

Fantasy, Dystopia, & Science Fiction

***Ender's Game* series by Orson Scott Card**

Ender Wiggin becomes the leader of a troop of children who set out to destroy an alien species on another planet. Future adventures are detailed in the rest of the books in this series.

***Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline**

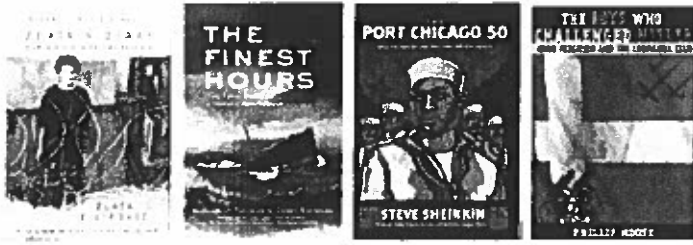
In the year 2044, reality is an ugly place. Imagine if Willie Wonka had been a videogame designer. Now imagine a world in which most people spend their time as avatars in a virtual reality. The founder of this virtual reality leaves his fortune to the first to win a contest, comprised of puzzles and tasks based on 1980s popular culture. Three teens compete to win against an evil conglomerate.

***City of Ember (Books of Ember series)* by Jeanne Duprau**

In the year 241, 12-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions. Continue following the future adventures in the rest of the this 4-part series.

***Raven's Gate (Gatekeepers series)* by Anthony Horowitz**

As punishment for a crime he didn't really commit, Matt, a troubled 14-year-old, was given a choice: go to jail or go live with an old woman named Mrs. Deverill, in a remote town called Lesser Malling. He should have chosen jail. This series progresses with adventure and danger.



Non-Fiction + Biographies

***Zlata's Diary* by Zlata Filipovic**

This book begins as the day-to-day record of the life of a typical eleven-year-old girl, preoccupied by piano lessons and birthday parties. But as war engulfs Sarajevo, Zlata Filipovic becomes a witness to food shortages and the deaths of friends, and learns to wait out bombardments in a neighbor's cellar.

***The Finest Hours : The True Story of a Heroic Sea Rescue* by Mike Tougias**

On the night of February 18, 1952, during one of the worst winter storms that New England has ever seen, two oil tankers just off the shore of Cape Cod were torn in half by the force of the storm. This is the story of the harrowing Coast Guard rescue on how four men in a tiny boat overcame insurmountable odds to save more than 30 stranded sailors in the middle of a Nor'easter.

***The Port Chicago 50 : Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights* by Steve Sheinkin**

Award-winning author Steve Sheinkin describes the story of the fifty black sailors who refused to work in unsafe and unfair conditions after an explosion in Port Chicago killed 320 servicemen, and how the incident influenced civil rights.

***The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and The Churchill Club* by Phillip Hoose**

At the outset of World War II, Denmark did not resist German occupation. Deeply ashamed of his nation's leaders, fifteen-year-old Knud Pedersen resolved with his brother and a handful of schoolmates to take action against the Nazis if the adults would not.



Action, Adventure, and Mystery

The Recruit (Bodyguard series) by Chris Bradford

Teenage kickboxing champion Connor Reeves is determined to do his father, a former special forces soldier, proud. Recruited into the ranks of a top-secret young bodyguard squad known as Guardian, Connor trains in surveillance, anti-ambush exercises, hostage survival and unarmed combat.

Murder in Mesopotamia- a Hercule Poirot mystery by Agatha Christie

Amy Leatheram has never felt the lure of the mysterious East, but when she travels to an ancient site deep in the Iraqi desert to nurse the wife of a celebrated archaeologist, events prove stranger than she could ever have imagined. With one spot of blood as his only clue, Hercule Poirot must embark on a journey not just across the desert, but into the darkest crevices of the human soul to unravel a mystery which taxes even his remarkable powers.

Peter and the Starcatchers series by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson

At sea, unwittingly heading toward a perilous fate in a cruel king's court, Peter and a group of fellow orphans become involved in a plot to steal a mysterious star substance that can make people fly. Teenager Molly, also aboard ship, is one of the Starcatchers, those who want to preserve the integrity of the substance and save it from falling into the wrong hands.

Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson

After severely injuring Peter Driscall in an empty parking lot, mischief-maker Cole Matthews is in major trouble. But instead of jail time, Cole is given another option: attend Circle Justice, an alternative program that sends juvenile offenders to a remote Alaskan Island to focus on changing their ways. Desperate to avoid prison, Cole fakes humility and agrees to go.

Sunrise Over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers

In this sequel to *Fallen Angels*, the young soldiers of the Civil Affairs Battalion are given the task of stabilizing and securing Iraq, but are sometimes caught in the crossfire. A realistic portrayal of the heroics and horrors of war.



Sports

Gutsy Girls: Women Who Dare by Tina Schwager and Michelle Schuerger

Exciting, inspiring first-person stories of 25 young women. They describe their daring feats, from extreme sports to groundbreaking achievements. The book includes resources, activities, and advice on how readers can build their confidence, set goals, and get in shape to strive for their personal best.

Twelve Mighty Orphans by Jim Dent

In this true account, the author tells the story of coach Rusty Russell and how he molded a group of orphans from Fort Worth, Texas, into one of the toughest football teams in the state. The Mighty Mites, as they came to be known, reached the Texas state semifinals three times and the championship once.))((

Gold Dust by Chris Lynch

A story about Boston, Fenway Park, Red Sox legends Fred Lynn and Jim Rice, and Richard Riley Moncreif, who hopes to be the next baseball star.

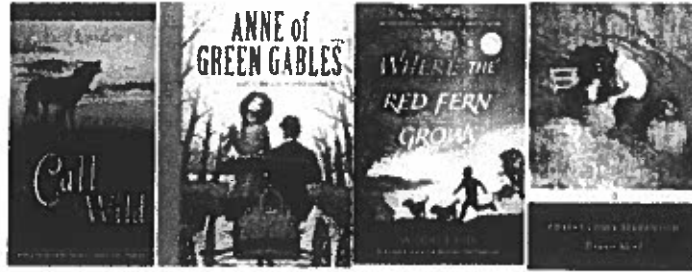
Breakaway by Andrea Montalbano

Seventh-grade soccer star Lily James learns hard lessons about teammates and team playing when ball-hogging earns her a two-game suspension at the same time that an angry, impulsive gesture leads to hours of washing dishes and windows in her father's restaurant. Friendship issues, class differences, and the tensions of an extended family in a small house all play a part in this coming-of-age story, but its central concern is soccer.

Ball Don't Lie by Matt de la Pena

Sticky is a foster kid with nowhere to call home but the street. He's a white boy living and playing in a world where he doesn't seem to belong. But Sticky can ball. And basketball might just be his ticket out . . .

Classics



Call of the Wild by Jack London

Buck, a dog that has been forced into the harsh life of a sled dog, befriends a man seeking his fortune in the Klondike gold fields, and must ultimately decide whether to stay with his master or obey his instinct to join the wolves.

Anne of Green Gables series by Lucy M. Montgomery

Eleven-year old Anne is a feisty young girl who must find a way to win the right to stay at Green Gables. Her adventurous spirit leads her through many mishaps and growing experiences. Each book in the series shows her progression.

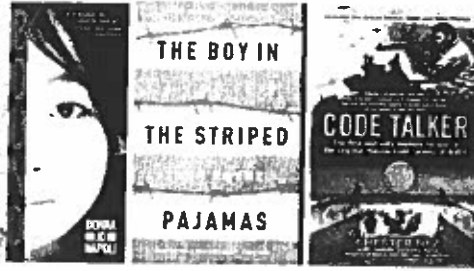
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

A great tale of true grit, determination, hard work, and the idea that all things are possible if you set yourself to the task.

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

A beloved classic about pirates, buried treasure, and buccaneers.

Historical Fiction



Fever, 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

During the summer of 1793, fever breaks out in Philadelphia. Fourteen-year-old Mattie Cook, who lives with her mother and grandfather at the coffee shop they own, is forced to flee the city to avoid the sickness. She encounters problems along the way, and is forced to make some grown-up decisions to save her family and the business.

Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

Bored and lonely after his family moves, in 1942, from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in Poland, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence. Through the eyes of an innocent nine-year-old boy named Bruno, readers become complicit bystanders, observing some of the horrors of the Holocaust.

Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War Two by Joseph Bruchac

After being taught in boarding school that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.