

Recommended Reading List

Kindergarten through 12th Grade

English Hound has compiled a recommended reading list from top schools around the U.S: Trinity, Horace Mann, Collegiate, Tuxedo Park, and Horace Greeley. Books recommended by Agate Books are also included.

Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Title	Author	School Recommending	Summary
Little Bear	Maurice Sendak	Agate Books	Tales about Little Bear getting dressed, having a birthday party, going to the moon and being told bedtime stories. The love between Mother Bear and Little Bear is expressed wonderfully both in texts and in illustrations.
Frog and Toad are Friends	Arnold Lobel	Agate Books	The friendship between Frog and Toad is depicted vividly in five short chapter stories that are funny, engaging and easy to read.

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse	Kevin Henkes	Agate Books	Lilly the mouse loves school and her teacher Mr. Slinger. But one day Lilly brings a brand new purple plastic purse to school and shows off the purse at an inappropriate time. When her teacher has to take the plastic purse away, Lilly becomes angry. At the end of the school day, Lilly gets her purse back along with a thoughtful note from her teacher. In the end, Lilly retains her good feelings for school life and her teacher.
Harold and the Purple Crayon	Crockett Johnson	Agate Books	Harold draws a magical world with his purple crayon and has many imaginative adventures. Finally, Harold's purple crayon takes him back to his own bed.
Hop on Pop	Dr. Seuss	Agate Books	The rhymes are simple, silly and include many basic sight words. The illustrations are humorous, playful and show what the rhymes mean.
The Cat in the Hat	Dr. Seuss	Agate Books	In this classic children's book, a cat in a hat walks in on a rainy day, plays games with two children, a brother and a sister, and makes a big mess with the help of thing 1 and thing 2.
The Polar Express	Chris Van Allsburg	Agate Books	One Christmas Eve, a boy, narrator of the story, boards the Polar Express, a mysterious train that is headed for the North Pole. He finds the Polar Express is full of children who are having fun singing Christmas carols and eating candies. The children finally arrive at the North Pole, where Christmas toys are made. The boy is picked by Santa to receive the first gift of Christmas, and he asks for a silver bell from Santa's sleigh. Our narrator gets his wish and the Polar Express takes him home, but his bell is nowhere to be seen. To his great joy, the boy finds his lost bell under the tree on Christmas morning.

What Do You Do with a Tail Like That	Steve Jenkins and Robin Page	Agate Books	This beautifully illustrated picture book first shows a close-up picture of the body parts (nose, ears, tail, eyes, feet and mouth) and the "what do you do" question. Then, upon turning the page, children can see the entire animals and find out how these animals use their body parts.
Mercy Watson to the Rescue	Kate DiCamillo	Agate Books	Full of silliness and fun, this humorous story features a lovable pig named Mercy Watson as the main character. One night, Mercy Watson feels afraid when sleeping alone, so he goes in bed with Mr. and Mrs. Watson. With the added weight, a hole opens up under the Watsons' bed. The "boom" and "crack" sounds wake Mercy up and he runs off to the kitchen in search of hot toast with butter on it. Finding none there, Mercy goes to visit the Lincoln sisters who live next door. After a few comical twists and turns, two firemen come and rescue Mr. and Mrs. Watson, who think Mercy has alerted the fire department.
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs	Jon Scieszka	Agate Books	A funny fractured fairy tale story retold from the point of the view of the wolf. According to Alexander T. Wolf, everybody has not read the true story of the three little pigs. He claims he has only gone to the three little pigs' houses to get a cup of sugar for his dear old granny's birthday cake. He blows the first two pigs' houses down because he happens to have sneezing fits from a bad cold. The third pig says nasty words about his grandma, so he tries to knock down the pig's front door. Newspaper reporters distort the true story and frame him as a big bad wolf.
Zoom	Istvan Banyai	Agate Books	At each turn of the pages, pictures zoom out to show a receding perspective. For example, the story without words first shows the crest of a rooster, then the top part of the rooster, then kids looking at the rooster, then animals outside the barn where the kids are in, so on and so forth. The last picture zooms to outer space where the earth is only a tiny sphere.

The Red Book	Barbara Lehman	Agate Books	A girl finds a red book sticking out of snow while walking on a city street. Later on at school, she opens her book and finds a map of islands and a boy walking on a sandy beach. The boy spies a red book just like hers. When he opens it, he sees a city and a girl reading the red book. The girl buys a bunch of balloons, flies across oceans and lands inside the red book where the boy happily greets his new friend.
Chicka Chicka 1,2,3	Bill Martin Jr and Michael Sampson	Agate Books	One hundred numbers climb up an apple tree. When bumblebees arrive and order the numbers to get out of the tree, counting starts again, this time backward.
Millions of Cats	Wanda Gag	Agate Books	An old man in search of a cat for his wife returns with millions of cats.
Pilgrim's First Thanksgiving	Ann McGovern	Agate Books	This nonfiction picture book explains the Pilgrims' historic voyage on the Mayflower, the difficult first winter after the Pilgrims arrived at the New World, the Pilgrims' befriending of Indians like Squanto, the harvest, and the first Thanksgiving feast. The book also talks about Pilgrim children's hard work and their contributions.
The First Thanksgiving	Linda Hayward	Agate Books	It is a good book for young readers to learn the origin of the Thanksgiving holiday. The easy-to-read nonfiction picture book starts with the reasons why the Pilgrims and other passengers come to America, then goes on to talk about the Mayflower voyage, the difficult first winter, the pilgrims' meeting with Samoset and Squanto, the settlers' peace treaty with the Indian chief Massasoit and the first Thanksgiving feast. The history book ends with President Abraham Lincoln's proclamation of Thanksgiving Day as a national holiday in 1863.

Draw Me a Star	Eric Carle	Agate Books	An artist first draws a star, then a sun, then a tree, and so on. As with Eric Carle's other picture books, the colors are bright, bold and strong. The paperback book also tells children how to draw a star.
Make Way for Ducklings	Robert McCloskey	Agate Books	Mr. and Mrs. Mallard look for a place to hatch their ducklings. Later, Mrs. Mallard and her ducklings walk across town to Boston Public Garden with the help of a local policeman.
If You Give a Moose a Muffin	Laura Numeroff	Agate Books	After a kid gives a moose a muffin, a sequence of events follows one after another. Laura Numeroff's silly moose story is hilarious.
Where the Wild Things Are	Maurice Sendak	Agate Books	After being put to bed without supper by his mother, Max imagines sailing off to where the wild things are, becoming the king of all wild things and eventually returning to his own room where hot supper is waiting for him.
Caps for Sale	Esphyr Slobodkina	Agate Books	The author tells a humorous story about a peddler who sells caps and his encounter with mischievous monkeys.
The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything	Linda Williams	Agate Books	A brave old lady walks home through a dark forest. She comes across two big shoes, a pair of pants, a shirt, two gloves and a hat. Each time, the little old lady tells them she is not afraid of anything. Then after a scary orange pumpkin head appears, the old lady runs all way home. Once at home, she overcomes her fear and finds a happy solution. The items that have tried to scare her become a scarecrow in the little old lady's garden.
Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile	Bernard Waber	Agate Books	Lyle the Crocodile is happy living with the Primm family on East 88th Street. However, Mr. Grumps, his neighbor, doesn't like Lyle at all. When the crocodile does an impromptu performance with his former stage partner

			Hector Valenti in Mr. Grumps' department store, Mr. Grumps gets so furious that he arranges to have Lyle locked in the zoo. Lyle escapes and rescues Mr. Grumps from a fire.
The Complete Adventures of Curious George	H. A. Rey and Margret Rey	Agate Books	These books follow the crazy adventures of a very curious monkey
Madeline	Ludwig Bemelmans	Agate Books	A series with a memorable character, engaging pictures and humorous rhyming texts. A spirited little girl named Madeline is rushed to the hospital from her boarding school in Paris.
The Story of Ferdinand	Munro Leaf and Robert Lawson	Agate Books	A bull named Ferdinand would rather sit quietly and smell the flowers than butt his head and fight, but one day Ferdinand is taken to Madrid for a bullfight.
Big Pumpkin	Erica Silverman	Agate Books	A witch wants to make pumpkin pie, so she plants a pumpkin seed. The pumpkin grows so big that the witch cannot yank it from the vine. Some traditional Halloween characters come to help, but neither the ghost, nor the vampire, nor the mummy can make it budge. Finally a bat comes up with a good idea. They line up and pull together. Off comes the big pumpkin.
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie	Laura Numeroff	Agate Books	When a boy is sitting on the grass outside his house eating a cookie, a little mouse shows up. If the boy gives the mouse a cookie, the mouse will ask for a glass of milk. The milk will lead to a straw, and straw will lead to a napkin, so on and so forth. The humorous story ends with the mouse asking a glass of milk and then a cookie.

If You Give a Pig a Party	Laura Numeroff	Agate Books	The sequence of events starts with a girl's offer to give a pig a party. The pig then asks for balloons to decorate the house, puts on her favorite dress and invites her friends to the party. The pig's friends, a mouse, a moose and more, are attending a street fair, so the pig joins them for the rides and games. After returning home, the girl plays hide and seek with the animals. Children will have fun trying to find the animals hiding in the back yard. Then the pig wants a sleepover and the animals have a pillow fight. The story ends with the pig asking for another party.
Chicken Soup with Rice	Maurice Sendak	Agate Books	Each month of the year has a short silly rhyme with the "chicken soup with rice" theme.
The Ear Book	Al Perkins	Agate Books	They show a boy and a dog that are listening to different sounds, and the objects that the sounds come from.
Corduroy	Don Freeman	Agate Books	A little girl finds Corduroy in the toy department of a store and falls in love with him. However, the girl's mother says she has spent her money and they leave without buying him. After an adventurous night around the store, Corduroy is happy to see the girl return to buy him with her own piggy bank money. Corduroy finally has a home and a friend.
Ten Apples Up on Top	Dr. Seuss	Agate Books	Three animals try to see who can balance more apples up on top of their heads. Dr. Seuss tells a funny rhyming story with simple texts and humorous pictures
Blueberries for Sal		Agate Books	Funny noise words such as Kuplink, kuplank and kuplunk add to the attraction of this great read-aloud book. A little girl named Sal and a little bear have a bit of an adventure when the little bear follows little Sal's mother and little Sal follows the little bear's mother on a blueberries-

			picking trip.
Room on the Broom	Julia Donaldson	Agate Books	A witch and a cat are flying on a broomstick. The wind blows and the witch loses her hat, then her bow, and then her wand. Each time, an animal picks up her lost item and asks if there is room on the broom for him. The generous witch always says yes. The added weight finally snaps the broom in two and the witch encounters a mean dragon. Her animal friends find a clever way to scare the dragon off and the rhyming story ends with the witch and the animals riding happily on a luxurious broom.
The Eye Book	Dr. Seuss	Agate Books	A boy and a rabbit see all kinds of interesting things. The illustrations closely match the simple rhyming text.
Great Day for Up	Dr. Seuss	Agate Books	Dr. Seuss shows many meanings of "up" using simple rhyming texts.
It's Not Easy Being a Bunny	Marilyn Sadler	Agate Books	P.J. Funnybunny doesn't want to be a bunny any more, so he tries living with other animals.
Is Your Mama a Llama	Deborah Guarino	Agate Books	In this popular board book, a baby llama asks each of his animal friends the question "Is your mama a llama?". His friends then give a short description of their mamas. Upon turning a page, children can find out what type of animals they are.

The Thanksgiving Story	Alice Dalgliesh and Helen Sewell	Agate Books	This historical fiction book is written from the point of view of one pilgrim family. Giles, Constance and Damaris Hopkins board the ship Mayflower with their parents. The Mayflower becomes very crowded when the other ship Speedwell goes back to England. On the voyage, a baby is born to the Hopkins family and is named Oceanus. The pilgrims endure a harsh winter in Plymouth. When spring comes, the settlers plant crops. Two Indians, Samoset and Squanto, come to visit and help. The Indian chief, Massasoit, promises to be friendly. The story ends with the joyous Thanksgiving celebration.
Olivia	Ian Falconer	Agate Books	The main character Olivia is an energetic pig who wears her family out. Olivia the pig sings, runs, tries on every piece of clothes she has when dressing up, and builds a giant sand castle at the beach, just to name a few
The Runaway Bunny	Margaret Wise Brown	Agate Books	A little bunny tells mother bunny about imaginative ways to run away. Mother bunny comes up with equally imaginative ways to follow him.
The Napping House	Audrey Wood and Don Wood	Agate Books	In a house, a granny, a child, a dog, a cat and a mouse fall asleep one by one. Then a flea wakes up everyone in the napping house.
Sheep in a Jeep	Nancy Shaw	Agate Books	The humorous story of five silly sheep.
Sing a Song of Popcorn	Beatrice Schenk de Regnie and Eva Moore	Agate Books	The more than 100 poems are divided into nine sections, with themes such as animal poems, fun with rhymes, spooky poems and story poems.

Zin! Zin! A Violin	Lloyd Moss	Agate Books	Introduces children to musical instruments of the orchestra, from trombone and French horn to oboe and violin.
Stop, Train, Stop	W. Awdry	Agate Books	Thomas the Tank Engine decides not to make his stops one day. His passengers are not happy.
We're Going on a Bear Hunt	Michael Rosen	Agate Books	With rhythmic verses and interesting sound words, "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" takes children on an exciting adventure.
Don't let the Pigeon Drive the Bus	Mo Willems	Agate Books	When a bus driver takes a break, he asks readers to keep an eye on his bus and the pigeon. What a determined pigeon! He reasons, begs and bargains. Of course, readers always say no to the pigeon's request to drive the bus. The frustrated pigeon finally falls into a temper tantrum. But he cheers up after seeing a huge tractor-trailer truck drive up.
My First Chinese New Year	Karen Katz	Agate Books	In "My First Chinese New Year", a little girl celebrates her first Chinese New Year with her family. With colorful illustrations and informative texts, author Karen Katz clearly explains the various Chinese New Year traditions.

2nd and 3rd Grades

The Hundred Dresses	Eleanor Estes	Agate Books	A Polish-American girl from a poor family, is teased by classmates at school for being different and for saying she has one hundred dresses at home while she is wearing the same faded dress to school every day. Only after Wanda's absence from school do Maddie and Peggy find out the true story about the one hundred dresses and try to make amends.
Stone Fox	John Reynolds Gardiner	Agate Books	Main character little Willy enters a dogsled race in order to win prize money and save his grandfather's farm from tax collectors. One of the other racers is Stone Fox, a Native American who has never lost a dog sled race.
Sarah, Plain and Tall	Patricia MacLachlan	Agate Books	A little girl named Anna talks about how Sarah from Maine comes to the prairie to live with her, her 2 or brother, and her widowed father.
Catwings (Catwings Series #1)	Ursula K. Le Guin	Agate Books	A story about the adventures of four cats with wings as they leave the city and find a new home in the country.

Freckle Juice	Judy Blume	Agate Books	Main character Andrew Marcus wants freckles after noticing his classmate Nicky has them. In fact, Andrew wants freckles so bad that he buys a secret recipe for freckle juice from Sharon for fifty cents, his five-week allowance. But freckle juice does not work as expected. Andrew has to draw fake freckles with a blue marker. At school, Andrew's teacher gives him a "freckle remover" to remove the blue freckles.
Bunnicula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery (Bunnicula Series)	James Howe, Alan Daniel, Deborah Howe	Agate Books	In this humorous animal fantasy book, the Monroe family finds a bunny in a movie theater and names the animal Bunnicula. Chester the cat suspects Bunnicula is a vampire rabbit.
Skylark	Patricia MacLachlan	Agate Books	Skylark" is a sequel to "Sarah Plain and Tall" by Patricia MacLachlan. Sarah is like a skylark and has not entirely settled down to the pioneer life. When there is a severe drought on the prairie, Sarah and the children go back to Maine to live with her aunts, while Jacob stays behind to take care of their farm. Will the family be united again?
Thanksgiving on Thursday (Magic Tree House Series #27)	Mary Pope Osborne	Agate Books	In their magic tree house, 8-year old Jack and 7-year-old Annie travel back to 1621, the year when pilgrims and Indians celebrated the first Thanksgiving in the New Plymouth Colony. They meet early settlers such as Governor Bradford and Captain Standish, and Squanto, a Wampanoag Indian. The Pilgrim girl Priscilla Mullins takes them home and shows them how to cook a turkey. Their lack of understanding of some of the vocabulary words used by the early settlers makes for a few lighted-hearted moments. When the Thanksgiving feast is over, Jack and Annie

			return home in their magic tree house. After witnessing the pilgrims' life, they realize they have much to be thankful for.
Christmas in Camelot (Magic Tree House Series #29)	Mary Pope Osborne	Agate Books	Jack and Annie, the two characters familiar to the readers of the Magic Tree House series, receive an invitation to spend Christmas in Camelot. After they get there, Morgan le Fay tells the children that there are no Christmas celebrations this year, as Camelot is under the evil spell of Dark Wizard Mordred. The Christmas Knight arrives to inform King Arthur that he needs to send people to the Otherworld to bring back the Water of Memory and Imagination to restore joy to Camelot.
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Anne of Green Gables (Classic Starts Series)	Lucy Maud Montgomery	Agate Books	Main character Anne of Green Gables is a spirited red-haired girl with boundless imagination and love of life. Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert, a brother and sister, own a Prince Edward Island farm house called Green Gables. Orphan girl Anne Shirley is sent to them by mistake, but Anne goes on to win the heart and love of her adopted family. The friendship between Anne and her best friend Diana Barry is also charmingly portrayed. "Anne of Green Gables" is one of the best children's books ever written. Children in 5th grade through 10th grade will enjoy this moving story and sympathize with the ups and downs in Anne's life.

Sing A Song Of Popcorn : Every Child's Book Of Poems	Beatrice Schenk de Regnie, Eva Moore	Agate Books	a collection of poetry, from classics to modern poems, illustrated by nine Caldecott Medal artists, who are among the best of the children's book illustrators. The more than 100 poems are divided into nine sections, with themes such as animal poems, fun with rhymes, spooky poems and story poems.
Molly's Pilgrim	Barbara Cohen	Agate Books	The main character of the chapter book is Molly, a Russian immigrant girl. Molly doesn't feel thankful as the Thanksgiving holiday comes near. Her third grade classmates tease her for her accents and looks. Molly hates going to school. She wants her family to move back to Russia or New York City, where there are more Jewish families. Miss Stickley, Molly's teacher, asks her to make a pilgrim doll out of a clothespin for the Thanksgiving class display. Molly has never heard about Thanksgiving before. When Molly gets home, her mother offers to make the pilgrim doll for her. To Molly's embarrassment, the pilgrim doll doesn't look like a pilgrim; it looks like her mother, a Russian immigrant. Molly's mother explains that she immigrated to the US for freedom of religion, just like pilgrims.
Charlotte's Web	E. B. White	Agate Books	In this Newbery award-winning chapter book, a pig named Wilbur forms a strong friendship with a spider named Charlotte, who also lives on the farm.
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	Judy Blume	Agate Books	a humorous story, which children with younger siblings can relate to. Main character Peter, a fourth grader, has a two-year-old brother named Fudge, who gets into a lot of trouble.

