

HILLSIDE SCHOOL SUMMER READING LIST 2010

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** You may select other novels by this author

STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 5

Required: No Talking Andrew Clements **

The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.

Choose two *additional* books from the following list:

Al Capone Does My Shirts Gennifer Choldenko (*Newbery Honor book*) *

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

Ancient Egypt: An Interactive History Adventure Heather Adamson *

Jump into a life from long ago! YOU CHOOSE who to be, where to go, and what to do. Will you succeed? Will you fail? Will you even survive? It's up to you!

Because of Winn Dixie Kate KiCamillo (*Newbery Honor book*) **

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

Bone Jeff Smith *

The adventure starts when cousins Fone Bone, Phoney Bone, and Smiley Bone are run out of Boneville and later get separated and lost in the wilderness, meeting monsters and making friends as they attempt to return home.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Roald Dahl */**

Trustworthy, kind, and poor Charlie Bucket, the hero of the story, and greedy Augustus Gloop, spoiled Veruca Salt, gum-chewing Violet Beauregarde, and TV-addict Mike Teavee have amazing adventures in a chocolate factory.

Dragonwings Lawrence Yep **

In the early 20th century, a young Chinese boy joins his father in San Francisco and helps him realize his dream of making a flying machine.

Eleven Patricia Reilly Giff

When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, it brings forth memories from his past, and, with the help of a new friend at school and the castle they are building for a school project, his questions are eventually answered.

Ginger Pye Eleanore Estes (1952 *Newbery Medal*) */**

When the Pye family's puppy, Ginger, disappears on Thanksgiving Day, the children are convinced that he has been abducted by a stranger in a yellow hat.

Half-Moon Investigations Eoin Colfer **

Twelve-year-old Fletcher Moon, nicknamed "Half-Moon" because of his shortness, must track down a conspiracy or be framed for a crime he did not commit.

The Kid Who Only Hit Homers Matt Christopher **

A boy becomes a phenomenal baseball player one summer when a mysterious stranger resembling Babe Ruth befriends him.

The Lawn Boy Gary Paulsen **

Things get out of hand for a twelve-year-old boy when a neighbor convinces him to expand his summer lawn mowing business.

The Liberation of Gabriel King K.L. Going

Small for his age, Gabriel, 10, is scared of the bullies in his all-white trailer park in small-town Georgia in 1976. His tough best friend, Frita, helps him to overcome his fear, and he's able to stand with her when the Klan threatens.

The Man Who Made Time Travel Kathryn Lasky

Describes the need for sailors to be able to determine their position at sea and the efforts of John Harrison, an 18th century man who spent his life refining instruments to enable them to do this.

The Midnight Fox Betsy Byars **

Tom dislikes spending the summer on his aunt's farm until he discovers a black fox in the forest and tracks her to her den.

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH Robert C. O'Brien (1972 *Newbery medal*) *

Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise and long lived.

Niagara Falls, or Does It? Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver *

Fourth-graders Hank, Ashley, and Frankie are excitedly preparing for a magic show at the Rock 'N Bowl when Hank's creative alternative to an English essay lands him in detention and grounded the week of the show.

Shiloh Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (1992 *Newbery medal*) **

When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.

Silverwing Kenneth Oppel */**

When a newborn bat named Shade but sometimes called "Runt" becomes separated from his colony during migration, he grows in ways that prepare him for even greater journeys.

Souder William Armstrong (1970 *Newbery medal*)

Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young boy grows in courage and understanding by learning to read with the help of the devoted Souder.

Spider Boy Ralph Fletcher

After moving to another state, seventh-grader Bobby deals with the change by telling people at school made-up stories and then retreating into his world of pet spiders and books about spiders.

The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread Kate DiCamillo (2004 *Newbery Medal*) **

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

There's A Boy in the Girl's Bathroom Louis Sachar **

An unmanageable but lovable eleven-year-old misfit learns to believe in himself when he gets to know the new school counselor, who is a sort of misfit, too.

When Marian Sang Pam Munoz

An introduction to the life of Marian Anderson, extraordinary singer and civil rights activist, who was the first African American to perform at the Metropolitan Opera, whose life and career encouraged social change.

