



## **Welcome to Summer Reading Virgin Islands Montessori School**

Summer and vacations are a time for leisure reading. We have created a set of suggested titles for Kindergarten through Grade Ten. These are *suggested* titles for your child's reading enjoyment. A child becomes a lifelong reader by reading, and not always on his or her own grade level. When reading aloud to your children, they can comprehend much above their own reading level. Reading aloud to your children is essential.

When reading on their own, allow your children to choose their own reading materials. Your little one may choose a nonfiction book due to the beautiful color illustrations, but not be able to read the text. That's perfectly fine – picture reading is a skill to be honed as well. Nonfiction books are rarely read from the first page to the last. Most readers flip through and look at the pictures first, read the captions that interest them, and often go to the index to find the pages that have more information on the subject they are most interested in. It is okay not to read the entire book. Your child is learning basic research skills, often without even realizing it.

Once a child has the mechanics of reading down, they move into the stage of reading we often call “unconscious delight” – in other words, they get lost in the story because they don't have to think about the mechanics of reading. This typically occurs from 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, but we all enjoy this type of reading. It is what creates lifelong readers as we read because we are enjoying it, not to become a better reader, though that certainly happens in the process. This is the time when children become interested in a particular author or series, such as the Magic Tree House or Nancy Drew. Let your child “wallow” in their favorite author and/or series. They will eventually move on, but before they do they discover the delight of reading for the sheer joy of it – not because they *have* to.

Due to the push for our children to be reading on grade level many older children have never gone beyond the mechanics of reading, so they do not realize that reading can be fun in itself. Let your older child revisit, or enjoy for the first time, books and series that are written on a lower reading level. Don't limit their reading to the booklist or books for their grade level. It is amazing what can be learned from a basic picture book biography by David Adler – it can be read by an older child/teen in a few minutes. And, it is fun reading these books! Let them read aloud to their younger siblings.

In other words – we have created *suggested* reading lists, but there are many books that are not on these lists that your child/teen may enjoy. Allow your children to self select leisure reading materials. This is an important skill to learn in life. Reading the book summary and other information about the book will help them make an informed decision. Even little ones can sit down with a picture book, flip through a few pages and decide if they are interested in it. Every reader has his or her own conversation with a book, based on his or her life experience, so every child, and every adult, responds to a book in a different manner. Talk to your child/teen about the books he or she reads. Be a proactive parent in your child/teen's path to becoming a lifelong reader. Be a reader yourself! Happy Summer Reading from the VI Montessori School Library!

**Kindergarten**  
**Summer Reading List**  
(Titles with an \* are nonfiction books)

*A My Name is Alice* by Jane Bayer  
\**Bats* by Gail Gibbons (Gibbons writes great primary level nonfiction on many subjects)  
*Buster* by Denise Fleming  
*Clifford, the Big Red Dog* (series) by Norman Bridwell  
*Corduroy* by Don Freeman  
*A Day in the Life of Murphy* by Alice Provensen  
*Diary of a Wombat* by Jackie French  
*I Lost My Tooth in Africa* by Penda Diakite  
*I Stink* by Kate McMullen  
\**I Wonder* by Tana Hoban  
*If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura J. Numeroff  
*I'm a Pig!* by Sarah Weeks  
*Is Your Mama a Llama?* by Deborah Guarino  
*Jake Baked the Cake* by B.G. Hennessy  
*Knuffle Bunny* by Mo Willems  
*Koala Lu* by Mem Fox (Fox has many titles for young children)  
*The Little Engine that Could* by Watty Piper  
*The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear* by Audrey Wood  
\**My Five Senses* by Alike  
*The Napping House* by Audrey Wood  
*No, David!* by David Shannon  
*The Paper Bag Princess* by Robert Munsch  
\**Power Machines* by Ken Robbins  
\**The Red-Eyed Tree Frog* by Joy Cowley  
*Read Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young* (poetry) by Jack Prelutsky  
*Rosie's Walk* by Pat Hutchins  
*Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon  
*Today is Monday* by Eric Carle  
*Toot and Puddle* by Holly Hobbie (Part of a series)  
*Tomorrow's Alphabet* by George Shannon  
\**What Makes Day and Night?* by Franklyn M. Branley (Let's Read and Find Out Series)  
*When I was Five* by Arthur Howard  
\**Where Do Frogs Come From?* by Alex Vern (Green Light Readers Series)  
*Whistle for Willie* by Ezra Jack Keats  
*Whose Mouse are You?* by Robert Kraus

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**First Grade**  
**Summer Reading List**  
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***Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type*** by Doreen Cronin (All of Cronin's titles are funny!)

