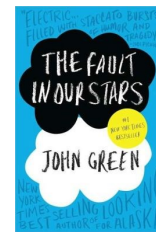




## NEW! Electronic Reader Books

### **The Fault In Our Stars** by John Green

Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten. Ages 14-17 years



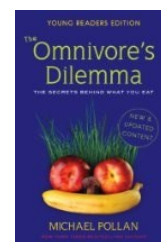
### **Wonder** by R. J. Palacio Grade level 3-7 Reading level 4.8

Juvenile Fiction, Social Issues, Bullying, Special Needs Self-esteem Realistic *Fiction*

A portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance. *Wonder* is a rare gem of a novel --beautifully written and populated by characters who linger in your memory and heart. August Pullman is a 10-year-old boy who likes Star Wars and Xbox, ordinary except for his jarring facial anomalies. Homeschooled all his life, August heads to public school for fifth grade and he is not the only one changed by the experience--something we learn about first-hand through the narratives of those who orbit his world.

### **Omnivore's Dilemma** Description: The Secrets Behind What You Eat Michael Pollan

What's for dinner? It seemed like a simple question until journalist and supermarket detective Michael Pollan delved behind the scenes. From fast food and big organic to small farms and old-fashioned hunting and gathering, this young readers' adaptation of Pollan's famous food-chain exploration encourages kids to consider the personal and global health implications of their food choices.



### **Jane Eyre** by Charlotte Bronte Reading level 4.7 Interest level 3-6

Presents the story of a poor, orphaned governess who meets and falls in love with a brooding, melancholy man given to rough outbursts of temper.

### **Beowulf The original classic epic poet with illustrations translated by Leslie Hall**

Beowulf, a Scandinavian hero who saves the Danes from the seemingly invincible monster Grendel and, later, from Grendel's mother. He then returns to his own country and dies in old age in a vivid fight against a dragon. The poem is about encountering the monstrous, defeating it, and then having to live on in the exhausted aftermath.

### **A Midsummer Night's Dream**

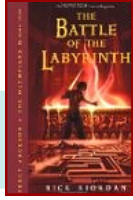
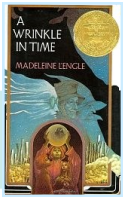
Two sets of lovers, lost in the woods outside of Athens, Greece, get caught up in a dispute between the fairy king and queen, along with a group of local thespians. Shakespeare's beloved comedy ends happily after a string of mishaps and mistaken identities have been resolved.

### **Twelve Years A Slave**

*Twelve Years a Slave*, a chronicle of the amazing ordeal of Solomon Northup, a free African American kidnapped in the North and impressed into slavery in Louisiana, is one of the most compelling and detailed slave narratives in existence. "There must have been some misapprehension—some unfortunate mistake," writes Northup. "It could not be that a free citizen of New York, who had wronged no man, nor violated any law, should be dealt with thus inhumanly."

As an educated man, torn from freedom and plunged into slavery, he brings into exact clarity the life and labor of slaves in the antebellum American South, the complex economic choices and ironic moral concessions of slaveholding, and the calamitous effect of slavery on the foundations of civilization. Throughout his horrific imprisonment, Solomon Northup resists the urge to laud himself as an exemplary character or focus solely on his own experience, giving contemporary readers a remarkable and complex account of the lives of the slave community as a whole.





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### **1984** By George Orwell

Winston Smith, a worker at the Ministry of Truth in the political entity of Oceania, puts his life on the line when he joins a covert brotherhood in rebelling against the Party that controls all human thought and action.

### **25 Favorite Kid's Books for Middle & Young Readers**

Includes: Robinson Crusoe, Gulliver's Travels, Swiss Family Robinson, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, Rip Van Winkle, A Christmas Carol, A Journey to the Centre of the Earth, Little Women, Little Men, The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Black Beauty, Treasure Island, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Heidi, Lorna Doone, The Jungle Book, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, The Call of the Wild, A Little Princess, White Fang, The Wind in the Willows, Anne of Green Gables, Anne of Avonlea, The Secret Garden and Polyanna.

