



ELEPHANT RUN

Smith, Roland

Nick is held prisoner by the Japanese on his father's plantation in Burma during World War II until he and his friend Mya plan a daring escape on elephants.

THE CASE OF THE MISSING MARQUESS: AN ENOLA HOLMES MYSTERY

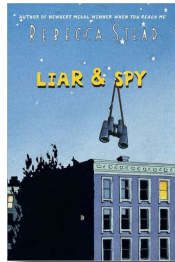
Springer, Nancy

Enola Holmes, the younger sister of detective Sherlock Holmes, must travel to London in disguise to unravel the disappearance of her missing mother.

LIAR AND SPY

Stead, Rebecca

Moving into an apartment when his father loses his job, Georges befriends Safer, a 12-year-old loner and self-appointed spy, who recruits Georges into the world of espionage so that they can investigate a mysterious neighbor who lives on the top floor.



THE ROMEO AND JULIET CODE

Stone, Phoebe

During World War II, 11-year-old Felicity is sent from London to Bottlebay, Maine, to live with her grandmother, aunt, uncle, and a reclusive boy called Captain Derek who helps her decode mysterious letters that contain the truth about her missing parents.

COUNTDOWN

Wiles, Deborah

The fearful events of the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis are witnessed by 11-year-old Franny, who finds herself changing throughout a week that is also marked by difficult family issues.

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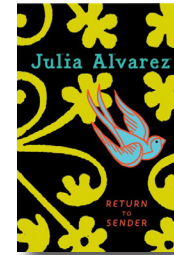
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GOOD BOOKS FOR 5th - 6th GRADE

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RETURN TO SENDER

Alvarez, Julia

After his family hires a family of migrant Mexican workers to help save their Vermont farm from foreclosure, 11-year-old Tyler befriends the oldest daughter and worries when he discovers they may not be in the country legally.

MADHATTAN MYSTERY

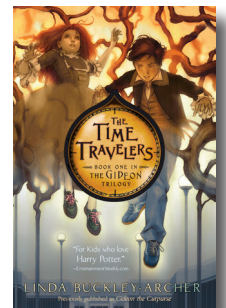
Bonk, John J.

On her first day in New York City with her younger brother, 12-year-old Lexi overhears thieves discussing where to hide stolen jewels, and the siblings, along with their aunt's neighbor, Kim Ling, skip day camp to investigate "the crime of the century."

THE TIME TRAVELERS

Buckley-Archer, Linda

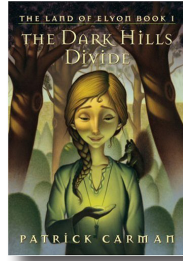
Ignored by his father and sent to Derbyshire for the weekend, 12-year-old Peter and his new friend, Kate, are accidentally transported back in time to 1763 England where they are befriended by a reformed thief.



THE DARK HILLS DIVIDE

Carman, Patrick

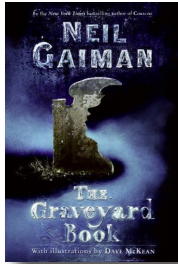
When she finds the key to a secret passageway leading out of the walled city of Bridewell, 12-year-old Alexa realizes her lifelong wish to explore the mysterious forests and mountains that lie beyond the wall.



INKHEART

Funke, Cornelia

Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can “read” fictional characters to life when one of those characters kidnaps them.



THE GRAVEYARD BOOK

Gaiman, Neil

Nobody “Bod” Owens is a normal boy except that he’s growing up in the graveyard with ghouls, witches and other creatures of the graveyard who protect him from the man who killed his parents.

DEAD END IN NORVELT

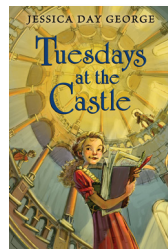
Gantos, Jack

In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, 12-year-old Jack spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore involving the newly dead, Girl Scout cookies, and underage driving.

TUESDAYS AT THE CASTLE

George, Jessica Day

Loving life in a magical castle that adjusts its appearance every Tuesday, Princess Celie enthusiastically maps out every subsequent change and is challenged to put her knowledge to the test when her parents disappear during an ambush.



THEODORE BOONE: KID LAWYER

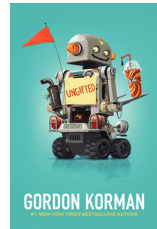
Grisham, John

A cold-blooded killer is about to go free, and it’s up to 13-year-old Theo to make sure justice is served.

THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH

Juster, Norton

A bored young boy, Milo, drives his small electric car through a toy tollbooth and finds himself in the Land Beyond, where he learns the importance of words.



UNGIFTED

Korman, Gordon

Prankster Donovan Curtis is accidentally sent to a school for gifted students after pulling a major prank that destroyed the middle school gym during the Big Game. Now his challenge is figuring out how to stay there (turns out he’s good at building robots!).

SAVVY

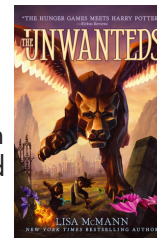
Law, Ingrid

Mibs Beaumont is looking forward to her 13th birthday when she’ll finally discover her “savvy” – a special magical power that is unique to each member of her family.

THE UNWANTEDS

McMann, Lisa

In a society that purges 13-year-olds who are creative, identical twins Aaron and Alex are separated – one to attend University while the other, supposedly Eliminated, finds himself in a wondrous place where youths learn magic.



THE YOUNG MAN AND THE SEA

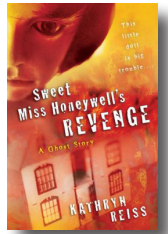
Philbrick, W. R.

Twelve-year-old Skiff Beaman undertakes a dangerous fishing trip alone off the coast of Maine to try to catch a bluefin tuna so he can earn money to fix his father’s boat.

SWEET MISS HONEYWELL’S REVENGE

Reiss, Kathryn

Just before her mother is to remarry, 12-year-old Zibby realizes that her antique dollhouse is haunted by ghosts, one of whom is out for revenge.



HOTHEAD

Ripken, Cal

Connor Sullivan, All-Star third baseman, has a terrible temper and problems at home, but when the editor of the school paper threatens to publish an embarrassing story about his tantrums, he must make a change.



DEADWEATHER AND SUNRISE

Rodkey, Geoff

13-year-old Eggbert, a planter’s son on a pirate-infested Caribbean island chain, is on the run from a wealthy and powerful villain who is trying to kill him for his connection to a hidden treasure.

ESPERANZA RISING

Ryan, Pam Muñoz

In the 1920s, Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico and adjust to a new life in the farm labor camps of southern California.

THE ALCHEMYST

Scott, Michael

While working at mundane summer jobs in San Francisco, 15-year-old twins, Sophie and Josh, find themselves caught up in the deadly, centuries-old struggle between rival alchemists over the possession of an ancient book that holds the secret to everlasting life.

