

Recommended Reading for Fountas and Pinnell Guided Reading
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Level A

***-Highly recommended**

At the Beach -- Dana Meachen Rau

***Big Egg -- Molly Coxe**

Big or Small? -- Susan Ring

Eating Apples -- Gail Saunders-Smith

Look What I Can Do -- Jose Aruego

Margret & H.A. Rey's Curious George Feeds the Animals -- Houghton Mifflin

Puppy Mudge Finds a Friend -- Cynthia Rylant

Surprise! -- Mercer Mayer

Snow -- Cassie Mayer

Taking Care of Pets -- Susan Ring

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Level B

***-Highly recommended**

Astronaut -- Karen Hoenecke

At the Zoo -- Dana Meachen Rau

Dogs and Puppies -- Ann Marie Kishel

G is for Grass -- Marcia Freeman

Horse -- JoAnn Macken

Raindrops -- Larry Dane Brimner

***Truck -- Donald Crews**

What is in Space? -- Vita Jimenez

What Shape is It? -- Sheila Rivera

Yellow -- Melanie Mitchell

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Level C

***-Highly recommended**

Animals in Winter -- Jane Snyder
Boats, Boats, Boats -- Susan Ring
Bugs! -- Pat McKissack
Family Pets (and others of the Families series) -- Lola Schaefer
Firefighters -- Alison Behnke
The Fox -- Janice Boland
Homes (and others of the Basic Human Needs series) -- Robin Nelson
Is it Alive? (and others of the Learn to Read, Read to Learn Science series) -- Kimberlee Graves
Over and Under (and others of the Location series) -- Sheila Rivera
Police Officers -- Shannon Knudsen
***School Bus -- Donald Crews**

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Level D

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Apple Trees (and others of the Plants-Life Cycles series) -- Gail Saunders-Smith
Ballerina Girl -- Kirsten Hall
Bears, Bears Everywhere -- Rita Milios
Big Pig, Little Pig -- David McPhail
Buttercup the Clumsy Cow -- Julia Moffatt
Car Wash Kid -- Cathy Goldberg Fishman
Cat Traps -- Molly Coxe
City Mouse and Country Mouse -- Rozanne Lanczak Williams
From Bud to Blossom -- Gail Saunders-Smith
Goodnight Little Kitten -- Nancy Christensen
Leo's Tree -- Debora Pearson
Let's Be Friends -- Michael K. Smith
***The Little Red Hen -- Lucinda McQueen**
Monsters! -- Diane Namm
Old MacDonald Had a Farm -- Carol Jones
Rick is Sick -- David McPhail
***Shoes -- Elizabeth Winthrop**
Sleep-Over Mouse -- Mary Packard
***Sleepy Dog -- Harriet Ziefert**
Spiders, Spiders Everywhere! (and others of the Learn to Read, Read to Learn Math series) --
Rozanne Lanczak Williams
***The Tooth Fairy -- Kirsten Hall**

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Level E

***-Highly recommended**

Animals in the Fall (and others of the Preparing for Winter series) -- Gail Saunders-Smith

Cloudy Day, Sunny Day -- Donald Crews

Detective Dog and the Search for Cat -- Sandi Hill

***Dinosaurs Dance -- Larry Dane Brimner**

Dragonflies -- Cheryl Coughlan

Eat Your Peas, Louise -- Pegeen Snow

***Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed -- Eileen Christelow**

Get the Ball, Slim -- Marcia Leonard

The Giraffe Made Her Laugh -- Rozanne Lanczak Williams

***Go, Dog. Go! -- P.D. Eastman**

The Lion and the Mouse -- Gail Herman

The Little Green Man Visits Pine Cone Cove -- Margaret Allen

***Oh, A-Hunting We Will Go -- John Langstaff**

An Owl, That's Who -- Autumn Leigh

Rip's Secret Spot -- Kristi Butler

Sometimes -- Keith Baker

***We're Going on a Bear Hunt -- Michael Rosen**

What is Hot? What is Not? -- Luana Mitten

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Level F

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***Biscuit (and others of the Biscuit series) -- Alyssa Capucilli**

