Any collection of fairy tales (Grimm, Andersen, Perrault) or folk tales or fables (Aesop) or myths (Greek, Roman, Norse, etc.)

ADVENTURE

Bell, Ted.  
Twelve-year-old Nick McIver tries to help his father and sister send vital information to England about imminent Nazi invasion, until he finds himself transported through time to help his ancestor stop a mutinous captain who is aiding the French fleet and endangering British sailors.

Hartinger, Brent.  
When their fathers insist that they get summer jobs, three fifteen-year-old friends in Tacoma, Washington, dedicate their summer vacation to fooling their parents into thinking that they are working, which proves to be even harder than having real jobs would have been.

Hobbs, Will.  
When news of the discovery of gold in Canada's Yukon Territory in 1897 reaches fifteen-year-old Jason, he embarks on a 10,000-mile journey to strike it rich.

Horowitz, Anthony.*  
After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

Rollins, James  
Connecticut middle-schooler Jake and his older sister Kady are transported by a Mayan artifact to a strange world inhabited by a mix of people from long-lost civilizations who are threatened by prehistoric creatures and an evil alchemist, the Skull King.

Salisbury, Graham.  
In 1975, eleven Boy Scouts, their leaders, and some new friends camping at Halape, Hawaii, find their survival skills put to the test when a massive earthquake strikes, followed by a tsunami.

BIOGRAPHY

Barakat, Ibtisam  
The writer recounts her childhood in her war-torn country of Palestine in this touching memoir which begins with the Six-Day War and continues with its aftermath, and years of hardship she and her family experience as a result.

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Gies, Miep.  
   The story of quiet personal courage by the woman who hid the Frank family and retrieved Anne's diary so that the world would never forget.

Fleming, Candace.  
   Traces the life of female aviator Amelia Earhart from her childhood to her final flight, discusses the extensive search for her and her missing plane, and includes photographs, maps, handwritten notes by Amelia, and sidebars.

O'Grady, Scott.  
   The true story of F-16 fighter pilot Scott O'Grady on a mission over Bosnia who was shot down and survived in enemy territory until his daring rescue.

**CLASSIC**

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.

Alcott, Louisa May.*  
Little Women; or Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy. --Cleveland, New York: World, [1946] 537 p.
   The story of the warm and vivacious March family and their four daughters as they grow into young ladies in the 19th century New England.

Alexander, Lloyd.  
   In this finale to the chronicles of Prydian, the whole land is the stage for the ultimate clash between the forces of good and evil.

Armstrong, William Howard.  
   Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young black boy grows in courage and understanding with the help of the devoted dog, Sounder, and an old man who teaches him how to read.

Avi.*  
   As the lone young lady on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, Charlotte learns that the captain is murderous and the crew rebellious.

Le Guin, Ursula K.*  
   A boy grows to manhood while attempting to subdue the evil he unleashed on the world when he was an apprentice to the Master Wizard.

Paterson, Katherine.*  

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The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.

Speare, Elizabeth George.
   Puritan neighbors are suspicious of Kit when she befriends an older Quaker woman accused of witchcraft.

Tolkien, J.R.R.*
   The first book of the famous fantasy trilogy featuring the Hobbit, Frodo, in his quest for the ring. The discovery of the One Ring ignites the great war between good and evil in Middle-earth, as a courageous group of adventurers embarks on a perilous quest to destroy the dangerous artifact.

FANTASY

Gaiman, Neil.
   The orphan Bod, short for Nobody, is taken in by the inhabitants of a graveyard as a child of eighteen months and raised lovingly and carefully to the age of eighteen years by the community of ghosts and otherworldly creatures.

Jacques, Brian.*
   The peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny. Matthias, a young mouse, is determined to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.

L'Engle, Madeleine.*
   During the summer her grandfather is dying of leukemia and death seems all around, 15 year-old Vicky finds comfort with the pod of dolphins with which she has been doing research.

Le Guin, Ursula K.*
   A boy grows to manhood while attempting to subdue the evil he unleashed on the world when he was an apprentice to the Master Wizard.

Lowry, Lois*
   While learning to bestow dreams, a young dream giver tries to save an eight-year-old boy from the effects of both his abusive past and the nightmares inflicted on him by the frightening Sinisteeds.

McKinley, Robin.*
   Aerin, with the guidance of the wizard Luthe and the help of the blue sword, wins the birthright due her as the daughter of the Damarian king and a witchwoman of the mysterious, demon-haunted North.

