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1.	<i>The Devil's Highway</i> by Stanley Applegate	In 1811, on the Natchez Road, fourteen-year-old Zeb finds ten-year-old Hannah, who has been kidnapped from her Choctaw people, and together they face natural and human threats with their combined skills and courage
2.	<i>One-Handed Catch</i> by Mary Jane Auch	After losing his hand in an accident in his father's butcher shop in 1946, sixth-grader Norman uses hard work and humor to learn to live with his disability and to succeed at baseball, art, and other activities.
3.	<i>The Penderwicks : a Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy</i> by Jeanne Birdsall	While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother
4.	<i>Otherwise known as Sheila the Great</i> by Judy Blume	A summer in Tarrytown, N.Y., is a lot of fun for ten-year-old Sheila even though her friends make her face up to some self-truths she doesn't want to admit.
5.	<i>A Week in the Woods</i> by Andrew Clements	The fifth grade's annual camping trip in the woods tests Mark's survival skills and his ability to relate to a teacher who seems out to get him.
6.	<i>Heartbeat</i> by Sharon Creech	Twelve-year-old Annie ponders the many rhythms of life the year that her mother becomes pregnant, her grandfather begins faltering, and her best friend (and running partner) becomes distant.
7.	<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i> by Christopher Paul Curtis	Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.
8.	<i>Dragon Rider</i> by Cornelia Caroline Funke	After learning that humans are headed toward his hidden home, Firedrake, a silver dragon, is joined by a brownie and an orphan boy in a quest to find the legendary valley known as the Rim of Heaven, encountering friendly and unfriendly creatures along the way, and struggling to evade the relentless pursuit of an old enemy.
9.	<i>Eleven</i> by Patricia Reilly Giff	When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, it brings forth memories from his past, and, with the help of a new friend at school and the castle they are building for a school project, his questions are eventually answered.

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10.	<i>The Million Dollar Shot</i> by Dan Gutman	Eleven-year-old Eddie gets a chance to win a million dollars by sinking a foul shot at the National Basketball Association finals
11.	<i>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</i> by C. S. (Clive Staples) Lewis	Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.
12.	<i>Miss Spitfire : Reaching Helen Keller</i> by Sarah Elizabeth Miller	At age twenty-one, partially-blind, lonely but spirited Annie Sullivan travels from Massachusetts to Alabama to try and teach six-year-old Helen Keller, deaf and blind since age two, self-discipline and communication skills. Includes historical notes and timeline.
13.	<i>Mr. Tucket</i> by Gary Paulsen	In 1848, while on a wagon train headed for Oregon, fourteen-year-old Francis Tucket is kidnapped by Pawnee Indians and then falls in with a one-armed trapper who teaches him how to live in the wild.
14.	<i>A Long Way from Chicago : a Novel in Stories</i> by Richard Peck	A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.
15.	<i>Longleaf</i> by Roger Reid	When fourteen-year-old Jason accompanies his scientist parents on a trip to the Conecuh National Forest in Alabama, he witnesses a crime being committed and finds his own life endangered as a result.
16.	<i>Curveball</i> by Rich Wallace	Seventh-grade baseball player Eddie Ventura listens to the sports announcer's voice in his head and gets into trouble when he writes a series of articles for the school paper.
17.	<i>Listening for Lions</i> by Gloria Whelan	Left an orphan after the influenza epidemic in British East Africa in 1919, thirteen-year-old Rachel is tricked into assuming a deceased neighbor's identity to travel to England, where her only dream is to return to Africa and rebuild her parents' mission hospital.
18.	<i>The Aurora County All-Stars</i> by Deborah Wiles	Twelve-year-old House Jackson, team captain and star pitcher of the Aurora County All-Stars, is finally ready to play again after being sidelined for a year with a broken elbow, but a standoff ensues when the team's big game is scheduled for the same day as Aurora County's two-hundredth anniversary pageant--an event directed by the very girl who caused Jackson's injury.
19.	<i>The Dollhouse Murders</i> by Betty Ren Wright	A dollhouse filled with a ghostly light in the middle of the night, and dolls that have moved from where she last left them, lead Amy and her mentally handicapped sister to unravel the mystery surrounding grisly murders that took

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		place years ago.
20.	<i>So Totally Emily Ebers</i> by Lisa Yee	In a series of letters to her absent father, twelve-year-old Emily Ebers deals with moving cross-country, her parents' divorce, a new friendship, and her first serious crush.