

Schoolwide Enrichment Model Reading Framework

Recommended Books

The list of SEM-R recommended books is organized to facilitate use by teachers, parents, and students according to different search criteria. There are a variety of ways to search for good book choices that are appropriate for young talented readers. We have chosen six ways to categorize books including:

1. Award Winners
2. Choice Winners
3. Classics
4. Author
5. Genre
6. Reading Level

Award Winners

Our first choice is to look for books that are acclaimed for their writing and/or illustrations. We want good readers to have the opportunity to read well-crafted text. The first section below is therefore devoted to recent award-winning books. The websites provide lists of the award winners and other books considered for the awards, often honor books or runners-up, for many years.

Book Awards & Websites

The most distinguished annual literary awards for children's books are found at the American Library Association website:

<http://www.acrl.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/literaryawds/literaryrelated.cfm>

The awards found at this site include:

Award	Award Winners
Batchelder Award Awarded to an American publisher for a children's book that has been translated from another language.	2008 - Brave Story, written by Miyuki Miyabe (translated from Japanese by Alexander O. Smith) 2007 - The Pull of the Ocean written by Jean-Claude Mourlevat (translated from French by Y. Maudet) 2006 - An Innocent Soldier written by Josef Holub (translated from German by Michael Hofmann)
Pura Belpré Medal Honors a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays the Latino cultural experience.	2008 - The Poet Slave of Cuba: A Biography of Juan Francisco Manzano by Margarita Engle 2006 - The Tequila Worm by Viola Canales 2004 - Before We Were Free by Julia Alvarez
Caldecott Medal Awarded for the most distinguished American picture book for children.	2008 - The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick 2007 - Flotsam by David Wiesner 2006 - The Hello, Goodbye Window illustrated by Chris Raschka & written by Norton Juster
Theodor Seuss Geisel Medal Given to an author or	2008 - There Is a Bird on Your Head by Mo Willems 2007 - Zelda and Ivy: The Runaways by Laura McGee Kvasnosky

illustrator who has made a distinguished contribution to beginning reader books.	2006 - Henry and Mudge and the Great Grandpas by Cynthia Rylant
The Coretta Scott King Award Presented to an African American author or illustrator for promoting understanding and appreciation of the culture of all peoples in pursuit of the "American Dream."	2008 - Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis 2007 - Copper Sun by Sharon Draper 2006 - Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue by Julius Lester
Newberry Medal Given annually to the book that makes the most distinguished contribution to children's literature.	2008 - Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village by Laura Amy Schlitz 2007 - The Higher Power of Lucky by Susan Patron 2006 - Criss Cross by Lynne Rae Perkins
Odyssey Award Awarded for the best audiobook for children and/or young adults. (Est. 2008)	2008 - Jazz by Walter Dean Myers, produced by Live Oak Media
Michael L. Printz Award Honors author of exemplary young adult literature.	2008 - The White Darkness, by Geraldine McCaughrean 2007 - American Born Chinese by Gene Luen 2006 - Looking for Alaska by John Green
Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal Recognizes authors and illustrators of informational books.	2008 - The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain by Peter Sís 2007 - Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon by Catherine Thimmesh 2006 - Secrets of a Civil War Submarine: Solving the Mysteries of the H.L. Hunley by Sally M. Walker
John Steptoe Award for New Talent Recognizes new writers and/or illustrators whose work contributes to appreciation of the African American experience.	2008 - Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything in It by Sundee T. Frazier 2007 - Standing Against the Wind by Traci L. Jones 2006 - Jimi & Me by Jaime Adoff
Wilder Medal Awarded to a U.S. author or illustrator whose books have	2007 - James Marshall 2005 - Laurence Yep 2003 - Eric Carle 2001 - Milton Meltzer

made a lasting contribution to children's literature.	1998 – Russell Freedman 1995 – Virginia Hamilton 1992 – Marcia Brown
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State Book Awards

Many U.S. states have their own book awards or choice lists. While not necessarily a comprehensive list of state awards, this site is a good place to start. Links to these state sites can be found at author Cynthia Leitich Smith's website

http://www.cynthialeitichsmith.com/lit_resources/awards/stateawards.html

Choice Winners

There are many worthy books published each year that do not receive awards. Fortunately, these books are often compiled in lists that indicate their popularity, appeal to children and young adults, and notable writing, themes, or contributions to society. Each year different organizations create book choice lists, which are developed by educators and teachers, children and young adults, and/or library professionals. Some of the most popular choice lists can be found at the following websites:

