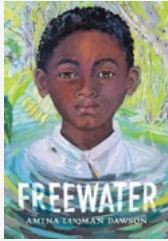
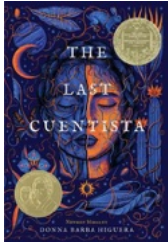
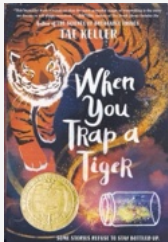
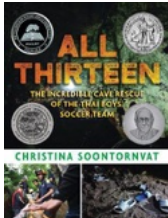

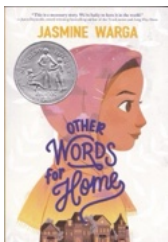


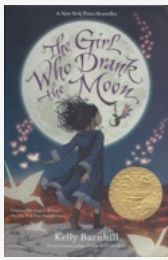
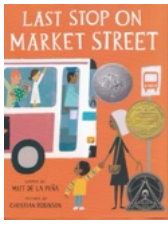
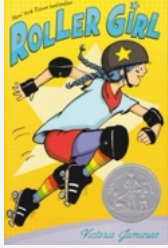
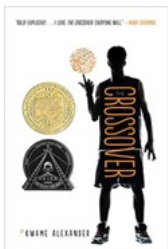


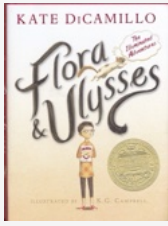
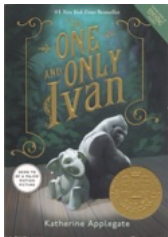
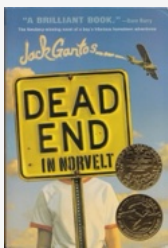
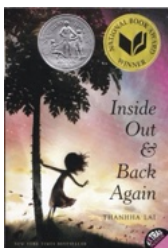

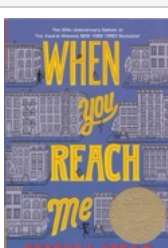


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2024				
2023		<i>Freewater</i> , by Amina Luqman-Dawson Paperback 416 pages Lexile not available	Twelve-year-old Homer flees Southerland Plantation with his little sister Ada, leaving their beloved mother behind. Much as he adores her and fears for her life, Homer knows there's no turning back. Through tangled vines, secret doorways, and over a sky bridge, the two find a secret community called Freewater, deep in the swamp.	136
2022		<i>The Last Cuentista</i> , by Donna Barba Higuera Hardback 336 pages Lexile 730	Petra Peña's world is ending, and only the chosen few will journey to a new planet. Hundreds of years later, Petra wakes to discover that she alone remembers Earth. A sinister Collective has taken over the ship during its journey, bent on erasing the sins of humanity's past.	123
2021		<i>When You Trap a Tiger</i> , by Tae Keller Paperback 304 pages Lexile 730	When Lily, her sister Sam, and their mother move in with her sick grandmother, Lily traps a magic tiger and tries to make a deal with him to heal her.	85
2021 Honor		<i>All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team</i> , by Christina Soontornvat Hardback 288 pages Lexile 1020	The author chronicles the events of June 23, 2018, when twelve young soccer players and their coach were trapped for days in a flooded cave in northern Thailand. Includes firsthand interviews of rescue workers, details the science and technology used to get deep underground, and the challenges everyone faced.	135
2020		<i>New Kid</i> , by Jerry Craft Paperback 256 pages *cross listed under Graphic Novels & Comics Lexile 320	Twelve-year-old Jordan loves drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to an art school, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his grade and is caught between two worlds.	70
2020 Honor		<i>Other Words for Home</i> , by Jasmine Warga Paperback 352 pages Lexile 930	When her Syrian hometown is overshadowed by violence, Jude is sent with her mother to the safety of a relative's home in America. She worries for the family members who were left behind and adjusts to a new life filled with surprises.	72

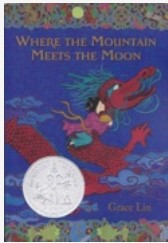
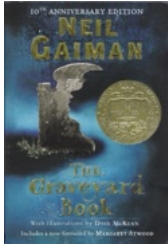
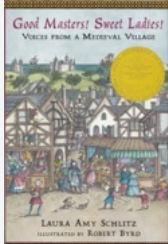
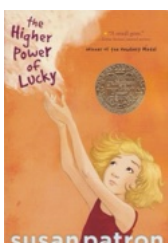
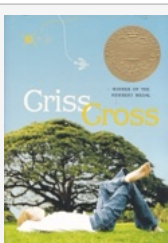
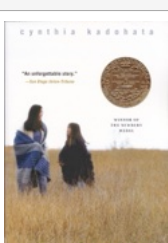


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2019		<i>Merci Suarez Changes Gears</i> , by Meg Medina Paperback 368 pages Lexile 700	Merci Suárez relies on her close extended family as she goes through many changes during her sixth-grade year at Florida's Seaward Pines Academy.	55
2018		<i>Hello, Universe</i> , by Erin Entrada Kelly Paperback 352pages Lexile 690	The lives of four kids are intertwined when a bully's prank leaves shy Virgil stranded at the bottom of a well. Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him.	103
2017		<i>The Girl Who Drank The Moon</i> , by Kelly Barnhill *Extra copies Paperback 256 pages Lexile 540	Every year a community leaves a baby as an offering to a powerful yet misunderstood witch named Xan. One infant—now a young girl—is being raised by the witch and must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.	109
2016		<i>Last Stop on Market Street</i> , by Matt de la Pena Paperback 32 pages Lexile 690	A young boy, CJ, rides the bus across town with his grandmother and learns to appreciate the beauty in everyday things.	75
2016 Honor		<i>Roller Girl</i> , by Victoria Jamieson Paperback 240 pages *cross listed under Graphic Novels & Comics Lexile 440	When Astrid signs up for roller derby camp, she assumes her best friend, Nicole, will too. But Nicole signs up for dance camp, and Astrid learns who she is without her best friend.	93
2015		<i>The Crossover</i> , by Kwame Alexander Hardback 163 pages Lexile 750	Twin fourteen-year-old basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court, as their father ignores his declining health. Told in hip-hop style verse.	81