Biscuit Finds a Friend -- Alyssa Capucilli

A Bug, a Bear, and a Boy -- David McPhail

***Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother, Too? -- Eric Carle**

Harry Goes to Day Camp -- James Ziefert

I Can Play Soccer -- Edana Eckart

Itchy, Itchy Chicken Pox -- Grace Maccarone

The Lady with the Alligator Purse -- Nadine Bernard Westcott

***Rosie's Walk -- Pat Hutchins**

***Who Stole the Cookies? -- Judith Moffatt**

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Level G

***-Highly recommended**

***Alligator Shoes -- Arthur Dorros**

The Carrot Seed -- Ruth Krauss

***The Crazy Quilt -- Kristin Avery**

D.W.'s Perfect Present -- Marc Brown

The Day I Had to Play with My Sister -- Crosby Bonsall

***The Gingerbread Boy -- Harriet Ziefert**

***Harry Gets Ready for School -- Harriet Ziefert**

***Harry Takes a Bath -- Harriet Ziefert**

Katie Did It -- Becky Bring McDaniel

Mine's the Best -- Crosby Bonsall

***Skimper-Scamper -- Jeff Newell**

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Level H

Come Out and Play, Little Mouse -- Robert Kraus

Count! -- Denise Fleming

Danny and the Dinosaur Go to Camp (and others of the Danny and the Dinosaur series) -- Syd Hoff

George Shrinks -- William Joyce

Goodnight Moon -- Margaret Wise Brown

Just Me and My Puppy (and others of the Little Critters series) -- Mercer Mayer

A Kiss for Little Bear -- Else Holmelund Minarik

Life in an Ocean -- Carol Lindeen

Morris the Moose -- Bernard Wiseman

A Picture for Harold's Room: A Purple Crayon Adventure -- Crockett Johnson

Sammy the Seal -- Syd Hoff

The Teeny-Tiny Woman -- Harriet Ziefert

Whose Mouse Are You? -- Robert Kraus

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Level I

Arthur Jumps into Fall -- Marc Brown
Boss for a Day (and others of the Barker Twins series) -- Tomie DePaola
"Charlie Needs a Cloak" -- Tomie DePaola
A Color of His Own -- Lio Lionni
David's Drawings -- Cathryn Falwell
The Doorbell Rang -- Pat Hutchins
A Friend for Dragon -- Dav Pilkey
Hattie and the Fox -- Mem Fox
Henry and Mudge and the Funny Lunch -- Cynthia Rylant
Hi! Fly Guy -- Tedd Arnold
Leo the Late Bloomer -- Robert Kraus
The Magic Hat -- Mem Fox
The Mole Sisters and the Moonlit Night (and others of the Mole Sisters series) -- Roslyn Schwartz

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Level J

***-Highly recommended**

The Doorbell Rang -- Pat Hutchins
Fox and His Friends -- Edward Marshall
***Henry and Mudge: The First Book of Their Adventures (and others of the Henry and Mudge series) -- Cynthia Rylant**
The Magic Fish -- Freya Littledale
Mouse Soup -- Arnold Lobel
Mr. Putter & Tabby Bake the Cake (and others of the Mr. Putter & Tabby series) -- Cynthia Rylant
Seasons of the Year -- Margaret Hall
Someone Used My Toothbrush: and other Bathroom Poems -- Carol Diggory Shields
Stone Soup -- Ann McGovern
***Young Cam Jansen and the Baseball Mystery (and others of the Young Cam Jansen series) -- David Adler**

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Level K

***-Highly recommended**

Bread and Jam for Frances (and others of the Frances series) -- Russell Hoban

Caps for Sale -- Esphyr Slobodkina

***The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash -- Trinka Hakes Noble**

***Frog and Toad Together (and others of the Frog and Toad series) -- Arnold Lobel**

How Big Is a Foot? -- Rolf Myller

Mercy Watson to the Rescue (and others of the Mercy Watson series) -- Kate DiCamillo