Organization / Choice List	Website
The Assembly on Literature for Adolescents (ALAN)	Bill's Best Books http://alan-ya.org/index.php?option=com_magazine&Itemid=9999
Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC)	Notable Children's Books http://www.acrl.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/childrensnotable/default.cfm
International Reading Association (IRA)	Children's Choices http://www.reading.org/resources/tools/choices_childrens.html Teachers' Choices http://www.reading.org/resources/tools/choices_teachers.html Young Adults' Choices http://www.reading.org/resources/tools/choices_young_adults.html
Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)	Best Books for Young Adults http://www.acrl.org/ala/yalsa/booklistsawards/bestbooksya/bestbooksyoung.cfm

Classics

Classic children's literature is literature that has endured over time. Not all of the books on this list are strictly children's literature, but they are determined to be appropriate for younger readers who are reading at a high level of proficiency. Many of the authors have written additional books that would also be appropriate for younger readers beyond this selection of titles.

Title & Author	Lexile Level	Title & Author	Lexile Level
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The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain	950	The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving	770
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle	1080	The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupery	710
The African Queen by C. S. Forester	na	Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder	930
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll	890	Little Women by Louisa May Alcott	1300
Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery	990	My Friend Flicka by Mary O'Hara	960
A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond	750	The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway	940
Black Beauty by Anna Sewell	900	Peter Pan by J. M. Barrie	920
The Borrowers by Mary Norton	780	Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren	870
A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens	1080	Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier	880
Charlotte's Web by E. B. White	680	The Red Pony by John Steinbeck	810
The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexander Dumas	930	Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe	1070
The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden	780	The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett	970
Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank	1080	The Story of Doctor Doolittle by Hugh Lofting	580
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley	940	Swiss Family Robinson by Johann Wyss	910
The Gift of the Magi by O. Henry	940	Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson	1070
Gone with the Wind by Margaret Mitchell	1100	Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne	1030
Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift	1210	To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee	870
The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien	1000	The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams	820
The House at Pooh Corner by A. A. Milne	830	The War of the Worlds by H. G. Wells	1170
The Hunchback of Notre Dame by Victor Hugo	1340	White Fang by Jack London	970
The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks	780	The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame	1140
Ivanhoe by Sir Walter Scott	1410	The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare	850
Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes	840	The Wonderful Wizard of OZ by L. Frank Baum	1000
The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling	1140	The Yearling by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings	750

na = not available

Authors

There are a number of prolific contemporary authors whose work is diverse and appeals to many young readers. A few of those authors are listed here, along with a selection of some of their books. Note that some of these authors write books on a range of reading levels. This is important to remember since some of the higher reading level books may also contain more mature content which may not be appropriate for certain young readers.

Angela Johnson			
Angela Johnson celebrates the African American experience through narratives and prose. Her books are written for different age audiences and explore family relationships as well as historical events.			
Title	Lexile Level	Title	Lexile Level
Bird	710	Looking for Red	740
A Cool Moonlight	1060	Maniac Monkees on Magnolia Street	650
The First Part Last	790	One of Three	460
Heaven	790	A Sweet Smell of Roses	710
Just Like Josh Gibson	920	Wind Flyers	na

Gordon Korman			
Gordon Korman's books are often humorous. Students will identify with the strong friendships in his books and thrill at the adventures in the trilogies.			
Title	Lexile Level	Title	Lexile Level
Dive Trilogy	750	Kidnapped Trilogy	760
Everest Trilogy	710	Maxx Comedy: The Funniest Kid in America	770
Island Trilogy	620	No More Dead Dogs	610
Jake, Reinvented	800	Son of the Mob	690

Lois Lowry			
The characters in Lois Lowry's books are typically strong children. The theme of her novels often involves a utopian society, the main character's discovery that all is not as it seems, and his or her journey to discover real meaning or truth.			
Title	Lexile Level	Title	Lexile Level
All about Sam	670	Gooney Bird Greene	590
Anastasia Krupnik	700	Number the Stars	670
Autumn Street	870	The Road Ahead	na
Gathering Blue	680	A Summer to Die	860
Gossamer	660	The Woods at the End of Autumn Street	na

