

REALISTIC FICTION

Youth Fiction	Angleberger, Andrew	The Strange Case of Origami Yoda	Grades 4-6
	Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. Includes instructions for making Origami Yoda.		
Youth Fiction	Applegate, Katherine	Never Glue Your Friends to Chairs (Roscoe Riley Rules series)	Grades 1-2
	When the first-graders' bee antennae would not stay on their heads and the drummers would not stay in their seats for the open house play, Roscoe decides to help by using the "don't-you-dare" glue.		
Youth Fiction	Babbitt, Natalie	The Moon Over High Street	Grades 4-7
	Struggling to make an important decision, Joe considers the advice of a successful, decisive millionaire before finding help through an unexpected source.		
Youth Fiction	Barrows, Annie	Ivy + Bean	Grades 1-3
	When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.		
Youth Fiction	Bateson, Catherine	Being Bee	Grades 4-6
	Bee faces friction at home and at school when her widowed father begins seriously dating Jazzie, who seems to take over the house and their lives, but as shared secrets and common interests finally begin to draw them together, Jazzie accidentally makes a terrible mistake.		
Youth Fiction	Bauer, Joan	Stand Tall	Grades 5-7
	Tree, a six-foot-three-inch twelve-year-old, copes with his parents' recent divorce and his failure as an athlete by helping his grandfather, a Vietnam vet and recent amputee, and Sophie, a new girl at school.		
Newbery	Bauer, Joan	Hope was Here	Grades 6-9
	When sixteen-year-old Hope and the aunt who has raised her move from Brooklyn to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, to work as waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways diner, they become involved with the diner owner's political campaign to oust the town's corrupt mayor.		
Youth Fiction	Birdsall, Jeanne	The Penderwicks Series	Grades 4-6
	While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.		
Youth Fiction	Blume, Judy	Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	Grades 3-6
	Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever increasing problem.		

Youth Fiction	Bruchac, Joseph	The Heart of a Chief	Grades 5-8
	An eleven-year-old Penacook Indian boy living on a reservation faces his father's alcoholism, a controversy surrounding plans for a casino on a tribal island, and insensitivity toward Native Americans in his school and nearby town.		
Youth Fiction	Buyea, Rob	Because of Mr. Terupt	Grades 4-6
	Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by "rookie teacher" Mr. Terupt.		
Youth Fiction	Cleary, Beverly	Henry Huggins	Grades 3-5
	When Henry adopts Ribsby, a dog of no particular breed, humorous adventures follow.		
Youth Fiction	Clements, Andrew	Fear Itself	Grades 3-5
	As the new Keepers of the School, sixth-graders Ben and Jill must decipher a handful of clues written as maritime riddles to save their school from demolition by a greedy company.		
Youth Fiction	Clements, Andrew	No Talking	Grades 4-6
	The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.		
Youth Fiction	Clements, Andrew	Trouble-Maker	Grades 4-6
	When his older brother gets in serious trouble, sixth-grader Clay decides to change his own mischief-making ways, but he cannot seem to shake his reputation as a troublemaker.		
Youth Fiction	Connor, Leslie	Waiting for Normal	Grades 6-8
	Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.		
Newbery	DiCamillo, Kate	Because of Winn Dixie	Grades 4-6
	Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.		
Youth Fiction	DiCamillo, Kate	Bink & Gollie	Grades 1-3
	Two roller-skating best friends--one tiny, one tall--share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion.		
Youth Fiction	Creech, Sharon	Love That Dog	Grades 4-8
	A young student, who comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem.		
Youth Fiction	Dowell, Frances O'Roark	Chicken Boy	Grades 4-7
	Since the death of his mother, Tobin's family life and school life have been in disarray, but after he starts raising chickens with his seventh-grade classmate, Henry, everything starts to fall into place.		

