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***Almost Forever**. Testa, Maria (2003). ISBN 0-7637-1996-5

A young girl describes what she, her brother, and their mother do during the year that her doctor father is serving in the army in Vietnam. Grades 5 and up.

Ballad of Sir Dinadan. Morris, Gerald (2003). ISBN 0-618-19099-6

Though he would rather pursue his talents as a musician, 18-year-old Dinadan is forced to follow his older brother Tristram's path and become a knight. Set in the time of King Arthur. Grades 8 and up.

***Blue Eyes Better**. Wallace-Brodeur, Ruth (2003). ISBN 0142500860

Tessa's brother dies with his best friend who convinces him it's ok to drink and drive. The brother as the main character lends a chilling perspective to this coming of age story. Grades 4 and up.

Camp of the Angel. Arrington, Aileen (2003). ISBN 0-399-23882-4

Although teachers, counselors, and social workers try to help, it is a stray cat that finally enables eleven-year-old Jordan to stand up to the father who has beaten her and her brother for years. Grades 5 and up.

***The Canning Season**. Horvath, Polly (2003). ISBN 0-374-39956-5

Thirteen-year old Ratchet spends a summer in Maine with her eccentric great-aunts Tilly and Penpen, hearing strange stories from the past and encountering a variety of unusual and colorful characters. Grades 6 and up.

Clever Lollipop. King-Smith, Dick (2003). ISBN 0-7636-2174-9

Lady Lollipop, the clever pet pig of Princess Penelope and her friend Johnny, joins them in their lessons with a magician, cares for the queen's garden, helps restore the king's appetite, and has a surprise present for Penelope's birthday. Grades 3 and up.

***Cold Tom**. Prue, Sally (2003). ISBN 0-439-48268-2

Struggling to find a place for himself, Tom flees the elven parents who hunt to kill him and becomes involved with human "demons" in the nearby city. Grades 4 and up.

***Dark Waters**. Macphail, Catherine (2003). ISBN 1-58234-846-4

Col McCann becomes a hero when he saves a boy from drowning, but when his older brother is suspected of a serious crime, Col must decide if he should be loyal to his family or tell the truth about what he saw while under water. Grades 6 and up.

Destination Unexpected. Gallo, Donald R., ed. (2003). ISBN 0-7636-1764-4

Great short story collection of young people coming of age. Character is strengthened as the youth learn to appreciate their background and make choices. Grades 6 and up.

*The Divide. Kay, Elizabeth (2003). ISBN 0-439-45696-7

If your students are Harry Potter fans, meet Felix who will take you on adventures beyond your imagination. You will meet numerous creatures to make your imagination “soar. Grades 3 and up.

*Fruitlands: Louisa May Alcott Made Perfect. Whelan, Gloria (2003). ISBN 0066238153

Author Whelan uses the existing nine journal entries from Louisa May Alcott’s time in the wilderness as a basis for this work of historical fiction. Grades 3 and up.

*Gifts from the Sea. Kinsey-Warnock, Natalie (2003). ISBN 0-375-82257-7

Quila and her father, living alone in a remote Maine lighthouse in the 1850’s, find their lives profoundly changed when a baby washes ashore and they decide to keep her as a part of their family. Grades 4 and up.

Gooney Bird Greene. Lowry, Lois (2002). ISBN 0-618-23848-4

A most unusual new student who loves to be the center of attention entertains her teacher and fellow second-graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself, including how she got her name. Grades 2-4.

*Granny Torelli Makes Soup. Creech, Sharon (2003). ISBN 0-06-029290-3

With the help of her wise old grandmother, 12-year-old Rosie manages to work out some problems in her relationship with her best friend, Bailey, the boy next door. Grades 3 and up.

Hatching Magic. Downer, Ann (2003). ISBN 0-689-83400-4

When a 13th century wizard confronts 21st century Boston while seeking his pet dragon, he is followed by a rival wizard and a very unhappy demon, but 11-year-old Theodora Oglethorpe may hold the secret to setting everything right. Grades 5 and up.

Hear the Wind Blow. Hahn, Mary Downing (2003). ISBN 0-618-18190-3

With their mother dead and their home burned, a thirteen-year-old boy and his little sister set out across Virginia in search of relatives during the final days of the Civil War. Grades 5 and up.