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Title	Lexile Level	Title	Lexile Level
Autobiography of My Dead Brother	830	Me, Mop, & the Moondance Kid	640
Bad Boy: A Memoir	970	Monster	na
Fallen Angels	650	My Name Is America Series	920
Game	na	Slam!	750

Katherine Paterson

Katherine Paterson creates strong young characters that often face difficult situations. The characters, often loners or orphans, learn to overcome their difficulties or adapt to their changed circumstances.

Title	Lexile Level	Title	Lexile Level
Bridge to Terabithia	810	The King's Equal	780
The Great Gilly Hopkins	800	Lyddie	860
Jacob Have I Loved	880	Of Nightingales that Weep	950
Jip: His Story	860	The Same Stuff as Stars	670

Richard Peck

Richard Peck's novels often feature characters that do not conform to a particular group, or of young adults taking on adult responsibilities. He writes in a variety of genres including historical and realistic fiction, horror, and mystery.

Title	Lexile Level	Title	Lexile Level
A Long Way from Chicago	na	Lost In Cyberspace	550
Are You in the House Alone?	730	On the Wings of Heroes	730
Close Enough to Touch	690	Remembering the Good Times	690
Here Lies the Librarian	780	Strays Like Us	650
Ghosts I Have Been	830	The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts	750
The Great Interactive Dream Machine	580	A Year Down Yonder	610

Jerry Spinelli

Jerry Spinelli's books span a range of reading levels. He creates recognizable characters and chronicles their navigation through typical joys, trials, and tribulations of growing up. Many characters exhibit courage or admirable traits.

Title	Lexile Level	Title	Lexile Level
The Bathwater Gang	420	Maniac Magee	820
Crash	560	Night of the Whale	na
Jason and Marceline	620	Star Girl	590

Knots in My Yo-Yo String: The Autobiography of a Kid	980	Who Put That Hair in My Toothbrush?	600
Loser	650	Wringer	690

Laurence Yep

Laurence Yep's stories represent a range of genres (fantasy, realistic fiction, science fiction) and draw on different cultural traditions, especially his Chinese-American heritage. The themes of his books often explore conflict and tolerance.

Title	Lexile Level	Title	Lexile Level
American Dragons	990	The Lost Garden	1110
Child of the Owl	920	Mia	
Dragon's Gate	730	The Rainbow People	680
The Earth Dragon Awakes	510	The Serpent's Children	770
Hiroshima	660	Tiger's Apprentice	740

Genre

Knowing the type of book or genre a student likes to read can facilitate book recommendations by adults or book choice by the student. Avid readers often have a genre preference. Here are some suggestions within different genres.

Biography		
Title	Author	Lexile Level/ Grade Level
Different Like Coco	Elizabeth Matthews	4-6+ grades
First Flight: The Story of Tom Tate and the Wright Brothers	George Shea	460
Hatshepsut, His Majesty, Herself	Catherine Andronik	1080
Helen Keller	Margaret Davidson	520
I am Scout: The Biography of Harper Lee	Charles J. Shields	4-6+ grades
Lady Liberty: A Biography	Doreen Rappaport	2-5 grades
Lincoln: A Photobiography	Russell Freedman	1110
Living Up the Street	Gary Soto	1140
Mother Teresa: Sister to the Poor	Patricia Reilly Giff	720
Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein	Don Brown	1-5 grades
A Picture Book of Jackie Robinson	David Adler	890
A Restless Spirit: The Story of Robert Frost	Natalie Bober	6+ grades
Run, Boy, Run	Uri Orlev	570
Shark Lady: True Adventures of Eugenie Clark	Ann McGovern	750
Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps	Andrea Warren	820
Fantasy		
Title	Author	Lexile Level/ Grade Level
Artemis Fowl series	Eoin Colfer	620