Ramona the Pest (Ramona Quimby Series)	Beverly Cleary	Agate Books	The tale about Ramona starts with her first day of kindergarten, the greatest day of her life. Ramona loves her school and her teacher, Miss Binney, but somehow Ramona gets into a lot of trouble. Author Beverly Cleary is very good at seeing things through the eyes of children.
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	Barbara Robinson	Agate Books	The six Herdman children, Ralph, Imogene, Leroy, Claude, Ollie, and Gladys, are the worst kids in town. They bully and they steal. The main characters never go to church until they are mistakenly told that the minister gives out treats in Sunday school. They have never heard the Christmas nativity story before. But when these six kids find out about the annual church Christmas pageant, they bully other children out of volunteering for lead roles in the play. The pageant rehearsals do not go smoothly. The pageant director has to explain the whole Christmas story and the Herdmans have a lot of questions. These children are very interested in the Christmas story; they even go to the library to read about King Herod. All the town people come out to see what the Herdmans will do in the Christmas pageant. They are surprised to find that it is the best Christmas pageant they have ever had.
The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles (Julie Andrews Collection)	Julie Andrews Edwards	Agate Books	The Whangdoodles are almost forgotten by people, although Professor Savant believes they still exist. He and three Potter children, Lindy, Tom, and Ben, overcome many obstacles, including those set up by the Prock, Prime Minister of Whangdoodleland. They finally meet the last of the really great Whangdoodles, the king of Whangdoodleland. Along the way, they encounter many colorful characters such as the Whiffle Bird, the Swamp Gaboons and the High-Behind Splintercat.

Pippi Longstocking (Pippi Longstocking Series)	Astrid Ericsson Lindgren	Agate Books	The story's main character Pippi Longstocking, an independent and strong girl who can lift her own horse, lives alone without her parents. Pippi makes friends with two kids who live next door and they have lots of fun and adventures together.
The Indian in the Cupboard (Indian in the Cupboard Series)	Lynne Reid Banks	Agate Books	a boy named Omri receives a magical cupboard and key that turn a plastic toy Indian into a real living Iroquois Indian named Little Bear. This fast-paced chapter book blends real life with the exciting world of fantasy and magic.
The Mouse and the Motorcycle	Beverly Cleary	Agate Books	Ralph the mouse makes friends with a boy named Keith, the owner of a toy motorcycle, and goes on many adventures.
Ramona Quimby, Age 8	Beverly Cleary	Agate Books	The main character of the chapter book is Ramona Quimby, who at age 8 is entering third grade. Changes are happening to her family. Money is tight, as Mr. Quimby returns to college to get a teaching degree and become an art teacher. With Mrs. Quimby working at a doctor's office, Ramona has to go to Howie's house after school. Ramona tries very hard to be nice to Howie's little sister Willa Jean, but Willa's grandma always blames Ramona when Willa makes a little fuss. Despite its quarrels and problems, the Quimby family sticks together. Life at school has its ups and downs too. Ramona is pretty upset when the egg she cracks on her head following a school fad is raw and not hard-boiled. Ramona is shocked to overhear her teacher, Mrs. Whaley, call her a show-off and a nuisance. Later on when they clear their misunderstanding, Ramona feels better about school.

Misty of Chincoteague	Marguerite Henry	Agate Books	Main characters in the chapter book, two children named Paul and Maureen, set their eyes on Phantom, the wildest horse on Assateague Island. They work really hard to earn enough to buy the horse. After twists and turns, the two children bring the wild mare and her colt Misty to their home on Chincoteague Island. In the end, they have to decide whether to set Phantom free.
Mercy Watson to the Rescue	Kate DiCamillo	Agate Books	Full of silliness and fun, this humorous story features a lovable pig named Mercy Watson as the main character. One night, Mercy Watson feels afraid when sleeping alone, so he goes in bed with Mr. and Mrs. Watson. With the added weight, a hole opens up under the Watsons' bed. The "boom" and "crack" sounds wake Mercy up and he runs off to the kitchen in search of hot toast with butter on it. Finding none there, Mercy goes to visit the Lincoln sisters who live next door. After a few comical twists and turns, two firemen come and rescue Mr. and Mrs. Watson, who think Mercy has alerted the fire department.
Mary Poppins	P. L. Travers	Agate Books	The magical nanny Mary Poppins blows in with the east wind and takes the Banks children on many magical adventures. Full of fantasy and magic.
Henry Huggins (Henry Huggins Series)	Beverly Cleary	Agate Books	After third grader Henry Huggins finds a stray dog at a drugstore, hilarious adventures follow, such as winning top prize in a dog show when Henry has mistakenly put pink powder on Ribsy. Henry Huggins is a memorable character that many children can relate to.

The Phantom Tollbooth	Norton Juster	Agate Books	<p>Ten-year-old Milo finds a Phantom Tollbooth in his room. After driving through the tollbooth gate, Milo embarks upon a fantastic journey that takes him to Dictionopolis, the land of words; Digitopolis, the land of numbers; and many other unusual places. Along with watchdog Tock and the Humbug, Milo goes on a quest to bring back the Princess of Sweet Rhyme and the Princess of Pure Reason to the Kingdom of Wisdom from the Castle in the Air.</p>
The Polar Express	Chris Van Allsburg	Agate Books	<p>On Christmas Eve, a boy, narrator of the story, boards the Polar Express, a mysterious train that is headed for the North Pole. He finds the Polar Express is full of children who are having fun singing Christmas carols and eating candies. The children finally arrive at the North Pole, where Christmas toys are made. The boy is picked by Santa to receive the first gift of Christmas, and he asks for a silver bell from Santa's sleigh. Our narrator gets his wish and the Polar Express takes him home, but his bell is nowhere to be seen. To his great joy, the boy finds his lost bell under the tree on Christmas morning. Chris Van Allsburg's Caldecott Medal award-winning illustrations are soothing and enchanting; it gives a heart-</p>

			warming feel to the Christmas tale.
Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective (Encyclopedia Brown Series #1)	Donald J. Sobol	Agate Books	The main character is a brainy child detective nicknamed Encyclopedia Brown. Encyclopedia, a son of the Chief of Police, solves mystery cases using clues, logic and sharp observations. The solutions to the 10 mystery cases can be found in the back of the chapter book.
Little House on the Prairie (Little House Series: The Laura Years #2)	Laura Ingalls Wilder	Agate Books	Laura Ingalls Wilder and her family are faced with everything from malaria to prairie fire. Laura's vivid descriptions bring to life what the pioneers had to go through many years ago.
Babe: The Gallant Pig	Dick King-Smith	Agate Books	After arriving at farmer Hogget's farm, a pig named Babe saves sheep from hustlers and wild dogs and goes on winning a shepherding competition. The main character Babe the pig is lovable, sensitive and polite.
Stuart Little	E. B. White	Agate Books	A mouse born into a human family, Stuart Little goes through many adventures. His biggest adventures occur when he leaves home in search of a lovely bird named Margalo.

Pilgrim's First Thanksgiving	Ann Mcgovern	Agate Books	recounts the events that lead to the first Thanksgiving celebration at the Plymouth Colony. In simple text, this nonfiction picture book explains the Pilgrims' historic voyage on the Mayflower, the difficult first winter after the Pilgrims arrived at the New World, the Pilgrims' befriending of Indians like Squanto, the harvest, and the first Thanksgiving feast. The book also talks about Pilgrim children's hard work and their contributions.
The First Thanksgiving (Step into Reading Books Series: A Step 2 Book)	Linda Hayward	Agate Books	The easy-to-read nonfiction picture book starts with the reasons why the Pilgrims and other passengers come to America, then goes on to talk about the Mayflower voyage, the difficult first winter, the pilgrims' meeting with Samoset and Squanto, the settlers' peace treaty with the Indian chief Massasoit and the first Thanksgiving feast. The history book ends with President Abraham Lincoln's proclamation of Thanksgiving Day as a national holiday in 1863.

3rd and 4th Grades

The Chocolate Touch	Catling	Tuxedo Park	When a small boy purchases a magical box of chocolates, he discovers to his delight that everything he touches turns to chocolate. However, this strange Midas touch soon loses its novelty.
The Courage of Sarah Noble	A. Dalglish	Tuxedo Park	The true story of Sarah's journey is inspiring. And as she cares for her father and befriends her Indian neighbors, she learns that to be afraid and to be brave is the greatest courage of all.
The Iron Giant	Ted Hughes	Tuxedo Park	Only a young boy named Hogarth is brave enough to lead the Iron Giant to a safe home. And only Hogarth knows where to turn when a space-bat as big as Australia, hungry for every living thing on Earth, darkens the sky.
Sara Crewe	Frances H. Burnett	Tuxedo Park	A young girl goes from being a rich student, to poor, when her father dies and she is forced to work day and night.
Chocolate Fever	Smith	Tuxedo Park	Henry Green is a boy who loves chocolate. He likes it bitter, sweet, dark, light, and dairy; for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks; in cakes, candy bars, milk, and every other form you can possibly imagine. Henry probably loves chocolate more than any boy in the history of the world. One day-it starts off like any other day-Henry finds that strange things are happening to him. First he makes medical history with the only case of Chocolate Fever ever. Then he finds himself caught up in a wild and hilarious chase, climaxed by a very unusual hijacking!

Babysitters Club Mysteries	Ann Martin	Tuxedo Park	It all began with a great idea...Kristy Thomas' brilliant business plan to form a club of friends who will babysit for neighbours gets off to a flying start with the help of Claudia Kishi (vice-president), Mary Anne Spier (secretary), and Stacey McGill (treasurer). Friendships are forged, adventures begun and life lessons learned in the first book of the series that took the world by storm.
Beezus & Ramona	Beverly Cleary	Tuxedo Park	Big sister Beezus Quimby tries to be patient with her four-year-old little sister, Ramona, but it isn't easy, not when Ramona powders her nose with marshmallows and invites her nursery school class to a party without telling her family. Sometimes Beezus doesn't like Ramona, but the girls are sisters and that means they will always love each other—just not every single minute.
The Boxcar Children series		Tuxedo Park	The Aldens begin their adventure by making a home in a boxcar. Their goal is to stay together, and in the process they find a grandfather.
A Mouse Called Wolf	Dick King-Smith	Tuxedo Park	Wolfgang Amadeus Mouse ("Wolf," for short) has a big name for such a little mouse. But the name fits. His favorite pastime is listening to Mrs. Honeybee, the lady of the house, play the piano. If only he could sing along to the music! One day, Wolf decides to try -- and to his surprise, out of his mouth comes a perfect melody.
Little Pear	Eleanor F. Lattimore	Tuxedo Park	Little Pear is a young boy who lives in a small village in China. Although his story takes place long ago, he is much like any little boy today--always on the lookout for excitement and adventure!
Little Pear and his Friends	Eleanor F. Lattimore	Tuxedo Park	Little Pear is a young boy who lives in a small village in China. Although his story takes place long ago, Little Pear is much like any little boy today--always on the lookout for excitement and adventure!

Does Third Grade Last Forever?	Schanback	Tuxedo Park	When her mother remarries, eight-year-old Tracy has to get used to a new school and a new obnoxious stepbrother.
Secret Soldier: The Story of Deborah Sampson	Ann McGovern	Tuxedo Park	When "Robert Shurtliff" enlists as a common soldier in the Continental army, no one suspects there is anything unusual about him. The new soldier serves bravely for a year and a half. It is not until he is hospitalized with fever that his secret is discovered. Private Shurtliff is really a woman - 23 year-old Deborah Sampson!
Wayside School is Falling Down	L. Sachar	Tuxedo Park	There are 29 kids in Mrs. Jewls's class and this book is about all of them. There is Todd, who got in trouble every day ... until he got a magic dog; Paul, whose life was saved by Leslie's pigtailed; Ron, who dared to try the cafeteria's Mushroom Surprise and all the others who help turn a day at Wayside School into one madcap adventure after another.
Wayside School Gets a Little Stranger	L. Sachar	Tuxedo Park	After closing for 242 days to get rid of the cows (don't ask), everyone's favorite thirty-story school is finally back in session. But all is not well at the school with no nineteenth floor. Mrs. Jewls, the best teacher at Wayside, is having a baby, and that can mean only one thing--substitute teachers.
The Guild of Specialists series --Operation Typhoon Shore --Operation Storm City --Operation Red Jericho	Joshua Mowll	Tuxedo Park	A sister and brother's search for their missing parents uncovers a mysterious secret society in an action-filled sea-and-land saga centered in 1920s Shanghai.
Wanted...Mud Blossom	B. Byars	Tuxedo Park	The Blossom family has an especially eventful weekend during which Junior Blossom loses the school hamster and Pap's dog Mud is put on trial for the hamster's murder

Owls in the Family	F. Mowat	Tuxedo Park	The adventures of two owls who shake up an entire neighborhood and turn a house topsy-turvy.
Skinny-Bones	B. Park	Tuxedo Park	For the smallest kid on the baseball team, Alex “Skinnybones” Frankovitch has a major-league big mouth! But when he brags his way into a pitching contest, this might be one mess that not even Alex can talk his way out of.
Who Stole the Wizard of Oz?	Avi	Tuxedo Park	When Becky is accused of stealing it, she and her twin brother Toby set out to catch the real thief and prove her innocence. Clues cleverly hidden in four other books lead to a hidden treasure--and a gripping adventure.
Martin’s Mice	Dick King-Smith	Tuxedo Park	A kitten loves caring for his friends, the mice, and it's not until he becomes the pet of an apartment dweller that he realizes why his siblings have made fun of him for it.
Dear Mr. Henshaw	B. Cleary	Tuxedo Park	Dear Mr. Henshaw is an entertaining book that offers the distinct pleasure of reading a boy's personal letters and private diary. Within the novel's pages, Cleary effectively and sensitively handles the delicate problem of a young adult's struggle with the effects of his parents' divorce and conveys the message that dedicated work to improve one's situation will result in both maturity and satisfaction.
Soup	R. N. Peck	Tuxedo Park	Rural Vermont during the 1920's is the setting for this nostalgic account of episodes in the lives of young Robert Peck and his pal, Soup
American Girl series	various authors	Tuxedo Park	American Girl Books Stories that inspire girls New worlds, new ideas, new activities—they’re all here for girls to discover. From historical adventures to guides for girlhood, award-winning books are written with the help of experts and with girls in mind.

Betsy & Tacy series	M. H. Lovelace	Tuxedo Park	Set at the turn of the twentieth century in Mankato, Minnesota (Deep Valley). These captivating stories of small town life, family traditions and enduring friendships.
Little House in the Big Woods	Laura Ingalls Wilder	Tuxedo Park	Laura Ingalls's story begins in 1871 in a little log cabin on the edge of the Big Woods of Wisconsin. Four-year-old Laura lives in the little house with her Pa, her Ma, her sisters Mary and Carrie, and their trusty dog, Jack. Pioneer life is sometimes hard, since the family must grow or catch all their own food as they get ready for the cold winter. But it is also exciting as Laura and her folks celebrate Christmas with homemade toys and treats, do the spring planting, bring in the harvest, and make their first trip into town. And every night they are safe and warm in their little house, with the happy sound of Pa's fiddle sending Laura and her sisters off to sleep.
Little House on the Prairie	Laura Ingalls Wilder	Tuxedo Park	Pa Ingalls decides to sell the little log house, and the family sets out for Indian country! They travel from Wisconsin to Kansas, and there, finally, Pa builds their little house on the prairie. Sometimes farm life is difficult, even dangerous, but Laura and her family are kept busy and are happy with the promise of their new life on the prairie.
On the Banks of Plum Creek	Laura Ingalls Wilder	Tuxedo Park	Laura's family's first home in Minnesota is made of sod, but Pa builds a clean new house made of sawed lumber beside Plum Creek. The money for materials will come from their first wheat crop. Then, just before the wheat is ready to harvest, a strange glittering cloud fills the sky, blocking out the sun. Soon millions of grasshoppers cover the field and everything on the farm. In a week's time, there is no wheat crop left at all.

Farmer Boy	Laura Ingalls Wilder	Tuxedo Park	While Laura Ingalls grows up in a little house on the western prairie, Almanzo Wilder is living on a big farm in New York State. Almanzo and his brother and sisters work at their chores from dawn to supper most days -- no matter what the weather. There is still time for fun, though, especially with the horses, which Almanzo loves more than anything.
By the Shores of Silver Lake	Laura Ingalls Wilder	Tuxedo Park	Pa Ingalls heads west to the unsettled wilderness of the Dakota Territory. When Ma, Mary, Laura, Carrie, and baby Grace join him, they become the first settlers in the town of De Smet. And Pa begins work on the first building in what will soon be a brand-new town on the shores of Silver Lake.
The Big Wave	Pearl S. Buck	Tuxedo Park	Kino lives on a farm on the side of a mountain in Japan. His friend, Jiya, lives in a fishing village below. Everyone, including Kino and Jiya, has heard of the big wave. No one suspects it will wipe out the whole village and Jiya's family, too. As Jiya struggles to overcome his sorrow, he understands it is in the presence of danger that one learns to be brave, and to appreciate how wonderful life can be.
Black-Eyed Susan	J. Armstrong	Tuxedo Park	A lyrical novel about a day in the life of a young pioneer girl growing up on the Dakota prairie is now available in a Knopf Paperback edition. This widely praised and beautifully crafted tale deftly evokes the vast expanse of the American West, the hardships faced by pioneer families, and the strong bonds of family and community.

<p>Help! I'm Trapped in the First Day of School</p> <p>Help! I'm Trapped in a Professional Wrestler's Body</p> <p>Help! I'm Trapped in an Alien's Body</p> <p>Help! I'm Trapped in the Lunch Lady's Body</p> <p>Help! I'm Trapped in My Teacher's Body</p> <p>Help! I'm Trapped in the President's</p>	Todd Strasser	Tuxedo Park	In each book, popular 8th grader Jake Sherman, or one of his friends, finds himself trapped in someone else's body. It could be the school principal, or the President of the United States, or Santa, or an alien. But no matter whose body he finds himself in, lots of crazy situations and tons of laughs are sure to follow.
Mia Hamm: Soccer Star	D. D. Zarzycki	Tuxedo Park	Mia Hamm has always worked hard to reach her goals. From a young age she loved soccer. She played well. When she was 15, she became the youngest player to join the Women's National Soccer Team. She holds many records. One includes the world's leading goal scorer. Mia has done much to promote the game of soccer in the United States.
Mr. Popper's Penguins	R. & F. Atwater	Tuxedo Park	A classic of American humor, the adventures of a house painter and his brood of high-stepping penguins have delighted children for generations.
Superfudge	Judy Blume	Tuxedo Park	laugh out loud at the irrepressible wit of peter Hatcher, the hilarious antics of mischievous Fudge, and the unbreakable confidence of know-it-all sheila tubman in Judy blume's five Fudge books.

There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom	L. Sachar	Tuxedo Park	Bradley Chalkers IS the oldest kid in the fifth grade. He tells enormous lies. He picks fights with girls. No one likes him—except Carla, the new school counselor. She thinks Bradley is sensitive and generous, and knows that Bradley could change, if only he weren't afraid to try. But when you feel like the most-hated kid in the whole school, believing in yourself can be the hardest thing in the world.
There's an Owl in the Shower	J. C. George	Tuxedo Park	Borden's father, Leon, was a logger in the old-growth forests of California. That is, until the spotted-owl lovers interfered. One day, frustrated by his father's unemployment, Borden sets out on a mission of revenge against the spotted owl but returns home with a half-starved owlet instead. The family soon discovers that the owlet, whom Borden names Bardy, loves to take showers and watch late-night TV. Only after the whole family has fallen in love with Bardy do they realize that the conflict between nature and human industry is not so easily resolved.
Magic Attic Club series	Sheri Cooper Sinykin	Tuxedo Park	When four friends return a lost key to their new neighbor Ellie Goodwin, she invites them up to explore her special attic. There are costumes galore and a magic mirror that transports the girls back in time.

