

Oyster-Adams Summer 2010 - Suggested Reading List (Final)
Middle School (English List followed by Spanish List)

	Title	Author	Date	Category	Sub-Category	Summary
1	Boy: Tales of Childhood	Dahl, Roald	1984	Biography	Autobio	Teenage Dahl fans will be enthralled by his stories, which have drama and humor like his fiction writing. His life stories are as daring and delightful as his made-up adventures.
2	My Life with the Chimpanzees	Goodall, Jane	2002	Biography	Autobio	From the time she was a girl, Jane Goodall dreamed of a life spent working with animals. Finally she had her wish. When she was 22 years old, she ventured into the forests of Africa to observe chimpanzees in the wild. Since then, she has learned a lot about these intelligent creatures whose lives, in work and play and family relationships, bear a surprising resemblance to our own.
3	The Story of My Life	Keller, Helen	1903	Biography	Autobio	Learn about determination and commitment in Helen Keller's autobiography.
4	The Adventurous Life of Myles Standish and the Amazing -but-True Survival Story of Plymouth Colony	Harness, Cheryl	2006	Biography	History	Harness chronicles the history of the Plymouth Pilgrims from their troubles in England to their first years in North America, with the focus on Standish. Separating documented history from speculation, they narrative explains religious movements, introduces key figures and gives a balanced account of Pilgrim-Indian relationships. In contrast to many Pilgrim histories, the tone is casual. A reader-friendly approach to history.
5	Bob Marley	Dolan, Sean	2002	Biography	Music	Traces the life of the Jamaican musician who helped popularize reggae before his untimely death.
6	Charles and Emma: The Darwin's' Leap of Faith	Heiligman, Deborah	2009	Biography	Science	Lively biography of Charles Darwin focuses on the family life of one of the world's most famous scientists, including the impact differing religious beliefs had on the family's relationships.
7	Jim Thorpe, Original All-American	Bruchac, Joseph	2006	Biography	Sports	Using first-person narrative, Bruchac related Thorpe's life from his early years as an amateur athlete from a Native American reservation in Oklahoma, to his winning the Olympic gold medal in Sweden. Thorpe excelled in track, baseball and football, and continues to be a role model for many.
8	LeBron James: The Rise of a Star	Morgan, David lee Jr..	2003	Biography	Sports	The biography of whom many call the best high school basketball player ever, drawing on material from interviews with family, friends, coaches and teammates.
9	Escape: The Story of the Great Houdini	Fleischman, Sid	1999	Biography		In a spellbinding biography that details Houdini's rise to fame and his continual self-reinvention, the enthusiasm of fellow magician Fleischman proves infectious.
10	Sorrow's Kitchen: The Life and Folklore of Zora Neale Hurston	Lyons, Mary E.	1990	Biography		Details Hurston's migration from Florida to Baltimore, Washington, DC, and finally Harlem, as well as her travels through the West Indies to collect folklore.
11	Chronicles of Narnia (or any in the series)	Lewis, C.S.	1950-1956)	Fiction	Classics	Four English school children enter the magic land of Narnia through the back of a wardrobe and assist Aslan, the golden lion, in defeating the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.
12	David Copperfield	Dickens, Charles	1850	Fiction	Classics	A young boy is sent to a harsh school and then to the workhouse by his cruel stepfather.
13	Little Women	Alcott, Louisa May	1868-69	Fiction	Classics	Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy March are four sisters growing up in Massachusetts during the Civil War. This rich American classic of family love, a favorite of readers for more than a century.
14	Treasure Island	Stevenson, Robert Louis	1883	Fiction	Classics	When Jim Haskins, an impressionable young cabin boy, discovers a treasure map, he finds himself thrust into an adventure beyond compare. The notorious Long John Silver joins him and two of his friends on a ship. Can Hawkins trust this mysterious pirate?
15	The Field Guide, The Spiderwick Chronicles (or any in the series)	Black, Holly and DiTerlizzi, Tony	2003	Fiction	Fantasy	The first book in a beautifully produced series of five, The Field Guide sets up the story of the Grace children--13-year-old Mallory and 9-year-old twins Jared and Simon--who with their mother move into the dilapidated Spiderwick Estate only to quickly find themselves sucked into a dark and fascinating world of faeries. It all starts when Jared Grace find their great uncle's book, "Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastic World Around You," and realizes that they re not alone in their new house. Now the Grace kids want to tell their story but the faeries will do everything to stop them. It's up to you to spread the word about their discovery. But heed their warnings, wear some red, turn your clothes inside out - all anti-faerie devices - and get ready to enter a world that you never knew existed.
