



WESLEY INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY RISING 4TH GRADERS 2019 SUMMER READING PACKET

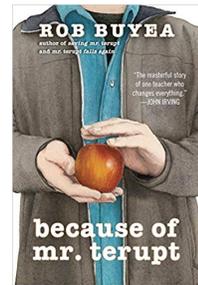
Dear Students and Parents,

Congratulations! You have successfully completed another school year! You should be very proud of your accomplishments! Over the next few months we want you to enjoy your summer and give you an opportunity to keep thinking about things that are happening in and outside of your world. Your teachers believe that you can do this through reading some exciting books! You will be **required to read one book** and **strongly encouraged** to choose a second book for optional reading.

REQUIRED READING:

***Because of Mr. Terupt* by Rob Buyea**

The required novel provides an opportunity for fourth graders to share a common reading experience and serves as a jumping off point for classroom activities at the beginning of the school year. You will be required to complete **3 activities** from the choice board included in this packet.



OPTIONAL READING:

One title from the Suggested Titles list

A suggested title list is included in this packet as a source of reading guidance in selecting additional books to explore beyond the required titles. Award-winning and “too good to miss” titles are included to appeal to the broad range of interests, maturity levels, and reading abilities of our students, with suggestions coming from students, teachers, and the media specialist.

SUMMER READING RECORD:

Students are asked to record their summer reading on the “Summer Reading Record” which is included. A completed record, including a parent signature, should be returned to your child’s homeroom teacher on the first day of school.



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REQUIRED READING CHOICE BOARD

You must complete **3 activities** from the choice board below. Please be sure to complete each activity on separate sheet of paper.

<p><u>Alternate Ending:</u></p> <p>Write an Alternative ending to the book.</p>	<p><u>Author Interview:</u></p> <p>If you could ask the author 5 questions, what would they be?</p>	<p><u>Theme:</u></p> <p>What is the theme of the story?</p>
<p><u>ELA:</u></p> <p>Find 10 examples of figurative language in the book</p>	<p><u>Illustrator:</u></p> <p>Draw your favorite part of the story.</p>	<p><u>Text to Word Connection:</u></p> <p>How is this text similar to things that happen in the real world?</p>
<p><u>Vocabulary:</u></p> <p>Find 10 new vocabulary words and write their definitions.</p>	<p><u>IB:</u></p> <p>What IB trait best describes each character in the story & why.</p>	<p><u>Character Interview:</u></p> <p>Choose a character from the novel. Create 3 questions you would ask him/her in an interview.</p>



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SUGGESTED SUMMER READING TITLES

This list of suggested titles is organized alphabetically, first by genre then by author. Please note that the Accelerated Reader Book Level is provided as a general gauge for difficulty level of the text (e.g. AR BL 5.2 would be grade 5 and 2 months), rather than an indicator of the interest or maturity level of a title. Although all of the titles are considered "Middle Grade" in terms of interest level, we encourage parents to ascertain what is appropriate for your particular child given that the list is inclusive of some titles that are geared more to older students. Titles marked with an asterisk (*) have been nominated for the Georgia Children's Book Award.

CONTEMPORARY/REALISTIC FICTION

Alexander, Kwame; *The Crossover*

AR BL 4.3

Newbery Medal

Twelve-year-old narrator Josh Bell uses the rhythms of a poetry jam to emulate the "moving & grooving/popping and rocking" of life on the basketball court with his twin brother J.B. The boys wrestle with the highs and lows of middle school life as their beloved dad's health declines.

Anderson, John David; *Ms. Bixby's Last Day**

AR BL 5.2

Ms. Bixby unexpectedly announces that she is very sick and won't be able to finish the school year. Her students, Topher, Brand and Steve come up with a plan to tell her how much she means to them.

Bell, Cece; *EI Deafo*

AR BL 2.7

Newbery Honor

Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful--and very awkward--hearing aid.

Benjamin, Ali; *The Thing About Jellyfish*

AR BL 5.0

Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death.

