

INDEPENDENT READING NOVEL LIST

FUSCO, 2017-2018

(These novels included in this packet are just some options)

+ FANTASY

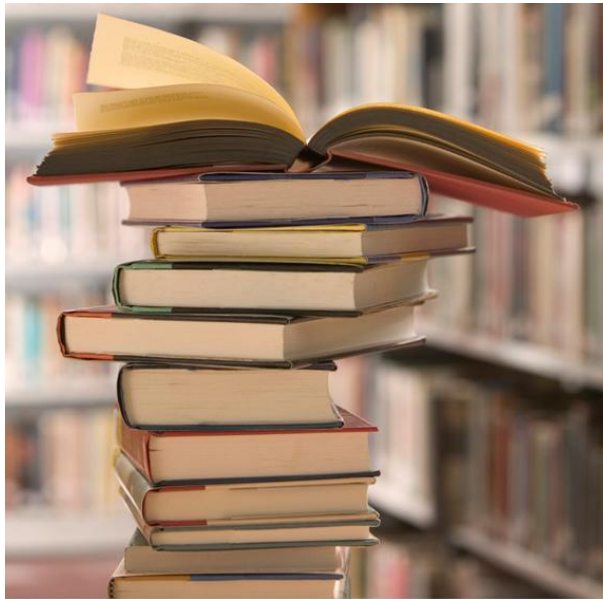
+ FICTION

+ HISTORICAL-FICTION

+ NON-FICTION

+ SCIENCE-FICTION

+ SPORTS



Helpful Websites for Independent Reading:

Monroe County Library Teen Book Lists: <https://sites.google.com/site/mclsteens/booklists>

2017 Quick Picks: <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/2017-quick-picks-reluctant-young-adult-readers>

SOTA's Library Website: <http://destiny.rcsdk12.org>

Local Library Website: www.libraryweb.org

Online Bookstore: www.amazon.com

Bookstore: www.barnesandnoble.com



GENRE: FANTASY (Many are part of a series!)

- **Alanna, the First Adventure** Pierce, Tamora

Eleven-year-old Alanna, who aspires to be a knight even though she is a girl, disguises herself as a boy to become a royal page and, after learning many hard lessons, proves capable of high adventure.

- **Aria of the Sea** Calhoun, Dia

In the magical kingdom of Windward, thirteen-year-old Cerinthe arrives at the Royal Dancing School, where she finds herself torn between two careers of dancer and healer.

- **Beauty: A Retelling of the Story of Beauty & the Beast** McKinley, Robin

Kind Beauty grows to love the Beast at whose castle she is compelled to stay and through her love releases him from the spell which had turned him from a handsome prince into an ugly beast.

- **Cirque du Freak** Shan, Darren

Two boys who are best friends visit an illegal freak show, where an encounter with a vampire and a deadly spider forces them to make life-changing choices.

- **Dark Lord of Derkholm** Jones, Diana

Derk, an unconventional wizard, and his magical family become involved in a plan to put a stop to the devastating tours of their world arranged by the tyrannical Mr. Chesney.

- **The Dark Portal** Jarvis, Robin

While on a rescue mission, a few daring mice journey below to the sewers to an evil world populated by rats who peel mice before eating them and worship the Dark Lord.

- **Dealing With Dragons** Wrede, Pat

Bored with traditional palace life, a princess goes off to live with a group of dragons and soon becomes involved with fighting against some disreputable wizards.

- **Dial-A-Ghost** Ibbotson, Eva

A family of nice ghosts protects a British orphan from the diabolical plans of his evil guardians.

- **Drowned Wednesday** Nix, Garth

Everyone is after Arthur Penhaligon including strange pirates, shadowy creatures, and Drowned Wednesday, whose gluttony threatens both her world and Arthur's.

- **The Eyes of the Dragon: A Story** King, Stephen

In the kingdom of Delain, a young prince must struggle against powerful forces to gain his rightful inheritance.

- **Goddess of Yesterday** Cooney, Caroline B.

Taken from her home on an Aegean island as a six-year-old girl, Anaxndra, calls on the protection of her goddess while she poses as two different princesses over the next six years, before ending up as a servant in the company of Helen and Paris as they make their way to Troy.