16	A Single Shard	Park, Linda Sue	2003	Fiction	History	Tree-ear, a 13-year old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.
17	Bread and Roses, Too	Paterson, Katherine	2006	Fiction	History	Two young children, Rosa and Jake, become embroiled in the 1912 Bread and Roses Strike in the mills of Lawrence, Massachusetts. Together, they tell the story of the hardships and injustices endured by immigrant mill workers.
18	Chains	Anderson, Laurie Haise	2008	Fiction	History	After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

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19	Flygirl	Smith, Sherri L.	2009	Fiction	History	During WWI, women started getting new ideas, and odds-defying young women look to the skies. Ida Mae Jones eschews the easy life when she signs up to be a Flygirl, part of the Women Air Force Service Pilots, a government program for female pilots to fly supplies to non-combat zones. But Ida has a secret. This exciting narrative traces Ida's ascent as she stretches the truth about who she is in order to do what she loves.
20	Hard Gold: The Colorado Gold Rush of 1859	Avi	2008	Fiction	History	Early Whitcomb, whose family's farm in Iowa is failing due to drought, is enticed by his uncle Jesse to go west and dig for gold to help prevent foreclosure, but during their adventure, Jesse gets into trouble, and Early makes hard decisions while trying to find his relative and the riches that lay hidden in the mountains.
21	Mr. Revere and I	Lawson, Roberts	1988	Fiction	History	Robert Lawson presents a different perspective on Paul Revere's ride Lawson writes about Revere's famous ride from the point of view of the horse. The book contains humor as well as useful historical information about the beginning of the American Revolution.
22	The Watsons Go to Birmingham -- 1963	Curtis, Christopher Paul	2000	Fiction	History	The year is 1963, and self-important Byron Watson is the bane of his younger brother Kenny's existence. Constantly in trouble for one thing or another, Byron finally pushes his family too far. Before this "official juvenile delinquent" can cut school or steal change one more time, Momma and Dad finally make good on their threat to send him to the deep south to spend the summer with his tiny, strict grandmother. Soon the whole family is packed up, ready to make the drive from Flint, Michigan, straight into one of the most chilling moments in America's history: the burning of the Sixteenth Avenue Baptist Church with four little girls inside. This historical novel blends the fictional account of an African American family with the factual events of the violent summer of 1963. Fourth grader Kenny is an innocent and sincere narrator; his ingenuousness lends authenticity to the story and invites readers of all ages into his world, even as it changes before his eyes.
23	Thousand Pieces of Gold	McCunn, Rulhanne Lum	1988	Fiction	History	The family of Polly Bernis sells her to bandits and a Chinese saloon keeper, but she ends up married to an American and homesteading in Idaho.
24	Eye of the Crow	Peacock, Shane	2007	Fiction	Mystery	Young Sherlock finds comfort studying the world around him and reconstructing events, but when he decides to snoop around for clues to solve a sensational murder. Sherlock is accused of the crime and now must use all his mystery-solving clues to save himself.
25	The Diamond of Drury Lane (A Cat Royal Adventure) (or any in the series)	Golding, Julia	2006	Fiction	Mystery	Orphan Catherine "cat" Royal, living at the Drury Lane Theater in 1790s London, tries to find the "diamond" supposedly hidden in the theater, which unmasks a treasonous political cartoonist, and involves her in the street gangs of Covent Garden and the world of nobility.
26	The Killer's Tears	Bondoux, Anne-Laure	2003	Fiction	Mystery	A young boy, Paolo, and the man who murdered his parents, Angel, gradually become like father and son as they live and work together on the remote Chilean farm where Paolo was born.
27	The London Eye Mystery	Dowd, Siobhan	2008	Fiction	Mystery	When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together, Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat, to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.
