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J **LUNCH-BOX DREAM**

Abb Abbott, Tony

Told from multiple points of view, a white family on a 1959 road trip between Ohio and Florida, visiting Civil War battlefields along the way, crosses paths with a black family near Atlanta, where one of their children has gone missing.

J **THE HIGH KING**

Ale Alexander, Lloyd

In this final part of the chronicle of Prydain the forces of good and evil meet in an ultimate confrontation, which determines the fate of Taran, the Assistant Pig-Keeper who wanted to be a hero.

Series **CHRONICLES OF PRYDAIN** Book 5

J **NATIONAL VELVET**

Bag Bagnold, Enid

In mid-twentieth-century England, fourteen-year-old Velvet Brown, determined to turn the unruly horse she wins in a raffle into a champion, learns that she needs more than hard work and dedication to achieve her goal of riding her horse in the Grand National steeplechase.

J **ANYTHING BUT TYPICAL**

Bas Baskin, Nora Raleigh

Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.

J **THE DARK IS RISING**

Coo Cooper, Susan

On his eleventh birthday Will Stanton discovers that he is the last of the Old Ones, destined to seek the six magical Signs that will enable the Old Ones to triumph over the evil forces of the Dark.

Series **THE DARK IS RISING** Book 2

Series **DREW CHILDREN** Book 2

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J **GREENWITCH**
Coo Cooper, Susan

Jane's invitation to witness the making of the Greenwich begins a series of sinister events in which she and her two brothers help the Old Ones recover the grail stolen by the Dark.

Series **THE DARK IS RISING** Book 3
Series **DREW CHILDREN** Book 3

J **THE GREY KING**
Coo Cooper, Susan

In this volume of The Dark Is Rising sequence, Will Stanton, visiting in Wales, is swept into a desperate quest to find the golden harp and to awaken the ancient Sleepers.

Series **THE DARK IS RISING** Book 4
Series **DREW CHILDREN** Book 4

J **OVER SEA, UNDER STONE**
Coo Cooper, Susan

Three siblings on vacation in Cornwall find an ancient manuscript which sends them on a dangerous quest that entraps them in the eternal battle between the forces of the Light and the Dark.

Series **THE DARK IS RISING** Book 1
Series **DREW CHILDREN** Book 1

J **WILL SPARROW'S ROAD**
Cus Cushman, Karen

In 1599 England, twelve-year-old lying, thieving Will Sparrow runs away, meets many colorful characters on the road, and then reluctantly joins a traveling "oddities" exhibit, where he learns to see beyond appearances.

SCIENCE FICTION

J **THE PROPHET OF YONWOOD**
DuP DuPrau, Jeanne

While visiting the small town of Yonwood, North Carolina, eleven-year-old Nickie makes some decisions about how to identify both good and evil when she witnesses the townspeople's reactions.

Series **EMBER** Book #3

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J **CROSSING JORDAN**
Fog Fogelin, Adrian

Twelve-year-old Cass meets her new African-American neighbor, Jemie, and despite their families' prejudices, they build a strong friendship around their mutual talent for running and a pact to read Jane Eyre.

J **HOMESICK, MY OWN STORY**
Fri Fritz, Jean

The author's fictionalized version, though all the events are true, of her childhood in China in the 1920's.

J **UNTIL I FIND JULIAN**
Gif Giff, Patricia Reilly

Mateo's big brother Julian works in the United States. When the family doesn't hear from Julian for a few weeks, Mateo sneaks out and journeys north to find him, crossing the border with the help of a new friend, Angel.

J **M.C. HIGGINS, THE GREAT**
Ham Hamilton, Virginia

As a slag heap, the result of strip mining, creeps closer to his house in the Ohio hills, fifteen-year-old M. C. is torn between trying to get his family away and fighting for the home they lov.

J **GHOST CANOE**
Hob Hobbs, Will

Fourteen-year-old Nathan, fishing with the Makah in the Pacific Northwest, finds himself holding a vital clue when a mysterious stranger comes to town looking for Spanish treasure.

J **MY ONE HUNDRED ADVENTURES**
Hor Horvath, Polly

Twelve-year-old Jane, who lives at the beach in a run-down old house with her mother, two brothers, and sister, has an eventful summer accompanying her pastor on bible deliveries, meeting former boyfriends of her mother's, and being coerced into babysitting for a family of ill-mannered children.