### **AN ABUNDANCE OF KATHERINES** By John Green

Having been recently dumped for the nineteenth time by a girl named Katherine, recent high school graduate and former child prodigy Colin sets off on a road trip with his best friend to try to find some new direction in life while also trying to create a mathematical formula to explain his relationships.

### **ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN** by Mark Twain

Huck, in flight from his murderous father, and Jim, in flight from slavery, pilot their raft down the Mississippi River in search of freedom

### **ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER** by Mark Twain

RL 8.5 IL 5-8 The adventures of a mischievous young boy and his friends growing up in a Mississippi River town in the nineteenth century.

### **AESOP'S FABLES**

RL4.5. IL K-3. Retellings of fifteen fables from Aesop, including, among others, "The Stag at the Pool," "The Lion and the Mouse," and "The Vain Jackdaw."

### **ANIMAL FARM** by George Orwell

A political satire in which the animals take over running the farm but find their utopian state turning into a dictatorship.

### **ANTIGONE** by Sophocles

King Creon of Thebes refuses to allow the burial of his nephew, whom he has declared a traitor and whose sister, Antigone, is betrothed to Creon's son.

### **AWAKENED** by P.C. Cast

Neferet, restored to her position of High Priestess in Tulsa's House of Night, sets out to lure Zoey back to Oklahoma and complete her plan of vengeance, but Zoey, recovering with Stark on the Isle of Skye where she is being groomed to take over for Queen Sgiach, is not so easily tempted; while Stevie Rae and Rephaim try to decide the course of their relationship.

### **THE BATTLE OF THE LABYRINTH** by Rick Riordan

RL 4-5. IL5-8. 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.

### **BETWEEN SHADES of GRAY** by Ruta Sepetys

In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp. As she fights for her life, she vows to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil.

### **BLACK BOY** by Richard Wright

The autobiography of an African-American writer, recounting his early years and the harrowing experiences he encountered drifting from Natchez to Chicago to Brooklyn.

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### **BLUE BLOODS** by **Melissa de la Cruz**

Schuyler Van Alen, a loner at a prestigious New York City private school, sets out to learn the secrets of the Blue Bloods, an ancient group of vampires.

### **BOOK THIEF** by 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.

### **THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PAJAMAS** by John Boyne

Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.

### **BRAVE NEW WORLD** by Aldous Huxley

A satirical novel about the utopia of the future, a world in which babies are decanted from bottles and the great Ford is worshipped.

### **BRIAN'S HUNT** by Gary Paulsen

Two years after having survived a plane crash into the Canadian wilderness, a sixteen-year-old returns to the wild to befriend a wounded dog and hunt a rogue bear.

### **BRIAN'S RETURN** by Gary Paulsen

Two years after having survived a plane crash into the Canadian wilderness, a sixteen-year-old returns to the wild to befriend a wounded dog and hunt a rogue bear.

### **BRIAN'S WINTER** by Gary Paulsen

Companion book to: Hatchet and The river. Instead of being rescued from a plane crash, as in the author's book Hatchet, this story portrays what would have happened to Brian had he been forced to survive a winter in the wilderness with only his survival pack and hatchet.

### **BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA** by Katherine Patterson

The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.

### **BUD, NOT BUDDY** by Christopher Paul Curtis

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.

### **CALL OF THE WILD** by Jack London

RL6.0 IL5-8. Buck, who is half St. Bernard and half Scotch shepard, is abducted and taken to the Klondike where he reverts to the wild and becomes a leader of a pack of wolves.

### **CATCHING FIRE** by Suzanne Collins

RL 5.5. Interest level 5-8. By winning the annual Hunger Games, District 12 tributes Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark have secured a life of safety and plenty for themselves and their families, but because they won by defying the rules, they unwittingly become the faces of an impending rebellion.

