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Title	Author	Genre
Kindergarten		
<i>A Picture for Harold's Room</i>	Crockett Johnson	Fiction
<i>Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping</i>	Peggy Parish	Fiction
<i>Arthur's Thanksgiving</i>	Marc Brown	Fiction
<i>Biscuit Finds a Friend</i>	Alyssa S. Capucilli	Fiction
<i>Curious George Visits the Zoo</i>	H. A. Rey	Fiction
<i>Don't let the pigeon drive the bus</i>	Mo Willems	Fiction
<i>Fire! Fire! Said Mrs. McGuire</i>	Bill Martin	Fiction
<i>I Like Me</i>	Nancy Carlson	Fiction
<i>I Will Surprise My Friend</i>	Mo Willems	Fiction
<i>If You Give A Mouse A Cookie</i>	Laura J. Numeroff	Fiction
<i>La Oruga Muy Hambrienta</i>	Eric Carle	Fiction
<i>Me Encantan Los Saturdays y los Domingos</i>	Alma Flor Ada	Fiction/Multicultural
<i>Mittens</i>	Lola M. Schaefer	Fiction
<i>My Dad</i>	Anthony Browne	Fiction
<i>One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish</i>	Dr. Seuss	Fiction
<i>Swimmy</i>	Leo Lionni	Fiction
<i>The Big Snow</i>	Elmer Hader	Fiction
<i>The Library Lion</i>	Michelle Knudsen	Fiction
<i>The Little Red Hen</i>	Byron Barton	Fiction
<i>Very Hungry Caterpillar</i>	Eric Carle	Fiction
<i>We're Going on a Bear Hunt</i>	Michael Rosen	Fiction

Grade 1		
<i>A Bug, A Bear, and A Boy</i>	David McPhail	Fiction
<i>Benny's Pennies</i>	Pat Brisson	Fiction
<i>Biggest, Strongest, Fastest</i>	Steve Jenkins	Fiction
<i>Bow Wow Meow Meow, It's Raining Cats and Dogs</i>	Douglas Florian	Poetry
<i>Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type</i>	Doreen Cronin	Fiction
<i>Do Like a Duck Does</i>	Judy Hindley	Fiction
<i>I Ain't Gonna Paint No More</i>	Karen Beaumont	Fiction/Multicultural
<i>I Know an Old Teacher</i>	Anne Bowen	Fiction
<i>Knuffle Bunny</i>	Mo Willems	Fiction
<i>Leo the Late Bloomer</i>	Robert Kraus	Fiction
<i>Little Dog Poems</i>	Kristine O'Connell	Poetry
<i>Nate the Great and the Pillowcase</i>	Marjorie Weinman Sharmat	Fiction
<i>Old Black Fly</i>	Jim Aylesworth	Fiction
<i>Rap A Tap Tap Here's Bojangles</i>	Leo Dillon	Fiction/Multicultural
<i>Sheep Blast Off!</i>	Nancy Shaw	Fiction
<i>Un Leon en la Biblioteca</i>	Michelle Knudsen	Fiction
<i>Un Poquito Más</i>	Yanitzia Canetti	Fiction

Grade 2		
<i>Alexander and the Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day</i>	Judith Viorst	Fiction
<i>Amelia Bedelia 4 Mayor</i>	Peggy Parish	Fiction
<i>Blueberries for Sal</i>	Robert McCloskey	Fiction
<i>Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs</i>	Judi Barrett	Fiction
<i>Earthdance</i>	Joanne Ryder	Fiction/Multicultural
<i>El Lorito Pelon</i>	Hilda Perera	Fiction
<i>Ellington Was Not a Street</i>	Ntozake Shange	Poetry/Multicultural
<i>Franklin Goes to the Hospital</i>	Sharon Jennings	Fiction
<i>Henry and Mudge and the Big Sleepover</i>	Cynthia Rylant	Fiction
<i>La Casa Adormecida</i>	Audry Wood	Fiction
<i>La Cucarachita Martina</i>	Hector Cuenca	Folktale/Multicultural
<i>Miss Nelson is Missing</i>	Harry Allard	Mystery

