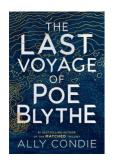




## The Gauntlet by Karuna Riazi

Sucked into a mechanical board game and forced to defeat its diabolical architect in order to free themselves and others trapped with them, 12-year-old Farah and her two best friends receive assistance from a lizard guide and an aeronaut while battling fantastical beasts and

solving difficult puzzles.



## The Last Voyage of Poe Blythe

#### by Allyson Braithwaite Condie

A teen captain of her Outpost's last mining ship targets a band of thieving river raiders before the activities of an unknown traitor make her question how far she is willing to go for revenge.



## **Lucky Little Things** by Janice Erlbaum

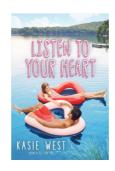
Eighth-grader Emma Macintyre is mourning the loss of her mother's best friend and struggling to keep her own friend from drifting away when she receives a mysterious letter telling her to list ten lucky things she would like to have happen.



## Everything Else in the Universe

#### by Tracy Holczer

When Lucy's practical and orderly father is sent to Vietnam to serve as an Army doctor, she is forced to move in with her superstitious and quirky relatives. She eagerly anticipates her father's return, only to find him a very changed person.



### **Listen to Your Heart** by Kasie West

When Kate Bailey let her best friend, Alana, talk her into joining their high school's podcast she did not expect to find herself as the host, or to enjoy answering calls and giving advice on the air, but she is actually pretty good at it. When she gets an anonymous call from a boy about

his secret feelings for a girl, she is faced with a problem.



## Batman: Nightwalker by Marie Lu

After making an impulsive choice on his way home from his birthday party, Bruce Wayne must do community service at Arkham Asylum, where he encounters Madeleine Wallace, a killer with ties to the Nightwalkers terrorizing Gotham.



#### **Pizzasaurus Rex** by Justin Wagner

After inventing a device that allows Rex Raditude, the Pizzasaurus, to enter his dimension, Jeremy Duderman finds himself on the frontline when Rex is followed by Emperor Buzzkill and his horde of minions.



#### Ebb & Flow by Heather Smith

After a horrible year in a new town, Jett returns to the coast to spend the summer with his grandmother. Where he re-examines his actions of the past year that led him to the betrayal of a friend and a shameful secret he hasn't forgiven himself for.





## Alice: From Dream to Dream by Giulio Macaione

When her family moves back to Ohio, Alice, who can enter other people's dreams, tries to get to the bottom of the secrets in her small hometown. This is an otherworldly trek into a spectacular world of dreams, nightmares, and being a

teenager. Graphic Novel



## **Speechless** by Adam P. Schmitt

Informed that he will be expected to say a few words at his cousin's wake, 13-year-old Jimmy struggles to come up with something nice to say about his bullying, destructive cousin before realizing that the words that are truly heard are the ones that matter the most.



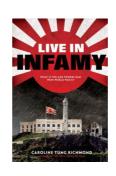
## **It Wasn't Me**by Dana Alison Levy

When Theo's photography project is mysteriously vandalized at school there are five suspected students who all say, "It wasn't me." Theo just wants to forget about the humiliating incident but his favorite teacher is determined to get to the bottom of it.



## The Unsung Hero of Birdsong USA by Brenda Woods

Gabriel, twelve, gains new perspective when he becomes friends with Meriwether, a World War II hero who has recently returned to the unwelcoming Jim Crow South.



## **Live in Infamy** by Caroline Tung Richmond

It has been eighty years since the Axis won World War II, and America was divided between the victors: the Nazis in the East and Imperial Japan in the West. Now resistance is growing in the Eastern territories and sixteen-year-old Chinese American Ren Cabot, who has every

reason to hate the Japanese who executed his mother, finds himself drawn into a resistance group and confronted with choices that could lead to freedom--or death.



## The Owls Have Come to Take Us Away by Ronald L. Smith

After something strange happens during a camping trip, twelve-year-old alien-obsessed Simon suspects he has been abducted, but was it real or just his overactive imagination?



#### Meet the Sky by McCall Hoyle

A prospective veterinary student determined to support her mother and sister in the aftermath of a disabling accident is separated from her family during a hurricane evacuation and trapped on the Outer Banks with a reckless boy who once broke her heart.



## **Last of the Name** by Rosanne Parry

Arriving in 1863 New York City with his older sister, 12-year-old Danny reluctantly pretends to be a girl in order to accompany his sister into domestic service and avoid recruitment into the army.