28	The Mystery of the Third Lucretia	Runholt, Susan	2008	Fiction	Mystery	While visiting a Minneapolis art museum best friends Kari and Lucas are scolded by an artist for copying a Rembrandt. Then while visiting London, they see the same man, this time in disguise, copying another Rembrandt. The forged paintings tell the ancient Roman story of Lucretia, signaling a theme of women's rights that is carried throughout the book.
29	When You Reach Me	Stead, Rebecca	2009	Fiction	Mystery	Connoisseurs of mystery and the intricacies of time travel will be riveted by this book. 12-year old Miranda's already complicated New York life grows even more bewildering when she receives an enigmatic note: "I am coming to save your friend's life, and my own." But her best friend has cut her off, and make new friends is proving difficult. The anonymous, all-too-personal notes keep coming, and it is only at the very end that she discovers their source.
30	James Herriot's Dog Stories	Herriot, James	2008	Fiction	Short Stories	A highly recommended series of short stories about the relationships of dogs and their owners. A lot of goofiness and some sadness, but all told with balance and aplomb.
31	The Realm of Possibility	Levilthan, David	2004	Fiction	Short Stories	A variety of students at the same high school describe their ideas, experiences and relationships in a series of interconnected free verse stories.
32	Basketball (or Something like It)	Baskin, Noral Raleigh	2007	Fiction	Sports	Hank, Nathan, Jeremiah, and Anabel deal with the realities of middle school basketball, including family pressure, a series of coaches with very different personalities and agendas, and what it means to be a team and a friend.

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33	Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery (or any of the series)	Feinstein, John	2005	Fiction	Sports	After winning a basketball reporting contest, 8th graders Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game.
34	Stanford Wong Flunks Big Time	Yee, Lisa	2005	Fiction	Sports	From birth, when his father named him for his alma mater, great things have been expected from Stanford Wong. When his lack of interest in academics causes him to fail 6th grade English and lands him in summer school, his star status on his school's basketball team is endangered. It's a summer of turmoil and tension. Stanford's father is working longer and longer hours to try for a promotion, and a host of other changes are occurring. Stanford must come to grips with missing out on basketball camp, grit his teeth through tutoring sessions with Millicent the genius, see his beloved grandmother moved to an assisted-living facility, and trying to hide his summer school attendance from his buddies.
35	The Runner	Voigt, Cynthia	1985	Fiction	Sports	As a dedicated runner, a teenage boy has always managed to distance himself from other people until the experience of coaching one of his teammates on the track team gradually helps him see the value of giving and receiving.
36	We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball	Nelson, Kadir	2008	Fiction	Sports	A lost piece of American history comes to life in Kadir Nelson's elegant and eloquent history of the Negro Leagues and its gifted baseball players. The history of the Leagues echoes the social and political struggles of black America during the first half of the 20th century. There were scores of ballplayers who never became as famous as Babe Ruth and Ty Cobb and were almost lost in obscurity because of segregation—and Nelson recreates their history here. The narrative is divided into nine innings, beginning with Rube Foster and his formation of the first Negro League in 1920 and closing with Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier into white major league baseball. In between are fascinating snippets of the events and men who formed the Negro Leagues. Readers glimpse the pain black Americans endured because of bigotry and segregation, but the true center of this story is the joy of baseball and the joy men felt at being able to play the game.
37	A Bone From a Dry Sea	Dickinson, Peter	2002	Fiction		12-year old Lavinia is happy living with her mother, her stepfather and her half-brothers in England. However, she misses her father, Sam, an archaeologist. She asks permission to join her father in one of his expeditions. He is part of a team searching for human fossils. One day, Vinny goes to explore a site with the team leaders and the Vinny makes her own discovery.
38	A Season of Gifts	Peck, Richard	2009	Fiction		In 1958, as the book begins, Bob Barnhart and his family move next door to Grandma Dowdel and quickly learn that she "doesn't neighbor." The shotgun-wielding octogenarian is always ready with a hilarious solution for any problem, especially for a preacher's kid in a town swarming with bullies. Bob's family learns that there are many ways of giving gifts.
39	A Step from Heaven	Na, An	2000	Fiction		Young Ju Park is unhappy with her journey to America as her family suffers hard times upon their arrival, yet when her father suddenly becomes violent, Young Ju is thankful when he leaves so that her family can start a new life.
40	After Tupac and D Foster	Woodson, Jacqueline	2008	Fiction		In the New York City borough of Queens in 1996, three girls bond over their shared love of Tupac Shakur's music, as together they try to make sense of the unpredictable world in which they live.
41	Al Capone Does My Shirts	Choldenko, Gennifer	2004	Fiction		12-year old Moose Flanagan and his family move to Alcatraz Island in 1935, where his father gets a job in the prison which housed such noted criminals as Al Capone and Machine Gun Kelly. Moose's older sister, Natalie, is severely autistic and his mother has been obsessed with getting her "cured". She has been sent to a variety of schools and bizarre hospitals, none of which have helped, and their last hope is getting her into a school in San Francisco. Moose is given almost complete responsibility for his sister. Meanwhile, Moose is coping with his new school, living in an isolated and strange place, and the warden's daughter, Piper, who always has a new moneymaking scheme. Juggling Natalie's daily moods, schoolwork, Piper, and worry over his folks, Moose tried to please everyone. His greatest fear is that somehow he has caused Natalie's problem.
42	Behind You	Woodson, Jacqueline	2004	Fiction		After 15-year old Jeremiah is mistakenly shot by police, the people who love him struggle to cope with their loss as they recall his life and death, unaware that Jeremiah is watching over them.

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43	Breaking Point	Finn, Alex	2002	Fiction		Paul Richmond is new to the exclusive Gate School in Florida and is shunned for being a "scholarship kid." To be accepted, Paul agrees to do something against his standards. This is a good book about peer pressure and decision-making.
44	Buddha Boy	Koja, Kathe	2003	Fiction		Justin spends time with Jinsen, the unusual and artistic new student whom the school bullies torment and call Buddha Boy, and ends up making choices that impact Jinsen, himself, and the entire school.
45	Diary of a Wimpy Kid (or any in the series)	Kinney, Jeff	2007	Fiction		Middle school student Greg Heffley takes readers through an academic year's worth of drama. Greg's mother forces him to keep a diary ("I know what it says on the cover, but when Mom went out to buy this thing I specifically told her to get one that didn't say 'diary' on it"), and in it he loosely recounts each day's events, interspersed with his comic illustrations. Kinney has a gift for believable preteen dialogue and narration (e.g., "Don't expect me to be all 'Dear Diary' this and 'Dear Diary' that"), and the illustrations serve as a hilarious counterpoint to Greg's often deadpan voice. The hero's utter obliviousness to his friends and family becomes a running joke. For instance, on Halloween, Greg and his best friend, Rowley, take refuge from some high school boys at Greg's grandmother's house; they taunt the bullies, who then T.P. her house. Greg's journal entry reads, "I do feel a little bad, because it looked like it was gonna take a long time to clean up. But on the bright side, Gramma is retired, so she probably didn't have anything planned for today anyway."
46	Don't Look Behind You	Duncan, Lois	1989	Fiction		The witness protection program is feature in this book with April and her family on the run from a hit man.
47	Double Identity	Haddix, Margaret Peterson	2005	Fiction		13-year old Bethany's parents have always been overprotective, but when they suddenly drop out of sight with no explanation leaving her with an aunt she never knew existed. Bethany uncovers shocking secrets that make her question everything she thought she knew about herself and her family.
48	Every Soul a Star	Mass, Wendy	2008	Fiction		Ally, Bree and Jack meet at Moon Shadow, an isolated campground, to watch a total eclipse of the sun, but soon they begin to learn a great deal about themselves, each other and the universe.
49	Evil Genius	Jinks, Catherine	2007	Fiction		Child prodigy Cadel Piggot, an antisocial computer hacker, discovers his true identity when he enrolls as a 1st-year student at an advanced crime academy.
50	Fantastic Voyage	Asimov, Isaac	1966	Fiction		Through the process of miniaturization, 5 people enter a tiny submarine and are injected into a man's circulatory system where they try to destroy a blood clot located in his brain.
51	Habibi	Nye, Naomi Shihab	1999	Fiction		14-year old Lianne Abboud and her family move from St. Louis to a new home between Jerusalem and the Palestinian village where her father grew up. Her new life is filled with restrictions and prejudice. When she falls in love with a Jewish boy, she must deal with the tensions between Jews and Palestinians.
