

St. Joseph

Summer Reading Lists

Grades 4-7

Fourth Grade¹

Abraham Lincoln; and other titles, D'Aulaire, Ingri & Edgar, beautifully written and illustrated biographies

Adventures of Pinocchio, Collodi, Carlo,
The original text version.

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Carroll, Lewis,
and Now Miguel, Krumbold, Joseph,
NM, Miguel wants to join the men of his village who take the sheep up to higher pasture

Battle Lanterns, Allen Merritt Parmelee
American Revolution

Betsy-Tacy, Lovelace, Maud Hart,
Two girls growing up inseparable friends in small Minnesota town.

Captain Cook: Pacific Explorer, Syme Ronald
one of series on world explorers

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Fleming, Ian,
Story of the magical racing car, written by the man who wrote the James Bond series.

Chucaro: Wild Pony of the Pampa, Kalnay, Francis,
NH, Insightful Newbery Honor story about cowboy life in Argentina in the mid-20th century

Codfish Market, Hewes, Agnes Danforth,
NH, 18th cent New England

Dangerous Journey, Bunyan, John, Ed. Oliver Hunkin,
Illustrated children's version of Bunyan's Pilgrim Progress.

Daniel Boone, Daugherty, James,
NM, Story of the famous Frontiersman.

Doctor Doolittle series, Lofting, Hugh, NM

East of Astoria, Allen, Merritt Parmelee
Founding of Astoria, Oregon.

Exodus; Joseph, Wildsmith, Brian,
These Biblical stories come alive with marvelous artwork.

Fairy Tales, Anderson, Hans Christian

Finding Buck Henry, Slote, Alfred,
11 year old Jason thinks the school custodian may be Buck Henry, the famous Negro League pitcher.

Five Children and It, Nesbit, Edith,
While digging in the sand, the children find a sand fairy who brings adventure and complications to their lives.

From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E Frankweiler, Konigsburg, EL,
NM, Two children in Metropolitan Museum of Art search for clues about a mysterious statue.

Gammage Cup, Kendall, Carol
NH, Amusing fantasy adventure about castaways from a race of small people who become mighty heroes.

Glory of the Seas, Hewes, Agnes Danforth
NH, 18th cent Boston clipper ships.

Great Brain series, Fitzgerald, John,
JD's stories of his supersmart older brother.

Half Magic, Eager, Edward,
Jane and her brother find a magic charm which grants half of any wish.

Hans Brinker, or the Silver Skates, Dodge, Mary Mapes

Harriet the Spy, Fitzhugh, Louise,
Opinionated, nosy Harriet loses friends when she becomes a pest.

Heidi, Spyri, Johanna,
Unforgettable story about young Heidi, her grandfather, and friend Peter, set in Swiss mountains.

Hero Tales, Jackson, Dave and Neta,
15 stories of Christian heroes

Hitty, Her First Hundred Years, Field, Rachel,
NM, story of a New England doll.

Homer Price, McCloskey, Robert,
laugh-aloud tale of Homer Price.

Hunted Horses, Rounds, Glen,
Stories of wild horses of the mesa.

Indian in the Cupboard, Banks, Lynne Reid,
A boy's magic cupboard brings his toys to life with challenging consequences.

Jungle Doctor Fables, White, Paul,
Missionary doctor Paul White uses animal stories to teach lessons.

King of the Wind, Henry, Marguerite,
NM, Young stable hand whose destiny is tied to the golden stallion he tends in stables of the Sultan of Morocco.

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- Little House series**, Wilder, Laura Ingalls
- Little Lord Fauntleroy**, Burnett, Frances Hodgson,
American child turns out to be an English nobleman; wins over miserly grandfather with love and trust.
- Make Way for the Brave: The Oregon Quest**, Allen, Merritt Parmelee
Oregon Trail
- Mary Poppins**, Travers, Pamela L
- Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh**, O'Brien, Robert C,
NM; Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse, seeks help from the brilliant rats of NIMH.
- Paul the Mighty Logger**, Rounds, Glen,
Tales of Paul Bunyan.
- Rascal**, North, Sterling,
NH, Charming story of a boy and his mischievous pet raccoon in early 1900s Wisconsin.
- Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm**, Wiggin, Kate Douglas,
1903 classic of irrepressible Rebecca who wins over prim aunt and whole town.
- Reluctant Dragon**, Grahame, Kenneth,
A dragon who prefers poetry to battle.
- Roller Skates**, Sawyer, Ruth,
NM, New York City 1890s, 10yr old Lucinda, explores her world while parents are gone to Italy.
- Sarah, Plain and Tall**, MacLachlan, Patricia, Ø
NM, Pioneer children's widowed father invites mail order bride from Maine to come west.
- Secret of the Andes**, Clark, Ann Nolan,
NM; A young Inca boy's initiation into Inca secrets. A wonderful story of ancient Peruvian culture.
- Stone Fox**, Gardiner, John,
10-yr-old Willy needs to win the big dog sled race to pay back taxes on his grandfather's farm.
- Strawberry Girl**, Lenski, Lois,
NM, Birdie's family has a fun, full life raising strawberries in Florida.
- Swallows and Amazons**, Ransom, Arthur,
Four English children camp on an island and find a world of imagination and unexpected events.
- Sword of a Warrior**, Bothwell, Jean
One of many titles of adventure stories by Bothwell set in far off times and places.
- Tales of a Korean Grandmother**, Carpenter, Frances,
Reprint of a 1938 classic, a grandmother explains family relationship by reference to Korean folktales.
- Tales of the Kingdom**, Mains, David and Karen,
Allegorical tales of Hero, Princess Amanda, and Little Child, and their relationship to the King.
- The Blind Colt**, Rounds, Glen,
A mustang colt born blind learns to see with his ears and nose.
- The Children who Stayed Alone**, Worline, Bonnie,
Five children living in sod house on prairie, go through a big blizzard and everyday adventures.
- The Complete Peterkin Papers**, Hale, Lucretia,
Chuckle over the amusing adventures of the Peterkin family.
- The Courage of Sarah Noble**, Dalglish, Alice,
NH; Eight-year old Sarah journeys into the wilderness with her father—and ends up alone!
- The Drovers Road**, West, Joyce,
Young Gabrielle tells of life on her family's sheep station in New Zealand.
- The House of Arden**, Nesbit, Edith,
Two orphaned children inherit a castle but must complete a time-travel treasure hunt to claim it.
- The House of Sixty Fathers**, DeJong, Meindert,
NH, A Chinese boy is separated from his family and is "adopted" by sixty American airmen.
- The Magic Bicycle**, Bibee, John,
The children of Centerville battle Goliath Industries to rescue their town.
- The Moffats**, Estes, Eleanor,
NH, Four children and mama and friends have days full of fun despite a limited income.
- The Master Puppeteer**, Paterson, Katherine,
Multiple award winner.
- The Melendy Family**, Enright, Elizabeth,
Delightful portrayal of the four children of the Melendy family and their adventures, America circa 1940s.
- The Mitchells: Five for Victory**, Van Stockum, Hilda,
It's WWII, Dad is overseas; with good humor and fun, the Mitchell children do their part to help the war effort.
- The Phantom Tollbooth**, Juster, Norton,
Step into the magic tollbooth and travel to the land of Doldrums and other fantastical places.
- The Small War of Sergeant Donkey**, Daly, Maureen,
Young Chico can't stay away from the American Remount Depot near his village in WWII.