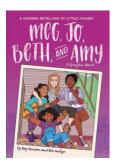
#### All the Things That Could Go Wrong by Stewart Foster

A boy with OCD so severe that it is difficult for him to leave his house and a bully with rage issues who torments him at school are forced by their mothers to spend winter break together, an arrangement that leads to new understandings.



## The Not-So-Boring Letters of Private Nobody by Matthew Landis

Seventh grader Oliver, a Civil War buff, is partnered with two misfits, Ella, who is on the verge of failing all her classes, and Kevin, who is Oliver's lunch companion--to create a documentary about the wartime experience of the Civil War.



#### Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy: A Graphic Novel by Rey Terciero

An adaptation of the coming-ofage novel *Little Women* features the four March sisters as they struggle with school woes, health issues, boy troubles, and personal identity. Graphic novel



## The Prince and the Dressmaker by Jen Wang

When Prince Sebastian confides in his dressmaker friend Frances that he loves to masquerade at night as the fashionable Lady Crystallia, Frances must decide if Sebastian's secret is worth a lifetime of living in

the shadows. Graphic Novel



#### **New Kid** by Jerry Craft

Enrolled in a prestigious private school where he is one of only a few students of color, talented seventhgrade artist Jordan finds himself torn between the worlds of his Washington Heights apartment home and the upscale circles of Riverdale Academy. Graphic Novel



## Orange for the Sunsets by Tina Athaide

Two 12-year-old best friends who have never cared about their differences are torn apart by president Idi Amin's decision to expel Indians from 1972 Uganda, an order that is complicated by an educational opportunity and escalating community unrest.



## The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart

Living on the road in an old school bus with her dad after losing her mother and sisters, 12-year-old Coyote devises an elaborate plan to convince her father to make a first

trip home to Washington state in five years, a journey marked by an eclectic group of passengers they meet along the way.



## The Revenge of Magic by James Riley

Losing his father during a giant creature attack on Washington, D.C., young Fort becomes a student at a secret government school where he studies the magic in a mysterious collection of books to protect the world from dangerous forces.





## **Squint** by Chad Morris

Flint desperately wants to win a comic book art contest so that he and his new friend McKell will be better accepted at middle school. Unfortunately, he's struggling to get the big prize before he goes blind from his eye disease.



## **Resistance** by Jennifer A. Nielsen

After a smuggling mission to an isolated Jewish ghetto goes wrong and her colleagues are arrested, Chaya Lindner, a Jewish girl living in Nazi-occupied Poland, decides to go to Warsaw, where an uprising is in the works.



## The Dog Who Saved the Universe

#### by Ross Welford

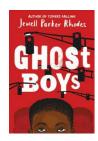
When eleven-year-old Georgie's beloved dog, Mr. Mash gets sick with a deadly virus that threatens the life of every dog in the country, she must embark on a desperate quest, with the help of an

eccentric scientist, to save every dog on earth, and maybe for all of humanity.



## **Genesis Begins Again** by Alicia D. Williams

A 13-year-old girl who is so oppressed by low self-esteem that she keeps a list of the things she hates about herself must overcome internalized racism and a verbally abusive family to learn to love herself.



## **Ghost boys** by Jewell Parker Rhodes

After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a white police officer, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till.



## The Unteachables by Gordon Korman

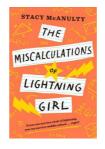
A notorious class of misfits, delinquents and academic underachievers, isolated away from the rest of their school, embark on a year of unexpected changes with a burned-out teacher who has been shattered by a cheating scandal. By

the author of Restart.



## **Braced**by Alyson Gerber

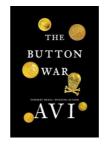
When Rachel learns that she will need to wear a back brace to keep her spine straight, she is afraid that she will not be able to play soccer and terrified that she will not be able to hide her condition from her friends and classmates.



#### The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnulty

Surviving a lightning strike that has given her genius-level math skills, 12-year-old Lucy is offered entry into college but reluctantly takes her grandmother's advice to attend one year of middle school, make a friend.

join a club and read a non-math book.



## The Button War: A tale of the Great War

#### by Avi

Running with a group of friends who entertain themselves by coming up with increasingly risky dares, 12-yearold Patryk watches as their tiny Polish village is occupied by a series of hostile nations throughout the Great

War, before his friends begin looting the bodies of soldiers as part of an increasingly dangerous competition.

