

<i>Title of Selection</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Grade Level</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>12 Ways Your Phone is Changing You</i>	<i>Tony Reinke</i>	9-12	<p>Do You Control Your Phone—Or Does Your Phone Control You?</p> <p>Never more connected, we seem to be growing more distant. Never more efficient, we have never been more distracted.</p> <p>Tony Reinke identifies twelve potent ways our smartphones have changed us—for good and bad. He also calls us to cultivate wise thinking and healthy habits in the digital age, encouraging us to maximize the many blessings, to avoid the various pitfalls, and to wisely wield the most powerful gadget of human connection ever unleashed.</p>
<i>A Voice in the Wind</i>	<i>Francine Rivers</i>	10-12	<p>Hadassah, a young Jewish girl, lives in Jerusalem during its fall to the Roman Empire. After the death of her entire family, Hadassah finds herself as a servant in Rome, living with the wealthy and prominent Valerian family. As a believer in Christ, Hadassah longs to share her faith with the Valerians, but she is afraid of being rejected for her beliefs.</p> <p>Hadassah quickly becomes the personal servant of Julia Valerian, a demanding young girl who seeks temporary pleasures and rebels against the restrictions placed on her by her parents. Instead, Julia engages in a series of troubled relationships, including a love affair with the famous gladiator, Atretes.</p> <p>As Hadassah continues to love and serve Julia, she attracts the attention of the handsome Marcus Valerian. Though she loves Marcus, Hadassah makes the difficult decision to openly follow and profess Christ, even at the risk of being killed in the Roman arena.</p>
<i>A Walk in the Woods</i>	<i>Bill Bryson</i>	9-12	<p>The Appalachian Trail stretches from Georgia to Maine and covers some of the most breathtaking terrain in America. If you're going to take a hike, it's probably the place to go. And Bill Bryson is surely the most entertaining guide you'll find. Here's the history and ecology of the trail and some of the other hardy (or just foolhardy) folks Bryson meets along the way – and a couple of bears. Already a classic, <i>A Walk in the Woods</i> will make you long for the great outdoors (or at least a comfortable chair to sit and read in).</p> <p>“Short of doing it yourself, the best way of escaping into nature is to read a book like <i>A Walk in the Woods</i>.” - The New York Times</p>

<i>Airborn</i>	Kenneth Oppel	9-12	<p>Spyglass to my eye, I slowly swept the heavens....</p> <p>Matt Cruse is the 15-year-old cabin boy aboard the Aurora, the 900-foot luxury airship he has called home for the past two years. While crossing the Pacificus, Matt fearlessly rescues the unconscious pilot of a crippled hot air balloon. Before he dies, the balloonist tells him about the fantastic, impossible creatures he has seen flying through the clouds. Matt dismisses the story as the ravings of a dying man, but when Kate de Vries arrives on the Aurora a year later, determined to prove the story is true, Matt finds himself caught up in her quest. Then one night, over the middle of the ocean, deadly air pirates board the Aurora. Far from any hope of rescue, Kate and Matt are flung into adventures beyond all imagining. . .</p>
<i>April Morning</i>	Howard Fast	7-12	<p>On April 19, 1775, musket shots ring out over Lexington, Massachusetts. As the sun rises over the battlefield, fifteen-year-old Adam Cooper stands among the outmatched patriots, facing a line of British troops.</p> <p>Determined to defend his home and prove his worth to his disapproving father, Cooper is about to embark on the most significant day of his life. The Battle of Lexington and Concord will be the starting point of the American Revolution—and when Cooper becomes a man.</p>
<i>Auggie & Me: 3 Wonder Stories</i>	R.J. Palacio	6 – 8	<p><i>Auggie and Me</i> is a new side to the WONDER story: three new chapters from three different characters - bully Julian, oldest friend Christopher and classmate Charlotte - giving an insight into how Auggie has touched their own lives.” If you liked WONDER, you’ll enjoy this companion book (not a sequel).</p>
<i>Bleachers</i>	John Grisham	6-8	<p>High school All-American Neely Crenshaw was probably the best quarterback ever to play for the legendary Messina Spartans. Fifteen years have gone by since those glory days, and Neely has come home to Messina to bury Coach Eddie Rake, the man who molded the Spartans into an unbeatable football dynasty.</p> <p>As Coach Rake's 'boys' sit in the bleachers waiting for the dimming field lights to signal his passing, they replay the old glories, and try to decide once and for all whether they love Eddie Rake – or hate him. For Neely Crenshaw, still struggling to come to terms with his explosive relationship with the Coach, his dreams of a great career in the NFL, and the choices he made as a young man, the stakes could not be higher.</p>