Children of the Red King Series	Jenny Nimmo	700
Eragon Series	Christopher Paoline	710
Inkspell	Cornelia Funke	890
The Golden Compass	Phyilip Pullman	930
The Spiderwick Chronicles	Tony DiTerlizzi	570
The Redwall Series	Brian Jacques	800
Fiction		
Title	Author	Lexile Level/ Grade Level
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret	Judy Blume	570
Babe, the Gallant Pig	Dick King-Smith	1040
Because of Winn-Dixie	Kate DiCamillo	610
The Bears on Hemlock Mountain	Alice Dagliesh	490
Big Mouth & Ugly Girl	Joyce Carol Oates	6+ grades
The Cay	Theodore Taylor	860
Clementine	Sara Pennypacker	790
Foundling	D. M. Cornish	970
Hoot	Carl Hiaasen	760
Julie of the Wolves	Jean Craighead George	860
Lily's Crossing	Patricia Reilly Giff	720
Poppy	Avi	670
Tale of Despereaux	Kate Dicamillo	670
Tornado	Betsy Byars	500
Autobiography		
Title	Author	Lexile Level/ Grade Level
26 Fairmont Ave.	Tomie DePaola	760
Bad Boy: A Memoir	Walter Dean Myers	970
A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray	Ann M. Martin	870
Lemony Snicket: The Unauthorized Autobiography	Lemony Snicket	1270
The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain	Peter Sis	6+ grades
Rosa Parks: My Story	Rosa Parks	970
Through My Eyes	Ruby Bridges	860
Up From Slavery: An Autobiography	Booker T. Washington	1320
Fairy Tales/Fables/Folklore		
Title	Author	Lexile Level/ Grade Level
Aesop's Fables	Jerry Pinkney	760
Alladin and Other Tales from the Arabian Nights	J. J. Dawood	970
Arrow to the Sun: A Pueblo Indian Tale	Gerald McDermott	480
The Complete Brothers Grimm Fairy	Wilhelm Carl Grimm &	4-6+ grades

Tales	Jacob Ludwig Carl Grimm	
Dragonology: The Complete Book of Dragons	Dugald A. Steer	1220
Giants, Monsters and Dragons: An Encyclopedia of Folklore, Legend and Myth	Carol Rose	4-6+ grades
The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses	Paul Goble	670
Hans Anderson's Fairy Tales	Hans Christian Anderson	1060
Little Firefly: An Algonquin Legend	Terri Cohlene	490
Perrault's Fairy Tales	Charles Perrault	4-6+ grades
Russian Fairy Tales	Alexandr Afanas'ev	2-5 grades
Strega Nona's Magic Lessons	Tomie DePaola	290
Tales of Brothers Grimm	Peg Hall (retold by)	400
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs	Jon Scieszka	570
Yeh-Shen: A Cinderella Story from China	Ai-Ling Louie	840

Historical Fiction

Title	Author	Lexile Level/ Grade Level
The Adventures of Robin Hood	Howard Pyle	1270
Beyond the Divide	Kathryn Lasky	900
Bull Run	Paul Fleischman	810
Caddie Woodlawn	Carol Ryrie Brink	890
Catherine, Called Birdy	Karen Cushman	1170
Egyptology	Emily Sands	1180
A Lion to Guard Us	Clyde Robert Bulla	360
Listening for Lions	Gloria Whelan	900
The Midwife's Apprentice	Karen Cushman	1240
Morning Girl	Michael Dorris	980
My Brother Sam is Dead	James Lincoln Collier & Christopher Collier	770
Skylark	Patricia MacLachlan	470
Summer of My German Soldier	Bette Greene	800
Torchlight	Carol Otis Hurst	640
Working Cotton	Sherley Anne Williams	600

Informational Text

Title	Author	Lexile Level/ Grade Level
Actual Size	Steve Jenkins	1080
Afghanistan to Zimbabwe: Country Facts that Helped Me Win the National Geographic Bee	Andrew Wojtanik	2-6+ grades
Animals in Winter	Henrietta Bancroft & Richard G. Van Gelder	380
Danger! Earthquakes	Simon Seymour	710
Dinosaurs (Encyclopedia Prehistorica Series)	Robert Sabuda	K-3 grades
Flood: Wrestling with the Mississippi	Patricia Lauber	850