Frindle	Andrew Clements	Tuxedo Park	He really just likes to liven things up at school -- and he's always had plenty of great ideas. When Nick learns some interesting information about how words are created, suddenly he's got the inspiration for his best plan ever...the frindle. Who says a pen has to be called a pen? Why not call it a frindle? Things begin innocently enough as Nick gets his friends to use the new word. Then other people in town start saying frindle. Soon the school is in an uproar, and Nick has become a local hero. His teacher wants Nick to put an end to all this nonsense, but the funny thing is frindle doesn't belong to Nick anymore. The new word is spreading across the country, and there's nothing Nick can do to stop it.
Because of Winn-Dixie	Kate DiCamillo	Tuxedo Park	Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.
Stuart Little	E. B. White	Tuxedo Park	Stuart Little is no ordinary mouse. Born to a family of humans, he lives in New York City with his parents, his older brother George, and Snowbell the cat. Though he's shy and thoughtful, he's also a true lover of adventure. Stuart's greatest adventure comes when his best friend, a beautiful little bird named Margalo, disappears from her nest. Determined to track her down, Stuart ventures away from home for the very first time in his life. He finds adventure aplenty. But will he find his friend?

Sarah, Plain and Tall	Patricia MacLachlan	Tuxedo Park	Their mother died the day after Caleb was born. Their house on the prairie is quiet now, and Papa doesn't sing anymore. Then Papa puts an ad in the paper, asking for a wife, and he receives a letter from one Sarah Elisabeth Wheaton, of Maine. Papa, Anna, and Caleb write back. Caleb asks if she sings. Sarah decides to come for a month. She writes Papa: I will come by train. I will wear a yellow bonnet. I am plain and tall, and Tell them I sing. Anna and Caleb wait and wonder. Will Sarah be nice? Will she like them? Will she stay?
Skylark	Patricia MacLachlan	Tuxedo Park	In this stunning sequel to Newbery Medal winner Sarah, Plain and Tall, Anna and Caleb travel with their new mother, Sarah, to Maine to take refuge from the prairie drought, a journey that teaches them the power of family to transcend distances.
Duncan Culpepper series --Amos and the Alien --Amos Binder, Secret Agent --Amos Gets Famous --Amos Gets Married --Amos Goes Bananas --Amos's Killer Concert Caper	Gary Paulsen	Tuxedo Park	Stories on the adventures of Duncan Culpepper and his best friend Amos.

The Family Under the Bridge	Natalie S. Carlson	Tuxedo Park	This is the delightfully warm and enjoyable story of an old Parisian named Armand, who relished his solitary life. Children, he said, were like starlings, and one was better off without them. But the children who lived under the bridge recognized a true friend when they met one, even if the friend seemed a trifle unwilling at the start. And it did not take Armand very long to realize that he had gotten himself ready-made family; one that he loved with all his heart, and one for whom he would have to find a better home than the bridge.
Annie Oakley: Young Markswoman (part of Childhood of Famous Americans series)	Ellen Janet Wilson	Tuxedo Park	Focuses on the childhood of the famous American sharpshooter.
Betsy Ross: Designer of Our Flag (part of Childhood of Famous Americans series)	Ann Weil	Tuxedo Park	Recreates the childhood of the woman traditionally remembered as the maker of the first American flag, which was secretly presented to General George Washington in Philadelphia in 1776.
Bully of Barkham Street	Mary Stolz	Tuxedo Park	Although Martin Hastings has a very good reason for being a bully, he decides to change his ways.
Charlotte's Web	E. B. White	Tuxedo Park	Charlotte's Web is the story of a little girl named Fern who loved a little pig named Wilbur—and of Wilbur's dear friend Charlotte A. Cavatica, a beautiful large grey spider who lived with Wilbur in the barn.

The Castle in the Attic	E. Winthrop	Tuxedo Park	William has just received the best present of his life—an old, real-looking stone and wooden model of a castle, with a drawbridge, a moat, and a fingerhigh knight to guard the gates. It's the mysterious castle his housekeeper has told him about, and even though William is sad she's leaving, now the castle is his! William can't wait to play with the castle—he's certain there's something magical about it. And sure enough, when he picks up the tiny silver knight, it comes alive in his hand! Sir Simon tells William a mighty story of wild sorcery, wizards, and magic. And suddenly William is off on a fantastic quest to another land and another time—where a fiery dragon and an evil wizard are waiting to do battle
How to Eat Fried Worms	T. Rockwell	Tuxedo Park	Because of a bet, Billy is in the uncomfortable position of having to eat fifteen worms in fifteen days. The worms are supplied by his opponent, whose motto is "The bigger and juicier, the better!" At first Billy's problem is whether or not he can swallow the worm placed before him, even with a choice of condiments from peanut butter to horseradish. But later it looks as if Billy will win, and the challenge becomes getting to the worm to eat it. Billy's family, after checking with the doctor, takes everything in stride. They even help Billy through his gastronomic ordeal, which twists and turns with each new day, leaving the outcome of the bet continually in doubt.
The Indian in the Cupboard	Lynne Reid Banks	Tuxedo Park	A young man receives two presents that will change his life: a plastic miniature Indian that magically comes to life inside a mysterious old cupboard.

<p>West Side Kids series --Big Idea, Vol. 1 --Don't Call Me Slob-O --Pet Sitters, Vol. 4 --Friends to the Rescue</p>	<p>Ellen Schecter</p>	<p>Tuxedo Park</p>	<p>1. Young Luz wants to rid her neighborhood lot of all the filth and garbage lying around and replace it with a beautiful garden, but none of her friends seem to want to help, and she begins to fear that her big idea may never become a reality. 2. Having been the center for jokes by all due to his size, Shrimp is initially relieved when Slobodan moves into town and becomes the new joke, until he comes to realize that Slobodan does not deserve the abuse either and they begin to form a special friendship. 3. Pet-sitting seems like a simple task to DeVonn and his friends, but it soon becomes much more than they bargained for.</p>
<p>Caddie Woodlawn</p>	<p>C. R. Brink</p>	<p>Tuxedo Park</p>	<p>Caddie Woodlawn is a real adventurer. She'd rather hunt than sew and plow than bake, and tries to beat her brother's dares every chance she gets. Caddie is friends with Indians, who scare most of the neighbors -- neighbors who, like her mother and sisters, don't understand her at all.</p>
<p>The Whipping Boy</p>	<p>S. Fleischman</p>	<p>Tuxedo Park</p>	<p>Jemmy, once a poor boy living on the streets, now lives in a castle. As the whipping boy, he bears the punishment when Prince Brat misbehaves, for it is forbidden to spank, thrash, or whack the heir to the throne. The two boys have nothing in common and even less reason to like one another. But when they find themselves taken hostage after running away, they are left with no choice but to trust each other.</p>
<p>The Landry News</p>	<p>Andrew Clements</p>	<p>Tuxedo Park</p>	<p>The bad news is that Cara Landry is the new kid at Denton Elementary School. The worse news is that her teacher, Mr. Larson, would rather read the paper and drink coffee than teach his students anything. So Cara decides to give Mr. Larson something else to read -- her own newspaper, The Landry News</p>

Ace: The Very Important Pig	Dick King-Smith	Tuxedo Park	Farmer Tubbs' amazing pig, Ace of Clubs, eventually winds up on television for his cleverness. The great-grandson of Babe: The Gallant Pig (1983, 1985), Ace understands human speech and becomes famous after he appears on a television show.
Pigs Might Fly	Dick King-Smith	Tuxedo Park	Daggie Dogfoot, the runt of the litter, is in danger. The pigman, who takes all runts from their pens, is coming for him! But Daggie is a pig of remarkable qualities, and he's not about to let the Pigman get him. Instead, he runs away and decides to learn how to fly. But when he tries leaping off a cliff, he discovers another talent— a talent he'll need to save the entire farm
Amanda Joins the Circus	Avi	Tuxedo Park	Awesome! That's the only word Amanda the raccoon can think of to describe the circus, and she's determined to join it as a clown. Her brother, Phillip, wants to join the circus, too. But the two raccoons don't know there's someone who plans to close the circus down -- and they're headed for a showdown in the center ring.
The Blossom Family series --The Not-Just-Anybody Family --Wanted...Mud Blossom --A Blossom Promise --The Blossoms and the Green Phantom --The Blossoms Meet the Vulture Lady	Betsy Byars	Tuxedo Park	A series about Junior Blossom and his inventions, family, and adventures.

Born to Trot	Marguerite Henry	Tuxedo Park	Gibson can hear the beat of the horses' hooves against the track. Trotter are the world to him. But all he ever does is practice. He's still too young and inexperienced to drive in a real race. Only he knows he's ready for the big league. If people would give him a chance, then they would know it, too. Gib's chance comes in a filly named Rosalind. Now Gib can prove that he's man enough to train a champion. But does he really have what it takes? Can he and Rosalind go all the way to win the Hambletonian, the greatest race of all?
San Domingo: The Medicine Hat Stallion	Marguerite Henry	Tuxedo Park	Peter Lundy has two joys in life: the rugged western plains where he has grown up and San Domingo, a Medicine Hat Stallion. The Indians believe such a horse is sacred -- that neither bullet nor arrow can harm its rider. As they explore the prairie together, a bond forms between Peter and San Domingo that can never be broken. But Peter's father, Jethro Lundy, knows only one love: bargaining. He trades San Domingo for a thoroughbred. How can Peter ever forgive his father? His only choice is to leave home forever!
Brighty of the Grand Canyon	Marguerite Henry	Tuxedo Park	Long ago, a lone little burro roamed the high cliffs of the Grand Canyon and touched the hearts of all who knew him: a grizzled old miner, a big-game hunter, even President Teddy Roosevelt. Named Brighty by the prospector who befriended him, he remained a free spirit at heart. But when a ruthless claim-jumper murdered the prospector, loyal Brighty risked everything to bring the killer to justice.
The Friendship	Mildred D. Taylor	Tuxedo Park	Cassie witnesses a black man address a white storekeeper by his first name

The Cricket in Times Square	G. Selden	Tuxedo Park	Tucker is a streetwise city mouse. He thought he'd seen it all. But he's never met a cricket before, which really isn't surprising, because, along with his friend Harry Cat, Tucker lives in the very heart of New York City—the Times Square subway station. Chester Cricket never intended to leave his Connecticut meadow. He'd be there still if he hadn't followed the entrancing aroma of liverwurst right into someone's picnic basket. Now, like any tourist in the city, he wants to look around. And he could not have found two better guides—and friends—than Tucker and Harry. The trio have many adventures—from taking in the sights and sounds of Broadway to escaping a smoky fire.
Finding Buck McHenry	A. Slote	Tuxedo Park	Daydreamer Jason, 11, has just been [dropped] from his Little League team. Seeking solace at the baseball-card shop, he makes a startling hypothesis: 'Buck McHenry,' star pitcher [of the Negro Leagues], could be school custodian Mack Henry. Mr. Henry's identity, in doubt through much of the book, provides a mystery, a bittersweet revelation, and a satisfyingly dramatic denouement. The characterizations are pungent, the action (on and off the diamond) involving. A solid, rewarding story
The Gift of the Pirate Queen	P. R. Giff	Tuxedo Park	Grace is doing fine taking care of her father and younger sister Amy. She has enough problems taking care of Amy, who has diabetes. Grace is also having problems with her teacher. When her cousin shows up to live with them, and it in, Grace finds it hard until Fiona tells her a tale about a pirate queen, named Grace.

Abel's Island	W. Steig	Tuxedo Park	Abel's place in his familiar, mouse world has always been secure; he had an allowance from his mother, a comfortable home, and a lovely wife, Amanda. But one stormy August day, furious flood water carry him off and dump him on an uninhabited island. Despite his determination and stubborn resourcefulness—he tried crossing the river with boats and ropes and even on stepping-stones—Abel can't find a way to get back home.
Afternoon of the Elves	Janet Taylor Lisle	Tuxedo Park	Hillary doesn't believe all the mean things she hears about Sara-Kate. Sure, she wears weird clothes and she lives in a dumpy house, but if Sara-Kate's as bad as everyone says, how could she take such good care of the elf village in her backyard? She and Hillary spend hours fixing the tiny stick houses and the miniature Ferris wheel so the elves won't move away. But as Hillary is drawn further into Sara-Kate's world, she learns there are other mysteries besides the elves. Why doesn't anyone ever see Sara-Kate's mother? And why isn't anyone allowed in her house?
Ahyoka and the Talking Leaves	Connie & Peter Roop	Tuxedo Park	The story of Ahyoka, the daughter of the famous Cherokee leader, Sequoyah, who helped her father to create the Cherokee syllabary--the only written language ever invented all at once by a single person.
Poppy & Rye	Avi	Tuxedo Park	Heartbroken over the death of her fiance, Ragweed, Poppy, a deer mouse, journeys west through the vast Dimwood Forest to bring the sad news to Ragweed's family. But Poppy and her prickly porcupine pal, Ereth, arrive only to discover that beavers have flooded the serene valley where Ragweed lived. Together Poppy and Ragweed's brother Rye brave kidnapping, imprisonment, and a daring rescue to fight the beavers. At the same time, Rye -- who has lived in Ragweed's shadow -- fights to prove himself worthy of Poppy's love.

The Good Dog	Avi	Tuxedo Park	McKinley, a malamute, is a good dog -- he's reliable and trustworthy. Whether it's watching over the other dogs of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, or taking care of his human pup, Jack, McKinley never even thinks of letting anyone down -- until he meets Lupin. Lupin is a she-wolf and she's urging the dogs of Steamboat Springs to leave their domesticated lives and join her wild pack. And though she scares McKinley, he also finds himself drawn to her and the life of freedom that she offers. For the first time, McKinley's loyalties are torn. Should he stay with his humans and continue to lead the dogs of Steamboat Springs? Or should he join the wolf and live freely, like his ancestors did? When the wild calls, what will McKinley's answer be?
John Bellairs mysteries series	John Bellairs	Tuxedo Park	Living with his grandparents gives Johnny Dixon a lot of time to find trouble. Or adventure. Or, is it both? In this, the first Johnny Dixon mystery, our young hero hears the spine-tingling story of Father Baart, a madman who haunts the town's church. At first, Johnny doesn't believe in ghosts, but when he takes a scroll and a small Egyptian figurine from the church basement, all that changes.
Eleanor	Barbara Cooney	Tuxedo Park	Though she came from a wealthy and privileged family, Eleanor Roosevelt grew up in a cheerless household that left her lonely and shy. Years passed before Eleanor began to discover in herself the qualities of intelligence, compassion, and strength that made her a remarkable woman.
The Great Gilly Hopkins	Katherine Paterson	Tuxedo Park	Eleven-year-old Gilly has been stuck in more foster families than she can remember, and she's disliked them all. She has a county-wide reputation for being brash, brilliant, and completely unmanageable. So when she's sent to live with the Trotters -- by far the strangest family yet -- Gilly decides to put her sharp mind to work. Before long she's devised an elaborate scheme to get her real mother to come rescue her.

My Teacher is an Alien	Bruce Coville	Tuxedo Park	Susan Simmons can tell that her new substitute teacher is really weird. But she doesn't know how weird until she catches him peeling off his face -- and realizes that "Mr. Smith" is really an alien! At first no one will believe her except Peter Thompson, the class brain. When Peter and Susan discover Mr. Smith's horrible plans for their classmates, they know they have to act fast. Only they can get rid of their extraterrestrial visitor -- and save the rest of the sixth-grade class from a fate worse than math tests!
The Toothpaste Millionaire	Jean Merrill	Tuxedo Park	Likable, clever, and inventive sixth-graders Rufus Mayflower and Kate Mackinstrey develop and sell toothpaste to become millionaires in just one year! This fun, breezy story includes many real-life mathematical problems which the characters must solve to succeed in their budding business.
The War with Grandpa	Robert K. Smith	Tuxedo Park	Peter thinks the only way he can reclaim his room is by declaring war on his grandfather.
The Trumpet of the Swan	E. B. White	Tuxedo Park	Like the rest of his family, Louis is a trumpeter swan. But unlike his four brothers and sisters, Louis can't trumpet joyfully. In fact, he can't even make a sound. And since he can't trumpet his love, the beautiful swan Serena pays absolutely no attention to him. Louis tries everything he can think of to win Serena's affection--he even goes to school to learn to read and write. But nothing seems to work. Then his father steals him a real brass trumpet. Is a musical instrument the key to winning Louis his love?
The Black Stallion	W. Farley	Tuxedo Park	The sole survivors of a devastating shipwreck, Alec Ramsay and the Black Stallion must learn to rely on each other to survive. As a strong bond develops between them, Alec gains the trust of the magnificent beast and eventually the Black allows Alec to ride. Finally, they are rescued, but will Alec and the Black be allowed to stay together?

A Bear Called Paddington	Michael Bond	Tuxedo Park	Nearly fifty years ago, a small bear from Darkest Peru set out on an adventure of a lifetime. With nothing but a suitcase, several jars of marmalade, and a label around his neck that read, "Please Look After This Bear," he stowed away on a ship headed for faraway England. When the little bear arrived at London's busy Paddington Station, he was discovered by Mr. and Mrs. Brown. As luck would have it, the Browns were just the sort of people to welcome a lost bear into their family.
Harriet the Spy	Louise Fitzhugh	Tuxedo Park	Harriet M. Welsch is a spy. In her notebook, she writes down everything she knows about everyone, even her classmates and her best friends. Then Harriet loses track of her notebook, and it ends up in the wrong hands. Before she can stop them, her friends have read the always truthful, sometimes awful things she's written about each of them. Will Harriet find a way to put her life and her friendships back together?
Dear America series	various authors	Tuxedo Park	Each book is from a young woman's point of view during an important event or time in American history. They are all based off of actual events but are fictional books written in diary form.
Forgotten Door	Alexander Key	Tuxedo Park	A boy able to talk to animals and read people's minds finds himself in danger after falling through a door to the strange planet Earth.
The Double Life of Pocahontas	Jean Fritz	Tuxedo Park	In a story that is as gripping as it is historical, Jean Fritz reveals the true life of Pocahontas. Though at first permitted to move freely between the Indian and the white worlds, Pocahontas was eventually torn between her new life and the culture that shaped her.

The Great Brain	John D. Fitzgerald	Tuxedo Park	J. D. idolizes his older brother Tom, a.k.a. The Great Brain, a silver-tongued con artist with a genius for making a profit. No matter what the situation, The Great Brain will always find a way to turn it to his advantage--usually, his financial advantage. As boys growing up at the beginning of the 1900s, J. D. and Tom have plenty of scope for their adventures. And while J. D.'s ingenuity may not equal his conniving brother's, as a narrator he is endearingly sympathetic and wildly entertaining.
More Adventures of the Great Brain	John D. Fitzgerald	Tuxedo Park	Has Tom Jenkins, a.k.a. the Great Brain, given up his con-artist ways for a bicycle? Not for long. Soon the Great Brain is back to his old tricks, swindling and trading, even convincing the whole town there's a prehistoric monster on the loose. But when someone robs the bank, even the police are stumped. Can the Great Brain solve the crime and put the crooks behind bars?
My Brother Louis Measures Worms	Barbara Robinson	Tuxedo Park	How is it that Louis has been driving his mother's car around town if he's only eight years old? Where did the cat go to have her kittens? Who won the free wedding? Whether its costume parades, mysterious paint allergies, or bicycle disasters, there's never a dull moment when the Lawson family is around!
The Wish Giver	Bill Brittain	Tuxedo Park	When a strange little man comes to the Coven Tree church social promising he can give people exactly what they ask for, three believers-in-magic each make a wish that comes true in the most unexpected way.
They Shall Be Heard: Susan B. Anthony & Elizabeth Cady Stanton	Kate Connell	Tuxedo Park	Describes the work of Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton for the women's suffrage movement.