Birdsall, Jeanne; *The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy*

AR BL 4.7

While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother. (Series: *The Penderwicks*)

Bunting, Eve; *Nasty, Stinky Sneakers*

AR BL 3.3

Will ten-year-old Colin find his missing stinky sneakers in time to enter The Stinkiest Sneakers in the World contest?

Connor, Leslie; *All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook** **AR BL 3.8**

Perry has always been happy living at Blue River Correctional Facility, where his mom is an inmate. So when the new district attorney moves Perry "outside," he feels like he's traded home for prison, not the other way around.



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Davies, Jacqueline; The Lemonade War

AR BL 4.1

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn \$100. (**Series: The Lemonade War**)

Draper, Sharon; Out of My Mind

AR BL 4.3

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

Ellis, Deborah; No Ordinary Day

AR BL 4.0

"The best day of my life was the day I found out I was alone in the world." Life in Jharia, India was hard for Valli who spent her days picking coal and fighting with her cousins. When she leaves and travels to Kolkata, life brings more adventure and more hardship but, eventually, hope.

Gantos, Jack; Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key

AR BL 4.9

Joey has problems--big problems. He cannot seem to get along with his classmates. This story is written from a boy's point of view as he tries to get a grip on his life. (**Series: Joey Pigza**)

Griffin, Paul; When Friendship Followed Me Home*

AR BL 4.1

Seventh-grader Ben, always an outsider, is led into a deep friendship with Halley, who is being treated for cancer, by the special dog he and his adoptive mother take in.

Harrington, Karen; Mayday*

AR BL 4.2

Twelve-year-old Wayne Kovok loses his uncle to war and his voice to a plane crash in the same year and must learn to speak up as he navigates relationships with his father, grandfather, and new friend, Denny Rosenblatt.

Henkes, Kevin; The Year of Billy Miller

AR BL 4.2

Newbery Honor Billy Miller starts the school year with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents and has learned many important lessons.

Holt, K. A.; House Arrest*

AR BL 4.0

Timothy, sentenced to house arrest for stealing a wallet to help pay for medicine for his sick brother, keeps a journal into which he documents his fears and frustrations.

Hunt, Lynda Mullaly; Fish in a Tree

AR BL 3.7

Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read.

Jamieson, Victoria; Roller Girl

AR BL 3.2

Newbery Honor

For twelve years, Astrid has done everything with her best friend Nicole. But after Astrid falls in love with roller derby and signs up for derby camp, Nicole decides to go to dance camp instead. This begins the most difficult summer of Astrid's life. Is she strong enough to handle roller derby, a lost friendship, and middle school?



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Jones, Kelly; Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer

AR BL 5.2

Through a series of letters, Sophie Brown, age twelve, tells of her family's move to her Great Uncle Jim's farm, where she begins taking care of some unusual chickens with help from neighbors and friends.

Kadohata, Cynthia; Half a World Away

AR BL 4.7

Eleven-year-old Jaden is adopted, and he knows he's an "epic fail." That's why his family is traveling to Kazakhstan to adopt a new baby—to replace him, he's sure. And he gets it. He is incapable of stopping his stealing, hoarding, lighting fires, aggressive running, and obsession with electricity. He knows his parents love him, but he feels...nothing.

Lord, Cynthia; Half a Chance

AR BL 4.5

Lucy, with her mother and her photographer father, has just moved to a small rural community in New Hampshire, and with her new friend Nate she plans to spend the summer taking photos for a contest, but pictures sometimes reveal more than people are willing to see.

Lupica, Mike; Heat

AR BL 5.3

Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.

Martin, Ann M.; Rain Reign

AR BL 4.3

Rose Howard is obsessed with homonyms. She's thrilled that her own name is a homonym, and she purposely gave her dog Rain a name with two homonyms--Rain, Reign. When a storm hits her rural town, rivers overflow, the roads are flooded, and Rain goes missing. Now Rose has to find her dog, even if it means leaving her routines and safe places to search.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds; Shiloh

AR BL 4.4

Newbery Medal

When he finds a lost beagle near his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to mistreat his dogs. (**Series**)

Paterson, Katherine; Bridge to Terabithia

AR BL 4.6

Newbery Medal

Ten-year-old Jess Aarons, who has lived all his life on a farm in Virginia, becomes friends with Leslie Burke, a "city girl" who moves into the farmhouse down the road. The two become inseparable, until tragedy strikes.