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J **PAPER THINGS**

Jac Jacobson, Jennifer Richard

When Ari's mother died four years ago, she had two final wishes: that Ari and her older brother, Gage, would stay together always, and that Ari would go to Carter, the middle school for gifted students. So when nineteen-year-old Gage decides he can no longer live with their bossy guardian, Janna, Ari knows she has to go with him. But it's been two months, and Gage still hasn't found them an apartment. He and Ari have been "couch surfing," staying with Gage's friend in a tiny apartment, crashing with Gage's girlfriend and two roommates, and if necessary, sneaking into a juvenile shelter to escape the cold Maine nights. But all of this jumping around makes it hard for Ari to keep up with her schoolwork, never mind her friendships, and getting into Carter starts to seem impossible. Will Ari be forced to break one of her promises to Mama? Told in an open, authentic voice, this nuanced story of hiding in plain sight may have readers thinking about homelessness in a whole new way.

J **SURVIVAL IN THE STORM: THE DUST BOWL DIARY OF GRACE EDWARDS**

Jan Janke, Katelan

A twelve-year-old girl keeps a journal of her family's and friends' difficult experiences in the Texas panhandle, part of the "Dust Bowl," during the Great Depression. Includes a historical note about life in America in 1935.

J **WEEDFLOWER**

Kad Kadohata, Cynthia

After twelve-year-old Sumiko and her Japanese-American family are relocated from their flower farm in southern California to an internment camp on a Mojave Indian reservation in Arizona, she helps her family and neighbors, becomes friends with a local Indian boy, and tries to hold on to her dream of owning a flower shop.

J **WHEN HITLER STOLE PINK RABBIT**

Ker Kerr, Judith

Recounts the adventures of a nine-year-old Jewish girl and her family in the early 1930's as they travel from Germany to England.

J **THE DRAGON OF TRELIAN**

Knu Knudsen, Michelle

A mage's apprentice, a princess, and a dragon combine their strength and magic to bring down a traitor and restore peace to the kingdom of Trelia.

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J **AN ACCEPTABLE TIME**

Len L'Engle, Madeleine

Polly's visit to her grandparents in Connecticut becomes an extraordinary experience as she encounters old friends and mysterious strangers and finds herself traveling back in time to play a crucial role in a prehistoric confrontation.

Series **A WINKLE IN TIME** Book 5

J **THE LIONS OF LITTLE ROCK**

Lev Levine, Kristin

In 1958 Little Rock, Arkansas, painfully shy twelve-year-old Marlee sees her city and family divided over school integration, but her friendship with Liz, a new student, helps her find her voice and fight against racism.

J **THE VOYAGES OF DOCTOR DOLITTLE**

Lof Lofting, Hugh

When his colleague Long Arrow disappears, Dr. Dolittle sets off with his assistant, Tommy Stubbins, his dog, Jip, and Polynesia the parrot on an adventurous voyage over tropical seas to floating Spidermonkey Island.

J **MIRACLE ON 49TH STREET**

Lup Lupica, Mike

After her mother's death, twelve-year-old Molly learns that her father is a basketball star for the Boston Celtics.

J **WAR HORSE**

Mor Morpurgo, Michael

Joey the horse recalls his experiences growing up on an English farm, his struggle for survival as a cavalry horse during World War I, and his reunion with his beloved master.

J **THE BLACK PEARL**

ODe O'Dell, Scott

In claiming as his own the magnificent black pearl he finds, a sixteen-year-old youth enrages the sea devil who legend says is its owner.

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J **STREAMS TO THE RIVER, RIVER TO THE SEA: A NOVEL OF SACAGAWEA**
ODe O'Dell, Scott

A young Indian woman, accompanied by her infant and cruel husband, experiences joy and heartbreak when she joins the Lewis and Clark Expedition seeking a way to the Pacific.

J **THE ISLAND ON BIRD STREET**
Orl Orlev, Uri

During World War II a Jewish boy is left on his own for months in a ruined house in the Warsaw Ghetto, where he must learn all the tricks of survival under constantly life-threatening conditions.

J **THE WATER AND THE WILD**
Orm Ormsbee, K, E.

Lottie Fiske is a lonely twelve-year-old orphan, who lives in a boarding house, and her only friends in the world are Eliot, a boy who is very sick, and the mysterious letter-writer who sends her birthday gifts--so when a strange girl steps out of a closet and insists that Lottie follow her down the roots of the apple tree in the yard to another world, which may hold a cure for Eliot, Lottie has to go.

J **THE DAY OF THE PELICAN**
Pat Paterson, Katherine

In 1998 when the Kosovo hostilities escalate, thirteen-year-old Meli's life as an ethnic Albanian, changes forever after her brother escapes his Serbian captors and the entire family flees from one refugee camp to another until they are able to immigrate to America.

