

Young Adult (Grades 6-8) Books by Subject and AR Ratings

Being New in School (Bullies)

YA ALE Alexander, Jill. The sweetheart of Prosper County. AR Level=4.7; points=7

In a small East Texas town largely ruled by prejudices and bullies, fourteen-year-old Austin sets out to win a ride in the next parade and, in the process, grows in her understanding of friendship and helps her widowed mother through her mourning.

YA BRU Bruchac, Joseph. Bearwalker. AR Level=5.5; Points=6

Although the littlest student in his class, thirteen-year-old Baron Braun calls upon the strength and wisdom of his Mohawk ancestors to face both man and beast when he tries to get help for his classmates, who are being terrorized during a school field trip in the Adirondacks.

YA 811 GEO George, Kristine O'Connell. Swimming upstream:middle school poems
AR Level=4.4; points=.5

A collection of poems capture the feelings and experiences of a girl in middle school.

YA GRA Grant, Vicki. Pigboy. AR Level=3.6; Points=2

Dan Hogg is the class brain who wears glasses and has weird hair. But his biggest problem is his name: it just begs for insults. When they go on a field trip, they are threatened by an escaped criminal who is not sure what to do with the bus full of eighth graders, but soon figures out that he needs to get rid of them all. Dan, in a bumbling, self-effacing way, becomes a hero by saving his classmates and teacher. He is still the class nerd, but he has earned the respect of the biggest bully. Grant has done a fantastic, humorous job of developing the voice of an adolescent who is the class bully's whipping boy. Pigboy is a great quick read for boys who may be reluctant readers, but others will enjoy it as well.

YA KOR Korman, Gordon. Schooled. AR Level=4.9; points=6

Homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Capricorn (Cap) Anderson has never watched television, tasted a pizza, or even heard of a wedgie. But when his grandmother lands in the hospital, Cap is forced to move in with a guidance counselor and attend the local middle school. While Cap knows a lot about tie-dyeing and Zen Buddhism, no education could prepare him for the politics of public school.

YA MCK McKissack, Pat. A friendship for today. AR Level=4.1; Points=6

In 1954, when desegregation comes to Kirkland, Missouri, ten-year-old Rosemary faces many changes and challenges at school and at home as her parents separate.

YA ROW Rowling, J. K.

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets : 2 AR Level=6.7; Points=14
When the Chamber of Secrets is opened again at the Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry, second-year student Harry Potter finds himself in danger from a dark power that has once more been released on the school.

Harry Potter and the deathly hallows : # 7. AR Level=6.9; Points=34
Burdened with the dark, dangerous, and seemingly impossible task of locating and destroying Voldermort's remaining Horcruxes, Harry, feeling alone and uncertain about his future, struggles to find the inner strength he needs to follow the path set out in all his years at Hogwarts School.

Harry Potter and the goblet of fire: #4 AR Level=6.8; Points=32
In his fourth year at Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry,

Harry Potter and the Half blood prince: #6 AR Level=7.2; Points=29

Harry Potter and the order of the phoenix : #5 AR Level=7.2; Points=44

Harry Potter and the prisoner of Azkaban: #3 AR Level=6.7; Points=18
During his third year at Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry, Harry Potter must confront the devious and dangerous wizard responsible for his parents' deaths.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone: #1 AR Level=5.5; Points=12

YA SHA Sharenow, Robert. My mother the cheerleader . AR Level=5.1; Points=6
Thirteen-year-old Louise uncovers secrets about her family and her neighborhood during the violent protests over school desegregation in 1960 New Orleans.

Cats

YA BUT Butler, Beverly. Ghost cat. No AR listing
Visiting for the first time on the family farm with relatives she doesn't quite feel comfortable around, fourteen-year-old Annabel gradually unravels a mystery involving a crying cat, an abandoned house, a forty-year-old feud, suspicions of murder, and her own grandparents.

YA HUN Hunter, Erin. Moonrise. AR Level=5.8; points=11
Series: (Warriors, the new prophecy #2)
As they journey home to warn their clans of the coming destruction, the six cats, guided by StarClan's prophecy, meet an unfamiliar tribe of cats with their own set of beliefs--and their own mysterious prophecy.

- YA HUN Hunter, Erin. Dawn. AR Level=5.1; points=11
Series: (Warriors, the new prophecy #3)
The questing cats return to a forest devastated by the Twolegs, where they must find a way to convince their Clans to leave in search of a new home, even though they have no idea where they are going.
- YA HUN Hunter, Erin. Starlight. AR Level=5.9; points=12
Series: (Warriors, the new prophecy #4)
The warrior cat Clans arrive at their new home and set about exploring and fighting over the unfamiliar territory.
Held by: LVPL
- YA HUN Hunter, Erin. Into the wild. AR Level=5.6; points=10
Series: (Warriors #1)
For generations, four clans of wild cats have shared the forest. When their warrior code is threatened by mysterious deaths, a house cat named Rusty may turn out to be the bravest warrior of all.
- YA HUN Hunter, Erin. A dangerous path. AR Level=5.9; points=12
Series: (Warriors #5)
Tigerclaw is back and more dangerous than ever as the new leader of ShadowClan, but he is not the most terrifying enemy Fireheart must face as a new force sweeps through the woods.
- YA HUN Hunter, Erin. The darkest hour. AR Level=6.3; points=12
Series: (Warriors #6)
ThunderClan's darkest hour is upon them and Fireheart, the warrior cat, must protect his clan from a threat unlike any the forest has ever seen, as the time comes for prophecies to unfold and heroes to rise.
- YA HUN Hunter, Erin. Twilight. AR Level=5.5; points=11
(Warriors, the new prophecy #5)
After the warrior cat Clans settle into their new homes, the harmony they once had disappears as the clans start fighting each other, until the day their common enemy--the badger--invades their territory.
- YA HUN Hunter, Erin. Sunset. AR Level=5.5; points=11
Series: (Warriors, the new prophecy #6)
Amidst ongoing strife within and between the Clans of warrior cats, Brambleclaw is tempted by the dark plans of his father and brother, and the meaning of Leafpool's ominous visions becomes clear.
- YA HUN Hunter, Erin. The sight. AR Level=4.9; points=12
Series: (Warriors, power of three #1)
Legendary Firestar's grandchildren train as warrior cats and have more power than

any cat before them.

YA HUN Hunter, Erin. Outcast. AR Level=5.4; points=11

Series: (Warriors, power of three #3)

Firestar's grandchildren--Lionpaw, Hollypaw, and Jaypaw--progress in their training to become warrior cats and are drawn for different reasons to the mountains and the Tribe of Rushing Water.

YA HUN Hunter, Erin. The Dark river. AR Level=4.3; points=10

Series: (Warriors, power of three #2)

As Hollypaw, Lionpaw and Jaypaw, grandchildren of the legendary Firestar, continue their training to be warrior cats, each is haunted by a different internal struggle that could lead to trouble for all Clans.

YA TAY Taylor, Theodore. Sniper. AR Level=5.2; points=8

Fifteen-year-old Ben must cope alone when a mysterious sniper begins shooting the big cats in his family's private zoological preserve.

YA WES Westall, Robert. Yaxley's cat.

After Yaxley disappears, the inhabitants of an English village fear that his ugly old cat will uncover the truth about the secret they are hiding.

YA WES Westall, Robert. Blitzcat. AR Level=5.9; points=9

During World War II a black cat journeys all across war-ravaged England in an effort to track down her beloved master.

Dogs

YA BOO Booth, Martin. War dog. AR Level=5.7; points=5

After her owner is arrested while poaching, Jet is requisitioned by the British Army and sees duty on the beach at Dunkirk, searching for survivors of Germany's bombing raids on English cities, and in Italy at the end of the war.

YA FRO Frost, Helen. Diamond Willow. AR Level=4.3; points=2

In a remote area of Alaska, twelve-year-old Willow helps her father with their sled dogs when she is not at school, wishing she were more popular, all the while unaware that the animals surrounding her carry the spirits of dead ancestors and friends who care for her.

YA HAL Hall, Elizabeth. Child of the wolves. AR Level=5.3; points=5

Rather than be sold, Granite, a husky puppy, runs away into the Alaskan wilderness

and is taken in by a wolf that has lost her pups.

YA KAD Kadohata, Cynthia. *The best dog in Vietnam*. AR Level=4.9; points=9
A young soldier in Vietnam bonds with his bomb-sniffing dog.

YA KLA Klass, David. *Firestorm*. AR Level=3.4; points=11
Series: (Caretaker trilogy #1)
After learning that he has been sent from the future for a special purpose, eighteen-year-old Jack receives help from an unusual dog and a shape-shifting female fighter.