Paver, Michelle.*
   (The chronicles of ancient darkness ; - bk. 1)
   6,000 years in the past, twelve-year-old Tarak and his guide, a wolf cub, set out on a dangerous journey to fulfill

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an oath the boy made to his dying father—to travel to the Mountain of the World Spirit seeking a way to destroy a demon-possessed bear that threatens all the clans.

Pullman, Philip.*
Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.

Riordan, Rick.*
(Percy Jackson & the Olympians ; bk. 1)
After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

Stephens, John.
Kate, Michael, and Emma have passed from one orphanage to another in the ten years since their parents disappeared to protect them, but now they learn that they have special powers—and a fearsome enemy—and embark on a prophesied quest to find a magical book.

**A "graphic novel" is a stand-alone story in comic book form published as a book.**
If carefully selected, graphic novels can be challenging for they require the reader to interpret symbols instead of words for comprehension.

HISTORICAL FICTION

Anderson, Laurie Hals.
In 1793 Philadelphia, 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.

Bell, Ted.
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imminent Nazi invasion, until he finds himself transported through time to help his ancestor stop a mutinous captain who is aiding the French fleet and endangering British sailors.


In 1968, with the Vietnam War raging, thirteen-year-old Lyza inherits a project from her deceased grandfather, who had been using his knowledge of maps and the geography of Lyza's New Jersey hometown to locate the lost treasure of Captain Kidd.

Collier, James Lincoln.* Newbery Honor


Recounts the tragedy that strikes the Meeker family during the Revolution when one son joins the rebel forces while the rest of the family tries to stay neutral in a Tory town.

Curtis, Christopher Paul.* Newbery Medal


Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father -- the renowned bandleader, H. E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

DeFelice, Cynthia C.*


Alone in the frontier wilderness in the winter of 1839 while his father is recovering from an injury, eleven-year-old Nathan runs afoul of the renegade killer known as Weasel and makes a surprising discovery about the concept of revenge.

Holm, Jennifer L. Newbery Honor


As the only girl in a Finnish American family of seven brothers, May Amelia Jacksonresents being expected to act like a lady while growing up in Washington state in 1899.

Kadohata, Cynthia


A young soldier in Vietnam bonds with his bomb-sniffing dog.

Rinaldi, Ann.*


In 1542, nine-year-old Lady Elizabeth lives on an estate near London, striving to get back into the good graces of her father, King Henry VIII, and as the years pass she faces his death and those of other close relatives until she finds herself next in line to ascend the throne of England in 1558.

Schmidt, Gary


During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in.

Selznick, Brian*


When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in

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1931, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

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

**Mystery**

Broach, Elise.
After Marvin, a beetle, makes a miniature drawing as an eleventh birthday gift for James, a human with whom he shares a house, the two new friends work together to help recover a Durer drawing stolen from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Bryant, Jen.
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Duncan, Lois.*
Four teen-agers who have desperately tried to conceal their responsibility for a hit-and-run accident are pursued by a mystery figure seeking revenge.

Feinstein, John.*
*The Rivalry: Mystery at the Army-Navy Game*. New York : Knopf, c2010. 266 p. ; 22 cm
Teen sportswriters Stevie Thomas and Susan Carol Anderson are assigned to cover the football game between long time rivalries Army and Navy, and, after noticing the actions of secret service agents, they begin to suspect that the president, who is going to attend the event, is in danger.

O'Dell, Kathleen.
In late nineteenth-century Maine, isolated, eleven-year-old Clara Dooley gains a friend and uncovers a magical secret that changes her life when she learns to care for the once-feared birds in the aviary attached to the Glendoveer mansion where she lives.

Runholt, Susan.
While traveling in London, Paris, and Amsterdam, fourteen-year-old best friends Kari and Lucas solve an international art forgery mystery.

Stewart, Trenton Lee*.
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.

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**SCIENCE FICTION**

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Twelve-year-old Nick McIver tries to help his father and sister send vital information to England about imminent Nazi invasion, until he finds himself transported through time to help his ancestor stop a mutinous captain who is aiding the French fleet and endangering British sailors.

Card, Orson Scott, 1951  
After the Earth is twice attacked by aliens, the world government begins breeding military geniuses, one of whom is Ender Wiggin.

Clements, Andrew.  
When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend Alicia try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.

Patterson, James.  
After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "birdkids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.