Tom, Babette, and Simon	Avi	Tuxedo Park	Tom is bored all the time. When he's given a homework assignment to write The Most Exciting Thing That Ever Happened to Me, Tom realizes that not one exciting thing has happened to him in his entire life. Then Tom makes a deal to trade places with a cat named Charley, and something very exciting happens. But Tom may never have the chance to write about his outrageous adventure.
Something Upstairs	Avi	Tuxedo Park	When 12-year-old Kenny Huldorf moves to Providence, Rhode Island, he soon discovers that his attic bedroom is haunted by the ghost of a teenage slave named Caleb. Before long, Caleb summons Kenny back in time, where Kenny finds himself entangled in Caleb's murder and deeply troubled by the century-old injustice. Ultimately, it is up to Kenny to solve Caleb's murder or remain forever trapped in history.
Bright Shadow	Avi	Tuxedo Park	A gorgeous new look for a backlist bestseller Avi's lyrical and timeless story has now been repackaged with stunning new cover art--guaranteed to entice a new generation of fans! Morwenna, a young girl, holds the last five wishes in a doomed kingdom. The problem is, she doesn't know it. Worse, the only way she discovers she has them is by using them. But, if she uses them all, she herself will vanish. As the power of magic awakens within her, Morwenna also realizes the responsibility it carries. People ask things of her that she's not sure she can give them, no matter how high the stakes, and Morwenna's wishes are a greater burden than she ever could imagine

Sammy Keyes & the Art of Deception	W. Van Draanen	Tuxedo Park	Sammy Keyes has a lot of nerve. Wearing high-tops to a fancy reception at an art gallery. Asking why a framed orange splot is worth \$10,000. Eyebrows rise. Noses turn up. But then Sammy tackles a thief who tries to break up the soiree with a stickup. Now the patrons of the arts are glad she has a lot of nerve. Or are they? Sammy may have stopped a criminal, but the real crime has yet to be discovered. The real crime is more subtle, more artful, than anything Sammy's ever seen. She had no idea art could be so dangerous
Sammy Keyes & the Skeleton Man	W. Van Draanen	Tuxedo Park	Now in Knopf Paperback, seventh-grade gumshoe Sammy Keyes returns in her second mystery--a Halloween intrigue involving Frankenstein and a skeleton man in a tale of greed, grudges, and getting even.
Sammy Keyes & the Curse of Mustache Mary	W. Van Draanen	Tuxedo Park	What's supposed to be a quiet weekend in the country turns into a crossroads adventure when Sammy and her friends meet Lucinda Huntley walking her 200-pound pig down the middle of the road. She tells them a true tale of the Wild West, a story of tough times, wagon trains, her great-grandma Moustache Mary, and a century-old family feud.
Sammy Keyes & the Hotel Thief	W. Van Draanen	Tuxedo Park	Sammy Keyes is perusing the neighborhood through binoculars when she spots something fishy at the Heavenly Hotel. She's sure she's just seen a robbery, now she just has to prove it. Now in Knopf Paperback, is the first book in the exciting new series of middle-grade mysteries starring the smart and spunky seventh-grade ace detective.

Sammy Keyes & the Runaway Elf	W. Van Draanen	Tuxedo Park	And this new adventure is Wendelin Van Draanen's most complex and compelling yet! It's Christmastime in Sammy's hometown of Santa Martina, but some people are being very, very naughty. Pranksters dressed as wise men sabotage the Christmas Parade. In the ensuing chaos, some thugs dognap a prize Pomeranian. Then the Pom's owner blackmails Sammy into finding the dog so she won't have to pay the ransom. Sammy doesn't have to check her list twice to know that these people belong in the naughty column!
Sammy Keyes & the Sisters of Mercy	W. Van Draanen	Tuxedo Park	While serving a detention in the soup kitchen at St. Mary's Church for an infraction committed during her last case, Sammy Keyes becomes the prime suspect in the disappearance of Father Mayhew's prized ivory cross. Ace detective that she is, Sammy manages to prove her innocence but soon discovers that, under its calm exterior, St. Mary's is abuzz with gossip, jealousy, and intrigue--just like junior high! Meanwhile, back at school, Sammy's beloved catcher's mitt--her only connection to her father--disappears just when her team makes the semifinals. Add to this mix: a dog who eats everything in sight, a lesson in safe cracking from a homeless girl who bears a striking resemblance to Sammy, and an exuberant trio of gospel-singing nuns called the Sisters of Mercy, and you've got one wild ride of a mystery--or just another week in the life of Samantha Keyes.
Whistler's Hollow	Debbie Dadey	Tuxedo Park	Lillie Mae's mama has just died, and with her father not back from the Great War that ended over a year before, Lillie is shipped by her mean Aunt Helen off to relatives she has never met. Although she misses her parents terribly, Lillie Mae feels welcomed and loved by Uncle Dallas and Aunt Esther. However, there is something strange happening at Whistler's Hollow. As Lillie Mae resolves the mysteries of her young life, she confronts heartbreak and loneliness with courage, grace and ultimately, hope.

A Week in the Woods	Andrew Clements	Tuxedo Park	The fifth-grade Week in the Woods is a beloved tradition of Hardy Elementary, where Mark Chelmsley (the Fourth) is pretty much killing time before his parents send him off to an exclusive prep school. But then Mark realizes the Week might be a chance to prove to Mr. Maxwell that he's not just another of the slacker rich kids the teacher can't stand.
Vulpes the Red Fox	Jean Craighead George	Tuxedo Park	Loving to outwit the hunters that chase and admire him every day, young Vulpes, the smartest fox pup in his litter, believes his strength is unlimited until the day he comes face-to-face with the enemy.
Throwing Shadows	E. L. Konigsburg	Tuxedo Park	In each of these extraordinary short stories from the perceptive pen of E. L. Konigsburg, a chance meeting between two people casts a shadow on what things have been and what they can become, and changes a life forever.
Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman	Dorothy Sterling	Tuxedo Park	Born into slavery, young Harriet Tubman knew only hard work and hunger. Escape seemed impossible — certainly dangerous. Yet Harriet did escape North, by the secret route called the Underground Railroad. Harriet didn't forget her people. Again and again she risked her life to lead them on the same secret, dangerous journey.

The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe	C. S. Lewis	Tuxedo Park	Narnia: A magical land full of wonder and excitement. A place where you will meet Aslan, the bravest of lions, and a beautiful but wicked Witch. There are lots of other fabulous creatures too: giants and dwarfs and animals that talk. It all begins when four children -- Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy -- discover a strange old wardrobe. Stepping inside, they find that it's stranger still, because behind all the fur coats there is a wondrous land of trees and mountains, all glistening with snow. The White Witch has spread an icy winter everywhere. Only Aslan can defeat her and reverse her wicked spell. The children must find the lion before it is too late. If they fail, the Witch will make them her prisoners forever.
The Magician's Nephew	C. S. Lewis	Tuxedo Park	On a daring quest to save a life, two friends are hurled into another world, where an evil sorceress seeks to enslave them. But then the lion Aslan's song weaves itself into the fabric of a new land, a land that will be known as Narnia. And in Narnia, all things are possible.
The Horse and His Boy	C. S. Lewis	Tuxedo Park	An orphaned boy and a kidnapped horse gallop for Narnia...and freedom.
The Kid Who Ran for President	Dan Gutman	Tuxedo Park	The return of Dan Gutman's sharp, funny farce about the youngest candidate to ever run for President of the United States -- updated just in time for the 2012 election
Leon's Story	Leon Walter Tillage	Tuxedo Park	Leon Tillage grew up the son of a sharecropper in a small town in North Carolina. Told in vignettes, this is his story about walking four miles to the school for black children, and watching a school bus full of white children go past. It's about his being forced to sit in the balcony at the movie theater, hiding all night when the Klansmen came riding, and worse. Much worse.

5th and 6th Grades

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz	L. Frank Baum	Tuxedo Park	Follow the adventures of young Dorothy Gale and her dog, Toto, as their Kansas house is swept away by a cyclone and they find themselves in a strange land called Oz. Here she meets the Munchkins and joins the Scarecrow, Tin Woodman, and the Cowardly Lion on an unforgettable journey to the Emerald City, where lives the all-powered Wizard of Oz.
The Jungle Book	Rudyard Kipling	Tuxedo Park	Young Mowgli loves growing up in the jungle with his animal friends. But what happens when he is told that he must go live in the Man-village?
Captain Grey	Avi	Tuxedo Park	Following the Revolution, an eleven-year-old boy becomes the captive of a ruthless man who has set up his own "nation," supported by piracy, on a remote part of the New Jersey coast.
Night Journeys	Avi	Tuxedo Park	The year is 1768. In eight years, the American Revolution will begin. Newly orphaned, Peter York has been adopted by a deeply religious Quaker fame. Peter chafes under his new guardian's strict and unyielding views and vows to break away. He sees his chance when two runaway indentured servants are reported to be fleeing through his community. If he catches one, there will be a reward -- and freedom. But capturing the runaways leads to consequences -- and choices -- Peter cannot foresee.

The Boggart	Susan Cooper	Tuxedo Park	When a Canadian family visits a Scottish castle, they unwittingly take a mischievous spirit back home with them.
The Chronicles of Prydain series --The Book of Three --The Black Cauldron --The Castle of Llyr --Taran Wanderer	Lloyd Alexander	Tuxedo Park	This series is about a young boy named Taran Wanderer, an assistant pig-keeper. He dreams of becoming a hero and goes on many adventures with his friends, who are Princess Eilonwy, a girl his age; Fflewddur Fflam, a wandering bard and minor king; Gurgi, a wild hominid between animal and man; and Doli, a dwarf.
Ragweed	Avi	Tuxedo Park	Ragweed is determined to see the world. He leaves his family and cozy country home and sets off by train for the big city. What wonders await him: music, excitement, new friends...and cunning, carnivorous cats! Silversides is the purring president of F.E.A.R. (Felines Enraged About Rodents), a group dedicated to keeping cats on top, people in the middle, and mice on the bottom. Can Ragweed and his motley yet musical crew of city nice--Clutch, Dipstick, Lugnut, and Blinker--band together to fight their feline foe?
Ella Enchanted	Gail Carson Levine	Tuxedo Park	At her birth, Ella of Frell was given a foolish fairy's gift—the "gift" of obedience. Ella must obey any order given to her, whether it's hopping on one foot for a day or chopping off her own head! But strong-willed Ella does not tamely accept her fate. She goes on a quest, encountering ogres, giants, wicked stepsisters, fairy godmothers, and handsome princes, determined to break the curse—and live happily ever after.

The View from Saturday	E. L. Konigsburg	Tuxedo Park	How had Mrs. Olinski chosen her sixth-grade Academic Bowl team? She had a number of answers. But were any of them true? How had she really chosen Noah and Nadia and Ethan and Julian? And why did they make such a good team? It was a surprise to a lot of people when Mrs. Olinski's team won the sixth-grade Academic Bowl contest at Epiphany Middle School. It was an even bigger surprise when they beat the seventh grade and the eighth grade, too. And when they went on to even greater victories, everyone began to ask: How did it happen?
The Cay	T. Taylor	Tuxedo Park	Phillip is excited when the Germans invade the small island of Curaçao. War has always been a game to him, and he's eager to glimpse it firsthand—until the freighter he and his mother are traveling to the United States on is torpedoed.
Behind the Bedroom Wall	Laura E. Williams	Tuxedo Park	It's 1942. Thirteen-year-old Korinna Rehme is an active member of her local Jungmadel, a Nazi youth group, along with many of her friends. She believes that Hitler is helping Germany by instituting a program to deal with what he calls the "Jewish problem," a program that she witnesses as her Jewish neighbors are attacked and taken from their homes. Korinna's parents, however, are members of a secret underground group providing a means of escape to the Jews of their city. Korinna is shocked to discover that they are hiding a refugee family behind the wall of her bedroom. But as she comes to know the family, her sympathies begin to turn. When someone tips off the Gestapo, loyalties are put to the test and Korinna must decide what she really believes and whom she really trusts
A Long Way from Chicago	Richard Peck	Tuxedo Park	Join Joey and his sister Mary Alice as they spend nine unforgettable summers with the worst influence imaginable—their grandmother!

Alice in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll	Tuxedo Park	Beloved classic describes a little girl's adventures in a topsy-turvy land underground and her encounters with such improbable characters as the White Rabbit, March Hare and Mad Hatter, the sleepy Dormouse, grinning Cheshire Cat, Mock Turtle, and the dreadful Queen of Hearts.
The Fighting Ground	Avi	Tuxedo Park	He may be just thirteen, but Jonathan knows he's ready to go to the war against the British. He can handle a gun. He yearns to battle for glory, just like his brother and cousin. So when Jonathan hears the tavern bell toll, calling men to fight, he runs to join them. He doesn't realize that in just twenty-four hours, his life will be forever altered -- by the war, by his fellow soldiers, and by the terrible choices he must make.
Keep Smiling Through	Ann Rinaldi	Tuxedo Park	A ten-year-old girl growing up during World War II learns the painful lesson that doing what's right is not always easy.
The Westing Game	Ellen Raskin	Tuxedo Park	When an eccentric millionaire dies mysteriously, sixteen very unlikely people are gathered together for the reading of the will...and what a will it is!
Music of the Dolphins	Karen Hesse	Tuxedo Park	A girl raised by dolphins must choose between two worlds in this critically acclaimed novel about what it means to be a human being.
The Twenty-One Balloons	Wm. DuBois	Tuxedo Park	Professor William Waterman Sherman just wants to be alone. So he decides to take a year off and spend it crossing the Pacific Ocean in a hot-air balloon the likes of which no one has ever seen. But when he is found after just three weeks floating in the Atlantic among the wreckage of twenty hot-air balloons, naturally, the world is eager to know what happened. How did he end up with so many balloons . . . and in the wrong ocean?

Yolonda's Genius	Carol Fenner	Tuxedo Park	Young Andrew creates beautiful music on his harmonica despite his reading difficulties, and when the bullies of his Chicago neighborhood destroy his harmonica, his older sister Yolanda struggles to replace it.
The Thief Lord	Cornelia Funke	Tuxedo Park	Two orphaned brothers, Prosper and Bo, have run away to Venice, where crumbling canals and misty alleyways shelter a secret community of street urchins. Leader of this motley crew of lost children is a clever, charming boy with a dark history of his own: He calls himself the Thief Lord.
Who Put That Hair in My Toothbrush?	Jerry Spinelli	Tuxedo Park	Sibling rivalry at its finest! Whether it's on the hockey ice, at school, or at home, Greg and Megin just can't seem to get along. She calls him Grosso, he calls her Megamouth. They battle with donuts, cockroaches, and hair. Will it take a tragedy for them to realize how much they actually care for each other?
Ann of Green Gables	L. M. Montgomery	Tuxedo Park	follow the adventures of the spirited redhead Anne Shirley, who comes to stay at Green Gables and wins the hearts of everyone she meets.
Things Not Seen	Andrew Clements	Tuxedo Park	Fifteen-year-old Bobby thinks he knows what it's like to be invisible-he's used to being ignored by the popular kids at school (especially the girls). Even his parents hardly seem to notice whether he's home or not. Then one morning, Bobby wakes up to find that he IS invisible. For real. He can't stop wondering if he'll ever reappear-especially when his parents wreck their car and wind up in the hospital. Now Bobby is all alone. How can he survive in a world where he can't be seen? One thing's for sure: Bobby's not going to just wait around to see if his body will decide to show up again on its own. He's got to take action. Fast.

Daughter of the Mountains	Louise Rankin	Tuxedo Park	Momo has always wanted a Lhasa terrier--a dog like the ones the Tibetan Buddhist priests hold sacred in their temples. When a trader brings Pempa to her parents' teahouse, Momo's dream comes true. Then a band of robbers steals the valuable dog, and to recover him, Momo must make a dangerous journey she may not survive.
Mrs. Frisbee & the Rats of NIMH	Robert O'Brien	Tuxedo Park	Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse with four small children, is faced with a terrible problem. She must move her family to their summer quarters immediately, or face almost certain death. But her youngest son, Timothy, lies ill with pneumonia and must not be moved. Fortunately, she encounters the rats of NIMH, an extraordinary breed of highly intelligent creatures, who come up with a brilliant solution to her dilemma. And Mrs. Frisby in turn renders them a great service.
The Secret of NIMH	Robert O'Brien	Tuxedo Park	Mrs. Frisby, a field mouse, asks the rats of NIMH to help move her family's home from the path of the farmer's plow.
Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone	J. K. Rowling	Tuxedo Park	Harry Potter has no idea how famous he is. That's because he's being raised by his miserable aunt and uncle who are terrified Harry will learn that he's really a wizard, just as his parents were. But everything changes when Harry is summoned to attend an infamous school for wizards, and he begins to discover some clues about his illustrious birthright. From the surprising way he is greeted by a lovable giant, to the unique curriculum and colorful faculty at his unusual school, Harry finds himself drawn deep inside a mystical world he never knew existed and closer to his own noble destiny

Harry Potter & the Chamber of Secrets	J. K. Rowling	Tuxedo Park	The Dursleys were so mean that hideous that summer that all Harry Potter wanted was to get back to the Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry. But just as he's packing his bags, Harry receives a warning from a strange, impish creature named Dobby who says that if Harry Potter returns to Hogwarts, disaster will strike.
Harry Potter & the Prisoner of Azkaban	J. K. Rowling	Tuxedo Park	For twelve long years, the dread fortress of Azkaban held an infamous prisoner named Sirius Black. Convicted of killing thirteen people with a single curse, he was said to be the heir apparent to the Dark Lord, Voldemort.
Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire	J. K. Rowling	Tuxedo Park	Harry Potter is midway through his training as a wizard and his coming of age. Harry wants to get away from the pernicious Dursleys and go to the International Quidditch Cup. He wants to find out about the mysterious event that's supposed to take place at Hogwarts this year, an event involving two other rival schools of magic, and a competition that hasn't happened for a hundred years. He wants to be a normal, fourteen-year-old wizard. But unfortunately for Harry Potter, he's not normal - even by wizarding standards. And in his case, different can be deadly.
Harry Potter & the Order of the Phoenix	J. K. Rowling	Tuxedo Park	In his fifth year at Hogwart's, Harry faces challenges at every turn, from the dark threat of He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named and the unreliability of the government of the magical world to the rise of Ron Weasley as the keeper of the Gryffindor Quidditch Team. Along the way he learns about the strength of his friends, the fierceness of his enemies, and the meaning of sacrifice.

Harry Potter & the Half-Blood Prince	J. K. Rowling	Tuxedo Park	The war against Voldemort is not going well; even the Muggles have been affected. Dumbledore is absent from Hogwarts for long stretches of time, and the Order of the Phoenix has already suffered losses. And yet . . . as with all wars, life goes on. Sixth-year students learn to Apparate. Teenagers flirt and fight and fall in love. Harry receives some extraordinary help in Potions from the mysterious Half-Blood Prince. And with Dumbledore's guidance, he seeks out the full, complex story of the boy who became Lord Voldemort -- and thus finds what may be his only vulnerability.
The Orphan Train Adventures (series)	Joan Lowery Nixon	Tuxedo Park	In 1856, Mrs. Kelly, a young widow who is unable to provide for her children, makes the ultimate sacrifice: She sends Frances Mary, Mike, Megan, Danny, Peg, and Petey to the West on the Orphan Train, hoping that they will be adopted by families who can give them what she cannot.
Hoot	Carl Hiaasen	Tuxedo Park	It involves new kids, bullies, alligators, eco-warriors, pancakes, and pint-sized owls. A hilarious Floridian adventure!
Flush	Carl Hiaasen	Tuxedo Park	Noah's dad has a little problem with anger control. He tried to stop the Coral Queen casino boat's illegal dumping . . . by sinking the boat. But his bold protest fizzles: within days the casino is back in business, and Noah's dad is behind bars and out of action.
Maniac McGee	Jerry Spinelli	Tuxedo Park	"Maniac" Magee might have lived a normal life if a freak accident hadn't made him an orphan. After living with his unhappy and uptight aunt and uncle for eight years, he decides to run--and not just run away, but run. This is where the myth of Maniac Magee begins, as he changes the lives of a racially divided small town with his amazing and legendary feats.