The Whipping Boy Sid Fleischman (1987 *Newbery medal*) **

A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws.

Whittington Alan W. Armstrong

Whittington, a feline descendant of Dick Whittington's famous cat of English folklore, appears at a rundown barnyard plagued by rats and restores harmony while telling his ancestor's story.

STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 6

Required: From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler E.L. Konigsburg (1968 Newbery Medal) **

A girl and her brother run away from home and take up residence at the Metropolitan Museum of Art where they come across a beautiful and mysterious statue. Determined to discover its maker, they have to sort through the statue's owners mixed-up files.

Choose two *additional* books from the following list:

20,000 Leagues under the Sea Jules Verne

In the mid-19th century, a French professor 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.

Bearstone Will Hobbs */**

A troubled Indian boy goes to live with an elderly rancher whose caring ways help the boy become a man.

Bud, Not Buddy Christopher Paul Curtis (2000 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.

Chasing Vermeer Blue Balliett *

When strange and seemingly unrelated events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, 11-year-old Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal.

Crash Jerry Spinelli **

Seventh-grader John "Crash" Coogan has always been comfortable with his tough, aggressive behavior, until his relationship with an unusual Quaker boy and his grandfather's stroke make him consider the meaning of friendship and family.

Crispin: The Cross of Lead Avi (2003 Newbery Medal) **

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in 14th-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.

Dogsong Gary Paulsen **

A fourteen-year-old Eskimo boy who feels at odds with aspects of modern life takes a 1400- mile journey by dog sled across ice, tundra, and mountains seeking his own "song" of himself.

Escape! : The Story of the Great Houdini Sid Fleischman **

A biography of the magician, ghost chaser, aviator, and king of escape artists whose amazing feats are remembered long after his death in 1926.

Gadget Paul Zindel

In 1945, having joined his father at Los Alamos, where he and other scientists are working on a secret project to end World War II, thirteen-year-old Stephen becomes caught in a web of secrecy and intrigue.

The Graveyard Book Neil Gaiman (*Newbery medal 2009*)

Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard.

Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key Jack Gantos **

To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription medications wear off and he starts getting worked up and acting weird.

Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy Gary D. Schmidt (*Newbery Honor Book/Printz honor book*)

In 1911, Turner Buckminster hates his new home of Phippsburg, Maine, but things improve when he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin, a girl from a poor, nearby island community founded by former slaves that the town fathers – and Turner's—want to change into a tourist spot.

Locomotion Jacqueline Woodson **

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

Midnight for Charlie Bone Jenny Nimmo *

Charlie Bone's life with his widowed mother and two grandmothers undergoes a dramatic change when he discovers that he can hear people in photographs talking.

The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg Rodman Philbrick (*Newbery Honor Book*) **

Twelve-year-old Homer, a poor but clever orphan, has extraordinary adventures after running away from his evil uncle to rescue his brother, who has been sold into service in the Civil War.

The Mysterious Benedict Society Trenton Lee Stewart *

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.

Number the Stars Lois Lowry (*1990 Newbery medal*) **

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

On the Wings of Heroes Richard Peck **

A boy in Illinois remembers the home front years of World War II, especially his two heroes—his brother in the Air Force and his father, who fought in the previous war.

Phantom Tollbooth Norton Juster

A journey through a land where Milo learns the importance of words and numbers provides a cure for his boredom.

Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science John Fleischman

The story of Phineas Gage, a railroad construction foreman, who was blasting rock near Cavendish, VT in 1848 when a 13-pound iron rod was shot through his brain. Learn how this man lived for 11 years, 6 months, and 19 days after the accident.

Redwall Brian Jacques *

When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior, which he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.

Schooled Gordon Korman **

Homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Capricorn (Cap) Anderson has never watched television, tasted a pizza, or even heard of a wedgie. But when his grandmother lands in the hospital, Cap is forced to move in with a guidance counselor and attend the local middle school. While Cap knows a lot about tie-dyeing and Zen Buddhism, no education could prepare him for the politics of public school.

