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**LIST ONE: ALPHABETICAL BY AUTHOR**

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- Anderson, Laurie H. Fever, 1793* 2000 *History, Self*  
 In 1793 Philadelphia, 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 a yellow fever epidemic.
- Anderson, Laurie H. Speak* 1999 *School, Abuse*  
 A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect of Melinda's freshman year in high school.
- Anderson, M.T. Feed* 2001 *Fantasy*  
 In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble.
- Appleman-Jurman, A. Alicia: My Story (Biography)* 1998 *War*  
 A Polish Jew, the author re-creates her efforts to survive in Nazi-dominated, war-torn Poland. Between the ages of ten and 15, she suffered terrible hardships and encountered numerous brushes with death.
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 When she befriends Christina, the new girl in school, Annie does not suspect that there is more to her than meets the eye and that Christina will have a huge impact on Annie's family and her oldest friends.
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- Crow, Chris Getting Away with Murder...Till* 2003 *Crime, History*  
 Presents a true account of the murder of fourteen-year-old, Emmett Till, in Mississippi, in 1955. (Look under nonfiction)
- Crutcher, Chris Ironman* 1995 *Sports, Family*  
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 A high school coach invites members of his swimming team to a memorable week of rigorous training that tests their moral fiber as well as their physical stamina.
- Crutcher, Chris Whale Talk* 2001 *School, Sports, Self*  
 Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students.
- Davis, R.F. Jake Riley: Irreparably Damaged* 2003 *School, Social Life*  
 The friendship between a troubled boy, recently released from a reform school, and the farm girl who lives next door angers the faculty at their school and leads to a dangerous confrontation.
- Dessen, Sarah The Truth about Forever* 2004 *Death, Self*  
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When they are marooned on a deserted island, a group of English schoolboys soon lose their civilized ways.			
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<i>Hobbs, Will</i>	<i>Downriver</i>	1991	<i>Outdoors, Self</i>
Fifteen-year-old Jessie and the other rebellious teenage members of a wilderness survival school team abandon their adult leader, hijack his boats, and try to run the dangerous white water at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.			
<i>Hobbs, Will</i>	<i>Far North</i>	1996	<i>Outdoors</i>
After the destruction of their floatplane, sixteen-year-old Gabe and his friend, Raymond, struggle to survive a winter in the wilderness of the Northwest Territories.			
<i>Hopkins, Ellen</i>	<i>Crank</i>	2004	<i>Substance Abuse</i>
Kristina Georgia Snow is the perfect daughter, never any trouble. But on a trip to visit her absentee father, Kristina disappears and Bree takes her place. Bree is the exact opposite of Kristina. Through a boy, Bree meets the monster: crank. And what begins as a wild ecstatic ride turns into a struggle through hell for her mind, her soul - her life.			
<i>Howe, James</i>	<i>The Watcher</i>	1997	<i>Abuse</i>
As she sits watching a seemingly perfect family and a handsome lifeguard on the beach, a lonely, troubled girl projects herself into the fantasy lives she has created for them.			
<i>Jenkins, A.M.</i>	<i>Damage</i>	2002	<i>Sports, Self</i>
Seventeen-year-old football hero Austin, trying to understand the inexplicable depression that has drained his interest in life, thinks that he has found relief in a girl who seems very special.			
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A remarkable story about mothers and daughters and the women in our lives who become our true mothers.			
<i>L'Engle, Madeleine</i>	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>	1968	<i>Fantasy</i>
It was a wild, stormy night when the unearthly visitor arrived to change the lives of Meg, her small brother, Charles, and their scientist mother.			
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Having left the Indian reservation for the streets of New York, seventeen-year-old boxer Sonny Bear tries to harness his inner rage by training with Alfred Brooks, who has left the sport to become a policeman.			
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A Harlem high school dropout escapes from a gang of punks into a boxing gym, where he learns that being a contender is hard and often discouraging work, but that you don't know anything until you try.			
<i>Lowry, Lois</i>	<i>The Giver</i>	1993	<i>Fantasy, Social Life/Society</i>
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.			
<i>MacPhail, Catherine</i>	<i>Dark Waters</i>	2003	<i>Family, Abuse</i>
Col McCann becomes a local hero when he saves a boy from drowning but when his older brother is suspected of a serious crime, Col must decide if he should be loyal to his family or tell the truth about what he saw while under the water.			
