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Alexander, Lloyd. The Book of Three

In the first book of the Chronicles of Prydain, Assistant Pig-Keeper Taran goes in search of Hen-Wen and finds adventure and new friends. 770L

Babbitt, Natalie. Tuck Everlasting

The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret. 770L

Banks, Lynne Reid. The Indian in the Cupboard

A nine year-old boy receives a plastic Indian, a cupboard, and a little key for his birthday and finds himself involved in an adventure when the Indian comes to life and befriends him. 780L

Blume, Judy. Tales of a Fourth-Grade

Nothing Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever-increasing problem. 470L

Birdsall, Jeanne. The Penderwicks During their annual summer vacation, four sisters get mixed up with a mysterious local boy who leads them on many adventures. A modern but old-fashioned tale. 800L

Cleary, Beverly. Beezus and Ramona

Beezus worries that she is a terrible person for not loving her naughty little sister--- until her mother and her aunt tell about how things were when they were growing up. 780L

Dahl, Roald. Charlie and the Chocolate

Factory Trustworthy, kind, and poor Charlie Bucket has an amazing adventure in a chocolate factory with greedy Augustus Gloop, spoiled Veruca Salt, gum-chewing Violet Beauregarde, and TV-addict Mike Teavee. 810L

Fitzhugh, Louise. Harriet the Spy

Harriet's ambition to become a writer motivates her to write down in a secret notebook everything she sees, which causes her to get into big trouble when her notebook is found and read aloud by her classmates. 760L

George, Jean Craighead. My Side of the Mountain

Young Sam Gibley spends a winter alone in the Catskills by living off the land. 810L

Henry, Marguerite. Misty of Chincoteague

The determination of two youngsters to own a pony is greatly increased when the Phantom and her colt are among those rounded up for the yearly Chincoteague island auction. 750L

Howe, James. Bunnica

Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny is a vampire. 700L

Juster, Norton. The Phantom Tollbooth

A journey through a land where Milo learns all sorts of things about words and numbers provides a cure for his boredom. 1000L

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

A girl and her younger brother run away from home and hide out in the Metropolitan Museum, where they come across a beautiful statue and must solve a mystery. 700L

L'Engle, Madeleine. A Wrinkle in Time

When a scientist disappears while on a secret mission, his son, daughter and their friend search for him, going on an interplanetary journey through time and space. 740L

Lewis, C.S. The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe

Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and help Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter. 940L

Lindgren, Astrid. Pippi Longstocking

The adventures of a lucky little girl who lives with a horse and a monkey -- but without any parents -- at the edge of a Swedish village. 870L

Lowry, Lois. The Giver

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the Receiver of memories and

discovers the disturbing truth about the society in which he lives. 760L

MacLachlan, Patricia. Sarah, Plain and Tall

When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay. 560L

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. Shiloh

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 who mistreats his animals. 890L

O'Brien, Robert C. Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH

Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse turns to a colony of wise and long-lived rats. 790L
Sequels are by Jane Conly.

O'Dell, Scott. Island of the Blue Dolphins Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island off the coast of California, a young Indian girl spends eighteen years, not only merely surviving through her enormous courage and self-reliance, but also finding a measure of happiness in her solitary life. 1000L

Paterson, Katherine. Bridge to Terabithia The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer and they create a hideaway called Terabithia. 810L

Paulsen, Gary. Hatchet After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet. 1020L

Rowling, J.K. **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** On his 11th birthday, Harry discovers he's enrolled in Hogwarts, a school for wizards! 880L

Speare, Elizabeth George. The Witch of Blackbird Pond In Connecticut in 1687, Kit Tyler, who feels out of place in the Puritan household of her aunt, befriends an old woman considered a witch by the community and suddenly finds herself standing trial for witchcraft. 850L

Taylor, Mildred. Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

A black family living in the South during the 1930's are faced with prejudice and discrimination which their children don't understand. 920L

Taylor, Theodore. The Cay When the freighter on which they are traveling is torpedoed by a German submarine during World War II, a twelve-year-old white boy, blinded by a blow on the head, and an old African American are stranded on a small desert island in the Caribbean. 860L