The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and ..., DiCamillo, Kate,
NM, A tiny mouse in love with the princess finds the courage to fulfill his dreams; delightful, lyrical and complex.

The Wheel on the School, DeJong, Meindert,
NM, Dutch schoolchildren use ingenuity to bring storks back to their island.

The Whipping Boy, Fleischman, Sid,
NM, How a spoiled prince finds new respect for his servant when they leave the safety of the castle.

Thee Hannah, de Angeli, Marguerite,
8 yr old Quaker girl helps runaway slave.

Then There Were Five, Enright, Elizabeth,
The first in a series of four stories of lively Melendy family.

Thimble Summer, Enright, Elizabeth,
NM, Luck changes on the family farm when 9 yr old Garnet finds a "magic" thimble.

Tom's Midnight Garden, Pearce, Philippa,
Tom steps out of his aunt's apartment into a magic garden that transports him back in time.

Up and Down the River, Cahill, Rebecca,
Bonnie and Debbie's get rich quick scheme turns into a busy summer.

Whitey Ropes and Rides, Rounds, Glen,
cowboy stories.

Whittington, Armstrong, Allen
NH, barnyard fantasy of 3 tales: Whittington the cat, a 14th-cent legend, and a boy's struggle to read.

Who Am I?, Paterson, Katherine,
Wonderful book that makes a statement about personal worth, from an award-winning author.

Wonderful World of Oz, Baum, L Frank,

Fifth Grade¹

A Girl of the Limberlost, Porter, Gene Stratton,
Elnora overcomes the poverty of her family's home deep in the swamplands.

Among the Hidden, Haddix, Margaret Peterson
12yr Luke hides from population police as he struggles against totalitarian regime in futuristic suspense.

Amos Fortune, Free Man, Yates, Elizabeth
NM, Born the son of an African king, Amos was captured by slave traders in 1725 and brought to America.

Anne of Green Gables, Montgomery,
11 yr old orphaned Anne finally finds a home on Prince Edward Island.

A Single Shard, Park, Linda Sue, NM,
NM, Courage, honor, perseverance overcome great odds to bring joy for potter's apprentice in 12th cent Korea.

A Wrinkle in Time, L'Engle, Madeleine, Ø
NM, Three young people go on interplanetary search to free their father, in this battle of good and evil.

Beorn the Proud, Polland, Madeleine,
The clash of arms and faiths in 9th cent tale of Vikings and Ireland.

Bernadette: Our Lady's Little Servant, Pauli, Hertha,
The saint of Lourdes, Ignatius Press.

Big John's Secret, Jewett, Eleanore M,
Orphaned John joins the Crusades, meets St. Francis of Assisi in Holy Lands.

Big Red, Kjelgaard, Jim,
The adventures of Danny and his champion Irish setter Big Red.

Black Beauty, Sewell, Anna,
Moving story of a famous horse.

Black Stallion, Farley, Walter,
Story of a wild Arabian stallion and the boy who tames him.

Born Free, Adamson, Joy,
True story of couple who raise a baby lioness and reintroduce her to the wild in Kenya.