\****Coral Reef*** by Mary Reid (Science Emergent Reader Series)

***Curious George*** (series) by H.A. Rey

***Danny and the Dinosaurs*** by Syd Hoff

\****Dinosaurs*** by Stephanie Turnbull (Beginners Series)

***Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*** by Mo Willems

\****Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of the John J. Harvey*** by Maira Kalman

***Flat Stanley*** by Jeff Brown

\****Flying*** by Gail Gibbons (Gibbons writes lots of nonfiction books for K-2<sup>nd</sup>)

***Franklin and the Tooth Fairy*** (series) by Paulette Bourgeois

***Frog and Toad*** (series) by Arnold Lobel

\****From Caterpillar to Butterfly*** by Deborah Heiligman (Let's Read and Find Out)

***George and Martha*** (series) by James Marshall

***Henry and Mudge*** (series) by Cynthia Rylant

***I Ain't Gonna Paint No More*** by Karen Beaumont

***Little Bear*** by Elise Minarik (Early reader series)

\****Math Start Series, Level II*** by Stuart J. Murphy

***Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride*** by Kate DiCamillo (part of an early reader series)

***Miss Nelson is Missing!*** by Harry Allard

***Morris Goes to School*** by B. Wiseman (several early readers by this author)

***Mouse Soup*** by Arnold Lobel

***Mr. Putter and Tabby Bake the Cake*** by Cynthia Rylant

***My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers*** by Christine King Farris

***My Tooth is About to Fall Out*** by Grace Maccarone (Hello Reader! Series)

***Nate the Great and the Lost List*** (series) by Marjorie Sharmat

***Olivia*** by Ian Falconer

***Owl at Home*** by Arnold Lobel

\****Picture Book of Rosa Parks*** by David Adler (Picture Book Biography Series)

***Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf*** by Lois Ehlert

***So, What's It Like to Be a Cat?*** by Karla Kuskin

***Stellaluna*** by Janell Cannon

***There's an Alligator Under My Bed*** by Mercer Mayer

***The Three Pigs*** by David Wiesner

***Tunjur! Tunjur! Tunjur! : A Palestinian Folktale*** by Margaret Read MacDonald

***The Velveteen Rabbit*** by Margery Williams

***Who Will Be My Friends?*** by Syd Hoff

***Zelda and Ivy: The Runaways*** by Laura Kvasnosky (Part of a beginning reader series)

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**Second Grade**  
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**\*Actual Size** by Steve Jenkins  
**Amazing Grace** by Mary Hoffman  
**Amelia Bedelia** (series) by Peggy Parish  
**\*Animals Nobody Loves** by Seymour Simon (excellent nonfiction author)  
**Arthur's First Sleepover** (series) by Marc Brown  
**Best Friends** by Steven Kellogg  
**\*Bill Nye the Science Guy's Big Blue Ocean** by Bill Nye  
**Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds** (series) by David A. Adler  
**Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School** by Mark Teague  
**Doctor DeSoto** by William Steig  
**Dog Breath** by Dav Pilkey  
**\*Families** by Susan Kuklin  
**\*Gone Wild: An Endangered Animals Alphabet** by David McLimans  
**Happy Birthday, America!** by Marsha Wilson Chall  
**How to Hide an Octopus** by Ruth Heller (many books by this author)  
**The Island of the Skog** by Steven Kellogg  
**\*Jets** by Lee Sullivan Hill (Pull Ahead Books – Mighty Movers Series)  
**Jumanji** by Chris Van Allsburg  
**Lyle, Lyle Crocodile** by Bernard Waber  
**The Magic Tree House: Dinosaurs Before Dark** (series) by Mary Pope Osborne  
**Martha Speaks** by Susan Meddaugh  
**\*Math Start Series, Level III** by Stuart J. Murphy  
**A Mouse Called Wolf** by Dick King-Smith (author of great early chapter books)  
**The Mysterious Tadpole** by Steven Kellogg  
**Nate the Great** (series) by Marc Simont  
**Possum Magic** by Mem Fox  
**Ride a Purple Pelican** (poetry) by Jack Prelutsky  
**Ronald Morgan Goes to Bat** by Patricia Reilly Giff  
**The Science Fair from the Black Lagoon** (series) by Mike Thaler  
**\*Spiders** by Rebecca Gilpin  
**Stephanie's Ponytail** by Robert Munsch  
**Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt** by Deborah Hopkinson  
**\*The Titanic Sinks!** by Thomas Conklin  
**Utterly Me, Clarice Bean** (series) by Lauren Child  
**\*Why Do Leaves Change Colors?** by Betsy Maestro

