4th Grade

**Because of Mr. Terupt** - Rob Buyea  
ISBN: 9780385738828  
Publication Date: 2010-10-12  
This book features seven narrators, each with a unique story, and each with a different perspective on what makes their teacher so special. It’s the start of 8th grade for seven kids at Snow Hill School. There’s Jessica, the new girl, smart and perceptive; who’s having a hard time fitting in; Alexia, a bully, your friend one second, your enemy the next; Peter, class prankster and troublemaker; Luke, the energetic teacher, seems to know how to deal with them all. He makes the classroom a fun place, even if he doesn’t let them get away with much... until the snowy winter day when an accident changes everything—and everyone.

6th Grade

**The Swap** - Megan Shull  
ISBN: 9780062311696  
Publication Date: 2014-08-26  
This smart and funny twist on Freaky Friday is perfect for fans of Wendy Mass, Jerry Spinelli, and Jon Scieszka. With one random wish, Jack and Ellie are living life in each other’s shoes. He’s her. And she’s him. Ellie assumed popular guys didn’t worry about body image, being perfect, or talking to girls, but acting like you’re cool with everything is tougher than it looks. Jack thought girls had it easy—no fights with bullies, no power plays—but facing mean girls at sleepovers and getting grilled about your love life is way harder than taking a hit to the face at sports practice. Now they’re dealing with each other’s middle school dramas until they hopefully switch back! Told in both Jack’s and Ellie’s voices, The Swap offers a fresh and honest look at tween friendship, all while exploring more serious themes of family, loss, empathy, and what it really means to be yourself.

7th Grade

**Lumberjanes** - Noelle Stevenson et al.  
Publication Date: 2015-05-05  
In 1987, five 6th graders are tired of the girls’ club being taken over by the popular girls and formation of the Lumberjanes. Jo, April, Mal, Molly, and Ripley are five bad, butt-kicking girls who take it upon themselves to defend an underdog school for girls from being taken over by the vengeful ghost of a girl who was killed there. They learn that they need more than just their physical strength to get the job done. As they explore the supernatural, they find themselves in a race against time to save their school and stop the ghost's reign of terror.

8th Grade

**The Boy Who Dared** - Susan Campbell Bartoletti  
ISBN: 9780439680134  
Publication Date: 2008-02-01  
A Newbery Honor Award book about the story of 16-year-old Helmut Hubner, a German Jew who helps the British hero Tidus to save a boy in World War II. A thought-provoking novel. When 16-year-old Helmut Hubner listens to the BBC news on an illegal short-wave radio, he quickly discovers Germany is lying to the people. But when he tries to expose the truth with leaflets, he’s tried for treason. Sentenced to death and waiting in a jail cell, Helmut’s story emerges in a series of flashbacks that show his growth from a naive child caught up in the patriotism of the times, to a sensitive and mature young man who thinks for himself.

Fantasy

**The Demon Catchers of Milan** - Kat Boyer  
After surviving being possessed by a demon, sixteen-year-old Mia leaves her family in New York to stay with cousins in Italy, where she must study her family's heritage of demon catching in order to stay alive.

**The Demon King** - Cinda Williams Chima  
Relates the intertwining fates of former street gang leader Han Alister and headstrong Princess Raisa, as Han takes possession of an amulet that once belonged to an evil wizard and Raisa uncovers a conspiracy in the Grey Wolf Court.

**Fairy Day Bad** - Amanda Ashby  
High schooler Emma is devastated to learn that she may not follow in her mother’s footsteps as a drag slayer, but with an unlikely band of allies she discovers that she may, indeed, be more adept at slaying giant killer fairies.

**The Faerie Ring** - Kiki Hamilton  
Tiki, living with her family of orphans in 1871 London, steals a ring belonging to Queen Victoria that binds the rulers of England and the realm of Faerie to peace, but a rebel group of faeries hopes to break the treaty using dark magic and Tiki's blood.

**The Girl with Borrowed Wings** - Rnsi Rossetti  
Seventeen-year-old Frencener lives a controlled and restricted life in the desert, like everyone else there, but when she meets Sangris, a Free, winged shape-shifter, everything changes.
In the Time of Dragon Moon - Janet Lee Carey
In 1210 AD, Uma, a Healer raised by a tribe of people native to Wilde Island, must complete an impossible task for the English queen or be burned alive, and her only ally is the part dragon, part fairy Pendragon prince who is struggling with a secret of his own.

The Glass Arrow - Kristen Simmons
On a lunar colony, fifteen-year-old Dove Arising joins the Militia when her mother is imprisoned by the Moon's oppressive government.

Ms. Marvel - No Normal - G. Willow Wilson et al.
Kamala Khan is an ordinary girl from Jersey City—until she's suddenly empowered with extraordinary gifts and becomes Ms. Marvel.

The Scorpio Races - Maggie Stiefvater
Nineteen-year-old returning champion Sean Kendrick competes against Puck Connolly, the first girl ever to ride in the annual Scorpio Races, both trying to keep hold of their dangerous water horses long enough to make it to the finish line.

Six of Crows - Leigh Bardugo
Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist. Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction—if they don't kill each other first.

Sorrow's Knot - Erin Bow
Otter is a girl of the Shadowed People, a tribe of women, and she is born to be a binder, a woman whose power it is to tie the knots that bind the dead—but she is also destined to remake her world.

White Cat - Holly Black
When Casael Sharpe discovers that his older brothers have used him to carry out their criminal schemes and then stolen his memories, he figures out a way to turn their evil machinations against them.

Steve Jobs - Jessie Hartland
A biography in graphic novel format of computer pioneer Steve Jobs, from his childhood in San Francisco through his creation of Apple Computer to his death in 2011 at the age of 56.