Youth Fiction	Draper, Sharon	Out of My Mind: a Novel	Grades 4-6
	Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.		
Youth Fiction	Gantos, Jack	Jack's Black Book	Grades 5-7
	Comic misadventures ensue when seventh-grader Jack tries to write the great American novel.		
Newbery	Giff, Patricia Reilly	Pictures of Hollis Woods	Grades 5-7
	A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her.		
Youth Fiction	Gifford, Peggy Elizabeth	Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Practicing the Piano	Grades 3-5
	On the day of her recital, ten-year-old Moxy prepares in her usual flamboyant way, which creates chaos at home.		
Youth Fiction	Gorman, Carol	Dork on the Run	Grades 3-6
	Having reluctantly agreed to run for sixth-grade president, Jerry, who has been trying to change his image as a dork, finds his opponent playing dirty tricks on him.		
Youth Fiction	Greenwald, Tommy	Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Summer Vacation	Grades 4-7
	The lovable slacker Charlie Joe Jackson is back, and he's wreaking havoc at an academic summer camp.		
Youth Fiction	Hamilton, Virginia	Bluish	Grades 4-7
	Ten-year-old Dreenie feels both intrigued and frightened when she thinks about the girl nicknamed Bluish, whose leukemia is making her pale and causing her to use a wheelchair.		
Youth Fiction	Henke, Kevin	Bird Lake Moon	Grades 4-7
	Twelve-year-old Mitch and his mother are spending the summer with his grandparents at Bird Lake after his parents separate, and ten-year-old Spencer and his family have returned to the lake where Spencer's little brother drowned long ago, and as the boys become friends and spend time together, each of them begins to heal.		
Newbery	Henry, Marguerite	Misty of Chincoteague	Grades 2-4
	The determination of two youngsters to win a Chincoteague pony is greatly increased when the Phantom and her colt are among those rounded up for the yearly auction.		
Youth Fiction	Hermes, Patricia	Emma Dilemma	Grade 2-4
	Emma tries to help her parents understand that, although their beloved new nanny has made a few mistakes, no one can behave perfectly responsibly all the time.		
Newbery	Hiaasen, Carl	Hoot	Grades 6-9
	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.		

Youth Fiction	Hobbs, Valerie	The Last Best Days of Summer	Grades 5-8
	During a summer visit, twelve-year-old Lucy must come to terms with both her grandmother's failing memory and how her mentally-challenged neighbor will impact her popularity when both enter the same middle school in the fall.		
Youth Fiction	Holt, Kimberley Willis	Piper Reed: Navy Brat	Grades 3-5
	Piper is sad about leaving her home and friends behind when her father, a Navy aircraft mechanic, is transferred yet again, but with help from her often-annoying sisters and a surprise from their parents, she finds happiness in their new home in Pensacola, Florida.		
Newbery	Horvath, Polly	Everything on a Waffle	Grades 4-7
	Eleven-year-old Primrose living in a small fishing village in British Columbia recounts her experiences and all that she learns about human nature and the unpredictability of life in the months after her parents are lost at sea.		
Youth Fiction	Kinney, Jeff	Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series	Grades 4-8
	Greg records his sixth grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, undersized weaklings amid boys who need to shave twice daily, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.		
Newbery	Konigsburg, E.L.	The View from Saturday	Grades 4-6
	Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.		
Youth Fiction	Korman, Gordon	No More Dead Dogs	Grades 5-7
	Eighth-grade football hero Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play where, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well.		
Newbery	Lai, Thanhha	Inside Out and Back Again	Grades 4-6
	Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.		
Newbery	Lord, Cynthia	Rules	Grades 4-7
	Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.		
Youth Fiction	MacLachlan, Patricia	Word after Word after Word	Grades 2-4
	A visiting author teaches five friends about the power of words and writing.		
Youth Fiction	Messner, Kate	Capture the Flag	Grades 4-6
	When the original Star Spangled Banner is stolen, seventh-graders Anne, José, and Henry, all descendants of the Silver Jaguar Society, pursue suspects on airport carts and through baggage handling tunnels while stranded at a Washington, D.C., airport during a snowstorm.		