Peck, Richard; The Best Man*

AR BL 4.8

Archer has four important role models in his life--his dad, his grandfather, his uncle Paul, and his favorite teacher, Mr. McLeod. When Uncle Paul and Mr. McLeod get married, Archer's sixth-grade year becomes one he'll never forget.

Pinkney, Andrea Davis; The Red Pencil

AR BL 4.2

After her tribal village is attacked by militants, Amira, a young Sudanese girl, must flee to safety at a refugee camp, where she finds hope and the chance to pursue an education in the form of a single red pencil and the friendship and encouragement of a wise elder.



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Reynolds, Jason; *As Brave As You**

AR BL 4.8

When eleven-year-old Genie and his big brother, Ernie, leave Brooklyn to spend the summer at their grandparents' home in rural Virginia, they must adjust to life without TV and the Internet. A rich and rewarding coming-of-age story about family and courage, told with laugh-out-loud humor and a great deal of heart.

Sachar, Louis; *Holes*

AR BL 4.6

Newbery Medal

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune, which may be because of a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

Sloan, Holly Goldberg; *Counting by 7s*

AR BL 5.6

Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and how to find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.

FANTASY/SCIENCE FICTION

Applegate, Katherine; *Crenshaw*

AR BL 3.8

Jackson goes for facts and science—things that are real and true. Having a giant, talking cat around doesn't fit the bill. He can't figure out why his imaginary friend is back, but thinks it might have to do with the same issues as the last time Crenshaw appeared --when money was tight and his family had to live in a mini-van.

Barnhill, Kelly; *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*

AR BL 4.8

Newbery Medal

An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a perfectly tiny dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.

Bar-el, Dan; Audrey (cow): *An Oral Account of a Most Daring Escape, Based More or Less on a True Story*

AR 5.8

Longing for a life filled with poetry and the green pastures beyond the farm where she is destined for the slaughterhouse, Audrey the cow enlists the help of human and animal friends to stage a daring escape.

Beasley, Cassie; *Circus Mirandus*

AR 4.8

When he realizes that his grandfather's stories of an enchanted circus are true, Micah Tuttle sets out to find the mysterious Circus Mirandus--and to use its magic to save his grandfather's life.

Black, Holly; *Doll Bones*

AR BL 5.4

Newbery Honor

Zach, Alice, and Poppy, friends from a Pennsylvania middle school who have long enjoyed acting out imaginary adventures with dolls and action figures, embark on a real-life quest to Ohio to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl.

Black, Holly; *The Iron Trial: Magisterium, Book One*

AR BL 5.6

Warned away from magic all of his life, Callum endeavors to fail the trials that would admit him to the Magisterium only to be drawn into its ranks against his will and forced to confront dark elements from his past. **(Series)**

Brown, Peter; *The Wild Robot**

AR BL 5.1

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.



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Dahl, Roald; *The BFG*

AR BL 4.8

Kidsnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling 'cannybull' giants. This selection is best enjoyed as a read-aloud.

DiCamillo, Kate; *Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures*

AR BL 4.3

Newbery Medal

A girl named Flora and a squirrel named Ulysses, whose life was saved by Flora after he was involved in an incident with a vacuum cleaner, team up to use Ulysses' superpowers to conquer villains and protect the weak. Eager,

Edward; *Half Magic*

AR BL 5.0

Four children looking forward to an ordinary summer enjoy a series of fantastic adventures by double-wishing on an ancient coin. (*Series*)

Gidwitz, Adam; *The Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog*

AR BL 4.5

Newbery Honor

Crossing paths at an inn, thirteenth-century travelers tell the tales of a monastery oblate, a Jewish refugee, and a psychic peasant girl with a loyal greyhound, the three of whom join forces on a chase through France to escape persecution.