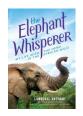




# Chocolate: Sweet Science & Dark Secrets of the World's Favorite Treat by Kay Frydenborg

Fans of *The Omnivore's Dilemma* will savor this decadent exposé. Enjoy an indepth journey through chocolate's

earliest uses in Mesoamerica, its meteoric rise in Western society, the slave labor practices that have historically enabled (and continue to enable) the chocolate industry to thrive, and the modern science used to help sustain our chocolate habit.



#### The Elephant Whisperer: My Life with the Herd in the African Wild

#### by Lawrence Anthony

Adapted for middle-grade readers, an account of an acclaimed conservationist's efforts to save a rogue herd of elephants

in spite of his limited experience describes how he gave them a home in his South Africa reserve and endeavored to provide what was required for their survival



#### Girl Code: Gaming, Going Viral, and Getting It Done by Andrea Gonzales

The two teens behind the video game "Tampon Run" share the story of their experience with the organization Girls Who Code and their rise to fame, sharing

insider perspectives into today's startups, the influence of women in technology, and the power of coding.

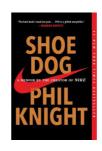


## Americanized: Rebel without a Green Card

by Sara Saedi

Learning as a teenager that her Iranian family is undocumented, 13-year-old, straight-A student Sara Saedi juggles the challenges of trying to obtain a green

card with the stressful realities of being an everyday American teen.



## Shoe Dog: a Memoir by the Creator of Nike by Philip H. Knight

The founder and CEO of Nike shares the story of the company's early days as an intrepid startup and its evolution to one of the world's most iconic and profitable brands, offering insights into how he envisioned a company that

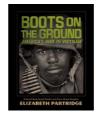
would be run in atypical ways.



# The Good, the Bad, and the Barbie: a Doll's History and Her Impact on Us by Tanya Lee Stone

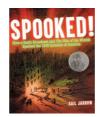
Examines how the Barbie doll became the icon that she is and the impact she has had on our culture through passionate anecdotes and

memories from a range of girls and women.



#### Boots on the Ground: America's War in Vietnam by Elizabeth Partridge

An exploration of the Vietnam War from many different perspectives including those of an American soldier, a nurse, and a Vietnamese refugee.



#### Spooked!: How a Radio Broadcast and "The War of the Worlds" Sparked the 1938 Invasion of America by Gail Jarrow

Describes the panic induced when listeners believed Orson Welles' radio

broadcast of "The War of the Worlds" to be news of an alien invasion, discussing the context in which the broadcast was aired and why it was so convincing.





#### It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime Stories from a South African childhood; Adapted for Young Readers

#### by Trevor Noah

The comedian traces his coming of age during the twilight of apartheid in South

Africa and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed, offering insight into the farcical aspects of the political and social systems of today's world.



#### Just Mercy: A True Story of the Fight for Justice; Adapted for Young Adults by Bryan Stevenson

Just Mercy shares stories from the author's work as a lawyer and social advocate to reveal how racial and class biases in America are leading to false

convictions and mass incarcerations.



#### (Don't) Call Me Crazy: 33 Voices Start the Conversation About Mental Health by Kelly Jensen

Essays, lists, poems and art explore the ways 33 best-selling authors and

celebrity contributors have coped with and thrived in the face of mental illness, in an anthology that includes entries by Kristen Bell, Nancy Kerrigan and Libba Bray.



#### The Beloved World of Sonia Sotomayor

#### by Sonia Sotomayor

The first Hispanic Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court traces her childhood ambition to become a lawyer and judge, her battle with juvenile diabetes, the economic roadblocks that challenged

her goals, and the importance of how she learned to dream big.

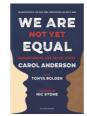


#### Something Rotten: A Fresh Look at Roadkill

#### by Heather L. Montgomery

A completely gross and wholly compelling look at the scientific, artistic and culinary uses of roadkill reveals how the author, a wildlife researcher, uses

roadkill to do medical studies, while others use it for trophies or even restaurant foods.

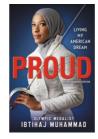


#### We Are Not Yet Equal: Understanding Our Racial Divide

#### by Carol Anderson

From the end of the Civil War to the tumultuous issues in America today, an acclaimed historian reframes the conversation about race, chronicling the

powerful forces opposed to black progress in America.