The Moon -- Martha E. H. Rustad

***Nate the Great and the Missing Key (and others of the Nate the Great series) -- Marjorie Weinman Sharmat**

One Hundred Hungry Ants -- Elinor J. Pinczes

Strega Nona: Her Story -- Tomie DePaola

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Level L

***-Highly recommended**

***Amelia Bedelia (and others of the Amelia Bedelia series) -- Peggy Parish**

Big Al -- Andrew Elborn

Dear Mr. Blueberry -- Simon James

***George and Martha Encore (and others of the George and Martha series) -- James Marshall**

The Golden Goose -- Dick King-Smith

***Gregory, the Terrible Eater -- Mitchell Sharmat**

Horrible Harry and the Ant Invasion (and others of the Horrible Harry series) -- Suzy Kline

Hungry, Hungry Sharks -- Joanna Cole

***Miss Nelson is Missing! (and others of the Miss Nelson series) -- Harry Allard**

The Perfect Pumpkin Pie -- Denys Cazet

The Tale of Peter Rabbit -- Beatrix Potter

Tales of Oliver Pig (and others of the Amanda and Oliver Pig series) -- Jean Van Leeuwen

Tales from the Waterhole -- Bob Graham

***Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole -- Wong Herbert Yee**

Wemberly Worried -- Kevin Henkes

***What a Trip, Amber Brown -- Paula Danzinger**

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Level M

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***Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day -- Judith Viorst**

Boundless Grace -- Mary Hoffman

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs -- Judi Barrett

Clues in the Woods -- Peggy Parish

***Dinosaurs before Dark (and others of the Magic Tree House series) -- Mary Pope Osborne**

***Elmer and the Dragon -- Ruth Stiles Gannett**

***Freckle Juice -- Judy Blume**

The Gardener -- Sarah Stewart

The Holly Joliday -- Megan McDonald

Ivy + Bean (and others of the Ivy + Bean series) -- Annie Barrows

***Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus (and others of the Junie B. Jones series) -- Barbara Park**

Kate Shelley and the Midnight Express -- Margaret Wetterer

***The Littles (and others of the Littles series) -- John Lawrence Peterson**

Miss Rumphius -- Barbara Cooney

***The One in the Middle is the Green Kangaroo -- Judy Blume**

The Paperboy -- Dav Pilkey

Snaggle Doodles (and others of the Kids of the Polk Street School series) -- Patricia Reilly Giff

***Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid (and others of the Stink Moody series) -- Megan McDonald**

Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots (and others of the Adventures of the Bailey School Kids series) --
Debbie Dadey

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Level N

***-Highly recommended**

26 Fairmont Avenue -- Tomie DePaola

***The Absent Author (and others of the A to Z Mysteries series) -- Ron Roy**

Andy and Tamika -- David Adler

Chicken Sunday -- Patricia Polacco

***The Enormous Crocodile -- Roald Dahl**

The Gadget War -- Betsy Duffy

Goldie (and others of the Puppy Place series) -- Ellen Miles

***Gooney Bird Green -- Lois Lowry**

The Grapes of Math: Mind-Stretching Math Riddles -- Greg Tang

Hey, Al -- Arthur Yorinks

***Invisible Stanley (and others of the Stanley Lambchop Adventure (Flat Stanley) series) -- Jeff Brown**

The Magic Finger -- Roald Dahl

***The Pain and the Great One -- Judy Blume**

The Paperboy -- Dav Pilkey

Smelly Socks -- Robert Munsch

Trolls on Vacation -- Alan MacDonald

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in Peoples Ears: A West African Tale -- Verna Aardema

