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BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA by Katherine Paterson

All summer, Jess pushes himself to be the fastest boy in the fifth grade, running mile after hilly mile on the family farm. When the year's first schoolyard race is run, his victory is stolen by a new girl who doesn't even know enough to stay off the boy's side of the playground. But instead of becoming rivals, they become friends. Jess guides Leslie, the city girl, through life in the country, and she draws him into the imaginary world of Terabithia. Here, Leslie and Jess are safe from bullies and ridicule. One day, however, that tranquility is shattered when tragedy forces one of them to reign in Terabithia alone. Also available on Book Collection BC 89, Audio Tape AU 188, VHS LV 1171 and DVD DV 1007.

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. Also available on Book Collection BC 123, Electronic Reader 1, and Audio Tape AU 283

CRISPIN CROSS OF LEAD by Carol Alexander

Grades 6-9. An action-packed historical narrative that follows the frantic flight of a 13-year-old peasant boy across 14th-century England. After being declared a "wolf's head" by his manor's corrupt steward for a crime he didn't commit (meaning that anyone can kill him like a common animal--and collect a reward), this timid boy has to flee a tiny village that's the only world he's ever known. Providing plenty of period detail and chase-scene suspense, teaches students about England's peasant revolt of 1381. Also available on Book Collection 69, Audio Tape 379 and Electronic Reader ER1.

DOUBLE FUDGE by Judy Blume

His younger brother's obsession with money and the discovery of long-lost cousins Flora and Fauna provide many embarrassing moments for twelve-year-old Peter.

FRINDLE by Andrew Clements

Grades 3-6. When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

HATCHET by Gary Paulsen

Grades 4-6. After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents divorce. Also available on Book Collection BC 9, Audio Tape 136 and Electronic Reader ER1.



HOLES by Louis Sachar

R.L. 4.6 Grades 5-8 Stanley Yelnats is under a curse. A curse that began with his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing great-great-grandfather and has since followed generations of Yelnats. Now Stanley has been unjustly sent to a boys' detention center, Camp Green Lake, where the boys build character by spending all day, every day, digging holes exactly five feet wide and five feet deep. There is no lake at Camp Green Lake, but there are an awful lot of holes.

HOOT by Carl Hiaason

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site. **INDIAN IN THE CUPBOARD** by Lynne Reid Banks Grades 4-6. Touching tale of nine-year-old Omri who magically brings his three-inch toy Indian Little Bear to life. Together, they embark on an amazing adventure filled with wonder and excitement.

JULIE OF THE WOLVES by Jean Craighead George

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. Also available on Book Collection BC 98, Audio Tape 361 and Electronic Reader ER 1.

LIGHTNING THIEF by Rick Riordan

R.L. 4.9 Grades 5-9 After learning that he is the son of mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods. Also available on Audio Tape AU 331, ad Book Collection BC 175.

MIXED UP FILES OF MRS. BASIL E. FRANKWEILER by E.L. Konigsburg Having run away with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, twelve-year-old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home and to become a changed person and a heroine herself.

MOUSE AND MOTORCYCLE by Beverly Cleary 9-11 years old

A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.

NUMBER THE STARS by Lois Lowry

The story of the Nazi occupation of Denmark and the brave Danish resistance comes to life. 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. Also available on Playaway AU 368 and Book Collection BC 53. Newbery Winner

THE RIVER by Gary Paulsen

Two years ago, Brian Robeson survived 54 days in the wilderness. Now the government wants him to do it again, with a psychologist accompanying him to learn his techniques. But after the psychologist is struck by lightning and falls into a coma, Brian must get them both out safely.



THE GIVER by Lois Lowry

R.L. 5.7 Grades 6-10 In a future society, young Jonas is given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives. Also available Audio Tape AU 321, AU 115, Book Collection BC 44, ER 1 Nook

SIGN OF THE BEAVER by Elizabeth George Speare ER2,

RL5-6. Also available-Audio Tape AU 97, Book Collection BC51 and Video LV2948. In 1769, Matt faces serious challenges in the Maine wilderness while awaiting his father's return to their cabin. When he is saved from a terrifying bee swarm attack by an Indian chief and his grandson Attean, Matt gains a valuable friend in the young Indian boy. As the boys become closer and learn new skills from each other, Matt must face a heart-wrenching decision when the tribe decides to move north. Is it time for Matt to move on with Attean's tribe and give up hope of his family ever returning? Elizabeth George Speare. Newbery Honor.

SHABANU, DAUGHTER OF WIND by Suzanne Fisher Staples

Newbery Honor book about a Pakistani girl a "thorny, poignant coming-of-age" novel. 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.

STONE FOX by John Reynolds Gardiner

RL 3. Includes 1 book, 1 cassette, and video (96 min.): Little Willy must earn five hundred dollars to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm. He decides to face the best dog racers in the country--including the legendary Indian, By John Reynolds Gardiner (Also available BC6 Book Collection, Audio Tape AU 89, AU 393, Video LV 2841)

TALE OF DESPEREAUX by Kate DeCamillo

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.

TALES OF A 4TH GRADE NOTHING by Judy Blume

Peter finds his demanding two- year- old brother to be an ever increasing problem.

THEODORE BONE KID LAWYER by John Grisham

In the small city of Strattenburg there are many lawyers, and Theo Boone thinks he's one of them, but his inside knowledge of the justice system means trouble when a cold-blooded killer is about to go free and only Theo can stop him.

WALK TWO MOONS by Sharon Creech

RL 5. Includes 2 cassettes. After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route, while Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left. Also available on Audio Tape, AU 257 and AU 370.