*I, Freddy: Book One in the Golden Hamster Saga. Reiche, Dietlof (2003). ISBN 0-439-28356-6

Freddy, a remarkably intelligent golden hamster, learns how to read and how to write on a computer and escapes captivity to become an independent and civilized creature. Grades 4 and up.

The Impossible Journey. Whelan, Gloria (2003). ISBN 0-06-623811-0

In 1934, 13-year-old Marya and her younger brother, Georgei, set out alone on a long and arduous journey into Siberia to find their mother after she and their father are exiled for opposing Stalin. Grades 5 and up.

*Inkheart. Funke, Cornelia (2003). ISBN 0-439-53164-0

As Maggie's father, Mo, reads aloud from *Inkheart*, an evil ruler named Capricorn escapes the boundaries of fiction and lands in their living room. Maggie and Mo must learn to harness the magic and change the course of the story that has changed their lives forever. Grades 5 and up.

Izzy's Place. Kornblatt, Marc (2003). ISBN 0-689-84639-8

While spending the summer at his grandmother's Indiana home, 10-year-old Henry Stone gets help from a new friend in coping with the recent death of his grandfather and the possibility of his parents getting a divorce. Grades 5 and up.

Jack Adrift Fourth Grade Without a Clue. Gantos, Jack (2003). ISBN 0-374-39987-5

When his father rejoins the navy and moves the family to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, 9-year-old Jack becomes confused by a crush on his teacher, contradictory advice from his parents, and a very strange neighbor. Grades 4 and up.

*Locomotion. Woodson, Jacqueline (2003). ISBN 0-399-23115-3

In a series of poems, eleven-year-old Lonnie writes about his life, after the death of his parents, separated from his younger sister, living in a foster home, and finding his poetic voice at school. Grades 4 and up.

Maggie's Door. Giff, Patricia Reilly (2003). ISBN 0-385-32658-0

In the mid-1800's, Nory and her neighbor and friend, Sean, set out separately on a dangerous journey from famine-plagued Ireland, hoping to reach a better life in America. Grades 5 and up.

*Olive's Ocean. Henkes, Kevin (2003). ISBN 0-06-053543-1

On a summer's visit to her grandmother's cottage by the ocean, twelve-year-old Martha gains perspective on the death of a classmate, on her relationship with her grandmother, on her feelings for an older boy, and on her plans to be a writer. Grades 6 and up.

Old Turtle and the Broken Truth. Wood, Douglas (2003). ISBN 0-439-32109-3

Earth is full of suffering and broken truth which leads a little girl to seek the wisdom of the Old Turtle who has a vision of peace. Grades 4 and up.

***One Shot**. Glick, Susan (2003). ISBN 0-8050-6844-9

While living with her newly remarried father in a Washington, D.C. suburb, 15-year-old Lorrie spends the summer working for and becoming close to an elderly, famous photographer. Grades 6 and up.

***Our Kansas Home: Book Three of the Prairie Skies Series**. Hopkinson, Deborah (2003). ISBN 0689843534

The mother's rescue of a runaway slave parallels the safe harbor of the father in the story of a free-state settler conflict in the young state of Kansas. Grades 2 and up.

Our Time on the River. Brown, Don (2003). ISBN 0-618-31116-5

Two brothers take a river trip by canoe in advance of the elder brother being assigned to Vietnam. A 1968 picture of moods and attitudes of the time. Grades 6 and up.

The Puppeteer's Apprentice. Love, D. Anne (2003). ISBN 0-689-84424-7

A medieval orphan girl called Mouse gains the courage she needs to follow her dreams of becoming a puppeteer's apprentice. Grades 6 and up.

***The Ravenmaster's Secret**. Woodruff, Elvira (2003). ISBN 0-439-28133-4

The eleven-year-old son of the Ravenmaster at the Tower of London befriends a Jacobite rebel being held prisoner there. Grades 5 and up.

The River Between Us. Peck, Richard (2003). ISBN 08037-2735-6

During the early days of the Civil War, the Pruitt family takes in two mysterious young ladies who have fled New Orleans to come north to Illinois. Grades 4 and up.

***Rodzina**. Cushman, Karen (2003). ISBN 0-618-13351-8

A twelve-year-old Polish American girl is boarded onto an orphan train in Chicago with fears about traveling to the West and a life of unpaid slavery. Grades 4 and up.

***Ruby Electric**. Nelson, Theresa (2003). ISBN 0-689-83852-2

Twelve-year-old Ruby Miller, movie buff and aspiring screenwriter, tries to resolve mysteries surrounding her little brother's stuffed woolly mammoth and their father's five-year absence. Grades 4 and up.

