

**Reading List for Grade 7**  
**Central Middle School, Stirling, New Jersey**  
**2009-2010**

**Battle of the Books:**

<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Genre</b>
Anderson, Laurie Halse	<u>Fever, 1793</u>	Historical Fiction/Adventure
Christie, Agatha	<u>And Then There Were None</u>	Mystery/Classic
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	<u>Among the Hidden</u>	Science Fiction/Adventure
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	<u>Don't You Dare Read This, Mrs. Dunphrey</u>	Realistic Fiction/Adventure
Hamilton, Bethany	<u>Soul Surfer: True Story of Faith, Family...</u>	Autobiography
Hinton, S.E.	<u>The Outsiders</u>	Classic/Realistic Fiction/Adventure
Jacques, Brian	<u>Redwall</u>	Animals/Fantasy
Lubar, David	<u>Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie</u>	Realistic Fiction/Humor
Mass, Wendy	<u>A Mango-Shaped Space</u>	Realistic Fiction
Oppel, Kenneth	<u>Silverwing</u>	Fantasy/Animals
Patterson, James	<u>Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment</u>	Science Fiction/Adventure
Ritter, John H.	<u>The Boy Who Saved Baseball</u>	Sports
Sachar, Louis	<u>Holes</u>	Adventure/Newbery
Spinelli, Jerry	<u>Stargirl</u>	Realistic Fiction
Wulffson, Don L.	<u>Soldier X</u>	Historical Fiction/Adventure

<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Genre</b>
<b>Alcott, Louisa May</b>	<b><u>Little Women</u></b>	<b>Classic/Historical Fiction</b>
Chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young women in nineteenth-century New England.		
<b>Anderson, Laurie Halse</b>	<b><u>Fever, 1793</u></b>	<b>Historical Fiction/Adventure</b>
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 in Philadelphia in 1793.		
<b>Avi</b>	<b><u>Midnight Magic</u></b>	<b>Historical Fiction/Adventure</b>
In Italy in 1491, Mangus the magician and his apprentice are summoned to the castle of Duke Claudio to determine if his daughter is indeed being haunted by a ghost.		
<b>Avi</b>	<b><u>Nothing But the Truth</u></b>	<b>Realistic Fiction</b>
A ninth-grader's suspension for singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story, and leads to him and his teacher both leaving the school.		
<b>Baker, Julie</b>	<b><u>Up Molasses Mountain</u></b>	<b>Historical Fiction</b>
When union members arrive to organize their West Virginia coal mining town, fourteen-year-old Clarence Henderson, shunned for his cleft lip, and his neighbor Elizabeth Braxton narrate the changes in their own lives and in the lives of everyone in their community.		
<b>Balliett, Blue</b>	<b><u>Chasing Vermeer</u></b>	<b>Mystery</b>
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. The sequel is <u>The Wright 3</u> .		
<b>Barron, T.A.</b>	<b><u>The Ancient One</u></b>	<b>Fantasy</b>
While protecting an Oregon redwood forest from loggers, thirteen-year-old Kate goes back five centuries through a time tunnel and faces the evil creature Gashra, who is bent on destroying the same forest. Companion is <u>Heartlight</u> .		
<b>Bauer, Joan</b>	<b><u>Backwater</u></b>	<b>Realistic Fiction/Adventure</b>
While compiling a genealogy of her family, 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.		
<b>Bauer, Joan</b>	<b><u>Hope Was Here</u></b>	<b>Realistic Fiction</b>
Sixteen-year-old Hope and her aunt move to Wisconsin to work as waitress and cook in a diner, where they become involved with the diner owner's political campaign to oust the town's corrupt mayor.		
<b>Blackwood, Gary</b>	<b><u>The Shakespeare Stealer</u></b>	<b>Historical Fiction</b>
A young orphan boy is ordered by his master to infiltrate Shakespeare's acting troupe in order to steal the script of "Hamlet," but he discovers instead the meaning of friendship and loyalty. Start of a series.		
<b>Brooks, Bruce</b>	<b><u>The Moves Make the Man</u></b>	<b>Sports</b>
A black boy and an emotionally troubled white boy in North Carolina form a precarious friendship.		
<b>Bunting, Eve</b>	<b><u>Spying on Miss Muller</u></b>	<b>Historical Fiction</b>
At boarding school at the start of World War II, thirteen-year-old Jessie deals with her suspicions about a teacher whose father was German and with her worries about her own father's drinking problem.		
<b>Burch, Jennings Michael</b>	<b><u>They Cage the Animals at Night:</u></b>	<b>Autobiography</b>
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.		
<b>Cameron, Ann</b>	<b><u>Colibri</u></b>	<b>Realistic Fiction</b>
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.		
<b>Choi, Soak Nyui</b>	<b><u>The Year of Impossible Goodbyes</u></b>	<b>Historical Fiction</b>
A young Korean girl survives the oppressive Japanese and Russian occupation of North Korea during the 1940s, to later escape to freedom in South Korea. Sequel is <u>Echoes of the White Giraffe</u> .		