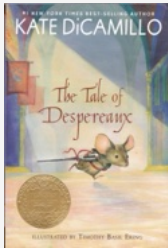
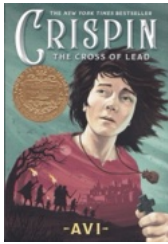
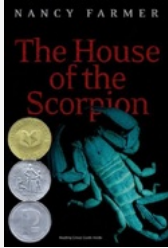
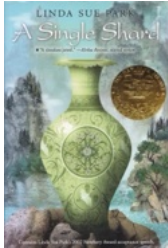
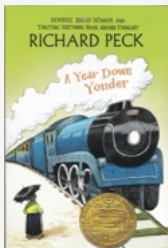
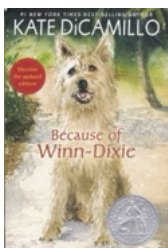


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2014		<i>Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures</i> , by Kate DiCamillo Hardback 240 pages Lexile 520	A hilarious combination of text and a graphic novel. Comic-reading cynic Flora Belle Buckman rescues a squirrel after an accident involving a vacuum cleaner. She is astonished when the squirrel, Ulysses, demonstrates incredible powers of strength and flight after being revived.	86
2013		<i>The One and Only Ivan</i> , by Katherine Applegate Paperback 256 pages Lexile 520	Ivan the gorilla has lived comfortably for years in a down-and-out, circus-themed mall. But when baby elephant Ruby arrives, Ivan decides that he must find her a better life.	93
2012		<i>Dead End in Norvelt</i> , by Jack Gantos Paperback 341 pages Lexile 920	Norvelt, Pennsylvania; 1962. Twelve-year-old Jack Gantos is spending his summer grounded for various offenses and helping his elderly neighbor. As part of his duties, Jack must perform an unusual chore that involves the newly dead, molten wax, underage driving, and more.	101
2012 Honor		<i>Inside Out & Back Again</i> , by Thanhha Lai Paperback 288 pages Lexile 800	Ten-year-old Ha writes poems to chronicle the life-changing year of 1975, when Ha, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.	80
2011		<i>Moon Over Manifest</i> , by Clare Vanderpool Paperback 384 pages Lexile 800	Great Depression, 1936. Drifter Gideon Tucker sends his twelve-year-old daughter Abilene to stay with his friend Shady Howard, a saloon-owner-turned-pastor, in Manifest, Kansas, where Gideon grew up. Abilene discovers a cigar box full of papers and odds and ends that lead her to long-held secrets.	86
2010		<i>When You Reach Me</i> , by Rebecca Stead Paperback 240 pages Lexile 750	New York City, 1979. Twelve-year-old Miranda helps her mother prepare to be on a television game show. Meanwhile Miranda tries to understand why her best friend Sal doesn't want to hang out anymore—and why someone who seems to know everything about her is sending Miranda tiny, mysterious notes.	75

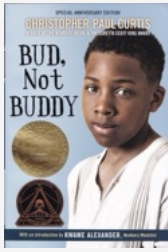
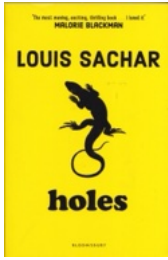
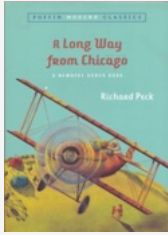
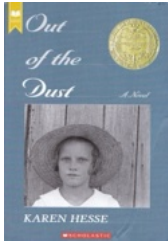
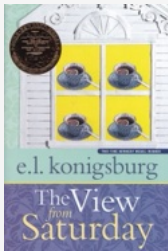



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2010 Honor		<i>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</i> , by Grace Lin Paperback 304 pages Lexile 810	Minli, an adventurous girl, lives in a poor Chinese village near Fruitless Mountain. Inspired by her father's stories, Minli sets out to find the Old Man of the Moon to restore the mountain's bounty. Along the way, Minli encounters magical creatures, including a helpful dragon.	85
2009		<i>The Graveyard Book</i> , by Neil Gaiman Paperback 289 pages Lexile 820	A toddler enters a cemetery pursued by the knife-wielding stranger who just murdered his family. Resident ghosts Mr. and Mrs. Owens protect and adopt the child, naming him Nobody "Bod" Owens. Bod's graveyard upbringing serves him well, but why was his family targeted?	72
2008		<i>Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village</i> , by Laura Amy Schlitz Paperback 44 pages No Lexile level	Nineteen monologues and two dialogues about the ten-to fifteen-year-old sons and daughters of nobility and paupers living near an English manor in 1255. Interspersed between dramatic readings are background pieces on medieval customs and events, such as farming, falconry, the Crusades, and pilgrimages.	81
2007		<i>The Higher Power of Lucky</i> by Susan Patron Paperback 134 pages Lexile 1010	Hard Pan, California: population forty-three. Convinced that her guardian, Brigitte, wants to return to France, ten-year-old Lucky Trimble runs away during a sandstorm with her dog, HMS Beagle. Lucky encounters her five-year-old neighbor Miles, and the three of them have an adventure.	56
2006		<i>Criss Cross</i> , by Lynne Rae Perkins Paperback 337 pages Lexile 820	Debbie—first met in <i>All Alone in the Universe</i> —wishes something good would happen to her. She and other young teens in her hometown experience new thoughts and feelings, question their identities, and connect and disconnect as they search for meaning in life and love.	64
2005		<i>Kira-Kira</i> , by Cynthia Kadohata Paperback 240 pages Lexile 740	Georgia, 1950s. Katie's close-knit Japanese American family puts up a brave front when Katie's older sister Lynn is diagnosed with a terminal illness. The family even goes into debt to buy a house, hoping Lynn's health will improve there.	79

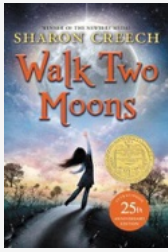


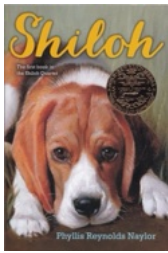
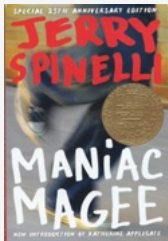