Youth Fiction	Nichols, Sally	Ways to Live Forever	Grades 4-6
	Eleven-year-old Sam McQueen, who has leukemia, writes a book during the last three months of his life. He tells about what he would like to accomplish, how he feels, and things that have happened to him.		
Youth Fiction	O'Connor, Barbara	The Small Adventure of Popeye & Elvis	Grades 3-6
	In Fayette, South Carolina, the highlight of Popeye's summer is learning vocabulary words with his grandmother until a motor home gets stuck nearby and Elvis, the oldest boy living inside, joins Popeye in finding the source of strange boats floating down the creek.		
Youth Fiction	Palacio, R.J.	Wonder	Grades 4-7
	Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.		
Youth Fiction	Parry, Rosanne	Heart of a Shepherd	Grades 4-7
	Ignatius "Brother" Alderman, nearly twelve, promises to help his grandparents keep the family's Oregon ranch the same while his brothers are away and his father is deployed to Iraq, but as he comes to accept the inevitability of change, he also sees the man he is meant to be.		
Newbery	Paterson, Katherine	The Great Gilly Hopkins	Grades 4-6
	An eleven-year-old foster child tries to cope with her longings and fears as she schemes against everyone who tries to be friendly.		
Newbery	Patron, Susan	The Higher Power of Lucky	Grades 4-6
	Fearing that her legal guardian plans to abandon her to return to France, ten-year-old aspiring scientist Lucky Trimble determines to run away while also continuing to seek the Higher Power that will bring stability to her life.		
Youth Fiction	Paulson, Gary	Lawn Boy	Grades 4-7
	Things get out of hand for a twelve-year-old boy when a neighbor convinces him to expand his summer lawn mowing business.		
Youth Fiction	Pennypacker, Sara	Clementine	Grades 2-4
	While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.		
Newbery	Perkins, Lynne Rae	Criss Cross	Grades 6-9
	Teenagers in a small town in the 1960s experience new thoughts and feelings, question their identities, connect, and disconnect as they search for the meaning of life and love.		
Youth Fiction	Roberts, Willa	Rebel	Grades 6-8
	When her grandmother decides to ditch assisted living and start a boarding house, fourteen-year-old Amanda Jane Keeling, or Rebel, signs on for the work crew, where she just happens to meet a teenaged boy taller than she is and to embroil them both in a mystery.		

Youth Fiction	Russell, Rachel Renée	Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life	Grades 5-8
	Fourteen-year-old Nikki Maxwell writes in her diary of her struggle to be popular at her exclusive new private school, then of finding her place after she gives up on being part of the elite group.		
Newbery	Rylant, Cynthia	Missing May	Grades 5-8
	After the death of the beloved aunt who has raised her, twelve-year-old Summer and her uncle Ob leave their West Virginia trailer in search of the strength to go on living.		
Youth Fiction	Sachar, Louis	Small Steps	Grades 5-8
	Three years after being released from Camp Green Lake, Armpit is trying hard to keep his life on track, but when his old pal X-Ray shows up with a tempting plan to make some easy money scalping concert tickets, Armpit reluctantly goes along.		
Youth Fiction	Sachs, Marilyn	The Four Ugly Cats in Apartment 3D	Grades 3-4
	After a neighbor in her apartment building dies, ten-year-old Lily tries to find homes for his four ugly, noisy cats.		
Youth Fiction	Smith, Yeardley	I, Lorelei	Grades 5-6
	In letters to her recently deceased cat Mud, eleven-year-old Lorelei chronicles the ups and downs of her sixth-grade year, during which her parents separate, she gets a part in the school play, and she becomes friends with the cutest boy in her grade.		
Youth Fiction	Stead, Rebecca	Liar and Spy	Grades 5-8
	Seventh-grader Georges adjusts to moving from a house to an apartment, his father's efforts to start a new business, his mother's extra shifts as a nurse, being picked on at school, and Safer, a boy who wants his help spying on another resident of their building.		
Youth Fiction	Sternberg, Julie	Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie	Grades 2-4
	When nine-year-old Eleanor's beloved babysitter Bibi moves away to care for her ailing father, Eleanor must spend the summer adjusting to a new babysitter while mourning the loss of her old one.		
Youth Fiction	Urban, Linda	A Crooked Kind of Perfect	Grades 4-6
	Ten-year-old Zoe Elias, who longs to play the piano but must resign herself to learning the organ, instead, finds that her musicianship has a positive impact on her workaholic mother, her jittery father, and her school social life.		
Youth Series	Winkler, Henry	I Got a "D" in Salami (Hank Zipzer series)	Grades 3-5
	Antics ensue after Hank throws his report card into a meat grinder.		
Youth Fiction	Yee, Lisa	Stanford Wong Flunks	Grades 5-7
	After flunking sixth-grade English, basketball prodigy Stanford Wong must struggle to pass his summer-school class, keep his failure a secret from his friends, and satisfy his academically demanding father.		