**Christie, Agatha**                      **And Then There Were None**                      **Mystery/Classic**  
Ten strangers--each with a sordid past--are summoned by an absent millionaire to a private island off the coast of Devon and begin to die one by one upon arrival.

**Choldenko, Gennifer**                      **Al Capone Does My Shirts**                      **Historical Fiction/ Newbery**  
Twelve-year-old 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.

**Colfer, Eoin (Owen)**                      **Artemis Fowl! (series)**                      **Fantasy**  
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.

**Collier, J.L. and C.**                      **My Brother Sam is Dead**                      **Historical Fiction**  
Recounts the tragedy that strikes the Meeker family during the Revolution when one son joins the rebel forces while the rest of the family tries to stay neutral in a Tory town.

**Cooney, Caroline B.**                      **Flight #116 is Down!**                      **Adventure**  
Teenager Heidi Landseth helps rescue people from a plane crash on her family's property, and the experience changes her life forever.

**Cooper, Susan**                      **The Dark is Rising**                      **Fantasy**  
On his eleventh birthday Will 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. Start of a series.

**Creech, Sharon**                      **Absolutely Normal Chaos**                      **Realistic Fiction**  
Thirteen-year-old Mary Lou grows up considerably during the summer while learning about romance, homesickness, death, and her cousin's search for his biological father.

**Creech, Sharon**                      **Ruby Holler**                      **Fantasy**  
The lives of thirteen-year-old twins change forever when an eccentric but sweet older couple invites them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler.

**Danziger, Paula**                      **Remember Me to Harold Square**                      **Realistic Fiction**  
Two teenagers develop a friendship as they set off on a summer-long scavenger hunt exploring the New York City's museums, restaurants, and other landmarks. Sequel is Thames Doesn't Rhyme with James.

**DiCamillo, Kate**                      **The Tale of Despereaux**                      **Newbery/Fantasy**  
The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

**Dowell, Frances O.**                      **Dovey Coe**                      **Historical Fiction**  
Accused of murder in her North Carolina mountain town in 1928, twelve-year-old Dovey Coe comes to a new understanding of others, including her deaf brother, as she attempts to clear her name.

**Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan**                      **The Hound of the Baskervilles**                      **Classic/Mystery**  
Legendary detective Sherlock Holmes and his assistant Dr. Watson are called to investigate the case of a family in Devonshire living under the curse of a spectral hound.

**Duncan, Lois**                      **The Third Eye**                      **Mystery**  
High school senior Karen, who worries that her psychic powers will make her seem different from other people, is frightened when a young policeman asks her to use her gift to help locate missing children.

**DuPrau, Jeanne**                      **The City of Ember**                      **Science Fiction/Adventure**  
In the city of Ember, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions. Start of a series.

**Ellis, Deborah**                      **The Breadwinner**                      **Realistic Fiction**  
Because the Taliban rulers of Afghanistan impose strict limitations on women's freedom and behavior, eleven-year-old Parvana must disguise herself as a boy to help her family survive after her father's arrest. Start of a trilogy.