<i>Book Scavenger</i>	Jennifer Chambliss Bertman	6-8	<p>For twelve-year-old Emily, the best thing about moving to San Francisco is that it's the home city of her literary idol: Garrison Griswold, book publisher and creator of the online sensation Book Scavenger (a game where books are hidden in cities all over the country and clues to find them are revealed through puzzles). Upon her arrival, however, Emily learns that Griswold has been attacked and is now in a coma, and no one knows anything about the epic new game he had been poised to launch. Then Emily and her new friend James discover an odd book, which they come to believe is from Griswold himself, and might contain the only copy of his mysterious new game.</p>

<p><i>Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee</i></p>	<p>Dee Brown</p>	<p>10-12</p>	<p>Stories about the taming of the American West have been told mostly from the perspectives of the Europeans who make up a majority of the U. S. population. In 1970, Dee Brown released this book which tells the stories of some of American west’s most important events from the point of view of the people it most impacted – Native Americans.</p> <p>This book has sold millions and millions of copies and won critical acclaim both in the U. S. and abroad. Well-worth an investment of your time.</p>
<p><i>Class Dismissed</i></p>	<p>Allan Woodrow</p>	<p>6-8</p>	<p>Class 507 is the worst class Ms. Bryce has ever taught. And she would know – she’s been teaching forever. They are so terrible that when a science experiment goes disastrously wrong (again), Ms. Bryce has had it and quits in the middle of the lesson. But through a mix-up, the school office never finds out. Which means....Class 507 is teacher-free!! Can the class keep the principal, the rest of the students, and their parents from finding out...or will the greatest school year ever turn into the worst disaster in school history?</p>
<p><i>Daring to Hope: Finding God’s Goodness in the Broken and the Beautiful</i></p>	<p>Katie Davis Majors</p>	<p>6-12</p>	<p>The second book of <i>Kisses from Katie</i> author, Katie Davis.</p> <p>When Katie Davis Majors moved to Uganda, accidentally founded a booming organization, and later became the mother of thirteen girls through the miracle of adoption, she determined to weave her life together with the people she desired to serve. But joy often gave way to sorrow as she invested her heart fully in walking alongside people in the grip of poverty, addiction, desperation, and disease.</p> <p>After unexpected tragedy shook her family, for the first time Katie began to wonder, <i>Is God really good? Does He really love us?</i> When she turned to Him with her questions, God spoke truth to her heart and drew her even deeper into relationship with Him.</p> <p><i>Daring to Hope</i> is an invitation to cling to the God of the impossible—the God who whispers His love to us in the quiet, in the mundane, when our prayers are not answered the way we want or the miracle doesn’t come. It’s about a mother discovering the extraordinary strength it takes to be ordinary. It’s about choosing faith no matter the circumstance and about encountering God’s goodness in the least expected places.</p>
<p><i>Fish in a Tree</i></p>	<p>Lynda Mullaly Hunt</p>	<p>6-8</p>	<p>Sixth grader Ally Nickerson has always dreaded school. She’s been called “dumb” and “loser” by her fellow students and considered a troublemaker by her teachers. She’s great at math and art but has never let anyone know her darkest secret: she cannot read.</p> <p>Everything changes when she gets a new teacher, Mr. Daniels, and befriends two other misfits at school, Keisha and Albert. Mr. D. realizes that Ally has dyslexia and helps her learn to read and see the value of her creative mind. Her new friends help her realize there’s a lot more to people than first meet the eyes. This is an emotional and uplifting story about celebrating the uniqueness in everyone.</p>

<p><i>For the Glory: The Untold and Inspiring Story of Eric Liddell</i></p>	<p>Duncan Hamilton</p>		<p>There are some historical figures who stand out because of their amazing accomplishments and there are some who stand out because of the depth of their character. There are a select few who stand out for both accomplishment and character, and prominent among them is the Flying Scotsman, Eric Liddell.</p> <p>Liddell accomplished great feats of athleticism, then left behind fame and fortune to pursue a much higher calling in the dangerous mission field of China. He did it all with the highest character, living a life that was very nearly unblemished before it came to an untimely end in a Japanese prison camp.</p>
