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<b>Fiction</b>		
Alvarez, Julia	Return to Sender	With quiet drama, Alvarez tells a contemporary immigration story through the alternating viewpoints of two young people in Vermont.
Barry, Dave	Science Fair	The president of Kprshtskan plots to infiltrate the science fair at Hubble Middle School in Maryland in order to take over the United States government; but when Toby Harbinger, an ordinary student, makes up his mind to win the fair, the terrorists' plans go awry.
Connor, Leslie	Waiting for Normal	Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.
Curtis, Christopher Paul	The Watsons Go to Birmingham	The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.
D'Adamo, Francesco	Iqbal	A fictionalized account of the Pakistani child who escaped from bondage in a carpet factory and went on to help liberate other children like him before being gunned down at the age of thirteen.
Draper, Sharon M.	Double Dutch	Three eighth-grade friends, preparing for the International Double Dutch Championship jump rope competition in their home town of Cincinnati, Ohio, cope with Randy's missing father, Delia's inability to read, and Yo Yo's encounter with the class bullies.
Flores-Galbis, Enrique	90 Miles to Havana	In 1961, Julian and his two brothers leave Cuba with 14,000 other children, in what is known as "Operation Pedro Pan."
Kelly, Jacqueline	The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate	In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate learns about love from the older three of her six brothers and studies the natural world with her grandfather which leads to an important discovery.
Magoon, Kekla	Camo Girl	Ella, a biracial girl with a patchy and uneven skin tone, and her friend Z, a boy who is very different, have been on the bottom of the social order at Caldera Junior High School in Las Vegas, but when the only other African-American student enters their sixth grade class, Ella longs to be friends with him and join the popular group, but does not want to leave Z all alone.
Peck, Richard	Teacher's Funeral	In rural Indiana in 1904, fifteen-year-old Russell's dream of quitting school and joining a wheat threshing crew is disrupted when his older sister takes over the teaching position at his one-room schoolhouse.

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Pratchett, Terry	Nation	After a devastating tsunami destroys all that they have ever known, Mau, an island boy, and Daphne, an aristocratic English girl, together with a small band of refugees, set about rebuilding their community and all the things that are important in their lives.
Renier, Aaron	The Unsinkable Walker Bean	Walker Bean is happiest when he gets to spend time tinkering on his inventions in his grandfather's workshop, but when his grandfather acquires a curse, Walter must embark on dangerous quest to return a pearl skull to the witches who made it.
Rhodes, Jewell Parker	Ninth Ward	In New Orleans' Ninth Ward, twelve-year-old Laneshia, who can see spirits, and her adopted grandmother have no choice but to stay and weather the storm as Hurricane Katrina bears down upon them.
Shiga, Jason	Meanwhile	In this choose-your-own adventure graphic novel, a boy stumbles on the laboratory of a mad scientist who asks him to choose between testing a mind-reading device, a time machine, and a doomsday machine.
Smith, Roland	Peak	A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.
Springer, Nancy	The Case of the Missing Marquess	Enola Holmes, much younger sister of detective Sherlock Holmes, must travel to London in disguise to unravel the disappearance of her mother.
Stead, Rebecca	When You Reach Me	As her mother prepares to be a contestant on a 1970s television game show, a 12-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space.
Telgemeier, Raina	Smile	When she was in sixth grade, Telgemeier tripped while running and lost her two front teeth. In the years that followed, she went through a torturous series of dental surgeries and repairs. However, her storytelling and full-color cartoony images form a story that will cheer and inspire anyone dealing with orthodontia.
Tolan, Stephanie S.	Surviving the Applewhites	Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent for home schooling to the arty and eccentric Applewhite family's Creative Academy, where he discovers talents and interests he never knew he had.
Williams-Garcia, Rita	One Crazy Summer	In the summer of 1968, after traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.

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<b>Nonfiction</b>		
Diakit�, Baba Wagu�	A Gift from Childhood: Memories of an African Boyhood	In his memoir of growing up in a village in Mali, West Africa, Diakit� weaves in the folklore and lessons he learned as a child with his personal biography.
Fleming, Candace	Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart	Fleming alternates between straightforward biographical chapters and a chilling recounting of Earhart's final flight and the search that followed while pointing out examples of how Earhart took an active role in mythologizing her own life.
Johnson, Dolores	Onward: A Photobiography of African-American Explorer Matthew Henson	Stunning archival photographs from the early 20th century help tell the inspiring story of the African-American polar explorer.
Nelson, Kadir	We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball	Using an "Everyman" player as his narrator, Nelson tells the story of Negro League baseball from its beginnings in the 1920s through the decline after Jackie Robinson crossed over to the majors in 1947.
Scieszka, Jon	Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Almost True Stories of Growing Up Scieszka	In this unapologetically shame-free outing, Scieszka, who grew up as the second of six sons, has written an autobiography about boys, for boys and anyone else interested in baseball, fire, and peeing on stuff.
Skelton, Renee	Forecast Earth: The Story of Climate Scientist Inez Fung	How did a quiet girl from Hong Kong grow up to become one of the world's most respected climate scientists? The life story of Inez Fung makes it clear that there are opportunities out there for everyone.
Swanson, James L.	Chasing Lincoln's Killer	The YA version of Swanson's bestselling <i>Manhunt</i> , this account of Lincoln's assassination and the 12-day search for his killer reads like a historical thriller.
Thimmesh, Catherine	Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon	Culled from direct quotes from the people behind the scenes, NASA transcripts, national archives and NASA photos, the whole story of Apollo 11 and the first moon landing emerges.
<b>Short Stories</b>		
Amnesty International	Free?: Stories About Human Rights	An anthology of fourteen stories by young adult authors, on such themes as asylum, law, education, and faith, compiled in honor of the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
Dembicki, Matt	Trickster: Native American Tales: A Graphic Collection	More than 40 storytellers and cartoonists have contributed to this original and provocative compendium of traditional folklore presented in authentic, colorful, and engaging sequential art.

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Scieszka, Jon	Guys Read: Funny Business	A collection of humorous stories featuring a teenaged mummy, a homicidal turkey, and the world's largest pool of chocolate milk.
<b>Audiobooks</b>		
Myers, Walter Dean	Here In Harlem: Poems in Many Voices	Myers writes about his love of the Harlem community where he grew up. In each poem the cast members speak in the distinctive voices of people living there, offering a story, a reflection, or a memory.
Pratchett, Terry	The Wee Free Men	The Queen of Fairyland has stolen Tiffany Aching's brother, and she's not going to take it lying down. Stephen Briggs reads the prose with rhythmic glee and suspenseful understanding.
Rex, Adam	The True Meaning of Smekday	Narrator Bahni Turpin brings whole new dimensions to Adam Rex's popular novel with her distinct voices in this enthusiastic and hilarious reading.
<b>Classics</b>		
Le Guin, Ursula K.	The Wizard of Earthsea	A boy grows to manhood while attempting to subdue the evil he unleashed on the world as an apprentice to the Master Wizard.
Montgomery, Lucy Maud	Anne of Green Gables	Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her.
Paulsen, Gary	Hatchet	After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the Canadian wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother.
Sewell, Anna	Black Beauty	A horse in nineteenth-century England recounts his experiences with both good and bad masters.
Verne, Jules	Around the World in Eighty Days	In this all-time favorite, Phileas Fogg and his manservant set out to win a wager by traveling around the world in 80 days. They embark on a fantastic, action-packed journey into a world filled with danger and beauty, from India to the American frontier.