**Farmer, Nancy**                      **The House of the Scorpion**                      **Science Fiction/Adventure**  
In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

**Farmer, Nancy**                      **A Girl Named Disaster**                      **Realistic Fiction**  
While journeying to Zimbabwe, eleven-year-old Nhamo struggles to escape drowning and starvation and in so doing comes close to the luminous world of the African spirits.

**Farmer, Nancy**                      **The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm**                      **Science Fiction/Mystery**  
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**Filopovic, Zlata**                      **Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo**                      **Autobiography**  
The diary of a thirteen-year-old girl living in Yugoslavia, begun just before her eleventh birthday when there was still peace in her homeland.

**Flake, Sharon**                      **The Skin I'm In**                      **Realistic Fiction**  
Thirteen-year-old Maleeka, uncomfortable because her skin is extremely dark, meets a new teacher with a birthmark on her face and makes discoveries about how to love who she is and what she looks like.

**Fogelin, Adrian**                      **Crossing Jordan**                      **Realistic Fiction**  
Twelve-year-old Cass meets her new African-American neighbor, Jemmie, and despite their families' prejudices, they build a friendship around their mutual talent for running and a pact to read Jane Eyre.

**Forbes, Esther**                      **Johnny Tremain**                      **Newbery/Classic/Historical Fiction**  
After injuring his hand, a silversmith's apprentice in Boston becomes a messenger for the Sons of Liberty in the days before the American Revolution.

**Frank, Anne**                                    **Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl**                                    **Autobiography**  
A teenage Jewish girl describes both the joys and torments of daily life, as well as typical adolescent thoughts, throughout two years spent in hiding with her family during the Nazi occupation of Holland.

**Funke, Cornelia**                                    **The Thief Lord**                                    **Realistic Fiction/ Adventure**  
Orphaned brothers Prosper and Bo, having run away from their aunt and uncle, 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.

**Gilbreth, Frank B.**                                    **Cheaper by the Dozen**                                    **Autobiography**  
Two siblings in the Gilbreth clan look at the lives of their efficiency expert parents, and share the adventures of the couple raising twelve children. Sequel is Belles on Their Toes.

**Greene, Bette**                                    **Summer of My German Soldier**                                    **Historical Fiction**  
When German prisoners of war are brought to her Arkansas town during World War II, twelve-year-old Patty, a Jewish girl, befriends one of them and must deal with the consequences of that friendship. Sequel is Morning is a Long Time Coming.

**Haddix, Margaret Peterson**                                    **Among the Hidden**                                    **Science Fiction/Adventure**  
In a future where laws limit a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong. Start of the **Shadow Children series**.

**Haddix, Margaret Peterson**                                    **Don't You Dare Read This, Mrs. Dunphrey**                                    **Realistic Fiction/Adventure**  
In the journal she is keeping for English class, sixteen-year-old Tish chronicles the changes in her life when her abusive father abandons her and her brother, and her mother follows him.

**Haddix, Margaret Peterson**                                    **Turnabout**                                    **Science Fiction**  
Two teenage participants face serious consequences when they refuse to continue with the treatments in Project Turnabout, a scientific experiment to stop the aging process, after things start going wrong.

**Hamilton, Bethany**                                    **Soul Surfer: True Story of Faith, Family...**                                    **Autobiography**  
Bethany Hamilton shares the story of her lifelong love of surfing, and tells how she was able to recover and return to competition with the help of her family, friends, and faith after losing her arm in a shark attack at the age of thirteen.

**Hannigan, Katherine**                                    **Ida B: and Her Plans to Maximize Fun...**                                    **Realistic Fiction**  
Fourth-grader Ida B spends happy hours being home-schooled and playing in her family's apple orchard, until her mother becomes ill, her parents must sell part of the orchard, and she goes to public school.

**Hautzig, Esther**                                    **The Endless Steppe: Growing Up in Siberia**                                    **Autobiography**  
The author tells of her trials of five years of hardship in Poland during World War II, when she was eleven years old and exiled to Siberia with her family.

**Henkes, Kevin**                                    **Olive's Ocean**                                    **Realistic Fiction/Newbery**  
During a summer, 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.

**Hesse, Karen**                                    **Phoenix Rising**                                    **Realistic Fiction**  
Thirteen-year-old Nyle learns about relationships and death when fifteen-year-old Ezra, who was exposed to radiation leaked from a nearby nuclear plant, comes to stay at her grandmother's farmhouse.

**Hesse, Karen**                                    **The Music of Dolphins**                                    **Realistic Fiction**  
Using sophisticated computer technology, a fifteen-year-old girl who has been raised by dolphins, records her thoughts about her reintroduction to the human world.

**Hesse, Karen**                                    **Witness**                                    **Historical Fiction**  
A series of poems express the views of various people in a small Vermont town, including a young black girl and a young Jewish girl, during the 1920s when the Ku Klux Klan tries to infiltrate the town.

**Hiaasen, Carl**                                    **Hoot**                                    **Humor/Newbery**  
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.

**Hinton, S.E.**                                    **The Outsiders**                                    **Classic/Realistic Fiction/Adventure**  
The struggle of three brothers to stay together after their parent's death and their quest for identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society.

**Hobbs, Will**                                    **Ghost Canoe**                                    **Adventure**  
Fourteen-year-old Nathan, fishing with the Makah in the Pacific Northwest, finds himself holding a vital clue when a mysterious stranger comes to town looking for Spanish treasure.

**Hobbs, Will**                                    **Far North**                                    **Adventure**  
After the destruction of their float plane, sixteen-year-old Gabe and his friend Raymond struggle to survive a winter in the wilderness of the Northwest Territories of Canada.

**Holm, Jennifer**                                    **Our Only May Amelia**                                    **Historical Fiction/Newbery**  
As the only girl in a Finnish American family of seven brothers, May Amelia Jackson resents being expected to act like a lady while growing up in Washington state in 1899.

**Holman, Felice**                                    **Slake's Limbo**                                    **Realistic Fiction/Adventure**  
Thirteen-year-old Aremis Slake, hounded by his fears and misfortunes, flees them into New York City's subway tunnels, never again--he believes--to emerge.

**Holm, Jennifer L.**                                    **Penny From Heaven**                                    **Historical Fiction/ Newbery**  
As she turns twelve during the summer of 1953, Penny gains new insights into herself and her family while also learning a secret about her father's death.

**Horowitz, Anthony**                                    **Stormbreaker**                                    **Action/Adventure**  
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. Start of a series.

**Howe, Norma**                                 **The Adventures of Blue Avenger**                                 **Fantasy/Comedy**  
On his sixteenth birthday, David Schumacher decides--or does he--to change his name to Blue Avenger, hoping to find a way to make a difference in his Oakland neighborhood and in the world.

**Hughes, Monica**                                 **Invitation to the Game**                                 **Science Fiction**  
After high school in the highly robotic society of 2154, Lisse and seven friends resign themselves to a boring existence in their "Designated Area" until the government invites them to play the Game.

**Jacques, Brian**                                 **Redwall**                                 **Animals/Fantasy**  
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 which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy. Start of a series.

**Joseph, Lynn**                                 **The Color of My Words**                                 **Realistic Fiction**  
Ana Rosa, a twelve-year-old would-be writer living in a small village in the Dominican Republic, can depend on her older brother to make her feel better--until the life-changing events occur.

**Kindl, Patrice**                                 **Owl In Love**                                 **Fantasy**  
A fourteen-year-old girl, who can transform into an owl, has a crush on her science teacher which leads her into interesting new relationships with both humans and owls.

**Kipling, Rudyard**                                 **The Jungle Book**                                 **Classic/Adventure**  
The adventures of a young boy raised by the animals in an Indian jungle.

**Klass, David**                                 **California Blue**                                 **Realistic Fiction**  
An environmental conflict happens when seventeen-year-old John Rodgers discovers a new sub-species of butterfly which may necessitate closing the mill where his dying father works.

