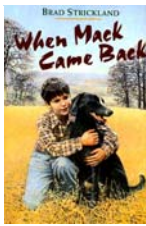


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When Mack Came Back

Strickland, Brad

Call Letters: F St Pgs: 105 Lexile: 560

When his older brother leaves the family farm in order to join the army in 1943, ten-year-old Maury remains behind to deal with his angry father and to care for Ben's injured puppy.

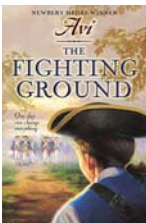


Orphan Journey Home

Ketchum, Liza

Call Letters: F Ke Pgs: 162 Lexile: 570

In 1828, while traveling from Illinois to Kentucky, twelve-year-old Jesse and her two brothers and sister lose their parents to the milk sickness and must try to finish the dangerous journey by themselves.



Fighting Ground

Avi

Call Letters: F Av Pgs: 157 Lexile: 580

Thirteen-year-old Jonathan goes off to fight in the Revolutionary War and discovers the real war is being fought within himself.



Fever 1793

Anderson, Lauren Halse

Call Letters: F An Pgs: 251 Lexile: 580

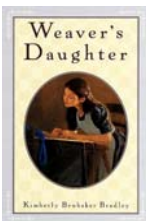
16-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793.

Paperboy

Holland, Isabelle

Call Letters: F Ho Pgs: 137 Lexile: 590

In 1881 in New York City, teenaged Kevin O'Donnell struggles to support his sick father and young sister by working as a messenger for a prominent newspaper, but finds his job threatened when he is falsely accused of stealing from his employer.

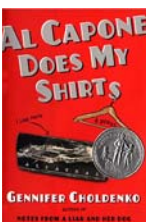


Weaver's Daughter

Bradley, Kimberly

Call Letters: F Br Pgs: 166 Lexile: 600

In 1791 after her family's journey from Pennsylvania, ten-year-old Lizzie suffers from the disease of asthma in her new home in the Southwest Territory (present-day Tennessee).



Al Capone Does My Shirts

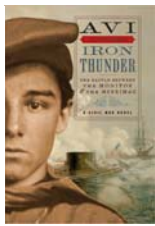
Choldenko, Gennifer

Call Letters: F Ch Pgs: 228 Lexile: 600

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

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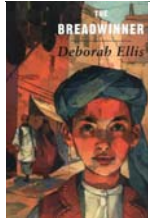


Iron Thunder

Avi

Call Letters: F Av Pgs: 203 Lexile: 620

13-year-old Tom Carroll takes his place as head of the family after his father dies fighting for the Union; but as he helps to build an iron ship for the Union army, his loyalty comes into question when he is approached by Confederate spies to sell secrets about the ship to the South.

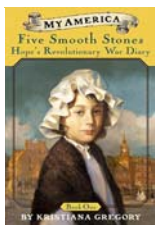


Breadwinner

Ellis, Deborah

Call Letters: F El Pgs: 170 Lexile: 630

Because the Taliban rulers of Kabul, Afghanistan, impose strict limitations on women's freedom and behavior, eleven-year-old Parvana must disguise herself as a boy so that her family can survive after her father's arrest.

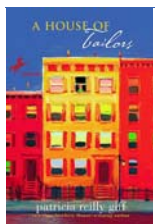


Five Smooth Stones: Hope's Diary (My America series)

Gregory, Kristina

Call Letters: F Gr Pgs: 109 Lexile: 640

In her diary, a young girl writes about her life and the events surrounding the beginning of the American Revolution in Philadelphia in 1776.

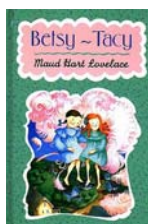


House of Tailors

Giff, Patricia Reilly

Call Letters: F Gi Pgs: 148 Lexile: 640

When 13-year-old Dina emigrates from Germany to America in 1871, her only wish is to return home as soon as she can, but as the months pass and she survives a multitude of hardships living with her uncle and his young wife and baby, she finds herself thinking of Brooklyn as her home.