***Young Martin's Promise -- Walter Dean Myers**

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Level O

***-Highly recommended**

Back to School Mallory (and others of the Mallory series) -- Laurie B. Friedman

Beezus and Ramona (and others of the Ramona Quimby series) -- Beverly Cleary

The Dinosaur Alphabet Book -- Jerry Pallotta

Hairy, Scary, Ordinary: What is an Adjective? -- Brian Cleary

***The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet (and others of the Secrets of Droon series) -- Tony Abbott**

***The Mouse and the Motorcycle (and others of the Ralph S. Mouse series) -- Beverly Cleary**

The Mystery Bookstore (and others of the Boxcar Children Mysteries series) -- Gertrude Chandler Warner

Pippi Longstocking (and others of the Pippi Longstocking series) -- Astrid Lindgren

Rats! -- Jane Cutler

Utterly Me, Clarice Bean -- Lauren Child

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Level P

***-Highly recommended**

***97 Ways to Train a Dragon (and others of the Dragon Slayers' Academy series) -- Kate McMullan**

100 Days and 99 Nights: A Novel -- Alan Madison
2095 (and others of the Time Warp Trio series) -- Jon Scieszka
The Battle for the Castle -- Elizabeth Winthrop
The Best School Year Ever -- Barbara Robinson
Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet -- Graham Salisbury
Confetti Girl -- Diana Lopez
The Diamond Champs -- Matt Christopher
Encyclopedia Brown Boy Detective (and others of the Encyclopedia Brown series) -- Donald J. Sobel
The Hundred Dresses -- Eleanor Estes
Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World -- Mildred Pitts Walter
Sam Samurai (and others of the Time Warp Trio series) -- Jon Scieszka
The School Mouse -- Dick King-Smith
Snot Stew -- Bill Wallace,
Stone Fox -- John Reynolds Gardiner
Thank you, Jackie Robinson -- Barbara Cohen
Who Stole the Wizard of Oz? -- Avi

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Level Q

***-Highly recommended**

Anastasia at Your Service (and others of the Anastasia Krupnik series) -- Lois Lowry

***Bunnicula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery (and others of the Bunnicula series) -- Deborah and James Howe**

The Clue at the Bottom of the Lake (and others of the Cabin Creek Mysteries series) -- Kristiana Gregory

The Cybil War -- Betsy Byars

***Dear Mr. Henshaw -- Beverly Cleary**

Fourth-Grade Celebrity -- Patricia Reilly Giff

The Great Quarterback Switch -- Matt Christopher

Hannah of Fairfield (and others of the Pioneer Daughters series) -- Jean Van Leeuwen

Happy Birthday, Samantha! : A Springtime Story (and others of The American Girls Collection series)
-- Valerie Tripp

***Help! I'm a Prisoner in the Library -- Eth Clifford**

***James and the Giant Peach: A Children's Story -- Roald Dahl**

***Mr. Popper's Penguins -- Richard Atwater**

The Mystery of Merlin and the Gruesome Ghost (and others of the Humpty Dumpty Jr: Hardboiled Detective series) -- Nate Evans

***Nothing Ever Happens on 90th Street -- Roni Schotter**

Oggie Cooder -- Sarah Weeks

***Pony on the Porch (and others of the Animal Ark series) -- Ben M. Baglio**

***Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing -- Judy Blume**

***The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs -- Jon Scieszka**

You Be the Jury -- Marvin Miller

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Level R

***-Highly recommended**

***The 18th Emergency -- Betsy Cromer Byars**

***Attack of the Tagger -- Wendelin Van Draanen**

***Because of Winn-Dixie -- Kate DiCamillo**

Black Gold -- Marguerite Henry

Caddie Woodlawn -- Carol Ryrie Brink

***The Castle in the Attic -- Elizabeth Winthrop**

***The Celery Stalks at Midnight -- James Howe**

The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse: From the Tattered Casebook of Chet Gecko, Private Eye (and others of the Chet Gecko Mystery series) -- Bruce Hale

