimaeus and instructs him to steal the Amulet of Samarkand from the powerful magician Simon Loveland.	Fic 8
Tashjian, Janet	The Gospel According to Larry	Seventeen-year-old Josh, a loner-philosopher who wants to make a difference in the world, tries to maintain his secret identity as the author of a web site that is receiving national attention.	Fic 8

Taylor, Mildred	The Land	Paul-Edward will do whatever he must to make his dream of owning his own land come true. He will learn about his own inner strength, true friendship and falling in love. Black man coming of age in the 1880's.	Fic 7
Thomas, Jane Resh	Behind the Mask: The Life of Queen Elizabeth I	A biography of England's Queen Elizabeth I, providing insight into the childhood events that shaped the woman she became, examining the conflicts and triumphs of her forty-five-year reign from 1558 to 1603, and discussing aspects of her personal life.	Biography 8
Tingle, Rebecca	The Edge on the Sword	In ninth-century Britain, fifteen-year-old Aethelflaed, daughter of King Alfred of West Saxony, finds she must assume new responsibilities much sooner than expected when she is betrothed to Ethelred of Mercia in order to strengthen a strategic alliance against the Danes.	Fic 7
Tolan, Stephanis	Surviving the Applewhites	Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent for homeschooling to the arty and eccentric Applewhite family's Creative Academy, where he discovers talents and interests he never knew he had.	Fic 7
Tolkien, J.R.R.	The Fellowship of the Ring	Frodo the hobbit and a band of warriors from the different kingdoms set out to destroy the Ring of Power before the evil Sauron grasps control.	Fic 8
Tolkien, J.R.R.	The Hobbit	The adventure of Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit, in a land inhabited by dwarves, elves, goblins, dragons, and humans. He sets off to recover a stolen treasure from a dragon hidden in the Lonely Mountain.	Fic 7
Tomey, Ingrid	Nobody Else Has to Know	Fifteen-year-old Webber and grandpa have a secret. Who was really driving the car the day it struck a little girl who is now in a coma?	Fic 7
Trueman, Terry	Cruise Control	A talented basketball player struggles to deal with the helplessness and anger that come with having a brother rendered completely dysfunctional by severe cerebral palsy and a father who deserted the family.	Fic 8
Trueman, Terry	Stuck in Neutral	Fourteen-year-old Shawn McDaniel, who suffers from severe cerebral palsy and cannot function, relates his perceptions of his life, his family, and his condition, especially as he believes his father is planning to kill him.	Fic 7
Turner, Megan Whalen	The Queen of Attolia	Forsaken by the gods and left to his own devices, Eugenides, Royal Thief of Eddis, summons all his wit and wiles in an attempt to conquer the rival Queen of Attolia.	Fic 7
Ung, Loung	First They Killed My Father: A Daughter of Cambodia Remembers	Loung Ung, one of seven children of a high-ranking government official in Phnom Penh, tells of her experiences after her family was forced to flee from the Khmer Rouge army.	Nonfiction 7
Van Draanen, Wendelin	Flipped	In alternating chapters, two teenagers describe how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years.	Fic 7

Vance, Susanna	Deep	Somewhere in the Caribbean, seventeen-year-old Morgan and thirteen-year-old Birdie, two girls whose lives are worlds apart, are brought together by the maniacal Nicholas.	Fic 8
Vande Velde, Vivian	Heir Apparent	While playing a total immersion virtual reality game of kings and intrigue, fourteen-year-old Giannine learns that demonstrators have damaged the equipment to which she is connected, and she must win the game quickly or be damaged herself.	Fic 7
Vande Velde, Vivian	Never Trust A Dead Man	Wrongly convicted of murder and punished by being sealed in the tomb with a dead man, seventeen-year-old Selwyn enlists the help of a witch and the resurrected victim to find the true killer.	Fic 7
Vijayaraghavan, Vineeta	Motherland	Fifteen-year-old Maya learns the cause of the rift she feels between her and her mother and is finally able to come to terms with her divided loyalties when she leaves New York to spend the summer in southern India.	Fic 8
Voigt, Cynthia	Izzy, Willy-Nilly	A car accident causes fifteen-year-old Izzy to lose one leg and face the need to start building a new life as an amputee.	Fic 7
Voigt, Cynthia	The Runner	As a dedicated runner, a teenage boy has always managed to distance himself from other people until the experience of coaching one of his teammates on the track team gradually helps him see the value of giving and receiving.	Fic 7
Weeks, Sarah	So Be. It	After spending her life with her mentally retarded mother and agoraphobic neighbor, twelve-year-old Heidi sets out from Reno, Nevada, to New York to find out who she is.	Fic 6
Werlin, Nancy	Locked Inside	After she is kidnapped from the exclusive boarding school she attends, heiress Marnie Skyedottir must rethink her idealized relationship with her mother, her own sense of who she is, and her relationships with others.	Fic 7
Werlin, Nancy	Black Mirror	Convinced her brother's death was murder rather than suicide, sixteen-year-old Frances begins her own investigation into suspicious student activities at her boarding school.	Fic 8
Werlin, Nancy,	The Killer's Cousin	After being acquitted of murder, seventeen-year-old David goes to stay with relatives in Massachusetts where he finds himself forced to face the past as he learns more about his strange young cousin.	Fic 7
Whalen, Gloria	Homeless Bird	When thirteen-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage, she must either suffer the destiny dictated by India's traditions or find the courage to oppose it.	Fic 6
White, T. H.	The Sword in the Stone	Wart, as young Arthur is called, becomes a wiser, more thoughtful person and a worthy king as a result of Merlin's lessons.	Fic 7