Betsy-Tacy (series)

Lovelace, Maud Hart

Call Letters: F Lo Pgs: 112 Lexile: 650

After Betsy Ray moves into the house across the street from Tacy Kelly, the five-year-olds become inseparable friends.



Behind the Bedroom Wall

Williams, Laura

Call Letters: F Wi Pgs: 169 Lexile: 660

Ten-year-old Korinna must decide whether to report her parents to her Hitler youth group when she discovers that they are hiding Jews in a secret space behind Korinna's bedroom wall.



Number the Stars

Lowry, Lois

Call Letters: F Lo Pgs: 137 Lexile: 670

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.

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Traitor Among Us

Van Steenwyk, Elizabeth

Call Letters: F Va Pgs: 133 Lexile: 680

In occupied Holland in 1944, 13-year-old Pieter becomes increasingly involved in the work of the Dutch Resistance even though he knows the risk of being discovered by the Nazi informer who lives in his village.



Island on Bird Street

Orlev, Uri

Call Letters: F Or Pgs: 162 Lexile: 690

During World War II a Jewish boy is left on his own for months in a ruined house in the Warsaw Ghetto, where he must learn all the tricks of survival under constantly life-threatening conditions.



Snow Treasure

McSwigan, Marie

Call Letters: F Mc Pgs: 156 Lexile: 690

A fictionalized account of how a group of Norwegian children carried bullion to the sea on their sleds, thus helping their country move its gold reserves to the United States during the German occupation.

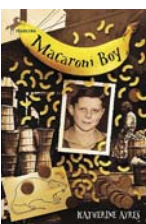


Honus & Me: A Baseball Card Adventure (series)

Gutman, Dan

Call Letters: F Gu Pgs: 140 Lexile: 690

Joey, who loves baseball but is not very good at it, finds a valuable 1909 Honus Wagner card and travels back in time to meet Honus.

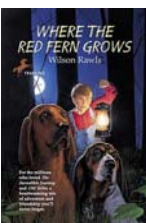


Macaroni Boy

Ayres, Katherine

Call Letters: F Ay Pgs: 182 Lexile: 700

In Pittsburgh in 1933, sixth-grader Mike Costa notices a connection between several strange occurrences, but the only way he can find out the truth about what's happening is to be nice to the class bully. Includes historical facts.



Where the Red Fern Grows

Rawls, Wilson

Call Letters: F Ra Pgs: 249 Lexile: 700

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.



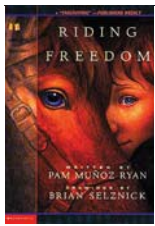
Yellow Star

Roy, Jennifer

Call Letters: F Ro Pgs: 227 Lexile: 710

From 1939, when Sylvia is four and a half years old, to 1945 when she has just turned ten, a Jewish girl and her family struggle to survive in Poland's Lodz ghetto during the Nazi occupation.

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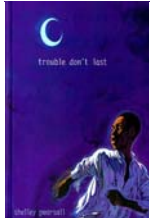


Riding Freedom

Ryan, Pam Muñoz

Call Letters: F Ry Pgs: 138 Lexile: 720

A fictionalized account of Charley (Charlotte) Parkhurst who ran away from an orphanage, posed as a boy, moved to California, and fooled everyone by her appearance.

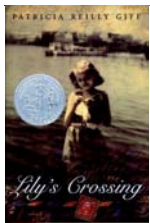


Trouble Don't Last

Pearsall, Shelley

Call Letters: F Pe Pgs: 237 Lexile: 720

Samuel, an eleven-year-old Kentucky slave, and Harrison, the elderly slave who helped raise him, attempt to escape to Canada via the Underground Railroad.