A Single Shard Linda Sue Park (*2002 Newbery Medal*)

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.

Through My Eyes Ruby Bridges

Ruby Bridges recounts the story of her involvement, as a six-year-old, in the integration of her school in New Orleans in 1960.

Trouble Don't Last Shelley Pearsall (*Scott O'Dell Award winner*)

Samuel, and eleven-year-old Kentucky slave, and Harrison, the elderly slave who helped raise him, attempt to escape to Canada via the Underground Railroad.

STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 7

Required: So Far from the Bamboo Grove Yoko Kawashima Watkins **

A fictionalized autobiography, in which eleven-year-old Yoko escapes from Korea to Japan with her mother and sister at the end of WWII.

Choose two *additional* books from the following list:

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer Mark Twain **

The adventures of a mischievous young boy and his friends growing up in a Mississippi River town in the 19th century.

Alabama Moon Watt Key (*ALA Best Books for Young Adults*)

After the death of his father, ten-year-old Moon leave their forest shelter home and is sent to an Alabama institution, becoming entangled in the outside world he has never known and making good friends, a relentless enemy, and finally a new life.

Airborn Kenneth Oppel (*Printz honor book*)

Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperon, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.

The Boy Who Dared Susan Campbell Bartoletti

In October 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hubener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people.

Chains Laurie Halse Anderson (*Scott O'Dell Award*)

The story of a thirteen-year-old African-American girl who is sold to a cruel, loyalist family living in New York City at the start of the Revolutionary War. Asked to spy on her owners for the Patriot cause, she is reluctant, until she realizes her loyalty lies with the side that can provide her with freedom.

Eragon Christopher Paolini *

In Aagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon, finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters.

Free Baseball Sue Corbett

Angry with his mother for having too little time for him, eleven-year-old Felix takes advantage of an opportunity to become batboy for a minor league baseball team, hoping to someday be like his father, a famous Cuban outfielder.

George Washington, Spymaster: How the Americans Outspied the British and Won the Revolutionary War Thomas B. Allen **

A biography of Revolutionary War general and first President of the United States, George Washington focusing on his use of spies to gather intelligence that helped the colonies win the war.

Hoot Carl Hiaasen (*Newbery Honor Award*)

Roy, a middle school boy who is the target of a school bully, gets involved in a mysterious case of vandalism and a barefoot boy's commitment to save burrowing owls living on a construction site.

Iron Thunder: The Battle Between the Monitor and the Merrimac: A Civil War Novel Avi **

Tom's job as an assistant to Captain John Ericsson, the inventor of the Monitor, makes him a target of Confederate spies.

Macaroni Boy Katherine Ayres

In Pittsburgh 1933, sixth-grader Mike Costa notices a connection between several strange occurrences, but the only way he can find out the truth about what's happening is to be nice to the class bully.

My Brother Sam is Dead James Lincoln Collier

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.

The Old Man and the Sea Ernest Hemingway (*1953 Pulitzer Prize*)

The story of a Cuban fisherman and his supreme ordeal; a relentless, agonizing battle with a giant marlin far out in the Gulf Stream.

The Outsiders S.E. Hinton */**

The struggle of three brothers to stay together after their parents' death and their quest for identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society.

Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution Ji-li Lang

The story of Ji-li Jiang, a twelve-year-old girl growing up in China in 1966, the year that Chairman Mao launched the Cultural Revolution, and describes the changes that the Revolution brought to her and her family.

Skellig David Almond (*Printz honor book*)

Unhappy about his baby sitter's illness and the chaos of moving into a dilapidated old house, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger who is something like a bird and something like an angel.

Surviving the Applewhites Stephanie S. Tolan

Jake Semple is a notorious. Rumor has it he burned down his old school and got kicked out of every school in his home state. Only one place will take him, and that's a home school run by the Applewhites, a chaotic and hilarious family of artists.

Tangerine Edward Bloor

Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.

The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts Richard Peck **

In rural Indiana in 1904, fifteen-year-old Russell's dreams of quitting school and joining a wheat threshing crew are disrupted when his older sister takes over the teaching at his one-room schoolhouse after mean, old Myrt Arbuckle "hauls off and dies."