Whitmore, Arvella	Trapped Between the Lash and the Gun	Twelve-year-old Jordan is becoming dangerously involved with a street gang when he is suddenly transported through time to become a slave on the plantation of his ancestors.	Fic 7
Wilson, Diane Lee	I Rode A Horse of Milk White Jade	Oyuna tells her granddaughter the story of how love for her horse enabled her to win a race and bring good luck to her family living in Mongolia in 1285.	Fic 7
Wittlinger, Ellen	Hard Love	After starting to publish a magazine in which he writes his secret feelings about his lonely life and his parents' divorce, sixteen-year-old John meets an unusual girl and begins to develop a healthier personality.	Fic 8
Wolff, Tobias	This Boy's Life: A Memoir	Wolff's account of his boyhood and the process of growing up includes paper routes, whiskey, scouting, fistfights, friendship, betrayal, and America in the fifties.	Biography 6
Wolff, Virginia Euwer	The Mozart Season	Who says music can take your cares away? Allegra has so much on her mind it is hard for her to stay focused on the upcoming violin concert.	Fic 7
Wolff, Virginia Euwer	Bat 6: A Novel	In small town, post-World War II Oregon, twenty-one 6th grade girls recount the story of an annual softball game, during which one girl's bigotry comes to the surface.	Fic 6
Wolff, Virginia Euwer	Make Lemonade	In order to earn money for college, fourteen-year-old LaVaughn babysits for a teenage mother.	Fic 7
Wolff, Virginia Euwer	True Believer	Living in the inner city amidst guns and poverty, fifteen-year-old LaVaughn learns from old and new friends, and inspiring mentors, that life is what you make it - an occasion to rise to.	Fic 8
Woods, Brenda	Emako Blue	Monterey, Savannah, Jamal, and Eddie have never had much to do with each other until Emako Blue shows up at chorus practice, but just as the lives of the five Los Angeles high school students become intertwined, tragedy tears them apart.	Fic 8
Woodson, Jacqueline	Hush	Twelve-year-old Toswiah finds her life changed when her family enters the witness protection program.	Fic 6
Woodson, Jacqueline	If You Come Softly	After meeting at their private school in New York, fifteen-year-old Jeremiah, who is black and whose parents are separated, and Ellie, who is white and whose mother has twice abandoned her, fall in love and then try to cope with peoples' reactions.	Fic 8
Woodson, Jacqueline	Locomotion	Inspired by his teacher, eleven-year-old Lonnie begins to write about his life in a series of poems in which he discusses his feelings about his friends, his foster mom, his little sister Lili, and the death of his parents.	Fic 6
Wrede, Patricia	Sorcery and Cecelia	In 1817 in England, two young cousins, Cecelia living in the country and Kate in London, write letters to keep each other informed of their exploits, which take a sinister turn when they find themselves confronted by evil wizards.	Fic 7

Wyeth, Sharon	Once on This River	While on a trip with her mother from Madagascar to New York in 1760, eleven-year-old Monday learns the horrors of slavery and the truth about her other mother.	Fic 7
Yee, Paul	Breakaway	In depression ridden Vancouver in the 1930s racism has a strong grip. Can a young Chinese man, no matter how gifted, make a good life for himself?	Fic 7
Yolen, Jane	Girl in a Cage	As English armies invade Scotland in 1306, eleven-year-old Princess Marjorie, daughter of the newly crowned Scottish king, Robert the Bruce, is captured by England's King Edward Longshanks and held in a cage on public display.	Fic 7
Yolen, Jane	The Devil's Arithmetic	Hanna resents the traditions of her Jewish heritage until time travel places her in the middle of a small Jewish village in Nazi-occupied Poland.	Fic 6
Yolen, Jane (editor)	Sherwood	Eight tales of Robin Hood and his merry men.	Fic 7
Zindel, Paul	The Gadget	In 1945, having joined his father at Los Alamos, where he and other scientists are working on a secret project to end World War II, thirteen-year-old Stephen becomes caught in a web of secrecy and intrigue.	Fic 7
Zindel, Paul	Rats	When mutant rats threaten to take over Staten Island, which has become a huge landfill, fourteen-year-old Sarah and her younger brother Mike try to figure out how to stop them.	Fic 6