YA LON London, Jack. *White Fang*. AR Level=7.4; points=13
The adventures in the northern wilderness of a dog who is part wolf and how he comes to make his peace with man.

YA PAU Paulsen, Gary. *My life in dog years*. AR Level=5.6; points=3
The author describes some of the dogs that have had special places in his life, including his first dog, Snowball, in the Philippines; Dirk, who protected him from bullies; and Cookie, who saved his life.

YA TOL Tolan, Stephanie S. *Listen!* AR Level=5.4; points=6
During her solitary convalescence from a crippling accident, twelve-year-old Charley finds a wild dog, and the arduous process of training him leads her to explore her feelings about her mother's death two years earlier.

Fantasy

YA ALE Alexander, Lloyd. *The book of three*. AR Level=5.3; points=7
Series: (The chronicles of Prydain #1)
Taran, Assistant Pig-Keeper to a famous oracular sow, sets out on a hazardous mission to save Prydain from the forces of evil.

YA ALE Alexander, Lloyd. *Gypsy Rizka*. AR Level=5.4; points=6
Living alone in her wagon on the outskirts of a small town while waiting for her father's return, Rizka, a Gypsy and a trickster, exposes the ridiculous foibles of some of the townspeople.

YA ALE Alexander, Lloyd. *The Black Cauldron*. AR Level=5.2; points=7
Series: (The chronicles of Prydain #2)
Taran, the gallant Assistant pig-keeper and his companions, once again fare forth to

destroy the evil that threatens their beloved country Prydain.

YA ALE Alexander, Lloyd. The Castle of Llyr. AR Level=5.4; points=7

Series: (The chronicles of Prydain #3)

When Princess Eilonwy is sent to the Isle of Mona for training, she is bewitched by the evil enchantress Achren, so Taran and other friends must try to rescue her.

YA PEN The Pendragon chronicles. edited by Mike Ashley.

Heroic fantasy from the time of King Arthur.

YA BAR Barron, T. A. The mirror of Merlin. AR Level=5.4; points=9

Series: (The lost years of Merlin #4)

Through adventures involving a haunted marsh, talking trees, and the creature called the *ballymag*, the young wizard Merlin continues to experience his growing powers and his essential humanity.

YA BAR Barron, T. A. The fires of Merlin. AR Level=5.4; points=9

Series: (The lost years of Merlin #3)

Having voyaged to the Otherworld in his quest to find himself, the young wizard Merlin must face fire in many different forms and deal with the possibility of losing his own magical power.

YA BAR Barron, T. A. The wings of Merlin. AR Level=5.8; points=14

Series: (The lost years of Merlin #5)

Merlin's fragile home on the isle of Fincayra is threatened by the attack of a mysterious warrior with swords for arms and by the escape of Stangmar from his imprisonment, as Merlin continues to move toward his ultimate destiny.

YA BRO Browne, N. M. Silver boy.

When Tommo, aged about fifteen years, runs away from an apprenticeship as a spellgrinder, he begs for sanctuary and is forced to attempt an impossible journey to leave his country, but help arrives in very unexpected forms.

YA CHA Chabon, Michael. Summerland. AR Level=6.3; points=22

Ethan Feld, the worst baseball player in the history of the game, finds himself recruited by a 100-year-old scout to help fairies triumph over an ancient enemy.

YA DIC Dickinson, Peter. The ropemaker. AR Level=6.3; points=21

When the magic that protects their Valley starts to fail, Tilja and her companions

journey into the evil Empire to find the ancient magician Faheel, who cast those spells.

YA DUA Duane, Diane. A wizard alone. AR Level=5.8; points=13

While Nita mourns her mother's death, teenage wizard Kit and his dog Ponch set out to find a young autistic boy who vanished in the middle of his Ordeal, pursued by the Lone Power.

YA DUP DuPrau, Jeanne. The city of Ember. AR Level=5; points=9

In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

YA DUP DuPrau, Jeanne. The people of Sparks. AR Level=4.9; points=11

Sequel to: The City of Ember.

Having escaped to the Unknown Regions, Lina and the others seek help from the village people of Sparks.

YA FUN Funke, Cornelia Caroline. Dragon rider. AR Level=4.9; points=16

After learning that humans are headed toward his hidden home, Firedrake, a silver dragon, is joined by a brownie and an orphan boy in a quest to find the legendary valley known as the Rim of Heaven, encountering friendly and unfriendly creatures along the way, and struggling to evade the relentless pursuit of an old enemy.

YA GAI Gaiman, Neil. Stardust. AR Level=6.2; points=10

The story of young Tristran Thorn and his adventures in the land of Faerie. He has fallen in love with beautiful Victoria Forester and in order to win her hand, he must retrieve a fallen star and deliver it to her.

YA HAL Halpern, Jake. Dormia. AR Level=5.8; points=20

After learning of his ancestral ties to Dormia, a hidden kingdom in the Ural Mountains whose inhabitants possess the ancient power of "wakeful sleeping," twelve-year-old Alfonso sets out on a mission to save the kingdom from destruction, discovering secrets that lurk in his own sleep.

YA HAR Hardinge, Frances. Fly by night. AR Level=7.1; points=19

Mosca Mye and her homicidal goose, Saracen, travel to the city of Mandelion on the heels of smooth-talking con-man, Eponymous Clent.

YA HIL Hill, Stuart. Blade of fire. AR Level=7.7; points=31

Series Title: (Icemark chronicles #2)

Charlemagne must overcome his kingdom's internal problems and defeat an invasion from Bellorum.

YA HUN Hunter, Erin. Midnight. AR Level=6.0; points=12

Series: (Warriors, the new prophecy)

Called by StarClan to fulfill a new prophecy, a group of young cats sets out on a long and dangerous journey, knowing only that trouble threatens the forest, as the adventures of the warrior clans continue.

Y HUN Hunter, Erin. Sunset. AR Level=5.5; points 11

Series: (Warriors, the new prophecy #6)

Amidst ongoing strife within and between the Clans of warrior cats, Brambleclaw is tempted by the dark plans of his father and brother, and the meaning of Leafpool's ominous visions becomes clear.

YA HUN Hunter, Erin. The Sight. AR Level=4.9; points=12

Series: (Warriors, power of three #1)

The legendary Firestar's grandchildren begin training as warrior cats and have more power than any cat before them.

YA HUN Hunter, Erin. Dark River. AR Level=4.3; points=10 Edition: 1st ed.
(Warriors, power of three #2)

As Hollypaw, Lionpaw and Jaypaw, grandchildren of the legendary Firestar, continue their training to be warrior cats, each is haunted by a different internal struggle that could lead to trouble for all Clans.

YA JAC Jacques, Brian. Martin the Warrior. AR Level=5.5; points=14

Captured and enslaved by the corsair stoat Badrang, young mouse warrior Martin vows to end the evil beast's plundering and killing.

YA JAC Jacques, Brian. Salamandastron. AR Level=5.7; points=16

Urthstripe the Strong, a wise old badger, leads the animals of the great fortress of Salamandastron and Redwall Abbey against the weasel Ferahgo the Assassin and his corps of vermin.

YA JAC Jacques, Brian. Taggerung. AR Level=5.2; points 19

A young otter, kidnapped in his infancy and raised as a warrior-thief by a band of vermin, leaves the tribe and goes off to seek adventures of his own.

YA JAC Jacques, Brian. Triss. AR Level=5.8; points=17

Triss, Shogg, and Welfo escape from slavery at Riftgard and are pursued across the sea toward Redwall by Princess Kurdah, Prince Bladd, and a band of freebooters who seek the rumored treasure of Brockhall.

YA JON Jones, Diana Wynne. Year of the griffin. AR Level=5.9; points=14

Sequel to: Dark Lord of Derkholm.

When Elda, the griffin daughter of the great Wizard Derk, arrives for schooling at the Wizards' University, she encounters new friends, pirates, assassins, worry, sabotage, bloodshed, and magic misused.

YA LAK Lake, A. J. The book of the sword. AR Level=6.2; points=9

Edition: 1st U.S. ed.

Series: (Darkest age #2)

In Europe during the Dark Ages, eleven-year-olds Edmund and Elspeth must again battle ancient, evil forces, when Elspeth's magical sword guides them to the lair of Loki, a monstrous being whom the sword was forged to kill.

YA LAN Landy, Derek. Skulduggery. AR Level=4.9; points=10

When twelve-year-old Stephanie inherits her weird uncle's estate, she must join forces with Skulduggery Pleasant, a skeleton mage, to save the world from the Faceless Ones.