### **CODE ORANGE** by Caroline B. Cooney

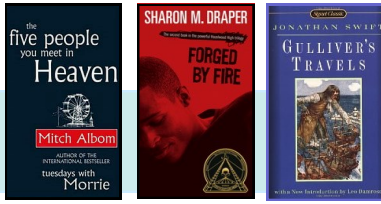
While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs and fears that he has infected himself and all of New York City.

### **CRISPIN, THE CROSS OF LEAD** (Crispin Series #1) by Avi

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

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### **DEATH OF A SALESMAN** by Arthur Miller

Willy Loman, a sixty-three-year-old traveling salesman, is forced to face the reality he has avoided all his life

### **THE DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL** by Anne Frank

A thirteen-year-old Dutch-Jewish girl records her impressions of the two years she and seven others spent hiding from the Nazis before they were discovered and taken to a concentration camp.

### **DRACULA** by Bram Stoker

Dracula, that compelling creature of the night, continues his neck-biting ways in a version of the novel that children will devour. Moving from Transylvania to London, the timeless vampire serves up thrills and chills as he imprisons and terrorizes the innocent Jonathan Harker, and then goes after his fiancée, Mina, and her friend Lucy.

### **DRAGONFLY POOL** by Eva Ibbotson

Tally and her friends at Dalderton Boarding School form a dance troupe and travel to Bergania, where she befriends Karil, the crown prince, and helps him flee the Nazis after his father is assassinated.

### **ELSEWHERE** by Gabrielle Zevin

After fifteen-year-old Liz Hall is hit by a taxi and killed, she finds herself in a place that is both like and unlike Earth, where she must adjust to her new status and figure out how to "live."

### **FAHRENHEIT 451** by Ray Bradbury

A book burner official in a future fascist state finds out books are a vital part of a culture he never knew. He clandestinely pursues reading, until he is betrayed.

### **FEVER** by Laurie Halse Anderson

RL 5.0. IL 5-8. 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 the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793.

### **THE FIVE PEOPLE YOU MEET IN HEAVEN** by Mitch Albom

A bitter eighty-three-year-old war veteran who believes his life is meaningless dies while trying to save a little girl's life and finds himself in heaven, where five people from his past--some loved ones, some strangers--explain what his years on Earth really meant, and whether or not he succeeded in saving the child.

### **FOR ONE MORE DAY** by Mitch Albom

After years of drinking, being rejected by his wife and daughter, and a suicide attempt, ex-baseball star Charley Benetto returns to his childhood home where he encounters the ghost of his mother, who tells him family secrets and guides him in making his life better.

### **FRANKENSTEIN** by Mary Shelley

Victor Frankenstein has discovered the secret of generating life from lifeless matter, and has created a monster being by using this terrible power.

### **FORGED BY FIRE** by Sharon Draper

RL6.8 Gerald, a teenager who has spent years protecting his fragile half-sister from their abusive father, must face the prospect of one final confrontation before the problem can be solved.

### **THE GIVER** by Lois Lawry

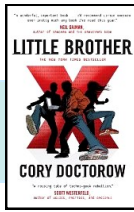
R6.0. IL5-8. Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

### **THE GRAPES OF WRATH** BY John Steinbeck

.The story of a farm family's Depression-era journey from the Dustbowl of Oklahoma to the California migrant labor camps in search of a better life.

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### **THE GREAT GATSBY** by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Tells the tragic love story of Gatsby and Daisy Buchanan, a dashing, enigmatic millionaire obsessed with an elusive, spoiled young woman.

### **GULLIVER'S TRAVELS** by Johnathan Swift

The voyages of an Englishman carry him to a land of people six inches high, a land of giants, an island of sorcerers, and a land where horses are masters of human-like creatures.