J **JACOB HAVE I LOVED**
Pat Paterson, Katherine

Feeling deprived all her life of schooling, friends, mother, and even her name by her twin sister, Louise finally begins to find her identity.

J **THE MASTER PUPPETEER**
Pat Paterson, Katherine

A thirteen-year-old boy describes the poverty and discontent of eighteenth century Osaka and the world of puppeteers in which he lives.

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J **THE MOSTLY TRUE ADVENTURES OF HOMER P. FIGG**
Phi Philbrick, Rodman

Twelve-year-old Homer, a poor but clever orphan, has extraordinary adventures after running away from his evil uncle to rescue his brother, who has been sold into service in the Civil War.

J **ABE LINCOLN AND THE SELFIE THAT SAVED THE UNION**
Pot Potter, David

When the iTime app on their phones sends Mel, Bev, and Brandon to Washington, D.C., in 1863, in the middle of the Civil War, the youngsters must somehow travel to Gettysburg, make sure what is supposed to happen does happen, save the Union, and be home in time for dinner.

J **WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS: THE STORY OF TWO DOGS AND A BOY**
Raw Rawls, Wilson

A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.

J **HENRY REED, INC.**
Rob Robertson, Keith

Henry Reed keeps a journal of his summer activities which include setting up a research firm and embarking on a series of usually profitable projects with the aid of his ally and neighbor Midge.

J **THE MAP TO EVERYWHERE**
Rya Ryan, Carrie and John Parke Davis

Twelve-year-old Fin, a master thief from the pirate world of Khaznot Quay, and Marrill, also twelve, of Arizona, cross paths in the magical world of the Pirate Stream while on a quest for a mysterious map.

Series **MAP TO EVERYWHERE** Book #1

J **THE LITTLE PRINCE**
Sai Saint-Exupery, Antoine de

An aviator whose plane is forced down in the Sahara Desert encounters a little prince from a small planet who relates his adventures in seeking the secret of what is important in life.

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J **THE PIG SCROLLS**

Shi Shipton, Paul [as translated by]

A translation of an ancient Greek manuscript written by Gryllus, a talking pig who was once a man, which describes the many adventures that he and his companions--a junior prophetess named Sybil and a bumbling goatherd--experience while traveling to Delphi to try to prevent the universe from coming to an end.

J **THE EGYPT GAME**

Sny Snyder, Zilpha Keatley

A group of children, entranced with the study of Egypt, play their own Egypt game, are visited by a secret oracle, become involved in a murder, and befriend the Professor before they move on to new interests, such as Gypsies.

J **CALL IT COURAGE**

Spe Sperry, Armstrong

Based on a Polynesian legend, this is the story of a youth who overcomes his fear of the sea and proves his courage to himself and his tribe.

J **LET THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN**

Tay Taylor, Mildred D.

Four black children growing up in rural Mississippi during the Depression experience racial antagonisms and hard times, but learn from their parents the pride and self-respect they need to survive.

Sequel to **ROLL OF THUNDER, HEAR MY CRY**

J **THE ROAD TO MEMPHIS**

Tay Taylor, Mildred D.

Sadistically teased by two white boys in 1940's rural Mississippi, a black youth severely injures one of the boys with a tire iron and enlists Cassie's help in trying to flee the state.

J **NAVIGATING EARLY**

Van Vanderpool, Clare

Odyssey-like adventure of two boys' incredible quest on the Appalachian Trail where they deal with pirates, buried secrets, and extraordinary encounters.

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SCIENCE FICTION

J **CITY OF RUINS**

Wil Williams, Mark London

Having traced a dimensional rift to Jerusalem in 583 B.C.E., DARPA sends thirteen-year-old Eli and his friends into the past to try to prevent the unraveling of history and the spread of the deadly slow pox.

Series **DANGER BOY** Book #4

J **P.S. BE ELEVEN**

Wil Williams-Garcia, Rita

The Gaither sisters return to Brooklyn, where they adapt to new feelings of independence while managing changes large and small, from Pa's new girlfriend to a very different Uncle Darnell's return from Vietnam.

J **BREAKING STALIN'S NOSE**

Yel Yelchin, Eugene

In the Stalinist era of the Soviet Union, ten-year-old Sasha idolizes his father, a devoted Communist, but when police take his father away and leave Sasha homeless, he is forced to examine his own perceptions, values, and beliefs.