<i>Martel, Yann</i>	<i>Life of Pi</i>	2001	<i>Self, Family</i>
After the tragic sinking of a cargo ship in the Pacific, one solitary lifeboat remains, carrying a hyena, a zebra, a female orangutan, a Bengal tiger, and a 16-year-old Indian boy names Pi.			

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When their parents are killed in an airplane crash, three siblings try to keep the family together in the face of overwhelming personal and financial problems.			
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After discovering her grandfather is dying, fifteen-year-old Rachel gets to know him better than ever before and finds the experience bittersweet.			
<i>Mikaelsen, Ben</i>	<i>Touching Spirit Bear</i>	2001	<i>Crime, Social Life</i>
After his anger erupts into violence, 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 changes his life.			
<i>Miklowitz, Gloria</i>	<i>Anything to Win</i>	1990	<i>Sports, Substance Abuse</i>
To increase his chances of winning a college scholarship, a talented high school quarterback risks his health by taking anabolic steroids to gain weight.			
<i>Myers, Walter Dean</i>	<i>Fallen Angels</i>	1988	<i>War</i>
Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army in the summer of 1967 and spends a devastating year on active duty in Vietnam.			
<i>Myers, Walter Dean</i>	<i>Monster</i>	1999	<i>Crime, Self</i>
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.			
<i>Myers, Walter Dean</i>	<i>Scorpions</i>	1988	<i>Crime, Social Life</i>
After reluctantly taking on the leadership of the Harlem gang, the Scorpions, Jamal finds that his enemies treat him with respect when he acquires a gun--until a tragedy occurs.			
<i>Myers, Walter Dean</i>	<i>Slam</i>	1996	<i>Sports, Prejudice</i>
Sixteen-year-old "Slam" Harris is counting on his noteworthy basketball talents to get him out of the inner city and give him a chance to succeed in life, but his coach sees things differently.			
<i>Namioka, Lindsey</i>	<i>Ties that Bind, Ties that Break</i>	1999	<i>Self, Ethnic Heritage</i>
Ailin's life takes a different turn when she defies the traditions of upper class Chinese society by refusing to have her feet bound.			
<i>Nolan, Han</i>	<i>Born Blue</i>	2001	<i>Family, Self</i>
Janie was four years old when she nearly drowned due to her mothers neglect. Through an unhappy foster home experience, and years of feeling that she is unwanted, she keeps alive her dream of someday being a famous singer.			
<i>O'Brien, Robert</i>	<i>Z for Zachariah</i>	1974	<i>Fantasy, War</i>
Seemingly the only person left alive after the holocaust of a war, a young girl is relieved to see a man arrive into her valley until she realizes that he is a tyrant and she must somehow escape.			
<i>Oates, Joyce Carol</i>	<i>Big Mouth &amp; Ugly Girl</i>	2002	<i>School, Social Life, Crime</i>
When sixteen-year-old Matt is falsely accused of threatening to blow up his high school and his friends turn against him, an unlikely classmate comes to his aid.			
<i>Oates, Joyce Carol</i>	<i>Freaky Green Eyes</i>	2003	<i>Family, Crime</i>
Fifteen-year-old Frankie relates the events of the year leading up to her mother's mysterious disappearance and her own struggle to discover and accept the truth about her parents' relationship.			
<i>Paulson, Gary</i>	<i>The Island</i>	1988	<i>Outdoors, Self</i>
Fifteen-year-old Wil discovers himself and the wonders of nature when he leaves home to live on an island in northern Wisconsin.			
<i>Prose, Francine</i>	<i>After</i>	2003	<i>Crime, School</i>
In the aftermath of a nearby school shooting, a grief and crisis counselor takes over Central High School and enacts increasingly harsh measures to control students, while those who do not comply disappear.			
<i>Rapp, Adam</i>	<i>Missing the Piano</i>	1994	<i>School, Family</i>
When Mike's mother and sister go on tour with "Les Miserables," Mike's father and his new wife enroll Mike in St. Matthew's Military Academy where, facing brutality and ignorance, he learns to survive.			
<i>Rinaldi, Ann</i>	<i>An Acquaintance with Darkness</i>	1997	<i>History</i>
When her mother dies and her best friend's family is implicated in the assassination of President Lincoln, fourteen-year-old Emily Pigbush must go live with an uncle she suspects of being involved in stealing bodies for medical research.			
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<i>Rinaldi, Ann</i>	<i>In My Father's House</i>	1993	<i>History, War, Family</i>
	For two sisters growing up surrounded by the Civil War, there is conflict both outside and inside their house.		