Warriors Don't Cry Melba Pattillo Beals

In 1957, Melba Pattillo turned sixteen. That was also the year she became a warrior on the front lines of a civil rights firestorm. Following the landmark 1954 Supreme Court ruling, *Brown v. Board of Education*, Melba was one of nine teenagers chosen to integrate Little Rock's Central High School.

The Westing Game Ellen Raskin (*1979 Newbery Medal*)

The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

Wednesday Wars Gary D. Schmitt (*Newbery Honor Book*) **

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.

When The Legends Die Hal Borland

Betrayed by both the white man and his own people, a Ute Indian tries to obliterate all trace of the heritage of his fathers.

Where the Red Fern Grows Wilson Rawls

A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his own heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.

A Wrinkle in Time Madeleine L'Engle */**

Meg Murray and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 8

Required: The Chocolate War Robert Cormier **

A high school freshman discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join in the school's annual fund raising drive and arousing the wrath of the school bullies.

Choose two *additional* books from the following list:

Across Five Aprils Irene Hunt

Young Jethro Creighton grows from a boy to a man when he is left to take care of the family farm in southern during the difficult years of the Civil War.

Animal Farm George Orwell

In this satire of the Russian Revolution, Manor Farm is transformed into Animal Farm, a democracy proclaiming All Animals Are Created Equal. After totalitarian rule is re-established, the reality becomes But Some Animals Are More Equal Than Others.

The Art of Keeping Cool Janet Taylor Lisle (*Scott O'Dell Award*)

In 1942, Robert and his cousin Elliot uncover long-hidden family secrets while staying in their grandparents' Rhode Island town, where they also become involved with a German artist who is suspected of being a spy.

Carver: A Life in Poems Marilyn Nelson

In a collection of poems, Nelson traces the life of George Washington Carver.

Chasing Lincoln's Killer James L. Swanson

Recounts the escape of John Wilkes Booth and follows the twelve-day search for him.

Fallen Angels Walter Dean Myers **

Seventeen-year-old Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army in the summer of 1967 and spends a devastating year on active duty in Vietnam.

Fever 1793 Laurie Halse Anderson **

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.

Flowers for Algernon Daniel Keyes

Charlie Gordon, who desperately wants to be able to read and write, undergoes a brain operation, which dramatically increases his intelligence. But can his emotional development keep pace with the intellectual?

The Giver Lois Lowry (*1994 Newbery Medal*) **

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy Douglas Adams *

Seconds before Earth is demolished to make way for a galactic freeway, Arthur Dent is plucked off the planet by his friend Ford Prefect, a researcher for the revised edition of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* who, for the last fifteen years, has been posing as an out-of-work actor. Together, this dynamic pair began a journey through space aided by a galaxy full of fellow travelers.

The Hobbit or There and Back Again 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.

The Hunger Games Suzanne Collins *

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

Knights of the Hill Country Tim Tharp

In his senior year, high school star linebacker Hampton Greene finally begins to think for himself and discovers that he might be interested in more than just football.

Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery John Feinstein

After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth graders Stevie and Susan are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game.

Over Sea, Under Stone Susan Cooper (*Award winning series*) */**

Three children on a holiday in Cornwall find an ancient manuscript, which entraps them in the eternal battle between the forces of the Light and the forces of the Dark.

Peak Roland Smith **

Peak is a natural-born climber. When he's apprehended four feet from the top of the Woolworth Building, he's rescued from juvie by his estranged father -- a noted climber specializing in taking the very wealthy up Everest -- and he sees the prospect of making his son the youngest ever to summit the great peak as the surest way of cementing his business success.

Raven's Gate Anthony Horowitz */**

Sent to live in a foster home in a remote Yorkshire village, Matt, a troubled fourteen-year-old English boy, uncovers an evil plot involving witchcraft and the site of an ancient stone circle.

Samurai Shortstop Alan Gratz

While obtaining a Western education at a prestigious Japanese boarding school in 1890, sixteen-year-old Toyo also receives traditional samurai training which has profound effects on both his baseball game and his relationship with his father.