Rollins, James.  
Connecticut middle-schooler Jake and his older sister Kady are transported by a Mayan artifact to a strange world inhabited by a mix of people from long-lost civilizations who are threatened by prehistoric creatures and an evil alchemist, the Skull King.

**REALISTIC FICTION**

Cooney, Caroline B.*  
When a girl she had met at an inner-city church is murdered, fifteen-year-old Macey channels her grief into a school project that leads her to uncover prejudice she had not imagined in her grandparents and their wealthy Connecticut community.

Freitas, Donna.  
While regularly petitioning the Vatican to make her the first living saint, fifteen-year-old Antonia Labella prays to assorted patron saints for everything from help with preparing the family's fig trees for a Rhode Island winter to getting her first kiss from the right boy.

Frost, Helen  
In a remote area of Alaska, twelve-year-old Willow helps her father with their sled dogs when she is not at school, wishing she were more popular, all the while unaware that the animals surrounding her carry the spirits of dead ancestors and friends who care for her.

Mass, Wendy  
Just before his thirteenth birthday, Jeremy Fink receives a keyless locked box--set aside by his father before his death five years earlier--that purportedly contains the meaning of life.

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Myers, Walter Dean.*
   After reluctantly taking on the leadership of the Harlem gang, the Scorpions, Jamal finds that his enemies treat him with respect when he acquires a gun--until a tragedy occurs.

Naidoo, Beverley.
   Smuggled out of Nigeria after their mother's murder, Sade and her younger brother are abandoned in London when their uncle fails to meet them at the airport and they are fearful of their new surroundings and of what may happened to their journalist father back in Nigeria.

Nye, Naomi Shihab.
   When fourteen-year-old Liyanne Abboud, her younger brother, and her parents moved from St. Louis to a new home between Jerusalem and the Palestinian village where her father was born, they face many changes and must deal with the tensions between Jews and Palestinians.

Paulsen, Gary.*
   A fourteen-year-old Eskimo boy who feels assailed by the modernity of life takes a 1400-mile journey by dog sled across ice, tundra, and mountains seeking his own 'song' of himself.

Ryan, Pam Muoz.
   When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father.

Sha'ban, Mervet Akram.
   Contains the correspondence between two girls, one an Israeli and the other a Palestinian, from August 1988 until their meeting in October 1991. Includes a brief history of their two peoples.

Spinelli, Jerry.
   After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.

Spinelli, Jerry.
Smiles to Go. -- New York : Joanna Cotler Books, c2008 1st ed. 248 p. ; 20 cm.
   Will Tuppence's life has always been ruled by science and common sense but in ninth grade, shaken up by the discovery that protons decay, he begins to see the entire world differently and gains new perspective on his relationships with his little sister and two closest friends.

Wynne-Jones, Tim.
   A collection of short stories in which Canadian young people interact with the eccentric and vivid figures of their communities, schools, and families.

NON – FICTION BOOKS

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On January 30, 1933 Adolf Hitler was appointed chancellor of Germany, thanks largely to the efforts of the Hitler Youth, whose organized propaganda marches throughout Germany helped the Nazi Party grow in strength. By 1939, it is estimated that more than seven million boys and girls belonged to the Hitler Youth.


The true story of Phineas Gage, whose brain had been pierced by an iron rod in 1848, and who survived and became a case study in how the brain functions.


Uses first-hand accounts of family members, friends, and colleagues to describe the similarities and differences between brothers Edwin Booth, the actor, and John Wilkes Booth, President Lincoln's assassin.


Provides an account of the yellow fever epidemic that swept through Philadelphia in 1793 discussing the chaos that erupted when people began evacuating in droves, leaving the city without government, goods, or services, and examining efforts by physicians, the Free African Society, and others to cure and care for the sick.


Recalls the sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis at the end of World War II, the navy cover-up and unfair court martial of the ship's captain, and how a young boy helped the survivors set the record straight fifty-five years later.

O'Grady, Scott. **Basher Five-two.** --Doubleday, c1997

The true story of F-16 fighter pilot Scott O'Grady on a mission over Bosnia who was shot down and survived in enemy territory until his daring rescue.


Adapted for young people from *In The Heart Of The Sea* by Nathaniel Philbrick"--T.p. verso.

Recounts the 1820 sinking of the whaleship "Essex" by an enraged sperm whale and how the crew of young men survived against impossible odds. Based on the author's adult book "In the Heart of the Sea."

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