<p><i>Friday Night Lights</i></p>	<p>H.G. Bissinger</p>	<p>9-12</p>	<p>Odessa, Texas isn't known to be a place big on dreams, but the Permian Panthers help keep the hopes and dreams of this dusty town going. Socially and racially divided, its fragile economy follows the treacherous boom and bust of the oil business. In bad times, the unemployment rate barrels out of control; in good times, its murder rate skyrockets. But every Friday Night from September to December, when the Permian high school Panthers play football, this West Texas town becomes a place where dreams can come true.</p> <p>With frankness and compassion, empathy and brutal honesty, H. G. Bissinger chronicles a season in the life of Odessa and shows how single-minded devotion to the team shapes the community and inspires—and sometimes shatters—the teenagers who wear the Panthers' uniforms. Searing, insightful and one of the most controversial books about sports of all time.</p>
<p><i>Gem & Dixie</i></p>	<p>Sara Zarr</p>	<p>9-12</p>	<p>Gem has never known what it is to have security. She's never known an adult she can truly rely on. But the one constant in her life has been Dixie. Gem grew up taking care of her sister when no one else could: not their mother, whose issues make it hard for her to keep food on the table, and definitely not their father, whose intermittent presence is the only thing worse than his frequent absence. Even as Gem and Dixie have grown apart, they've always had each other.</p> <p>When their dad returns home for the first time in years and tries to insert himself back into their lives, Gem finds herself with an unexpected opportunity: three days with Dixie—on their own in Seattle and beyond. But this short trip soon becomes something more, as Gem discovers that that to save herself, she may have to sever the one bond she's tried so hard to keep.</p>
<p><i>Ghost Soldier</i></p>	<p>Elaine Marie Alphin</p>	<p>9-12</p>	<p>Even though Alexander's mom left home years ago, he's still waiting for her to come back. He'll wait forever if he has to. But his dad has other ideas. So Alexander is stuck in North Carolina for the summer with his dad's new girlfriend and her kids. It's the last place in the world he wants to be.</p> <p>Then one day, in the heart of an old Civil War battle-field, Alexander meets Richeson, a ghost soldier from the past. Richeson got problems of his own, not that Alexander cares. How can he help some ghost from the past when he can't even help himself? But this ghost just won't go away, and soon Alexander is drawn into a mystery more than 100 years old. Will digging into the past help Alexander accept the present, and maybe even his future?</p>

<i>Go Set a Watchman</i>	Harper Lee	9-12	<p>Harper Lee's <i>Go Set a Watchman</i> narrates the homecoming of Jean Louise Finch as she faces a community rife with racial tension, an old friend turned love interest, and a father who no longer seems as perfect as she once believed him to be.</p> <p>Jean Louise Finch returns to her childhood hometown of Maycomb, Alabama, for what she expects will be a typical visit. Soon, however, her growing attraction to an old friend named Hank begins to complicate her stay. Her difficulties grow even further with her discovery that both Hank and her father are part of an organization dedicated to preserving racial segregation. Jean Louise, who has always known her father as a champion of civil rights, feels betrayed.</p> <p>No longer sure whom she can trust, Jean Louise lashes out against the people she loves and condemns them for tolerating racism. Gradually, through conversations with her uncle Jack, Jean Louise learns to accept that her father is imperfect and human, capable of doing bad things as well as good.</p>
<i>GOD 13 Steps to Discovering HIS Attributes</i>	Bill Bright	6-8	When we truly see God as He really is our Lives will be Changed forever. Bill Bright
<i>God is My Copilot</i>	Colonel Robert L. Scott	6-12	<p><i>God is My Co-Pilot</i> is a memoir written by Robert Scott a World War II ace who grew up in Macon, Georgia and later retired in Warner Robins. This book is an easy fun read of his exploits and adventures as a pilot.</p> <p><i>God is My Co-Pilot</i> is the memoir of a WWII Army combat pilot who served in Indo-China. The book begins in memoir format with his childhood history, followed by training and then details of his experience during the war.</p> <p>During his childhood on Napier Street in Macon, Georgia, Scott had several adventures that included launching and building his own gliders and planes sometimes with tragic results. After joining the military, Scott is first trained in single engines and then begins making supply runs into China during World War II across what was then called the Hump or Mount Everest. He eventually transferred to the famous Claire E. Chennault's Flying Tigers where he finished the war as a double ace.</p>
<i>God's Passion for His Glory</i>	John Piper and Jonathan Edwards	10-12	If you have ever asked the questions "Why does this world exists?" and "What is my purpose in life?" then this book is a must read. It requires reading not just words, but ideas, and a little reflection. But the thoughts contained in it are life changing.