YA LIS Lisle, Janet Taylor. Forest. AR Level=4.7; points 5

Twelve-year-old Amber's invasion of an organized forest community of squirrels starts a war between humans and beasts, despite the protests of an unconventional and imaginative squirrel named Woodbine.

YA MCC McCaughrean, Geraldine. The Stones Are Hatching. AR Level=6; points=9

Eleven-year-old Phelim and his companions, a Maiden, a Fool, and a strange black Horse, journey to the Stoor Worm's lair to destroy the long-forgotten Worm and its Hatchlings, who have been roused from their slumber by the sounds of war.

YA MCG McGraw, Eloise Jarvis. The Moorchild. AR Level=5.5; points=9

Feeling that she is neither fully human nor "Folk," a changeling learns her true identity and attempts to find the human child whose place she had been given.

YA NIC Nicholson, William. Seeker. AR Level=4.8; points=14

Series: (The noble warriors #1)

Having been rejected by the Nomana--the revered warrior-monk order they long to join--sixteen-year-olds Seeker and Morning Star, along with a curious pirate named Wildman, attempt to prove they are worthy of joining the community, after all.

YA NIC Nicholson, William. The wind singer. AR Level=5.4; points=12

Series: (The wind on fire #1)

After Kestrel Hath rebels against the stifling rules of Amaranth society and is forced to flee, she, along with her twin brother and a tagalong classmate, follow an ancient map in quest of the legendary silver voice of the wind singer, in an attempt to heal Amaranth and its people.

YA NIX Nix, Garth. Castle. AR Level=5.7; points=6

Series: (The seventh tower)

"The Dark World is a place of ice, wind, and fury. A veil of black covers the sky. In all the world, only the Castle shines with light..."

YA NIX Nix, Garth. Aenir. AR Level=5.2; points=6

Series: (The seventh tower #3)

The dream world Aenir is not a safe place. Tal and Milla must find the Codex, a strange and magical object that will decide their fate in this world. But finding the Codex finding the Codex may endanger them more than they dreamed.

YA NIX Nix, Garth. Sabriel. AR Level=7.3; points=16

Sabriel, daughter of the necromancer Abhorsen, must journey into the mysterious and magical Old Kingdom to rescue her father from the Land of the Dead.

YA NIX Nix, Garth. Lirael, daughter of the Clayr. AR Level=7.1; points=23

When a dangerous necromancer threatens to unleash a long-buried evil, Lirael and Prince Sameth are drawn into a battle to save the Old Kingdom and reveal their true destinies.

YA NIX Nix, Garth. Above the veil. AR Level=5.3; points=7

Series: (The seventh tower)

"Tal and Milla are no longer alone in their quest for the truth about their world. They have been joined by Crow, a rebel Underfolk, and his band of conspirators. They know many secrets about the Castle -- and are on the verge of uncovering the greatest secret of all."

YA NIX Nix, Garth. Into battle. AR Level=5.5; points=6

Series: (The seventh tower #5)

"The Dark World is in danger, for the Veil is vulnerable. War is soon to come. On one side are Tal and the Underfolk rebels, struggling valiantly for freedom. On another side are Milla and the Icecarls, preparing to assault the Castle in order to preserve their world. And on a third side lies the most sinister force of all, a force of such power that it could unleash the ultimate destruction"--Cover.

YA NOD Nodelman, Perry. The same place but different. AR Level=4.8; points=6

Young John Nesbit enters the world of the Strangers in order to rescue his baby sister whom the fairies have replaced with a Changeling.

YA OWE Owen, James A. Here, there be dragons. AR Level=6.4; points=12

Series: (The Chronicles of the Imaginarium geographica #1)

Three young men are entrusted with the Imaginarium Geographica, an atlas of fantastical places to which they travel in hopes of defeating the Winter King whose bid for power is related to the First World War raging in the Real World.

YA PAO Paolini, Christopher. Eldest. AR Level=7; points=36

Series: (Inheritance #2)

Eragon and his dragon, Saphira, have survived the battle at Tronjheim, but their challenges are not over. Galbatorix, the corrupt emperor, still rules Alagaesia and is looking for them.

YA PAO Paolini, Christopher. Eragon. AR Level=5.6; points=25

Series: (Inheritance #1)

In Aagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters.

YA PAO Paolini, Christopher. Brisingr. AR Level=7.8; points=45

Series: (Inheritance #3)

The further adventures of Eragon and his dragon Saphira as they continue to aid the Varden in the struggle against the evil king, Galbatorix.

YA PAU Paul, Donita K. Dragonquest . AR Level=4.9; points=15

A dragonkeeper of Paladin, Kale is summoned from the Hall to The Bogs by the Wizard Fenworth to serve as his apprentice and tend his newly hatched meech

dragon, Regidor. But Kale isn't going alone. The Hall is sending a student to monitor her performance and report back to the scholars. Worst of all, it's Bardon an older boy Kale finds irritating, but who at least can hold his own in a sword fight.

YA PIE Pierce, Tamora. Trickster's choice. AR Level=5.8; points=19
Alianne must call forth her mother's courage and her father's wit in order to survive on the Copper Isles in a royal court rife with political intrigue and murderous conspiracy.

YA PIE Pierce, Tamora. Trickerster's Queen. AR Level=5.9; points=21
Aly fails to foresee the dangers that await as she uses her magic to safeguard Dova and her younger siblings, despite knowing that her thirteen-year-old charge might be queen of the Copper Isles when the colonial rulers are defeated.

YA PIE Pierce, Tamora. Terrier. AR Level=4.5; points=19
Series: (Beka Cooper #1)
When sixteen-year-old Beka becomes "Puppy" to a pair of "Dogs," as the Provost's Guards are called, she uses her police training, natural abilities, and a touch of magic to help them solve the case of a murdered baby in Tortall's Lower City.

YA PIE Pierce, Tamora. Bloodhound. AR Level=4.8; points=25
Series: (Beka Cooper #2)
Having been promoted from "Puppy" to "Dog," Beka, now a full-fledged member of the Provost's Guard, and her former partner head to a neighboring port city to investigate a case of counterfeit coins.

YA PIE Pierce, Tamora. The Magic steps. AR Level=5.7; points=9
Series: (The circle opens #1)
When drawn into the investigation of murders perpetrated on a powerful family in Summersea, Sandy and her student Pasco undertake the dangerous mission of entrapping the invisible killers.

YA PIE Pierce, Tamora. Street magic. AR Level=5.8; points=11
Series: (The circle opens #2)
Former "street rat" Briar Moss must face his past when he discovers a young mage in need of a mentor.

YA PIE Pierce, Tamora. First Test. AR Level=5.3; points=8

Series: (Protector of the small)

Ten-year-old Keladry of Mindalen, daughter of nobles, serves as a page but must prove herself to the males around her if she is ever to fulfill her dream of becoming a knight.

LP YA PIE Pierce, Tamora. Page. AR Level=5.4; points=9

Series: (Protector of the small)

Keladry of Mindelan continues her training to become a squire with the aid of a new maid, the support of her friends, interference from some other pages, and some serious, even dangerous opposition.

YA PUL Pullman, Philip. The golden compass. AR Level=7.1; points=19

Series: (His dark materials #1)

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

YA PUL Pullman, Philip. The amber spyglass. AR Level=6.7; points=26

Series: (His dark materials#3)

Lyra and Will find themselves at the center of a battle between the forces of the Authority and those gathered by Lyra's father, Lord Asriel.

YA ROW Rowling, J. K. Harry Potter and the sorcerer's stone. AR Level=5.5; points=12

Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Wizards and Witches.

YA SAG Sage, Angie. Magyk. AR Level=6; points=18

Series: (Septimus Heap #1)

After learning that she is the Princess, Jenna is whisked from her home and carried toward safety by the Extraordinary Wizard, those she always believed were her father and brother, and a young guard known only as Boy 412--pursued by agents of those who killed her mother ten years earlier.

YA SED Sedgwick, Marcus. The Dark Horse. AR Level=4.3; points=5

Having risen to power as chief of his people, the Storn, sixteen-year-old Sigurd leads them as they try to resist the bloodthirsty invaders known as the Dark Horse and makes a shocking discovery about his foster sister Mouse.

YA TAY Taylor, G. P. The Shadowmancer. AR Level=5.8; points=15
When Obadiah Demurral, the power-hungry Vicar of Thorpe, attempts to become a god by dabbling in magic, Raphah (who has come from Africa to get back the artifact stolen from his Temple and sold to Demurral) joins forces with Kate and Thomas to stop him.