Magic School Bus Inside the Earth	Joanna Cole	500
The New Way Things Work	David Macaulay	1180
Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship	Isabella Hatkoff	920
Prairie Visions: The Life and Times of Solomon Butcher	Pam Conrad	1090
Secrets of a Civil War Submarine: Solving the Mystery of the H. L. Hunley	Sally M. Walker	1060
Trains	Gail Gibbons	470
What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?	Steve Jenkins & Robin Page	740
You Can't Smell a Flower with Your Ear!	Joanna Cole	390
Zoo	Gail Gibbons	630
Myths & Legends		
Title	Author	Lexile Level/ Grade Level
Andy and the Lion	James Henry Daugherty	510
Ariadne Awake!	Doris Orgel	4-6+ grades
Black Ships Before Troy: The Story of the Iliad	Rosemary Sutcliff	1300
Celtic Gods and Heroes	John Green	2-5 grades
Dateline: Troy	Paul Fleischman	860
Goddesses, Heroes, and Shamans: The Young People's Guide to World Mythology	Cynthia O'Neil	1000
The Gods and Goddesses of Ancient China	Leonard Everett Fisher	960
The Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Egypt	Leonard Everett Fisher	2-6+ grades
The Gods and Goddesses of Olympus	Aliki	2-5 grades
The Golden Fleece and the Heroes Who Lived Before Achilles	Padraic Colum	980
Greek Gods and Goddesses	Robert Graves	990
King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table	M. C. Hall	390
The Mists of Avalon	Marion Zimmer Bradley	1120
The Norse Myths	Kevin Crossley-Holland	830
The World of King Arthur and His Court	Kevin Crossley-Holland	1200
Poetry/Prose/Verse		
Title	Author	Lexile Level/ Grade Level
Blue Lipstick: Concrete Poems	John Grandits	2-6 grades
Brown Angels: An Album of Pictures and Verse	Walter Dean Meyers	K-5
A Child's Garden of Verses	Robert Louis Stevenson	K-3
Frenchtown Summer	Robert Cormier	1380
Jabberwocky	Christopher Meyers	4-6+ grades

Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices	Paul Fleischman	2-5 grades
I'm in Charge of Celebrations	Byrd Baylor	700
The Light in the Attic	Shel Silverstein	K-5 grades
Love that Dog	Sharon Creech	1010
Nonsense Verse of Lewis Carroll	Lewis Carroll	K-6 grades
Poetry for Young People: Langston Hughes	David Roessel & Arnold Rampersad	4-6 grades
Science Verse	Jon Scieszka	K-3 grades
The Tell Tale Heart and Other Writings	Edgar Allen Poe	1350
Walking on the Boundaries of Change	Sara Holbrook	6+ grades
A Writing Kind of Day: Poems for Young Poets	Ralph Fletcher	3-6+ grades

Reading Level

The reading level of a book is another way to search for books that are a good match for a reader. It is important to remember that a student's background knowledge and level of interest in a topic influence how easily he or she can read a book. Reading levels are meant to be a guide or jumping-off point, and should not be used to restrict a student's reading choices.

The books selected for this list represent a variety of topics, genres, and within a particular grade level, different reading levels as indicated by the Lexile Level. The Lexile is a score assigned to a book to indicate the readability level. More information on Lexile Levels can be found at www.lexile.com. Within the SEM-R, talented readers are defined as children who read two levels above their chronological grade. The books on this list have therefore been selected to represent a range of 1-2 levels above a child's current grade placement. The following table illustrates the typical Lexile Level by grade and the SEM-R recommended list grade equivalent.

Standard Lexile		Lexile for SEM-R Talented Readers	
Grade	Lexile Range	Grade Range	Lexile Range
Kindergarten	< 200	Kindergarten-First Grade	200-700
First Grade	200-400	Second-Third Grade	400-900
Second Grade	300-500	Fourth-Fifth Grade	800-1000
Third Grade	500-700	Sixth Grade and Higher	900+
Fourth Grade	650-800		
Fifth Grade	750-950		
Sixth Grade +	850-1050		

A student who is highly motivated or interested in a topic may be able to read books about that topic at more advanced level than other books. The topic, content, or theme should also be considered when students choose books. While the reading level may not be challenging, the content or events presented in a book may be beyond the developmental or emotional level of a child and should be factored in when making book recommendations to children. All of these factors have influenced the books selected for the specific grade levels on the SEM-R recommended list of books.