### **GUTS: THE TRUE STORIES BEHIND "HATCHET" AND THE BRIAN BOOKS** by Gary Paulsen

RL6.5. Reading level 5-8. The author relates incidents in his life and how they inspired parts of his books about the character, Brian Robeson.

### **HAMLET** by William Shakespeare

Grieving for the recent death of his beloved father and appalled by his mother's quick remarriage to his uncle, Hamlet, heir to the Danish throne, struggles with conflicting emotions, particularly after his father's ghost appeals to him to avenge his death.

### **HATCHET** by Gary Paulsen

RL6.0. IL 5-8. After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the Canadian wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

### **HAVE A LITTLE FAITH** by Mitch Albom

Author Mitch Albom, having been asked to write a eulogy for an elderly rabbi, begins a relationship with the man in order to get to know him better, and, in the process, also becomes involved with the plight of a local pastor whose church is falling down around him, leading Mitch to better understand the importance of faith.

### **HAWKSMROID** by Kathryn Lasky

RL 6.9. IL 5-8. In twelfth-century England, Matty grows up to be a master falconer, able to communicate with the devoted birds who later help her and Fynn, also known as Robin Hood, to foil Prince John's plot to steal the crown.

### **HEAT** by Mike Lupica

RL5.6. IL 5-8. Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.

### **THE HELP** by Katherine Stockett

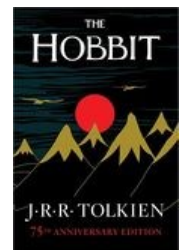
Skeeter returns home to Mississippi from college in 1962 and begins to write stories about the African-American women that are found working in white households, which includes Aibileen, who grieves for the loss of her son while caring for her seventeenth white child, and Minny, Aibileen's sassy friend, the hired cook for a secretive woman who is new to town.

### **THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY** by Douglas Adams

Seconds before Earth is demolished to make room for a galactic freeway, an earthman is saved by his friend. Together they journey through the galaxy.

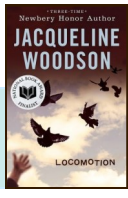
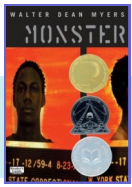
### **THE HOBBIT** by J.R.R. Tolkien

Bilbo Baggins, a Hobbit who only wanted to be left alone, is drawn by a wizard and a band of homeless dwarves into a quest where he confronts evil orcs, savage wolves, and the great dragon, Smaug the Magnificent.



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### **THE HUNGER GAMES** by Suzanne Collins

Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen accidentally becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a grave competition hosted by the Capitol where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death.

### **ILIAD** by Homer

A modern verse translation of Homer's classic epic of the war between the Greeks and the Trojans, from Agamemnon's visit by the priest Chryses to the burial of Hector

### **INTO THE WILD** by Christopher Johnson McCandless

Tells the story of Chris McCandless, a twenty-four-year-old who walked into the Alaskan wilderness on an idealistic journey and was found dead of starvation four months later. Attempts to discover what led the young man to that point.

### **KILLER ANGELS** BY Michael Shaara

A fictional account of four days in July, 1863 at the Battle of Gettysburg discussing tactics, plans, and preparations for battle from both the Northern and Southern points of view.

### **A KISS IN TIME** By Alex Flinn

Sixteen-year-old Princess Talia persuades Jack, the modern-day American who kissed her awake after a three-hundred-year sleep, to take her to his Miami home, where she hopes to win his love before the witch who cursed her can spirit her away.

### **LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW** by Washington Irving

RL7.4 IL5-8. A superstitious schoolmaster, in love with a wealthy farmer's daughter, has a terrifying encounter with a headless horseman

### **LINGER** by Maggie Stiefvater

Grace and Sam struggle to keep their relationship together, while Grace lies to her parents and keeps a secret from them and Sam copes with his werewolf past.

