

Sixth Grade

1.	<i>Gilda Joyce, Psychic Investigator</i> by Jennifer Allison	During the summer before ninth grade, intrepid Gilda Joyce invites herself to the San Francisco mansion of distant cousin Lester Splinter and his thirteen-year-old daughter, where she uses her purported psychic abilities and detective skills to solve the mystery of the mansion's boarded-up tower.
2.	<i>Fever, 1793</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson	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 the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793.
3.	<i>Cornelia and the Audacious Escapades of the Somerset Sisters</i> by Lesley M. M. Blume	Eleven-year-old Cornelia S. Englehart, a lonely daughter of famous pianists who lives in New York City, learns about language and life from a new elderly neighbor who shares stories about the fabulous adventures she and her sisters had while traveling around the world.
4.	<i>Al Capone Does My Shirts</i> by Gennifer Choldenko	Twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.
5.	<i>Ruby Holler</i> by Sharon Creech	Thirteen-year-old fraternal twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage, but their lives change forever when an eccentric, but sweet older couple invites them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler.
6.	<i>Catherine, Called Birdy</i> by Karen Cushman	The daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off.
7.	<i>The Graveyard Book</i> by Neil Gaiman	The orphan Bod, short for Nobody, is taken in by the inhabitants of a graveyard as a child of eighteen months and raised lovingly and carefully to the age of eighteen years by the community of ghosts and otherworldly creatures.
8.	<i>Football Genius</i> by Tim Green	Troy, a sixth-grader with an unusual gift for predicting football plays before they occur, attempts to use his ability to help his favorite team, the Atlanta Falcons, but he must first prove himself to the coach and players
9.	<i>Homefront</i> by Doris Gwaltney	Margaret Ann Motley has always wanted a room of her very own, but when her English cousin Courtney moves in with Margaret's family to escape the blitz, Margaret loses her only chance of having her own room and begins to resent Courtney, until she realizes how difficult Courtney's own life has been
10.	<i>Flush</i> by Carl Hiaasen	With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.

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11.	<i>Stormbreaker</i> by Anthony Horowitz	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.
12.	<i>Cracker! : the Best Dog in Vietnam</i> by Cynthia Kadohata	A young soldier in Vietnam bonds with his bomb-sniffing German shepherd.
13.	<i>Alabama Moon</i> by Watt Key	After the death of his father, ten-year-old Moon Blake is removed from the Alabama forest where he was raised and sent to a boy's home, where, for the first time, he has contact with the outside world and learns about friendship, love, and humanity.
14.	<i>No More Dead Dogs</i> by Gordon Korman	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 and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well.
15.	<i>The Boys' War : Confederate and Union Soldiers Talk About the Civil War</i> by Jim Murphy	Includes diary entries, personal letters, and archival photographs to describe the experiences of boys, sixteen years old or younger, who fought in the Civil War.
16.	<i>The Journal of Scott Pendleton Collins : a World War II Soldier</i> by Walter Dean Myers	A seventeen-year-old soldier from central Virginia records his experiences in a journal as his regiment takes part in the D-Day invasion of Normandy and subsequent battles to liberate France.
17.	<i>Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment</i> by James Patterson	After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member 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.
18.	<i>Paint the Wind</i> by Pam Munoz Ryan	After her overprotective grandmother has a stroke, eleven-year-old Maya, an orphan, leaves her extremely restricted life in California to stay with her mother's family on a remote Wyoming ranch, where she discovers a love of horses and encounters Artemisia, a wild mare that her mother once rode.
19.	<i>Surviving the Applewhites</i> by Garrett Christopher	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.
20.	<i>So B. It : a Novel</i> by Sarah Weeks	After spending her life with her mentally disabled mother and agoraphobic neighbor, twelve-year-old Heidi sets out from Reno, Nevada, to New York to find out who she is.