

**TRACKER**

At age 13, John must track a deer in the Minnesota woods for his family's winter meat, but he finds that he hates being a hunter.

**YA PAULSEN****TEACHER'S FUNERAL**

When his old teacher finally dies, Russel thinks his one-room school-house will be shut down. Imagine his disappointment and horror when the job is given to his older sister.

**YA PECK****THE YOUNG MAN AND THE SEA**

When Skiff Beaman's mother dies, his father deals with it by drinking beer day and night. Skiff decides to earn money for them by resurrecting their nearly sunken boat and harpooning the world's biggest tuna.

**J PHILBRICK****PAPERQUAKE: A PUZZLE**

When an earthquake uncovers mysterious writings from nearly a century ago, Violet and her two sisters are shocked to discover that the letters seem to be a warning to Violet herself.

**YA REISS****THE THIEF**

Gen, an expert thief, is released from the king's prison to steal an ancient treasure.

**J TURNER****MY CONTRACT WITH HENRY**

A school assignment about Henry David Thoreau becomes a life-changing experience for a group of students who don't fit in with the rest of their class.

**YA VAUPEL****CHU JU'S HOUSE**

In order to save her sister, who is required by Chinese population law to be killed, 14-year old Chu Ju runs away and struggles to support them both.

**YA WHELAN****THE GADGET**

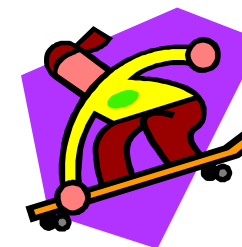
A 13-year old boy becomes ensnared in the secrecy of the Manhattan Project just before the deployment of the first atomic bombs.

**YA ZINDEL****BENNO'S BEAR**

After getting caught as a pickpocket, Benno is separated from his father and the bear he has raised and come to love.

**J ZUCKER**

Public  
Libraries

**Booklist****for****Sixth and Seventh Grade****THE GAME OF SUNKEN PLACES**

Two boys travel to an uncle's house and discover a blank game board, which thrusts them into a dangerous role-playing game.

**YA ANDERSON****STORYTIME**

George and Kate attend Whitaker Magnet School, where they are forced to drink noxious protein shakes that will make them achieve higher scores on the limitless tests they are given. The school is also haunted, but that's the least of their worries . . .

**YA BLOOR****TREEKEEPERS**

The orphan girl Bird takes baby Pip to a healer, where a long quest begins. While trying to find her own family, Bird also becomes caretaker of a special seed, which she must plant before the world is destroyed.

**J BRITTON****AL CAPONE DOES MY SHIRTS**

When Moose's family moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935, Moose has to deal with the unpredictable antics of the warden's daughter, as well as his family's private struggles to help his autistic sister.

**J CHOLDENKO****SAHARA SPECIAL**

Struggling after her father's departure, Sahara gets a new self-image of "special" with the help of a unique teacher.

**J CODELL**

**GREGOR THE OVERLANDER**

Gregor follows his baby sister down a laundry chute and finds himself in an underground world of giant cockroaches, bats, rats, and spiders, who, along with Gregor, have parts in fulfilling an ancient prophecy.

**J COLLINS****HEARTBEAT**

Twelve-year old Annie uses the rhythm of running to anchor the other parts of her life that are changing.

**J CREECH****DOUBLE DUTCH**

Three 8<sup>th</sup>-grade friends prepare for the international jump rope contest and cope with various personal family problems.

**YA DRAPER****LAST DOG ON EARTH**

Logan Moore is a troubled youth who hates everyone but his mangy dog Jack. When a contagious disease ravages the dog population, Logan runs away with his dog, who should be quarantined.

**J EHRENHAFT****SHADOW SPINNER**

When Marjan, a 13-year old crippled girl, joins the Sultan's harem in Ancient Persia, she gathers for Scheherazade the stories which will save the Queen's life in this clever spin-off of the Arabian Nights stories.

**YA FLETCHER****NORY RYAN'S SONG**

Nory and her family suffer through the Irish potato famine as others flee to America.

**J GIFF****JUST ELLA**

This reconstruction of the Cinderella fairy tale takes happily ever after and turns it into a girl's attempt to control her own destiny.

**YA HADDIX****THE GOOSE GIRL**

A magical retelling of the Grimm's tale of a princess who must become a goose girl before she can become a queen

**YA HALE****THE TRUTH ABOUT SPARROWS**

This story shows life through the eyes of 12-year old Sadie, when her courageous family moves from dust bowl Missouri to the gulf coast of Texas.

**YA HALE****EYES LIKE WILLY'S**

German Willy and French siblings Guy and Sarah vacation together each summer in Austria. When World War I breaks out, close friends Willy and Guy find themselves fighting on opposite sides of the cause.

**YA HAVILL****THE OUTCASTS OF  
19 SCHUYLER PLACE**

Irrepressible Margaret has her two elderly great-uncles free her from summer camp, after which she undertakes a fight to save the unusual towers her uncles have built in their backyard.

**J KONIGSBURG****MESSENGER**

Matty sees disturbing changes happening to the people of his village as they do business at the local trade mart.

**YA LOWRY****BLOODY JACK**

Desperate to escape the streets of London, an abandoned orphan disguises herself and hides on a British warship in search of pirates.

**YA MEYER****ANNE OF INGLESIDE**

Her home is bursting with five children and an insufferable houseguest, and is it possible that Gilbert no longer loves her?

**YA MONTGOMERY****MY NAME IS NOT ANGELICA**

Snatched from her home in Africa and sold as a slave in America, Rai-sha experiences the horrors leading up to the great slave revolt of 1733.

**J O'DELL****SILVERWING**

Shade is the young runt of his bat colony who ends up getting separated from the rest of the bats during a long migration to a new home. On his journey to rejoin his family, he meets a host of colorful characters, some friends and some foes.

**J OPPEL****WHEN MY NAME WAS KEOKO**

A Korean brother and sister take turns telling of the time when the Japanese occupied Korea in the 30s and 40s—when even their name was changed to please the enemy.

**J PARK****PARZIVAL: THE QUEST OF THE  
GRAIL KNIGHT**

Parzival wants to prove himself worthy of knighthood by searching for the Holy Grail.

**J PATERSON**