Holm, Jennifer L.; *The Fourteenth Goldfish*

AR BL 4.1

Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging, and consequently has turned into a teenager--which makes for complicated relationships when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter.

Johnson, Jaleigh; *The Mark of the Dragonfly*

AR BL 5.6

Since her father's death in a factory in the Dragonfly territories, thirteen-year-old Piper has eked out a living as a scrapper in Merrow Kingdom, but the arrival of a mysterious girl sends her on a dangerous journey to distant lands.

Jung, Mike; *Unidentified Suburban Object**

AR BL 5.2

Chloe Cho is a Korean American seventh-grader who would like to get in touch with many of the aspects of her heritage, but her parents are unwilling to talk about it--then when a class assignment forces Chloe to confront them directly, they finally tell her the truth about her family, which may just be too much for one girl to handle.

Korman, Gordon; *Masterminds*

AR BL 5.2

A group of kids discover they were cloned from the DNA of some of the greatest criminal masterminds in history for a sociological experiment. (*Series*)

Law, Ingrid; *Savvy*

AR BL 6.0

Newbery Honor

Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident. (**Sequels: *Scumble and Switch***)



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Lloyd, Natalie; *A Snicker of Magic*.

AR BL 4.7

Georgia Children's Book Award Winner 2016

The Pickles are new to Midnight Gulch, Tennessee, a town which legend says was once magic – but Felicity is convinced the magic is still there, and with the help of her new friend Jonah the Beetle, she hopes to bring the magic back.

Lowry, Lois; *The Giver*

AR BL 5.7

Newbery Medal

An exceptional boy in a “perfect” community is to be responsible for receiving and keeping all the memories of the past. What will he do with his special knowledge? Will he discover the terrible truth about the society he lives in? (Series: **Giver Quartet**)

MacHale, D. J.; *SYLO*

AR BL 4.7

When everyone is quarantined on a once-peaceful island off the coast of Maine, Tucker questions a secret branch of the military claiming that residents have been infected by a deadly virus. (Series)

Norton, Mary; *The Borrowers*

AR BL 5.3

Miniature people who live in an old country house and survive by borrowing things from the humans are forced to emigrate from their home under the clock. (Series)

Pennypacker, Sara; *Pax**

AR BL 5.3

Peter is forced to give up his pet fox named Pax when his father has to go off to war. Peter decides that Pax will not be able to survive in the wild and leaves his grandfather's home to travel hundreds of miles to rescue him.

Sachar, Louis; *Fuzzy Mud*

AR BL 5.0

Georgia Children's Book Award Winner 2017

After smearing some fuzzy-looking mud in a bully's face to end a fight out in the woods, Tamaya's hand is red and blistered. If this is how her hand looks, then how does Chad's face look?

Sales, Leila; *Once Was a Time**

AR BL 5.1

In World War II England, ten-year-old Lottie is transported via her scientist father's time travel portal to present day Wisconsin, where she must find her way back to her family and her best friend, Kitty.

Schlitz, Laura Amy; *Splendors and Glooms*

AR BL 5.1

Newbery Honor

When Clara vanishes after the puppeteer Grisini and two orphaned assistants were at her twelfth birthday party, suspicion of kidnapping chases the trio away from London and soon the two orphans are caught in a trap set by Grisini's ancient rival, a witch with a deadly inheritance to shed before it is too late.

Scieszka, Jon; *Summer Reading is Killing Me!*

AR BL 3.9

At the beginning of summer vacation Joe, Sam, and Fred find themselves trapped inside their summer reading list, involved in a battle between good and evil characters from well-known children's books. (Series: **The Time Warp Trio**)



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Sewell, Anna; *Black Beauty* (unabridged)

AR BL 7.7

A horse in nineteenth-century England recounts his experiences with both good and bad masters.

Sloan, Holly Goldberg; *Appleblossom the Possum*

AR BL 4.7

A young possum strikes out on her own and winds up trapped in a human house before her brothers can rescue her.