Loser	Jerry Spinelli	Tuxedo Park	Just like other kids, Zinkoff rides his bike, hopes for snow days, and wants to be like his dad when he grows up. But Zinkoff also raises his hand with all the wrong answers, trips over his own feet, and falls down with laughter over a word like "Jabip."
Fourth Grade Rats	Jerry Spinelli	Tuxedo Park	Fourth graders are tough. They aren't afraid of spiders. They say no to their moms. They push first graders off the swings. And they never, ever cry. Suds knows that now that he's in fourth grade, he's supposed to be a rat. But whenever he tries to act like one, something goes wrong. Can Suds's friend Joey teach him to toughen up...or will Suds remain a fourth grade wimp?
Crispin: The Cross of Lead	Av	Tuxedo Park	Asta's son is all he's ever been called. The lack of name is appropriate, because he and his mother are but poor peasants in fourteenth-century medieval England. But this thirteen-year-old boy who thought he had little to lose soon finds himself with even less -- no home, family, or possessions. Accused of a crime he did not commit, he has been declared a 147 wolf's head. 148 That means he may be killed on sight, by anyone. If he wishes to remain alive, he must flee his tiny village.
Dragonwings	Laurence Yep	Tuxedo Park	Moon shadow is eight years old when he sails from China to join his father, Windrider, in America. Windrider lives in San Francisco and makes his living doing laundry. Father and son have never met. But Moon Shadow grows to love and respect his father and to believe in his wonderful dream. And Windrider, with Moon Shadow's help is willing to endure the mockery of the other Chinese, the poverty, the separation from his wife and country'even the great earthquake'to make his dream come true.
Where the Red Fern Grows	Wilson Rawls	Tuxedo Park	Having purchased two dogs for 50 dollars, young Billy is determined to create the valley's best hunting team.

<p>Taking Liberty: The Story of Oney Judge, George Washington's Runaway Slave</p>	<p>Ann Rinaldi</p>	<p>Tuxedo Park</p>	<p>Oney Judge is a slave. But on the plantation of Mount Vernon, the beautiful home of George and Martha Washington, she is not called a slave. She is referred to as a servant, and a house servant at that -- a position of influence and respect. When she rises to the position of personal servant to Martha Washington, her status among the household staff -- black or white -- is second to none. She is Lady Washington's closest confidante and for all intents and purposes, a member of the family -- or so she thinks.</p>
<p>Break with Charity: A Story about the Salem Witch Trials</p>	<p>Ann Rinaldi</p>	<p>Tuxedo Park</p>	<p>Susanna desperately wants to join the circle of girls who meet every week at the parsonage. What she doesn't realize is that the girls are about to set off a torrent of false accusations leading to the imprisonment and execution of countless innocent people. Susanna faces a painful choice. Should she keep quiet and let the witch-hunt panic continue, or should she "break charity" with the group--and risk having her own family members named as witches?</p>
<p>Seedfolks</p>	<p>Paul Fleishman</p>	<p>Tuxedo Park</p>	<p>A vacant lot, rat-infested and filled with garbage, looked like no place for a garden. Especially to a neighborhood of strangers where no one seems to care. Until one day, a young girl clears a small space and digs into the hard-packed soil to plant her precious bean seeds. Suddenly, the soil holds promise: To Curtis, who believes he can win back Lateesha's heart with a harvest of tomatoes; to Virgil's dad, who sees a fortune to be made from growing lettuce; and even to Maricela, sixteen and pregnant, wishing she were dead.</p>

Peter Pan	J. M. Barrie	Tuxedo Park	One starry night, Peter Pan and Tinker Bell lead the three Darling children over the rooftops of London and away to Neverland--the island where lost boys play, mermaids splash and fairies make mischief. But a villainous-looking gang of pirates lurk in the docks, led by the terrifying Captain James Hook. Magic and excitement are in the air, but if Captain Hook has his way, before long, someone will be walking the plank and swimming with the crocodiles...
The Story of My Life	Helen Keller	Tuxedo Park	Great story of human courage and dedication recounted in autobiography of a remarkable woman: the magical moment when Miss Keller first recognizes the connection between words and objects, her joy at learning how to speak, friendships with notable figures, her education at Radcliffe and an extraordinary relationship with her inspired teacher, Anne Sullivan.
Zlata's Diary	Zlata Filipovic	Tuxedo Park	The experiences of Zlata Filipovic from 1991 through 1993 in Sarajevo reveal an innocent life of piano lessons and birthday parties, horrifyingly transformed into days of food shortages, friends dying, and hiding out in a neighbor's cellar during bombings.
Homecoming	Cynthia Voigt	Tuxedo Park	"It's still true." That's the first thing James Tillerman says to his older sister, Dicey, every morning. It's still true that their mother has abandoned the four Tillermans in a mall parking lot somewhere in the middle of Connecticut. It's still true that they have to find their own way to Great-aunt Cilla's house in Bridgeport. It's still true that they need to spend as little as possible on food and seek shelter anywhere that is out of view of the authorities. It's still true that the only way they can hope to all stay together is to just keep moving forward.

The Witch of Blackbird Pond	Elisabeth G. Speare	Trinity	Kit Tyler is marked by suspicion and disapproval from the moment she arrives on the unfamiliar shores of colonial Connecticut in 1867. Alone and desperate, she has been forced to leave her beloved home on the island of Barbados and join a family she has never met. Torn between her quest for belonging and her desire to be true to herself, Kit struggles to survive in a hostile place. Just when it seems she must give up, she finds a kindred spirit. But Kit's friendship with Hannah Tupper, believed by the colonists to be a witch, proves more taboo than she could have imagined and ultimately forces Kit to choose between her heart and her duty.
The Ancient Greece of Odysseus	Peter Connolly	Collegiate	two great epics - "Homer's Iliad" and "Odyssey", following the fortunes of Odysseus, the craftiest of the Greek commanders. Interspersed with the story are pages of fascinating information about the true history of Troy, illustrated with photographs, maps, and Peter Connolly's unequalled reconstructions. Together, the two parts add up to more than the whole, and bring Homer's epics triumphantly to life.
Love That Dog	Sharon Creech	Collegiate	Jack; Room 105 - -Miss Stretchberry; September 13; I don't want to; because boys; don't write poetry. Girls do; But before he knows it Jack is creating his own poetry and a wonderful story emerges as he becomes interested in this thing that 'girls do!' Not only is Jack inspired to write to his favourite poet, but the poet agrees to visit, and Jack discovers how much more there is to poetry behind the words on the page. A lovely, loving and very impressive novel that defies definition.

Book of Greek Myths	Ingri and Edgar D'Aulaire	Collegiate	No education is complete without a large slice of Greek mythology. And there's no better way of meeting that literary quota than with the D'Aulaires' book. All the great gods and goddesses of ancient Greece are depicted in this big, beautiful classic, lovingly illustrated and skillfully told. Young readers will be dazzled by mighty Zeus, lord of the universe; stirred by elegant Athena, goddess of wisdom; intimidated by powerful Hera, queen of Olympus; and chilled by moody Poseidon, ruler of the sea. These often impetuous immortals flounce and frolic, get indiscreet, and get even. From petty squabbles to heroic deeds, their actions cover the range of godly--and mortal--personalities.
Beowulf the Warrior	Ian Serraillier	Collegiate	Beowulf is the classic Northern epic of a hero's triumphs as a young warrior and his fated death as a defender of his people. The poem is about encountering the monstrous, defeating it, and then having to live on, physically and psychically exposed in the exhausted aftermath. It is not hard to draw parallels in this story to the historical curve of consciousness in the twentieth century, but the poem also transcends such considerations, telling us psychological and spiritual truths that are permanent and liberating.
Black Ships Before Troy	Rosemary Sutcliff	Collegiate	Homer's epic poem, The Illiad, is one of the greatest adventure stories of all time. In it, the abduction of the legendary beauty, Helen of Troy, leads to a conflict in which even the gods and goddesses take sides and intervene. It is in the Trojan War that the most valiant heroes of the ancient world are pitted against one another. Here Hectore, Ajax, Achilles, and Odysseus meet their most formidable challenges and in some cases their tragic ends.
Spellbound: Phonic Reading and Spelling		Trinity	

The Watsons go to Birmingham-1963	Christopher Paul Curtis	Trinity	A wonderful middle-grade novel narrated by Kenny, 9, about his middle-class black family, the Weird Watsons of Flint, Michigan. When Kenny's 13-year-old brother, Byron, gets to be too much trouble, they head South to Birmingham to visit Grandma, the one person who can shape him up. And they happen to be in Birmingham when Grandma's church is blown up.
Language for Writing Workbooks		Trinity	
Selected Irish folktales, myths and legends		Collegiate	
Beware, Princess Elizabeth	Carolyn Meyer	Tuxedo Park	Elizabeth Tudor's teenage years are hardly those of a fairy-tale princess. Her father has beheaded her mother; her jealous half sister has her locked away in the Tower of London; and her only love has betrayed her in his own quest for the throne.
The Light in the Forest	Conrad Richter	Tuxedo Park	John Butler is kidnapped by the Delaware Indians at the age of four, and raised to become a member of the tribe. Suddenly, he is returned to his real parents and a way of life he never knew, causing him to be torn between his claims of blood and loyalty.
The Little Prince	Antoine De Saint-Exupery	Tuxedo Park	When a pilot finds himself alone and stranded with a broken-down plane, a little prince is his only companion living on a strange deserted planet.

The Jazz Kid	James Lincoln Collier	Tuxedo Park	Playing the cornet is the first thing that twelve-year-old Paulie Horvath has ever taken seriously, but his obsession with becoming a jazz musician leads him into conflict with his parents and into the tough underworld of Chicago in the 1920s.
Artemis Fowl	Eoin Colfer	Tuxedo Park	Seemingly nothing in this world daunts the young criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl. In the fairy world, however, there is a small thing that has gotten under his skin on more than one occasion: Opal Koboi.
Artemis Fowl: The Arctic Incident	Eoin Colfer	Tuxedo Park	Artemis is at boarding school in Ireland when he suddenly receives an urgent video e-mail from Russia. In it is a plea from his father, who has been kidnapped by the Russian Mafiya. As Artemis rushes to his rescue, he is stopped by Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon fairy police. But this time, instead of battling the fairies, he is going to have to join forces with them if he wants to save one of the few people in the world he loves.
Numbering all the Bones	Ann Rinaldi	Tuxedo Park	The Civil War is at an end, but for thirteen-year-old Eulinda, it is no time to rejoice. Her younger brother Zeke was sold away, her older brother Neddy joined the Northern war effort, and her master will not acknowledge that Eulinda is his daughter. Her mettle is additionally tested when she realizes her brother Neddy might be buried in the now-closed Andersonville Prison where soldiers were kept in torturous conditions. With the help of Clara Barton, the eventual founder of the Red Cross, Eulinda must find a way to let go of the skeletons from her past.
Love from Your Friend, Hannah	Mindy Warshaw Skolsky	Tuxedo Park	From her home in back of the Grand View Restaurant in rural New York, Hannah writes letters to her best friend, a pen pal, and even to President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

Lost in Cyberspace	Richard Peck	Tuxedo Park	Meet Josh Lewis, a sixth grader at the elite Huckley School. When his best friend Aaron announces that he can time travel with his computer, Josh isn't fazed. But when Aaron actually microprocesses himself into cyberspace, the duo must deal with unexpected visitors from the past -- and find out more about Huckley's history than they ever wanted to know!
Sacajawea: The Story of Bird Woman and the Lewis & Clark Expedition	Joseph Bruchac	Tuxedo Park	Captured by her enemies, married to a foreigner, and a mother at age sixteen, Sacajawea lived a life of turmoil and change. Then, in 1804, the mysterious young Shoshone woman met Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. Acting as interpreter, peacemaker, and guide, Sacajawea bravely embarked on an epic journey that altered history forever. Hear her extraordinary story, in the voices of Sacajawea and William Clark in alternating chapters, with selections from Clark's original diaries.
Where the Lilies Bloom	Vera & Bill Cleavers	Tuxedo Park	Mary Call has promised her dying father to keep her brother and sisters together forever on the mountain, and never to take any help from strangers. She is determined to keep her word. No matter what. At first she is sure she can manage. Romey, Ima Dean, and Devola help gather herbs to sell in town; the riches of the mountains will surely keep the family clothed and fed. But then winter comes, fast and furious, and Mary Call has to learn that the land where the lilies bloom is also a cruel and unforgiving place, and it may take more than a promise to keep her family together.
Call of the Wild	Jack London	Tuxedo Park	A classic novel of adventure, drawn from London's own experiences as a Klondike adventurer, relating the story of a heroic dog, who, caught in the brutal life of the Alaska Gold Rush, ultimately faces a choice between living in man's world and returning to nature.

White Fang	Jack London	Tuxedo Park	A classic adventure novel detailing the savagery of life in the northern wilds. Its central character is a ferocious and magnificent creature, half dog, half wolf, through whose experiences we feel the harsh rhythms and patterns of wilderness life among animals and men.
His Dark Materials series (The Golden Compass)	Philip Pullman	Tuxedo Park	Lyra Belaqua is content to run wild among the scholars of Jordan College, with her daemon familiar Pantalaimon always by her side. But the arrival of her fearsome uncle, Lord Asriel, draws her to the heart of a terrible struggle—a struggle born of Gobblers and stolen children, witch clans and armored bears. And as she hurtles toward danger in the cold, far North, young Lyra never suspects the shocking truth: She alone is destined to win, or to lose, this more-than-mortal battle.
Aphrodite's Blessings	Clemence McLaren	Tuxedo Park	The goddess Aphrodite was adored and feared by gods and mortals alike; none were immune to her power. Young lovers offered gifts and prayers to her, the goddess of love and beauty, in hopes of receiving her blessings
The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child	Jimenez Francisco	Tuxedo Park	After dark in a Mexican border town, a father holds open a hole in a wire fence as his wife and two small boys crawl through. So begins life in the United States for many people every day. And so begins this collection of twelve autobiographical stories by Santa Clara University professor Francisco Jimenez, who at the age of four illegally crossed the border with his family in 1947
Among the Hidden (Shadow Children Series #1)	Margaret Peterson Haddix	Tuxedo Park	Luke has never been to school. He's never had a birthday party, or gone to a friend's house for an overnight. In fact, Luke has never had a friend. Luke is one of the shadow children, a third child forbidden by the Population Police. He's lived his entire life in hiding, and now, with a new housing development replacing the woods next to his family's farm, he is no longer even allowed to go outside.

Among the Imposters (Shadow Children Series #2)	Margaret Peterson Haddix	Tuxedo Park	Luke Garner is an illegal third child. All his life has been spent in hiding. Now, for the first time, Luke is living among others. He has assumed a deceased boy's identity and is attending Hendricks School for Boys, a windowless building with cruel classmates and oblivious teachers. Luke knows he has to blend in, but he lives in constant fear that his behavior will betray him.
An American Plague: The True & Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793	Jim Murphy	Tuxedo Park	In a powerful, dramatic narrative, critically acclaimed author Jim Murphy describes the illness known as yellow fever and the toll it took on the city's residents, relating the epidemic to the major social and political events of the day and to 18th-century medical beliefs and practices. Drawing on first-hand accounts, Murphy spotlights the heroic role of Philadelphia's free blacks in combating the disease, and the Constitutional crisis that President Washington faced when he was forced to leave the city--and all his papers--while escaping the deadly contagion. The search for the fever's causes and cure, not found for more than a century afterward, provides a suspenseful counterpoint to this riveting true story of a city under siege.
The Hobbit	J. R. R. Tolkien	Tuxedo Park	Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely traveling any farther than his pantry or cellar. But his contentment is disturbed when the wizard Gandalf and a company of dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on an adventure. They have launched a plot to raid the treasure hoard guarded by Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon. Bilbo reluctantly joins their quest, unaware that on his journey to the Lonely Mountain he will encounter both a magic ring and a frightening creature known as Gollum.

A Writer's Guide to Transitional Words and Expressions	Victor C. Pellegrino	Trinity	Essential, handy reference helps writers organize and connect ideas and reduce fragmented writing. Lists 1,000 words and phrase "connectors" in 15 categories.
PH Writing & Grammar Handbook (Copper)	Prentice Hall	Trinity	Everything you love about Writing and Grammar just got smaller! Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar: Handbook is a lightweight, comprehensive, easy-to-use handbook that is also a great value.
PH Grammar Exercise Workbook (Copper)	Prentice Hall	Trinity	Step-by-Step writing process instruction and the detailed concept modeling of Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar helps students improve their writing skills.
American Heritage Dictionary	Houghton Mifflin Company	Trinity	More than 70,000 entries, thoroughly revised and updated, 2,500 new words and meanings, more than 400 photographs and illustrations, and expert guidance on correct usage
The Trojan War and Greek Myths	Olivia Coolidge	Trinity	In this retelling of the Trojan War, Olivia Coolidge crafts heroes and gods into real, multidimensional characters, not just the figures of legend.
Diary of a Young Girl	Anne Frank	Trinity	The Diary of a Young Girl is the record of two years in the life of a remarkable Jewish girl whose triumphant humanity in the face of unfathomable deprivation and fear has made the book one of the most enduring documents of our time.
Before We Were Free	Julia Alvarez	Trinity	Anita de la Torre never questioned her freedom living in the Dominican Republic. But by her 12th birthday in 1960, most of her relatives have emigrated to the United States, her Tío Toni has disappeared without a trace, and the government's secret police terrorize her remaining family because of their suspected opposition of el Trujillo's dictatorship.

A Christmas Carol	Charles Dickens	Trinity	The redemption of parsimonious Ebenezer Scrooge by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future.
American Primitive	Mary Oliver	Trinity	The fifty poems in "American Primitive" make up a body of luminous unity. Mary Oliver's visionary poems enunciate the renewals of nature and the renewals of humanity in love, in oneness with the natural, in union with the things of this world.
The Golden Compass	Phillip Pullman	Collegiate	Lyra Belaqua is content to run wild among the scholars of Jordan College, with her daemon familiar Pantalaimon always by her side. But the arrival of her fearsome uncle, Lord Asriel, draws her to the heart of a terrible struggle—a struggle born of Gobblers and stolen children, witch clans and armored bears. And as she hurtles toward danger in the cold, far North, young Lyra never suspects the shocking truth: She alone is destined to win, or to lose, this more-than-mortal battle.
Selected Fairytales	The Grimm Brothers	Collegiate	The twenty-seven world-famous tales in this collection have inspired countless adaptations in many languages. Included are such favorites as "Hänsel and Gretel," "The Brave Little Tailor," "Cinderella," and "Little Red Riding Hood," as well as the less familiar tales such as "The Danced-Out Shoes," "The Golden Bird," and "The Six Swans."
Into the Woods	James Lapine	Collegiate	Rachel is here, as are Jenks the pixie, elven tycoon Trent Kalamack, and an unholy host of vampires, demons, shapeshifters, ghosts, and other assorted supernatural beings, friends and foes.
The Holt Handbook	John E. Warriner	Collegiate	

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Mark Twain	Collegiate	This childhood classic relates a small-town boy's pranks and escapades with timeless humor and wisdom. In addition to his everyday stunts (searching for buried treasure, trying to impress the adored Becky Thatcher), Tom experiences a dramatic turn of events when he witnesses a murder, runs away, and returns to attend his own funeral and testify in court.
The Miracle Worker	William Gibson	Collegiate	Young Helen Keller, blind, deaf, and mute since infancy, is in danger of being sent to an institution because her inability to communicate has left her frustrated and violent. In desperation, her parents seek help from the Perkins Institute, which sends them a "half-blind Yankee schoolgirl" named Annie Sullivan to tutor their daughter. Despite the Kellers' resistance and the belief that Helen "is like a little safe, locked, that no one can open," Annie suspects that within Helen lies the potential for more, if only she can reach her. Through persistence, love, and sheer stubbornness, Annie breaks through Helen's walls of silence and darkness and teaches her to communicate, bringing her into the world at last.