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- Brave Buffalo Fighter**, Fitzgerald, John,
The Parker family leaves St Joseph MO in 1860 as part of a westward-bound wagon train.
- Bridge to Terabithia**, Paterson, Katherine,
NM, Jess and Leslie share a secret kingdom they created. When Leslie dies, Jess must face his terrible loss.
- Caddie Woodlawn**, Brink, Carol Ryrie,
1860s tomboy in pioneer Wisconsin shows the local Indians can be friends.
- Calico Bush**, Field, Rachel,
13 yr old Maggie travels from France to Maine as indentured servant in 1743.
- Call it Courage**, Sperry, Armstrong,
NM, A Polynesian boy faces his fears in test of courage.
- Chronicles of Narnia**, Lewis, CS,
CS Lewis' classic allegorical tales of the land of Narnia.
- Cleared for Action: Four Tales of the Sea**, Meader, Stephen,
Great American sailing adventures, Ignatius Press.
- Ella Enchanted**, Levine, Gail Carson,
NH, Modern Cinderella is cursed with a fairy's gift of absolute obedience.
- Eleanor Roosevelt, a Life of Discovery**, Freedman, Russell
NH, compelling text and photos show Eleanor's journey from sheltered, unhappy childhood to the world's stage.
- Flint's Island**, Wibberly, Leonard,
Pirate adventure.
- Frances and Clare: Saints of Assisi**, Homan, Helen Walker,
The conversions of Sts Francis and Clare, Ignatius Press
- Francie on the Run**, Van Stockum, Hilda,
Young Francie longs to return to his family in Cork from Dublin, but takes a wrong turn.
- Frindle**, Clements, Andrew,
Nick invents a new word for pen, beginning a hilarious war of words in the 5th grade class.
- Gay-Neck, the Story of a Pigeon**, Mukerji, Dhan Ghopal,
NM, 1928 tale of a carrier pigeon raised in India then used by a Bengal Regiment in France in WWI.
- Give Me Liberty: The Story of the Declaration of Independence**, Freedman, Russell,
14-year-old sneaks on board during the Boston Tea Party.
- Grimm's Fairy Tales**, Grimm, Jacob & Wilhelm,
- Island of the Blue Dolphins**, O'Dell, Scott,
NM, Based on true story of Indian girl who survives several years alone on island off Calif. coast
- Julie of the Wolves**, George, Jean Craighead,
NM, A young eskimo girl gets lost and is taken care of by wolves.
- Jungle Book**, Kipling, Rudyard,
The original story of Mowgli of the jungle.
- Lassie Come Home**, Knight, Eric,
Joe's father loses his job and Lassie must be sold, but she finds her way home from the end of Scotland.
- Little Britches**, Moody, Ralph,
Classic true story of 8 yr old Ralph who moves to Colorado in the early 1900's and becomes a cowboy.
- Little White Horse**, Goudge, Elizabeth,
Orphaned Maria goes to live at manor of elderly cousin and good changes happen for all around her.
- Maniac Magee**, Jerry Spinelli,
NM 12 yr old Magee is a legend in his small town who can outrun dogs, hit homeruns, and bridge the racial gap.
- Moccasin Trail**, McGraw, Eloise Jarvis
NH, A pioneer boy, brought up by Crow Indians, is reunited with his family.
- Mother Seton and the Sisters of Charity**, Powers-Water, Alma,
From wife and mother to Catholic convert, nun, and founder of the Sisters of Charity, Ignatius Press
- My Friend Flicka**, O'Hara, Mary,
Boy and family raise horses on ranch in wilds of Wyoming.
- My Side of the Mountain**, George, Jean Craighead,
NH, 12 year old Sam learns how to survive in the Catskill mountain wilderness
- Nacar, the White Deer**, Borton de Trevino, Eliz.,
Orphan befriends an ailing albino deer sent as a present from China to the king of Spain, Ignatius Press.
- Old Sam, Dakota Trotter**, Taylor, Don Alanzo,
Scott family inherits a thoroughbred on his way to championship until a crippling accident.

- Onion John**, Krumbold, Joseph,
NM, 12 yr old Andy resists peer pressure to befriend an immigrant vegetable peddler.
- Otto of the Silver Hand**, Pyle, Howard,
Knight's adventure tale
- Our Only May Amelia**, Holm, Jennifer,
NH, Headstrong Finnish girl survives adventures on remote Oregon Coast with her parents and 7 brothers
- Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille**, Freedman, Russell,
15 year old blind French boy develops raised lettering system.
- Owls in the Family**, Mowat, Farley,
Boys growing up in Canada with lots of family pets, including two comical owls.
- Pegeen**, Van Stockum, Hilda,
Pegeen joins Francie and his family in Ireland but personalities clash despite friendship.
- Peter Pan**, Barrie, JM,
- Redwall series**, Jacques, Brian,
Inspiring stories of heroism, bravery and integrity; King Arthur with paws.
- Red Hugh: Prince of Donegal**, Reilly, Robert T,
Medieval Irish adventure based on true story of an Irish prince.
- Rifles for Watie**, Keith, Harold,
NM, Farm boy joins Union army, is sent out West to spy on Rebels, and finds himself in sympathy with them.
- Saint Joan**, de Wohl, Lewis,
World-renowned author's tribute to Joan of Arc, Ignatius Press
- Secret Agents Four**, Sobol, Donald,
Four wacky "secret agents" who are trying to save Miami from a terrible fate.
- Shiloh**, Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds,
NM, Boy rescues beagle from cruel owner.
- Silver Chief: Dog of the North**, O'Brien, John,
John, tale of magnificent part-husky, part-wolf
- Some Merry Adventures of Robin Hood**, Pyle, Howard,
- Son of Charlemagne**, Willard, Barbara,
The many faceted story of the great emperor Charlemagne and his son.
- St. Benedict: Hero of the Hills**, Windeatt, Mary Fabyan,
The miracles of St. Benedict, 5th cent founder of Western Monasticism, Ignatius Press
- St. Elizabeth's Three Crowns**, Thompson, Blance,
How St. Elizabeth of Hungary, daughter of a king, devoted her life to the poor, Ignatius Press.
- St. Francis of the Seven Seas**, Nevins, Albert J, M.M.,
Daring exploits of St. Francis Xaviers, missionary to the Far East, Ignatius Press
- St. Katharine Drexel**, Tarry, Ellen,
Born into one of America's wealthiest families, Katherine used her fortune to help the poor, Ignatius Press
- St. Philip of the Joyous Heart**, Connolly, Francis X,
St. Philip Neri taught that it is a gracious heart that wins friends for Christ, Ignatius Press
- The Boy's King Arthur**, Lanier, Sidney, illus NC Wyeth
- The Blood Red Crescent**, Garnett, Henry
The Battle of Lepanto 1571, the biggest sea battle ever, where the Spanish defeated the Moors.
- The Cabin Faced West**, Fritz, Jean,
Anne is lonely when her family moves to the Pennsylvania frontier, until a special stranger comes to dinner.
- The Call of the Wild**, London, Jack,
- The Children of Green Knowe**, Boston, LM,
English fantasy about a lonely child sent to live with his grandmother in the family's ancient manor.
- The Eagle of the Ninth; The Lantern Bearers; The Silver Branch**, Sutcliff, Rosemary
CrMH, Superbly written adventure trilogy about the Roman legion in ancient Britain.
- The Egypt Game**, Snyder, Zilpha Keatley
NH, A band of children create an elaborate game about Egypt and pharaohs that turns mysterious.
- The Enemy at the Gate**, Ritchie, Rita
1529 Siege of Vienna by the Saracens
- The Golden Hawks of Ghengis Khan**, Ritchie, Rita
Adventure set in time of Mongolian warlord Genghis Khan.
- The Good Master**, Seredy, Kate,
1930s classic of a Hungarian tomboy sent to live on her uncle's ranch.
- The Great Turkey Walk**, Karr, Kathleen
In 1860, a 15 yr old boy attempts to herd 1,000 turkeys from Missouri to Denver to sell them.
- The Iron Ring**, Alexander, Lloyd,
Young Tamar, king of Sundari, sets out to pay a