Shakespeare Bats Cleanup Ron Koertge

When a fourteen-year-old baseball player catches mononucleosis, he discovers that keeping a journal and experimenting with poetry not only helps fill the time, it also helps him deal with life, love, and loss.

Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance Jennifer Armstrong

Describes the events of the 1914 Shackleton Antarctic expedition when, after being trapped in a frozen sea for nine months, their ship, Endurance, was finally crushed, forcing Shackleton and his men to make a very long and perilous journey across ice and stormy seas to reach inhabited land.

The Slave Dancer Paula Fox (*1974 Newbery medal*)

Kidnapped by the crew of an Africa-bound 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.

Trouble Begins at 8: A Life of Mark Twain in the Wild, Wild West Sid Fleischman **

The story of a wisecracking adventurer who came of age in the untamed West. A rebel who surprised himself by becoming the most famous American of his time.

Truce: The Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting Jim Murphy **

Describes the Christmas truce that occurred along Western Front trenches in 1914 and features quotations from young men on both sides, a timeline, and additional source material.

When Zachary Beaver Came to Town Kimberly Willis Holt

During the summer of 1971 in a small Texas town, thirteen-year-old Toby and his best friend Cal meet the star of a sideshow act, 600-pound Zachary, the fattest boy in the world.

Zen and the Art of Faking It Jordan Sonnenblick

When thirteen-year-old San Lee moves to a new town and school for the umpteenth time, he is looking for a way to stand out. His knowledge of Zen Buddhism provides the answer--and the need to quickly become a convincing Zen master.

STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 9

Required: The Book Thief Markus Zusak **

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

Choose two *additional* books from the following list:

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian Sherman Alexie (*National Book Award Winner*)

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

All Quiet on the Western Front Erich Maria Remarque

Records the experiences of a group of bewildered young German soldiers fighting and suffering through the barbaric chaos of those last desperate days of the First World War.

The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation: Volume 1: The Pox Party M.T. Anderson *

After escaping a death sentence in the summer of 1775, Octavian and his tutor find shelter but no safe harbor in British-occupied Boston and, persuaded by Lord Dunmore's proclamation offering freedom to slaves who join his counterrevolutionary Royal Ethiopian Regiment, Octavian and his friends soon find themselves engaged in naval raids on the Virginia coastline as the Revolutionary War breaks out in full force.

Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West Dee Alexander Brown

Traces the white man's conquest of the Indians of the American West, emphasizing the causes, events, and effects of the major Indian Wars leading to the symbolic end of Indian freedom at Wounded Knee.

Claudette Colvin Twice Toward Justice Phillip Hoose (*National Book Award Winner 2010, YALSA Award for Excellence in Non-fiction for Young Adults*)

Claudette Colvin was arrested and jailed at the age of fifteen after refusing to relinquish her seat on a bus to a white woman. Interviews with Colvin create a vivid picture of the Montgomery bus boycott.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime Mark Haddon

Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother.

Dean Duffy Randy Powell **

Eighteen-year-old Dean, a former high school baseball star whose future has been ruined by a batting slump and a bad arm, is offered a college baseball scholarship and finds himself uncertain of whether to take it.

Death of a Salesman Arthur Miller

The story of Willy Loman, an aging and failing salesman who makes his living riding on a smile and shoeshine.

The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks E. Lockhart

Sophomore Frankie starts dating senior Matthew Livingston, but when he refuses to talk about the all-male secret society that he and his friends belong to, Frankie infiltrates the society in order to enliven their mediocre pranks.

Ender's Game Orson Scott Card *

Andrew "Ender" Wiggin thinks he is playing computer-simulated war games at the Battle School; in fact, he is engaged in something far more desperate. Ender is the result of decades of genetic experimentation, Earth's attempt to make the military genius that the planet needs in its all-out war with an alien enemy. Ender Wiggin is six years old when his training begins. He will grow up fast. Ender's two older siblings, Peter and Valentine, are every bit as unusual as he is, but in very different ways. Between the three of them lie the abilities to remake a world-if the world survives.