**Knowles, John**                                 **A Separate Peace**                                 **Classic/Historical Fiction**  
Gene Forrester looks back fifteen years to a World War II year in which he and his best friend Phineas were roommates in a New Hampshire boarding school.

**Korman, Gordon**                                 **No More Dead Dogs**                                 **Realistic Fiction/Humor**  
Eighth-grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play where, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production.

**Laird, Elizabeth**                                 **Kiss the Dust**                                 **Adventure**  
Her father's involvement with the Kurdish resistance movement in Iraq forces thirteen-year-old Tara to flee with her family over the border into Iran, where they face an unknown future.

**Lawrence, Iain**                                 **The Wreckers (series)**                                 **Historical Fiction/Adventure**  
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 Cornish coastal town where they are stranded.

**Levine, Gail Carson**                                 **The Two Princesses of Bamarre**                                 **Fantasy**  
With her adventurous sister, Meryl, suffering from the Grey death, meek and timid Princess Addie sets out to find a cure.

**Lipsyte, Robert**                                 **The Contender**                                 **Sports/Realistic Fiction**  
After a successful start in a boxing career, a Harlem high school dropout decides that competing in the ring isn't enough of life and resolves to aim for different goals.

**Lisle, Janet Taylor**                                 **The Art of Keeping Cool**                                 **Historical Fiction**  
In 1942, Robert and his cousin Elliot uncover long-hidden family secrets and they also become involved with a German artist who is suspected of being a spy.

**Lowry, Lois**                                 **The Giver**                                 **Science Fiction/ Newbery**  
Given his lifetime assignment, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

**Lubar, David**                                 **Hidden Talents**                                 **Realistic Fiction**  
Thirteen-year-old Martin, a new student at an alternative school for misfits and problem students, falls in with a group of boys with psychic powers and discovers something surprising about himself. Sequel is True Talents.

**Lubar, David**                                 **Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie**                                 **Realistic Fiction/Humor**  
While navigating his first year of high school and awaiting the birth of his new baby brother, Scott loses old friends and gains some unlikely new ones as he hones his skills as a writer.

**Lupica, Mike**                                 **Travel Team**                                 **Sports/Realistic Fiction**  
After he is cut from his basketball team--the 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. Sequel is Summer Ball.

**Lyons, Mary E.**                                 **Letters From a Slave Girl**                                 **Historical Fiction**  
A fictionalized version of the life of Harriet Jacobs, told in the form of letters that she might have written during her slavery in North Carolina and as she prepared for escape to the North in 1842.

**Magorian, Michelle**                                 **Good-Night, Mr. Tom**                                 **Historical Fiction**  
A battered child learns to embrace life when he is adopted by an old man in the English countryside during World War II.

**Mass, Wendy**                                 **A Mango-Shaped Space**                                 **Realistic Fiction**  
Thirteen-year-old Mia sees a special color with every letter, number, and sound; she keeps this a secret until she is overwhelmed by school, changing relationships, and the death of her beloved cat, Mango.

**Mazer, Harry**                                 **Snow Bound**                                 **Adventure/Survival**  
Two teenagers caught in a snowstorm face a fight for survival after they become stranded in a desolate area of New York.

**Mikaelsen, Ben**                                **Touching Spirit Bear**                                **Adventure**  
After his anger erupts into violence, fifteen-year-old Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.

**Montgomery, L.M.**                                **Anne of Green Gables (series)**                                **Classic/Historical Fiction**  
Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her.

**Murphy, Jim**                                        **The Great Fire**    **Non-Fiction/Newbery**  
Photographs and text, along with personal accounts of actual survivors tell the story of the great fire of 1871 in Chicago, written by our Visiting Author, May 2006.

**Myers, Walter Dean**                                **Slam!**    **Sports**  
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.

**Namioka, Lensey**                                **Ties That Bind, Ties That Break**                                **Historical Fiction**  
Ailin's life takes a different turn when she defies the traditions of upper class Chinese society by refusing to have her feet bound.

**Nixon, Joan.Lowery**                                **A Candidate for Murder**    **Mystery**  
Cary finds her life in danger when she uncovers a plot to sabotage her father's political campaign for governor of Texas.