## Proud: Living My American Dream

#### by Ibtihaj Muhammad

Shares the life story of the Olympic fencer, including how she overcame feeling out of place in her sport and how she became the first American woman to compete in the Olympics wearing a hijab.



## Being Jazz: My Life as a (Transgender) Teen by Jazz Jennings

The author reccounts how her public experiences have influenced her attitude towards the transgender community, as she works to educate others about transgenderism while

navigating the challenges of being a teenager. Published 2016.

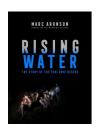




#### Teen Guide to Student Activism by Stuart A. Kallen

Looks at some of the best known student and youth movements changing the world, discussing how these groups organize, reach out, and find the balance between activism

and school



#### Rising Water: The Story of the Thai Cave Rescue by Marc Aronson

An account of the incredible true story of the Wild Board soccer team's summer 2018 rescue from a flooded cave in Thailand.



#### Fearless and Fantastic!: Female Superheroes Save the World

by Sam Maggs

Illustrated with stunning comic-book artwork and featuring inspiring

quotations, each short biography of 50 incredible female Super Heroes from the Marvel Comics universe is carefully curated to focus on the character's key abilities and achievements, inspiring girls and women of all ages to be powerful, passionate and persistent.



#### Marvel Studios 101: All Your Questions Answered by Adam Bray

If you've ever mixed up the different Thor movies, or you get confused by which Avengers villain is which, fear not! Whether you want to take your

very first steps into this pop-culture colossus, you have friends who are die-hard Marvel fans and seem to speak in another language, or you just want all the answers to Marvelous questions, this is the book for you!

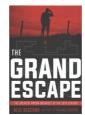


## Blacklisted!: Hollywood, the Cold War, and the First Amendment

by Larry Dane Brimner

This is a vividly detailed account of the story of a courageous group of film industry writers who were investigated and blacklisted for suspected

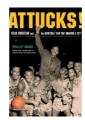
communist ties and standing up for their First Amendment rights.



# The Grand Escape: The Greatest Prison Breakout of the 20th Century by Neal Bascomb

At the height of World War I, a struggle for survival was being waged in the most notorious POW camp in all of Germany:

Holzminden. This was the home to the most troublesome Allied prisoners--and the most talented at escape. *The Grand Escape* tells the remarkable tale of a band of pilots who pulled off an ingenious plan and made it out of enemy territory in the biggest breakout of WWI.



#### Attucks!: Oscar Robertson and the Basketball Team That Awakened A City by Phillip M. Hoose

Traces the inspirational story of the Crispus Attucks High School Tigers basketball team and how they broke

the color barrier in segregated 1950s Indiana to become state champions.



#### The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler by John Hendrix

Presents the life of the German theologian and hero, who formed a breakaway church in opposition to the

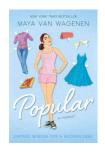
Nazi regime, participated in an assassination plot that targeted Adolf Hitler, and was captured and executed by the Nazis.





#### Becoming Kareem: Growing Up On and Off the Court by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

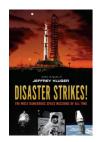
An autobiography about Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and his life growing up in New York, becoming a basketball star, and getting involved in the world as an activist for social change.



#### Popular a Memoir: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek by Maya van Wagenen

Documents a high school student's year-long attempt to change her social status from that of a misfit to a member of the "in" crowd by following advice in a 1950s popularity guide, an experiment that triggered

embarrassment, humor and unexpected surprises. Published 2015.



## Disaster Strikes!: The Most Dangerous Space Missions of All Time

by Jeffrey Kluger

Disaster Strikes! chronicles 12 historic failures that have shaped the Russian and American space programs, sharing insights into the events of each disaster as well as the

contributions of heroic astronauts and cosmonauts.



# The Lady Is a Spy: Virginia Hall, World War II Hero of the French Resistance by Don Mitchell

A vivid portrait of lesser-known American spy Virginia Hall describes how she relocated to occupied France during World War II to work as an undercover agent coordinating

resistance movements, assisting in Nazi sabotage, and rescuing downed allies.



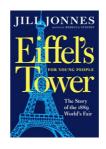
## **Becoming** by Michelle Obama

An intimate and uplifting memoir by the former First Lady chronicles the experiences that have shaped her remarkable life, from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago through her setbacks and achievements in the White House.