52	Heat	Lupica, Mike	2006	Fiction		When Michael Arroyo is on the baseball diamond, everything feels right. He's a terrific pitcher who dreams of leading his South Bronx All-Stars to the Little League World Series. It's a dream he shared with his father, one they brought with them as they fled Cuba and wound up living in the shadow of Yankee Stadium. Michael's ultimate dream is to play in the major leagues like his hero, El Grande, Yankee star and fellow Cuban refugee. Tragically, Papi died of a heart attack, leaving Michael and his older brother, to struggle along on their own. Afraid of being separated, they hid the news of their father's death from everyone but a kindly neighbor and Michael's best friend. When a bitter rival spreads rumors that Michael is older than he appears, the league demands that he be benched until it is resolved.
53	Highway Robbery	Thompson, Kate and Dress, Robert	2009	Fiction		Set in the 18th century, the story is narrated by a cheeky street urchin who has been left holding Black Bess of a mysterious highwayman. Is he spinning a tall tale, capitalizing on hero worship, or relating his true adventures?
54	Hunger Games	Collins, Suzanne	2006	Fiction		In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the 12 districts against one another, 16-year old Kalniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

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55	Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events #1 (The Bad Beginning) (or any in the series)	Snicket, Lemony	1999	Fiction		<p>If you are interested in stories with happy endings, you would be better off reading some other book. So cautions Snicket, the exceedingly well-mannered narrator of these witty mock-gothic novels featuring the misadventures of 14-year-old Violet, 12-year-old Klaus and infant Sunny Baudelaire. From the first, things look unfortunate indeed for the trio: a fire destroys their home, killing their parents along with it; the executor of their parents' estate, the obtuse Mr. Poe (with a son, Edgar), ignores whatever the children have to say; and their new guardian, Count Olaf, is determined to get his hands on the Baudelaire fortune. But by using their individual gifts (Violet's for inventing, Klaus's for reading and researching and baby Sunny's for biting) the three enterprising children thwart the Count's plan A for now. The author uses formal, Latinate language and intrusive commentary to hilarious effect, even for readers unfamiliar with the literary conventions he parodies. The peril in which he places the Baudelaires may be frightening (Count Olaf actually follows through on his threats of violence on several occasions), but the author paints the satire with such broad strokes that most readers will view it from a safe distance.</p>
56	No Dragons to Slay	Greenberg, Jan	1984	Fiction		<p>Thomas Newman is brought into a whole new world when the doctors explain that he has cancer. Thomas goes from being on the soccer field to sitting in waiting rooms waiting for chemotherapy treatments. Becoming involved in an archaeological dig takes Thomas out of his own world and introduces him to people who accept him just the way he is: bald from chemotherapy, thin, depressed and generally self-centered. With acceptance comes hope for the future.</p>
57	Rumble Fish	Hinton, S.E.	1975	Fiction		<p>Rusty James rapidly loses everything meaningful to him, his girl, his "rep" as number one tough guy, and, most important, his idolized older brother, a James Dean look and act alike known only as the Motorcycle Boy.</p>
58	Singing Hands	Ray, Delia	2006	Fiction		<p>12-year old Gussie, the rebellious, hearing daughter of deaf parents, confronts the difficulties and prejudices encountered by the deaf community in 1948 Birmingham, Alabama, while searching for her own identity within the worlds of "ears and the deaf".</p>
59	Standing Against the Wind	Jones, Traci L.	2006	Fiction		<p>8th grader Patrice is teased for being different in her new home in Chicago. She copes with her problems and overcomes her fears by applying to a prestigious school for African Americans.</p>
60	The City of Ember (The Books of Ember) (or any in the series)	DuPrau, Jeanne	2008	Fiction		<p>It is always night in the city of Ember. But there is no moon, no stars. The only light during the regular twelve hours of "day" comes from floodlamps that cast a yellowish glow over the streets of the city. Beyond are the pitch-black Unknown Regions, which no one has ever explored because an understanding of fire and electricity has been lost, and with it the idea of a Moveable Light. "Besides," they tell each other, "there is nowhere but here." Among the many other things the people of Ember have forgotten is their past and a direction for their future. For 250 years they have lived pleasantly, because there has been plenty of everything in the vast storerooms. But now there are more and more empty shelves--and more and more times when the lights flicker and go out, leaving them in terrifying blackness for long minutes. What will happen when the generator finally fails? 12-year-old Doon Harrow and Lina Mayfleet seem to be the only people who are worried. They have just been assigned their life jobs--Lina as a messenger, which leads her to knowledge of some unsettling secrets, and Doon as a Pipeworker, repairing the plumbing in the tunnels under the city where a river roars through the darkness. But when Lina finds a very old paper with enigmatic "Instructions for Egress," they use the advantages of their jobs</p>
61	The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate	Kelly, Jacqueline	2009	Fiction		<p>Six rambunctious brothers can make life miserable for 11-year old Callie, but 1899 brings changes and bold discoveries. Callie and her siblings have always feared and ignored her grandfather, a dedicated naturalist with shelves and shelves of specimens in jars and an off-limits library. yet, as her curiosity grows, Callie gathers the courage to ask him questions.</p>

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62	The Golden Compass (or any in the series)	Pullman, Philip	1996	Fiction		A complex fantasy, young Lyra Belacqua, a precocious orphan growing up within the precincts of Oxford University. But Lyra's Oxford is not precisely like our own--nor is her world. For one thing, people there each have a personal daemon, the manifestation of their soul in animal form. For another, hers is a universe in which science, theology, and magic are closely allied. As for what experimental theology was, Lyra had no more idea than the urchins. Not that Lyra spends much time worrying about it; what she likes best is clambering over the College roofs with Roger the kitchen boy who was her friend, to spit plum stones on the heads of passing Scholars or to hoot like owls outside a window where a tutorial was going on, or waging war. But Lyra's carefree existence changes forever when she and her daemon, Pantalaimon, first prevent an assassination attempt against her powerful uncle and then overhear a secret discussion about a mysterious entity known as Dust. Soon she and Pan are swept up in a dangerous game involving disappearing children, a beautiful woman with a golden monkey daemon, a trip to the far north, and more.
63	The Magician's Elephant	Dicamillo, Kate and Tanak, Joko	2009	Fiction		Peter's guardian sends him to the market for fish, but he stops instead to see a fortuneteller. Cryptically, the fortuneteller tells him to "follow the elephant." Feeling foolish, Peter goes home empty-handed. But, by a strange coincidence, that very night, a bumbling magician is reaching into his hat to pull out a bouquet of flowers when an elephant falls through the ceiling and causes a great stir.
64	The Midnight Charter	Whitley, David	2009	Fiction		In the city-state of Agor everything can be bought and sold, and Mark and Lily must barter their labor for their lives. Mark is destined to work for the doctor who cured him of the plague and Lily is to remain in Count Stelli's tower as the astrologer's servant. Although they decide to trade places, Mark and Lily's lives remain strangely intertwined, and it is Lily who discovers the significance of the midnight charter. The novel is a compelling story of a society where materialism reigns and the two young people who grow to test its values.
65	The Mysterious Benedict Society (or any in the series)	Stewart, Trenton Lee	2007	Fiction		After Reynie Muldoon responds to an advertisement recruiting "gifted children looking for special opportunities," he finds himself in a world of mystery and adventure. The 11-year-old orphan is one of four children to complete a series of challenging and creative tasks, and he, Kate, Constance, and Sticky become the Mysterious Benedict Society. After being trained by Mr. Benedict and his assistants, the four travel to an isolated school where children are being trained by a criminal mastermind to participate in his schemes to take over the world. The young investigators need to use their special talents and abilities in order to discover Mr. Curtain's secrets, and their only chance to defeat him is through working together. Readers will challenge their own abilities as they work with the Society members to solve clues and put together the pieces of Mr. Curtain's plan. In spite of a variety of coincidences, Stewart's unusual characters, threatening villains, and dramatic plot twists will grab and hold readers' attention.
66	The Skin I'm In	Flake, Sharon G.	1998	Fiction		This is one of those stories where you can see things going from bad to worse in front of your very eyes. Maleeka is in a difficult situation and there doesn't seem to be anyone she can turn to. She makes some bad mistakes before she finally realizes that the new English teacher, the outspoken Miss Saunders, really is on her side.