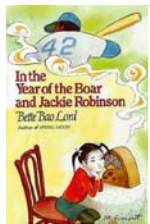


Lily's Crossing

Giff, Patricia Reilly

Call Letters: F Gi Pgs: 180 Lexile: 720

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.



In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson

Lord, Bette

Call Letters: F Lo Pgs: 169 Lexile: 730

In 1947, a Chinese child comes to Brooklyn where she becomes Americanized at school, in her apartment building, and by her love for baseball.

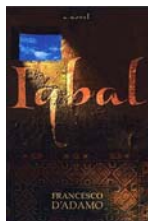


Cracker!: The Best Dog in Vietnam

Kadohata, Cynthia

Call Letters: F Ka Pgs: 312 Lexile: 730

When Cracker is paired with Rick, she isn't so sure about this new owner. He's going to have to prove himself to her before she's going to prove herself to him. They need to be friends before they can be a team, and they have to be a team if they want to get home alive.



Iqbal

D'Adamo, Francesco

Call Letters: F Da Pgs: 120 Lexile: 730

A fictionalized account of the Pakistani child who escaped from bondage in a carpet factory and went on to help liberate other children like him before being gunned down at the age of thirteen.



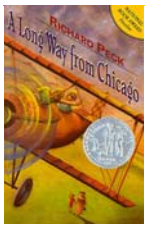
Rodzina

Cushman, Karen

Call Letters: F Cu Pgs: 215 Lexile: 740

A 12-year-old Polish American girl is boarded onto an orphan train in Chicago with fears about traveling to the West and a life of unpaid slavery.

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Long Way from Chicago

Peck, Richard

Call Letters: F Pe Pgs: 148 Lexile: 750

A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.



Elephant Run

Smith, Roland

Call Letters: F Sm Pgs: 318 Lexile: 750

Nick's father and others are taken prisoner when his plantation in Burma is invaded by the Japanese in 1941, leaving Nick and his friend Mya to risk their lives in order to free them from the POW camp



Esperanza Rising

Ryan, Pam Munoz

Call Letters: F Ry Pgs: 262 Lexile: 750

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.



Counting on Grace

Winthrop, Elizabeth

Call Letters: F Wi Pgs: 232 Lexile: 760

12-year-old Grace and her friend Arthur, taken out of school and put to work in a Vermont textile mill in 1910, are urged by their teacher to write the National Child Labor Committee, an action only Grace seems to realize will have serious consequences.



Boy Who Dared

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell

Call Letters: F Ba Pgs: 202 Lexile: 760

In October, 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hubener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people.

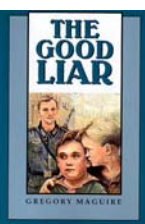


Klipfish Code

Casanova, Mary

Call Letters: F Ca Pgs: 227 Lexile: 770

Sent with her younger brother to Godoy Island to live with her aunt and grandfather after Germans bomb Norway in 1940, 10-year-old Merit longs to join her parents in the Resistance, and when her aunt, a teacher, is taken away two years later, she resents even more the Nazis' presence and her grandfather's refusal to oppose them.



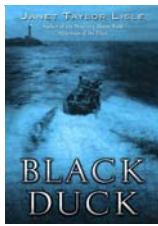
Good Liar

Maguire, Gregory

Call Letters: F Ma Pgs: 129 Lexile: 780

Now an old man living in the United States, Marcel recalls his childhood in German-occupied France, especially the summer that he and his older brother Rene befriended a young German soldier.

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Black Duck

Lisle, Janet Taylor

Call Letters: F Li Pgs: 240 Lexile: 790

In 1929, in Newport, RI, Ruben and his friend Jeddy, 14, found a body on the beach. By the time they convinced the authorities to check it out, the dead man had disappeared, and soon both the New York and Boston mobs were after Ruben.