Stead, Rebecca; *When You Reach Me*

AR BL 4.5

Newbery Medal

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980s television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," sixth grader Miranda tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seem to defy the laws of time and space.

Stewart, Trenton Lee; *The Mysterious Benedict Society*

AR BL 5.6

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. (**Series: The Mysterious Benedict Society**)

HISTORICAL FICTION

Avi; Crispin; *The Cross of Lead*

AR BL 5.0

Newbery Medal

Set in medieval England, a young boy on the run from his miserable past and accused of murder comes to discover not only his true identity, but his sense of self-worth. (**Series**)

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker; *The War that Saved My Life*

AR BL 4.1

Newbery Honor

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

Curtis, Christopher Paul; *Elijah of Buxton*

AR BL 5.4

Newbery Honor

Eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada--a haven for slaves fleeing the American South in 1859--uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom. (**Companion: The Madman of Piney Woods**)

Dinerstein, Eric; *What Elephants Know**

AR BL 5.6

In the borderlands between Nepal and India during the 1970s, an orphan boy, Nandu, overcomes adversity to save his village and become a great elephant driver. Abandoned in the jungle as a baby and cared for by wild dogs known as dholes, Nandu is rescued by an elephant, Devi Kali, and the head of a royal elephant stable, Subba-sahib.

Draper, Sharon; *Stella by Starlight*

AR BL 4.8

When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.

Gantos, Jack; *Dead End in Norvelt*

AR BL 5.7

Newbery Medal

In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos 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, molten wax, twisted promises, Girl Scout cookies, underage driving, lessons from history, typewriting, and countless bloody noses. (Sequel: **From Norvelt to Nowhere**)



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Giff, Patricia; *Lily's Crossing*

AR BL 4.6

Newbery Honor

During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee from World War II causes her to see the war and the world differently.

Gratz, Alan; *Prisoner B-3087*

AR BL 4.9

Based on the life of Jack Gruener, this book relates his story of survival from the Nazi occupation of Krakow, when he was eleven, through a succession of concentration camps, to the final liberation of Dachau.

Gratz, Alan; *Projekt 1065**

AR BL 5.3

It is 1943, and thirteen-year-old Michael O'Shaunessey, son of the Irish ambassador to Nazi Germany in Berlin, is also a spy for the British Secret Service, so he has joined the Hitler Youth, and pretending that he agrees with their violence and book-burning is hard enough--but when he is asked to find out more about "Projekt 1065" both his and his parents' lives get a lot more dangerous.

Kelly, Jacqueline; *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*

AR BL 5.3

Newbery Honor

In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, learns about love from the older three of her six brothers, and studies the natural world with her grandfather, leading them to an important scientific discovery. (Sequel: **The Curious World of Calpurnia Tate**)

Klages, Ellen; *The Green Glass Sea*

AR BL 4.6

While her father works on the Manhattan Project, eleven-year-old gadget lover and outcast Dewey Kerrigan lives in Los Alamos Camp, and becomes friends with Suze, another young girl who is shunned by her peers. (Sequel: **White Sands, Red Menace**)

Lai, Thanhha; *Inside Out & Back Again*

AR BL 4.8

Newbery Honor

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

Lawson, Jessica; *Waiting for Augusta**

AR BL 5.0

In early 1960s Alabama, eleven-year-old Ben, carrying an urn with his father's ashes, sets out on an eventful journey to Augusta National, "the Sistine Chapel of golf courses," to make peace with his father.

Nielsen, Jennifer A.; *A Night Divided*

AR BL 5.0

When the Berlin Wall went up, Gerta, her mother, and her brother Fritz were trapped on the eastern side where they were living, while her father, and her other brother Dominic were in the west. Four years later, now twelve, Gerta sees her father on a viewing platform on the western side and realizes he wants her to risk her life trying to tunnel to freedom.

Pearsall, Shelley; *The Seventh Most Important Thing**

AR BL 5.1

In 1963, thirteen-year-old Arthur is sentenced to community service helping the neighborhood Junk Man after he throws a brick at the old man's head in a moment of rage, but the junk he collects might be more important than he suspects. Inspired by the work of American folk artist James Hampton.