- The Amulet of Samarkand Stroud, Jonathan

Nathaniel is a boy magician-in-training, sold to the government by his birth parents at the age of five and sent to live as an apprentice to a master. Powerful magicians rule Britain, and its empire, and Nathaniel is told his is the "ultimate sacrifice" for a "noble destiny."

- Goose Chase Kindl, Patrice

Rather than marry a cruel king or a seemingly dim-witted prince, an enchanted goose girl endures imprisonment, capture by several ogresses, and other dangers, before learning exactly who she is.

- The Hunting of the Last Dragon Jordan, Sherryl

In England in 1356, as a monk records his every word, a young peasant tells of his journey with a young Chinese noblewoman to St. Alfric's Cove and the lair of a dragon.

- I Am Mordred: A Tale From Camelot Springer, Nancy

When Mordred learns the identity of his father, he struggles with feelings of hatred, but also fights the fate which determines that he kill the good and gracious king.

- In a Dark Wood Cadnum, Michael

On orders from the King, the Sheriff of Nottingham seeks to capture the outlaw Robin Hood, but he finds him to be a tricky and elusive foe.

- Just Ella Haddix, Margaret

At first the idea of marrying Prince Charming looks pretty good but after the engagement she finds he's not so charming anymore.

- Lost Years of Merlin Baron, T. A.

A young boy who has no identity or memory of his past washes ashore on the coast of Wales and finds his true name after a series of fantastic adventures

- Midnight Hunter, Erin

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

- Midnight's Choice Thompson, Kate

Tess, who has the ability to change into animal form, must choose between good and evil as she tries to decide whether to "Switch" into a phoenix or a vampire for the rest of time.

- Once Upon a Marigold Ferris, Jean

A young man with a mysterious past and a penchant for inventing things leaves the troll who raised him, meets an unhappy princess he has loved from afar, and discovers a plot against her and her father.

- Peter and the Starcatchers Barry, Dave

Soon after Peter, an orphan, sets sail from England on the ship Never Land, he befriends and assists Molly, a young Starcatcher, whose mission is to guard a trunk of magical stardust from a greedy pirate and the native inhabitants of a remote island.



- Sabriel Nix, Garth

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

- The Sea of Trolls Farmer, Nancy

After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his little sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen, leading Jack to undertake a vital quest to Jotunheim, home of the trolls.

- The Seeing Stone Crossley-Holland, Kevin

In late twelfth-century England, a thirteen-year-old boy named Arthur recounts how Merlin gives him a magical seeing stone which shows him images of the legendary King Arthur, the events of whose life seem to have many parallels to his own.

- Sirena Napoli, Donna Jo

The gods grant immortality to the mermaid Sirena when she rescues a human man from the sea and they fall in love, but his mortality creates great conflict between love and honor when he is called to defend Greece in the Trojan War.

- Switchers Thompson, Kate

When freakish weather grips the Arctic regions and moves southward, an Irish girl and her strange companion save the world from disaster through their ability to switch into animal forms.

- Sword of the Rightful King Yolen, Jane

Merlinus the magician devises a way for King Arthur to prove himself the rightful king of England – pulling a sword from a stone – but trouble arises when someone else removes the sword first.

- Triss Jacques, Brian

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

- The Two Princesses of Bamarre Levine, Gail

With her adventurous sister, Meryl, suffering from the Grey death, meek and timid Princess Addie sets out to find a cure.

- Water: Tales of Elemental Spirits McKinley, Robin

Presents six fantasy stories about mermaids, sea serpents, and other fabulous creatures associated with the element of water.

- Watership Down Adams, Richard

Chronicles the adventures of a group of rabbits searching for a safe place to establish a new warren where they can live in peace.

- Wolf Tower Lee, Tanith

When a stranger is captured by the Guards of the House and Garden where she has worked all her life as a slave and maid, sixteen-year-old Claidi helps him escape and sets out with him to journey to his home city through the dangerous Waste



GENRE: FICTION

- **A Corner of the Universe** Martin, Ann

The summer that Hattie turns twelve, she meets the childlike uncle she never knew and becomes friends with a girl who works at a carnival that comes to Hattie's small town.

- **Dovey Coe** Dowell, Frances O'Roarke

Strong willed Dovey Coe is accused of murdering her sister's boyfriend – set in 1928 in a North Carolina mountain town.

- **Driver's Ed** Cooney, Caroline B.

Three teenagers' lives are changed forever when they thoughtlessly steal a stop sign.