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**Summer Reading List**  
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***The Adventures of Ali Baba Bernstein*** (series) by Johanna Hurwitz  
***Amber Brown Goes Fourth*** (series) by Paula Danziger  
**\**And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?*** by Jean Fritz  
***Back Home*** by Gloria Pinkney  
**\**Baseball Jokes and Riddles*** by Matt Christopher  
***Beezus and Ramona*** by Beverly Cleary  
**\**Big Cats*** by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent (excellent nonfiction author)  
***Bunnica*** by James Howe (humorous series)  
**\**Duke Ellington*** by Brian Pinkney  
**\**Everglades*** by Jean Craighead George  
**\**Extreme Machines*** by Christopher Maynard  
***Fantastic Mr. Fox*** by Roald Dahl  
***Fourth Grade Rats*** by Jerry Spinelli  
***Freckle Juice*** by Judy Blume  
**\**George Washington's Teeth*** by Deborah Chandra  
***Goha the Wise Fool*** by Denys Johnson-Davies  
**\**The Grapes of Math: Mind-Stretching Math Riddles*** by Greg Tang  
***The Great Kapok Tree*** by Lynne Cherry  
***Into the Blue*** by Ben M. Baglio (First in the Dolphin Diaries series)  
**\**John, Paul, George and Ben*** by Lane Smith  
***A Light in the Attic*** (poetry) by Shel Silverstein  
**\**Magic School Bus*** (series) by Joanna Cole  
***Math Curse*** by Jon Scieszka  
***The Meanest Doll in the World*** by Ann M. Martin  
***Meet Molly*** (American Girl series) by Valerie Tripp  
***The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*** by Kate DiCamillo  
***The New Kid on the Block*** (poetry) by Jack Prelutsky  
***One Day in the Tropical Rain Forest*** (series) by Jean Craighead George  
***Poppy and Rye*** by Avi (Part of the Poppy Stories series)  
**\**The Right Dog for the Job*** by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent (excellent nonfiction author)  
***Rock On*** by Matt Christopher (Extreme Team Series)  
***Search for Sunken Treasure*** (series) by Geronimo Stilton  
***A Series of Unfortunate Events*** (series) by Lemony Snicket  
**\**Sharks*** by Seymour Simon (excellent nonfiction author)  
**\**The Tarantula Scientist*** by Sy Montgomery  
***Tractor -Trailer Trucks: A Powerful Truck Book*** by Joyce Slayton Mitchell  
***Walter, the Story of a Rat*** by Barbara Wersba