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Preus, Margi; *Heart of a Samurai: Based on the True Story of Nakahama Manjiro*

AR BL 5.4

Newbery Honor

In 1841, rescued by an American whaler after a terrible shipwreck leaves him a castaway on a remote island, 14-year-old Manjiro, who dreams of becoming a samurai, learns new laws and customs as he becomes the first Japanese person to set foot in the United States.

Selznick, Brian; *The Marvels*

AR BL 4.6

In 1766, a boy, Billy Marvel, is shipwrecked, rescued, and goes on to found a brilliant family of actors that flourishes in London until 1900--and nearly a century later, Joseph Jervis, runs away from home, seeking refuge with his uncle in London, and is captivated by the Marvel house, with its portraits and ghostly presences.

Timberlake, Amy; *One Came Home*

AR BL 4.8

Newbery Honor

In 1871 Wisconsin, thirteen-year-old Georgia sets out to find her sister Agatha, presumed dead when remains are found wearing the dress she was last seen in, and before the end of the year gains fame as a sharpshooter and foiler of counterfeiters.

Vawter, Vince; *Paperboy*

AR BL 5.1

Newbery Honor

When an eleven-year-old boy takes over a friend's newspaper route in July, 1959, in Memphis, his debilitating stutter makes for a memorable month.

Williams-Garcia, Rita; *One Crazy Summer*

AR BL 4.6

Newbery Honor

In the summer of 1968, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive in Oakland, California to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp. (**Sequel: P. S. Be Eleven and Gone Crazy in Alabama**)

Wolk, Lauren; *Wolf Hollow**

AR BL 4.9

Newbery Honor

Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn to stand up for what's right in the face of a manipulative and violent new bully who targets people Annabelle cares about, including a homeless World War I veteran.

Yelchin, Eugene; *Breaking Stalin's Nose*

AR BL 4.6

Newbery Honor

In the Stalinist era of the Soviet Union, ten-year-old Sasha idolizes his father, a devoted Communist, but when police take his father away and leave Sasha homeless, he is forced to examine his own perceptions, values, and beliefs.

MYSTERY

Bertman, Jennifer Chambliss; *Book Scavenger*

AR BL 5.5

Just after twelve-year-old Emily and her family move to San Francisco, she teams up with new friend James to follow clues in an odd book they find, hoping to figure out its secrets before the men who attacked Emily's hero, publisher Garrison Griswold, solve the mystery or come after the friends.

Clements, Andrew; *Room One: A Mystery or Two*

AR BL 5.1

Ted Hammond, the only sixth grader in his small Nebraska town's one-room schoolhouse, searches for clues to the disappearance of a homeless family.



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Dowd, Siobhan; *The London Eye Mystery*

AR BL 4.1

When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.

Grabenstein, Chris; *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*

AR BL 4.5

Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape. (**Sequel: Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics**)

Konigsburg, E. L.; *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*

AR BL 4.7

Newbery Medal

Eleven-year-old Claudia and her brother Jamie, who is nine, run away from home to live at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. After evading the guards for a week, they discover a statue so beautiful that they must solve the mystery of its sculptor.

Turnage, Sheila; *Three Times Lucky*

AR BL 3.9

Newbery Honor

Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a café and co-parent of Mo with his cook, Miss Lana, seems implicated in a murder. (**Sequels: The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing and The Odds of Getting Even**)

Vaught, Susan; *Footer Davis Might Be Probably is Crazy** **AR BL 4.9**

Eleven-year-old Footer and her friends investigate when a nearby farm is burned, the farmer murdered, and his children disappear, but as they follow the clues, Footer starts having flashbacks and wonders if she is going crazy like her mother, who is back in a mental institution near their Mississippi home.

Weeks, Sarah; *Pie*

AR BL 5.6

When Alice's aunt Polly, Pie Queen of Ipswich, passes away, she wills the secret to her world-famous pie crust recipe to her cat, Lardo, who is now in Alice's care.

