

Historical Fiction

- Cushman, Karen
The Midwife's Apprentice
A girl in medieval England finds a name, a pet, and a purpose after a sharp-tongued midwife takes her in.
BL/AR Points: 6/3

- Kadohata, Cynthia
Kira-Kira
Two Japanese American sisters grow up in rural Georgia during the late 1950s and early 1960s.
BL/AR Points: 6/3



- Park, Linda Sue
A Single Shard
Tree-ear, an orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.
BL/AR Points: 5.9/6

- Taylor, Mildred D.
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
Cassie endures humiliation and witnesses the KKK go on a cross-burning rampage in her small Mississippi town.
BL/AR Points: 5.7/10



- Vanderpool, Clare
Moon Over Manifest
Abilene arrives in her father's hometown in the 1930s, and discovers that it was a far more interesting place during Prohibition.
BL/AR Points: 5.3/12

Animal Books

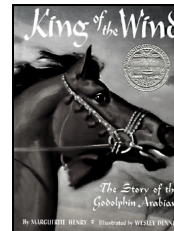
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- Estes, Eleanor
Ginger Pye
Ginger knows tons of tricks, is as loyal as he is smart, and steals the hearts of everyone he meets... until someone steals *him!*
BL/AR Points: 3/1



- George, Jean Craighead
Julie of the Wolves
While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, Julie becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and befriends a wolf pack.
BL/AR Points: 5.8/6

- Henry, Marguerite
King of the Wind
Sham, the Arabian stallion, was born with two markings- one on his heel, for speed, and one on his chest, for bad luck. Life brings him to Morocco, France, and England.
BL/AR Points: 5.4/5



- 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 cruel man.
BL/AR Points: 4.4/4



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Science Fiction

- L'Engle, Madeleine
A Wrinkle in Time

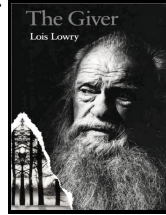
Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while doing secret work for the government.

BL/AR Points: 4.7/7

- Lowry, Lois
The Giver

Jonas, a young boy from a seemingly utopian, futuristic world, is singled out to receive special training from The Giver, who alone holds the memories of the true joys and pain of life.

BL/AR Points: 5.7/7



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

A widowed mouse befriends mysterious, intelligent rats to find help for her ill son.

BL/AR Points: 5.1/8

- Stead, Rebecca
When You Reach Me

A New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space.

BL/AR Points: 4.5/6



Fantasy Books

- Alexander, Lloyd
The Chronicles of Prydain Series

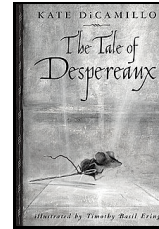
Beginning with *The Book of Three*, the story of a boy tasked with protecting an oracle pig in medieval Wales. The fifth and final book won the Newbery Medal.

BL/AR Points: 5.3/7

- DiCamillo, Kate
The Tale of Despereaux

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.

BL/AR Points: 4.7/5



- du Bois, William Pene
The Twenty-One Balloons

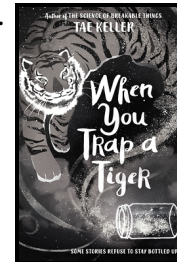
The adventures of Professor Sherman who, in 1883, sets off in a balloon across the Pacific, survives the eruption of Krakatoa, and is finally picked up in the Atlantic.

BL/AR Points: 6.8/6

- Keller, Tae
When You Trap a Tiger

When Lily, her sister Sam, and their mother move in with her sick grandmother, Lily traps a tiger and makes a deal with him to heal Halmoni.

BL/AR Points: 4.1/8



Growing Up

- Creech, Sharon
Walk Two Moons

After her mother disappears, Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route.

BL/AR Points: 4.9/9

- Medina, Meg
Merci Suarez Changes Gears

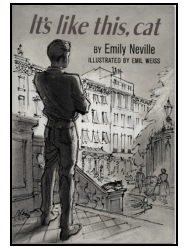
Merci Suárez begins the sixth grade with jealous classmates, trouble fitting in, and her grandfather acting strangely.

BL/AR Points: 4.6/10

- Neville, Emily
It's Like This, Cat

In the 1960s, a New York boy befriends a stray cat and learns to understand his neighbors and his family.

BL/AR Points: 4.7/5



- Paterson, Katherine
Bridge to Terabithia

Jesse feels like he doesn't fit in at home or at school, but becoming friends with Leslie changes all that.

BL/AR Points: 4.6/5

- Speare, Elizabeth George
The Witch of Blackbird Pond

In 1687 Connecticut, Kit struggles with Puritans, befriends an old woman and suddenly finds herself standing trial for witchcraft.

BL/AR Points: 5.7/9