Rising Star of Rusty Nail

Blume, Lesley

Call Letters: F Bl Pgs: 3E+ Lexile: 790

In the small town of Rusty Nail, Minnesota, in the early 1950s, musically talented ten-year-old Franny wants to take advanced piano lessons from newcomer Olga Malenkov, a famous Russian musician suspected of being a communist spy by gossip members of the community.



Family Apart

Nixon, Joan Lowery

Call Letters: F Ni Pgs: 162 Lexile: 820

In 1860, when their widowed mother can no longer support them, six siblings are sent on the orphan train by the Children's Aid Society of New York City to live with farm families in Missouri.



Someone Named Eva

Wolf, Joan

Call Letters: F Wo Pgs: 200 Lexile: 820

In 1942, from her home in Lidice, Czechoslovakia, 11-year-old Milada is taken with other blond, blue-eyed children to a school in Poland to be trained as "proper Germans" for adoption by German families, but all the while she remembers her true name and history.



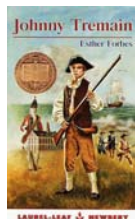
Apprenticeship of Lucas Whitaker

DeFelice, Cynthia

Call Letters: F De Pgs: 151 Lexile: 830

It's 1849, and 12-year-old Lucas Whitaker is alone after his entire family dies of consumption. He might have saved his mother, who was the last to die, if only he had listened to news of a strange cure for the deadly disease.

Unable to manage the family farm by himself, Lucas finds work as an apprentice to Doc



Johnny Tremain

Forbes, Esther

Call Letters: F Fo Pgs: 256 Lexile: 840

After injuring his hand, a silversmith's apprentice in Boston becomes a messenger for the Sons of Liberty in the days before the American Revolution.



Nowhere to Call Home

DeFelice, Cynthia

Call Letters: F De Pgs: 199 Lexile: 870

When her father kills himself after losing his money in the stock market crash of 1929, twelve-year-old Frances, now a penniless orphan, decides to hop aboard a freight train and live the life of a hobo.

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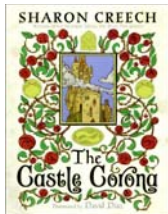


Torn Thread

Isaacs, Anne

Call Letters: F Is Pgs: 188 Lexile: 880

In an attempt to save his daughter's life, Eva's father sends her from Poland to a labor camp in Czechoslovakia where she and her sister survive the war.

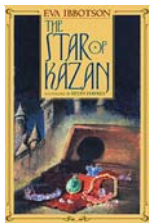


Castle Corona

Creech, Sharon

Call Letters: F Cr Pgs: 320 Lexile: 880

Two orphaned peasant children discover a mysterious pouch, the contents of which lead them to the majestic Castle Corona, where their lives may be transformed forever.

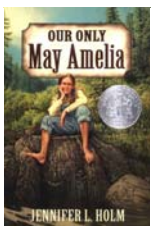


Star of Kazan

Ibbotson, Eva

Call Letters: F Ib Pgs: 405 Lexile: 880

Annika, a twelve-year-old foundling in late nineteenth-century Vienna, inherits a trunk of costume jewelry, and soon afterwards a woman claiming to be her aristocratic mother arrives and takes her to live in a strangely decrepit mansion in Germany

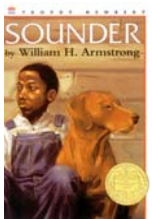


Our Only May Amelia

Holm, Anne

Call Letters: F Ho Pgs: 253 Lexile: 900

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.



Sounder

Armstrong, William

Call Letters: F Ar Pgs: 116 Lexile: 900

Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young black boy grows in courage and understanding by learning to read and through his relationship with his devoted dog Sounder.



Single Shard

Park, Linda Sue

Call Letters: F Pa Pgs: 152 Lexile: 920

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.