Fahrenheit 451 Ray Bradbury **

Guy Montag, a "fireman" in a futuristic society where he and his coworkers start fires, rather than put them out. Books are banned and burned upon discovery. Montag has no qualms about his responsibility until he meets Clarisse McClellan, a seventeen-year-old Bohemian girl and he starts to wonder if perhaps books aren't so bad.

The Five People You Meet In Heaven Mitch Albom **

Eddie is a wounded war veteran, an old man who has lived, in his mind, an uninspired life. On his 83rd birthday, a tragic accident kills him as he tries to save a little girl from a falling cart. He awakes in the afterlife, where he learns that heaven is not a destination. It's a place where five people explain your life to you. One by one, Eddie's five people illuminate the mysteries of his meaningless life, and reveal the haunting secret behind the eternal question: Why was I here?

Hiroshima John Hersey

Hiroshima is the story of six human beings - a clerk, a widowed seamstress, a physician, a Methodist minister, a young person, and a German Catholic priest - who lived through the greatest single manmade disaster in history.

Hitch Jeanette Ingold

To help his family during the Depression and avoid becoming a drunk like his father, Moss Trawnley joins the Civilian Conservation Corps, helps build a new camp near Monroe, Montana, and leads the other men in making the camp a success.

Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow Susan Campbell Bartoletti (*Newbery Honor Book*)

The story of a generation of German young people who devoted all their energy to the Hitler Youth and the propaganda that brought Hitler his power, and the youths that resisted the Nazi movement.

The House of the Scorpion Nancy Farmer (*Printz Honor Book*) **

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patrón, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mount Everest Disaster John Krakauer

The author describes his spring 1996 trek to Mt. Everest, a disastrous expedition that claimed the lives of eight climbers, and explains why he survived.

Monster Walter Dean Myers (*Michael L. Printz prize winner*) **

While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.

Nation Terry Pratchett **

A vicious storm has ripped away everything that Mau knows, and he now stands as the lone inhabitant of a desert island. However, when her ship flounders, Daphne joins Mau on the island, and the two work towards surviving together. The lessons that follow create a deep bond of understanding between Mau and Daphne, as they synchronously form their own Nation.

Night Elie Wiesel

Night offers a personal and unforgettable account of the appalling horrors of Hitler's reign of terror. Through the eyes of 14-year-old Eliezer, we behold the tragic fate of the Jews from the little town of Sighet. Even as they are stuffed into cattle cars bound for Auschwitz, the townspeople refuse to believe rumors of anti-Semitic atrocities. Not until they are marched toward the blazing crematory at the camp's "reception center" does the terrible truth sink in.

The Schwa Was Here Neal Shusterman

A Brooklyn eighth-grader nicknamed Antsy befriends the Schwa, an "invisible-ish" boy who is tired of blending into his surroundings and going unnoticed by nearly everyone.

A Step from Heaven An Na (*Michael L. Printz prize winner*)

A young girl describes her family's bittersweet experience in the United States after their emigration from Korea. Four years old on the flight to California, Young Ju concludes that America is heaven. But when they arrive, they are weighed down by the difficulty of learning English, their insular family life, and the traditions of the country they left behind.

The Things They Carried Tim O'Brien (*Pulitzer Prize Finalist*)

Presents the stories of the soldiers of Alpha Company in Vietnam and the meaning behind their weapons, letters, diaries, and good-luck charms, which are symbolic possessions that represent survival, lost innocence, and the war's interminable legacy.

Three Cups of Tea Greg Mortenson

In 1993, Greg Mortenson was an American mountain-climbing bum wandering emaciated and lost through Pakistan's Karakoram. After he was taken in and nursed back to health by the people of a Pakistani village, he promised to return one day and build them a school.

Twisted Laurie Halse Anderson **

After finally getting noticed by someone other than school bullies and his ever-angry father, seventeen-year-old Tyler enjoys his tough new reputation and the attention of popular girls, but when life starts to go bad again, he must choose between transforming himself or giving into his destruction thoughts.

note:

Michael L. Printz Award (American Library Association award given for "Excellence in Young Adult Literature")

Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction