Fiction

The Book of Three
Alexander, Lloyd 1964
With evil forces on the rise, Assistant Pig-Keeper Taran finds himself caught up in a dangerous quest to save a pig—and the kingdom.

Curveball
Sonnenblick, Jordan 2012
Freshman year of high school is not going as Peter planned. He can’t play baseball and his grampa is acting strange. But he meets an amazingly cute girl in his photography class.

Half Brother
Oppel, Kenneth 2010
Ben is an only child until 8th grade when his parents bring home a chimpanzee to raise as his brother.

The Honest Truth
Gemeinhart, Dan 2015
Mark has always dreamed of climbing Mr. Rainier. When his cancer comes back, he sets out with his dog to scale the mountain before it’s too late.

I Am Princess X
Priest, Cherie 2015
Princess X is a character that May created with her best friend Libby before Libby died in a car accident. So why is May suddenly seeing Princess X stickers all around town? Could Libby still be alive—and in danger?

Knightley & Son
Gavin, Rohan 2014
A mysterious organization is making ordinary people commit terrible crimes. Darkus Knightly, 13, intends to help his detective father solve the case, even if his father doesn’t want him involved.

Nooks and Crannies
Lawson, Jessica 2015
Tabitha Crum doesn’t know why she has received an invitation to visit the Countess of Windermere at her haunted estate, but she’s ready to put her investigative skills to the test.

QB 1
Lupica, Mike 2013
Jake Cullen wins a spot on the varsity football team as a high school freshman, but he’ll be playing in the shadow of his father and older brother, both legendary athletes.

Red Butterfly
Sonnichsen, A. L. 2015
Abandoned as a baby, Kara was taken in by an American woman in China, but her adoption wasn’t legal. If the Chinese officials find out, Kara doesn’t know what will happen.

Saving Lucas Biggs
De los Santos, Marisa 2014
Margaret has sworn never to use her family’s dangerous gift for time travel, but when her father gets sentenced to death for a crime he didn’t commit, she wonders if she can save him.

Someone Named Eva
Wolf, Joan 2007
Milada has the blond hair and blue eyes prized by the Nazis. When soldiers come to her village in Czechoslovakia, they send her away to be trained as a good German citizen. Will she forget who she is?

Surviving the Applewhites
Tolan, Stephanie 2002
Jake Semple has been kicked out of more schools than he can count. His next stop is Juvenile Hall, unless he can survive being homeschooled with the eccentric, artistic Applewhites.

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Nonfiction

Boys in the Boat—Young Readers Edition
Brown, Daniel YAZ797.123 BRO

Chernobyl’s Wild Kingdom: Life in the Dead Zone
Johnson, Rebecca YAZ590.9477 JOH

Eruption! Volcanoes and the Science of Saving Lives
Rusch, Elizabeth JZ363.3495 RUS

Fire Birds
Collard, Sneed JZ634.9618 COL

Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World’s Strangest Parrot
Montgomery, Sy JZ639.9 MON

Lowriders in Space
Camper, Cathy J and YA Z741.5 CAM

Page by Paige
Gulledge, Laura Lee YAZ741.5 GUL

Popular: A Memoir
Van Wagenen, Maya YAZ921 VAN W

Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights
Sheinkin, Steve YAZ940.5453 SHE

Spilling Ink: A Young Writer’s Handbook
Mazer, Anne YAZ808.02 MAZ

Fiction

The Teacher’s Funeral
Peck, Richard 2004
When the town’s schoolteacher dies in August 1905, Russel is thrilled. The small school might finally shut down for good. But no such luck—his older sister takes the job, and she has plans for him.

J and YA F Peck

The Wee Free Men
Pratchett, Terry 2003
With a frying pan as a weapon and a clan of six-inch-high blue men as friends, Tiffany Aching sets off to steal her little brother back from the Queen of the Elves.

J and YA F Pratchett

The Winter Horses
Kerr, Philip 2014
Fleeing the Nazis in the winter of 1941, Kalinka befriends two wild horses also in danger of being killed by the Germans.

YA F Kerr

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