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2004		<i>The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread</i> , by Kate DiCamillo Paperback 272 pages Lexile 670	Despereaux, a small mouse, is condemned to the dungeon for falling in love with human Princess Pea. Despereaux meets the rat, Roscuro, while Mig, an upstairs serving girl, wishes to be a princess, too. All four meet with near disastrous results.	137
2003		<i>Crispin: The Cross of Lead</i> , by Avi Paperback 320 pages Lexile 780	In 1377 England, the manor steward falsely accuses a thirteen-year-old orphan of murder. Before he runs away, the boy learns his name from the village priest. On the road with Bear, a juggler, Crispin learns who his father is—and the reason the steward wants him dead.	61
2003 Honor		<i>The House of the Scorpion</i> , by Nancy Farmer Paperback 400 pages Lexile 660	In a future where humans despise clones, Matt has special privileges as the young clone of El Patrón--the 140-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire. When Matt gets a glimpse of his fate, he rebels. Some violence and some strong language.	103
2002		<i>A Single Shard</i> , by Linda Sue Park Paperback 152 pages Lexile 920	Tree-ear, an orphan in twelfth-century Korea, spends most of his time foraging for food for himself and Crane-man, an older companion. Tree-ear takes advantage of a mishap in master potter Min's yard to become his apprentice, learning a craft and gaining unforeseen rewards.	75
2001		<i>A Year Down Yonder</i> , by Richard Peck Paperback 160 pages Lexile 670	During the 1937 recession fifteen-year-old Mary Alice from Chicago is sent to live with feisty Grandma Dowdel in rural Illinois. There she learns about small-town ways and grows to love her grandmother. Sequel to 1999 Honor, <i>A Long Way from Chicago</i> .	74
2001 Honor		<i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i> , by Kate DiCamillo Paperback 182 pages Lexile 670	Ten-year-old India Opal and her preacher dad move to a new town in Florida during the summer. Opal is lonely until she adopts a big stray dog she names Winn-Dixie. The two soon make friends with the local librarian, the pet store manager, and a nearly-blind elderly neighbor.	61

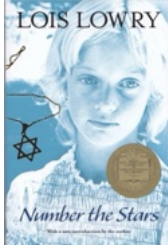
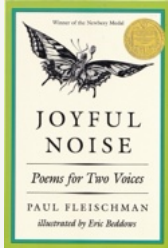
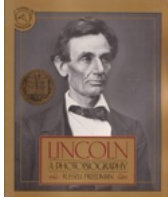
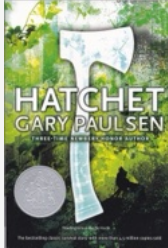
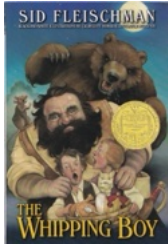


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2000		<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i> by Christopher Paul Curtis Paperback 256 pages Lexile 950	During the Great Depression, ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy, runs away from his latest (bad) foster home in Flint, Michigan. He sets out for Grand Rapids in search of the man he believes to be his father—renowned bandleader Herman E. Calloway.	71
1999		<i>Holes</i> , by Louis Sachar Paperback 240 pages Lexile 660	Stanley Yelnats IV finds himself in a detention center for possessing stolen property that he didn't take. While digging holes under the summer Texas sun, he sees a fellow inmate running away—and follows him. Legends, loyalty, and buried treasure are revealed as Stanley learns to survive.	76
1999 Honor		<i>A Long Way from Chicago: A Novel in Stories</i> , by Richard Peck Paperback 160 pages Lexile 750	In eight short stories an old man reminisces about the week each summer he and his little sister spent with his grandmother. Joey likes the train ride and his feisty, independent grandmother, who tells "whoppers," fishes, and shoots a shotgun. Prequel to 2001 Medal winner, <i>A Year Down Yonder</i> .	82
1998		<i>Out of the Dust</i> , by Karen Hesse Paperback 256 pages No Lexile level	Told in free verse, an account of two years in the life of Billie Jo Kelby, who at thirteen loses her mother and new baby brother in a terrible accident for which she is partly to blame. Life in Oklahoma in the mid-1930s is difficult, and Billie Jo can no longer play the piano—her one solace in the past. She seeks a way to heal her father and herself.	64
1997		<i>The View from Saturday</i> , by E. L. Konigsburg Paperback 176 pages Lexile 870	Mrs. Olinski is hard-pressed to explain how she selected the four students who will represent the sixth grade in the Academic Bowl. But her choice of the four calling themselves "The Souls" was excellent. As the students prepare and compete, each reveals a reason for being part of the team.	75
1996		<i>The Midwife's Apprentice</i> , by Karen Cushman Paperback 83 pages Lexile 1240	The only name she has ever known is Brat. She does not know how old she is—probably twelve or thirteen; she has no family or home; and she is unwashed, hungry, and unloved. Brat is discovered sleeping in a dung heap by the town's midwife, who reluctantly gives her many jobs to do in return for a piece of dry bread and stale cheese. But Brat soon determines to become a midwife herself.	75

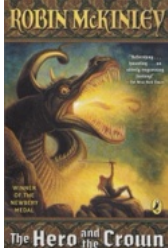
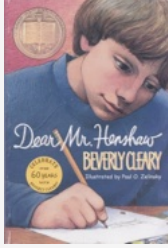
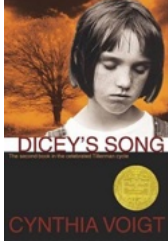
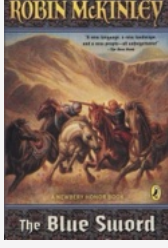
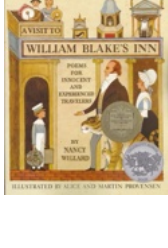