debt and with battles, rescues, and other adventures enroute.

The King's Equal, Paterson, Katherine,
An arrogant prince can't marry till he finds a woman his equal; he meets a woman more wise and kind than he.

The Lost Baron, French, Allen,
Fast-paced adventure set in Cornwall in the year 1200 with greedy King John on the throne.

The Princess and the Goblin, MacDonad, George,
A classic fairytale, lengthy and complex, by the author who inspired CS Lewis.

The Reb and the Redcoats, Savery, Constance,
Children of a British family befriend young American prisoner during the Revolutionary War.

The Secret Garden, Burnett, Frances Hodgson,
Mary orphaned in India changes a joyless Victorian English household

The Story of King Arthur and His Knights, Pyle, Howard,

The Summer of the Swans, Byars, Betsy,
NM, How 14 yr old Sara's life changes when her younger, mentally challenged brother disappears.

The Swiss Family Robinson, Wyss, Johann,

Trumpeter of Krakow, Kelly, Eric,
NM, Adventure of a courageous young man and a mysterious jewel set in 15th cent Poland.

White Fang, London, Jack,
Pet wolf-dog is stolen and taken to Alaska where he endures cruelty, then triumphs.

Wind in the Willows, Grahame, Kenneth,
Classic tale of Mole, Rat, Badger, and Toad.

Sixth Grade¹

A Corner of the Universe, Martin, Ann,
NH, 12 yr-old Hattie's comfortable world is turned upside down when her slightly crazy uncle comes to town.

A Gathering of Days, Blos, Joan W,
NM, 13-yr-old Catherine living in 1830 New England helps a run-away slave.

A Long Way from Chicago, Peck, Richard,
NH, Larger-than-life Grandma Dowdel shocks city grandchildren on summer visits to her home in the country.

A Tale of Emily Windsnap, Kessler, Liz
Emily has a swimming lesson in 7th grade and finds out she's a mermaid, leads to many discoveries about self.

A Wizard of Earthsea, LeGuin, Ursula K,
Stunning fantasy world where a reckless, awkward boy named Sparrowhawk becomes a wizard's apprentice.

A Year down Yonder, Peck, Richard,
NM, A girl's year with her Grandmother during the depression is much more exciting than she expected.

Adam of the Road, Gray, Elizabeth Janet, Ø
NM, 11 year old Adam travels across 13thcentury England looking to rejoin his minstrel father.

All Set Sail, Sperry, Armstrong,
NH, Realistic fiction of boy who helped build the greatest clipper ship then helped sail her around the Horn.

Around the World in Eighty Days, Verne, Jules,
Phineas Fogg's race around the world, 1890's style.

Banner in the Sky, Ullman, James Ramsey
NH, 16 yr Rudi takes challenge to summit the mountain that killed his father, highest peak in the Swiss Alps.

Beauty, McKinley, Robin,
A marvelous retelling of Beauty and the Beast where book-loving princess meets bookworm prince.

Behind Rebel Lines, Reit, Seymour
True story of Emma Edmonds, Civil War spy and master of disguises.

Between the Forest and the Hills, Lawrence, Ann,
Entertaining and unusual historical fiction of Iscium, a Roman village in Britain as the Saxons take over.

Black Hearts in Battersea, Aiken, Joan,
Simon of Willoughby Chase finds himself in the middle of a plot to overthrow the good King James.

Black Ships before Troy: The Story of the Iliad, Sutcliff, Rosemary,

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Lively retelling of the Iliad, the ancient Greek battle for Helen and the city of Troy.

Black Whiteness: Admiral Byrd Alone in the Antarctic, Burleigh, Robert,
great adventure story for boys

Blue Willow, Gates, Doris,
The daughter of migrant farm workers holds onto dreams of a better life.

Call Me Charley, Jackson, Jesse, Touching, low-key autobiographical story of African American boy's experience in an all-white school.

Captains Courageous, Kipling, Rudyard,
A spoiled young boy grows up through a season on a fishing boat on the open sea.