<i>Grace Focused Optimism: Learning to Live the Grace-governed Life of Optimism About God</i>	C.L. Chase	9-12	Grace is not merely a word on a page. It is a truth which has power in our lives - it is God's invincible determination, through Jesus, to get glory from us by being good to us every day, all day long. Understanding grace leads to an optimism, rooted and grounded in our good and unchangeable God. C. L. Chase opens up the biblical truths associated with grace and promised to every believer, helping to show the adventure of a grace-governed life.
<i>Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance</i>			In this instant <i>New York Times</i> bestseller, pioneering psychologist Angela Duckworth shows anyone striving to succeed—be it parents, students, educators, athletes, or business people—that the secret to outstanding achievement is not talent but a special blend of passion and persistence she

	Angela Duckworth		<p>calls “grit.”</p> <p>Drawing on her own powerful story as the daughter of a scientist who frequently noted her lack of “genius,” Duckworth, now a celebrated researcher and professor, describes her early eye-opening stints in teaching, business consulting, and neuroscience, which led to the hypothesis that what really drives success is not “genius” but a unique combination of passion and long-term perseverance.</p> <p>In <i>Grit</i>, she takes readers into the field to visit cadets struggling through their first days at West Point, teachers working in some of the toughest schools, and young finalists in the National Spelling Bee. She also mines fascinating insights from history and shows what can be gleaned from modern experiments in peak performance. Finally, she shares what she’s learned from interviewing dozens of high achievers—from JP Morgan CEO Jamie Dimon to New Yorker cartoon editor Bob Mankoff to Seattle Seahawks Coach Pete Carroll.</p>
<i>How Star Wars Conquered the Universe: The Past, Present, and Future of a Multibillion Dollar Franchise</i>	Chris Taylor	9-12	<p>Veteran journalist Chris Taylor traces the Star Wars series from the difficult birth of the original film through its sequels, the franchise's death and rebirth, the prequels, and the preparations for a new trilogy. Taylor provides portraits of the friends, writers, artists, producers, and marketers who labored behind the scenes to turn Lucas's idea into a legend. He also jousts with modern-day Jedi, tinkers with droid builders, and gets inside Boba Fett's helmet, all to find out how <i>Star Wars</i> has attracted and inspired so many fans for so long. An energetic, fast-moving account of this creative and commercial phenomenon, <i>How Star Wars Conquered the Universe</i> explains how a filmmaker's fragile dream beat out a surprising number of rivals and gained a diehard, multigenerational fan base--and why it will be galvanizing our imaginations for generations to come.</p>
<i>How to Argue Like Jesus</i>	Joe Carter John Coleman	9-12	<p><i>How to Argue Like Jesus</i> looks at what we can learn from how Jesus talked to people in order for us to become better communicators. The authors draw out practical lessons and tips on how to more effectively speak and argue with those who disagree with us.</p>
<i>How to Speak Dolphin</i>	Ginny Rorby	6-8	<p>Lilly’s younger brother struggles with autism but finds happiness in communicating with one of her step-father’s patients – a young dolphin recently brought into captivity. Lily’s brother is as happy as he has even been; however, Lily sees the toll that captivity is having on the young dolphin. Can Lily help the dolphin gain freedom without betraying her own family?</p> <p>Enjoy this deeply moving story about love, freedom, and letting go.</p>
<i>In Our Backyard: Human Trafficking in America and What We Can Do to Stop It</i>	Nita Belles	10-12	<p>This is the book for Project Lead. If you are in Project Lead for the 2018-19 school year, this is your book!</p>
<i>Living Life Backward</i>	David Gibson	10-12	<p>What if it is death that teaches us how to truly live?</p>

			<p>Keeping the end in mind shapes how we live our lives in the here and now. Living life backward means taking the one thing in our future that is certain—death—and letting that inform our journey before we get there.</p> <p>Looking to the book of Ecclesiastes for wisdom, <i>Living Life Backward</i> was written to shake up our expectations and priorities for what it means to live “the good life.”</p> <p>Considering the reality of death helps us pay attention to our limitations as human beings and receive life as a wondrous gift from God—freeing us to live wisely, generously, and faithfully for God’s glory and the good of his world.</p>
<i>Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story</i>	Nora Raleigh Baskin	7-8 girls	A story of the events of the days leading up to September 11 from 4 young people’s lives. All four are from different parts of the country.