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1995		<i>Walk Two Moons</i> , by Sharon Creech Hardback 280 pages Lexile 770	A year ago, Sal's grieving mother left Sal and her father to visit Idaho and never returned. Sal's father has accepted that his wife is not coming back, but Sal has not. As she and her grandparents travel to Idaho to find her mother, Sal tells them "an extensively strange story" about her new friend Phoebe, whose mother also disappeared. And Sal gets to walk two moons in her mother's moccasins.	90
1994		<i>The Giver</i> , by Lois Lowry Paperback 240 pages Lexile 760	Jonas lives in a utopia: there is no hunger, no disease, no fear; the elderly are tenderly cared for, and every child has attentive parents. The society is uniformly run. Jonas eagerly awaits the Ceremony of Twelve, when twelve-year-olds receive assignments for their lifelong professions. He is selected to be the new Receiver of Memories. As such he learns of misery and pain, but also of joy and love.	63
1993		<i>Missing May</i> , by Cynthia Rylant Paperback 128 pages Lexile 980	Orphaned at six and raised by an elderly West Virginia aunt and uncle with more devotion than money, Summer is twelve years old when Aunt May dies. While Summer's grief is profound, Uncle Ob seems absolutely unable to go on living without his beloved May—that is, until he decides her presence lingers nearby and that somehow he can contact her. Disappointed in his efforts, Uncle Ob comes to choose living over mourning.	68
1992		<i>Shiloh</i> , by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor Paperback 137 pages Lexile 890	Sequel to <i>Shiloh Season</i> . When Judd Travers appears to be mending his mean and angry ways, his young friend Marty is encouraged, despite rumors of Judd's involvement in criminal activities. Judd repays Marty's confidence by rescuing Marty's dog, Shiloh, from drowning.	80
1991		<i>Maniac Magee</i> , by Jerry Spinelli Paperback 192 pages Lexile 820	Part tall tale and part realistic fiction, this novel weaves together issues of homelessness, racial prejudice, and illiteracy. Orphaned at three, Jeffrey Magee, after eight unhappy years with relatives, takes off running one day. A year later he ends up 200 miles away in Two Mills, a highly segregated community. Magee, who is white, lives alternately with blacks and whites, proving the shared humanity of both.	77



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1990		<i>Number the Stars</i> , by Lois Lowry Paperback 160 pages Lexile 670	For ten-year-old Annemarie, life in occupied Copenhagen in 1943 is not much changed by the war—until the Nazi persecution of Danish Jews begins. Annemarie's family helps a Jewish friend by having her pose as Annemarie's dead sister. When a packet must be taken to the captain of a ship smuggling Jews to Sweden, Annemarie learns that being brave means "not thinking-about the dangers. Just thinking about what you must do."	64
1989		<i>Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices</i> , by Paul Fleischman Paperback 64 pages No Lexile level	A collection of poems describing the activities and characteristics of grasshoppers, mayflies, cicadas, and other insects.	74
1988		<i>Lincoln: A Photobiography</i> , by Hardback 160 pages Lexile 1110	A biography of the sixteenth president of the United States. Beginning life as a poor, backwoods farm boy in Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois, Lincoln became a self-educated lawyer and Illinois state representative. He was elected president in 1860, and led the nation through the Civil War. He was assassinated in 1865.	54
1988 Honor		<i>Hatchet</i> , by Gary Paulsen Paperback 192 pages Lexile 1020	Brian, thirteen and troubled by his parents' divorce, is flying in a single-engine plane to visit his father. As Brian is the only passenger, the pilot casually shows him how to fly the plane. When the pilot has a heart attack and dies, Brian must take control. After the plane crashes in the Canadian wilderness, Brian has only the hatchet attached to his belt to help him survive.	72
1987		<i>The Whipping Boy</i> , by Sid Fleischman Paperback 96 pages Lexile 570	The arrogant and spiteful Prince Brat decides to run away from the castle, and he makes his whipping boy Jemmy go along. They get into trouble right away, but Jemmy's good sense manages to save the day.	59

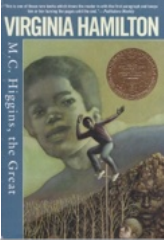

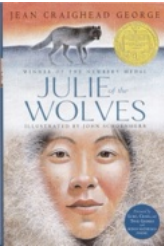
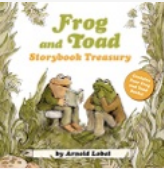


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1986		<i>Sarah Plain and Tall</i> , by Patricia MacLachlan Paperback 112 pages Lexile 560	Anna and Caleb have lived alone with their father since their mother died. When Sarah comes to live with them in response to their father's newspaper advertisement, the whole family falls in love with her. But they fear that Sarah's homesickness for the Maine coast will keep her from staying with them in their prairie home.	65
1985		<i>The Hero and the Crown</i> , by Robin McKinley Paperback 272 pages Lexile 1050	With the guidance of a wizard and the help of the blue sword, Aerin fights for the birthrights due her as the daughter of both a king and a witchwoman of the mysterious, demon-haunted north. This is the prequel to the 1983 Honor <i>The Blue Sword</i> .	71
1984		<i>Dear Mr. Henshaw</i> , by Beverly Cleary Paperback 160 pages 910 Lexile	Leigh, a troubled sixth-grade boy, begins writing letters to his favorite author, Mr. Henshaw, as part of a school assignment. Leigh soon discovers he likes writing, especially when Mr. Henshaw responds. The author's surprising answers to Leigh's questions change the boy's life forever.	66
1983		<i>Dicey's Song</i> , by Cynthia Voigt Paperback 256 pages Lexile 710	After their ordeals in <i>Homecoming</i> , Dicey is looking forward to settling in with her eccentric grandmother near the Chesapeake Bay and hopes her brothers and sister will be happy there. But building new ties takes more time and effort than Dicey anticipated.	71
1983 Honor		<i>The Blue Sword</i> , by Robin McKinley Paperback 320 pages Lexile 1030	Bored with her sheltered life in the remote colony of Daria, Harry discovers magic in herself when she is kidnapped by a native king with mysterious powers. This follows the chronology of the 1985 Medal winner <i>The Hero and the Crown</i> .	85
1982		<i>A Visit to William Blake's Inn: Poems for Innocent and Experienced Travelers</i> , by Nancy Willard Paperback 48 pages No Lexile level	A collection of magical poems about life at an imaginary inn staffed by two dragons, two angels, and a rabbit who shows to their rooms many curious visitors, including a man in a marmalade hat and the king of cats	90

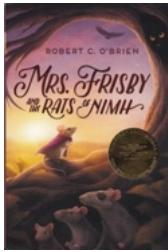
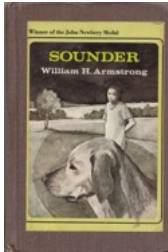
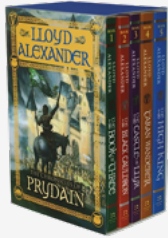
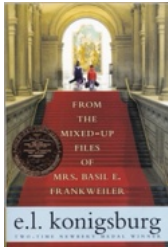
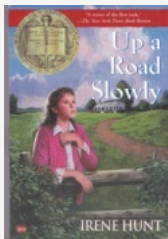