**Oppel, Kenneth**                                        **Airborn**    **Fantasy/Animals**  
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.

**Oppel, Kenneth**                                        **Silverwing**    **Fantasy/Animals**  
When a newborn bat named Shade but sometimes called "Runt" becomes separated from his colony during migration, he grows in ways that prepare him for even greater journeys. Start of a trilogy.

**Orlev, Uri**    **The Island on Bird Street**    **Historical Fiction**  
During World War II a Jewish boy is left on his own for months in a ruined house in the Warsaw Ghetto, where he must learn all the tricks of survival under constantly life-threatening conditions.

**Park, Linda Sue**                                        **When My Name Was Keoko**    **Historical Fiction**  
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.

**Patterson, James**                                        **Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment**    **Science Fiction/Adventure**  
After the mutant Erasers abduct members of their group, the "birdkids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose. Start of a series.

**Paulsen, Gary**    **Dogsong**    **Adventure**  
A fourteen-year-old Eskimo boy undertakes the Iditarod race, a 1400-mile journey by dog sled across ice, tundra, and mountains seeking his own "song" of himself.

**Paulsen, Gary**    **My Life in Dog Years**    **Autobiography**  
The author describes how dogs have impacted his life from childhood through the present day, recounting the stories of the dogs in his life, including Cookie, who saved his life.

**Perkins, Lynne Rae**                                        **All Alone in the Universe**    **Realistic Fiction**  
Debbie is dismayed when her best friend Maureen starts spending time with ordinary, boring Glenna. Sequel is Criss Cross, Newbery Medal Winner, 2006.

**Philbrick, Rodman**                                        **Freak the Mighty**    **Realistic Fiction**  
Learning disabled Max and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, are eighth graders who find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team. Sequel is Max the Mighty.

**Pierce, Tamora**    **Sandry's Book (Circle of Magic)**    **Fantasy**  
Four young misfits find themselves living in a strictly disciplined temple community where they become friends while also learning to do crafts and to use their powers, especially magic. Start of a series

**Pullman, Philip**    **Ruby in the Smoke**    **Mystery**  
In nineteenth-century London, sixteen-year-old Sally, a recent orphan, becomes involved in a deadly search for a mysterious ruby. Start of a series.

**Pullman, Philip**    **The Golden Compass**    **Fantasy/Adventure**  
Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North. First in *His Dark Materials* series.

**Ralles, H.J.**    **Darok 9**    **Science Fiction**  
Hank Havant, a moon colony scientist in 2120, does not know where to turn for help when the laboratory where he is developing a vaccine that would eliminate the body's need for water is attacked.

**Raskin, Ellen**    **The Westing Game**    **Mystery/Newbery**  
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.

**Reit, Seymour**    **Beyond Rebel Lines...E.Edmonds**    **Historical Fiction/Adventure**  
Recounts the story of Emma Edmonds, the Canadian-born woman who disguised herself as a man and slipped behind Confederate lines to spy for the Union army.

**Rinaldi, Ann**    **Time Enough for Drums**    **Historical Fiction**  
During the Revolutionary War, Jem Emerson, a fifteen-year-old from New Jersey, is torn between her love for her family and her feelings for her twenty-four-year-old tutor, John Reid, known as a Tory.

- Ritter, John H.**                                **The Boy Who Saved Baseball**                                **Sports**  
The fate of a small California town rests on the outcome of one baseball game, and Tom Gallagher hopes to lead his team to victory with the secrets of the now disgraced player, Dante Del Gato.
- Rowling, J.K.**                                **Harry Potter (series)**                                **Fantasy/Adventure**  
Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry.
- Ryan, Pam Munoz**                                **Esperanza Rising**                                **Historical Fiction/Adventure**  
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.
- Sachar, Louis**                                **Holes**                                **Adventure/Newbery**  
As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert. The sequel is Small Steps.
- Sleator, William**                                **Interstellar Pig**                                **Science Fiction**  
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 they call "Interstellar Pig." The sequel is Parasite Pig.
- Smith, Roland**                                **Sasquatch**                                **Adventure**  
Thirteen-year-old Dylan follows his father into the woods on the slopes of Mount St. Helens, which is on the brink of another eruption, in an attempt to protect the resident Sasquatch from ruthless hunters.
- Spinelli, Jerry**                                **Stargirl**                                **Realistic Fiction**  
Stargirl, a teen who animates quiet Mica High with her colorful personality, suddenly finds herself shunned for her refusal to conform. The sequel is Love, Stargirl.
- Staples, Suzanne Fisher**                                **Shabanu**                                **Realistic Fiction/Newbery**  
Eleven-year old Shabanu, living in present-day Pakistan, must risk the consequences of defying her father's wishes when she is pledged in marriage to an older man whose money will bring prestige to the family.
- Stevenson, Robert Louis**                                **Kidnapped**                                **Adventure/Classic**  
David Balfour, a sixteen-year-old orphan in 1751, is kidnapped by his villainous uncle, but later escapes and becomes involved in the struggle of the Scottish Highlanders against English rule.
- Strasser, Todd**                                **The Wave**                                **Realistic Fiction**  
Presents a fictionalization of a real experiment at a California high school in which a history teacher started a fascist youth movement in an effort to show his students that the Holocaust could indeed happen again.
- Taylor, Mildred**                                **Let the Circle Be Unbroken**                                **Historical Fiction**  
Four black children growing up in rural Mississippi during the Depression experience racial antagonisms and hard times, but learn from their parents the pride and self-respect they need to survive. Sequel to Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry.
- Taylor, Mildred**                                **The Land**                                **Historical Fiction**  
Paul-Edward finds himself caught between the two worlds of his parents as he pursues his dream of owning land in the aftermath of the Civil War. Prequel to Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry.
- Taylor, Theodore**                                **Timothy of the Cay**                                **Historical Fiction/Adventure**  
Having survived being blinded and shipwrecked on a tiny Caribbean island with the old black man Timothy, twelve-year-old white Phillip is rescued and hopes to regain his sight with an operation. Alternate chapters follow the life of Timothy from his days as a young cabin boy. The sequel to The Cay.
- Tolan, Stephanie**                                **Surviving the Applewhites**                                **Realistic Fiction/Newbery**  
Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent for home schooling to the arty and eccentric Applewhite family's Creative Academy, where he discovers talents and interests he never knew he had.
- Tolkien, J.R.R.**                                **Lord of the Rings (series)**                                **Fantasy/Adventure**  
A young hobbit named Frodo Baggins assumes great responsibility which he is charged with taking the Dark Lord's dangerously powerful One Ring on a perilous journey to the Cracks of Doorm, where it can be destroyed.
- Uchida, Yoshiko**                                **Journey Home**                                **Historical Fiction**  
After their release from an American concentration camp, a Japanese-American girl and her family try to reconstruct their lives amidst strong anti-Japanese feelings which breed fear, distrust, and violence.
- Van Der Rol, Ruud**                                **Anne Frank: Beyond the Diary**                                **Biography/History**  
Photographs, illustrations, and maps accompany historical essays, diary excerpts, and interviews, providing an insight to Anne Frank and the massive upheaval which tore apart her world.
- White, Robb**                                **Deathwatch**                                **Adventure**  
Needing money for school, a college student accepts a job as a guide on a desert hunting trip and nearly loses his life.
- Woodson, Jacqueline**                                **Hush**                                **Realistic Fiction**  
Twelve-year-old Toswiah finds her life changed when her family enters the witness protection program.
- Wulffson, Don L.**                                **Soldier X**                                **Historical Fiction/Adventure**  
In 1943 sixteen-year-old Erik experiences the horrors of war when he is drafted into the German army and sent to fight on the Russian front.
- Yolen, Jane**                                **The Devil's Arithmetic**                                **Science Fiction/Time Travel**  
Hannah resents stories of her Jewish heritage and of the past until, when opening the door during a Passover Seder, she finds herself in Poland during World War II where she experiences the horrors of a concentration camp, and learns why she-- and we--need to remember the past.