### **LITTLE BROTHER** by Cory Doctorow

Interrogated for days by the Department of Homeland Security in the aftermath of a major terrorist attack on San Francisco, California, seventeen-year-old Marcus is released into what is now a police state, and decides to use his expertise in computer hacking to set things right.

### **LITTLE WOMEN** by Louisa May Alcott

RL6.2 IL5-8. Chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young women in mid-nineteenth-century New England

### **LOCOMOTION** BY Jacqueline Woodson

Inspired by his teacher, eleven-year-old Lonnie begins to write about his life in a series of poems in which he discusses his feelings about his friends, his foster mom, his little sister Lili, and the death of his parents.

### **LONDON EYE MYSTERY** by Siobhan Dowd

IL 3-6. When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salem.

### **A LONG WALK TO WATER** By Linda Sue Park

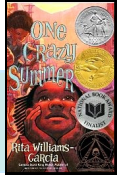
RL5.0 IL5-8. When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven. Based on the life of Salva Dut, who, after emigrating to America in 1996, began a project to dig water wells in Sudan.

### **LORD OF THE FLIES** by William Golding

After a plane crash strands them on a tropical island while the rest of the world is ravaged by war, a group of British schoolboys attempts to form a civilized society but descends into brutal anarchy.

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### **MACBETH**

A retelling of Shakespeare's play about a man who kills his king after hearing the prophecies of three witches.

### **MIRACLE ON 49TH STREET** by Mike Lupica

RL5.1 IL 5-8. After her mother's death, twelve-year-old Molly learns that her father is a basketball star for the Boston Celtics.

### **MISTER MONDAY** by Garth Nix

RL 6.6. IL 3-6. Arthur Penhaligon, destined to die at a young age, is saved by a key shaped like the minute hand of a clock, but his survival invokes the wrath of the mysterious Mister Monday who will stop at nothing to get the key back, and Arthur is forced into a desperate quest to unravel the secrets of the key and discover his true fate.

### **MOBY DICK** by Herman Melville

Captain Ahab's determination to find and kill the great white whale becomes an obsession driving him to disaster.

### **MOCKINGJAY** by Suzanne Collins

Katniss Everdeen, having survived the Hunger Games twice, learns she and her family and friends are in danger because the Capitol holds her responsible for the unrest and races against time to protect those she cares about and the people of District 12.

### **MONSTER** by Walter Dean Myers

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.

### **NATIVE SON** by Richard Wright

Native Son tells the story of this young black man caught in a downward spiral after he kills a young white woman in a brief moment of panic. Set in Chicago in the 1930s, Wright's powerful novel is an unsparing reflection on the poverty and feelings of hopelessness experienced by people in inner cities across the country and of what it means to be black in America.

### **NUMBER THE STARS** by Lois Lawry

RL4.9 IL5-8, 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.

### **ODYSSEY** by Homer

Ancient Greek epic poem which mainly centers on the Greek hero Odysseus and his long journey home following the fall of Troy.

### **OF MICE AND MEN** by John Steinbeck

Sustained by the hope of someday owning a farm of their own, two migrant laborers arrive to work on a ranch in central California.

### **ONE CRAZY SUMMER** by Rita Williams-Garcia

RL 5.0 IL5-8. In the summer of 1968, after traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.

### **ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST** by Ken Kesey

The struggle for power between a head nurse and a male patient in a mental institution leads to a climax of hate, violence, and death.

### **OTHELLO**

William Shakespeare's tragedy in which Iago, jealous of Othello's successes in the army of Venice, plots against him, pretending to be his friend while planting seeds of doubt about the faithfulness of his wife, Desdemona.

### **PATRON SAINT OF BUTTERFLIES** by Cecelia Galante

When her grandmother takes fourteen-year-old Agnes, her younger brother, and best friend Honey and escapes Mount Blessing, a Connecticut religious commune, Agnes clings to the faith she loves while Honey looks toward a future free of control, cruelty, and preferential treatment.