7th and 8th Grades

A Midsummer Night's Dream	Shakespeare	Trinity	Hermia refuses to marry Demetrius because she loves Lysander, and her friend Helena loves Demetrius. The romantic confusion thickens when Puck a troublesome sprite interferes. Shakespeare's beloved comedy ends happily after a string of mishaps and mistaken identities have been resolved.
Animal Farm	George Orwell	Trinity	This is a classic tale of humanity awash in totalitarianism. A farm is taken over by its overworked, mistreated animals. With flaming idealism and stirring slogans, they set out to create a paradise of progress, justice, and equality. First published during the epoch of Stalinist Russia, today it is clear that wherever and whenever freedom is attacked, and under whatever banner, the cutting clarity and savage comedy of Orwell's masterpiece is a message still ferociously fresh.
To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee	Trinity	A lawyer's advice to his children as he defends the real mockingbird of Harper Lee's classic novel—a black man charged with the rape of a white girl. Through the young eyes of Scout and Jem Finch, Harper Lee explores with rich humor and unswerving honesty the irrationality of adult attitudes toward race and class in the Deep South of the 1930s. The conscience of a town steeped in prejudice, violence, and hypocrisy is pricked by the stamina and quiet heroism of one man's struggle for justice—but the weight of history will only tolerate so much.

The Color of the Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother	James McBride	Trinity	Who is Ruth McBride Jordan? A self-declared "light-skinned" woman evasive about her ethnicity, yet steadfast in her love for her twelve black children. James McBride, journalist, musician, and son, explores his mother's past, as well as his own upbringing and heritage.
National Velvet	Enid Bagrold	Horace Mann	Velvet Brown is a 14 year old girl living in small coastal village in the 1920s. She dreams of owning and training horses one day. When her and her friend Mi see a piebald horse jump a five foot fence, they decide to follow Velvet's dream to ride in the Grand National. But will Velvet be allowed to ride in the race? And can The Pie really win the most prestigious prize in all of steeplechasing?
The Sign of Four	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	Horace Mann	Several years after the mysterious disappearance of her father, Mary Morstan discovers an advertisement in a local paper requesting her own address. Her employer advises her to reveal it, and when she does she receives a valuable pearl by post. Presented with these facts and little else, Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson must unravel a mystery involving stolen treasure, political rebellion, India, and a pact made by four convicts.
The Word for World is Forest	Ursula K. Le Guin	Horace Mann	When the inhabitants of a peaceful world are conquered by the bloodthirsty yumens, their existence is irrevocably altered. Forced into servitude, the Athsheans find themselves at the mercy of their brutal masters.
A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engie	Horace Mann	the story of the adventures in space and time of Meg, Charles Wallace, and Calvin O'Keefe (athlete, student, and one of the most popular boys in high school). They are in search of Meg's father, a scientist who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government on the tesseract problem.

Coming of Age in Mississippi	Ann Moody	Horace Mann	Born to a poor couple who were tenant farmers on a plantation in Mississippi, Anne Moody lived through some of the most dangerous days of the pre-civil rights era in the South. The week before she began high school came the news of Emmet Till's lynching. Before then, she had "known the fear of hunger, hell, and the Devil. But now there was...the fear of being killed just because I was black." In that moment was born the passion for freedom and justice that would change her life.
Romeo and Juliet	Shakespeare	Horace Mann	Tragic tale of star-crossed lovers, feuding families, and timeless passion contains some of Shakespeare's most beautiful and lyrical love poetry.
The Red Pony	John Steinbeck	Horace Mann	This cycle of coming-of-age stories tells of a spirited adolescent boy whose encounters with birth and death teach him about loss and profound emptiness, instead of giving him the more conventional hero's pragmatic "maturity."
The Time Machine	H.G Wells	Horace Mann	After inventing a machine that moves through time, the Traveler leaves Victorian London and goes far, far into the future. At first, the world he discovers seems peaceful and prosperous. But as he looks below the surface he realizes that things are not exactly as they first appeared.
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn	Betty Smith	Collegiate	The story of young, sensitive, and idealistic Francie Nolan and her bittersweet formative years in the slums. By turns overwhelming, sublime, heartbreaking, and uplifting, the daily experiences of the unforgettable Nolans are raw with honesty and tenderly threaded with family connectedness

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian	Sherman Alexie	Collegiate	Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. The contemporary adolescence of one Native American boy as he attempts to break away from the life he thought he was destined to live.
Of Mice and Men	John Steinbeck	Collegiate	They are an unlikely pair: George is "small and quick and dark of face"; Lennie, a man of tremendous size, has the mind of a young child. Yet they have formed a "family," clinging together in the face of loneliness and alienation. Laborers in California's dusty vegetable fields, they hustle work when they can, living a hand-to-mouth existence. For George and Lennie have a plan: to own an acre of land and a shack they can call their own.
Detective Stories	Phillip Pullman	Collegiate	Unexplained disappearances, daring thefts, perplexing mysteries, and the greatest sleuths of all time combine in this page-turning read. From Sherlock Holmes to Hercule Poirot, famous detectives puzzle their way through a maze of alibis and motives in this superb selection of classic and contemporary crime fiction.
Sentence Skill, Form A, Seventh Edition	John Langan	Collegiate	This best-selling sentence-level worktext by John Langan continues to help students master the essential grammar, mechanics, punctuation, and usage skills needed for clear, thoughtful writing. The seventh edition of Sentence Skills, Form A features a greater emphasis on prewriting and revision, a new chapter for non-native speakers, and much more!

Joy Luck Club	Amy Tan	Trinity	Four mothers, four daughters, four families whose histories shift with the four winds depending on who's "saying" the stories. In 1949 four Chinese women, recent immigrants to San Francisco, begin meeting to eat dim sum, play mahjong, and talk. United in shared unspeakable loss and hope, they call themselves the Joy Luck Club. Rather than sink into tragedy, they choose to gather to raise their spirits and money.
Black Boy	Richard Wright	Trinity	Richard Wright grew up in the woods of Mississippi, with poverty, hunger, fear, and hatred. He lied, stole, and raged at those around him; at six he was a "drunkard," hanging about taverns. Surly, brutal, cold, suspicious, and self-pitying, he was surrounded on one side by whites who were either indifferent to him, pitying, or cruel, and on the other by blacks who resented anyone trying to rise above the common lot.
Lord of the Flies	William Golding	Trinity	At the dawn of the next world war, a plane crashes on an uncharted island, stranding a group of schoolboys. At first, with no adult supervision, their freedom is something to celebrate; this far from civilization the boys can do anything they want. Anything. They attempt to forge their own society, failing, however, in the face of terror, sin and evil. And as order collapses, as strange howls echo in the night, as terror begins its reign, the hope of adventure seems as far from reality as the hope of being rescued.

Poetry 180	Billy Collins	Trinity	A 180-degree turn implies a turning back—in this case, to poetry. A collection of 180 poems by the most exciting poets at work today, Poetry 180 represents the richness and diversity of the form, and is designed to beckon readers with a selection of poems that are impossible not to love at first glance. Open the anthology to any page and discover a new poem to cherish, or savor all the poems, one at a time, to feel the full measure of contemporary poetry’s vibrance and abundance.
English and Grammar Composition Complete Course	John E. Warriner	Trinity	
The Stewart English Program Book 1: Principles Plus		Trinity	
The Stewart English Program Book 2: Grammar Plus		Trinity	
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	Maya Angelou	Horace Mann	Sent by their mother to live with their devout, self-sufficient grandmother in a small Southern town, Maya and her brother, Bailey, endure the ache of abandonment and the prejudice of the local “powhitetrash.” At eight years old and back at her mother’s side in St. Louis, Maya is attacked by a man many times her age—and has to live with the consequences for a lifetime. Years later, in San Francisco, Maya learns about love for herself and the kindness of others, her own strong spirit, and the ideas of great authors (“I met and fell in love with William Shakespeare”) will allow her to be free instead of imprisoned.

Dandelion Wine	Ray Bradbury	Horace Mann	Twelve-year-old Douglas Spaulding knows Green Town, Illinois, is as vast and deep as the whole wide world that lies beyond the city limits. It is a pair of brand-new tennis shoes, the first harvest of dandelions for Grandfather's renowned intoxicant, the distant clang of the trolley's bell on a hazy afternoon. It is yesteryear and tomorrow blended into an unforgettable always. But as young Douglas is about to discover, summer can be more than the repetition of established rituals whose mystical power holds time at bay. It can be a best friend moving away, a human time machine who can transport you back to the Civil War, or a sideshow automaton able to glimpse the bittersweet future.
My Ántonia	Willa Cather	Horace Mann	Set on the Nebraska prairie of the 1880s, My Ántonia tells the story of Ántonia Shimerda, daughter of a Bohemian immigrant. Through the eyes of Jim Burden, her tutor and admirer, we follow Ántonia's struggles and triumphs in the face of life's relentless hardships.
The Red Badge of Courage	Stephen Cage	Horace Mann	Henry Fleming, a private in the Union Army, runs away from the field of war. Afterwards, the shame he feels at this act of cowardice ignites his desire to receive an injury in combat a red badge of courage that will redeem him. Stephen Crane s novel about a young soldier s experiences during the American Civil War is well known for its understated naturalism and its realistic depiction of battle.
Mythology	Edith Hamilton	Horace Mann	Mythology succeeds like no other book in bringing to life for the modern reader the Greek, Roman, and Norse myths and legends that are the keystone of Western culture - the stories of gods and heroes that have inspired human creativity from antiquity to the present.

Kim	Rudyard Kipling	Horace Mann	Reared in the teeming streets of India at the turn of the century, the orphan Kim is the "Friend of all the World," an imp with an endless interest in the extraordinary characters he meets daily. One of them, an old Tibetan lama, sets him on the path that will lead him to travel the Great Trunk Road, and become a spy for the British
1984	George Orwell	Horace Mann	The story of one man's nightmare odyssey as he pursues a forbidden love affair through a world ruled by warring states and a power structure that controls not only information but also individual thought and memory, 1984 is a prophetic, haunting tale.
Galapagos	Kurt Vonnegut	Horace Mann	A simple vacation cruise suddenly becomes an evolutionary journey. Thanks to an apocalypse, a small group of survivors stranded on the Galápagos Islands are about to become the progenitors of a brave, new, and totally different human race. In this inimitable novel, America's master satirist looks at our world and shows us all that is sadly, madly awry—and all that is worth saving.
The Once and Future King	T.H White	Horace Mann	White's masterful retelling of the saga of King Arthur, a fantasy classic as legendary as Excalibur and Camelot, and a poignant story of adventure, romance, and magic that has enchanted readers for generations.
Native Son	Richard Wright	Horace Mann	Right from the start, Bigger Thomas had been headed for jail. It could have been for assault or petty larceny; by chance, it was for murder and rape. Native Son tells the story of this young black man caught in a downward spiral after he kills a young white woman in a brief moment of panic. Set in Chicago in the 1930s, Richard Wright's novel is just as powerful today as when it was written -- in its reflection of poverty and hopelessness, and what it means to be black in America.

The Power of One	Bryce Courtney	Collegiate	In 1939, as Hitler casts his enormous, cruel shadow across the world, the seeds of apartheid take root in South Africa. There, a boy called Peekay is born. His childhood is marked by humiliation and abandonment, yet he vows to survive and conceives heroic dreams—which are nothing compared to what life actually has in store for him. He embarks on an epic journey through a land of tribal superstition and modern prejudice where he will learn the power of words, the power to transform lives, and the power of one.
The Nick Addams Stories	Ernest Hemingway	Collegiate	The famous "Nick Adams" stories show a memorable character growing from child to adolescent to soldier, veteran, writer, and parent -- a sequence closely paralleling the events of Hemingway's life.
Brave New World	Aldous Huxley	Collegiate	The book starts off in a factory like facility where nearly identical human embryos are made. These humans are conditioned to be part of one of the five castes, ranking from the leaders to the menial labors.
The Merchant of Venice	Shakespeare	Collegiate	The story of Antonio, the drama's title character, and his friend Bassanio. Bassanio is in need of money so that he may woo Portia, a wealthy heiress. Bassanio asks Antonio for a loan and Antonio agrees to this loan, however all his money is tied up in shipping ventures. Together the two go to Shylock, a Jewish moneylender, to request a loan for Bassanio to be guaranteed against Antonio's shipping ventures. Shylock agrees to the loan at no interest in the condition that if the debt is not repaid Shylock may collect a pound of Antonio's flesh. At the same time Portia, who is being wooed by various suitors, is upset over a curious stipulation in her father's will regarding the man that she may marry.
Sentence Skill, Form B: A Workbook for Writers	John Langan	Collegiate	Help students master the essential grammar, mechanics, punctuation, and usage skills needed for clear, thoughtful writing.

9th and 10th Grades

The Odyssey	Homer	Trinity	The Odyssey is literature's grandest evocation of every man's journey through life.
Julius Caesar	Shakespeare	Trinity	Roman dictator Julius Caesar returns from a victorious campaign in Spain, causing his fellow-citizens to mistrust the scope of his political ambitions. Afraid that he will accept the title of 'king', a group of conspirators persuade Marcus Brutus to join their plot against Caesar.
The Glass Menagerie	Tennessee Williams	Trinity	In a cramped St. Louis apartment the aging Southern belle Amanda Wingfield, long preoccupied by memories of gentlemen callers and a world that no longer exists, is energized by the dilemma of how to save what remains of her family. Her restless son Tom — factory worker, aspiring poet, and the narrator of the play — is swept up in Amanda's comic and heartbreaking schemes to find Laura, his agonizingly shy and handicapped sister, a husband.
Sense and Sensibility	Jane Austen	Horace Mann	When two sisters appear to be deserted by the young men they had intended to marry, the stage is set for a delicious comedy of manners that not only showcases Austen's perception, humor and incomparable prose, but offers a splendid glimpse of upper and middle-class English society of the early 19th century.

Go Tell it on the Mountain	James Baldwin	Horace Mann	With lyrical precision, psychological directness, resonating symbolic power, and a rage that is at once unrelenting and compassionate, Baldwin chronicles a fourteen-year-old boy's discovery of the terms of his identity as the stepson of the minister of a storefront Pentecostal church in Harlem one Saturday in March of 1935. Baldwin's rendering of his protagonist's spiritual, sexual, and moral struggle of self-invention opened new possibilities in the American language and in the way Americans understand themselves.
Great Expectations	Charles Dickens	Horace Mann	Humbled, orphaned Pip is apprenticed to the dirty work of the forge but dares to dream of becoming a gentleman — and one day he finds himself in possession of "great expectations." One of Dickens' finest novels, this is a gripping tale of crime and guilt, revenge and reward.
Cry, the Beloved Country	Alan Paton	Horace Mann	The deeply moving story of the Zulu pastor Stephen Kumalo and his son, Absalom, set against the background of a land and a people riven by racial injustice. Remarkable for its lyricism, unforgettable for character and incident, Cry, the Beloved Country is a classic work of love and hope, courage and endurance, born of the dignity of man.

The Brothers Ashkenazi	I.J Singer	Horace Mann	In the Polish city of Lodz, the brothers Ashkenazi grew up very differently in talent and in temperament. Max, the firstborn, is fiercely intelligent and conniving, determined to succeed financially by any means necessary. Slower-witted Jacob is strong, handsome, and charming but without great purpose in life. While Max is driven by ambition and greed to be more successful than his brother, Jacob is drawn to easy living and decadence. As waves of industrialism and capitalism flood the city, the brothers and their families are torn apart by the clashing impulses of old piety and new skepticism, traditional ways and burgeoning appetites, and the hatred that grows between faiths, citizens, and classes. Despite all attempts to control their destinies, the brothers are caught up by forces of history, love, and fate, which shape and, ultimately, break them.
All Quite on the Western Front	Erich Maria Remarque	Horace Mann	This is the testament of Paul Bäumer, who enlists with his classmates in the German army during World War I. They become soldiers with youthful enthusiasm. But the world of duty, culture, and progress they had been taught breaks in pieces under the first bombardment in the trenches.
A Connecticut Yankee in King Aurthur's Court	Mark Twain	Horace Mann	This story is both a whimsical fantasy and a social satire chock-full of brilliant Twainisms. Hank Morgan, a 19th century American-a Connecticut Yankee-by a stroke of fate is sent back into time to 6th century England and ends up in Camelot and King Arthur's Court. Although of average intelligence, he finds himself with knowledge beyond any of those in the 6th century and uses it to become the king's right hand man, and to challenge Merlin as the court magician. Astounded at the way of life in Camelot, Hank does the only thing he can think of to do: change them. In his attempt to civilize medieval Camelot he experiences many challenges and misadventures.

Flatland: A Romance of Many Dimensions	Edwin Abbott	Collegiate	A classic novel that explores the perception of dimensions. (Recommended for Geometry)
How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents	Julia Alvarez	Collegiate	Clashing against old-world restraints and tempting new freedoms, four sisters from Santo Domingo lead new lives in the U.S.
The Birthday Boy	Beryl Bainbridge	Collegiate	Travel across Antarctica on the doomed Robert Falcon Scott expedition in 1912. Determine if the explorers were heroes or fools.
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society	Annie Barrows and Mary Ann Shaffer	Collegiate	Living under Nazi rule on Guernsey, the islanders find comfort in books, letters, and friends.
A Long Way Gone	Ishmael Beah	Collegiate	A former boy soldier escapes the horrors of the war in Sierra Leone.
Fahrenheit 451	Ray Bradbury	Collegiate	Imagine a world without books—or the joy they can create.
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Brontë	Collegiate	Young Jane survives hardships at a grim Yorkshire boarding school and makes an independent life as a governess to Mr. Rochester's ward. Then, problems arise.
Manchild in the Promise Land	Claude Brown	Collegiate	Harlem's vibrancy and racism's viciousness serve as a backdrop for a young man's struggle to rise from a life of petty crime to an educated freedom.
The Power of One	Bryce Courtenay	Collegiate	A lonely British boy in South Africa learns important lessons about race and courage in following his own heart and two friends, one black and one white.

Tallgrass	Sandra Dallas	Collegiate	A girl on a Colorado farm confronts the truth about a murder and the injustice of the Japanese internment camps in World War II.
The Welsh Girl	Peter Ho Davis	Collegiate	A P.O.W. camp for Germans placed in Wales creates tensions in the community and upheaval in the life of 17-year-old Esther.
Like Water for Chocolate	Laura Esquivel	Collegiate	A Mexican girl learns the secrets of her mother's kitchen and heart in this favorite of the magic realism genre.
Wanting	Richard Flanagan	Collegiate	An aboriginal orphan in Tasmania, an Arctic explorer, and Charles Dickens all want something more from life.
In Code: A Mathematical Journey	Sarah Flannery	Collegiate	Flannery, at the age of 16, discovers an innovative encryption system 22 times faster than the best available at the time.
Great Planes	Ian Frazier	Collegiate	Learn the local color, lore, and landscape of the Dakotas.
Skinner's Drift	Lisa Fugard	Collegiate	Eva van Rensburg returns to post-apartheid South Africa and learns her family's history in the racial struggles.
A Lesson Before Dying	Ernest Gaines	Collegiate	Two black men, a condemned criminal and a reluctant teacher, share lessons about dignity in this moving story set in Louisiana.
The Panda's Thumb	Stephan Gould	Collegiate	A science writer explains the oddities of evolution.
The Lost City of Z	David Grann	Collegiate	A modern-day journalist follows the tracks of an explorer of the Amazon and solves the mystery of a legendary ancient city.