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**Fourth Grade**  
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***Abby Takes a Stand*** by Patricia McKissack (Scraps of Time Series)  
***Because of Winn Dixie*** by Kate DiCamillo  
***Bodies from Ash*** by James M. Deem  
***The Dragons are Singing Tonight*** (poetry) by Jack Prelutsky  
\****Earthquakes*** by Seymour Simon  
\****Emily Dickinson's Letters to the World*** by Jeanne Winter  
***Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective*** (series) by Donald Sobol  
***Harriet, the Spy*** (series) by Louise Fitzhugh  
***Howliday Inn*** by James Howe (Bunnacula series)  
\****Inside the Titanic: A Giant Cut-Away Book*** by Ken Marshall  
\****Jackie Robinson*** by Glen Stout (Legends in Sports Series)  
***The Knights of the Kitchen Table*** by Jon Scieszka (Time Warp Trio Series)  
\****Lewis and Clark*** by Candice Ransom (History Maker Biography Series)  
***The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*** (series) by C.S. Lewis  
\****Look to the Night Sky: An Introduction to Star Watching*** by Seymour Simon  
***Midnight for Charlie Bone*** by Jenny Nimmo (Children of the Red King Series)  
\****Mistakes That Worked*** by Charlotte Foltz Jones  
***Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism*** by Georgia Byng  
\****Mummies: The Newest, Coolest and Creepiest From Around the World*** by Shelley Tanaka  
\****Oh Yuck!: The Encyclopedia of Everything Nasty*** by Joy Masoff  
***Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude*** by Kevin O'Malley  
\****The Paper Airplane Book*** by Byron Barton  
***The Penderwicks*** by Jeanne Birdsall  
\****Pirate*** by Richard Platt (Eyewitness Series)  
***Shiloh*** by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
***Sideways Stories from Wayside School*** (series) by Louis Sachar  
***Silverwing*** by Kenneth Oppel (part of a fantasy series)  
***The Spiderwick Chronicles*** (series) by Holly Black  
***Spy Force Series*** by Deborah Abela  
\****Stars and Planets*** by David Levy (The Discoveries Series)  
***Superfudge*** by Judy Blume  
***The Tale of Despereaux*** by Kate DiCamillo  
***Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon*** by Catherine Thimmesh  
***Titus Rules!*** by Dick King-Smith  
***Upchuck and the Rotten Willy*** by Bill Wallace

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***Fifth Grade  
Summer Reading List***

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*Bat 6* by Virginia Euwer Wolff  
*Becoming Naomi Leon* by Pam Munoz Ryan  
*The Biggest Klutz in Fifth Grade* by Bill Wallace  
\**Black Whiteness: Admiral Byrd Alone in the Antarctic* by Robert Burleigh  
*Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis  
\**Cathedral: The Story of Its Construction* by David Macaulay  
*Chasing Vermeer* by Blue Baillelt  
*Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul* edited by Jack L. Canfield  
\**The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins* by Barbara Kerley  
\**A Drop of Water: A Book of Science and Wonder* by Walter Wick  
*Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levin  
\**ER Vets* by Donna Jackson  
\**Freedom Riders* by Ann Bausum  
*Inkheart* by Cornelia Funke  
*Jackie and Me* by Dan Gutman  
*Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* by Jack Gantos  
\**Lincoln: A Photo-biography* by Russell Freedman  
*M.C. Higgins the Great* by Virginia Hamilton  
*Mick Harte Was Here* by Barbara Park  
*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert O'Brien  
*Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry  
\**Oh Rats!: The Story of Rats and People* by Albert Marrin  
*On My Honor* by Marion Dane Bauer  
*The Phantom Toll Booth* by Norton Juster  
\**Pyramids* by Anne Millard  
\**Quest for the Tree Kangaroo* by Sy Montgomery  
\**Ship* by David Macaulay  
*Soup* by Robert Newton Peck  
\**Swimming with Hammerhead Sharks* by Kenneth Mallory (Scientists in the Field)  
\**Through My Eyes* by Ruby Bridges  
*Time Pieces* by Virginia Hamilton  
*The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi  
*Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt  
\**The Way Things Work* by David Macaulay  
*Trapped in Death Cave* by Bill Wallace  
*Voyage on the Great Titanic: The Diary of Margaret Ann Brady, HMS Titanic, 1912*  
by Ellen Emerson White (Dear America Series)