#### Butterfly: From Refugee to Olympian, My Story of Rescue, Hope, and Triumph by Yusra Mardini

Traces the author's life-changing rescue of a boatload of fellow refugees and how it inspired her to compete on the 2016 Refugee Olympic Team in Rio de Janeiro.



#### Eiffel's Tower for Young People by Rebecca Stefoff

Presents a history on the conception, building, and reception of the Eiffel Tower and its influence on emerging technology and ultimately the global economy. The book combines the behind-the-scenes history of the Eiffel

Tower with an account of the 1889 World's Fair in Paris, for which the tower was built.



#### Bad Boys of Fashion: Style Rebels and Renegades Through the Ages by Jennifer Croll

From Louis XIV to Kanye West, Jennifer Croll takes us on a tour of daring and different men throughout history who have all

used fashion to get what they want. Croll shows us the power of clothes and the links between fashion and politics, art, social movements, and more.



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## The Inheritance Cycle by Christopher Paolini

Follow Eragon as he grows from a poor farm boy into an amazing swordsman, fighting alongside his dragon, Saphira, to help save the Empire from evil and darkness. Four books as of 2019 plus released January 1.

2019: The Fork, the Witch, and the Worm: Tales from Alagaësia.



## Twisted Tale: Part of Your World by Liz Braswell

In a reimagining of what would have happened if Ariel had never defeated Ursula, 5 years have elapsed and Ariel is now the voiceless queen of Atlantica while Ursula runs Prince Eric's kingdom

on land. First book: A Whole New World. Five books as of 2019.



#### Pandava: Aru Shah and the Song of Death by Roshani Chokshi

Twelve-year-old Aru stretches the truth to fit in at her private school, but when she is dared to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she inadvertently frees an ancient demon. First book: Aru Shah

and the End of Time. Two books as of 2019.



#### Wildcard by Marie Lu

The thrilling sequel to Warcross finds Emika Chen learning the truth about Hideo's new NeuroLink algorithm and banding together with the Phoenix Riders to put a stop to Hideo's grim plans, only to find herself caught in a web of betrayal that forces her to turn

to Zero and his ruthless crew. First book: *Warcross*. Two books as of 2019.



## The Reckoners Series by Brandon Sanderson

David joins the Reckoners who are trying to kill the Epics, humans with superhuman powers, and end their tyranny. He journeys to Babylon Restored to find the Epic with the answers he seeks and faces the most powerful High Epic of all. Final

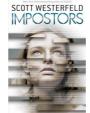
book published 2016.



#### **Lady Smoke** by Laura Sebastian

A sequel to Ash Princess finds an escaped Theo working to build an army to free her enslaved people from the murderous Kaiser, an effort that requires her to join forces with her pirate aunt and take a husband. First

book: Ash Princess. Two books as of 2019.



## **Impostors** by Scott Westerfeld

Frey disguised as her twin sister, Rafi, is sent as collateral in a precarious deal in order to protect Rafi from their father's enemies. Col, the son of a rival leader, begins to suspect that all is not what it seems, with dangerous

consequences. Set in the world of the mega-best-selling *Uglies* series. Book two released September 2019: *Shatter City*.



#### The Seeds of America Trilogy

by Laurie Halse Anderson

A Revolutionary War era epic about three slave children whose fight for freedom is entangled with America's battle for freedom from Great Britain. Three books as of 2019. Final book published 2017.



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#### The Golden Tower by Holly Black & Cassandra Clare

This is the final installment in the best-selling series that began with The Iron Trial. Callum Hunt and his friends prepare for an ultimate showdown against the evil Constantine in the magical world of the Magisterium. First book: *The Iron* 

Trial. Five books as of 2019.



## Wrath of the Dragon King by Brandon Mull

Seth and Kendra, newly appointed caretakers of Wyrmroost, soon find themselves in a fight for their lives when the dragons, led by Celebrant, rebel. First book: *Dragonwatch*. Book three will be released October 2019: *Master of the Phantom Isle*.



## **Still Me** by Jojo Moyes

Louisa Clark arrives in New York to start a new life and a long-distance relationship with Ambulance Sam while working for the super-wealthy Gopniks. First book: *Me Before* You. Three books as of 2019.



## The Hive Queen by Tui Sutherland

Rendered fugitives after stealing the Book of Clearsight, the SilkWings race to prevent a LeafWing attack while Cricket struggles to stay hidden and uncover the queen's deadly secret. First book: The Dragonet Prophecy. Twelve books as of 2019.