Ordinary People	Judith Guest	Collegiate	Before the Oscar-winning movie came this portrait of the dissolution of an all-too-typical middle-class family in the face of a beloved boy's accidental drowning.
Snow Falling on Ceders	David Guterson	Collegiate	A murder mystery wraps around a larger story of lost identities because of World War II and the internment of Japanese-Americans.
Firehouse	David Halberstam	Collegiate	Follow thirteen firefighters into the World Trade Center on 9/11.
The Kite Runner	Khaled Hosseini	Collegiate	Two childhood friends lose and find one another in Afghanistan, a country blasted into chaos by war and the Taliban.
Brave New World	Khaled Hosseini	Collegiate	Can Bernard Marx find love and stay true in an engineered Utopia?
A Prayer For Owen Meaney	John Irving	Collegiate	Can the only son of a New Hampshire granite worker be God's instrument? Little Owen finds answers in his peculiar way.
The Real All Americans	Sally Jenkins	Collegiate	Discover how college football came of age with Jim Thorpe at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School.
The Ghost Map	Steven Johnson	Collegiate	Cholera ravages London and a minister and doctor track the disease's origin and path to limit the deadly effects.
Mister Pip	Lloyd Jones	Collegiate	In the middle of a civil war, residents of an island in the South Pacific find an ally in the imagination of Charles Dickens and his great character Pip.

One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest	Ken Kesey	Collegiate	McMurphy and Big Nurse square off in a mental institution where freedom and authority collide.
Strength in What Remains	Tracy Kidder	Collegiate	Marvel at Deo's escape from genocide in Burundi and his return to his country to found a health clinic. (Deo's younger brothers attended Deerfield.)
Animal Dreams	Barbara Kingdolver	Collegiate	In the Southwest, a young woman finds love and new meaning in her life by embracing dreams, Native American myths, and her past.
A Separate Peace	John Knowles	Collegiate	Enjoy the beloved tale of boarding school friendship.
The Interpreter of Maladies	Jhumpa Lahiri	Collegiate	Make your way into American life with the immigrants who struggle to balance their old and new lives
Endurance	Alfred Lansing	Collegiate	After being shipwrecked in Antarctica and drifting 2,000 miles on ice floes for many months, Ernest Shackleton then sails more than 700 miles in a lifeboat to bring rescuers.
The Lost Book of The Odyssey	Zachary Mason	Collegiate	. Imagine the epic anew through these inventive stories.
The Headmaster	John McPhee	Collegiate	Examine how Frank Boyden led a "school to greatness."
Homage to Catalonia	George Orwell	Collegiate	An idealist fights (and waits) in the Spanish Civil War.
When the Emperor was Divine	Julie Otsuka	Collegiate	Follow the Japanese-American experience in the WWII internment camps through the eyes of each member of one uprooted family.

Officer Friendly	Lewis Robinson	Collegiate	Enjoy a former Deerfield teacher's stories set in Maine.
The Catcher in the Rye	J.D Salinger	Collegiate	Through the mind and voice of the legendary Holden Caulfield, we join a modern-day odyssey as the expelled preppe navigates through a lonely weekend in Manhattan.
The Lovely Bones	Alice Sebold	Collegiate	Narrated by a murder victim looking down from heaven, a family's story in the wake of the crime unfolds in loving detail.
Longitude	Dava Sobel	Collegiate	Marvel at the ingenuity and idiocy in this tale of the race to invent the chronometer that allowed mariners to sail with more certainty about destinations.
Brooklyn	Colm Tóibín	Collegiate	Can a young Irish woman leave her roots and find new life in Brooklyn in the 1950s?
The Road Home	Rose Termain	Collegiate	An immigrant from Eastern Europe loses and recovers himself in England.
Johnny Got His Gun	Dalton Trumbo	Collegiate	Howard Zinn called this the best anti-war novel ever penned.
Orange are not the Only Fruit	Jeannette Winterson	Collegiate	A British girl growing up in a Pentecostal family discovers she is a lesbian, to the horror of her family and church, who set out to "rescue" her.
Old School	Tobias Wolff	Collegiate	The famous writers visiting a boarding school are not the only ones creating imagined lives and identities. Teachers and students seem to be practicing the same craft.
Macbeth	Shakespeare	Trinity	After hearing a prophecy from three witches, Macbeth goes on to try to become king of Scotland, no matter the cost.

The Canterbury Tales	Chaucer	Trinity	A collection of tales from different characters on their way to Canterbury from the late-fourteenth-century.
Oliver Twist	Charles Dickens	Trinity	Set in Victorian London, this is a tale of a spirited young innocent's unwilling but inevitable recruitment into a scabrous gang of thieves. Masterminded by the loathsome Fagin, the underworld crew features some of Dickens' most memorable characters, including the vicious Bill Sikes, gentle Nancy, and the juvenile pickpocket known as the Artful Dodger.
Henderson the Rain King	Nadine Gordimer	Horace Mann	Saul Bellow evokes all the rich colors and exotic customs of a highly imaginary Africa in this acclaimed comic novel about a middle-aged American millionaire who, seeking a new, more rewarding life, descends upon an African tribe. Henderson's awesome feats of strength and his unbridled passion for life win him the admiration of the tribe—but it is his gift for making rain that turns him from mere hero into messiah. A hilarious, often ribald story, Henderson the Rain King is also a profound look at the forces that drive a man through life.
Tess of the D'Urbervilles	Thomas Hardy	Horace Mann	Hardy's penultimate work, Tess of the D'Urbervilles is arguably the greatest tragedy of all Victorian literature. It tells the story of Tess, an impoverished woman whose past relations and miscarriage cause her to be rejected by her husband on their wedding night. Touching upon the themes of class, religion, gender, and sexuality, the novel was highly controversial for its time and is held in high esteem by literary scholars to this day.

On the Road	Jack Kerouac	Horace Mann	On the Road chronicles Jack Kerouac's years traveling the North American continent with his friend Neal Cassady, "a sideburned hero of the snowy West." As "Sal Paradise" and "Dean Moriarty," the two roam the country in a quest for self-knowledge and experience. Kerouac's love of America, his compassion for humanity, and his sense of language as jazz combine to make On the Road an inspirational work of lasting importance.
Pictures of Fidelman	Bernard Malamud	Horace Mann	This is the story in art of the painter Arthur Fidelman, born in the Bronx and spending years of his life in Italy--Rome, Milan, Florence and Venice--pursuing his tumultuous career through adventure and misadventure. What perhaps saved him from disaster (Fidelman is a comic hero whose every next step is a trap sprung by bad luck as though his luck were good) is that he kept his finger in art, perhaps without knowing it seeking "perfection of the life" as well as the work. Six pictures of Fidelman comprise an exhibition.
If I Die in a Combat Zone, Box me up and Ship me Home	Tim O'Brien	Horace Mann	intensely personal account of his year as a foot soldier in Vietnam. The author takes us with him to experience combat from behind an infantryman's rifle, to walk the minefields of My Lai, to crawl into the ghostly tunnels, and to explore the ambiguities of manhood and morality in a war gone terribly wrong.
The Bell Jar	Sylvia Plath	Horace Mann	Esther Greenwood is brilliant, beautiful, enormously talented, and successful, but slowly going under—maybe for the last time. In her acclaimed and enduring masterwork, Sylvia Plath brilliantly draws the reader into Esther's breakdown with such intensity that her insanity becomes palpably real, even rational—as accessible an experience as going to the movies.

Saint Joan	George Bernard Shaw	Horace Mann	Saint Joan is a play by George Bernard Shaw, based on the life and trial of Joan of Arc. Published not long after the canonization of Joan of Arc by the Roman Catholic Church, the play dramatises what is known of her life based on the substantial records of her trial. Shaw studied the transcripts and decided that the concerned people acted in good faith according to their beliefs.
The Color Purple	Alice Walker	Horace Mann	Celie is a poor black woman whose letters tell the story of 20 years of her life, beginning at age 14 when she is being abused and raped by her father and attempting to protect her sister from the same fate, and continuing over the course of her marriage to "Mister," a brutal man who terrorizes her. Celie eventually learns that her abusive husband has been keeping her sister's letters from her and the rage she feels, combined with an example of love and independence provided by her close friend Shug, pushes her finally toward an awakening of her creative and loving self.
The Penguin Book of Ballads	Various Authors	Horace Mann	Wordsworth and Coleridge composed this powerful selection of poetry during their youthful and intimate friendship. Reproducing the first edition of 1798, this edition of Lyrical Ballads allows modern readers to recapture the book's original impact. In these poems—including Wordsworth's "Lines written a few miles above Tintern Abbey" and Coleridge's "The Rime of the Ancyent Marinere"—the two poets exercised new energies and opened up new themes.

11th and 12th Grades

Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain	Trinity	Climb aboard the raft with Huck and Jim and drift away from the "sivilized" life and into a world of adventure, excitement, danger, and self-discovery. Huck's shrewd and humorous narrative is complemented by lyrical descriptions of the Mississippi valley and a sparkling cast of memorable characters.
The Great Gatsby	F. Scott Fitzgerald	Trinity	The story of the fabulously wealthy Jay Gatsby and his love for the beautiful Daisy Buchanan, of lavish parties on Long Island at a time when The New York Times noted "gin was the national drink and sex the national obsession," it is an exquisitely crafted tale of America in the 1920s.
The Sun Also Rises	Ernest Hemingway	Trinity	A poignant look at the disillusionment and angst of the post-World War I generation, the novel introduces two of Hemingway's most unforgettable characters: Jake Barnes and Lady Brett Ashley. The story follows the flamboyant Brett and the hapless Jake as they journey from the wild nightlife of 1920s Paris to the brutal bullfighting rings of Spain with a motley group of expatriates. It is an age of moral bankruptcy, spiritual dissolution, unrealized love, and vanishing illusions.

Go Tell it on the Mountain	James Baldwin	Trinity	With lyrical precision, psychological directness, resonating symbolic power, and a rage that is at once unrelenting and compassionate, Baldwin chronicles a fourteen-year-old boy's discovery of the terms of his identity as the stepson of the minister of a storefront Pentecostal church in Harlem one Saturday in March of 1935. Baldwin's rendering of his protagonist's spiritual, sexual, and moral struggle of self-invention opened new possibilities in the American language and in the way Americans understand themselves.
The Handmaid's Tale	Margaret Atwood	Horace Mann	Offred is a Handmaid in the Republic of Gilead, serving in the household of the enigmatic Commander and his bitter wife. She may go out once a day to markets whose signs are now pictures because women are not allowed to read. She must pray that the Commander makes her pregnant, for in a time of declining birthrates her value lies in her fertility, and failure means exile to the dangerously polluted Colonies. Offred can remember a time when she lived with her husband and daughter and had a job, before she lost even her own name. Now she navigates the intimate secrets of those who control her every move, risking her life in breaking the rules.
The Rime of the Ancient Mariner	Samuel Taylor Coleridge	Horace Mann	The Rime of the Ancient Mariner relates the experiences of a sailor who has returned from a long sea voyage. The Mariner stops a man who is on the way to a wedding ceremony and begins to narrate a story. The Wedding-Guest's reaction turns from bemusement to impatience and fear to fascination as the Mariner's story progresses.

The Leopard	Giuseppe de Lampedusa	Horace Mann	Set in the 1860s, <i>The Leopard</i> tells the spellbinding story of a decadent, dying Sicilian aristocracy threatened by the approaching forces of democracy and revolution. The dramatic sweep and richness of observation, the seamless intertwining of public and private worlds, and the grasp of human frailty imbue <i>The Leopard</i> with its particular melancholy beauty and power, and place it among the greatest historical novels of our time.
Crime and Punishment	Fyodor Dostoevsky	Horace Mann	Supreme masterpiece recounts in feverish, compelling tones the story of Raskolnikov, an impoverished student tormented by his own thoughts after he brutally murders an old woman. Overwhelmed afterwards by guilt and terror, Raskolnikov confesses and goes to prison. There he realizes that happiness and redemption can only be achieved through suffering. A selection of the Common Core State Standards Initiative.
Tinker, Taylor, Soldier, Spy	John Le Carre	Horace Mann	The man he knew as "Control" is dead, and the young Turks who forced him out now run the Circus. But George Smiley isn't quite ready for retirement—especially when a pretty, would-be defector surfaces with a shocking accusation: a Soviet mole has penetrated the highest level of British Intelligence. Relying only on his wits and a small, loyal cadre, Smiley recognizes the hand of Karla—his Moscow Centre nemesis—and sets a trap to catch the traitor.
The Woman Warrior	Maxine Hong Kingston	Horace Mann	A Chinese American woman tells of the Chinese myths, family stories and events of her California childhood that have shaped her identity.

The Spoon River Anthology	Edgar Lee Masters	Horace Mann	A landmark of 20th-century American literature: a series of over 200 compelling free-verse monologues in which former citizens of a mythical Midwestern town speak touchingly from the grave of the thwarted hopes and dreams of their live
Sula	Toni Morrison	Horace Mann	Two girls who grow up to become women. Two friends who become something worse than enemies. In this brilliantly imagined novel, Toni Morrison tells the story of Nel Wright and Sula Peace, who meet as children in the small town of Medallion, Ohio. Their devotion is fierce enough to withstand bullies and the burden of a dreadful secret. It endures even after Nel has grown up to be a pillar of the black community and Sula has become a pariah. But their friendship ends in an unforgivable betrayal—or does it end? Terrifying, comic, ribald and tragic, Sula is a work that overflows with life.
Crescent	Diana Abu-Jabar	Collegiate	An Iraqi-American chef discovers the ingredients for love and understanding of her Arab heritage as she cooks at Nadia’s Café in Los Angeles.
The Chaneyville Incident	David Bradley	Collegiate	An African-American historian learns about his father and himself in uncovering the mystery of a shocking incident. (Recommended for Honors U.S. History)
March	Geraldine Brooks	Collegiate	Mr. March, the absent father in Little Women, makes his way home to his family after his harrowing experiences in the Civil War.
Bury my Heart at Wounded Knee	Dee Brown	Collegiate	Brown chronicles the intertwined fates of Native Americans and the immigrants who “tamed the West.”
A Walk in the Wood	Bill Bryson	Collegiate	Travel the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail with a wonderful storyteller.

America	Ethan Canin	Collegiate	America Is the American Dream thriving in the late 20th century?
The Universe in a Teacup: The Mathematics of Truth and Beauty	K.C Cole	Collegiate	Explore links between mathematics and a variety of social, political, and scientific issues. (Recommended for FST)
The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wan	Junto Diaz	Collegiate	A naive boy heads to the Civil War to become a hero, but his courage falters in the face of overwhelming armies and an indifferent universe.
The Worst Hard Time	Timothy Egan	Collegiate	The hardships of the Dust Bowl and Depression described here will be almost beyond imagination
The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down	Anne Fadiman	Collegiate	Explore the limits and power of healing in this account about Hmong immigrants in California. (Recommended by Round Square committee)
As I Lay Dying	William Faulkner	Collegiate	Using the stream-of-consciousness technique, Faulkner weaves the story of Addie Burden's death and slow burial through the eyes of her mourning family.
The Forever War	Dexter Filkins	Collegiate	Live the Iraq War through the eyes of a New York Times reporter.
This Side of Paradise	Scott F. Fitzgerald	Collegiate	We follow Amory Blaine through prep school, Princeton, love, and loss, and leave him peering into adulthood and trying to figure out what he believes
Independence Day	Richard Ford	Collegiate	Over a July Fourth weekend, realtor Frank Bascombe discovers again how to live with failed expectations in the land of the American Dream.
On the Rez	Ian Frazier	Collegiate	Wander the Pine Ridge Reservation with Le War Lance

Lord of Misrule	Jaimy Gordon	Collegiate	Experience the splendor, suspense, and sorrow of small-time horse racing.
White Ghost Girls	Alice Greenway	Collegiate	Two American sisters come of age in Hong Kong in 1967 as the Vietnam War escalates and tensions rise in China.
A Voyage Long and Strange	Tony Horwitz	Collegiate	Rediscover the stories of the first visitors in the New World.
Ordinary Wolves	Seth Kanter	Collegiate	In remote Northern Alaska, a white boy rejects modern life in search of the ways of the elders in an Inupiak village.
The Namesake	Jhumpa Lahiri	Collegiate	Gogol Ganguli, son of parents in a traditional arranged Indian marriage, tries to define himself in his new home and changing lifestyle in Cambridge, Massachusetts.
Aloft	Chang Rae Lee	Collegiate	Even flying high in his small plane, a retired Long Island builder cannot escape the pull of his family's bonds and problems.
A River Runs Through It and Collected Stories	Norman Maclean	Collegiate	Maclean tells the story of his family and fly-fishing, of bar fights and bait fishermen, of a Montana "with the dew still on it."
The Autobiography of Malcolm X	Malcolm X	Collegiate	Follows the turbulent life of this famous man, from his rough youth through prison and conversion to Islam and into his leadership period.
1491	Charles Mann	Collegiate	You may be surprised by the civilizations that thrived in the Americas before Columbus and European diseases arrived.
All the Pretty Horse	Cormac McCarthy	Collegiate	Two young men take off for Mexico on their horses and grow up as they experience love, imprisonment, and other adventures.
Levels of the Game	John McPhee	Collegiate	Arthur Ashe struggles to overcome prejudice against black tennis players.

The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears	Dinaw Mengestu	Collegiate	An Ethiopian immigrant battles the despair in his new community in Washington, D.C.
The Work of Wolves	Kent Meyers	Collegiate	Three apparent misfits work to rescue three abused horses in South Dakota.
American Rust	Phillip Meyer	Collegiate	Two friends strive to escape decaying factory towns and broken dreams.
Bringing Down the House	Ben Mezrich	Collegiate	The inside story of six M.I.T. students who took Vegas for millions. An intriguing true story of how mathematics beat the system.
The Unforgiving Moment	Craig Mullaney	Collegiate	Neither a West Point education nor a Rhodes scholarship could truly prepare an Army lieutenant for the crucible of war.
In the Lake of the Woods	Tim O'Brien	Collegiate	The My Lai massacre and deception hang over this novel about a senate candidate's desire to triumph over his past and present.
In the Heart of the Sea	Nathaniel Philbrick	Collegiate	If you don't have time for Moby Dick, try this true account of whalers struggling to survive a 2,000-mile sail in small boats after the Essex, their Nantucket whaling ship, sank after being rammed by a whale
The Bell Jar	Sylvia Path	Collegiate	After graduating from college, Esther Greenwood works in New York as an editor. As her life becomes more complex, her grasp on reality diminishes. A chilling look at depression and insanity, based heavily on Plath's own life.
Selected Stories	Edgar Allan Poe	Collegiate	Poe penetrates his haunted and obsessed characters' secrets.
My Name is Asher Lev	Chaim Potok	Collegiate	A Jewish artist struggles with the demands of faith and art.

The Grapes of Wrath	John Steinbeck	Collegiate	Follow the Joad family from the Oklahoma Dust Bowl to California—the paradise that supposedly would end their problems.
Olive Kitteridge	Elizabeth Strout	Collegiate	These thirteen linked stories capture the life of Maine schoolteacher.
Slaughter-Five	Kurt Vonnegut	Collegiate	Journey through time in telegraphic, schizophrenic style with Billy Pilgrim, who can never escape the horrors of the Dresden firebombing.
Freedom Summer	Bruce Watson	Collegiate	White college students and black activists join together in the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi. (Watson is a former Wilson Fellow at Deerfield.)
The Shadow Catcher	Marianne Wiggins	Collegiate	A writer journeys into the lives of two men—photographer Edward Curtis and her own elusive father.
The Double Helix	James Watson	Collegiate	Relive the race to discover the structure of DNA.
The Right Stuff	Tom Wolfe	Collegiate	Travel into space with the seven Mercury astronauts.
Ulysses	James Joyce	Trinity	Ulysses, tells of the diverse events which befall Leopold Bloom and Stephen Dedalus in Dublin on 16 June 1904, during which Blooms voluptuous wife, Molly, commits adultery.
Stories	John Cheever	Horace Mann	A gathering of thirteen never-before-collected stories, originally published in the 1930s and 1940s, shows Cheever's use of unusual themes, techniques, and characters early in his career and gives a vivid picture of life during the Depression.