<i>No Summit Out of Sight</i>	Jordan Romero	6-9	<p>The true story of the youngest person to climb the seven summits.</p> <p>Mount Everest’s dangers are many and the peak has taken the lives of many but that doesn’t stop Jordan Romero from reaching the summit at the age of 13.</p> <p>A book about strong will and determination to achieve your goals.</p>
<i>One of Us Is Lying</i>	Karen McManus	10-12	<p>Pay close attention and you might solve this.</p> <p>On Monday afternoon, five students at Bayview High walk into detention. Bronwyn, the brain, is Yale-bound and never breaks a rule. Addy, the beauty, is the picture-perfect homecoming princess. Nate, the criminal, is already on probation for dealing. Cooper, the athlete, is the all-star baseball pitcher. And Simon, the outcast, is the creator of Bayview High’s notorious gossip app.</p> <p>Only, Simon never makes it out of that classroom. Before the end of detention Simon’s dead. And according to investigators, his death wasn’t an accident. On Monday, he died. But on Tuesday, he’d planned to post juicy reveals about all four of his high-profile classmates, which makes all four of them suspects in his murder.</p> <p>Or are they the perfect patsies for a killer who’s still on the loose?</p> <p>Everyone has secrets, right? What really matters is how far you would go to protect them.</p>
<i>Piecing Me Together</i>	Renee Watson	9-12	Jade believes she must get out of her neighborhood if she’s ever going to succeed. Her mother says she has to take every opportunity. She has. She accepted a scholarship to a mostly-white private school and even Saturday morning test prep opportunities. But some opportunities feel more demeaning than helpful. Like an invitation to join Women to Women, a mentorship program for “at-risk” girls. Except really, it’s for black girls. From “bad” neighborhoods.

			But Jade doesn't need support. And just because her mentor is black doesn't mean she understands Jade. And maybe there are some things Jade could show these successful women about the real world and finding ways to make a real difference.
<i>Redeeming Love</i>	Francine Rivers	10-12	This is a 1800s version of the story of Hosea from the Bible. The little girl is sold into prostitution at the age of 8, and is eventually rescued 10 years later. The girl, Angel, wants absolutely nothing to do with God, but throughout the story, God continues to break down her walls in incredible ways. The story discusses how God can transform the hardest hearts and take one of the worst situations and bring something beautiful out of it. God's all-consuming love redeems.
<i>Refugee</i>	Alan Gratz	7-12	Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together...although separated by continents and decades.
<i>Rivals</i>	Tim Green	6-8 Boys	Twelve-year-old Josh looks forward to facing a true rival in the Baseball Hall of Fame tournament, but first he and his friends Jaden and Benji put themselves at great risk trying to expose the truth about a conspiracy to bribe the head umpire.
<i>Safely Home</i>	Randy Alcorn	9-12	It is a 2002 Gold Medallion Award winner. Fans of Randy Alcorn will applaud this soul-stirring story of two college friends who reconnect after twenty years. One is living life apart from God in comfortable corporate America while the other is living for Christ under intense persecution in China. This stunning page-turner will convict the hearts of readers to live in the light of eternity.
<i>Same Kind of Different As Me</i>	Ron Hall, Denver Moore, and Lynn Vincent	8-12	A dangerous, homeless drifter who grew up picking cotton in virtual slavery. An upscale art dealer accustomed to the world of Armani and Chanel. A gutsy woman with a stubborn dream. A story so incredible no novelist would dare dream it. It begins outside a burning plantation hut in Louisiana . . . and an East Texas honky-tonk . . . and, without a doubt, in the heart of God. It unfolds in a Hollywood hacienda . . . an upscale New York gallery . . . a downtown dumpster . . . a Texas ranch. Gritty with pain and betrayal and brutality, this true story also shines with an unexpected, life-changing love.
