

## ***Suspense, Mystery and Adventure***

Bauer, Joan

### **Peeled**

High school journalist Hildy is determined to uncover the truth about the unexplained death and other mysteries at the abandoned Ludlow House.

Carter, Ally

### **Heist Society**

Kat leaves the “family business” only to return for one last caper as an international thief.

Cooney, Caroline

### **Enter Three Witches**

Power, greed, murder, and romance: Mary is a ward of the infamous Lord and Lady Macbeth and a witness to the near destruction of Scotland.

Cormier, Robert

### **The Rag and Bone Shop**

The chilling tale of a boy accused of a brutal murder and the interrogator who is determined to get a confession.

Lee, Ying

### **A Spy in the House \***

Rescued from the gallows in Victorian London, Mary’s skill as a thief comes in handy in her new life as a detective...or is that a spy?

McCaughrean, Geraldine

### **The White Darkness**

Sym’s misguided trust of her “uncle” lands her in extreme peril in Antarctica, searching for a legendary underground world that her deranged companion will stop at absolutely nothing to find.

MacNamee, Graham

### **Acceleration**

A summer job at the Transit Authority’s lost-and-found leads Duncan to discover the diary of a killer whom he is determined to find.

Oppel, Kenneth

### **Airborn \***

Matt, the 15-year-old cabin boy on the luxury air ship *Aurora*, outwits pirates, survives ship wreck and discovers a mysterious flying mammal.

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## ***Fantasy***

Bell, Hilari

### **The Last Knight \***

Knights have been extinct for 200 years, but Sir Michael gamely takes on the job, accompanied by a sarcastic squire with a shady past.

Brennan, Herbie

### **Faerie Wars \***

Harry’s family problems get put into perspective when he becomes involved in a life or death struggle for power in the faerie world.

Cashore, Kristin

### **Graceling \***

Katsa’s skill as a killer has long been exploited by the king, but she secretly begins to use it to bring peace to the Seven Kingdoms.

McKinley, Robin

### **Chalice**

A humble bee-keeper is chosen to be the new Chalice, charged with reconnecting people to the land and their not-quite-human master.

Pratchett, Terry

### **Nation**

After a devastating tsunami, Mau loses everyone he knows and must try to form a new community with survivors from elsewhere.

Pullman, Philip

### **The Golden Compass \***

Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra sets out to prevent her best friend from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.

Pierce, Meredith Ann

### **The Darkangel \***

Servant girl Aerial must choose between destroying her vampire master for his evil deeds or saving him for the sake of his beauty and the spark of goodness she sees in him.

Yancey, Rick

### **Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp \***

Alfred, an oversized underachiever, ends up protecting the mythic sword Excalibur from the motorcycle-riding Agents of Darkness.

## ***Science Fiction***

Card, Orson Scott

### **Ender’s Game \***

After being sent to Battle School, Ender quickly becomes Earth’s best hope to defeat the alien invaders who nearly destroyed the planet.

Collins, Suzanne

### **The Hunger Games \***

In the future, citizens are controlled through a competition which pits teens from 12 districts against one another in a violent game of survival.

Goodman, Alison

### **Singing the Dogstar Blues**

Expelled from twelve schools, Joss ends up at the Centre for Neo Historical studies as the roommate of the school’s first alien student.

Hautman, Pete

### **Rash**

In 2076, in the United Safer States of America where it’s illegal to do anything dangerous, Bo’s temper lands him in jail.

Lloyd, Saci

### **The Carbon Diaries 2015 \***

When England becomes the first nation to introduce carbon dioxide rationing, Laura documents the drastic effects on her family.

Reeve, Philip

### **Mortal Engines \***

In a far-distant future, London has become a "Traction City," a vast wheeled mountain that hunts down and eats other cities for raw materials.

Sleator, William

### **Parasite Pig \***

In this sequel to the classic *Interstellar Pig*, Barney is kidnapped to a planet inhabited by intelligent, human eating crabs.

Westerfield, Scott

### **Leviathan**

It’s the pro-machine Clankers vs. the bio tech Darwinists in this alternate reality version of Europe on the verge of World War I.

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## ***Romance***

Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia

### **Hawksong \***

The heirs to the thrones of two shape-shifting clans agree to marry in order to stop the centuries-long blood feud between their peoples.

Castellucci, Cecil

### **Boy Proof**

With a unique personality and a style all her own, a girl is set apart from her classmates....until a boy challenges her perspectives.

Dessen, Sarah

### **The Truth About Forever**

Macy is a desperate overachiever until the summer she works with an impetuous caterer and her handsome nephew.

Dunkle, Clare

### **The Hollow Kingdom \***

Kate is determined to outwit the grotesque but oddly compelling Goblin King who has decided to make her his bride.

Leavitt, Martine

### **Keturah and Lord Death**

Taken by Death when she wanders too far into the forest, Keturah uses her expert storytelling skills to bargain with the handsome lord.

Shulman, Polly

### **Enthusiasm**

Two high school-aged Jane Austen fans fall for the same handsome boy who just happens to remind them of their favorite romantic character.