### The Queen's Rising by Rebecca Ross

Wanting nothing more than to master her creative abilities and be chosen by a patron, 17-year-old Brienna of the southern kingdom of Valenia is rejected by all except a disgraced lord, whose big plans for her future embroil her in a dangerous plot to overthrow the

king and restore a rightful ruler. Two books as of 2019.

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## The Wonderful World of Oz (1900)

#### by L. Frank Baum

The adventures of a young girl from Kansas, her dog, and her friends -the Cowardly Lion, the Tin Woodsman, and the Scarecrow-in the magical land of Oz.



## A String In the Harp (1976) by Nancy Bond

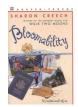
Relates what happens to three American children, unwillingly transplanted to Wales for one year, when one of them finds an ancient harp-tuning key that takes him back to the time of the great

sixth-century bard Taliesin.



#### My Brother Sam Is Dead (1974) by James Lincoln Collier

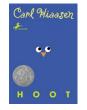
When Sam Meeker leaves his home in Redding, Connecticut, a town loyal to the king, to fight with the rebel army, he places his family in a very difficult position.



#### Bloomability (1998) by Sharon Creech

Poor Dinnie Doone finds herself moving constantly as her family searches for new work, yet when she is relocated to Switzerland, she fears the new culture and so must find a way to cope by

staying connected to things familiar to her.



#### Hoot (2002) by Carl Hiaasen

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.



## The Midwife's Apprentice (1995)

#### by Karen Cushman

In a small village in medieval England, a young homeless girl acquires a home and a new career when she becomes the apprentice to a sharp-tempered

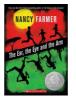
midwife.



## The Hound of the Baskervilles (1902)

#### by Arthur Conan Doyle

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's classic Sherlock Holmes mystery, "The Hound of the Baskervilles," about a legendary monster that haunts the moor.



## The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm (1994)

#### by Nancy Farmer

In 2194 in Zimbabwe, General Matsika's three children are kidnapped and put to work in a plastic mine while three mutant detectives use their special powers to

search for them.



## The Slave Dancer: A Novel (1973)

#### by Paula Fox

Kidnapped by the crew of an Africabound ship, a thirteen-year-old boy discovers to his horror that he is on a slaver and his job is to play music for the

exercise periods of the human cargo.



## The Story of My Life (1903) by Helen Keller

Helen Keller's personal reflections and correspondence reveal her relationship with her beloved teacher, Annie Sullivan, and the problems and obstacles she encountered as she struggled to

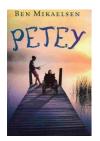
overcome her handicaps.

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#### Petey (1998) by Ben Mikaelsen

In 1922, Petey, who has cerebral palsy, is misdiagnosed as an idiot and institutionalized; sixty years later, after he is moved to a nursing home, he befriends a boy and shares with him the joy of life.



## The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood (1883) by Howard Pyle

Follws Robin Hood as he becomes an outlawed after a conflict with foresters and through his many adventures and run-ins with the law.



## The Red Pony (1933) by John Steinbeck

Traces a boy's journey into manhood after his father gives him a pony to train and care for.



## The Hobbit, or, There and Back Again (1937) by J. R. R. Tolkien

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.



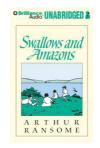
#### Homeless Bird (2000) by Gloria Whelan

When thirteen-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage, she must either suffer a destiny dictated by India's tradition or find the courage to oppose it.



#### **Z for Zachariah (c1975)** by Robert C O'Brien

Believing herself to be the only survivor of a nuclear war, Ann Burden greets a wandering stranger with excitement and suspicion.



### Swallows and Amazons (1930)

#### by Arthur Ransome

Embarking on an island adventure in England's 1930s Lake District, four children are besieged by Amazonian pirates who claim ownership of the land before declaring a truce and beginning a string of wild shared

escapades of fishing, exploring and camping under open skies.



## Treasure Island (1883) by Robert Louis Stevenson

While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map that could lead them to a pirate's fortune.



## 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (1869)

by Jules Verne

Professor Aronnax and his two companions, trapped aboard a fantastic submarine as prisoners of the deranged Captain Nemo, come face to face with exotic ocean creatures and

strange sights hidden from the world above.

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