YA THE Thesman, Jean. Singer. AR Level=5.5; points=12
Imprisoned by her wicked and power-hungry mother, Lady Rhiannon, Gwenore escapes to a women's healing community, later changing her name and becoming nursemaid and protector to the children of the magical king of Lir, who is now married to Rhiannon.

YA TOL Tolkien, J. R. R. (John Ronald Reuel). The hobbit. AR Level=4.6; points=16
Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.

YA TOL Tolkien, J. R. R. The two towers. AR Level=6.3; points 23
Series Title: (The lord of the rings #2)

YA TOL Tolkien, J. R. R. The return of the king. AR Level=6.2; points=22
Series: (The Lord of the rings # 3)

YA TUR Turner, Megan Whalen. The Queen of Attolia. AR Level=6.7; points=14
Forsaken by the gods and left to his own devices, Eugenides, Royal Thief of Eddis, summons all his wit/wiles in an attempt to conquer the rival Queen of Attolia.

Horses

YA AMA Amateau, Gigi. Chancey of the Maury River. AR Level=6.5; points=9
After being abandoned, Chancey, an albino Appaloosa horse, finds a new home with Claire who needs him as much as he needs her, but as his eyesight deteriorates, he and Claire start anew as a therapeutic team.

YA BAG Bagnold, Enid. National Velvet. AR Level=5.5; points=11
A fourteen-year-old English girl wins a horse in a raffle, trains it, and rides it in the

Grand National steeplechase.

YA GRA Grant, K. M. Blood red horse. AR Level=6.3; points=13

Series: (The De Granville trilogy #1)

A special horse named Hosanna changes the lives of two English brothers and those around them as they fight with King Richard I against Saladin's armies during the Third Crusades.

YA GRA Grant, K. M. Green Jasper. AR Level=5.8; points=11

Series: (The De Granville trilogy #2)

Having returned to a politically unstable England after the Crusades, brothers Will and Gavin--with the help of the red horse Hosanna--attempt to rescue their friend Ellie who is being held prisoner by an enemy of King Richard I.

YA GRA Grant, K. M. (Katie M.) Blaze of silver. AR Level=6.3; points=12

Series: (The De Granville trilogy #3)

Using principles of their shared Muslim faith to persuade him, an agent of the Old Man of the Mountain convinces Kamil to lead Will and Ellie into a trap, but Kamil repents and seeks a way to save his friends and redeem himself.

YA HOF Hoffman, Mary. Stravaganza : city of stars. AR Level=6.1; points=18

Fifteen-year-old Georgia, who loves horses as much as she hates her bullying stepbrother, buys a figurine of a winged horse and finds it has magical powers that transport her from present-day London to the sixteenth-century world of Talia where, in the city of Remora, similar to Sienna, Italy, she finds danger and intrigue as well as friendship and a chance to perfect her riding skills.

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YA SMI Smith, Marya. Winter-broken.

Abused by an alcoholic father, twelve-year-old, withdrawn and timid, Dawn finds friendship and love in a sympathetic farmer and his beautiful horse Wildfire.

YA WIL Wilson, Diane L. To ride the gods' own stallion. AR Level=6.1; points=9

After being taken as a slave to Nineveh, thirteen-year-old Soulai finds his life intertwined with that of the son of King Ashurbanipal and a magnificent stallion and gets a chance to prove to himself and others that he is not a coward.

YA WIL Wilson, Diane L. I rode a horse of milk white jade. AR Level=6.3; points=10

In early fourteenth-century China, Oyuna tells her granddaughter of her girlhood in Mongolia and how love for her horse enabled her to win an important race and bring good luck to her family.

Music

YA TOM Tomlinson, Heather. Aurelie: a faerie tale. AR level=5.3; points=7

Heartsick at losing her two dearest companions, Princess Aurelie finds comfort in the glorious music of the faeries, but the duties of the court call her, as do the needs of her friends.

YA BLO Block, Francesca Lia. Cherokee Bat and the Goat Guys. AR level=5; points=3

With their parents away, four young people form a rock band that becomes wildly popular, carrying them into a "freer" life than they can cope with.

YA TUR Turner, Ann Warren. Elfsong. AR level=4.8; points=5

When ten-year-old Maddy Trevor goes for her annual summer visit to her grandfather and her cat Sabrina goes missing, she searches the woods and discovers a magical world.

Religious Faith

YA BRA Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. Leap of Faith. AR level=4.2; points=6
Forced to attend a Catholic middle school because of her conduct, Abigail discovers a talent for theater and develops a true religious faith.

YA NIC Nicholson, William. Seeker. AR level=4.8; points=14
Series: (The noble warriors #1)
Having been rejected by the Nomana--the revered warrior-monk order they long to join--sixteen-year-olds Seeker and Morning Star, along with a curious pirate named Wildman, attempt to prove that they are worthy of joining the community, after all.

YA SWE Sweeney, Joyce. The guardian. AR level=4.3; points=5
When thirteen-year-old Hunter, struggling to deal with a harsh, money-grubbing foster mother, three challenging foster sisters, and a school bully, returns to his childhood faith and prays to St. Gabriel, he instantly becomes aware that he does, indeed, have a guardian.

YA ZIE Zielin, Lara. Donut Days. AR level=5.2; points=8
During a camp-out promoting the opening of a donut shop in a small Minnesota town, sixteen-year-old Emma, an aspiring journalist, begins to connect an ongoing pollution investigation with the turmoil in the evangelical Christian church where her parents are pastors.

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A young boy living in the Florida backwoods is forced to decide the fate of a fawn he has lovingly raised as a pet.

YA WEA Weaver, Elizabeth Nixon. Rooster. AR level=5.4; points=11

On a small Florida orange grove in the 1960s, fourteen-year-old Kady Palmer is burdened with housework and caring for her senile grandmother and mentally handicapped neighbor, so when a rich, handsome boy from school becomes interested in her she devises a plan to spend time with him.

Set in Louisiana

LP YA DOU Doucet, Sharon Arms. Fiddle fever. AR level=5.5; points=6

In 1914, fourteen-year-old Felix LeBlanc feels stifled by life on his family's farm in Louisiana and after hearing his wayward uncle play the fiddle, Felix decides that he wants to be a fiddler too, even if it means making his own fiddle and going against his parents' wishes.

LP YA NIX Nixon, Joan Lowery. The haunting. AR level=4.7; points=7

When her mother inherits an old plantation house in the Louisiana countryside, fifteen-year-old Lia seeks to rid it of the evil spirit that haunts it.

LP YA HOL Holt, Kimberly Willis. Part of me. AR level=4.7; points=6

Ten stories trace the connections between four generations of one Louisiana family from 1939 when a young girl leaves school to help support her family to 2006 when an eighty-year-old woman embarks on a book tour.

YA RUB Ruby, Lois. The secret of Laurel Oaks. AR level=5.2; points=9

While staying with her family in Louisiana's Laurel Oaks Plantation, purported to be one of the most haunted places in America, thirteen-year-old Lila is contacted by the ghost of a slave girl unjustly convicted of murder. Story inspired by the author's visit to the Myrtles Plantation in Louisiana.

YA WAL Walter, Mildred Pitts. Trouble's child. NO AR TEST

Martha longs to leave her island home of the Louisiana coast and go to high school where she can learn more than the ways of her midwife grandmother and perhaps someday broaden the lives of the superstitious villagers.

YA HOL Holt, Kimberly Willis. *My Louisiana sky*. AR level=4.6; points=5
Growing up in Saitter, Louisiana, in the 1950s, twelve-year-old Tiger Ann struggles with her feelings about her stern, but loving grandmother, her mentally slow parents, and her good friend and neighbor, Jesse.

Set in Washington State

LP YA ALE Alexie, Sherman. *The absolutely true diary of a part-time Indian*.
AR level=4; points=6

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

YA HOL Holm, Jennifer L. *Boston Jane*. AR level=4.9; points=8
Schooled in the lessons of etiquette for young ladies of 1854, Miss Jane Peck of Philadelphia finds little use for manners during her long sea voyage to the Pacific Northwest and while living among the American traders and Chinook Indians of Washington Territory.

YA HOL Holm, Jennifer L. *Our only May Amelia*. AR level=4.8; points=7
As the only girl in a Finnish American family of seven brothers, May Amelia Jackson resents being expected to act like a lady while growing up in Washington state in 1899.

YA KIL Killingsworth, Monte. *Equinox*. AR level=4.9; points=3
Fourteen-year-old Autumn slowly becomes aware of changes in the tenuous relationship between her father and mother that threaten her cherished life on a small island off the coast of Washington State.

Smart Young People

YA COL Colfer, Eoin. *Artemis Fowl : the eternity code*. AR level=5; points=10
After Artemis uses stolen fairy technology to create a powerful micro-computer and it is snatched by a dangerous American businessman, Artemis, Juliet, Mulch, and the fairies join forces to try to retrieve it.

YA COL Colfer, Eoin. *Artemis Fowl : the lost colony*. AR level=5.3; points=13
When demons begin appearing on Earth unpredictably, foreshadowing a cataclysmic breakdown of their magic, Artemis and his friends face a new foe—a twelve-year-old girl whose intellect just might match Artemis's own--as they try to prevent catastrophe.

YA COL Colfer, Eoin. Artemis Fowl. The Time Paradox. AR level=5.6; points=13
When his fairy friends help him travel back in time to save the African lemur from extinction, teenaged Artemis must face his deadliest foe yet—his younger self.

YA COL Colfer, Eoin. Half-Moon investigations. AR level=4.2; points=9
Twelve-year-old private investigator Fletcher Moon, nicknamed "Half Moon" because of his shortness, must track down a conspiracy or be framed for a crime he did not commit.

YA COR Cormier, Robert. I am the cheese. AR level=5.2; points=7
A young boy desperately tries to unlock his past yet knows he must hide those memories if he is to remain alive.

YA HAU Hautman, Pete. Rash. AR level=4.7; points=7
In a future society that has decided it would "rather be safe than free," sixteen-year-old Bo's anger control problems land him in a tundra jail where he survives with the help of his running skills and an artificial intelligence program named Bork.

YA HOR Horowitz, Anthony. Stormbreaker AR level=5.1; points=7
After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

LP YA JIN Jinks, Catherine. Evil genius. AR level=4.9; points=21
Child prodigy Cadel Piggot, an antisocial computer hacker, discovers his true identity when he enrolls as a first-year student at an advanced crime academy.

YA RIN Rinaldi, Ann. The secret of Sarah Revere. AR level=3.7; points=7
Paul Revere's daughter describes her father's "rides" and the intelligence network of the patriot community prior to the American Revolution.

YA SAC Sachar, Louis. Holes. AR level=4.6; points=7
As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

YA YEE Yee, Lisa. Millicent Min. AR level=5.8; points=8

In a series of journal entries, eleven-year-old child prodigy Millicent Min records her struggles to learn to play volleyball, tutor her enemy, deal with her grandmother's departure, and make friends over the course of a tumultuous summer.

Step Families

YA DES Dessen, Sarah. *Along for the ride*. AR level=4.7; points=15
When Auden impulsively goes to stay with her father, stepmother, and new baby sister the summer before she starts college, all the trauma of her parents' divorce is revived, even as she is making new friends and having new experiences such as learning to ride a bike and dating.

YA DRA Draper, Sharon M. *Forged by fire*. AR level=4.7; points=5
Teenage Gerald, who has spent years protecting his fragile half-sister from their abusive father, faces the prospect of one final confrontation before the problem can be solved.

YA FRI Friend, Natasha. *Bounce*. AR level=3.3; points=5
Thirteen-year-old Evyn's world is turned upside-down when her father, widowed since she was a toddler, suddenly decides to remarry a woman with six children, move with Ev and her brother from Maine to Boston, and enroll her in private school.

YA HIC Hicks, Betty. *Out of order*. AR level=4.1; points=4
Four youngsters, ages nine to fifteen, narrate one side of the story of their newly blended family's adjustment, interwoven with grief and loss.

YA HUG Hughes, Pat. *The breaker boys*. AR level=3.9; points=8
In 1897, Nate Tanner, the hot-tempered twelve-year-old son of wealthy Pennsylvania mine owners, goes against his father's wishes by befriending some of the boys who work in the mines and gets caught up in a disastrous clash between mine workers and the law.

YA SHE Sheinmel, Courtney. *Positively*. AR level=4.4; points=9
Thirteen-year-old Emmy, grieving over her mother who died of AIDS, resentful of having to live with her father and pregnant stepmother, and despairing about her future, finds hope at a summer camp for HIV-positive girls like herself. Includes facts about Elizabeth Glaser, one of the founders of the Pediatric AIDS Foundation.

YA WIL Wilson, Jacqueline. Girls out late. AR level=4.2; points=6
Series: (Girls quartet #3)
Thirteen-year-old Ellie misses curfew by going to a park with a boy she just met, gets caught lying to her father and stepmother, and is put in a dangerous situation in London by her two best friends.

War

YA ALP Alphin, Elaine Marie. The ghost cadet. AR level=5.5; points=6
Twelve-year-old Benjy, in Virginia visiting the grandmother he has never met, meets the ghost of a Virginia Military Institute cadet who was killed in the Battle of New Market in 1864 and helps him recover his family's treasured gold watch.

YA BOO Booth, Martin. War dog. AR level=5.7; points=5
After her owner is arrested while poaching, Jet is requisitioned by the British Army and sees duty on the beach at Dunkirk, searching for survivors of Germany's bombing raids on English cities, and in Italy at the end of the war.

YA BRU Bruchac, Joseph. Code talker. AR level=6.4; points=9
After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.

YA BRU Bruchac, Joseph. The winter people. AR level=5.5; points=6
As the French and Indian War rages in October of 1759, Saxso, a fourteen-year-old Abenaki boy, pursues the English rangers who have attacked his village and taken his mother and sisters hostage.

YA BUN Bunting, Eve. Spying on Miss Müller. AR level=4.4; points=6
At Alveara boarding school in Belfast at the start of World War II, thirteen-year-old Jessie must deal with her suspicions about a teacher whose father was German and with her worries about her own father's drinking problem.

YA COO Cooney, Caroline B. The ransom of Mercy Carter. AR level=5.7;

points=9

In 1704, in the English settlement of Deerfield, Massachusetts, eleven-year-old Mercy and her family and neighbors are captured by Mohawk Indians and their French allies, and forced to march through bitter cold to French Canada, where some adapt to new lives and some still hope to be ransomed.

YA COR Cormier, Robert. Heroes. AR level=5.9; points=4

After joining the army at fifteen and having his face blown away by a grenade in a battle in France, Francis returns home to Frenchtown hoping to find—and kill—the former childhood hero he feels betrayed him.

JF DEN Denenberg, Barry. When will this cruel war be over?

diary of Emma Simpson / by Barry Denenberg. AR level=6.6; points=3

The diary of a fictional fourteen-year-old girl living in Virginia, in which she describes the hardships endured by her family and friends during one year of the Civil War.

YA ELL Elliott, Laura. Under a war-torn sky. AR level=4.8; points=10

After his plane is shot down by Hitler's Luftwaffe, nineteen-year-old Henry Forester of Richmond, Virginia, strives to walk across occupied France, with the help of the French Resistance, in hopes of rejoining his unit.

YA GER Geras, Adèle. Troy. AR level=4.9; points=13

Told from the point of view of the women of Troy, portrays the last weeks of the Trojan War, when women are sick of tending the wounded, men are tired of fighting, and bored gods and goddesses find ways to stir things up.

YA GIF Giff, Patricia Reilly. Lily's crossing. AR level=4.6; points=5

During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.

YA GRE Greene, Bette. Summer of my German soldier. AR level=5.2; points=9

When German prisoners of war are brought to her Arkansas town during World War II, twelve-year-old Patty, a Jewish girl, befriends one of them and must deal with the consequences of that friendship.

YA KIM Kimball, K. M. The star-spangled secret. AR level=5.7; points=6
In 1814, as the War of 1812 threatens her Maryland home, thirteen-year Caroline sets out to discover the truth about the disappearance of her older brother.

YA LIN Lindquist, Susan Hart. Summer soldiers. AR level=5.2; points=6
After his father goes off to war during the summer of 1918, eleven-year-old Joe, along with his friends, contends with the town bullies and tries to figure out the meaning of courage.

YA MAN Manley, Joan B. She flew no flags. AR level=5.5; points=9
In early 1944, as the war rages around them, an American family travels from India to the United States by ship, under blackout conditions, through the enemy waters of the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

YA MAR Marsden, John. The dead of night. AR level=5.5; points=12
Six determined Australian teenagers try to find their missing friends while continuing to resist the enemies who have invaded their country.

YA MAR Marsden, John. The night is for hunting. AR level=5.7; points=12
Series: (Tomorrow series #6)
Sequel to: Burning for revenge.
Sequel: The other side of dawn.
While trying to care for a group of abandoned young children, five Australian teenagers continue their struggle for survival and their resistance against the enemy invading their homeland.