Nimona - Noelle Stevenson
Lord Ballister Blackheart seeks to bring down the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics with the aid of his new shapeshifting sidekick Nimona.

Half a World Away - Cynthia Kadohata
Twelve-year-old Jaden, an emotionally damaged adopted boy fascinated by electricity, feels a connection to a small, weak toddler with special needs in Kazakhstan, where Jaden's family is trying to adopt a "normal" baby.

Geek Girl - Holly Smale
When geeky Harriet Manners is accidentally discovered by a modeling agent, she leaps at the chance to reinvent herself.

After Eli - Rebecca Rupp
After the death of his older brother, Daniel became engrossed in recording details about dead people—how they died, and whether their deaths mattered—but he is eventually drawn back into interaction with the living by two unexpected friends, Walter and Isabelle.

Realistic Fiction

Beneath - Roland Smith
ISBN: 9780545564861
Pat O'Toole has always idolized his older brother, Coop, right up until the day Coop ran away from home. Now, a year later, he has received a package with a cryptic message from his brother that leads him to the mysterious Community living beneath the streets of New York City.

Devin Rhodes Is Dead - Jennifer Wolf Kam
To most people Cassandra and Devin look like best friends—but Cassandra actually resents the arrogant and bossy Devin, and when Devin turns up dead, Cassandra is wracked by her guilty secret.

Curveball - Jordan Sonnenblick
After an injury ends star pitcher Peter Friedman's athletic dreams, he concentrates on photography which leads him to a girlfriend, fame as a high school sports photographer, and a deeper relationship with the beloved grandfather who, gives Pete all of his professional camera gear.

Sixers - Michael Wilson
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Mystery & Adventure

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Glitch - Heather Anastasiu
In the Community, where implanted computer chips have replaced human emotions and thoughts are replaced by a feed from the Link network, Zoe starts to malfunction, or glitch, and begins having her own thoughts, feelings, identity--and telekinetic powers.

Icebreaker - Lian Tanner
Petrel, an outcast on an ancient ship, discovers a mysterious boy marooned on an iceberg. When he's rescued, no one knows that he's actually on a mission to destroy the ship.

The Prisoner of Cell 25 - Richard Evans
Fourteen-year-old Michael discovers he has special electrical powers and soon becomes aware that there are other teens with similar powers ... and that something or someone is hunting them.

Minders - Michele Jaffe
Sadie, a wealthy, success-oriented sixteen-year-old joins the prestigious Mind Corps Fellowship program as an observer in the head of Ford, a troubled, possibly murderous boy, with whom Sadie falls in love.

The Other Side of the Island - Allegra Goodman
Honor, living with her mom and dad on Island 365 in the Tranquil Sea, an environment controlled by the Earth Mother corporation, becomes more fearful as she realizes that her nonconformist parents are putting the entire family at risk.

The Rig - Joe Ducie
Fifteen-year-old Will Drake has made a career of breaking out of high-security prisons. His talents have landed him at the Rig, a specialist juvenile holding facility in the middle of the Arctic Ocean. No one can escape from the Rig. No one except for Drake.

This Is How It Ends - Jen Nadol
After Riley and his friends see some disturbing visions through a mysterious pair of binoculars, they soon realize these hallucinations are coming true, especially when one of Riley's closest friends becomes the prime suspect of a gruesome murder.

Glory - Kendare Blake
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as Anna Dressed in Blood, but she is

unlike any ghost he has ever

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The Dead Girls of Hysteria Hall -

Katie Alender

Sixteen-year-old Cordelia and her

family move into the house they just

inherited, known as Hysteria Hall, she
discovers the house wants to kill her.

The Dogs - Allan Stratton

Cameron and his mom are always

running away from his dad, and their

latest refuge is a creepy, deserted

farmhouse, haunted by bloodthirsty
dogs

This Monstrous Thing -

Mackenzi Lee

When a talented mechanic in 1818

Geneva brings his brother back from

the dead using clockwork parts, the

citizens of Geneva think they may

have inspired the recently published

novel Frankenstein.

Rebel Belle - Rachel Hawkins

Seventeen-year-old Harper Price's

charmed life is turned upside down

when she discovers she’s been given

magical powers in order to protect her

school nemesis David Stark, who's an

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How They Croaked - Georgia Bragg

Chronicles the sometimes gruesome
details of the deaths of nineteen famous

historical figures, including King Tut,
Pocahontas, George Washington,
Edgar Allan Poe, and Marie Curie.

Imprisoned - Martin W. Sandler

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Josephine - Patricia Hruby Powell

A portrait of the performer and civil

rights advocate Josephine Baker.

Quiet Power - Susan Cain

A discussion of the power of introverts

for kids and teens with a focus on

school, family life, and friendship.

Space Junk - Karen Romano Young

This book examines the proliferation of

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If I Ever Get Out of Here - Eric L.

Gansworth

Seventh-grader "Shoe" Blake from the

Tuscarora Reservation has a new friend,

George Haddonfield from the local Air

Force base, but in 1975 there is a lot of
tension and hatred between Native

Americans and Whites—and Lewis is not sure that he can rely on friendship.

Incommunicado - Randall Platt

After the Japanese bomb Pearl

Harbor, a wealthy Japanese American

businessman in a small Oregon town

becomes the prime target of an angry

mob, until twelve-year-old Ruby Opal

"Jewels" Stokes comes to his
defense.

A Night Divided - Jennifer A.

Nielsen

When the Berlin Wall went up, Gerta,
his mother, and her brother Fritz were

trapped on the eastern side, while her

father and her other brother Dominic

were in the West. Four years later,
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platform on the western side and
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Wolf Hollow - Lauren Wolk

Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn
to stand up for what's right in the face

of a manipulative and violent new

bully who targets people Annabelle
cares about, including a homeless

World War I veteran.