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***Summer Reading List***  
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*Absolutely, Normal Chaos* by Sharon Creech  
*Anacaona, Golden Flower, Haiti, 1490* by Edwidge Danticat (Royal Diaries Series)  
*Catherine, Called Birdy* by Karen Cushman  
*The City of Ember* by Jeanne Duprau  
*Coraline* by Neil Gaiman  
*Crash* by Jerry Spinelli  
*The Dark is Rising* by Susan Cooper  
*\*Egyptology* by Emily Sands (Ology Series)  
*Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick  
*Giant Rat of Sumatra: Or Pirates Galore* by Sid Fleischman  
*Girl in a Cage* by Jane Yolen  
*The Golden Hour* by Maya Williams  
*Honus and Me* by Dan Gutman  
*Jack's New Power: Stories from a Caribbean Year* by Jack Gantos  
*\*Leonardo da Vinci* by Diane Stanley  
*A Long Way from Chicago* by Richard Peck  
*Loser* by Jerry Spinelli  
*\*Mosque* by David Macaulay  
*Music of Dolphins* by Karen Hesse  
*My Louisiana Sky* by Kimberly Willis Holt  
*\*My Season with Penguins* by Sophie Webb  
*Nightjohn* by Gary Paulsen  
*Olive's Ocean* by Kevin Henkes  
*Penny from Heaven* by Jennifer L. Holm  
*Pictures of Hollis Woods* by Patricia Reilly Giff  
*Redwall* by Brian Jacques (an extensive series)  
*Rules* by Cynthia Lord  
*Saffy's Angel* by Hilary McKay  
*Scorpions* by Walter Dean Myers  
*Sea of Trolls* by Nancy Farmer  
*Seedfolks* by Paul Fleischman  
*Shakespeare's Secret* by Elise Broach  
*So B. It* by Sarah Weeks  
*Under the Blood-Red Sun* by Graham Salisbury  
*Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech  
*\*Who Came First* by Patricia Lauber

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*Abduction* by Peg Kehret  
*Airborn* by Kenneth Oppell  
*Alanna, the First Adventure* by Tamora Pierce (The Song of the Lioness Series)  
*The Amulet of Samarkand* by Jonathan Stroud (Bartimaeus Trilogy)  
*Bad Boy: A Memoir* by Walter Dean Myers  
\**Charles Lindbergh: A Human Hero* by James Cross Giblin  
\**Chew on This: Everything You Don't Want to Know about Fast Food* by Edward Schlosser  
*The Darkest Evening* by William Durbin  
*Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen  
*Dragon Rider* by Cornelia Funke  
*Eagle Strike* by Anthony Horowitz (Alex Rider Adventure Series)  
*Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry  
*A Girl Named Disaster* by Nancy Farmer  
*Heat* by Mike Lupica  
*House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer  
*In my Father's House* by Ann Rinaldi  
*Let the Circle Be Unbroken* by Mildred Taylor  
*Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment* by James Patterson  
*Maya Running* by Anjali Banerjee  
*Milkweed* by Jerry Spinelli  
*Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse  
*The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton  
\**Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science* by John Fleischman  
*Red Midnight* by Ben Mikaelson  
\**Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance* by Jennifer Armstrong  
*Small Steps* by Louis Sachar  
*Tangerine* by Edward Bloor  
*Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts* by Richard Peck  
*The Three of Diamonds* by Antony Horowitz (Part of the Diamond Brothers series)  
*The Voice on the Radio* by Caroline Cooney  
\**The Voice That Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights* by Russell Freedman  
*The Wanderer* by Sharon Creech  
*The White Mountains* by John Christopher (The Tripod Series)  
*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle

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*Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko  
*\*An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793* by Jim Murphy  
*The Boy Who Saved Baseball* by John Ritter  
*Bloody Jack: Being an Account of the Curious Adventures of Mary Jacky Faber, Ship's Boy* by L.A. Meyer  
*The Buccaneers* by Iain Lawrence  
*\*Cage* by Ruth Minsky Sender  
*Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul* edited by Jack L. Canfield  
*\*Chinese Cinderella: True Story of an Unwanted Daughter* by Adeline Yen Mah  
*The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier  
*Deep* by Susanna Vance  
*Ender's Shadow* by Orson Scott Card  
*Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson  
*Flowers for Algernon* by Daniel Keyes  
*The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman  
*\*The Great Fire* by Jim Murphy  
*\*Gutsy Girls: Young Women Who Dare* by Tina Schwager  
*Hang a Thousand Ribbons* by Ann Rinaldi  
*Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell  
*\*Kennedy Assassinated!: The World Mourns: A Reporter's Story* by Wilborn Hampton  
*Kissing Door Knobs* by Terry Spencer Hesser  
*The Kite Rider* by Geraldine McCaughrean  
*Local News* by Gary Soto  
*The Midwife's Apprentice* by Karen Cushman  
*Mortal Engines* by Philip Reeve  
*\*No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War* by Anita Lobel  
*The Number Devil: A Mathematical Adventure* by Hans Enzenberger  
*The Pearl* by John Steinbeck  
*Piratica: Being a Daring Tale of a Singular Girl's Adventure Upon the High Seas* by Tanith Lee  
*The River Between Us* by Richard Peck  
*Rumble Fish* by S.E. Hinton  
*A Separate Peace* by John Knowles  
*Sword of the Rightful King: A Novel of King Arthur* by Jane Yolen  
*Troy* by Adel Geras

