

BOOKLIST FOR THE SIXTH GRADE

Alexander, Lloyd. [*The Book of Three*](#). (series) (FIC A12736)

Taran, the Assistant Pig Keeper in the mythical kingdom of Prydain, sets out with the warrior Gwydion to save his country from evil.

Almond, David. [*Skellig*](#). (FIC AL684sk)

Unhappy about his baby sister'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.

Avi. [*Beyond the Western Sea*](#). (FIC Av511be)

Driven from their impoverished Irish village, fifteen-year-old Maura and her younger brother meet their landlord's runaway son in Liverpool while all three wait for a ship to America.

Avi. [*The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*](#). (FIC Av511tr)

The Seahawk looms against a darkening sky. Manned by an angry, motley crew at the mercy of a ruthless captain, the ship reeks of despair and mutiny! It is no place for the lone passenger, 13-year-old Charlotte Doyle, yet for her there is no turning back. But from her seemingly powerless position, Charlotte dares to become the center of a deadly voyage that will challenge her courage, her loyalties and her very will to survive.

Babbitt, Natalie. [*Eyes of the Amaryllis*](#). (FIC B1134ey)

When eleven-year-old Jenny goes to stay with her widowed grandmother who lives by the seaside, she learns a great deal about the nature of love and the ways of the sea.

Burnford, Sheila. [*The Incredible Journey*](#). (FIC B93496In)

A Siamese cat, an old bull terrier, and a young Labrador retriever travel together 250 miles through the Canadian wilderness to find their family.

Byars, Betsy. [*The Summer of the Swans*](#). (FIC B9901su)

A teenage girl gains new insight into herself and her family when her mentally handicapped brother gets lost.

Conrad, Pam. [*Prairie Songs*](#). (FIC C7637pr)

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Conrad, Pam. [*Stonewords: a Ghost Story*](#). (FIC C7637sto)

Zoe discovers that her house is occupied by the ghost of an eleven-year-old girl, who carries her back to the day of her death in 1870 to try to alter that tragic event.

Cooper, Susan. [*Over Sea, Under Stone*](#). (series) (FIC C7878ov)

On holiday in Cornwall, the three Drew children discover an ancient map in the attic of the house that they are staying in. They know immediately that it is special. It is even more than that -- the key to finding a grail, a source of power to fight the forces of evil known as the Dark. And in searching for it themselves, the Drews put their very lives in peril.

Coulombis, Audrey. [*Getting Near to Baby*](#). (FIC C8312ge)

Although thirteen-year-old Willa Jo and her Aunt Patty seem to be constantly at odds, staying with her and Uncle Hob helps Willa Jo and her younger sister come to terms with the death of their family's baby.

Creech, Sharon. [*Walk Two Moons*](#). (FIC C8618w)

After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. [*Bud, Not Buddy*](#). (FIC C9413bu)

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.

- Curtis, Christopher Paul.** [*The Watsons Go to Birmingham -- 1963*](#). (FIC C9413wa)
The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.
- Cushman, Karen.** [*Catherine, Called Birdy*](#). (FIC C9595ca)
The thirteen-year-old daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off.
- Erdrich, Louise.** [*The Birchbark House*](#). (FIC Er2931bir)
Omakayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.
- Fleischman, Paul.** [*Seedfolks*](#). (TEEN FIC F62826se)
One by one, a number of people of varying ages and backgrounds transform a trash-filled inner-city lot into a productive and beautiful garden, and in doing so, the gardeners are themselves transformed.
- Fox, Paula.** [*One-Eyed Cat*](#). (FIC F8332on)
An eleven-year-old shoots a stray cat with his new air rifle, subsequently suffers from guilt, and eventually assumes responsibility for it.
- Fox, Paula.** [*Radiance Descending*](#). (FIC F8332ra)
When he sees all the attention which his parents and people in the neighborhood give to Jacob, eleven-year-old Paul struggles with his feelings toward this younger brother who has Down's syndrome.
- Gauthier, Gail.** [*The Hero of Ticonderoga*](#). (FIC G2383he)
When Thâerâese is chosen to do the coveted oral report on Ethan Allen, she learns a great deal about the Vermont hero and also discovers what pleasure she gets from writing and presenting the report.
- George, Jean Craighead.** [*Julie of The Wolves*](#). (series) (FIC G2934j)
While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.
- Giff, Patricia Reilly.** [*Nory Ryan's Song*](#). (FIC G3657no)
When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, twelve-year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity help her family and neighbors survive.
- Giff, Patricia Reilly.** [*Lily's Crossing*](#). (FIC G3657Li)
During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.
- Haddix, Margaret.** [*Just Ella*](#). (FIC H117ju)
In this continuation of the Cinderella story, fifteen-year-old Ella finds that accepting Prince Charming's proposal ensnares her in a suffocating tangle of palace rules and royal etiquette, so she plots to escape.
- Hamilton, Virginia.** [*Cousins*](#). (FIC H1812co)
Cammy loves her family - except for her cousin Patty Ann. Though she knows she shouldn't feel this way, she can't help it. Patty Ann is too perfect to like, too perfect to be a friend. Then one day something terrible happens, something that can't be changed. That's when Cammy learns the truth about Patty Ann, and about family love and forgiveness.
- Hamilton, Virginia.** [*Zeely*](#). (FIC H1812z)
Geeder's summer at her uncle's farm is made special because of her friendship with a very tall, composed woman who raises hogs and who closely resembles the magazine photograph of a Watutsi queen.
- Henkes, Kevin.** [*Sun and Spoon*](#). (FIC H3891su)
After the death of his grandmother, ten-year-old Spoon observes the changes in his grandfather and tries to find the perfect artifact to preserve his memories of her.
- Hesse, Karen.** [*Letters from Rifka*](#). (FIC H463L)
In letters to her cousin, a young Jewish girl chronicles her family's flight from Russia in 1919 and her own experiences when she must be left in Belgium for a while when the others emigrate to America.