SEM-R Recommended Books by Reading Level

Kindergarten-First Grade Books

Title & Author	Genre	Lexile
The Adventures of Sparrowboy by Brian Pinkney	Fiction	540
Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish	Fiction	140
Ballerina Dreams By Lauren Thompson	Fiction	860
The Bears on Hemlock Mountain by Alice Dagliesh	Fiction	490
The Best-Loved Doll by Rebecca Caudill	Fiction	na
Bravest Dog Ever: True Story of Balto by Natalie Standiford	Historical Fiction	330
Cam Jansen and the Chocolate Fudge Mystery by David Adler	Mystery	560
The Case of the Fidgety Fox by Cynthia Rylant	Mystery	240
Clementine by Sara Pennypacker	Fiction	790
Cryobiology by Cherie Winner	Nonfiction	
Days with Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel	Fiction	320
The Desert is Theirs by Byrd Baylor & Peter Parnall	Poetry	520
Diary of a Spider by Doreen Cronin	Fiction	510
The Dust Bowl by David Booth & Karen Reczuch	Historical Fiction	620
Eloise by Kay Thompson	Fiction	na
Fancy Nancy by Jane O'Connor	Fiction	420
Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl	Fantasy	600
The First Strawberries: A Cherokee Story by Joseph Bruchac	Fairy/Folk Tale	320
Flatfoot Fox and the Case of the Missing Eye	Mystery	300
Frederick by Leo Lionni	Fiction	500
George's Secret Key to the Universe by Lucy and Stephen Hawking	Fiction	na
Girl Wonder: A Baseball Story in Nine Innings by Deborah Hopkinson	Nonfiction	380
Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant	Fiction	420
I was a Third Grade Spy by Mary Jane Auch	Fiction	510
Jamie and Angus Together by Anne Fine	Fiction	
Keeper of the Doves by Betsey Byars	Fiction	590
The Log Cabin by Ellen Howard	Historical Fiction	570
Martin's Big Words by Doreen Rappaport	Nonfiction	410
Matisse: The King of Color by Laurence Anholt	Historical Fiction	600
My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett	Fantasy	990
One City, Two Brothers by Chris Smith	Fiction	
Owen by Kevin Henkes	Fiction	370
Pale Male: Citizen Hawk of New York City by Janet Schulman	Realistic Fiction	na
The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg	Fiction	520
Previously by Allen Ahlberg	Fairy/Folk	na

	Tale	
The Puzzle of the Platypus: And Other Explorations of Science in Action by Jack Myers	Nonfiction	na
Samsara Dog by Helen Manos	Fiction	na
Serengeti Journey: On Safari in Africa by Gare Thompson	Nonfiction	na
The Seven Treasure Hunts by Betsy Byars	Fiction	380
The Silver Spoon of Solomon Snow	Fiction	600
Snow by Uri Shulevitz	Fiction	270
The Snow Leopard by Jackie Morris	Fantasy	na
Squids Will Be Squids by Jon Scieszka & Lane Smith	Fiction	610
Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner	Historical Fiction	550
Stone Soup by Marcia Brown	Fiction	480
Strega Nona by Tomie DePaola	Fairy/Folk Tale	800
Tornado by Betsy Byars	Fiction	500
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka	Fairy/Folk Tale	570
Where Does Electricity Come From? By Susan Mayes	Nonfiction	na
Young Cam Jansen and the Baseball Mystery	Mystery	260

Second-Third Grades

Title & Author	Genre	Lexile
A Boy Called Slow by Joseph Bruchac	Fiction	690
A Dinosaur Named Sue by Pat Relf	Nonfiction	910
Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman	Fiction	680
Animal Survivors of the Arctic by Barbara Somervill	Nonfiction	1050
Candyfloss by Jacqueline Wilson	Fiction	na
Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett	Mystery	770
Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney	Fiction	860
Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine	Fairy/Folk Tale	670
Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Sleeping Dog by Donald Sobol	Mystery	610
Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini by Sid Fleischman	Nonfiction	940
Firegirl by Tony Abbott	Fiction	670
From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg	Fiction	700
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Harry Potter and the Sorcerers Stone by J. K. Rowling	Fantasy	880
Holes by Louis Sachar	Fiction	660
How Nearly Everything Was Invented by Jilly MacLeod	Nonfiction	na
I, Freddy by Dietlof Reiche	Fiction	710
Joey Pigza Loses Control by Jack Gantos	Fiction	800