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***\*Close to Shore: The Terrifying Shark Attacks of 1916*** by Michael Capuzzo  
***\*Coach Carter*** adapted by Jasmine Jones  
***A Crack in the Line*** by Lawrence Michael  
***Don't Look Behind You*** by Lois Duncan  
***\*Dove*** by Robin Lee Graham  
***\*The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition*** by Caroline Alexander  
***\*Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case*** by Chris Crowe  
***Home of the Braves*** by David Klass  
***House on Mango Street*** by Sandra Cisneros  
***Inside Out*** by Terry Trueman  
***Jade Green: A Ghost Story*** by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
***The Kidnapping of Christina Lattimore*** by Joan Lowery Nixon  
***\*Lost Moon: the Perilous Voyage of Apollo 13*** by Jim Lovell  
***Many Stones*** by Carolyn Coman  
***A Matter of Profit*** by Hilari Bell  
***Miracle's Boys*** by Jacqueline Woodson  
***\*Night*** by Elie Weisel  
***Night Hoops*** by Carl Deuker  
***Pirates!*** by Celia Rees  
***Private Peaceful*** by Michael Morpurgo  
***\*Savion! My Life in Tap*** by Savion Glover  
***Seek*** by Paul Fleischman  
***\*Shout, Sister, Shout!: Ten Girl Singers Who Shaped a Century*** by Roxane Orgill  
***Skin I'm In*** by Sharon G. Flake  
***Slam*** by Walter Dean Myers  
***Soldier's Heart*** by Gary Paulsen  
***\*Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family and Fighting to Get Back on the Board*** by Bethany Hamilton  
***Ten Little Indians*** by Agatha Christie  
***Ties that Bind, Ties that Break*** by Lensey Namioka  
***Tomorrow: When the War Began*** by John Marsden  
***Touching Spirit Bear*** by Ben Mikaelson  
***Ultimate Sports: Short Stories by Outstanding Writers for Young Adults*** by Don Gallo  
***Watership Down*** by Richard Adams  
***\*Words with Wings: A Treasury of African-American Poetry and Art*** by Belinda Rochelle

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*The Battle of Jericho* by Sharon M. Draper  
*The Bomb* by Theodore Taylor  
*Bronx Masquerade* by Nikki Grimes  
*Chandra's Secrets* by Allan Stratton  
*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon  
*The Eyre Affair: A Thursday Next Novel* by Jasper Fforde (series)  
*The Farming of Bones* by Edwidge Danticat  
*Freewill* by Chris Lynch  
*The Girl With A Pearl Earring* by Tracy Chevalier  
*\*Hot Stones and Funny Bones: Teens Helping Teens Cope With Stress and Anger* by Brian Seaward  
*How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accent* by Julia Alvarez  
*\*Hungry Ocean: A Swordboat Captain's Journey* by Linda Greenlaw  
*If You Come Softly* by Jacqueline Woodson  
*Imani All Mine* by Connie Ross Porter  
*\*In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex* by Nathaniel Philbrick  
*\*Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer  
*Ironman* by Chris Crutcher  
*\*John Lennon: All I Want is the Truth* by Elizabeth Partridge  
*A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines  
*The Life of Pi* by Yann Martel  
*Motherland* by Vineeta Vijayaraghavan  
*A Northern Light* by Jennifer Donnelly  
*Painting the Black* by Carl Deuker  
*\*The Perfect Storm: A True Story of Men Against the Sea* by Sebastian Junger  
*Postcards from No Man's Land* by Aidan Chambers  
*Ruby* by Rosa Guy  
*Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd  
*Stardust* by Neil Gaiman  
*\*Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers* by Mary Roach  
*\*Swimming to Antarctica: Tales of a Long-Distance Swimmer* by Lynn Cox  
*\*Teen Angst? Naaah . . . A Quasi-autobiography* by Ned Vizzini  
*Uglies* by Scott Westerfield  
*Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys  
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