- **Girl in Blue** Rinaldi, Ann

To escape an abusive father and an arranged marriage, fourteen-year-old Sarah, dressed as a boy, leaves her Michigan home to enlist in the Union Army, and becomes a soldier on the battlefields of Virginia as well as a Union spy working in the house of Confederate sympathizer Rose O'Neal Greenhow in Washington, D.C.

- **Hope Was Here** Bauer, Joan

Sixteen-year-old Hope and the aunt who raised her move from Brooklyn to Wisconsin to work in a diner and become involved in a political campaign against a corrupt mayor.

- **I Am Regina** Keehn, Sally M.

In 1755, ten-year-old Regina is kidnapped by Indians and struggles to hold onto memories of her earlier life as she grows up and starts to assimilate into the Indian.

- **Journey to the River Sea** Ibbotson, Eva

Sent with her governess to live with the dreadful Carter family in exotic Brazil in 1910, Maia endures many hardships before fulfilling her dream of exploring the Amazon River.

- **Night Hoops** Deuker, Carl

While trying to prove that he is good enough to play on his high school's varsity basketball team, Nick must also deal with his parents' divorce and erratic behavior of a troubled classmate who lives across the street.

- **No More Dead Dogs** Korman, Gordon

Eighth-grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play where, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production.

- **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian** Sherman Alexie

Exploring Indian identity, both self and tribal, Alexie's first young adult novel is a semiautobiographical chronicle of Arnold Spirit, aka Junior, a Spokane Indian from Wellpinit, WA. The bright 14-year-old was born with water on the brain, is regularly the target of bullies, and loves to draw.



- The Presence: A Ghost Story Bunting, Eve

While visiting her grandmother in California, seventeen-year-old Catherine comes in contact with a mysterious stranger who says he can help her contact a friend who died in a car crash for which Catherine feels responsible.

- The Primrose Way Koller, Jackie French

A recent arrival to the New World in 1633, sixteen-year-old Rebekah, a missionary's daughter, befriends a Native American woman and begins to question whether these "savages" need saving.



GENRE: HISTORICAL FICTION

- **Ashes of Roses** Auch, Mary Jane

Sixteen-year-old Rose Nolan arrives on Ellis Island in 1911 in the hopes of starting a new life, but after most of her family is sent back to Ireland, she must find her own way in a new country and fend for herself and her younger sister.

- **Breath** Napoli, Donna Jo

Elaborates on the tale of "The Pied Piper," told from the point of view of a boy who is too ill to keep up when a piper spirits away the healthy children of a plague-ridden town after being cheated out of full payment for ridding Hameln of rats.

- **Crispin: The Cross of Lead** Avi

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret. (Newberry Award 2003)

- **Doomed Queen Anne** Meyer, Carolyn

In 1520, thirteen-year-old Anne Boleyn, jealous of her older sister's beauty and position at court, declares that she will one day be queen of England, and that her sister will kneel at her feet. (Also: Mary. Bloody Mary. Beware Princess Elizabeth)

- **Fever 1793** Anderson, Laurie Halse

In 1793 Philadelphia, a sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

- **The Gadget** Zindel, Paul

In 1945, having joined his father in Los Alamos, where he and other scientists are working on a secret project to end World War II, thirteen-year-old Stephen becomes caught in a web of secrecy and intrigue.

- **Girl in a Cage** Yolen, Jane

As English armies invade Scotland in 1306, eleven-year-old Princess Marjorie, daughter of the newly crowned Scottish king, Robert the Bruce, is captured by England's King Edward Longshanks and held in a cage on public display. (Also: Queen's Own Fool)

- **Girl of Kosovo** Mead, Alice

Although Zana, an eleven-year-old Albanian girl, experiences the turmoil and violence of the 1999 conflict in her native Kosovo, she remembers her father's admonition to not let her heart become filled with hate.

- **Good Night. Maman** Mazer, Norma Fox

After spending years fleeing from the Nazis in war-torn Europe, twelve-year-old Karin Levi and her old brother Marc find a new home in a refugee camp in Oswego, New York.

- **Good Night. Mr. Tom** Magorian, Michelle

A battered child learns to embrace life when he is adopted by an old man in the English countryside during the Second World War



- I Am Regina Keehn, Sally

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- I Had Seen Castles Rylant, Cynthia

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

- If Should Die Before I Wake Nolan, Han

As Hilary, a Neo-Nazi initiate, lies in a coma, she is transported back to Poland at the onset of World War II into the life of a Jewish teenager.