The High King, from Chronicles of Prydain, Alexander, Lloyd,
NM, Excellent, epic good vs evil fantasy based on Welsh legend, 5 books.

Commodore Perry in the Land of the Shogun, Blumberg, Rhoda,
NH, Perry's expedition to Japan.

Dandelion Wine, Bradbury, Ray,
It is summer 1928, and life is full of wonder and possibility for 12-year-old Douglas Spaulding.

Dobry, Shannon, Monica,
NM, Beautiful story of a family's life in mountains of Bulgaria.

Downright Dencey, Snedeker, Caroline Dale,
NH, Amid whaling ships and Quakers, hot-headed Dencey grows into a woman of grace and courage.

Edmund Campion, Gardiner, SJ John,
Dramatic account of martyr St. Edmund Campion, "hero of God's underground", Ignatius Press

Enemy Brothers, Savery, Constance,
British Airman Dym Ingleford thinks German prisoner is his brother kidnapped years before.

Freedom Train, Sterling, Dorothy,
Courageous story of Harriet Tubman, who escaped slavery in the south then helped others escape

George Washington; Thomas Jefferson; Charles Lindbergh..., Gilblin, James Cross,
Wonderful biographies of famous Americans.

Ghost Boy, Lawrence, Iain
Poignant adventure of albino teen who finally finds acceptance and success in circus troupe.

God King, Williamson, Joanne,
Young Prince Taharka is thrust to the throne of Kush in ancient Egypt.

Hoot, Hiaasen, Carl

NH Quirky characters, comic twists; middle schoolers team up to save endangered owls from land developers.

If all the Swords in England, Willard, Barbara,
One twin serves the Thomas Becket, the other King Henry II, the conflict is imminent in 12th cent England.

Inkheart, Funke, Cornelia
Imaginative fantasy of a man whose magical ability to read characters to life puts his daughter in danger.

Invincible Louisa, Meigs, Cornelia,
NM, Biography of Louisa May Alcott, author of Little Women.

Jakarta Missing, Kurtz, Jane,
12 yr old girl and older sister struggle with move from Kenya to North Dakota.

Johnny Tremain, Forbes, Esther,
NM, Young silversmith apprentice grows up amidst the characters and events of the American Revolution.

Journey to Nowhere, Auch, Mary Jane,
13 year old assumes care of younger brother and sister in 1817 Connecticut.

Kateri Tekakwitha, Brown, Evelyn M.,
American Indian girl and saint, Ignatius Press

Kira Kira, Kadohata, Cynthia
NM, lovely, funny, sad novel about sisters in struggling Japanese American family in 1950s small town Georgia.

Little Men, Alcott, Louisa May,
Jo of Little Women marries and has four boys, set in 1880s New England.

Little Women, Alcott, Louisa May,
Classic story of the Marsh family who experience family love, drama, and romance during the Civil War.

Midshipman Quinn Collection, Styles, Showell,
15-yr-old Septimus Quinn is small, bespectacled, but determined hero of naval adventure stories.

Miracles on Maple Hill, Sorenson, Virginia,
NM, Dad returns from World War II withdrawn and touchy; family moves back to farm where dad gets healing..

Mysterious Miss Slade, King-Smith, Dick,
Brother and sister befriend eccentric old woman in cottage next door.

Mystery of the Periodic Table, Wiker, Benjamin,
Tracking down the diverse personalities that discovered the elements on the periodic table, fascinating science.

- National Velvet**, Bagnold, Enid,
Fourteen-year-old Velvet is determined to turn her untamed horse into a champion steeplechaser.
- Nightbirds on Nantucket**, Aiken, Joan,
Two girls on Nantucket Island in sailing days solve mystery with help from a cabinboy and a pink whale.
- Old Yeller**, Gipson, Fred,
NH, Faithful dog helps pioneer family.
- Once on this Island**, Whelan, Gloria,
1st in series about life on Mackinac Island when the British take over in the War of 1812.
- Rip Van Winkle**, Irving, Washington
18th cent Dutch settler who took a nap and fell asleep for 100 years.
- Shadow Hawk**, Norton, Andre,
1590 BC, captain of Egypt's Nubian Desert Scouts uses his archery and wits to battle the harsh Hyksos.
- Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World**, Armstrong, Jennifer,
How explorer Shackleton and 27 men survived an Antarctic winter as told by a young stow-away.
- Shipwrecked**, Blumberg, Rhoda,
True tale of Japanese sailor rescued by American whaling ship and educated in New England.
- Smoky: The Cow Horse**, James, Will,
NM, Powerful story written in cowboy vernacular, get the kleenex.
- Sounder**, Armstrong, William H,
NM, Heart-wrenching story of a great coon dog and his black master.
- St Dominic and the Rosary**, Beebe, Catherine,
The incredible life of St. Dominic who walked from town to town fearlessly preaching, Ignatius Press.
- St John Bosco and St. Dominic Savio**, Beebe, Catherine,
Enthralling story of the great apostle of youth, St. John Bosco, and his pupil St Dominic Savio, Ignatius Press.
- St Pius X**, Diethelm, Walter OSB,
Giuseepe Sarto's inspiring rise from farm boy to pope, Ignatius Press.
- St. Anthony and the Christ Child**, Homan, Helen Walker,
The dramatic life of St. Anthony of Padua, including shipwrecks and miracles, Ignatius Press.
- St. Catherine Laboure**, Power-Waters, Alma,
The Sister of Charity to whom the Blessed Virgin gave the Miraculous Medal, Ignatius Press.
- St. Ignatius and the Company of Jesus**, Derleth, August,
Dramatic story of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the founding of the Society of Jesus, Ignatius Press.
- St. Therese and the Roses**, Homan, Helen Walker,
How St. Therese of Lisieux found her little way to holiness at home with her four sisters, Ignatius Press.
- St. Thomas More**, Ince, Elizabeth,
Henry the VIII's most trusted advisor, until Henry set himself up as head of Church of England, Ignatius Press.
- St. Vincent de Paul**, Hubbard, Margaret Ann,
Shepherd boy in France to slave in Africa, to escape to France and founding two religious orders, Ignatius Press.
- Stowaway**, Hesse, Karen,
In 1768, 11yr old Nicholas Young stows away on Captain James Cook's ship, Endeavor,
- Swiss Family Robinson**, Wyss, Johann,
- Sword Song**, Sutcliff, Rosemary,
16 year old Viking is banished from his settlement and grows in maturity through difficult choices.
- Tales from Shakespeare**, Lamb, Charles and Mary,
- The Ballad of Lucy Whipple**, Cushman, Karen,
California gold rush through the eyes of a teenage girl taken west by her widowed mother.
- The Borrowed House**, Van Stockum, Hilda,
Janna leaves Germany to join her parents in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam.
- The Bronze Bow**, Speare, Elizabeth George, Ø
NM, In 1st cent Palestine Daniel joins gang to avenge parents' death by Romans then meets Jesus.
- The Clutch of the Corsican**, Bill, Alfred
The downfall of Napoleon
- The Crystal Snowstorm**, Letzenstein chronicles Trevor, Meriol,
Book 1 of Letzenstein chronicles follows Rafael Le Marre and friends through intrigue of war in 1840s Europe.
- The Cure of Ars**, Lomask, Milton,
St. John Vianney, humble parish priest who led so many to sanctity the devil came after him, Ignatius Press.
- The Door in the Wall**, DeAngeli, Marguerite,
NM, Crippled young man in Medieval England forms friendship with monk.