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<i>Mouse Soup</i>	Arnold Lobel	Fiction
<i>Officer Buckle and Gloria</i>	Peggy Rathmann	Fiction
<i>Polar Bear Night</i>	Lauren Thompson	Fiction
<i>Poppleton Forever</i>	Cynthia Rylant	Fiction
<i>Rosa' Room</i>	Barbara Bottner	Fiction
<i>Stink and the World's Worst Super-stinky Sneakers</i>	Megan McDonald	Fiction
<i>Where the Wild Things Are</i>	Maurice Sedak	Fiction

Grade 3

<i>101 Ways to Bug Your Parents</i>	Lee Wardlaw	Fiction
<i>A to Z Mysteries</i>	Ron Roy	Fiction
<i>Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon</i>	Paul Danziger	Fiction
<i>Beezus and Ramona</i>	Beverly Cleary	Fiction
<i>Busyboddy Nora</i>	Johanna Hurwitz	Fiction
<i>Cam Jansen and the Green School Mystery</i>	David A. Adler	Mystery
<i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i>	Roald Dahl	Fiction
<i>Don't Say Ain't</i>	Irene Smalls Hector	Fiction/Multicultural
<i>Freaks and Shrieks (Mostly Ghostly Series)</i>	R.L. Stine	Mystery
<i>Horrible Harry and The Ant Invasion</i>	Suzy Kline	Fiction
<i>Hot Day on Abbott Avenue</i>	Karen English	Fiction/Multicultural
<i>Judy Moody Saves the World</i>	Megan McDonald	Fiction
<i>Las Huellas Secretas</i>	Fabin Negrin	Fiction
<i>Mallory on the Move</i>	Laurie Friedman	Fiction
<i>Mi Tio Andy</i>	James Warhola	Fiction
<i>Mumú</i>	Hilda Perera	Fiction
<i>No Dogs Allowed</i>	Bill Wallace	Fiction
<i>Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great</i>	Judy Blume	Fiction
<i>The Adventures of Captain Underpants</i>	Dave Pilkey	Fiction
<i>The Lemonade War</i>	Davies, Jacqueline	Fiction
<i>The New Kid at School (Dragon Slayers' Academy Series)</i>	Kate McMullan	Fantasy Fiction

Grade 4

<i>Because of Winn Dixie</i>	Kate DiCamillo	Fiction
<i>Bluish</i>	Virginia Hamilton	Fiction/Multicultural
<i>Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything in It</i>	Sandra T. Frazier	Fiction
<i>Bunnicula</i>	James & Deborah Howe	Fiction
<i>Charlotte's Web</i>	E.B. White	Fiction
<i>Dear Mr. Henshaw</i>	Beverly Cleary	Fiction
<i>Double Dutch</i>	Sharon Draper	Fiction/Multicultural
<i>Drita, My Homegirl</i>	Jenny Lombard	Fiction/Multicultural
<i>Federico Garcia Lorca</i>	Georgina Lazaro	Biography
<i>Gracias a Winn-Dixie</i>	Kate DiCamillo	Fiction
<i>Granny Torrelli Makes Soup</i>	Sharon Creech	Fiction
<i>Hank Zipzer</i>	Henry Winkler	Fiction
<i>Night of the Howling Dogs</i>	Graham Salisbury	Fiction
<i>No More Dead Dogs</i>	Gordon Korman	Mystery
<i>Project Mulberry</i>	Linda Sue Park	Fiction/Multicultural
<i>Sammy Keyes and the Art of Deception</i>	Wendelin Van Draamen	Mystery
<i>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing</i>	Judy Blume	Fiction
<i>The Gold Thread Dress</i>	Carolyn Marsden	Fiction/Multicultural
<i>The Lightning Thief</i>	Rick Riordan	Fiction
<i>The Million Dollar Kick</i>	Dan Gutman	Sports Fiction
<i>The Onts (Dripping Fang series)</i>	Dan Greenburg	Fiction
<i>The Field Guide (The Spiderwick Chronicles)</i>	Tony DiTerlizzi	Fiction
<i>The Talented Clementine</i>	Sara Pennypacker	Fiction
<i>The World According to Humphrey</i>	Betty G. Barney	Fiction