<i>Stargirl</i>	Jerry Spinelli	6-8	Leo Borlock follows the unspoken rule at Mica Area High School: don't stand out--under any circumstances! Then Stargirl arrives at Mica High and everything changes--for Leo and for the entire school. After 15 years of home schooling, Stargirl bursts into tenth grade in an explosion of color and a clatter of ukulele music, enchanting the Mica student body. But the delicate scales of popularity suddenly shift, and Stargirl is shunned for everything that

			<p>makes her different. Somewhere in the midst of Stargirl's arrival and rise and fall, normal Leo Borlock has tumbled into love with her.</p> <p>In a celebration of nonconformity, Jerry Spinelli weaves a tense, emotional tale about the fleeting, cruel nature of popularity--and the thrill and inspiration of first love.</p>
<i>The Bedford Boys</i>	Alex Kershaw	9-12	<p>June 6, 1944: Nineteen boys from Bedford, Virginia--population just 3,000 in 1944--died in the first bloody minutes of D-Day. They were part of Company "A" of the 116th Regiment of the 29th Division, and the first wave of American soldiers to hit the beaches in Normandy.</p> <p>Later in the campaign, three more boys from this small Virginia town died of gunshot wounds.</p> <p>Twenty-two sons of Bedford lost--it is a story one cannot easily forget and one that the families of Bedford will never forget.</p> <p><i>The Bedford Boys</i> is the true and intimate story of these men and the friends and families they left behind. Based on extensive interviews with survivors and relatives, as well as diaries and letters, Kershaw's book focuses on several remarkable individuals and families to tell one of the most poignant stories of World War II--the story of one small American town that went to war and died on Omaha Beach.</p>
<i>The Dollmaker of Krakow</i>	R.M. Romero	6	<p>Karolina is a living doll whose king and queen have been overthrown. But when a strange wind spirits her away from the Land of the Dolls, she finds herself in Krakow, Poland, in the company of the Dollmaker, a man with an unusual power and a marked past.</p> <p>Nazi soldiers descend upon Poland. Karolina and the Dollmaker quickly realize that their Jewish friends are in grave danger, and they are determined to help save them, no matter what the risks.</p>
<i>The Hate List</i>	Jennifer Brown	9-10, maybe 11	<p>The novel deals with the aftermath of a school shooting. Valerie and Nick have compiled a Hate List, a list of people and things they hate; Valerie sees it as an inside joke between the two of them, but Nick is more serious. When he brings a gun to school and starts shooting people, Valerie puts herself in front of his next victim, Jessica Campbell, and is shot in the leg. After this, Nick kills himself.</p> <p>Once Valerie wakes up in the hospital to face the consequences, she soon realizes that she harbors some of the blame for the people who were killed or wounded. Had she not discussed before how much she hated them? Maybe even egged him on a little? With Nick gone, she's really the only one left to face the blame.</p>

			<p>Five months after the shooting, Valerie returns to school and steadily begins to cope with the loss of her boyfriend, the loss of her former friends, her family's resulting issues, and how it all will affect her future. People now view Nick as a monster, her classmates are torn between calling her a victim or a part of the whole plan, her friends no longer talk to her, her parents' marriage is ending, her brother resents her, the girl whose life she saved befriends her, and she considers the possibility of attending college even though her name is attached to the tragedy.</p> <p>This novel follows her as she learns to forgive, to stand up for herself, and journey from mental anguish to mental stability.</p>
<i>The Hiding Place</i>	Corrie ten Boom	9-12	<p>Will one act with moral courage in evil and dangerous times? How does a lone Christian act as David when surrounded by Goliaths?</p> <p>Corrie, her sisters Bessie and Nollie, her brother Willem, and their elderly widowed father Caspar join the underground during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands during World War II. Devout Calvinists, the three shelter Jews in their home above their watchmaking shop.</p> <p>The family saved over 800 Jewish lives. After betrayal by a Dutchman, the Gestapo arrests the entire family and ships them to concentration camps. Upon release, Corrie continues to act on her Christian faith and reaches out in ministry to both Holocaust survivors and also Hollanders who cooperated with the Germans.</p>
<i>The House of the Scorpion</i>	Nancy Farmer	6-9	<p>In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the one hundred forty-two-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.</p>
<i>The Inferno</i>	Dante	10-12	<p>Dante, an Italian poet living in Medieval Italy, tells the story of his journey to hell and back, describing all the geography and characters that he met there, including famous figures of history, with admonitions about how to live a God-pleasing life on earth.</p>