YA MEA Mead, Alice. Soldier mom. AR level=3.3; points=5
Eleven-year-old Jasmyn gets a different perspective on life when her mother is sent to Saudi Arabia at the beginning of the Persian Gulf War, leaving her and her baby half brother behind in Maine in the care of her Mother's boyfriend.

LP YA MOR Morpurgo, Michael. Private Peaceful [Large Print].
AR level=5.2; points=7
When Thomas Peaceful's older brother is forced to join the British Army, Thomas decides to sign up as well, although he is only fourteen years

old, to prove himself to his country, his family, his childhood love, Molly, and himself.

YA MYE Myers, Walter Dean. Riot. AR level=4.6; points=3
In 1863, fifteen-year-old Claire, the daughter of an Irish mother and a black father, faces ugly truths and great danger when Irish immigrants, enraged by the Civil War and a federal draft, lash out against blacks and wealthy "swells" of New York City.

YA NAP Napoli, Donna Jo. Stones in water. AR level=4.2; points=7
After being taken by German soldiers from a local movie theater along with other Italian boys including his Jewish friend, Roberto is forced to work in Germany, escapes into the Ukrainian winter, before desperately trying to make his way back home to Venice.

YA NEW Newbery, Linda. The shell house. AR level=5.4; points=12
Seventeen-year-old Greg's interest in photography draws him to a ruined mansion whose history becomes more personally relevant as he slowly discovers the tragic events that led to the destruction of the house during World War I.

YA ORL Orlev, Uri. The island on Bird Street. AR level=4.6; points=7
Translated from the Hebrew by Hillel Halkin.
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.

YA PAR Park, Linda Sue. When my name was Keoko. AR level=4.6; points=8
With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely.

YA PAU Paulsen, Gary. The monument. AR level=4.9; points=3
Thirteen-year-old Rocky, self-conscious about the braces on her leg, has her life changed by the remarkable artist who comes to her small Kansas town to design a war memorial.

YA PAU Paulsen, Gary. Soldier's heart. AR level=5.7; points=2
Eager to enlist, fifteen-year-old Charley has a change of heart after experiencing both the physical horrors and mental anguish of Civil War

combat.

YA PAT Patneade, David. Thin wood walls. AR level=4.3; points=8
When the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor, Joe Hamada and his family face growing prejudice, eventually being torn away from their home and sent to a relocation camp in California, even as his older brother joins the United States Army to fight in the war.

YA REU Reuter, Bjarne B. The boys from St. Petri. AR level=5; points=7
translated from the Danish by Anthea Bell.
In 1942, a group of young men begin a series of increasingly dangerous protests against the German invaders of their Danish homeland.

YA RIN Rinaldi, Ann. In my father's house. AR level=4.4; points=10
For two sisters growing up surrounded by the Civil War, there is conflict both outside and inside their house.

LP YA ROS Rosoff, Meg. How I live now [Large Print]. AR level=6.7; points=8
To get away from her pregnant stepmother in New York City, fifteen-year-old Daisy goes to England to stay with her aunt and cousins, with whom she instantly bonds, but soon war breaks out and rips apart the family while devastating the land.

YA RUB Ruby, Lois. Shanghai shadows. AR level=5.3; points=10
From 1939 to 1945, a Jewish family struggles to survive in occupied China; young Ilse by remaining optimistic, her older brother by joining a resistance movement, her mother by maintaining connections to the past, and her father by playing the violin that had been his livelihood.

YA RYL Rylant, Cynthia. I had seen castles. AR level=5.7; points=3
Now an old man, John is haunted by memories of enlisting to fight in World War II, a decision which forced him to face the horrors of war and changed his life forever.

YA SAL Salisbury, Graham. House of the red fish. AR level=3.7; points=8
Sequel to: Under the blood-red sun.
Over a year after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor and the arrest of Tomi's father and grandfather, Tomi and his friends, battling anti-Japanese-American sentiment in Hawaii, try to find a way to salvage his father's sunken fishing boat. 1943, one year after the end of Under the Blood-Red

Sun, Tomi's Papa and Grandpa are still under arrest, and the paradise of Hawaii now lives in fear-waiting for another attack, while trying to recover from Pearl Harbor. As a Japanese American, Tomi and his family have new enemies everywhere, vigilantes who suspect all Japanese. Tomi finds hope in his goal of raising Papa's fishing boat, sunk in the canal by the Army on the day of the attack. To Tomi, raising Papa's boat is a sign of faith that Papa and Grandpa will return. It's an impossible task, but Tomi is determined. For just as he now has new enemies, his struggle to raise the boat brings unexpected allies and friends.

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Tomikazu Nakaji's biggest concerns are baseball, homework, and a local bully, until life with his Japanese family in Hawaii changes drastically after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941.

YA WES Westall, Robert. Blitzcat. AR level=5.9; points=9

During World War II a black cat journeys all across war-ravaged England in an effort to track down her beloved master.

YA WHE Whelan, Gloria. Summer of the war. AR level=5; points=6

Fourteen-year-old Belle resents the presence of her sophisticated cousin on a family vacation in the summer of 1942, but their strained relationship is overshadowed by the war in Europe.

YA WHI White, Ellen Emerson. The road home. AR level=5.3; points=16

Rebecca, a young nurse stationed in Vietnam during the war, must come to grips with her wartime experiences once she returns home to the United States.

YA WIS Wisler, G. Clifton. The Mustang Flats. AR level=4.4; points=4

When his father returns from the war in 1865, fourteen-year-old Alby finds his beloved Pa a changed man and can only hope that they will be friends again.

YA WIS Wisler, G. Clifton. Red Cap. AR level=5.4; points=6

A young Yankee drummer boy displays great courage when he's captured and sent to Andersonville Prison.

YA WIS Wisler, G. Clifton. Thunder on the Tennessee. AR level=5.3; points=5

Following his father's example, sixteen-year old Willie Delamer joins the Second Texas Regiment and leaves his beloved Texas to fight for the Confederacy.

YA WOL Wolff, Virginia Euwer. Bat 6. AR level = 5.1; points=8

In small town, post-World War Oregon, twenty-one 6th grade girls recount the story of an annual softball game, during which one girl's bigotry comes to the surface.

YA ZUS Zusak, Markus. The book thief. AR level= 5.1; points=18

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

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YA HIA Hiaasen, Carl. Flush. AR level=5; points=9

With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.

YA HIA Hiaasen, Carl. Scat. AR level=5.5; points=12

Nick and his friend Marta decide to investigate when a mysterious fire starts near a Florida wildlife preserve and an unpopular teacher goes missing.

YA PEC Peck, Robert Newton. The horse hunters. AR level=5; points=9

In 1932 in Florida, despite his older brother's objections, fifteen-year-old Ladd finds himself, through a series of unforeseen circumstances, traveling alone more than 100 miles to bring back wild horses for the rodeo and for breeding.

YA PEC Peck, Robert Newton. Horse thief. AR level=5.1; points=7

In 1938, with the help of a doctor and her elderly, horse-thieving father, a seventeen-year-old orphan steals thirteen horses from Chickalookee, Florida's doomed rodeo and finds a family in the process.

YA RAW Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan. The yearling. AR level=5; points=10

A young boy living in the Florida backwoods is forced to decide the fate of a fawn he has lovingly raised as a pet.

YA WEA Weaver, Elizabeth Nixon. Rooster. AR level=5.4; points=11

On a small Florida orange grove in the 1960s, fourteen-year-old Kady Palmer is burdened with housework and caring for her senile grandmother and mentally handicapped neighbor, so when a rich, handsome boy from school becomes interested in her she devises a plan to spend time with him.

Novels Set in Louisiana (Grades 6-8)

LP YA DOU Doucet, Sharon Arms. Fiddle fever. AR level=5.5; points=6

In 1914, fourteen-year-old Felix LeBlanc feels stifled by life on his family's farm in Louisiana and after hearing his wayward uncle play the fiddle, Felix decides that he wants to be a fiddler too, even if it means making his own fiddle and going against his parents' wishes.

LP YA NIX Nixon, Joan Lowery. The haunting. AR level=4.7; points=7

When her mother inherits an old plantation house in the Louisiana countryside, fifteen-year-old Lia seeks to rid it of the evil spirit that haunts it.

LP YA HOL Holt, Kimberly Willis. Part of me. AR level=4.7; points=6

Ten stories trace the connections between four generations of one Louisiana

family from 1939 when a young girl leaves school to help support her family to 2006 when an eighty-year-old woman embarks on a book tour.