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1981		<i>Jacob I Have Loved</i> , by Katherine Paterson Paperback pages Lexile level		
1980		<i>A Gathering of Days: A New England Girl's Journal, 1830-1832</i> by Joan W. Blos Paperback 144 pages Lexile 960	Thirteen-year-old Catherine Hall, a New Hampshire farm girl, keeps a journal of everyday events such as quilting, berrying, and sugaring. She talks of her new stepmother from faraway Boston and reflects on her own daring to help a runaway slave.	79
1979		<i>The Westing Game</i> , by Ellen Raskin Paperback 182 pages Lexile 750	An unlikely assortment of friends, relatives, and enemies gathers for the reading of eccentric millionaire Samuel Westing's will after he's murdered in his mansion. Before the heirs can claim their inheritance, however, they must uncover Westing's killer among them.	84
1978		<i>Bridge to Terabithia</i> , by Katherine Paterson, illustrated by Donna Diamond Paperback 191 pages Lexile 810	Jess finds his biggest rival and best friend in Leslie, a girl who moves to his rural Virginia community from the city. Together they create Terabithia, a secret kingdom in the woods where they reign supreme—until tragedy strikes.	66
1977		<i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i> , by Mildred D. Taylor Paperback 304 pages Lexile 920	A turbulent year in Mississippi during the Great Depression—a year of night riders, burnings, and threats. Cassie Logan, a young black girl, tells the story of her family's struggle to survive with their dignity and independence intact.	67
1976		<i>The Grey King</i> , by Susan Cooper, illustrated by Michael Heslop (in 5 volume box set, <i>The Dark is Rising Sequence</i> , with <i>The Dark is Rising</i> , 1974 Newbery Honor) Paperback pages Lexile 930	Will Stanton, visiting in Wales, is swept into a desperate quest to find the golden harp and to awaken the ancient sleepers. The fourth book of the <i>The Dark is Rising Sequence</i> 5-volume fantasies. Sequel to <i>Greenwitch</i> .	

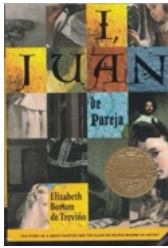
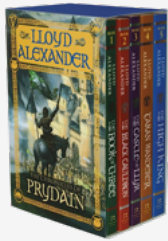
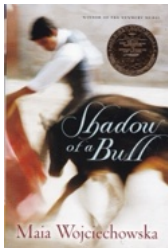
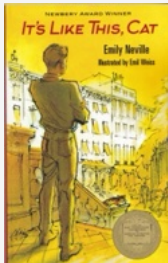
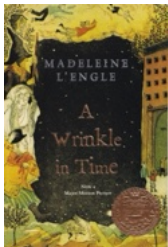
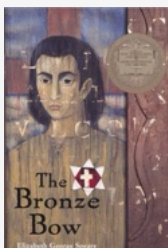


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1975		<i>M.C. Higgins, the Great</i> , by Virginia Hamilton Paperback 288 pages Lexile 560	Fifteen-year-old African American Mayo Cornelius Higgins hopes a visiting folklorist will make his mother a recording star so that he and his family can escape the menacing relic of a strip mine threatening their Ohio hills home.	57
1974		<i>The Slave Dancer</i> , by Paula Fox Paperback 177 pages Lexile 910	1840. Kidnapped from his home in New Orleans, thirteen-year-old Jessie Bollier is forced to serve on a slave ship. Every day he must play his fife while the shackled slaves "dance" for exercise.	78
1974 Honor		<i>The Dark Is Rising</i> by Susan Cooper, illustrated by Alan E. Cober (in a 5 volume box set, <i>The Dark is Rising Sequence</i> , with <i>The Grey King</i> , 1976 Newbery Medal) Paperback 320 pages Lexile 920	On midwinter's eve, Will's eleventh birthday, the world is in turmoil, with strange creatures appearing and stranger things happening. Will, the last of the Old Ones to be born, must use all his knowledge and skill to help in the fight against the Dark. The second book of the <i>The Dark is Rising Sequence</i> 5-volume fantasies.	226
1973		<i>Julie of the Wolves</i> , by Jean Craighead George, illustrated by John Shoenherr Paperback 176 pages Lexile 860	Julie, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl, runs away rather than agree to an arranged marriage. Lost and starving on the barren tundra, she makes friends with a pack of wolves who save her life.	69
1973 Honor		<i>Frog and Toad Together</i> , by Arnold Lobel *In the 1 volume collection <i>Frog and Toad Storybook Treasury</i> , cross referenced with Arnold Lobel in Fiction, Children's Literature Hardback 48 pages Lexile 330	Frog and Toad are best friends—they do everything together. When Toad admires the flowers in Frog's garden, Frog gives him seeds to grow a garden of his own. When Toad bakes cookies, Frog helps him eat them. And when both Frog and Toad are scared, they are brave together. <i>School Library Journal</i> called this "a masterpiece of child-styled humor and sensitivity."	72

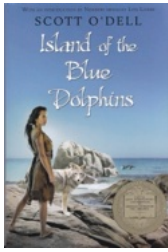
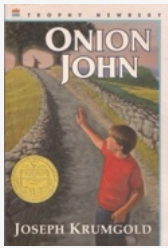
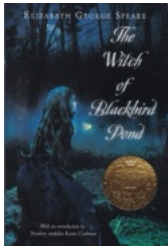
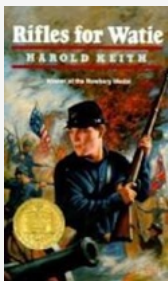
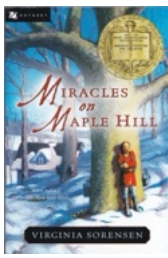
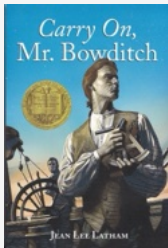