Ho, Minfong. [*The Clay Marble*](#). (FIC H6501cL)

After fleeing war-torn Cambodia, 12-year-old Dara is separated from her family when the settlement camp where they are living is attacked.

Holm, Jennifer. [*Our only May Amelia*](#). (FIC H7305o)

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

Holt, Kimberly Willis. [*My Louisiana Sky*](#). (FIC H7425my)

Growing up in Saitter, Louisiana, in the 1950s, twelve-year-old Tiger Ann struggles with her feelings about her stern, but loving grandmother, her mentally slow parents, and her good friend and neighbor, Jesse.

Holt, Kimberly Willis. [*When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*](#). (FIC H7425wh)

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.

Jacques, Brian. [*Redwall*](#). (series) (FIC J1638r)

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.

Johnson, Angela. [*Heaven*](#). (TEEN FIC J631he)

Fourteen-year-old Marley's seemingly perfect life in the small town of Heaven is disrupted when she discovers that her father and mother are not her real parents.

Keller, Beverly. [*Desdemona: Twelve Going on Desperate*](#). (FIC K2813de)

It's one disaster after another as Desdemona Blank tries to make friends at her new junior high, salvage her single-parent father's budding romance, and not think too much about Mike Harbinger, the fifteen-year-old blond school heartthrob.

King-Smith, Dick. [*Spider Sparrow*](#). (FIC K6175sp)

Spider, a baby abandoned on an English farm, grows up to be mentally slower than other children but manifests a remarkable talent for communicating with animals as he comes of age during World War II.

Konigsburg, E.L. [*The View from Saturday*](#). (FIC K8364vi)

Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.

Lawrence, Iain. [*The Wreckers*](#). (series) (FIC I4364w)

Shipwrecked after a vicious storm, fourteen-year-old John Spencer attempts to save his father and himself while also dealing with an evil secret about the English coastal town where they are stranded.

L'Engle, Madeleine. [*A Wrinkle in Time*](#). (series) (FIC L547)

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

Levine, Gail Carson. [*Dave at Night*](#). (FIC L57862da)

When orphaned Dave is sent to the Hebrew Home for Boys where he is treated cruelly, he sneaks out at night and is welcomed into the music- and culture-filled world of the Harlem Renaissance.

Levine, Gail Carson. [*Ella Enchanted*](#). (FIC L57862eL)

In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

Magorian, Michelle. [*Good Night, Mr. Tom*](#). (FIC M2755go)

A battered child learns to embrace life when he is adopted by an old man in the English countryside during the Second World War.

Montgomery, L.M. [*Anne of Green Gables*](#). (series) (FIC M7672ag)

Anne, an 11-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her.

- Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds.** *[The Agony of Alice](#)*. (series) (FIC N2345a)
Disappointed when she's assigned to the homely Mrs. Plotkin's class, Alice McKinley slowly discovers that it's what people are made of inside that really counts.
- Paterson, Katherine.** *[Jacob Have I Loved](#)*. (FIC P2734j)
Feeling deprived all her life of schooling, friends, mother, and even her name by her twin sister, Louise finally begins to find her identity.
- Paterson, Katherine.** *[Jip: His Story](#)*. (FIC P234ji)
While living on a poor Vermont farm during 1855 and 1856, Jip learns his identity and that of his mother, and comes to understand how he arrived at this place.
- Peck, Richard.** *[A Long Way from Chicago; a Novel in Stories](#)*. (FIC P336Lo)
Set during the years 1929-1942, and told in eight engaging episodes, this fresh and funny novel recounts a boy and his sister's annual summer trips to rural Illinois to visit their eccentric grandmother. Grandma Dowdel, a remarkable larger-than-life character, continually astounds her "city-slicker" grandchildren with her nonconformist behavior and her gutsy, take-charge attitude.
- Peck, Richard.** *[A Year Down Yonder](#)*. (FIC P336ye)
In 1937, during the Depression, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice, initially apprehensive about leaving Chicago to spend a year with her fearsome, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois, gradually begins to better understand and admire her grandmother's unusual qualities.
- Perkins, Lynne.** *[All Alone in the Universe](#)*. (FIC P4195aL)
When her best friend since the third grade starts acting as though Debbie doesn't exist, Debbie finds out the hard way that life can be a lonesome place.
- Pierce, Tamora.** *[Circle of Magic](#)*. (series) (FIC P6119)
Four young misfits find themselves living in a strictly disciplined temple community where they become friends and learn to use their powers and talents.
- Rawls, Wilson.** *[Where the Red Fern Grows](#)*. (FIC R1989w)
A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.
- Robinet, Harriette.** *[Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule](#)*. (FIC R5524fo)
Born with a withered leg and hand, Pascal, who is about twelve years old, joins other former slaves in a search for a farm and the freedom which it promises.
- Rowling, J.K.** *[Harry Potter](#)*. (series) (FIC R7978h)
Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Wizards and Witches.
- Sachar, Louis.** *[Holes](#)*. (FIC Sa141ho)
As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.
- Snyder, Zilpha.** *[The Egypt Game](#)*. (FIC Sn929eg)
Two girls turn a deserted lot into an imaginary Egypt where they spend hours enacting rituals, but there are real dangers lurking outside their make-believe world that almost bring their game to a disastrous end.
- Speare, Elizabeth George.** *[The Witch of Blackbird Pond](#)*. (FIC Sp313wi)
Puritan neighbors regard Kit Tyler with suspicion, fear, and anger, when she befriends an old woman accused of witchcraft.
- Staples, Suzanne.** *[Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind](#)*. (FIC St2698sh)
When eleven-year old Shabanu, the daughter of a nomad in the Cholistan Desert of present-day Pakistan, is pledged in marriage to an older man whose money will bring prestige to the family, she must either accept the decision, as is the custom, or risk the consequences of defying her father's wishes.

Staples, Suzanne. [*Haveli*](#). (FIC St2698ha)

Shabanu, now a mother at 18, faces daily challenges to her position in her husband's household, even as she plans for her young daughter's education and uncertain future. Then, during a visit to the haveli, their home in the city of Lahore, Shabanu falls in love with Omar, in spite of traditions that forbid their union.

Taylor, Theodore. [*The Cay*](#). (FIC T2186c)

When the freighter on which they are traveling is torpedoed by a German submarine during World War II, an adolescent white boy, blinded by a blow on the head, and an old black man are stranded on a tiny Caribbean island where the boy acquires a new kind of vision, courage, and love from his old companion.

Taylor, Theodore. [*Timothy of the Cay*](#). (FIC T2186ti)

Having survived being blinded and shipwrecked on a tiny Caribbean island with the old black man Timothy, twelve-year-old white Phillip is rescued and hopes to regain his sight with an operation.

Waugh, Sylvia. [*The Mennyns*](#). (series) (FIC W3579me)

The Mennyns are a family of life sized rag dolls who live in a modest British town. Their forty year long secret threatens to be exposed when a distant relative of their landlord visits from Australia.

Whelan, Gloria. [*Homeless Bird*](#). (FIC W5711ho)

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.

White, Ruth. [*Belle Prater's Boy*](#). (FIC W5854be)

When Woodrow's mother suddenly disappears, he moves to his grandparents' home in a small Virginia town where he befriends his cousin and together they find the strength to face the terrible losses and fears in their lives.

Wrede, Patricia. [*Dealing with Dragons*](#). (series) (FIC W9255de)

A feisty princess with a mind of her own shuns regal training and protocol, preferring to volunteer herself as a dragon's servant and companion.

Yep, Laurence. [*Dragon's Gate*](#). (FIC Y437dsg)

In rural China in 1865, 14-year-old Otter eagerly sails to California to join his father and legendary uncle on the transcontinental railroad. On a freezing, snow-filled mountain in the Sierras, Otter begins his harrowing journey toward self-knowledge.

Yolen, Jane. [*Devil's Arithmetic*](#). (FIC Y784de)

Hannah resents the traditions of her Jewish heritage until time travel places her in the middle of a small Jewish village in Nazi-occupied Poland.