***Charlie and the Chocolate Factory -- Roald Dahl**

***Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator -- Roald Dahl**

***Charlotte's Web -- E. B. White**

Danger on Panther Peak -- Bill Wallace

***Day of the Iguana (and others of the Hank Zipzer, the World's Greatest Underachiever series) -- Henry Winkler**

***Frindle -- Andrew Clements**

***Hatchet -- Gary Paulsen**

***The Homework Machine -- Dan Gutman**

***How to Eat Fried Worms -- Thomas Rockwell**

***The Indian in the Cupboard -- Lynne Reid Banks**

***The Monster's Ring -- Bruce Coville**

***Rules -- Cynthia Lord**

***Sarah, Plain and Tall -- Patricia MacLachlan**

***Shiloh -- Phyllis Reynolds Naylor**

***Snow Treasure -- Marie McSwigan**

Snowboard Showdown -- Paul Mantell

***Strider -- Beverly Cleary**

Sun & Spoon -- Kevin Henkes

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Level S

***-Highly recommended**

***A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray -- Ann M. Martin**

***From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler -- E.L. Konigsburg**

The Good Dog -- Avi

***Granny Torrelli Makes Soup -- Sharon Creech**

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson -- Bette Lord

Lily's Crossing -- Patricia Reilly Giff

The Million Dollar Shot -- Dan Gutman

My Life in Dog Years -- Gary Paulsen

On My Honor -- Marion Dane Bauer

Sahara Special -- Esme Raji Codell

***Taking Sides -- Gary Soto**

Time for Andrew: A Ghost Story -- Mary Downing Hahn

The Van Gogh Café -- Cynthia Rylant

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Level T

***-Highly recommended**

Agnes Parker... Girl in Progress -- Kathleen O'Dell

Behind Rebel Lines: The Incredible Story of Emma Edmonds, Civil War Spy -- Seymour Reit

***Bud, Not Buddy -- Christopher Paul Curtis**

***Chasing Vermeer -- Blue Balliett**

Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key (and others of the Joey Pigza series) -- Jack Gantos

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (and others of the Chronicles of Narnia series) -- C.S. Lewis

***Love That Dog -- Sharon Creech**

Nory Ryan's Song -- Patricia Reilly Giff

Notes from a Liar and Her Dog -- Gennifer Choldenko

***Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief (and others of the Sammy Keyes series) -- Wendelin Van Draanen**

Shoeless Joe and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure -- Dan Gutman

Surviving the Applewhites -- Stephanie S. Tolan

The Tiger's Apprentice -- Lauren Yep

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Level U

***-Highly recommended**

***The BFG -- Roald Dahl**

Ella Enchanted -- Gail Carson Levine

The Fledgling -- Jane Langton

Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad -- Michael Martin

***If You're Reading This, It's Too Late -- Pseudonymous Bosch**

Julie of the Wolves -- Jean Craighead George

***The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane -- Kate DiCamillo**

The Name of this Book is Secret -- Pseudonymous Bosch

***Number the Stars -- Lois Lowry**

Ragweed -- Avi

Report to the Principal's Office -- Jerry Spinelli

Rosa Parks: My Story -- Rosa Parks

***The Tale of Despereaux -- Kate DiCamillo**

The Watsons Go to Birmingham -- Christopher Paul Curtis

The Wizard of Oz -- Frank L. Baum

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Level V

***-Highly recommended**

Alice in Wonderland -- Lewis Carroll

Baseball in April and Other Stories -- Gary Soto

The Birthday Room -- Kevin Henkes

The Cat Ate My Gymsuit -- Paula Danziger

Crash -- Jerry Spinelli

The Fighting Gourd -- Avi

Gossamer -- Lois Lowry

Gregor the Overlander (and others of the Underland Chronicles series) -- Suzanne Collins