NON-FICTION

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell; *Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow*

AR BL 7.8

Newbery Honor

A photo-illustrated look at the youth organizations Adolf Hitler founded and used to meet his sociopolitical and military ends; includes profiles of individual Hitler Youth members as well as young people who opposed the Nazis, such as Hans and Sophie Scholl.



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Brown, Daniel James; *The Boys in the Boat: The True Story of an American Team's Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics*

(Young Readers Edition adapted by Gregory Mone)

AR BL 6.9

The astonishing tale of nine working-class boys from the American West who at the 1936 Olympics showed the world what true grit really meant. With rowers who were the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew was never expected to defeat the elite East Coast teams, yet they did, going on to shock the world by challenging the German boat rowing for Adolf Hitler.

Bryan, Ashley; *Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life*

AR BL 4.6

Newbery Honor

Inspired by an 1828 estate appraisal, Ashley Bryan honors the lives of eleven slaves in poetry and collage. Conveying the terror of the patroller and the hope of voices raised in song, Bryan imagines for each person a life of oppression and a dream for freedom.

Fritz, Jean; *You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton?* **AR BL 6.4**

A biography of suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton, covering her childhood, her fight for the end of slavery, and her death 18 years before women were granted the right to vote.

Herrera, Juan Felipe; *Portraits of Hispanic American Heroes*

AR BL 7.7

Showcases twenty Hispanic and Latino American men and women who have made outstanding contributions to the arts, politics, science, humanitarianism, and athletics.

Hoose, Phillip; *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* **AR BL 6.8**

Newbery Honor

Presents an account of fifteen-year-old Claudette Colvin, an African-American girl who refused to give up her seat to a white woman on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama, nine months before Rosa Parks, and covers her role in a crucial civil rights case.

Howard, Tim; *The Keeper: The Unguarded Story of Tim Howard*

AR BL 5.2

Tim Howard describes how despite having Tourette's and OCD, he became the U.S. goalkeeper for the 2014 World Cup, saving an astonishing sixteen shots against Belgium - the most ever in a World Cup game.

Montgomery, Sy; *Tarantula Scientist* **AR BL 5.8**

Describes the research that Samuel Marshall and his students are doing on tarantulas, including the largest spider on earth, the Goliath bird-eating tarantula. (**Series: Scientists in the Field**)

Scieszka, Jon; *Knucklehead: Growing Up Scieszka* **AR BL 4.6**

How did Jon Scieszka get so funny? He grew up as one of six brothers with Catholic school, lots of comic books, lazy summers at the lake with time to kill, babysitting misadventures, TV shows, and jokes told at family dinner.

Sheinkin Steve; *Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon*

AR BL 6.9

Newbery Honor

Examines the history of the atomic bomb, discussing the discovery of the behavior of uranium when placed next to radioactive material, the race to build a bomb, and the impact of the weapon on societies around the world.



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Stone, Tanya Lee; *Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream*

AR BL 7.1

The story of thirteen true pioneers of the space age. These women proved that they were not only as tough as the toughest man but also brave enough to challenge the government. Their example empowered young women to take their place in the sky, piloting jets, and commanding space capsules.

Swanson, James L.; *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*

AR BL 7.5

Recounts the escape of John Wilkes Booth, Abraham Lincoln's assassin, and follows the intensive twelve-day search for him and his accomplices.

Woodson, Jacqueline; *Brown Girl Dreaming*

AR BL 5.3

Newbery Honor

Jacqueline Woodson shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up during the 60's in the North and South.

Wulffson, Don L.; *The Kid Who Invented the Popsicle: And Other Surprising Stories About Inventions*

AR BL 7.4

Brief factual stories about how various familiar things were invented, many by accident, from animal crackers to the zipper.

Yousafzai, Malala; *I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World (Young Reader's Edition)*

AR BL 5.9

Malala Yousafzai's describes her fight for education for girls under Taliban rule, the support she received from her parents to pursue an education, and how the Taliban retaliated against her by trying to kill her.