- The Fair American**, Coatsworth, Elizabeth,
Sally, sailing with Aunt to France, is drawn into French Revolution when she meets Pierre.
- The Golden Goblet**, McGraw, Eloise Jarvis
NH, set in ancient Egypt.
- The Great Good Thing**, Townley, Roderick
The characters in a fairy tale become involved in the lives of its readers.
- The Hero and the Crown**, McKinley, Robin,
NM, Daughter of the king of Damar becomes a daring warrior to face dragons and evil wizards.
- The Hidden Treasure of Glaston**, Jewett, Eleanore M,
NH, Hugh is left at Glastonbury Abbey when his father flees England under King Henry II.
- The Hobbit**, Tolkien, JRR,
- The Light in the Forest**, Richter, Conrad,
Boy kidnapped by Indians on the Pennsylvania frontier returns and must decide which culture he belongs to.
- The Mouse and His Child**, Hoban, Russell,
Serious book dealing with sadder parts of life and transforming power of love.
- The Red Pony**, Steinbeck, John,
Told in Steinbeck's terse gripping prose, a boy discovers the meaning of life when his pony dies.
- The Sign of the Beaver**, Speare, Elizabeth George,
NH, Danger surrounds Matt, left alone in a cabin in Maine, until he meets an Indian chief and his son.
- The Singing Tree**, Seredy,
Kate, a girl's Hungarian farm become refuge during WWI.
- The Story of Sir Lancelot and His Companions**, Pyle, Howard,
- The Switherby Pilgrims**, Spence, Eleanor,
Miss Arabella is put in charge of 10 orphans bound for 1820s Australia.
- The Sword in the Stone**, White, TH,
How Merlin transforms a curious young boy named Wart into King Arthur.
- The Twenty-One Balloons**, Dubois, William Pene,
Ø
NM, Professor Sherman is found adrift in the Atlantic clinging to 21 balloons.
- The View from Saturday**, Konigsburg, EL,
NM, Four friends on a 6th grade quiz team teach their handicapped coach about friendship.
- The Wanderings of Odysseus**, Sutcliff, Rosemary,
Ancient Greek tale of Odysseus' and his men the strange peoples and lands they meet on the journey home.
- The Westing Game, Raskin, Ellen**
NM, plot twists and turns as 16 quirky heirs dig to solve this sly murder mystery for a chance at \$200 million.
- The White Stag**, Seredy, Kate,
NM, Life on the Mongolian steppes, during medieval Mongol invasion.
- The Winged Watchman**, Van Stockum, Hilda,
Family in Holland at end of WWII
- The Wish**, Levine, Gail Carson,
Wilma gets her wish to be the most popular kid at Claverford, but finds a downside to the experience.
- The Witch of Blackbird Pond**, Speare, Elizabeth George, Ø
NM, A girl who was raised in luxury in the Caribbean struggles to adjust to Puritan New England.
- The World at her Fingertips: The Story of Helen Keller**, Dash, Joan,
- Tom Sawyer**, Twain, Mark,
- Treasure Island**, Stevenson, Robert Lewis,
High seas adventure has a group of treasure seekers following a treasure map to a distant island.
- Understood Betsy**, Fisher, Dorothy Canfield,
Sickly Elizabeth gains health and happiness among relatives on Vermont farm.
- Up a Road Slowly**, Hunt, Irene
NM, Coming of age tale of Julie who goes to live with her spinster aunt after her mother's death.
- Victory on the Walls: a Story of Nehemiah**, Hyman, Frieda Clark,
The 445 BC return of the Jews to Israel from Babylonian captivity as seen by young Bani.
- Whalesong Trilogy**, Siegel, Robert,
Enter the world of a pod of humpback whales.
- Where the Red Fern Grows**, Rawls, Wilson, Ø
Billy wants a pair of coon hounds more than anything. How he gets them is the theme of this teary eyed book.
- With Pipe, Paddle and Song**, Yates, Elizabeth,
16yr old Guillame half French Canadian, half Chippewa Indian must now make his own way.
- Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze**, Lewis, Elizabeth Foreman,
NM, award winning story of a young boy who lived in China during perilous 1920s

Seventh Grade¹

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, Verne, Jules,

A Christmas Carol, Dickens, Charles,
Classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge.