***Sahara Special**. Codell, Esme Raji (2003). ISBN 078680793-8

Sahara Jones is taken out of special ed and placed in a regular fifth grade classroom at the insistence of her mother. Through an unusual teacher and the use of writing journals, Sahara finds the courage to overcome her fears and show her true self. Grades 4 and up.

***The Seeing Stone: The Spiderwick Chronicles**. DiTerlizzi, Tony & Black, Holly (2003). ISBN 0689859376

The second book of five in the chronicles finds the twins living in a mysterious house loaned to them by their aunt. Their parents' recent divorce creates tension which is relieved by mysterious happenings reminiscent of Harry Potter events. Grades 2 and up.

Shelf Life: Stories by the Book. Paulsen, Gary, ed. (2003). ISBN 0-689-84180-9

Ten short stories in which the lives of young people in different circumstances are changed by their encounters with books. Grades 5 and up.

***The Silent Boy**. Lowry, Lois (2003). ISBN 0-618-28231-9

Katy, the precocious ten-year-old daughter of the town doctor, befriends a retarded boy. Grades 4 and up.

***The Slightly True Story of Cedar B. Hartley**. Murray, Martine (2002). ISBN 043948622X

When 12-year-old Cedar loses her dog, it sets off a chain of events leading her to find a new friend, become an acrobat, and learn some bittersweet truths about family, community and herself. Grades 5 and up.

***Spy Cat**. Kehret, Peg and Pete the Cat (2003). ISBN 0-525-47046-8

Pete (the cat) and Benjie, first grade, solve mysteries and fearlessly protect their family. Delightful, funny, highly readable adventure. Grades 4 and up.

***Swear to Howdy**. VanDraanen, Wendelin (2003). ISBN 0-375-82505-3

Two 13-year-old boys share neighborhood adventures, complaints about their older sisters, family secrets, and even guilt that bind them together in a special friendship. Grades 4 and up.

***Tadpole**. White, Ruth (2003). ISBN 0-374-31002-5

In rural Kentucky in 1955, Serilda Collins, single mother of four lively girls, discovers that her orphaned nephew is being subjected to brutality. Grades 5 and up.

***The Tale of Despereaux**. DiCamillo, Kate (2003). ISBN 0-7636-1722-9

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin. Grades 4 and up.

***Thief of Dreams**. Strasser, Todd (2003). ISBN 0-399-23135-8

Thirteen-year-old Martin's parents are always too busy making money to pay much attention to him, so he enjoys the attention he gets from his uncle Lawrence, until he discovers that his uncle has a secret life. Grades 3 and up.

Timespinners. Gray, Luli (2003). ISBN 0-618-16412-X

A brother and sister go back in time to the Ice Age and meet Neanderthals. Grades 4 and up.

The Traitor. Yep, Lawrence (2003). ISBN 0-06-027523-5

In 1885, a lonely illegitimate American boy and a lonely Chinese American boy develop an unlikely friendship in the midst of prejudices and racial tension in their coal mining town of Rock Springs, Wyoming. Grades 5 and up.

***The True Story of Mary Bryant: Escape from Botany Bay**. Hausman, Gerald & Loretta (2003). ISBN 0-439-40327-8

In the late 1700's, Mary is arrested for stealing a bonnet and a few coins. She is sentenced to be hung and transported in chains to Botany Bay. There she marries, gives birth, and escapes, until she is chained again and returned to England for trial where she becomes a heroine. Grades 6 and up.

Twelve Travelers. Twenty Horses. Robinet, Harriette Gillem (2003). ISBN 0-689-84561-8

On the way to California with their kind new master, 13-year-old Jacob, his mother, and other slaves are caught up in adventures that include trying to stop a plot to help the South secede from the Union. Grades 6 and up.

***Under the Same Sky**. DeFelice, Cynthia (2003). ISBN 0-374-38032-5

While earning money for a motorbike, 14-year-old Joe Pedersen becomes involved with the Mexicans who work on his family's farm and develops a better relationship with his father. Grades 6 and up.

***Willow and Twig**. Little, Jean (2003). ISBN 0-670-88856-7

Willow and Twig is the inspiring story of two young people learning to be proud of who they are and having the courage to find out where it is that they truly belong. Grades 4 and up.