- The Land Taylor, Mildred

Paul-Edward, the son of a part-Indian, part-African slave mother and a White plantation owner father, finds himself caught between the two worlds of his parents as he pursues his dream of owning land in the aftermath of the Civil War.

- Lily's Crossing Giff, Patricia Reilly

During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee helps her to develop an enlightened attitude.

- Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy Schmidt, Gary D.

In 1911, Turner Buckminster hates his new home of Phippsburg, Maine, but things improve when he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin, a girl from a poor, nearby island community founded by former slaves that the town fathers and Turner's - want to change into a tourist spot.

- Lord of the Nutcracker Men Lawrence, Iain

An English boy during World War I comes to believe that the battles he enacts with his toy soldiers control the war his father is fighting on the front.

- Milkweed Spinelli, Jerry

A young Polish orphan, called names for being Jewish, dreams of the day when he too could become Nazi in shining boots, until the day he witnesses something that changes his mind forever.

- Mississippi Trial Crowe, Chris

In Mississippi in 1955, a sixteen-year-old finds himself at odds with his grandfather over issues surrounding the kidnapping and murder of a fourteen-year-old African-American from Chicago.

- Nightjohn Paulsen, Gary

Twelve-year-old Sarny's brutal life as a slave becomes even more dangerous when a newly-arrived slave offers to teach her how to read.

- A Northern Light Donnelly, Jennifer

Sixteen-year-old Mattie, determined to attend college and be a writer against the wishes of her father and boyfriend, takes a job at a hotel in 1906 where the death of a guest renews her determination to live her own life.



•On the Occasion of My Last Afternoon Gibbons, Kaye

In the year 1900 on the afternoon that she suspect might be the last of her long, eventful life, Emma Garnet Tate Lowell sets down on paper what came before, determined to make an honest account of it.

•Primrose Way Koller, Jackie French

A recent arrival to the New World in 1633, sixteen-year-old Rebekah, a missionary's daughter, befriends a Native American woman and begins to question whether these savages need "saving" after all. (Also: Nothing to Fear)

•Private Peaceful Morpurgo, Michael

When Thomas Peaceful's older brother is forced to join the British Army, Thomas decides to sign up as well, although he is only fourteen years old, to prove himself to his country, his family, his childhood love, Molly, and himself.

•The Ransom of Mercy Carter Cooney, Caroline B.

Eleven-year-old Mercy Carter awaits, with hope, ransom from the Mohawk Indians who have captured her in 1704. When ransom is finally offered, what will her response be?

•Rifle Paulsen, Gary

A priceless, handcrafted rifle, fired throughout the American Revolution, is passed down through the years until it fires on a fateful Christmas Eve of 1994.

•Rockbuster Skurzynski, Gloria

In 1915, after being asked to sing at the funeral of executed songwriter and member of the international union, Industrial Workers of the World, Joe Hill, eighteen-year-old Utah coal miner Tommy Quinlan begins to accept his past and make decisions about his future.

•The Sacrifice Matcheck, Diane

When her father's death leaves her orphaned, and an outcast among her Apsaalooka (Crow) people, a fifteen-year-old sets out to avenge his death and prove that she, not her dead twin brother, is destined to be the Great One.

•Send One Angel Down Schwartz, Virginia Frances

A young slave tries to hide the horrors of slavery from his younger cousin, a light-skinned slave who is the daughter of the plantation owner.

•Sing Down the Moon O'Dell, Scott

A young Navajo girl recounts the events of 1864 when her tribe was forced to march to Fort Sumner as prisoners of the white soldiers.

•Slap Your Sides Kerr, M. E.

Life in their Pennsylvania hometown changes for Jubal Shoemaker and his family when his older brother witnesses to his Quaker beliefs by becoming a conscientious objector during World War II. (Also: Gentlehands)

•Soldier Boys Hughes, Dean

Two boys, one German and one American, are eager to join their respective armies during World War II, and their paths cross at the Battle of the Bulge.



- Steal Away Armstrong, Jennifer

In 1855, two thirteen-year-old girls, one white and one black, run away from a southern farm and make the difficult journey north to freedom, living to recount their journey forty-one years later to two similar young girls.