A Connecticut Yankee in King's Arthurs' Court,
Twain, Mark,

A Time to Love, Benary-Isbert, Margot,
Young German girl finds music, first love and
valuable life lessons at private boarding school
during WWII.

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, Betty Smith
11 year old Francie survives and thrives despite
harsh family realities in early 1900's Brooklyn.

Across Five Aprils, Hunt, Irene,
NH, Powerful story of young man during Civil
War.

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Twain, Mark,

Adventures of Sherlock Homes, Doyle, Arthur
Conan,

Angel on the Square, Whelan, Gloria,
Young Katya is daughter of a lady in waiting at
the palace of the Tsars on the eve of the Russian
Revolution.

Ben-Hur, Wallace, Lewis,

Beyond the Desert Gate, Ray, Mary,
In 1st cent Palestine, Jewish merchant rescues
man left by the Romans to die in the desert.

Bloomability, Creech, Sharon,
American girl lives with aunt and uncle in Swiss
Alps; learns about skiing, different cultures, and
lifelong friends.

Canadian Summer, Van Stockum, Hilda,
Despite limited resources, the Mitchell family has
adventure aplenty in their new home in the
Canadian woods.

Carry on Mr. Bowditch, Latham, Jean Lee,
NM, Fascinating true story of Nat; math and
navigational genius made him hero in 18th cent
New England.

Cheaper by the Dozen, Gilbreth, Frank & Ernestine
Carey,
Life is never dull for the Gilbreth clan, with 12
children at home.

Cimarron, Ferber, Edna,
Pioneer newspaper editor and wife overcome

great odds to succeed in new Oklahoma territory
in 1889.

Crispin: The Cross of Lead, Avi,
NM 13-yr-old Crispin is suddenly orphaned and
wanted for murder in this action-filled tale of 14th
cent England.

Cry, the Beloved Country, Paton, Alan,
Beautifully compassionate story of Zulu pastor
and son set in troubled changing South Africa of
the 1940s.

Diary of a Young Girl, Frank, Anne,
True autobiography of Jewish girl during WWI,
from hiding to imprisonment in a concentration
camp.

Dragonwings, Yep, Laurence, Ø
8 yr-old Chinese boy and his clever inventor
father in 1900s San Fransisco.

Enchantress from the Stars, Engdahl, Sylvia,
Captivating science fiction/fantasy of sci-fi
heroine who lands on planet stuck in middle
ages.

Fahrenheit 451, Bradbury, Ray,
A future where books are illegal and most
citizens are too busy watching their wall-sized
televisions to care.

Fr. Marquette and the Great River, Derleth, August,
America's great missionary to the hostile Indians
along the Mississippi, Ignatius Press.

Gentle Annie, Shura, Mary Francis,
Anna Etheridge becomes a famous young nurse
during the Civil War.

Goodbye Vietnam, Whelan, Gloria,
Mai and her family take spine-tingling journey
from Vietnam to new life United States.

Hornblower series, Forester, CS,
Horatio Hornblower is a high-seas hero of
unshakeable courage, unwavering principles and
extraordinary skill.

Ivanhoe, Scott, Sir Walter,
Medieval adventure of idealistic young knight's
battle against evil forces in King John's England.

Jacob Have I Loved, Paterson, Katherine,
NM, Honest, dramatic story of family
relationships and rivalries set in 1940s
Chesapeake Bay.

Joan of Arc, Twain, Mark,
Excellent rendition of the story of St. Joan told
with humor and reverence.

Journey to the Center of the Earth, Verne, Jules,

Journey to Topaz, Uchida, Yoshiko,
Yuki and her family are interned in a camp with
other Japanese Americans during WWII.

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winner
CM = Caldecott Medal winner CH = Caldecott Honor
winner
Ø = Please don't read, this will be read in class.