67	The Wednesday Wars	Schmidt, Gary D.	2007	Fiction		In 1967, on Wednesday afternoons, 7th grader Holling Hood and his teacher, Mrs. Baker, read the plays of William Shakespeare while his classmates go to Catechism or Hebrew School.
68	Uglies (or any in the series)	Westerfeld, Scott	2005	Fiction		Tully is faced with a difficult choice when her new friend Shay decides to risk life on the outside rather than submit to the forced operation that turns 16-year old girls into gorgeous beauties, and realized that there is a whole new side to the pretty world that she doesn't like.
69	Under the Persimmon Tree	Staples, Suzanne	2005	Fiction		A young Afghan girl, Najmah, befriends an American woman, Nusrat, in Peshawar, Pakistan. After Najmah flees her native Afghanistan during the 2001 war, Najmah and Nusrat begin a long journey to locate their missing loved ones.
70	Walk Two Moons	Creech, Sharon	1996	Fiction		After her mother leaves home and dies in a bus accident, 13-year old Salamanca and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.

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71	Where the Red Fern Grows	Rawls, Wilson	1961	Fiction		A loving threesome, they ranged the dark hills and river bottoms of Cherokee country. Old Dan had the brawn, Little Ann had the brains -- and Billy had the will to train them to be the finest hunting team in the valley. Glory and victory were coming to them, but sadness waited too. And close by was the strange and wonderful power. An exciting tale of love and adventure you'll never forget.
72	The Castaways	Vollmar, Rob	2007	Graphic	History	A powerful graphic novel of the Depression as it unfolds through the eyes of a 13-year old white boy, who finds a friend and a mentor in an old black tramp.
73	American Born Chinese	Yang, Gene Luen	2007	Graphic		Three seemingly unrelated tales have an unexpected connection to form a story of self-acceptance and identity.
74	Chasing Lincoln's Killer	Swanson, James L.	2009	History		The Young Adult version of Swanson's bestselling Manhunt, this account of Lincoln's assassination and the 12-day search for his killer reads like a historical thriller, no matter that the narrative jumps among its locations and characters. As President Lincoln delivers victory speeches in April 1865, an enraged John Wilkes Booth vows death: "Now, by God, I'll put him through." Every bit of dialogue is said to come from original sources, adding a chill to the already disturbing conspiracy that Swanson unfolds in detail as Booth persuades friends and sympathizers to join his plot and later, to give him shelter. The author gives even the well-known murder scene at Ford's Theatre enough dramatic flourish to make the subject seem fresh. While Lincoln lays dying, Booth's accomplices clumsily attempt to kill Secretary of State William H. Seward, and Booth talks his way past a guard meant to bar him from crossing a bridge into Maryland. In focusing on Booth, the author reveals the depth of divisions in the nation just after the war, the disorder within the government and the challenges ahead. Abundant period photographs and documents enhance the book's immediacy.
75	Kids on Strike	Stokes, John	2003	Non-fiction	History	This well-researched and well-illustrated account creates a vivid portrait of the working conditions of many American children in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Chapters are devoted to the Lowell, MA, textile-factory girls who worked 13-hour days as well as New York City's "newsies," who sold papers for Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst. The strikers included are not only those who protested unfair work conditions, but they also highlight individuals like Pauline Newman, who, at 16, organized residents to protest their high rents during the New York City rent strike of 1907. Another chapter includes Mother Jones's famous march from Philadelphia to Oyster Bay, Long Island, to meet with President Teddy Roosevelt. Like the Pied Piper, she led striking children, and others, in an effort to reform labor laws so that youngsters would no longer work under inhumane and unsafe conditions. Many black-and-white photos of both children at work and on strike help to make their plight real and personalize their stories.
76	Parallel Journeys	Ayer, Katherine	1995	Non-fiction	History	This is the true story of Helen, a Jewish girl in Frankfurt, Germany and Alfons, a boy born on a farm a few miles away. Helen was shipped to the Auschwitz extermination camp and Alfons embraced the Nazi Youth. This book tells both their stories side by side. Over 40 years later, Alfons and Helen met and found that they shared a common purpose.