Tomlinson, Heather

### **The Swan Maiden**

Raised to be a nobleman’s wife, Doucette discovers her magical ability and believes it will allow her to be with the lowly shepherd she loves.

Vivian, Siobhan

### **Same Difference**

Emily is an outsider at the urban summer art school where she learns about all kinds of relationships and a bit about herself as well.

## Reality

Anderson, Laurie Halse

### Speak

Melinda is a high school freshman with a devastating secret; if only she could talk about it, she might get her friends back again.

Bauer, Michael

### Don't Call Me Ishmael

A quirky sense of humor helps when your name makes you the favorite target of bullies.

Fredericks, Mariah

### The True Meaning of Cleavage

Shortly after beginning high school, Sari falls obsessively in love with a senior and her best friend, Jess, is left with no friends at all.

Mackler, Caroline

### The Earth, My Butt and Other Big Round Things

The blonde, average daughter in a family of dark-haired, thin superstars, Virginia begins to see her family's flaws and her own strengths.

McWilliams, Kelly

### Doormat

Average Jamie has always been there for beautiful Melissa, so of course Jamie gets drawn into the drama when Melissa becomes pregnant.

Myers, Walter Dean

### Monster

Aspiring filmmaker Steve is accused of acting as lookout for a robbery that left a victim dead; now he is in prison awaiting trial for murder.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds

### Including Alice \*

Tenth grader Alice feels like she is all alone when her older brother moves out and her dad marries her former teacher.

Williams, Carol Lynch

### The Chosen One

Fourteen-year-old Kyra runs afoul of her community when the Prophet declares that she will become her 60-year-old uncle's seventh wife.

## Humor

Alexie, Sherman

### The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian

Junior leaves his school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend the school in town where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

Brashares, Ann

### The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants \*

Four teenage girls, friends since birth, spend their first summer apart but still connected by a shared pair of magical jeans.

Curtis, Christopher Paul

### Bucking the Sarge

Luther's future plans do not include continuing to work for his scam artist mom (aka Sarge), but is he bold enough to find a way out?

Korman, Gordon

### Son of the Mob \*

Being the son of a crime boss is bad enough, but then Vince complicates things by falling in love with the daughter of an FBI agent.

Lubar, David

### Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie

In the first weeks of high school, Scott gets smacked by seniors, robbed of his lunch money, and ignored by the girl of his dreams—can things get any worse?

Mylnowski, Sarah

### Spells and Sleeping Bags \*

Sister witches Rachel and Miri bring their own kind of magic to Camp Wood Lake.

O'Connell, Jane

### Pulling Princes \*

Hoping to become more popular at her English boarding school, fifteen-year-old Californian Calypso Kelly invents a fake boyfriend.

Rennison, Louise

### Angus, Thongs and Full Frontal Snogging \*

The "fabitty fab fab" diary of Georgia Nicholson: English teenager, cat lover, and wanna-be girlfriend of Robbie, aka the Sex God.

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## Sports

Bloor, Edward

### Tangerine

Soccer player Paul is legally blind, but is able to see the truth about his surreal suburban community and his football-hero older brother.

Coy, John

### Box Out

Sophomore Liam is excited to be playing varsity basketball until he decides he must take a moral stand against the actions of the coach.

Deuker, Carl

### Night Hoops

Nick finds an unlikely partner in his angry misfit neighbor Trent when the two boys become the backbone of the varsity basketball team.

Feinstein, John

### Last Shot: a Final Four Mystery \*

Winning a sports reporting contest sends two eighth graders to cover the Final Four tournament.

Koertge, Ron

### Shakespeare Bats Cleanup

When mono sidelines the baseball team's MVP, he discovers poetry as an outlet for dealing with his feelings.

Korman, Gordon

### Pop

New in town, Marcus becomes a rival of the quarterback, but his special relationship with an ex-NFL player provides another view of life.

Murdock, Catherine

### Dairy Queen \*

After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, 16-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself

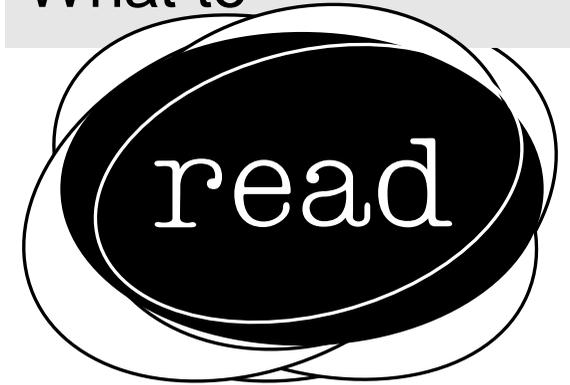
Smith, Jennifer

### The Comeback Season

Ryan loves the Chicago Cubs, a passion she shared with her father and, now that he is gone, learns to share with a boy her age.

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## What to



## Grades 8-9

Humor  
Sports  
Fantasy  
Romance  
Science Fiction  
Reality  
Suspense  
Mystery  
Adventure



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