Letting Swift River Go by Jane Yolen	Historical Fiction	860
Lily's Crossing by Patricia Reilly Giff	Historical Fiction	720
Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli	Fiction	820
Marie Curie: Brave Scientist by Keith Brandt	Nonfiction	630
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert O'Brien	Fantasy	790
My Name is Henley: My Life and Times as a Rescued Dog by Judith Kristen	Fiction	na
My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George	Fiction	810
Phineas L. MacGuire Erupts! by Frances O'Roark Dowell	Fiction	810
Please Write in This Book by Mary Amato	Fiction	na
Poppy by Avi	Fiction	670
Redwall by Brian Jacques	Fantasy	800
Roxie and the Hooligans by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	Fiction	930
Rules by Cynthia Lord	Fiction	780
Shelter Dogs: Amazing Stories of Adopted Strays by Peg Kehret	Nonfiction	940
Six Million Paper Clips by Peter Schroeder	Nonfiction	na
Snow Treasure by Marie McSwigan	Historical Fiction	690
Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline B. Martin & Mary Azarian	Nonfiction	830
Summer of the Swans by Betsy Byars	Fiction	830
The BFG by Roald Dahl	Fiction	720
The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden	Fiction	780
The Dangerous Book for Boys by Conn Iggulden & Hal Iggulden	Nonfiction	na
The Daring Book for Girls by Andrea J. Buchanan & Miriam Peskowitz	Nonfiction	na
The Facts and Fictions of Minna Pratt by Patricia MacLachlan	Fiction	650
The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes	Fiction	870
The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick	Fiction	820
The Liberation of Gabriel King by L. L. Going	Fiction	780
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo	Fiction	700
The Mysterious Benedict Society by Lee Stewart	Fiction	840
The Snake Scientist by Sy Montgomery	Nonfiction	930
The Tale of Despereaux by Kate Dicamillo	Fiction	670
The Tree of Life: A Book Depicting the Life of Charles Darwin by Peter Sis	Nonfiction	890
Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech	Fiction	770

Fourth-Fifth Grades

Title & Author	Genre	Lexile
Armageddon Summer by Jane Yolen & Bruce Coville	Fiction	820

Art Fraud Detective: Spot the Difference, Solve the Crime by Anna Nilsen	Mystery	970
The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket	Fiction	1010
Beardance by Will Hobbs	Fiction	890
Birchbark House by Louise Erdich	Historical Fiction	970
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak	Fiction	730
The Boys' Book: How to Be the Best at Everything by Dominique Enright & Guy Macdonald	Fiction	1040
Broken Song by Kathryn Lasky	Fiction	750
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis	Fiction	950
The Cabin Faced West by Jean Fritz	Historical Fiction	860
Captains Courageous by Rudyard Kipling	Fiction	1020
Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of WWII by Joseph Bruchac	Fiction	910
Crime Scene: The Ultimate Guide to Forensic Science by Richard Platt	Nonfiction	1190
Cross My Heart and Hope to Spy by Ally Carter	Fiction	na
Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary	Fiction	910
Discovering Great Artists: Hands-on Projects for Children by MaryAnn Kohl	Nonfiction	na
Dragonflight by Anne McCaffrey	Fantasy	940
Edgar Degas by Mike Venezia	Nonfiction	860
Eleven: A Mystery by Patricia Reilly Giff	Mystery	na
Eragon by Christopher Paolini	Fantasy	710
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan	Fiction	750
Ever by Gail Carson Levine	Fiction	
Geronimo by Joseph Bruchac	Fiction	900
The Ghost's Grave by Peg Kehret	Mystery	790
The Girls' Book: How to be the Best at Everything by Juliana Foster	Fiction	na
The Great Art Scandal: Solve the Crime, Save the Show! By Anna Nilsen	Mystery	na
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets by J. K. Rowling	Fantasy	940
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire by J. K. Rowling	Fantasy	880
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix by J. K. Rowling	Fantasy	820
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban by J. K. Rowling	Fantasy	880
A History of US: All the People by Joy Hakim	Nonfiction	940
Isaac Newton (Giants of Science Series #2) Kathleen Krull	Nonfiction	1000
The Kid Who Named Pluto by Marc McCutcheon	Nonfiction	1020
Leonardo da Vinci by Diane Stanley	Nonfiction	1010
Let the Circle Be Unbroken by Mildred Taylor	Historical Fiction	850
The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis	Fantasy	940