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**THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER** by Stephen Chbosky

Charlie, a freshman in high school, explores the dilemmas of growing up through a collection of letters he sends to an unknown receiver.

**PRIDE AND PREJUDICE** by Jane Austen Jane Austen's 1813 masterpiece humorously relates the complex marriage rituals of Regency England society, as Mrs. Bennett hopes to find rich husbands for her five daughters, who will become destitute if they do not marry well. Full of romantic misunderstandings, rejected proposals, disastrous elopements, and happy endings for those who deserve them..

**REALITY CHECK** by Peter Abrahams

After a knee injury destroys sixteen-year-old Cody's college hopes, he drops out of high school and gets a job in his small Montana town; but when his ex-girlfriend disappears from her Vermont boarding school, Cody travels cross-country to join the search.

**REVOLUTION** by Jennifer Donnelly

An angry, grieving seventeen-year-old musician facing expulsion from her prestigious Brooklyn private school travels to Paris to complete a school assignment and uncovers a diary written during the French revolution by a young actress attempting to help a tortured, imprisoned little boy--Louis Charles, the lost king of France.

**RIP VAN WINKLE** by Will Moses

RL7.0 IL3-6. A retelling of the tale in which a man who sleeps for twenty years in the Catskill Mountains wakes to a much-changed world.

**ROMEO AND JULIET**

RL8.0. IL 5-8. A play about two young people who defy their warring families' prejudices and dare to fall in love.

**RUNNING DREAM** by Wendelin Van Draalin

When a school bus accident leaves sixteen-year-old Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb and her track team finds a wonderful way to help rekindle her dream of running again.

**SARAH'S KEY** by Tatiana de Rosnay

When she is abandoned by her alcoholic mother, high school senior Ruby winds up living with Cora, the sister she has not seen for ten years, and learns about Cora's new life, what makes a family, how to allow people to help her when she needs it, and that she too has something to offer others.

**THE SCARLET LETTER** by Nathaniel Hawthorne

In seventeenth-century New England, Hester Prynne is condemned by Puritan law to wear a scarlet "A" as the symbol of the sin she had committed.

**SCORPIA** by Anthony Horowitz

RL 5.8. IL 5-8. After being told that his father was an assassin for a criminal organization, fourteen-year-old Alex goes to Italy to find out more and becomes involved in a plan to kill thousands of English school children.

**THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES** by Sue Monk Kidd

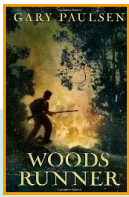
Fourteen-year-old Lily and her companion, Rosaleen, an African-American woman who has cared for Lily since her mother's death, flee their home after Rosaleen is victimized by racist police officers. They find a safe haven in Tiburon, South Carolina at the home of three beekeeping sisters, May, June, and August.

**A SINGLE SHARD** By Linda Sue Park

RL6.7 IL5-8. Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge near a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.

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### **THE PEARL** by John Steinbeck

RL6.6. Terrible events follow the discovery of a magnificent pearl by a poor Mexican fisherman.

### **SLAUGHTERHOUSE FIVE** by Kurt Vonnegut

A fourth-generation German-American is tortured by his memories of the firebombing of Dresden in 1944 which he witnessed while a prisoner of war

### **SOLDIER'S HEART** by Gary Paulsen

Charley goes to war a boy, and returns a changed man, crippled by what he has seen. In this captivating tale Paulsen vividly shows readers the turmoil of war through one boy's eyes and one boy's heart, and gives a voice to all the anonymous young men who fought in the Civil War.

### **STARGIRL** by Jerry Spinelli

RL4.1. IL5-8. Stargirl, a teen who animates quiet Mica High with her colorful personality, suddenly finds herself shunned for her refusal to conform.