<i>The Lions of Little Rock</i>	Kristin Levine	6-8	<p>This takes place in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1958, a tumultuous time in American history, known as the Lost Year, when Little Rock closed its schools in an effort to block desegregation. The protagonist, Marlee Nisbitt, is a 12-year old girl of silence. So silent, in fact, that she'd rather count prime numbers in her head than speak to another human being. Speaking five words to someone other than her family is an accomplishment. But that all changes she meets a new girl in the first week of school.</p> <p>Liz Fullerton, confident and loquacious, was the exact opposite of Marlee, which is depicted when she strides up to Marlee during lunch and strikes up a conversation. Thus, a friendship is born.</p>

			<p>Liz is determined to help Marlee conquer her fear of speaking and convinces her to participate in an oral presentation with her for one of their classes. But on the day of the presentation Liz is inexplicably absent. It turns out that she was pulled from school because she was caught "passing" - that is, an African American trying to pass as white for a better education and more opportunities.</p> <p>The devastation consumed Marlee, but she and Liz soon devised ways to see each other in secret, and ultimately igniting a series of unfortunate and heroic events.</p> <p>Filled with facts, this novel educates readers on the lost year of 1958 in Little Rock. But the friendship built between Marlee and Liz drives the story forward and makes the reader cling to idea of unconditional love, renounce ignorance, and, just as Marlee did, find their voice.</p>
<i>The Matheny Manifesto</i>	Mike Matheny	9-12	<p>A young coach's "old-school" views on life learned in sports. Before becoming the manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, Mike Matheny accepted the volunteer offer of being a little league coach one summer.</p> <p>What he learned about the kids, and their parents, has application to anyone who has athletic interests – regardless of the sport.</p> <p>Matheny explains principles that worked in little league, learned from a life growing up in the good old days, that still work today in the big leagues.</p>
<i>The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates</i>	Wes Moore	9-12	<p>Two kids grew up blocks away from each other. Both were fatherless, and both were named Wes Moore.</p> <p>One grows up to be a Rhodes Scholar and a White House Fellow, and the other ends up in prison.</p> <p>How does this happen? This will be an up-and-down book of successes and heartaches.</p>
<i>The Same Kind of Different as Me</i>	Ron Hall	9-12	<p>"A modern-day slave, an international art dealer, and the unlikely woman who bound them together."</p> <p>This true story will pull at your heartstrings and prove that "no matter how deep the differences that separate us are, just a little bit of love can help us see others' dignity" Gritty with pain and betrayal and brutality, this true story also shines with an unexpected, life-changing love.</p> <p>Meet Denver, raised under plantation-style slavery in Louisiana until he escaped the "Man" – in the 1960's – by hopping a train. Non-trusting, uneducated, and violent, he spent another 18 years on the streets of Dallas and Fort Worth. Meet Ron Hall, a self-made millionaire in the world of high priced art deals -- concerned with fast cars, beautiful women, and fancy clothes. And the woman who changed their lives -- Miss Debbie: "The skinniest, nosiest, pushiest, woman I ever met, black or</p>

			<p>white." She helped the homeless and gave of herself to all of "God's People," and had a way of knowing how to listen and helping others talk and be found – until cancer strikes.</p> <p><i>Same Kind of Different as Me</i> is a tale told in two unique voices – Ron Hall & Denver Moore – weaving two completely different life experiences into one common journey where both men learn "whether we is rich or poor or something in between this earth ain't no final restin' place. So in a way, we is all homeless-just workin' our way toward home."</p> <p>The story takes a devastating twist when Deborah discovers she has cancer. Will Deborah live or die? Will Denver learn to trust a white man? Will Ron embrace his dying wife's vision to rescue Denver? Or will Denver be the one rescuing Ron? There's pain and laughter, doubt and tears, and in the end a triumphal story that readers will never forget.</p>
<i>The Scandal</i>	John Grisham	6-8	<p>The newest book in the Theodore Boone series, <i>The Scandal</i>, promises more adventure and thrilling investigation work as 'kid lawyer,' Theo, learns of a local middle school where cheating on standardized testing is taking place.</p> <p>Follow Theo Boone as he discovers the players in this scandal and hopefully to the ultimate truth.</p>