- Kidnapped**, Stevenson, Robert Lewis,
Young David Balfour faces treachery and adventure as he crosses Scotland to claim his inheritance.
- Kim**, Kipling, Rudyard,
Tale of Kim, half Indian-half Irish, certain a grand destiny awaits him growing up in 19th cent. British India.
- Kon-Tiki**, Heyerdahl, Thor,
True-life adventure of Thor Heyerdahl's journey by balsa boat from South America to south sea islands.
- Last of the Mohicans**, Cooper, James Fenimore,
- Le Morte d'Arthur**, Malory, Sir Thomas,
The classic tale of King Arthur and his knights
- Life on the Mississippi**, Twain, Mark,
- Life with Father**, Day, Clarence,
1890's short-fused, perfectionist Wall Street broker father is loved by beleaguered, bemused family.
- Light a Single Candle**, Butler, Beverly,
At 14, Cathy loses her sight and goes to school for the blind where she finds friendship and new independence.
- Lily's Crossing**, Reilly, Patricia,
NH, Lily's father is overseas during WWI; she befriends a Hungarian refugee but tells a lie that may cost his life.
- Madame, Curie: A Biography**, Curie, Eve,
- Mama's Bank Account**, Forbes, Kathryn,
Daughter learns to appreciate Swedish immigrant mothers' thrifty and loving ways.
- MC Higgins the Great**, Hamilton, Virginia,
NM, MC Higgins dreams of better life for his family in the Cumberland mountains.
- Meet the Austins**, L'Engle, Madeleine,
When 14-yr-old Maggie comes to live with the Austins, their harmonious world is thrown into chaos.
- Mysterious Island**, Verne, Jules,
- Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass**,
Douglass, Frederick,
- North to Freedom**, Holm, Anne,
A boy who grew up in a concentration camp, journeys across Europe looking for his mother.
- Out of the Dust**, Hesse, Karen,
NM, Heart wrenching prose tells of girl's life in Texas panhandle during the 1930s drought and dust storms.
- Poems**, Frost, Robert,
- Preacher's Boy**, Paterson, Katherine,
Preacher's son in 19th cent Vermont, decides to become an atheist but finds he is not very good at sinning.
- Profiles in Courage**, Kennedy, John F.,
8 stories of great American senators, written by JFK while a freshman senator.
- Red Badge of Courage**, Crane, Stephen
Considered one of the great American novels, a gripping portrayal of one soldier's experience of the Civil war.
- Robinson Crusoe**, Defoe, Daniel,
The original survivor story.
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**, Taylor, Mildred D, NM,
In post-Civil War South, the Taylors are one of the few black families to own land: a cause for tension.
- Saint Isaac and the Indians**, Lomask, Milton,
Powerful story of St Isaac Jogues, 17th cent. Jesuit missionary to the fierce Indians of Canada, Ignatius Press.
- Snow Goose**, Gallico, Paul,
Moving story of love, faithfulness, and duty climaxing at the Battle of Dunkirk.
- Story of My Life**, Keller, Helen, autobiography
- Streams to the River, River to the Sea: a Novel of Sacagawea**, O'Dell, Scott,
Skillful retelling of the Lewis and Clark expedition thru the eyes of Sacagawea.
- The Black Arrow**, Stevenson, Robert Lewis,
Great adventure tale of battle, intrigue, kidnapping, spies, rogues, heroes, and villains set in 15th cent England.
- The Circuit**, Jiminez, Francisco,
Panchito and his dreams to stay in town and finish school, from author's childhood as migrant farm worker.
- The Count of Monte Christo**, Dumas, Alexander,
A page turner full of vivid characters, intrigue, romance, battles, and witty social satire.
- The Crystal Snowstorm**, Trevor, Meriol,
Book 1 of Letzenstein chronicles following hero Rafael Le Marre in 1840s.
- The Dark Frigate**, Hawes, Charles,
NM, Philip Marsham flees London aboard a frigate bound for Newfoundland that is taken over by cruel pirates.
- The Endless Steppe**, Hautzig, Esther,
Taken prisoner by the Russians in 1941, Esther, her mother, and grandmother survive prison in Siberia.

- The Hiding Place**, ten Boom, Corrie,
True story of girl who finds God when sent to concentration camp for hiding Jews during Nazi invasion.
- The Ides of April**, Ray, Mary,
Attempt to unravel murder of a Roman senator brings Greek slave into contact with new sect, Christians, BB.
- The King Must Die**, Renault, Mary,
Vivid retelling of ancient Greek hero Theseus, slayer of monsters, abductor of princesses and king of Athens.
- The Legend of Sleepy Hollow**, Irving, Washington,
- The Little Prince**, Saint-Exupery, Antoine de,
Presented as a fairy tale, is a gentle critique of modern world.
- The Lord of the Rings**, Tolkien, JRR,
- The Old Man and the Sea**, Hemingway, Ernest,
A towering story of man against nature, victory in defeat. Haunting and deep.
- The Once and Future King**, White, TH,
A thoughtful, sometimes humorous retelling of the legend of King Arthur and Camelot.
- The Perilous Road**, Steele, William O,
NH, two brothers choose different loyalties during the Civil War.
- The Prince and the Pauper**, Twain, Mark,
Humorous tale of mistaken identity in medieval England.
- The Princess Bride**, Goldman, William,
Beautiful Buttercup marries handsome prince, followed by surprising and hilarious turn of events.
- The Robe**, Douglas, Lloyd C,
About the man who gambled for Christ's robe and how possessing it changed his life.
- The Three Musketeers**, Dumas, Alexander,
Swashbuckling, sword wielding heroes amidst the intrigues of the 17th cent French court.
- The Time Machine**, Wells, HG,
Man invents machine that can travel through time.
- The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle**, Avi,
NH, In 1832, 13-yr-old Charlotte is the only female on a sailing vessel bound from England to Rhode Island.
- The Upstairs Room**, Reiss, Johanna,
NH, The de Leeuw family, Dutch Jews, escape the German Holocaust by hiding in friends' home thru war.
- The White Mountains**, Christopher, John,
Compelling sci-fi trilogy about Tripods, huge three-legged machines that try to control people.
- The Yearling**, Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan,
A poor farm boy adopts a fawn as a pet; what follows is a year of hard decisions and courage.
- They Loved to Laugh**, Worth, Kathryn,
Martitia is orphaned at 16 in 1800s Virginia then adopted by a kindly doctor with five lively sons.
- True North: A Novel of the Underground Railroad**, Lasky, Kathryn,
14-yr-old Lucy hides a young runaway slave in 1858 Boston.
- Two Years before the Mast**, Dana, Richard Henry,
True 19th cent account of life on a schooner.
- Uglies**, Westerfeld, Scott
A future world where compulsory surgery makes every teen pretty, is it utopia or a trap?
- Up from Slavery**, Washington, Booker T,
Autobiography of an African American slave.
- Waiting for the Rain: A Novel of South Africa**, Gordon, Sheila,
Two boys, one white the other black, develop a close friendship despite apartheid.
- War of the Worlds**, Wells, HG,
Sci-fi thriller of outerspace invaders that threaten to take over the world.
- We Were There Too: Young People in US History**, Hoose, Phillip,
Stories of teens who made a difference in US history.