- Storm Warriors Carbone, Elisa Lynn

In 1895, after his mother's death, twelve-year-old Nathan moves with his father and grandfather to Pea Island off the coast of North Carolina where he hopes to join the all-black crew at the nearby lifesaving station, despite his father's objections.

- Stowaway Hesse, Karen

A young stowaway keeps a journal aboard Captain James Cook's ENDEAVOR in the late 1700's.

- Ties That Bind, Ties That Break Namioka, Lensey

Ailin, a strong-willed Chinese child, defies tradition by refusing to have her feet bound, later realizing the impact this will have on her life.

- Tom Thread Isaacs, Anne

In an attempt to save his daughter's life, Eva's father sends her from Poland to a labor camp in Czechoslovakia where she and her sister survive the war.

- Trapped Between the Lash and the Gun Whitmore, Arvella

Just as he's headed to become a street gang member, Jordan is transported through time.

- A Tree Grows in Brooklyn Smith, Betty

In the slums of early 1900 Brooklyn, a young girl grows up amidst poverty and hard times.

- The War Within: A Novel of the Civil War Matas, Carol

As Jews, Hannah's family is expelled by the Union in 1862 from their Mississippi home. A novel of prejudice and war.

- Witch Child Rees, Celia

In 1659, fourteen-year-old Mary Newbury keeps a journal of her voyage from England to the New World and her experiences living as a witch in a community of Puritans near Salem, Massachusetts.

- Wolf By the Ears Rinaldi, Ann

Harriet Hemmings, rumored to be the daughter of Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemmings, one of his slaves, struggles with the problems facing her to escape from the velvet cage, that is Monticello, or to stay, and thus remain a slave. (Many Other Titles)



GENRE: NON-FICTION

- **An Indian Winter** Freedman, Russell

Relates the experiences of a German prince, his servant, and a young Swiss artist as they traveled through the Missouri River Valley in 1833 learning about the territory and its inhabitants and recording their impressions in words and pictures.

- **B. Franklin, Printer** Adler, David A.

A biography of Benjamin Franklin which emphasizes his many talents as a printer, writer, scientist, inventor, and statesman.

- **Blizzard: The Storm That Changed America** Murphy, Jim

Factual account of 1888 blizzard that hit northeast, focusing on events in NYC.

- **Boy: Tales of Childhood** Dahl, Roald

Presents humorous anecdotes from the author's childhood which includes summer vacations in Norway and an English boarding school.

- **Chinese Cinderella** Mah, Adeline Yen

As "Fifth Younger Sister," Adeline Yen Mah experiences the harsh life of a stepdaughter at the hands of her father's new wife.

- **Clara Schumann: Piano Virtuoso** Reich, Susanna

Describes the life of the German pianist and composer who made her professional debut at age nine, including her relationship with Robert Schumann.

- **Favorite Dog Stories** Herriot, James

Experiences of an English Veterinarian.

- **The Great Fire** Murphy, Jim

Photographs and text, along with personal accounts of actual survivors tell the story of the great fire of 1871 in Chicago.

- **Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth** Giblin, James

Tells the life stories of nineteenth-century actor Edwin Booth and his actor brother John Wilkes Booth, describing the differences between the two men, chronicling John's assassination of Abraham Lincoln, and examining the impact of John's crime on the Booth family for decades afterward.

- **Helen Keller: Rebellious Spirits** Lawlor, Laurie

An illustrated biography of Helen Keller, sharing aspects of her personality and sometimes radical beliefs, and discussing her relationship with her teacher Annie Sullivan and other important people in her life and work.

- **Knots in My Yo-Yo String: The Autobiography of a Kid** Spinelli, Jerry

This Italian-American Newberry Medalist presents a humorous account of his childhood and youth in Norristown, Pennsylvania.



- Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution Jiang, Ji-Li

The author tells about the happy life she led in China up until she was twelve-years old when her family became a target of the Cultural Revolution, and discusses the choice she had to make between denouncing her father and breaking with her family, or refusing to speak against him and losing her future in the Communist Party.

- Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance Armstrong, Jennifer

Describes the 1914 Shackleton Expedition to the Antarctic and their perilous nine month adventure.

- The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane Freedman, Russell

Follows the lives of the Wright brothers and how they developed the first airplane.