Lord of the Flies by William Golding	Fiction	770
My Brother Martin by Christine King Farris	Biography	970
Old Yeller by Fred Gipson	Fiction	910
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm by Kate Douglas Wiggin	Fiction	960
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor	Historical Fiction	920
Shh! We're Writing the Constitution by Jean Fritz	Historical Fiction	950
Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	Fiction	890
The Watsons Go to Birmingham by Christopher Paul Curtis	Fiction	1000
When Zachary Beaver Came to Town by Kimberly Willis Holt	Fiction	700
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls	Fiction	700
Who Can Open Michelangelo's Seven Seals? By Thomas Brezina & Laurence Sartin	Mystery	na
Who Can Save Vincent's Hidden Treasure? By Thomas Brezina & Laurence Sartin	Mystery	910
Witness by Karen Hesse	Historical Fiction	700
A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck	Fiction	610

Sixth Grade and Higher

Title & Author	Genre	Lexile
47 by Walter Mosley	Fiction	860
A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park	Historical Fiction	920
And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie	Mystery	570
Armageddon Summer by Jane Yolen & Bruce Coville	Fiction	820
Boy by Roald Dahl	Biography	1090
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis	Fiction	920
Built to Last by George Sullivan	Nonfiction	950
Career Ideas for Kids Who Like Art by Diane Lindsey Reeves	Nonfiction	na
Clarice Bean Spells Trouble by Lauren Child	Fiction	980
Destination Unexpected by Donald R. Gallo	Fiction	680
Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank & B. M. Mooyaart	Biography	1080
Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery by Russell Freedman	Biography	1100
Every Living Thing by James Herriott	Fiction	1100
Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne Wakatsuki	Biography	1040
Galileo's Daughter: A Historical Memoir of Science, Faith & Love by Dava Sobel	Historical Fiction	1530
Girl With a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier	Historical Fiction	na
Habibi by Naomi Shihab Nye	Fiction	850
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J. K. Rowling	Fantasy	1000
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince by J. K. Rowling	Fantasy	930

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen	Fiction	950
Introduciton to Art Techniques by Ray Smith	Nonfiction	
Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell	Fiction	1020
Kokopelli's Flute by Will Hobbs	Fiction	870
Last of the Mohicans by James Fenimore Cooper	Fiction	1350
Life of Pi by Yann Martel	Fiction	830
Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time by Dava Sobel	Historical Fiction	1320
Looking at Art by Laurie Schneider Adams	Nonfiction	na
Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse	Fiction	NA
Photo by Brady: A Picture of the Civil War	Nonfiction	1200
Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind by Suzanne Fisher Staples	Fiction	970
Souder by William Armstrong	Fiction	900
Stotan! By Chris Crutcher	Fiction	1020
The Higher Power of Lucky by Susan Patron	Fiction	1010
I Have a Dream by Martin Luther King, Jr.	Fiction	1130
The Incredible Journey by Sheila Burnford	Nonfiction	1320
The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan	Fiction	930
The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton	Fiction	750
Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida by Victor Martinez	Fiction	1000
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster	Fiction	1000
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants	Fiction	600
Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe	Fiction	1050
The Voice that Challenged the Nation by Russell Freedman	Fiction	1180
The Water Horse by Dick King-Smith	Biography	910
The Well by Rebecca Scaglione	Fiction	na
The Winter Room by Gary Paulsen	Fiction	1170
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum	Fiction	1000
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee	Fantasy	870
Under the Persimmon Tree by Suzanne Fisher Staples	Fiction	1010
Whale Talk by Chris Crutcher	Fiction	1000
Wizardology by Dugald Steer	Fiction	1180