Silas Marner	George Eliot	Horace Mann	Engrossing tale — with a heartwarming denouement — of a lonely and embittered country weaver whose life is drastically changed when he becomes the guardian of an orphaned child. A masterly portrait of moral and psychological behavior in Victorian England, widely hailed for its brevity and perfection of form.
Invisible Man	Ralph Ellison	Horace Mann	The nameless narrator of the novel describes growing up in a black community in the South, attending a Negro college from which he is expelled, moving to New York and becoming the chief spokesman of the Harlem branch of "the Brotherhood", and retreating amid violence and confusion to the basement lair of the Invisible Man he imagines himself to be.
The Rattle Bag	Ted Hughes and Seamus Heaney	Horace Mann	The Rattle Bag is an anthology of poetry (mostly in English but occasionally in translation) for general readers and students of all ages and backgrounds. These poems have been selected by the simple yet telling criteria that they are the personal favorites of the editors, themselves two of contemporary literature's leading poets.
The Trial	Franz Kafka	Horace Mann	The story of The Trial's publication is almost as fascinating as the novel itself. Kafka intended his parable of alienation in a mysterious bureaucracy to be burned, along with the rest of his diaries and manuscripts, after his death in 1924. Yet his friend Max Brod pressed forward to prepare The Trial and the rest of his papers for publication.
Waiting for the Mahatma	R.K Narayan	Horace Mann	a young drifter meets the most beautiful girl he has ever seen—an adherent of Mahatma Gandhi—and commits himself to Gandhi's Quit India campaign, a decision that will test the integrity of his ideals against the strength of his passions. This novel, written after India's independence, is a masterpiece of social comedy, rich in local color and abounding in affectionate humor and generosity of spirit.

Goodbye, Columbus	Phillip Roth	Horace Mann	the story of Neil Klugman and pretty, spirited Brenda Patimkin, he of poor Newark, she of suburban Short Hills, who meet one summer break and dive into an affair that is as much about social class and suspicion as it is about love. The novella is accompanied by five short stories that range in tone from the iconoclastic to the astonishingly tender and that illuminate the subterranean conflicts between parents and children and friends and neighbors in the American Jewish diaspora.
Anna Karenina	Leo Tolstoy	Horace Mann	Anna Karenina tells of the doomed love affair between the sensuous and rebellious Anna and the dashing officer, Count Vronsky. Tragedy unfolds as Anna rejects her passionless marriage and must endure the hypocrisies of society. Set against a vast and richly textured canvas of nineteenth-century Russia, the novel's seven major characters create a dynamic imbalance, playing out the contrasts of city and country life and all the variations on love and family happiness.
The Tempest	William Shakespeare	Horace Mann	It is set on a remote island, where Prospero, the exiled Duke of Milan, plots to restore his daughter Miranda to her rightful place, using illusion and skillful manipulation. He conjures up a storm, the eponymous tempest, to lure to the island his usurping brother Antonio and the complicit Alonso, King of Naples. There, his machinations bring about the revelation of Antonio's low nature, the redemption of Alonso, and the marriage of Miranda to Alonso's son, Ferdinand.
The House of Mirth	Edith Wharton	Horace Mann	Wharton's first literary success, set amid fashionable New York society, reveals the hypocrisy and destructive effects of the city's social circle on the character of Lily Bart. Impoverished but well-born, Lily must secure her future by acquiring a wealthy husband; but her downfall — initiated by a romantic indiscretion — results in gambling debts and social disasters.

Half of a Yellow Sun	Chimamanda Adiche	Collegiate	In post-colonial Nigeria, three children of different backgrounds experience the ravages of civil war and relief of union.
White Tiger	Aravind Adiga	Collegiate	Ride along with Indian taxi driver becoming a “social entrepreneur.”
Indian Killer	Sherman Alexie	Collegiate	An Indian serial killer seeking retribution for the white man’s crimes against his people also must come to terms with his own past.
The Anthrologist	Nicholson Baker	Collegiate	Enjoy a writer’s humorous struggle to finish his introduction to an anthology of poems.
Damned Lies and Statistics: Untangling Numbers from the Media, Politicians, and Activists	Joel Best	Collegiate	Resist the spin doctors. (Recommended for statisticians)
The People of the Book	Geraldine Brooks	Collegiate	Follow the fascinating tale of a book that preserves a cultural history under threats.
A Clockwork Orange	Anthony Burgess	Collegiate	Alex, the teenager from Hell, having committed unspeakable mayhem in a bleak, futuristic England, is ‘programmed’ by the state to sin no more.
The Plague	Albert Camus	Collegiate	Still timely, this existential novel studies the human condition and its meaning in the face of a deadly virus that sweeps through Algiers.
Bloody Chamber	Angela Carter	Collegiate	In refreshing new language and with a clearly modern point of view, Carter retells traditional fairy tales, such as Little Red Riding Hood and Blackbeard the Pirate.
Disgrace	J.M Coetzee	Collegiate	This searing novel follows a white South African professor’s descent into disgrace in a country he seemingly no longer understands.

The Dew Breaker	Edwidge Danticat	Collegiate	A Haitian woman traveling to Florida from New York with her father learns the truth about his life and work in Haiti under the Duvalier dictatorship.
The Blind Watchmaker	Richard Dawkins	Collegiate	Examine the intricacies of evolution.
White Noise	Don DeLillo	Collegiate	One day the Gladneys are living an ordinary suburban life and then a toxic cloud descends, awakening them to the dangers pulsing through the American atmosphere and culture
The Goon Squad	Jennifer Egan	Collegiate	In a daring style, Egan explores how youthful rebels find or lose themselves as they reach middle age.
The Good Soldiers	David Finkel	Collegiate	Nameless, yet real, Ellison's African-American protagonist journeys from the rural South to Harlem, discovering himself and his invisibility.
Madame Bovary	Gustave Flaubert	Collegiate	Explore the limits and power of healing in this account about Hmong immigrants in California. (Round Square)
Room with a View	E.M Forster	Collegiate	Follow British travelers as they move between repressive England and the more permissive Continent
Sophie's World	Joestein Gaarder	Collegiate	Chart the history of philosophy with a young woman and her mysterious mentor. (Recommended for Political Philosophy)
Remains of the Day	Kazuo Ishiguro	Collegiate	A beautifully realized chronicle of the decline of the British class system in the late twentieth century, as seen through the eyes of a loyal butler.
The Metamorphosis	Franz Kafka	Collegiate	"As Gregor Samsa awoke one morning from uneasy dreams he found himself transformed in his bed into a gigantic insect." How can you resist?

The Sirens of Baghdad	Yasmia Khadra	Collegiate	Experience how terrorism often finds its origins in war.
Mountains Beyond Mountains	Tracy Kidder	Collegiate	If you don't believe a single person can make a difference, you have to meet Paul Farmer, a physician who "would cure the world."
Unaccustomed Earth	Jhumpa Lahiri	Collegiate	Lahiri's immigrants struggle with cultural values as they test love, familial bonds, and friendship.
A Gesture Life	Chang-Rae Lee	Collegiate	A culturally alienated businessman confronts his Japanese and Korean heritage by exploring his role as a Japanese Army officer during the Korean occupation in WWII.
Small Island	Andrea Levy	Collegiate	In the wake of World War II, Jamaicans immigrate to Great Britain only to find the empire for which they fought does not easily embrace newcomers.
Border Songs	Jim Lynch	Collegiate	Witness the challenges and delights of patrolling the American-Canadian border.
Let the Great World Spin	Colum McCann	Collegiate	Philippe Petit's high-wire walk between the Twin Towers binds the lives of an unlikely set of New Yorkers.
Born to Run	Christopher McDougall	Collegiate	Discover the secrets of long-distance running from the reclusive Tarahumara Indians of Mexico's deadly Copper Canyons
Eaarth	Bill McKibben	Collegiate	Read this account and then consider the nature of global climate change.
The Control of Nature	John McPhee	Collegiate	Can engineering overcome nature?
The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet	David Mitchell	Collegiate	Will Dutch merchants learn the secrets of Japan's closed world in 1799?

A Wild Sheep Chase	Haruki Murakami	Collegiate	A Holden Caulfield- like yuppie turns his back on Japanese culture and seeks the lost sheep that might provide the mythic keys to a meaningful life.
Netherland	Joseph O'Neill	Collegiate	A financier estranged from his family finds a Gatsby-like dreamer on the cricket fields of New York.
The Invisible Bridge	Julie Orringer	Collegiate	Immerse yourself in love story that travels from Budapest to Paris and then deep into the horror of labor camps in World War II.
Bel Canto	Ann Patchett	Collegiate	Terrorists interrupt a posh party in an unnamed South American country, and captors and prisoners alike discover new allegiances and passions.
Special Topics in Calamity Physics	Marisha Pessl	Collegiate	Pessl delves into the literary and social bonds between a charismatic teacher and a group of boarding students who aren't eager to conform.
Burnt Shadows	Kamila Shamsie	Collegiate	The effects of the partition of India reverberate around the world and climax in the aftermath of 9/11.
Like You'd Understand, Anyway	Jim Shepard	Collegiate	Encounter a dazzling array of stories and places.
On Beauty	Zadie Smith	Collegiate	Race, class, and gender clash on a college campus where life's complications—and beauty—ultimately emerge. A nice companion to E.M. Forster's Howards End.
The Septembers of the Shiraz	Dalia Sofer	Collegiate	Escape post-revolutionary Iran with the Sofer family in in this semi-autobiographical novel.
Sacred Hunger	Barry Unsworth	Collegiate	The horrors and inhumanity of the slave trade come alive in this epic about an attempt by escaped slaves to form a new society.

The Picture of Dorian Gray	Oscar Wilde	Collegiate	Dorian, a fashionable young man, sells his soul for eternal youth, and finds decadence instead of delight.
The Warmth of Other Suns	Isabel Wilkerson	Collegiate	Recounting the lives of three families, Wilkerson traces the great migration northward by African Americans through the middle of the 20th century.
Dirt Music	Tim Winton	Collegiate	Rescued by a simple form of music, Georgie Jutland and Luther Fox lose and find each other along the remote coastline of Western Australia.
To The Lighthouse	Virginia Woolf	Collegiate	Suppose the mind were time and time were water. If you can't, take this book to a spot where you can hear the waves and read aloud.
Cutting for Stone	Abraham Verghese	Collegiate	You'll be swept into this riveting tale about two generations of Indian doctors working in Ethiopia through tumultuous times.

Horace Greeley Student Recommendations

This list contains books recommended by senior students from Horace Greeley High School.

Tell the Wolves I'm Home	Carol Rifka Brunt	Horace Greeley	A coming of age story told from the perspective of a pre-teen named June. Carol Rifka Brunt stresses the importance of love and family within this book to create an engaging story.
Ender's Game	Orson Scott Card	Horace Greeley	Follow protagonist Ender Wiggin's journey through Battle School as he trains to become one of the best commanders for the International Federation which is at war with the alien buggers from a distant galaxy.
The Perks of Being a Wallflower	Stephen Chbosky	Horace Greeley	This book is about a shy freshman, Charlie, who tries to fit into his new high school environment. With his two new best friends, Sam and Patrick, he is able to find his own social niche as a wallflower and is well-liked. Chbosky does a great job in showing the hidden thoughts and discovering the inner struggles of a quiet wallflower like Charlie.
Ready Player One	Ernest Cline	Horace Greeley	Set in futuristic America, people have decided to move to a virtual world, spending hours a day in the OASIS. However, after the creator of the OASIS dies, he leaves behind a treasure hunt that the whole world is interested in winning. Protagonist Wade Watts has "devoted his life to studying the puzzles hidden within this world's digital confines," and the novel follows him on his adventures to win the prize.

The Alchemist	Paulo Coelho	Horace Greeley	Santiago is a shepherd who travels the hills of Andalusia year after year, until he wakes one day from a dream about hidden treasure in Egypt. He feels compelled to trade his life to find this far off treasure, and The Alchemist is his story. While you follow Santiago through his travels to Egypt, you also follow him on a spiritual journey as he learns about humanity and self-discovery. Paulo Coelho uses beautiful imagery and narration to reach into your heart and teach you about life without you even leaving your hometown.
The Book of Lost Things	John Connolly	Horace Greeley	The Book of Lost Things offers a twist on the fairy tales you all remember from childhood. David is mourning the loss of his mother at the same time that he is angry at his father for moving on too quickly. David prefers to live in his head, and in books, and soon he finds himself living in a fairy tale world, one that is darker, and more frightening than the sugar coated tales told to preschoolers.
Sarah's Key	Tatiana de Rosnay	Horace Greeley	Sarah's Key is a riveting novel about the 1942 Paris roundups and deportations held at the Vélodrome d'Hiver. Julia Jarmond, an American born woman living in Paris, writes for an American magazine and is assigned to cover the roundups. While researching this tragedy, Julia learns a great deal about a family taken in the roundup, the French society, her husband, and herself.
Room	Emma Donoghue	Horace Greeley	The narrator in Room is a five-year old boy who tells the story of his life within a room he and his mom are held captive in. The world that Jack knows is very small because he only knows about what is in the room, but his mom does her best to raise Jack as a normal child. The sweetness and innocence of Jack makes a nightmare of a story into an uplifting narrative about overcoming fear with bravery.

You Shall Know Our Velocity	Dave Eggers	Horace Greeley	You Shall Know Our Velocity follows two friends on a journey around the world, trying to make sense of their childhood friend's death. The pair wrestles with grieving for their lost friend, trying to make sense of the unexplainable and what it means to live a meaningful life. Heartwarming and interesting, an odyssey to acceptance.
Middlesex	Jeffrey Eugenides	Horace Greeley	Middlesex tells the story of Calliope, a teenager stuck in between two genders and the struggles that come with growth and finding yourself. Told from the point of view of an adult Calliope looking back, Eugenides reveals why and how Calliope came to be a hermaphrodite. A coming-of-age story intertwined with the saga and development of a family.
Shades of Grey	Jasper Forde	Horace Greeley	Forde's first novel is set in a dystopian society, which he spends much time describing. Beneath the description is a plot which twists erratically as the main character discovers that the strict rules of the society he trusted are not followed by the corrupt people who run it.
The Fault in Our Star	John Green	Horace Greeley	After accepting that she is terminally ill, Hazel Grace loses hope and spends her days buried beneath the safe walls of her home. That is until she meets Augustus Waters and discovers that she can enjoy life. This is an amazing book that follows their friendship as they embark on a journey to communicate with the author of Hazel's favorite book. Though Hazel Grace and Augustus both have cancer, this story has many happy moments.
Unbroken	Laura Hillenbrand	Horace Greeley	Unbroken is a true story written by Laura Hillenbrand. Readers will fall in love with this story because of the strength, courage, and fearless characteristics of Louie Zamperini, a soldier during WWII whose plane crashed and he was stuck on a raft for 47 days.

The Kite Runner	Khaled Hosseini	Horace Greeley	This thought-provoking and tear-jerking novel follows the lives of men living in Afghanistan. They have lived through the fall of Afghanistan's monarchy, the Soviet military intervention, the evacuation of refugees to Pakistan, and eventually the rise of the Taliban. Not only does the story of Amir and Hassan keep the reader intrigued, but it is also a great way to catch a glimpse into the Afghan history and way of life.
Steve Jobs	Walter Isaacson	Horace Greeley	Steve Jobs tells the life story of one of the most influential men of 21 st century. Through countless stories, Isaacson creates a perfect portrayal of the intelligence of Jobs. This book is perfect for anyone who has been told that their dream is unrealistic.
The Snow Child	Eowyn Ivey	Horace Greeley	Eowyn Ivey's beautiful, snow-filled descriptions of the Alaskan wilderness in the 1920s will hook you from the very beginning, as she tells the story of Jack and Mable, two homesteaders consumed with longing for a child. One night they build a child out of snow, and the next night they glimpse a real child, with bleached-blond hair, running through the snow-filled woods, and the story goes from there. The novel includes just a bit of magic, and an old Russian fairytale, to make it a truly worthwhile read.
War	Sebastian Junger	Horace Greeley	War is a tantalizing, nonfiction book written in first person by Sebastian Junger. Junger finds himself embedded with a platoon of soldiers in the Korengal Valley, the most deadly valley in all of Afghanistan. This is a first-hand account on what war is, what it means to the soldiers fighting in it, and the fear, love, and brotherhood that is masked by the faces of young men we send overseas. This book is captivating, educational, and a must read.

Born to Run	Christopher McDougall	Horace Greeley	This book takes on the task of explaining just what the title claims: that we were born to run. Born to Run follows the author as he ventures into the Copper Canyons of Mexico to run with the Tarahumara, the running people who can run for hundreds of miles at a time. It's an exciting story written with stellar wit and intrigue that will not only capture you, but also teach you about the art of running.
Bel Canto	Ann Patchett	Horace Greeley	This novel is about a group of high profile individuals who get captured by extremists and are kept as hostages for months. The story documents the relationships that form between the hostages and their captors. It focuses on their experience together and the bond that they share.
Mrs. Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children	Ransom Riggs	Horace Greeley	This is an enchanting tale seen through the eyes of a morose American teenager, Jacob Portman. After his grandfather is mysteriously murdered, Jacob heads to Wales to visit the home where his grandfather once lived as an orphan. Like Jacob, all of the home's inhabitants have secret talents that set them apart from other people. With his new friends, Jacob sets out to solve the mystery of his grandfather's death.
Divergent	Veronica Roth	Horace Greeley	Divergent takes place in a dystopian Chicago where the towns are separated into "factions," one for each of the main characteristics that makes someone successful ("Dauntless" for the fearless, "Abnegation" for the selfless, "Erudite" for the intelligent, "Candor" for the honest, and "Amity" for the caring). The people in each faction cannot go against their characteristic. The story, written with an ample amount of drama by Roth, follows a young girl named Beatrice who struggles to obey her faction.
The Art of Racing in the Rain	Garth Stein	Horace Greeley	Written from a dog's point-of-view, this heartwarming novel shows the ups and downs of a struggling race car driver and his family. A fast-paced read and a must for any dog lover.

First They Killed My Father	Loung Ung	Horace Greeley	Ung brings the reader on a journey through the Khmer Rouge's takeover of the Cambodian government and the regime's genocide of the Cambodian people. Though this is Ung's personal story, her experiences echo those of millions of Cambodians.
Cutting for Stone	Abraham Verghese	Horace Greeley	Marion and Shiva Stone are twins in Ethiopia whose mother died in childbirth. Abandoned by their father, they try to make names for themselves at the hospital in which they were born, diving deeply into the world of medicine. The story is filled with compelling characters, some of whom are surrounded by mystery. The novel is set in both Ethiopia and the U.S.
The Glass Castle	Jeanette Walls	Horace Greeley	This memoir chronicles the life of Jeanette Walls, the author, and her offbeat family. The children are victims of irresponsible parenting, but at the same time grow stronger because of it. The crazy stories, adventures, and sheer chemistry of the family will keep you hooked. Moreover, the thought that almost every member in the family turned out to be so normal is as baffling as it is amazing; this makes the book that much more intriguing.