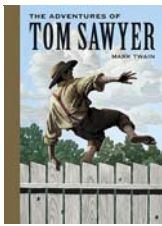
Man From the Other Side

Orlev, Uri

Call Letters: F Or Pgs: 186 Lexile: 930

Living on the outskirts of the Warsaw Ghetto during World War II, fourteen-year-old Marek and his grandparents shelter a Jewish man in the days before the Jewish uprising.

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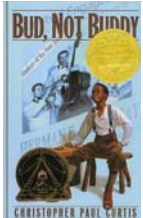


Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Twain, Mark

Call Letters: F Tw Pgs: 261 Lexile: 950

The adventures and pranks of a mischievous boy growing up in a Mississippi River town in the early 1800's.



Bud, Not Buddy

Curtis, Christopher Paul

Call Letters: F Cu Pgs: 245 Lexile: 950

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.

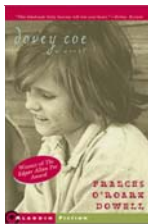


Georges and the Jewels

Smiley, Jane

Call Letters: F Sm Pgs: 232 Lexile: 970

7th-grader Abby Lovitt grows up on her family's California horse ranch in the 1960s, learning to train the horses her father sells and trying to reconcile her strict religious upbringing with her own ideas about life.

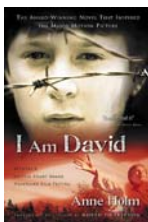


Dovey Coe

Dowell, Frances O'Roark

Call Letters: F Do Pgs: 181 Lexile: 980

Accused of murder in her North Carolina mountain town in 1928, Dovey Coe, a strong-willed twelve-year-old girl, comes to a new understanding of others, including her deaf brother, as she attempts to clear her name.

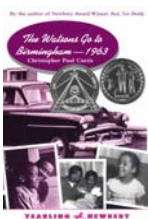


I am David

Holm, Anne

Call Letters: F Ho Pgs: 239 Lexile: 980

After escaping from an Eastern European concentration camp where he has spent most of his life, a twelve-year-old boy struggles to cope with an entirely strange world as he flees northward to freedom in Denmark.



Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963

Curtis, Christopher Paul

Call Letters: F Cu Pgs: 210 Lexile: 1000

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.



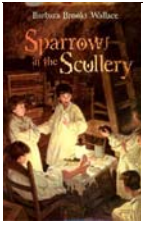
Little Cricket

Brown, Jackie

Call Letters: F Br Pgs: 252 Lexile: 1010

After the upheaval of the Vietnam War reaches them, twelve-year-old Kia and her Hmong family flee from the mountains of Laos to a refugee camp in Thailand and eventually to St. Paul, Minnesota.

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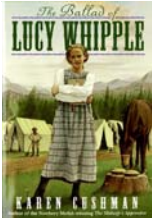


Sparrows in the Scullery

Wallace, Barbara

Call Letters: F Wa Pgs: 152 Lexile: 1020

Wealthy, orphaned Colley is kidnapped, placed in the awful Broggin Home for Boys, and put to work in a dangerous glass factory. Someone wants Colley dead, but that person has not counted on five scrappy boys, fellow inmates, who are determined that Colley will live.



Ballad of Lucy Whipple

Cushman, Karen

Call Letters: F Cu Pgs: 195 Lexile: 1030

In 1849, twelve-year-old California Morning Whipple, who renames herself Lucy, is distraught when her mother moves the family from Massachusetts to a rough California mining town.

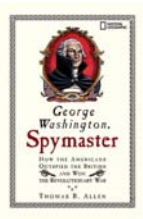


Elijah of Buxton

Curtis, Christopher Paul

Call Letters: F Cu Pgs: 341 Lexile: 1070

Eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada--a haven for slaves fleeing the American South in 1859--uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom.



George Washington, Spymaster

Allen, Thomas B.

Call Letters: F Al Pgs: 184 Lexile: 1100

A biography of Revolutionary War general and first President of the United States, George Washington, focusing on his use of spies to gather intelligence that helped the colonies win the war.