- Torn Thread Isaacs, Anne

In an attempt to save his daughter's life, Eva's father sends her from Poland to a labor camp in Czechoslovakia where she and her sister survive the war.

- Within Reach: My Everest Story Pfetzer, Mark

The author describes how he spent his teenage years climbing mountains in the United States, South America, Africa and Asia with an emphasis on his two expeditions up Mount Everest.



GENRE: SCIENCE FICTION

- Airborn Opper, Kenneth

Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.

- Among the Betrayed Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Thirteen-year-old Nina is imprisoned by the Population Police, who give her the option of helping them identify illegal "third-born" children, or facing death. (Sequel to Among the Imposters, Among the Hidden)

- The Boxes Sleator, William

Annie opens forbidden boxes unleashing telepathic creatures who can slow time. (Other Titles Including The Duplicate)

- The Clones Skurzynski, Gloria

Having won the Virtual War for the Western Hemisphere Federation, fifteen-year-old Corgan finds himself raising a clone of the young mutant genius who helped him win before dying. (Sequel to Virtual War)

- Dancing With an Alien Logue, Mary

A teenage boy from outer space travels to earth on a mission to help save his planet, and ultimately he falls in love, causing his mission to fail.

- The Dark Side of Nowhere Schusterman, Neal

Jason finds out he's an alien! The adventure begins!

- Doomsday Peel, John

Tristan must stop his evil clone from creating a computer virus that will end the world. (Several Sequels)

- Dust Slade, Arthur

Eleven-year-old Robert is the only one who can help when a mysterious stranger arrives, performing tricks and promising to bring rain, at the same time children begin to disappear from a dust bowl farm town in Saskatchewan in the 1930s.

- Ender's Game Card, Orson Scott

After the Earth is twice attacked by aliens, the world government begins breeding military geniuses, one of whom is Ender Wiggin. (Several sequels)

- The Exchange Student Gilmore, Kate

Daria's interest is piqued by a Chilean exchange student her family is hosting when he shows high interest in her work with endangered species.

- Gathering Blue Lowry, Lois

Kira, lame and orphaned, is removed from squalor to use her weaving gifts for purposes of the Guardians.



- The Grave Heneghan, James

Thirteen-year-old Tom, unhappy foster child in Liverpool, falls into a massive grave and is transported to the potato famine in Ireland in 1847.

- Heir Apparent VandeVelde, Vivian

While playing a total immersion virtual reality game of kings and intrigue, fourteen-year-old Giannine learns that demonstrators have damaged the equipment to which she is connected, and she must win the game quickly or be damaged herself.

- Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy Adams, Douglas

The insanely funny, satiric best-seller about the end of the world and the days that follow it.

- Hole in the Sky Hautman, Pete

Ceej and three other teens fight to avoid capture by renegades in a future world, where a mutant virus rages.

- The House of the Scorpion Farmer, Nancy

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

- The Kindling Armstrong, Jennifer

In 2007, a small band of children have joined together in a Florida town, trying to survive in a world where it seems that all the adults have been killed off by a catastrophic virus.

- Mortal Engines: a novel Reeve, Philip

Tom, a third class apprentice in a distant future in which technology has been lost and tiered cities move about the Earth on caterpillar tracks, often absorbing smaller locales, has many dangerous adventures after being pushed off London by Thaddeus Valentine, a historian who is trying to resurrect an ancient atomic weapon.

- Shade's Children Nix, Garth

In a savage post nuclear world, four young fugitives attempt to overthrow the bloodthirsty rule of the overlords with the help of Shade, their mysterious mentor. (Also: Seventh Tower Series)

- The Transall Saga Paulsen, Gary

While backpacking in the desert, thirteen-year-old Mark fall into a tube of blue light and is transported into a more primitive world, where he must use his knowledge and skills to survive.

- White Fox Chronicles Escape; Return; Breakout Paulsen, Gary

Fourteen-year-old Cody (White Fox) escapes, battles and struggles to return and liberate the children he left behind.



GENRE: SPORTS

- **The Boy Who Saved Baseball** Ritter, John H.

The fate of a small California town rests on the outcome of one baseball game, and Tom Gallagher hopes to lead his team to victory with the secrets of the now disgraced player, Dante Del Gato.

- **Bull Catcher** Carter, Alden

Pete and Jeff continue their friendship and love of baseball as they progress from ninth grade through high school in their small Wisconsin town.