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1972		<i>Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH</i> , by Robert C. O'Brien Paperback 240 pages Lexile 790	Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mother mouse with housing problems, is advised to seek the help of a colony of rats. She discovers the rats, who are super-intelligent laboratory specimens, have developed a sophisticated civilization that includes computers.	74
1971		<i>The Summer of the Swans</i> , by Betsy Byars Paperback 129 pages Lexile 830	When a mentally retarded boy becomes lost in the mountains, his fourteen-year-old sister forgets her own teenage problems, and gains new insight into herself and her family.	
1970		<i>Sounder</i> , by William Armstrong, illustrated by James Barkely Hardback 116 pages Lexile 900	The mother and son of a black sharecropper family in the South struggle for survival when the sheriff arrests the father for stealing and shoots their devoted coon dog.	74
1969		<i>The High King</i> , by Lloyd Alexander (in a 5 volume box set, <i>The Chronicles of Prydain</i> , with <i>The Black Cauldron</i> , 1967 Newbery Honor) Paperback 197 pages Lexile 900	Taran leads his companions on a last great quest against evil when the enchanted sword Dyrnwyn falls into the hands of Arawn, Lord of the Land of Death. Sequel to <i>Taran Wanderer</i> . Fifth and final volume of <i>The Chronicles of Prydain</i> series.	
1968		<i>From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i> , by E.L. Konigsburg Paperback 208 pages Lexile 700	Claudia, feeling misunderstood at home, takes her younger brother and runs away to New York City where she sets up housekeeping in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.	63
1967		<i>Up a Road Slowly</i> , by Irene Hunt Paperback 183 pages Lexile 1130	With clear recall, Julie recounts growing up motherless from age seven to high school graduation. She relates the pains and high moments and describes her relationships, both happy and disappointing.	61

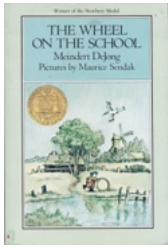
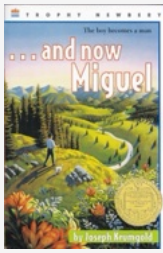
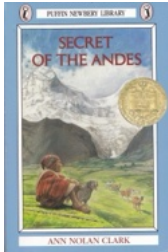
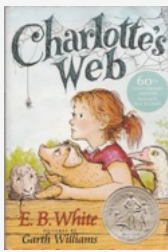
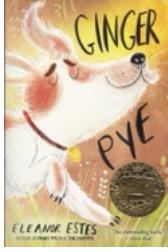
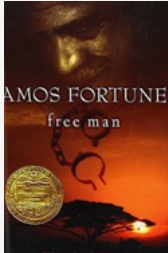


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1966		<i>I, Juan de Pareja</i> , by Elizabeth Borton de Trevino Paperback 192 pages Lexile 1030	Velazquez, the great Spanish painter of the early seventeenth century, owned a black slave, Juan de Pareja, who narrates this story. The period forms a background for an array of characters, from a humble dwarf to famous artists and King Philip himself.	81
1966 Honor		<i>The Black Cauldron</i> , by Lloyd Alexander (in a 5 volume box set with <i>The High King</i> , 1969 Newbery Medal) Paperback 178 pages Lexile 760	In this sequel to <i>The Book of Three</i> , Taran and his companions vow to destroy the cauldron that is the source of power for Arawn, Lord of the Land of Death. Second volume of <i>The Chronicles of Prydain</i> 5-volume series.	218
1965		<i>Shadow of a Bull</i> , by Maia Wojciechowska Paperback 141 pages Lexile 740	Everyone expects Manolo to become a great bullfighter like his father. But as he prepares to fight his first bull, Manolo realizes that he is afraid, and he begins to think that perhaps he does not want to be a matador at all.	69
1964		<i>It's Like This, Cat</i> , by Emily Neville Paperback 176 pages Lexile 810	When his father suggests that owning a dog might be good for him, fourteen-year-old Dave defiantly goes to Aunt Kate the Cat Woman and adopts a stray. The cat ends p leading him to new people and adventures all over Manhattan—and even to an appreciation for his parents. A coming-of-age time capsule for life in early 60's told in an engaging first-person style.	65
1963		<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> , by Madeleine L'Engle Paperback 256 pages Lexile 740	Meg Murry, her younger brother Charles Wallace, and her neighbor Calvin are transported to the planet Camazotz as they search for Meg's lost father, a scientist studying time travel. Prequel to <i>A Wind in the Door</i> .	67
1962		<i>The Bronze Bow</i> , by Elizabeth George Speare Paperback 255 pages Lexile 760	A young Jew joins a brutal band of outlaws to seek revenge against the Roman soldiers who killed his parents and destroyed his home. The boy's consuming hatred orders his life until he meets a rabbi from Capernaum named Jesus.	96

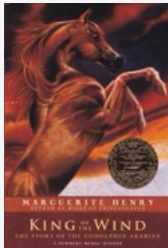


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1961		<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i> , by Scott O'Dell Paperback 192 pages Lexile 1000	When her tribe moved, a Native American girl was accidentally left behind on an island off the California coast. She tells about the eighteen years that she managed to survive and to find comfort, beauty, and, at times, joy in her solitude.	75
1960		<i>Onion John</i> , by Joseph Krumgold Paperback 248 pages Lexile 710	Andy Rusch befriends Onion John, the town's old odd-job man who lives near the city dump. Andy's father cannot understand Andy's affection for Onion John, and conflict develops when Mr. Rusch tries to reform Onion John.	80
1959		<i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i> , by Elizabeth George Speare Paperback 272 pages Lexile 850	When sixteen-year-old Kit Tyler helps a woman accused of witchcraft in colonial New England, she too is brought to trial as a suspect. Kit's friend Prudence, and Nat, a sailor who has fallen in love with Kit, come to her defense.	87
1958		<i>Rifles for Watie</i> , by Harold Keith Hardback 352 pages Lexile 910	A carefree boy learns the cruelty and savagery of war when he is sent as a Union scout to spy on a Cherokee Indian regiment and find the source of their rifles. To his astonishment, he makes good friends among the enemy and falls in love with a beautiful part-Cherokee girl.	62
1957		<i>Miracles on Maple Hill</i> , by Virginia Sorensen, illustrated by Beth and Joe Krush Paperback 256 pages Lexile 750	Marly and her family share many adventures when they move from the city to a farmhouse on Maple Hill.	74
1956		<i>Carry On, Mr. Bowditch</i> , by Jean Lee Latham Paperback 256 pages Lexile 570	A fictionalized biography of Nathaniel Bowditch, the American sailor who taught himself mathematics and astronomy and discovered a new method of celestial navigation that saved the lives of many seamen. Historical details are coupled with the romance and adventure of old Salem.	81


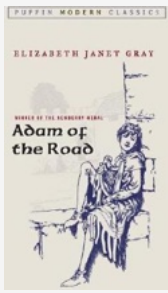
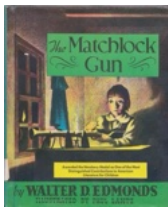
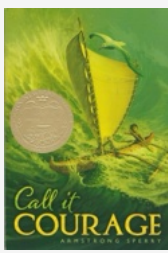