77	Revolution is Not a Dinner Party	Compestine, Ying Chang	2007	Non-fiction	History	This autobiographical novel chronicles four years in the life of 8 year-old Ling, the daughter of bourgeois parents, during China's Cultural Revolution in the waning years of Mao Tse-tung's government. Ling's father is a Western-educated surgeon, and her mother is a practitioner of traditional Chinese medicine and a homemaker. Her family's comfortable life in Wuhan is disrupted when Comrade Li, an officer of the Communist Party, moves into their apartment. Difficulties mount as friends and neighbors disappear, Ling's father is arrested and she endures vicious tormenting at school because of her bourgeois background. Although her father has been jailed, her family starved and their books burned, Ling fights to keep her long hair, a symbol of dignity and individualism to her, though her classmates see it as emblematic of Ling's privilege. Ling survives on wit, hope and courage until the death of Chairman Mao, after which she and her mother have a joyful reunion with Ling's father.

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78	Secrets of a Civil War Submarine: Solving the Mysteries of the H.L. Hunley	Walker, Sally M.	2006	Non-fiction	History	In 1864 the H.L.Hunley became the first submarine to sink an enemy ship. It then vanished. For 131 years, the Hunley's fate remained a mystery. Walker has crafted a seamless account of historical and scientific sleuthing to reveal the secrets of the Hunley and her crew, all while demonstrating the interdisciplinary nature of the problem-solving process in our modern world. Walker combines the drama of a wartime shipwreck with compelling scientific writing, to create a work of true distinction.
79	Weedflower	Kadohata, Cynthia	2006	Non-fiction	History	After Pearl Harbor, Sumiko and her family are sent to a Japanese internment camp on an Indian reservation. Her new life is characterized by hardship, heat and dust, but along the way she befriends a Mohave boy and learns lessons about friendship and prejudice.
80	Travels with Charley	Steinbeck, John	1962	Non-fiction	Memoir	With his French poodle, Charley, by his side, Steinbeck makes his journey across America. He encounters all sides of 1960's America: beauty at Niagara Falls, racism in New Orleans, companionship in California, and much more.
81	Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon	Thimmesh, Catherine	2007	Non-fiction	Science	Suspenseful and packed with little-known facts, this exploration of the Apollo 11 mission celebrates the passion and dedication of the people behind the scenes.
82	Skateboarding Is Not a Crime: 50 Years of Street Culture	Davis, James and Phillips, Skin	2004	Non-fiction	Sports	Skateboarding first emerged in the United States in the 1950's and has been gaining in popularity ever since. The number of skateboarders worldwide is now estimated at 18 million. One in 10 US teenagers currently owns or rides a skateboard. Skateboarding has recently seen the biggest growth of any sport. More than 600 skateparks were built in 2001. Skateboarding has become the 6th largest participation sport.
83	The Great and Glorious Game	Giamatti, A. Bartlett	1998	Non-fiction	Sports	Baseball was more than a game to Giamatti; each game was a drama that gave insight into the American character. This book collects some of Giamatti writings about the game he loved from the time he was a literature professor at Yale through the period that he served as Commissioner of baseball.
84	Ladies First: 40 Daring American Women Who Were Second to None	Kimmel, Elizabeth Dody	2006	Non-fiction		Past and present success stories of a variety of women who went beyond traditional barriers to achieve their goals and make a difference in the world. Their stories are accentuated with photographs and quotes.
85	A Wreath for Emmett Till	Nelson, Marilyn	2005	Poetry		An intricate cycle of 15 linked sonnets eulogizes 14-year old Till. The language of flowers that is woven throughout conveys rage, pain, sorrow and hope.
86	How to Eat a Poem: A Smorgasbord of Tasty and Delicious Poems for Young Readers	American Poetry & Literacy Project & Ted Kooser	2006	Poetry		70 lighthearted poems, selected for both popularity and literary quality, cover a wide range of subjects: books, words, imagination, travel, adventure, place, love and friendship. Features an incredible array of poets, including Lewis Carroll, Ernest Lawrence Thayer, Shel Silverstein and Ogden Nash.
87	Pierced by a Ray of Sun	Gordon, Ruth	1995	Poetry		This anthology explores the core of teenage feelings. Gordon shares the voices of poets from ancient to modern and from different cultures that have often been excluded from the world and times in which they lived.