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Grade 5		
<i>A Light in the Attic</i>	Shel Silverstein	Poetry
<i>Adam Canfield of the Slash</i>	Michael Winerip	Fiction
<i>Artemis Fowl</i>	Eoin Colfer	Fantasy
<i>Azúcar</i>	Ivar Da Coll	Biography/Multicultural
<i>Bloomability</i>	Sharon Creech	Fiction
<i>Chasing the Falconer</i>	Gordon Korman	Mystery
<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	Pam Munoz Ryan	Fiction/Multicultural
<i>Esperanza Renace</i>	Pam Munoz Ryan	Fiction/Multicultural
<i>Hot, Sour, Salty, Sweet</i>	Sheeri Smith	Fiction
<i>How Tia Lola Came to Visit/Stay</i>	Julia Alvarez	Fiction/Multicultural
<i>Little House on the Prairie</i>	Laura Ingalls Wilder	Fiction/Historical
<i>Out of Patience</i>	Brian Meehl	Fiction
<i>Phineas L. MacGuire-Erupts</i>	F. O. Dowell	Fiction
<i>Poppy</i>	Avi	Fiction
<i>Scat</i>	Carl Hiaasen	Fiction/Environment
<i>Stormbreaker (Alex Rider Series)</i>	Anthony Horowitz	Adventure
<i>The City of Ember</i>	Jeanne DuPrau	Fantasy
<i>The Ghost Grave</i>	Peg Kehert	Mystery
<i>The Kingdom Keepers</i>	Ridley Pearson	Fantasy
<i>Tuck Everlasting</i>	Natalie Babbitt	Fiction
<i>Yo, Naomi Leon</i>	Pam Munoz Ryan	Fiction

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Title	Author	Genre
Grades 6-8		
<i>All the Lovely Bad Ones</i>	Mary Downing Hahn	Fiction
<i>Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream</i>	Tonya Lee Stone	Biography
<i>Animals Anonymous</i>	Rich Michelson	Poetry
<i>Antes de Ser Libre</i>	Julia Alvarez	Historical Fiction
<i>Anything But Typical</i>	Nora Raleigh Baskins	Fiction
<i>Barack Obama: the politics of hope</i>	William Davis	Biography
<i>Baseball in April</i>	Gary Soto	Multicultural Fiction
<i>Béisbol en Abril y Otros Cuentos</i>	Gary Soto	Short Stories
<i>Blue Lipstick</i>	John Grandits	Poetry
<i>Breaking Through</i>	Francisco Jimenez	Multicultural Fiction
<i>Chew on This: Everything You Don't Want to Know About Fast Food</i>	Eric Schlosser	Nonfiction
<i>Children of the River</i>	Linda Crew	Multicultural Fiction
<i>Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice</i>	Phillip Hoose	Multicultural Biography
<i>Code Orange</i>	Caroline Cooney	Fiction
<i>Code Talker</i>	Joseph Bruchac	Multicultural Fiction
<i>Countdown</i>	Ben Mikaelson	Fiction
<i>Cover-up: Mystery at the Super Bowl</i>	John Feinstein	Sports Fiction
<i>Dizzy In Your Eyes</i>	Pat Mora	Poetry
<i>Double Dutch</i>	Sharon Draper	Multicultural Fiction
<i>Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie</i>	Jordan Sonnenblick	Fiction
<i>Eat This Not That for Kids</i>	David Zinczenko	Nonfiction
<i>El Rey de Las Octavas</i>	Emma Romeu	Biography
<i>Fearless Fernie: Hanging Out with Fernie and Me</i>	Gary Soto	Poetry
<i>Flight to Freedom</i>	Ana Veciana Suarez	Multicultural Fiction
<i>Flipped</i>	Wendelin Van Draanen	Realistic Fiction
<i>Flush</i>	Carl Hiaasen	Fiction
<i>Found</i>	Margaret Haddix	Fiction
<i>Framed</i>	Rose Malcolm	Fiction
<i>Gossamer</i>	Lois Lowry	Fantasy
<i>Gross Universe</i>	Jeff Szpirglas	Nonfiction
<i>Homeless Bird</i>	Gloria Whelan	Multicultural Fiction
<i>Honeybee: Poems and Short Prose</i>	Naomi Shihab Nye	Poetry
<i>Hurt Go Happy</i>	Ginny Rorby	Fiction
<i>Hush</i>	Jacqueline Woodson	Multicultural Fiction
<i>Jackie's Wild Seattle</i>	Will Hobbs	Fiction
<i>Jake Ransom and the Skull King's Shadow</i>	James Rollins	Fiction
<i>Kidnapped in Key West</i>	Edwina Raffa	Historical Fiction
<i>Kingdom Keepers</i>	Ridley Pearson	Fiction
<i>Last Newspaper Boy</i>	Sue Corbett	Fiction
<i>Life As We Knew It</i>	Susan Beth Pfeffer	Science Fiction
<i>Money Hungry</i>	Sharon Flake	Multicultural Fiction
<i>Mysterious Benedict Society</i>	Trenton Lee Stewart	Fantasy

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<i>Never Mind! A Twin Novel</i>	Avi	Humorous Fiction
<i>Peter and the Starcatchers</i>	Dave Barry	Fantasy
<i>Phineas Gage</i>	John Fleishman	Nonfiction
<i>Revolution Is Not a Dinner Party: A Novel</i>	Compestine Ying Chang	Multicultural Fiction
<i>Romiette and Julio</i>	Sharon Draper	Multicultural Fiction
<i>Savvy</i>	Ingrid Law	Fantasy
<i>Schooled</i>	Gordan Korman	Humorous Fiction
<i>Silent Bone</i>	E.L. Konisburg	Realistic Fiction
<i>Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants</i>	Ann Bradshares	Fiction
<i>Summer Ball</i>	Mike Lupica	Sports Fiction
<i>Tangerine</i>	Edward Bloor	Fiction
<i>The Biography of Chocolate</i>	Adrianna Morganelli	Nonfiction
<i>The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp</i>	Rick Yancey	Adventure
<i>The Mouse Rap</i>	Walter Dean Myers	Multicultural Fiction
<i>The Wright 3</i>	Blue Balliett	Adventure Fiction
<i>The Year I Was Grounded</i>	William H. New	Poetry
<i>Tunnels</i>	Roderick Gordon	Fiction
<i>Under the Same Sky</i>	Cynthia de Felice	Fiction
<i>What Are You Afraid Of? Stories About Phobias</i>	Donald Gallo	Nonfiction

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Grades 9 - 12		
1984	George Orwell	Classic Literature
<i>A Farewell to Arms</i>	Ernest Hemingway	Classic Literature
<i>American Born Chinese</i>	Yang, Gene Luen	Multicultural Fiction/Graphic Novel
<i>Anthem</i>	Ayn Rand	Philosophy
<i>Buried Onions</i>	Gary Soto	Multicultural Fiction
<i>Casa de los Espiritus</i>	Isabel Allende	Fiction/Multicultural
<i>Catcher in the Rye</i>	J. D. Salinger	Classic Literature
<i>City of Beasts</i>	Isabel Allende	Multicultural Fiction
<i>Climbing the Stairs</i>	Padma Venkatraman	Multicultural Fiction
<i>Copper Sun</i>	Sharon Draper	Historical Fiction
<i>Dew Breaker</i>	Edwidge Danticat	Multicultural Fiction
<i>Don Quijote de la Mancha</i>	Miguel de Cervantes	Classic Literature
<i>Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i>	Robert Louis Stevenson	Classic Literature
<i>El Viejo y el Mar</i>	Ernest Hemmingway	Classic Literature
<i>Ellen Foster</i>	Kaye Gibbons	Young Adult Contemporary Fiction
<i>Everlost</i>	Neal Shusterman	Science Fiction
<i>Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close</i>	Jonathan Safran Foer	Philosophy
<i>Fade to Black</i>	Alex Flinn	Young Adult Contemporary Fiction
<i>Fahrenheit 451</i>	Ray Bradbury	Classic Literature
<i>Feed</i>	M. T. Anderson	Science Fiction
<i>Florida Poems</i>	Campbell McGrath	Poetry/Florida Interest
<i>Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story</i>	Ben Carson	Biography
<i>Girl With a Pearl Earring</i>	Tracy Chevalier	Historical Fiction
<i>Graceling</i>	Kristin Cashore	Contemporary Young Adult Fiction
<i>Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i>	Douglass Adams	Science Fiction
<i>House of Spirits</i>	Isabel Allende	Multicultural Fiction
<i>In Cold Blood</i>	Truman Capote	Classic Literature
<i>In the Time of the Butterflies</i>	Julia Alvarez	Multicultural Fiction
<i>Into the Wild</i>	Jon Krakauer	Philosophy
<i>It's Not About the Bike: My Journey Back to Life</i>	Lance Armstrong	Biography
<i>Jane Eyre</i>	Charlotte Bronte	Classic Literature
<i>Joy Luck Club</i>	Any Tan	Multicultural Fiction
<i>Keesha's House</i>	Helen Frost	Multicultural Fiction
<i>Kindred</i>	Octavia Butler	Classic Literature/Multicultural/ Science Fiction
<i>La Ciudad de las Bestias</i>	Isabel Allende	Fiction/Multicultural
<i>La Joven de la Perla</i>	Tracy Chevalier	Historical Fiction
<i>Marianela</i>	Benito Perez Galdós	Historical Fiction/Multicultural
<i>Of Mice and Men</i>	John Steinbeck	Classic Literature
<i>Peak</i>	Roland Smith	Young Adult Contemporary Fiction
<i>Persepolis</i>	Marjane Satrapi	Young Adult Contemporary Fiction/Graphic Novel
<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	Jane Austen	Classic Literature

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<i>Ringside, 1925: View from the Scopes Trial</i>	Jennifer Bryant	Poetry/Historical Fiction
<i>Shift</i>	Jennifer Bradbury	Contemporary Young Adult Fiction
<i>Siddhartha</i>	Herman Hesse	Classic Literature
<i>The Adoration of Jenna Fox</i>	Mary Pearson	Science Fiction
<i>The Alchemist</i>	Paulo Coelho	Philosophy
<i>The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing: The Pox Party</i>	M. T. Anderson	Historical Fiction/Multicultural
<i>The Book Thief</i>	Markus Zusak	Historical Fiction
<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time</i>	Mark Haddon	Young Adult Contemporary Fiction
<i>The Diving Bell and the Butterfly</i>	Jean-Dominique Bauby	Non-Fiction
<i>The Elegance of the Hedgehog</i>	Muriel Barbery	Philosophy
<i>The Glass Castle</i>	Jeannette Walls	Young Adult Contemporary Fiction
<i>The Graveyard Book</i>	Neil Gaiman	Young Adult Contemporary Fiction
<i>The Hunger Games</i>	Suzanne Collins	Young Adult Contemporary Fiction
<i>The Metamorphosis</i>	Frank Kafka	Classic Literature
<i>The Old Man and the Sea</i>	Ernest Hemmingway	Classic Literature
<i>The Omnivore's Dilemma</i>	Michael Pollan	Non-Fiction
<i>The Stranger</i>	Albert Camus	Classic Literature
<i>The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom</i>	Margarita Engle	Poetry/Historical Fiction/Multicultural
<i>The Things They Carried</i>	Tim O'Brien	Classic Fiction/War Stories
<i>The Uglies</i>	Scott Westerfield	Young Adult Contemporary Fiction
<i>Treasure Island</i>	Robert Louis Stevenson	Classic Literature
<i>Written in Bone</i>	Sally M. Walker	Non-Fiction/Forensic Studies/Anthropology/Archeology