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1955		<i>The Wheel on the School</i> , by Meindert DeJong, illustrated by Maurice Sendak Paperback 298 pages Lexile 710	Long ago, the little Dutch village of Shora was full of friendly, luck-bringing storks. But fierce storms drove the storks away, and they never returned. Six schoolchildren, with the help of their teacher, set out to bring the storks back to their village.	120
1954		<i>...And Now Miguel</i> , by Joseph Krumgold Paperback 256 pages Lexile 780	An introspective New Mexico youth tells of his great longing to accompany the men and sheep to summer pasture. Neither child nor man, he feels the need to be recognized as a maturing individual.	64
1953		<i>Secret of the Andes</i> , by Ann Nolan Clark Paperback 120 pages Lexile 710	High up in a hidden valley in the Andes, an Inca boy whose identity is a mystery is chosen to know the secret of two ancient Inca treasures.	55
1953 Honor		<i>Charlotte's Web</i> , by E.B. White, illustrations by Garth Williams Paperback 192 pages Lexile 680	A little girl who can talk to animals is devoted to both Wilbur, the foolishly smug pig, and Charlotte, the beautiful gray spider who saves Wilbur's life. This sensitive story is a delight for children of all ages as well as adults.	72
1952		<i>Ginger Pye</i> , by Eleanor Estes Paperback 320 pages Lexile 990	Ten-year-old Jerry Pye and his younger sister Rachel get a new puppy and name him Ginger. When Ginger disappears, the adventurous children set out to find him. They suspect the little dog has been spirited away by a mysterious stranger wearing a yellow hat.	53
1951		<i>Amos Fortune, Free Man</i> , by Elizabeth Yates Paperback 192 pages Lexile 1090	Born an African prince, Amos Fortune is captured by slave traders when he is fifteen. He is sold in Boston, where he learns the tanner's trade. At age sixty, Fortune is able to purchase his freedom, and he begins to save money for the freedom of other slaves.	58

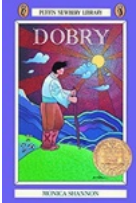
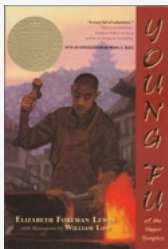


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1950		<i>The Door in the Wall</i> , by Marguerite De Angeli Paperback 128 pages Lexile 990	Just before ten-year-old Robin is about to begin his duties as a page, he is stricken with an illness that leaves him unable to walk. Both his parents are away, and the servants, fearing the plague that has devastated London, leave him all alone. Then, Brother Luke takes Robin to St. Mark's hospice, where he learns new skills and the patience that will allow him to become a hero.	62
1949		<i>King of the Wind: The Story of the Godolphin Arabian</i> , by Marguerite Henry Paperback 176 pages Lexile 830	The story of Sham, a magnificent Arabian stallion, and Agba, the stable boy who cares for him faithfully as they cross the seas from Morocco to England and France. When King Louis XV of France rejects the gift of this stallion, he does not know that the horse will become the founder of a strain of thoroughbreds, one of which will be Man o' War.	69
1948		<i>The Twenty-One Balloons</i> , by William Pene Du Bois Paperback 192 pages Lexile 1070	Professor Sherman sets off on a flight across the Pacific in a giant balloon, and three weeks later he is over the wrong ocean with too many balloons. The adventure is narrated by the professor with hilarious solemnity.	71
1947		<i>Miss Hickory</i> , by Carolyn Sherwin Bailey Paperback 128 pages Lexile 870	The adventures of Miss Hickory, a country doll made of an applewood twig with a hickory nut for a head, and her unusual neighbors. Left behind when her owner goes to school in Boston, Miss Hickory must spend the long New Hampshire winter alone.	48
1946		<i>Strawberry Girl</i> , by Lois Lenski Paperback 194 pages Lexile 650	This regional story contrasts the lives of an industrious family of Florida Crackers struggling to make a living from their strawberry patch, and the shiftless family who lives on the adjoining farm.	65
1945		<i>Rabbit Hill</i> , by Robert Lawson Paperback pages Lexile	When a new family moves into a big house that has been standing empty, they start an extra-large garden. The small animals rejoice because they really miss the garden they once depended on.	

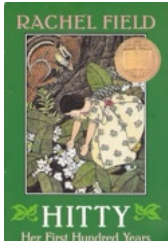
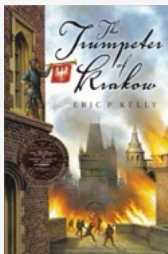
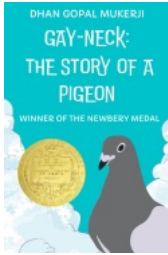


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1944		<i>Johnny Tremain</i> , by Esther Forbes Paperback 320 pages Lexile 840	After injuring his right hand, fourteen-year-old Johnny, a silversmith's apprentice, becomes a messenger for the Sons of Liberty in the days before the American Revolution. He meets Massachusetts patriots and becomes involved in events leading to the Boston Tea Party and the Battle of Lexington.	68
1943		<i>Adam of the Road</i> , by Elizabeth Janet Gray Paperback 317 pages Lexile 1030	Tale of a minstrel boy, Adam, who wanders through southeastern England in the thirteenth century. Adam's adventures in search of his beloved father and his lost dog lead him to London, Winchester, and Oxford.	70
1942		<i>The Matchlock Gun</i> , by Walter Edmunds, illustrated by Paul Lantz Hardback 48 pages Lexile 860	While his father is away fighting during the French and Indian War in 1756, ten-year-old Edward Van Alstyne helps his mother ward off an Indian attack by firing an ancient Spanish musket.	83
1941		<i>Call it Courage</i> by Armstrong Sperry Paperback 128 pages Lexile 830	Mafatu is the son of a great chief of a Polynesian island, where courage is a man's most respected quality. But Mafatu is afraid of the sea.	89
1940		<i>Daniel Boone</i> , by Paperback pages Lexile	Biography of the legendary frontiersman born in 1734. Describes the call of the west that led Daniel Boone to Kentucky and eventually to Missouri. Discusses his enjoyment of the wilderness, the company of Indians, and pioneering experiences.	
1939		<i>Thimble Summer</i> , by Elizabeth Enright Paperback 144 pages Lexile 810	One scorching day in the middle of a drought, Garnet Linden finds a silver thimble which she believes to be magic. Good luck begins that night with a rainfall that saves her father's crops.	