<i>The Summer I Saved the World...in 65 Days</i>	Michele Weber Hurwitz	6-8 girls	<p>It's summertime, and thirteen-year-old Nina Ross is feeling kind of lost. Her beloved grandma died last year; her parents work all the time; her brother's busy; and her best friend is into clothes, makeup, and boys. While Nina doesn't know what "her thing" is yet, it's definitely not shopping and makeup. And it's not <i>boys</i>, either. Though . . . has Eli, the boy next door, always been so cute?</p> <p>This summer, Nina decides to change things. She hatches a plan. There are sixty-five days of summer. Every day, she'll anonymously do one small but remarkable good thing for someone in her neighborhood, and find out: does doing good actually make a difference? Along the way, she discovers that her neighborhood, and her family, are full of surprises and secrets. In this bighearted, sweetly romantic novel, things may not turn out exactly as Nina expects. They might be better.</p>
<i>The Thing About Jellyfish</i>	Ali Benjamin	6-8	<p>After her best friend dies in a drowning accident, Suzy is convinced that the true cause of the tragedy must have been a rare jellyfish sting--things don't just happen for no reason.</p> <p>This stunning debut novel about grief and wonder was an instant New York Times bestseller and captured widespread critical acclaim, including selection as a 2015 National Book Award finalist!</p>
<i>The Truth About Forever</i>	Sarah Dessen	6-8	<p>Macy's summer stretches before her, carefully planned and outlined. She will spend her days sitting at the library information desk. She will spend her evenings studying for the SATs. Spare time will be used to help her obsessive mother prepare for the big opening of the townhouse section of her luxury development. But Macy's plans don't anticipate a surprising and chaotic job with Wish Catering, a motley crew of new friends, or ... Wes. Tattooed, artistic, anything-but-expected Wes. He doesn't fit Macy's life at all--so why does she feel so comfortable with him? So ... happy? What is</p>

			<p>it about him that makes her let down her guard and finally talk about how much she misses her father, who died before her eyes the year before?</p> <p>This is a page-turning novel that carries readers on a roller coaster of denial, grief, comfort and love as we watch a broken but resilient girl pick up the pieces of her life and fit them back together.</p>
<i>The Twelfth Imam</i>	Joel Rosenberg	9-12	<p>A fast-paced thrilling book.</p> <p>As the apocalyptic leaders of Iran call for the annihilation of Israel and the U.S., CIA operative David Shirazi is sent into Tehran with one objective: use all means necessary to disrupt Iran's nuclear weapons program—without leaving American fingerprints, and without triggering a regional war. At extreme personal risk, Shirazi undertakes his assignment.</p> <p>A native Farsi speaker whose family escaped from Iran in 1979, he couldn't be better prepared for the mission. But none of his training has prepared Shirazi for what will happen next. An obscure religious cleric is suddenly hailed throughout the region as the Islamic messiah known as the Mahdi or the Twelfth Imam. News of his miracles, healings, signs, and wonders, spread like wildfire, as do rumors of a new and horrific war.</p> <p>With the prophecy of the Twelfth Imam seemingly fulfilled, Iran's leaders prepare to strike Israel and bring about the End of Days. Shirazi must take action, but the clock is ticking.</p>
<i>Theodore Boone-Kid Lawyer</i>	John Grisham	6 th -8th	<p>In the small city of Strattenburg, there are many lawyers, and though he's only thirteen years old, Theo Boone thinks he's one of them. Theo knows every judge, policemen, court clerk, & a lot about the law. He dreams of being a great trial lawyer, of a life in the courtroom. But Theo finds himself in court much sooner than expected. Because he knows so much, maybe too much, he is suddenly dragged into the middle of a sensational murder trial. A cold-blooded killer is about to go free, and only Theo knows the truth. The stakes are high, but Theo won't stop until justice is served.</p>
<i>This Strange Wilderness</i>	Nancy Plain	6-8	<p>John James Audubon was an explorer, woodsman, hunter, artist, and writer. He spent the early 1800's traveling around the young United States and painted over 500 different bird species, many illustrated for the first time. His obsession and disdain from skeptical experts of the day almost brought financial ruin and the loss of his family. Read the book to see how his life works out in the end! The book includes many of his paintings.</p>
<i>Touchdown Pass</i>	Coach Clair Bee	6-8	<p>This is Book 1 in the Chip Hilton series (written in the 1950's). Be sure to get the updated paperback version.</p> <p>Chip is a junior in high school. He is dealing with the recent loss of his father. Chip loves all sports and is a great example of Christian character and sportsmanship.</p> <p>This book follows Chip through football season as he faces the challenges of earning a position....and the respect of his teammates. If you like sports, you will enjoy this easy read.</p>