YA RUB Ruby, Lois. *The secret of Laurel Oaks*. AR level=5.2; points=9

While staying with her family in Louisiana's Laurel Oaks Plantation, purported to be one of the most haunted places in America, thirteen-year-old Lila is contacted by the ghost of a slave girl unjustly convicted of murder. Story inspired by the author's visit to the Myrtles Plantation in Louisiana.

YA WAL Walter, Mildred Pitts. *Trouble's child*. NO AR TEST

Martha longs to leave her island home of the Louisiana coast and go to high school where she can learn more than the ways of her midwife grandmother and perhaps someday broaden the lives of the superstitious villagers.

YA HOL Holt, Kimberly Willis. *My Louisiana sky*. AR level=4.6; points=5

Growing up in Saitter, Louisiana, in the 1950s, twelve-year-old Tiger Ann struggles with her feelings about her stern, but loving grandmother, her mentally slow parents, and her good friend and neighbor, Jesse.

Novels set in Oregon (Grades 6-8)

YA KAR Karbo, Karen. *Minerva Clark gives up the ghost*. AR level=5.3; points=8

Thirteen-year-old amateur sleuth Minerva Clark is contacted by a boy whose parents' Portland, Oregon, grocery store burned down, but when she agrees to investigate the fire, she does not expect to become an arson suspect herself.

Novels Set in Washington State (Grades 6-8)

LP YA ALE Alexie, Sherman. *The absolutely true diary of a part-time Indian*.

AR level=4; points=6

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

YA HOL Holm, Jennifer L. *Boston Jane*. AR level=4.9; points=8

Schooled in the lessons of etiquette for young ladies of 1854, Miss Jane Peck of Philadelphia finds little use for manners during her long sea voyage to the Pacific Northwest and while living among the American traders and Chinook Indians of Washington Territory.

YA HOL Holm, Jennifer L. Our only May Amelia. AR level=4.8; points=7
As the only girl in a Finnish American family of seven brothers, May Amelia Jackson resents being expected to act like a lady while growing up in Washington state in 1899.

YA KIL Killingsworth, Monte. Equinox. AR level=4.9; points=3
Fourteen-year-old Autumn slowly becomes aware of changes in the tenuous relationship between her father and mother that threaten her cherished life on a small island off the coast of Washington State.

Novels about Really Smart Young People (Grades 6-8)

YA COL Colfer, Eoin. Artemis Fowl : the eternity code. AR level=5; points=10
After Artemis uses stolen fairy technology to create a powerful micro-computer and it is snatched by a dangerous American businessman, Artemis, Juliet, Mulch, and the fairies join forces to try to retrieve it.

YA COL Colfer, Eoin. Artemis Fowl : the lost colony. AR level=5.3; points=13
When demons begin appearing on Earth unpredictably, foreshadowing a cataclysmic breakdown of their magic, Artemis and his friends face a new foe--a twelve-year-old girl whose intellect just might match Artemis's own--as they try to prevent catastrophe.

YA COL Colfer, Eoin. Artemis Fowl. The Time Paradox. AR level=5.6; points=13
When his fairy friends help him travel back in time to save the African lemur from extinction, teenaged Artemis must face his deadliest foe yet—his younger self.

YA COL Colfer, Eoin. Half-Moon investigations. AR level=4.2; points=9
Twelve-year-old private investigator Fletcher Moon, nicknamed "Half Moon" because of his shortness, must track down a conspiracy or be framed for a crime he did not commit.

YA COR Cormier, Robert. I am the cheese. AR level=5.2; points=7

A young boy desperately tries to unlock his past yet knows he must hide those memories if he is to remain alive.

YA HAU Hautman, Pete. Rash. AR level=4.7; points=7

In a future society that has decided it would "rather be safe than free," sixteen-year-old Bo's anger control problems land him in a tundra jail where he survives with the help of his running skills and an artificial intelligence program named Bork

YA HOR Horowitz, Anthony. Stormbreaker AR level=5.1; points=7

After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

LP YA JIN Jinks, Catherine. Evil genius. AR level=4.9; points=21

Child prodigy Cadel Piggot, an antisocial computer hacker, discovers his true identity when he enrolls as a first-year student at an advanced crime academy.

YA RIN Rinaldi, Ann. The secret of Sarah Revere. AR level=3.7; points=7

Paul Revere's daughter describes her father's "rides" and the intelligence network of the patriot community prior to the American Revolution.

YA SAC Sachar, Louis. Holes. AR level=4.6; points=7

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

YA YEE Yee, Lisa. Millicent Min. AR level=5.8; points=8

In a series of journal entries, eleven-year-old child prodigy Millicent Min records her struggles to learn to play volleyball, tutor her enemy, deal with her grandmother's departure, and make friends over the course of a tumultuous summer.

Step Families (Grades 6-8)

YA DES Dessen, Sarah. Along for the ride. AR level=4.7; points=15

When Auden impulsively goes to stay with her father, stepmother, and new baby sister the summer before she starts college, all the trauma of her parents'

divorce

is revived, even as she is making new friends and having new experiences such as learning to ride a bike and dating.

YA DRA Draper, Sharon M. Forged by fire. AR level=4.7; points=5

Teenage Gerald, who has spent years protecting his fragile half-sister from their abusive father, faces the prospect of one final confrontation before the problem can be solved.

YA FRI Friend, Natasha. Bounce. AR level=3.3; points=5

Thirteen-year-old Evyn's world is turned upside-down when her father, widowed since she was a toddler, suddenly decides to remarry a woman with six children, move with Ev and her brother from Maine to Boston, and enroll her in private school.

YA HIC Hicks, Betty. Out of order. AR level=4.1; points=4

Four youngsters, ages nine to fifteen, narrate one side of the story of their newly blended family's adjustment, interwoven with grief and loss.

YA HUG Hughes, Pat. The breaker boys. AR level=3.9; points=8

In 1897, Nate Tanner, the hot-tempered twelve-year-old son of wealthy Pennsylvania mine owners, goes against his father's wishes by befriendng some of the boys who work in the mines and gets caught up in a disasterous clash between mine workers and the law.

YA SHE Sheinmel, Courtney. Positively. AR level=4.4; points=9

Thirteen-year-old Emmy, grieving over her mother who died of AIDS, resentful of having to live with her father and pregnant stepmother, and despairing about her future, finds hope at a summer camp for HIV-positive girls like herself. Includes facts about Elizabeth Glaser, one of the founders of the Pediatric AIDS Foundation.

YA WIL Wilson, Jacqueline. Girls out late. AR level=4.2; points=6

Series: (Girls quartet #3)

Thirteen-year-old Ellie misses curfew by going to a park with a boy she just met, gets caught lying to her father and stepmother, and is put in a dangerous situation in London by her two best friends.

Novels about War for Young Adults (grades 6-8)

YA ALP Alphin, Elaine Marie. The ghost cadet. AR level=5.5; points=6

Twelve-year-old Benjy, in Virginia visiting the grandmother he has never met, meets the ghost of a Virginia Military Institute cadet who was killed in the Battle of New Market in 1864 and helps him recover his family's treasured gold watch.

YA BOO Booth, Martin. War dog. AR level=5.7; points=5

After her owner is arrested while poaching, Jet is requisitioned by the British Army and sees duty on the beach at Dunkirk, searching for survivors of Germany's bombing raids on English cities, and in Italy at the end of the war.

YA BRU Bruchac, Joseph. Code talker. AR level=6.4; points=9

After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.

YA BRU Bruchac, Joseph. The winter people. AR level=5.5; points=6

As the French and Indian War rages in October of 1759, Saxso, a fourteen-year-old Abenaki boy, pursues the English rangers who have attacked his village and taken his mother and sisters hostage.

YA BUN Bunting, Eve. Spying on Miss Müller. AR level=4.4; points=6

At Alveara boarding school in Belfast at the start of World War II, thirteen-year-old Jessie must deal with her suspicions about a teacher whose father was German and with her worries about her own father's drinking problem.

YA COO Cooney, Caroline B. The ransom of Mercy Carter. AR level=5.7; points=9

In 1704, in the English settlement of Deerfield, Massachusetts, eleven-year-old Mercy and her family and neighbors are captured by Mohawk Indians and their French allies, and forced to march through bitter cold to French Canada, where

some adapt to new lives and some still hope to be ransomed.

YA COR Cormier, Robert. Heroes. AR level=5.9; points=4
After joining the army at fifteen and having his face blown away by a grenade in a battle in France, Francis returns home to Frenchtown hoping to find—and kill-- the former childhood hero he feels betrayed him.

JF DEN Denenberg, Barry. When will this cruel war be over?
diary of Emma Simpson / by Barry Denenberg. AR level=6.6;
points=3
The diary of a fictional fourteen-year-old girl living in Virginia, in which she describes the hardships endured by her family and friends during one year of the Civil War.

YA ELL Elliott, Laura. Under a war-torn sky. AR level=4.8; points=10
After his plane is shot down by Hitler's Luftwaffe, nineteen-year-old Henry Forester of Richmond, Virginia, strives to walk across occupied France, with the help of the French Resistance, in hopes of rejoining his unit.

YA GER Geras, Adèle. Troy. AR level=4.9; points=13
Told from the point of view of the women of Troy, portrays the last weeks of the Trojan War, when women are sick of tending the wounded, men are tired of fighting, and bored gods and goddesses find ways to stir things up.

YA GIF Giff, Patricia Reilly. Lily's crossing. AR level=4.6;
points=5
During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.

YA GRE Greene, Bette. Summer of my German soldier. AR level=5.2;
points=9
When German prisoners of war are brought to her Arkansas town during World War II, twelve-year-old Patty, a Jewish girl, befriends one of them and must deal With the consequences of that friendship.

YA KIM Kimball, K. M. The star-spangled secret. AR level=5.7; points=6
In 1814, as the War of 1812 threatens her Maryland home, thirteen-year Caroline sets out to discover the truth about the disappearance of her older

brother.

YA LIN Lindquist, Susan Hart. Summer soldiers. AR level=5.2; points=6
After his father goes off to war during the summer of 1918, eleven-year-old Joe, along with his friends, contends with the town bullies and tries to figure out the meaning of courage.

YA MAN Manley, Joan B. She flew no flags. AR level=5.5; points=9
In early 1944, as the war rages around them, an American family travels from India to the United States by ship, under blackout conditions, through the enemy waters of the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

YA MAR Marsden, John. The dead of night. AR level=5.5; points=12
Six determined Australian teenagers try to find their missing friends while continuing to resist the enemies who have invaded their country.

YA MAR Marsden, John. The night is for hunting. AR level=5.7; points=12
Series: (Tomorrow series #6)
Sequel to: Burning for revenge.
Sequel: The other side of dawn.
While trying to care for a group of abandoned young children, five Australian teenagers continue their struggle for survival and their resistance against the enemy invading their homeland.

YA MEA Mead, Alice. Soldier mom. AR level=3.3; points=5
Eleven-year-old Jasmyn gets a different perspective on life when her mother is sent to Saudi Arabia at the beginning of the Persian Gulf War, leaving her and her baby half brother behind in Maine in the care of her Mother's boyfriend.

LP YA MOR Morpurgo, Michael. Private Peaceful [Large Print]. AR level=5.2; points=7
When Thomas Peaceful's older brother is forced to join the British Army, Thomas decides to sign up as well, although he is only fourteen years old, to prove himself to his country, his family, his childhood love, Molly, and himself.

YA MYE Myers, Walter Dean. Riot. AR level=4.6; points=3
In 1863, fifteen-year-old Claire, the daughter of an Irish mother and a black father, faces ugly truths and great danger when Irish immigrants, enraged

by the Civil War and a federal draft, lash out against blacks and wealthy "swells" of New York City.

YA NAP Napoli, Donna Jo. Stones in water. AR level=4.2; points=7
After being taken by German soldiers from a local movie theater along with other Italian boys including his Jewish friend, Roberto is forced to work in Germany, escapes into the Ukrainian winter, before desperately trying to make his way back home to Venice.

YA NEW Newbery, Linda. The shell house. AR level=5.4; points=12
Seventeen-year-old Greg's interest in photography draws him to a ruined mansion whose history becomes more personally relevant as he slowly discovers the tragic events that led to the destruction of the house during World War I.

YA ORL Orlev, Uri. The island on Bird Street. AR level=4.6; points=7
Translated from the Hebrew by Hillel Halkin.
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.

YA PAR Park, Linda Sue. When my name was Keoko. AR level=4.6; points=8
With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely.

YA PAU Paulsen, Gary. The monument. AR level=4.9; points=3
Thirteen-year-old Rocky, self-conscious about the braces on her leg, has her life changed by the remarkable artist who comes to her small Kansas town to design a war memorial.

YA PAU Paulsen, Gary. Soldier's heart. AR level=5.7; points=2
Eager to enlist, fifteen-year-old Charley has a change of heart after experiencing both the physical horrors and mental anguish of Civil War combat.

YA PAT Patneude, David. Thin wood walls. AR level=4.3; points=8
When the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor, Joe Hamada and his family face growing prejudice, eventually being torn away from their home and sent to

a relocation camp in California, even as his older brother joins the United States Army to fight in the war.

YA REU Reuter, Bjarne B. The boys from St. Petri. AR level=5; points=7

translated from the Danish by Anthea Bell.

In 1942, a group of young men begin a series of increasingly dangerous protests against the German invaders of their Danish homeland.

YA RIN Rinaldi, Ann. In my father's house. AR level=4.4; points=10

For two sisters growing up surrounded by the Civil War, there is conflict both outside and inside their house.

LP YA ROS Rosoff, Meg. How I live now [Large Print]. AR level=6.7; points=8

To get away from her pregnant stepmother in New York City, fifteen-year-old Daisy goes to England to stay with her aunt and cousins, with whom she instantly bonds, but soon war breaks out and rips apart the family while devastating the land.

YA RUB Ruby, Lois. Shanghai shadows. AR level=5.3; points=10

From 1939 to 1945, a Jewish family struggles to survive in occupied China; young Ilse by remaining optimistic, her older brother by joining a resistance movement, her mother by maintaining connections to the past, and her father by playing the violin that had been his livelihood.

YA RYL Rylant, Cynthia. I had seen castles. AR level=5.7; points=3

Now an old man, John is haunted by memories of enlisting to fight in World War II, a decision which forced him to face the horrors of war and changed his life forever.

YA SAL Salisbury, Graham. House of the red fish. AR level=3.7; points=8

Sequel to: Under the blood-red sun.

Over a year after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor and the arrest of Tomi's father and grandfather, Tomi and his friends, battling anti-Japanese-American sentiment in Hawaii, try to find a way to salvage his father's sunken fishing boat. 1943, one year after the end of Under the Blood-Red Sun, Tomi's Papa and Grandpa are still under arrest, and the paradise of Hawaii now lives in

fear-waiting for another attack, while trying to recover from Pearl Harbor. As a Japanese American, Tomi and his family have new enemies everywhere, vigilantes who suspect all Japanese. Tomi finds hope in his goal of raising Papa's fishing boat, sunk in the canal by the Army on the day of the attack. To Tomi, raising Papa's boat is a sign of faith that Papa and Grandpa will return. It's an impossible task, but Tomi is determined. For just as he now has new enemies, his struggle to raise the boat brings unexpected allies and friends.

YA SAL Salisbury, Graham. Under the blood-red sun. AR level=4; points=8

Tomikazu Nakaji's biggest concerns are baseball, homework, and a local bully, until life with his Japanese family in Hawaii changes drastically after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941.

YA WES Westall, Robert. Blitzcat. AR level=5.9; points=9

During World War II a black cat journeys all across war-ravaged England in an effort to track down her beloved master.

YA WHE Whelan, Gloria. Summer of the war. AR level=5; points=6

Fourteen-year-old Belle resents the presence of her sophisticated cousin on a family vacation in the summer of 1942, but their strained relationship is overshadowed by the war in Europe.

YA WHI White, Ellen Emerson. The road home. AR level=5.3; points=16

Rebecca, a young nurse stationed in Vietnam during the war, must come to grips with her wartime experiences once she returns home to the United States.

YA WIS Wisler, G. Clifton. The Mustang Flats. AR level=4.4; points=4

When his father returns from the war in 1865, fourteen-year-old Alby finds his beloved Pa a changed man and can only hope that they will be friends again.

YA WIS Wisler, G. Clifton. Red Cap. AR level=5.4; points=6

A young Yankee drummer boy displays great courage when he's captured and sent to Andersonville Prison.

YA WIS Wisler, G. Clifton. Thunder on the Tennessee. AR level=5.3; points=5

Following his father's example, sixteen-year old Willie Delamer joins the Second Texas Regiment and leaves his beloved Texas to fight for the Confederacy.

YA WOL Wolff, Virginia Euwer. Bat 6. AR level = 5.1; points=8
In small town, post-World War Oregon, twenty-one 6th grade girls
recount the story of an annual softball game, during which one girl's bigotry
comes to the surface.

YA ZUS Zusak, Markus. The book thief. AR level= 5.1;
points=18
Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates
the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-
telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are
hiding, as well as their neighbors.