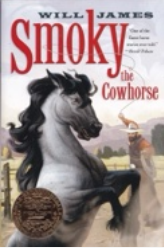
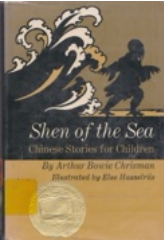
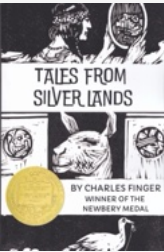
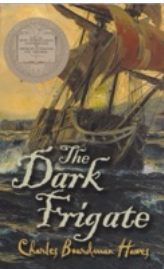


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1938		<i>The White Stag</i> , by Kate Seredy Paperback pages Lexile 1020	The legendary story of Attila the Hun and the founding of Hungary--of a white stag and red eagle leading a people to their promised land.	65
1937		<i>Roller Skates</i> , by Paperback pages Lexile	Lucinda is a lively, happy ten-year-old who spends her spare time exploring New York on roller skates. Her happy personality wins many friends, and her adventures reveal a picture of city life in 1890.	
1936		<i>Caddie Woodlawn</i> , by Carol Ryrie Brink Paperback 288 pages Lexile 890	Life is difficult for the Woodlawn family after they leave New England for the Wisconsin frontier in the 1860s, but eleven-year-old Caddie loves the challenge of adjusting to pioneer life and making friends with the nearby Indians.	73
1935		<i>Dobry</i> , by Monica Shannon Paperback 193 pages No Lexile level	The author's memories of childhood in Bulgaria enhance this story of a young peasant boy who wants to be a sculptor. He is discouraged by his mother's opposition but nourished by his grandfather's support.	90
1934		<i>Invincible Louisa: The Story of the Author of Little Women</i> , by Cornelia Meigs Paperback 256 pages Lexile 1150	A vivid portrait of <i>Little Women</i> author Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888), who based the story of Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy on her own family: her hardworking mother, idealistic father, and three sisters.	98
1933		<i>Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze</i> , by Elizabeth Lewis Paperback 320 pages Lexile 890	Rogues and bandits seem to rule China during the turbulent 1920s. But Young Fu has moved from his country home to the city, and he is determined to be an honest, hardworking coppersmith's apprentice.	93



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1932		<i>Waterless Mountain</i> , by Laura Adams Armer Paperback pages Lexile	Eight-year-old Younger Brother loves the beauty of the dawn, the sky, the rainbow, and the clouds. When the boy sees the Deer People in a vision, his uncle knows that Younger Brother can learn the songs of his Navajo people to become a powerful medicine man. Younger Brother finds adventures in nature around him, new encounters with whites, and his role as Little Singer.	
1931		<i>The Cat Who Went to Heaven</i> , by Elizabeth Coatsworth Paperback 96 pages Lexile 1000	Soon after adopting a lucky three-colored cat, a poor Japanese artist is hired to paint a masterpiece. The devoted pet watches patiently as the man draws the animals Buddha has blessed. At last he draws a cat and earns a special miracle.	60
1930		<i>Hitty, Her First Hundred Years</i> , by Rachel Field, illustrated by Dorothy P. Lanthrop Paperback 235 pages Lexile 1100	Hitty, no ordinary doll, was carved from a block of wood for Phoebe, a little girl who took her toy everywhere. Hitty, now securely perched in a window of an antiques shop, recalls her adventuresome life on land and sea.	90
1929		<i>The Trumpeter of Krakow</i> , by Eric P. Kelly Paperback 224 pages Lexile 1200	The commemoration of an act of bravery and self-sacrifice in Krakow, Poland, saves the lives of a family two centuries later.	76
1928		<i>Gay Neck, the Story of a Pigeon</i> , by Dhan Gopal Mukerji Paperback 126 pages Lexile 1040	A carrier-pigeon, raised by an Indian boy, is taught to fly messages for the Allies in France during World War I. Based on the author's own experiences as a boy in India.	141



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1927		<i>Smoky the Cowhorse</i> , by Will James Paperback 323 pages Lexile 1440	Smoky knows only one way of life: freedom. Living on the open range, he is free to go where he wants to and do what he wants to. And he knows what he has to do to survive. Smoky can beat any enemy, whether it be a rattlesnake or a hungry wolf. He is as much a part of the Wild West as it is of him, and Smoky can't imagine anything else. Then he comes across a new enemy, one that walks on two legs and makes funny sounds. Smoky can't beat this enemy the way he has all the others. But does he really want to? Or could giving up some of his freedom mean getting something in return that's even more valuable? This is the classic great horse story written by a cowboy who trained a little black colt to become his most dependable horse. Here are the experiences of a fascinating horse from his birth in the wild, through his capture by humans and his work in the rodeo and on the range, to his eventual old age.	75
1926		<i>Shen of the the Sea, A Book for Children</i> , by Arthur Bowie Chrisman, illustrated by Elsie Hasselriis Hardback 224 pages Lexile 780	Sixteen humorous stories capturing the spirit of Chinese culture and wisdom. In the title piece, a child learns of an ancient king who tried to save his city from flood by outsmarting the water demons. Other tales depict chopstick origins and more.	114
1925		<i>Tales from Silver Lands</i> , by Charles Finger Paperback 134 pages Lexile 1320	The folk magic of a land of silver cascades, mist-shrouded mountains, and wide pampas fills these nineteen South American stories.	95
1924		<i>The Dark Frigate</i> , by Charles Hawes, illustrated by A.L. Ripley Paperback 264 pages Lexile 1160	The English frigate on which Philip Marsham is training rescues twelve men from a sinking ship, but within three days the rescued men have murdered the captain, seized the ship, and sailed for the Caribbean in hope of plunder and booty. Some violence.	92



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1923		<i>The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle</i> , by Hugh Lofting Paperback pages Lexile	Nine-and-a-half-year-old Tommy Stubbins of Puddleby-on-the-Marsh tells about Doctor Dolittle's adventures as he voyages to Spidermonkey Island and struggles to learn shellfish language.	
1922		<i>The Story of Mankind</i> , by Hendrik Willem Van Loon Paperback 296 pages Lexile 1260	An account of man's history revealed through movements and ideas, from prehistoric times to the present.	128
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