### **STAYING FAT FOR SARAH BYRNES** by Chris Crutcher

RL5.4. The daily class discussions about the nature of man, the existence of God, abortion, organized religion, suicide and other contemporary issues serve as a backdrop for a high-school senior's attempt to answer a friend's dramatic cry for help.

### **STORMBREAKER** by Anthony Horowitz

RL5.5 IL 5-8. After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

### **TAKE ME TO THE RIVER** by Will Hobbs

RL5.7. IL5-8. When North Carolina fourteen-year-old Dylan Sands joins his fifteen-year-old cousin Rio in running the Rio Grande River, they face a tropical storm and a fugitive kidnapper

### **A TALE OF TWO CITIES** by Charles Dickens

Having been recently dumped for the nineteenth time by a girl named Katherine, recent high school graduate and former child prodigy Colin sets off on a road trip with his best friend to try to find some new direction in life while also trying to create a mathematical formula to explain

### **TANGERINE** by 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 TELL-TALE HEART AND OTHER WRITINGS**

Contains sixteen short stories, one novel, and fifteen poems.

### **THE THINGS THEY CARRIED** by Tom O'Brien

Related stories, linked by recurring characters and an interwoven plot, recreate an American foot soldier's experience in the Vietnam War.

### **THIRTEEN REASONS WHY** by Jay Asher

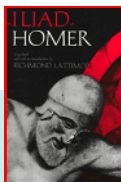
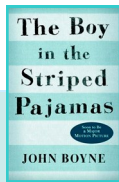
High school student Clay Jensen receives a box in the mail containing seven cassette tapes recorded by his crush, Hannah Baker, who committed suicide, and spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death.

### **TIME MACHINE** by H.G. Wells

A scientist invents a time machine and uses it to travel hundreds of thousands of years into the future, where he discovers the child-like Eloi and the hideous underground Morlocks.

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## Electronic Reader Books

### **TOUCHING SPIRIT BEAR** by Ben Mikaelson

RL5.3 IL5-8. After his anger erupts into violence, fifteen year-old Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the Native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.

### **A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN** by Betty Smith

Young Francie Nolan, having inherited both her father's romantic and her mother's practical nature, struggles to survive and thrive growing up in the slums of Brooklyn in the early twentieth century.

### **TUESDAY'S WITH MORRIE** by Mitch Alobom

The author, an alumnus of Brandeis University, tells of his meetings with a former professor suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease and of the lessons he learned about life and death from his college mentor.

### **TWISTED** by 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 attentions of a popular girl, but when life starts to go bad again, he must choose between transforming himself or giving in to his destructive thoughts.

### **UGLIES QUARTET** by Scott Westerfeld

Includes the following titles: PRETTIES, UGLIES, AND SPECIALS - follows Tally Youngblood, a teen who lives in a world in which everyone has an operation when they turn sixteen, making them supermodel beautiful. Tally struggles with the choices she has to make, and shows how she is forced to grow, change and learn. In the title EXTRAS, fifteen year old Ava Fuse lives in an alternative civilization where the social status of each person is monitored and rated.

### **WINTERGIRLS** by Laurie Halse Anderson

Eighteen-year-old Lia comes to terms with her best friend's death from anorexia as she struggles with the same disorder.

### **WITCH AND WIZARD** by James Patterson

RL4.9 IL5-8. A sister and brother, along with thousands of young people, have been kidnapped and either thrown in prison or turned up missing after accusations of witchcraft were made against them, and the ruling regime will do anything in order to suppress life and liberty, music and books.

### **WOODS RUNNER** by Gary Paulsen

From his 1776 Pennsylvania homestead, thirteen-year-old Samuel, who is a highly-skilled woodsman, sets out toward New York City to rescue his parents who were kidnapped by British soldiers and Native Americans.

### **A WRINKLE IN TIME** by Madeleine L'Engle

When astrophysicist Dr. Jack Murray disappears without a trace, his children, Meg, Charles, and neighbor Calvin O'Keefe embark on a cosmic quest to find him

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