- **The Contender** Lipsyte, Robert

From high school dropout to champion boxer, a young man struggles toward an uncertain future. (Also: Chief)

- **Damage** Jenkins, A. M.

Seventeen-year-old football hero Austin, trying to understand the inexplicable depression that has drained his interest in life, thinks that he has found relief in a girl who seems very special.

- **Danger Zone** Klass, David

When he joins a predominantly black “Teen Dream Team” that will be representing the United States in an international basketball tournament in Rome, Jimmy Doyle makes some unexpected discoveries about prejudice, racism, and politics.

- **The Edge Bo**, Ben

Declan will do anything to fit into his new school – even if it’s illegal. But when he gets caught the results are tragic.

- **Eleven Seconds: A Story of Tragedy, Courage, and Triumph** Roy, Travis

Travis Roy recounts how his life has changed since a freak accident in 1995 in his first Boston University hockey game that left him paralyzed from the neck down.

- **Farm Team** Weaver, Will

With his father in jail and his mother working full-time fourteen-year-old Billy Baggs finds himself in charge of running the family farm in northern Minnesota and having to give up the thing he loves most – baseball.

- **Fighting Ruben Wolfe** Zusak, Markus

Partly because of their family’s poor finances and partly to prove themselves, brothers Ruben and Cameron take jobs as fighters and find themselves reacting very differently in the boxing ring.

- **High Heat** Deuker, Carl

When sophomore Shane Hunter’s father is arrested for money laundering at his Lexus dealership, the star pitcher’s life of affluence and private school begins to fall apart. (Also: Night Hoops)

- **Hoops** Myers, Walter Dean

A talented young basketball player and his coach are told to lose a tournament and they must decide what to do. (Sequel: Outside Shot, Other Title: Slam)



• Iceman Lynch, Chris

A mean hockey player learns something new and unexpected.

• Ironman Crutcher, Chris

Bo must attend anger management classes while he prepares for the triathlon.

• Jackie's Nine: Jackie Robinson's Values to Live By Robinson, Sharon

Baseball hero Jackie Robinson's daughter discusses nine values that her father held dear, shares memories from her life and her father's that illustrate those values, and profiles individuals whom she considers heroes, including Christopher Reeve and Oprah Winfrey.

• Jump Ball Glenn, Mel

Players, coaches, teachers and friends observe one basketball season in interconnected poems.

• Out of Order Jenkins, A. M.

Popular sophomore baseball star Colt Trammel faces a personal crisis when his girlfriend dumps him, his failing grades threaten to bump him from the team, and he finds himself drawn to a new, green-haired girl at school.

• Players Sweeney, Joyce

Eighteen-year-old Corey sees a threat to his dream of winning the basketball championship when he realizes that his new star player is a girl-stealing, friend-framing, team-destroying force of evil.

• Playing Without the Ball Wallace, Rich

Feeling abandoned by his parents, who have gone their separate ways and left him behind in a small Pennsylvania, seventeen-year-old Jay finds hope for the future in a church-sponsored basketball team and a female friend. (Other Titles: Wrestling Sturbridge, Shots on Goal)

• Redhanded Cadnum, Michael

Since he cannot depend on his father, Stephen feels as though his only chance to make it to the big boxing tournament is to go along with the dangerous plan of a local tough guy to whom he has been introduced by a thrill-seeking friend.

• Slot Machine and Extreme Elvin Lynch, Chris

When overweight thirteen-year-old Elvin Bishop is sent to camp at St. Paul's Seminary Retreat Center, he and his two best friends are forced to try out various sports in order to find out where they belong. Extreme Elvin follows him into his first year of high school.

• Three Clams and an Oyster Powell, Randy

During their humorous search to find a fourth player for their flag football team, three high school juniors are forced to examine their long friendship, their individual flaws, and their inability to try new experiences.

• Tournament Upstart Dygard, Thomas

Class A – All the Way! The Falcons, a tiny team from a small school came on strong against their flashy opponents – but tension between the players begins to mount and threatens to pull the team apart when they need each other the most. (Many Other Sports Titles)

•Ultimate Sports Gallo, Donald

Various authors contribute sixteen great short stories about teenage athletes and the rush of competition.

•Wrestling With Honor Klass, David

Ron faces a soul-searching wrestling season when he refuses to retake a mandatory drug test he has failed.