The Gypsy Game -- Zilpha Keatley Snyder

***Holes -- Louis Sachar**

Island of the Blue Dolphins -- Scott O'Dell

Loser -- Jerry Spinelli

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH -- Robert C. O'Brien

My Side of the Mountain -- Jean Craighead George

***The Mysterious Benedict Society (and others of the Mysterious Benedict Society series) --
Trenton Lee Stewart**

Old Yeller -- Fred Gipson

***Olive's Ocean -- Kevin Henkes**

Stargirl -- Jerry Spinelli

Things Not Seen -- Andrew Clements

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle -- Avi

***Tuck Everlasting -- Natalie Babbitt**

***The Westing Game -- Ellen Raskin**

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Level W

***-Highly recommended**

- *Bone. 1, Out from Boneville (and others of the Bone series) -- Jeff Smith**
- *The City of Ember -- Jeanne DuPrau**
Coraline -- Craig P. Russell
- *Crispin: The Cross of Lead -- Avi**
- *Dragonwings (and others of the Golden Mountain Chronicles series) -- Laurence Yep**
A Drowned Maiden's Hair: A Melodrama -- Laura Amy Schlitz
- *Freak the Mighty -- W. R. Philbrick**
- *Harriet Tubman, Secret Agent: How Daring Slaves and Free Blacks Spied for the Union
During the Civil War -- Thomas B. Allen**
- *The Higher Power of Lucky -- Susan Patron**
Home of the Brave -- Katherine Applegate
- *Inkheart -- Cornelia Caroline Funke**
Maniac Magee -- Jerry Spinelli
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry -- Mildred D. Taylor**
- *The Titan's Curse -- Rick Riordan**
- *Walk Two Moons -- Sharon Creech**

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Level X

***-Highly recommended**

- *Al Capone Does My Shirts -- Gennifer Choldenko**
Beast -- Donna Jo Napoli
The Black Pearl -- Scott O'Dell
Crossing Jordan -- Adrian Fogelin
- *The Dark is Rising (and others of the Dark is Rising Sequence series) -- Susan Cooper**
- *Dicey's Song (and others of the Tillerman Cycle series) -- Cynthia Voigt**
- *The Egypt Game -- Zilpha Keatley Snyder**
Elie Wiesel: A Holocaust Survivor Cries Out for Peace -- Sarah Houghton
- *Gathering Blue -- Lois Lowry**
Peter and the Starcatchers -- Dave Barry
The Postcard -- Tony Abbott
- *Travel Team -- Mike Lupica**
- *The Wednesday Wars -- Gary Schmidt**
- *Where the Red Fern Grows: The Story of Two Dogs and a Boy -- Wilson Rawls**
Within Reach: My Everest Story -- Mark Pfetzer

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Level Y

***-Highly recommended**

***Artemis Fowl (and others of the Artemis Fowl series) -- Eoin Colfer**

A Corner of the Universe -- Ann M. Martin

The Face on the Milk Carton -- Caroline B. Cooney

***The Giver -- Lois Lowry**

Just Ella -- Margaret Peterson Haddix

Lost in Cyberspace -- Richard Peck

My Brother Sam is Dead -- James Lincoln Collier

Numbering all the Bones -- Ann Rinaldi

Seven Strange & Ghostly Tales -- Brian Jacques

When Zachary Beaver Came to Town -- Kimberly Willis Holt

White Fang -- Jack London

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Level Z

***-Highly recommended**

Across Five Aprils -- Irene Hunt

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer -- Mark Twain

Among the Betrayed -- Margaret Peterson Haddix

Among the Hidden -- Margaret Peterson Haddix

***Circle of Gold -- Candy Dawson Boyd**

A Day No Pigs Would Die -- Robert Newton Peck

Fever, 1793 -- Laurie Halse Anderson

The Golden Compass (and others of the His Dark Materials series) -- Philip Pullman

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows -- J.K. Rowling

***Hatchet -- Gary Paulsen**

***Little Women -- Louisa May Alcott**

Redwall (and others of the Redwall series) -- Brian Jacques