<i>Roberts, Willo Davis</i>	<i>Blood on His Hands</i>	2004	<i>Death, Family, Social Life</i>
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<i>Savage, Deborah</i>	<i>Summer Hawk</i>	1999	<i>Self, Outdoors</i>
	When her rescue of a baby hawk takes fifteen-year-old Taylor to a raptor rehabilitation center in rural Pennsylvania, their offer of a summer public relations job seems a step toward her dream of becoming a journalist.		
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	Captures the hardships and cruelty of life in the ghettos of Warsaw during the Nazi occupation of World War II, through the eyes of a Jewish orphan who must use all his wits and courage to survive unimaginable events and circumstances.		
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	When his retired parents buy a group of tourist cabins on Cape Cod, fifteen-year-old Kenyon Baker's days are filled with repair work until he becomes friends with an eccentric girl and makes her the subject of a series of photographs.		
<i>Wittlinger, Ellen</i>	<i>Zig Zag</i>	2003	<i>Family, Self</i>
	A high-school junior makes a trip with her aunt and two cousins, discovering places she did not know existed and strengths she did not know she had.		
<i>Yolen, Jane</i>	<i>Armageddon Summer</i>	1998	<i>Family, Self</i>
	Fourteen-year-old Marina and sixteen-year-old Jed accompany their parents' religious cult, the Believers, to await the end of the world atop a remote mountain, where they try to decide what they themselves believe.		
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<i>MacPhail, Catherine</i>	<i>Dark Waters</i>	2003	<i>Family, Abuse</i>
Col McCann becomes a local hero when he saves a boy from drowning but when his older brother is suspected of a serious crime, Col must decide if he should be loyal to his family or tell the truth about what he saw while under the water.			
<i>Martel, Yann</i>	<i>Life of Pi</i>	2001	<i>Self, Family</i>
After the tragic sinking of a cargo ship in the Pacific, one solitary lifeboat remains, carrying a hyena, a zebra, a female orangutan, a Bengal tiger, and a 16-year-old Indian boy names Pi.			
<i>Mazer, Harry</i>	<i>A Boy No More</i>	2004	<i>Death, Family, War, Self</i>
After his father is killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor, Adam, his mother, and sister are evacuated from Hawaii to California, where he must deal with his feelings about the war, Japanese internment camps, his father, and his own identity.			
<i>Mazer, Harry</i>	<i>When the Phone Rang</i>	1985	<i>Death, Family</i>
When their parents are killed in an airplane crash, three siblings try to keep the family together in the face of overwhelming personal and financial problems.			
<i>Mazer, Norma Fox</i>	<i>After the Rain</i>	1987	<i>Family, Death</i>
After discovering her grandfather is dying, fifteen-year-old Rachel gets to know him better than ever before and finds the experience bittersweet.			
<i>Nolan, Han</i>	<i>Born Blue</i>	2001	<i>Family, Self</i>
Janie was four years old when she nearly drowned due to her mothers neglect. Through an unhappy foster home experience, and years of feeling that she is unwanted, she keeps alive her dream of someday being a famous singer.			
<i>Oates, Joyce Carol</i>	<i>Freaky Green Eyes</i>	2003	<i>Family, Crime</i>
Fifteen-year-old Frankie relates the events of the year leading up to her mother's mysterious disappearance and her own struggle to discover and accept the truth about her parents' relationship.			
<i>Rapp, Adam</i>	<i>Missing the Piano</i>	1994	<i>School, Family</i>
When Mike's mother and sister go on tour with "Les Miserables," Mike's father and his new wife enroll Mike in St. Matthew's Military Academy where, facing brutality and ignorance, he learns to survive.			
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After the death of his little sister, Marc's life begins to fall apart--his parents divorce, his mother comes under the influence of a pushy insurance agent, and Marc is sent to a camp for socially maladjusted youths.			
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Four black children growing up in rural Mississippi during the Depression experience racial antagonisms and hard times, but learn from their parents the pride and self-respect they need to survive.			
<i>Taylor, Mildred</i>	<i>Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry</i>	1976	<i>Family, Prejudice, Ethnic Ht.</i>
A black family living in Mississippi during the Depression of the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.			
<i>Wittlinger, Ellen</i>	<i>Razzle</i>	2001	<i>Family, Social Life</i>
When his retired parents buy a group of tourist cabins on Cape Cod, fifteen-year-old Kenyon Baker's days are filled with repair work until he becomes friends with an eccentric girl and makes her the subject of a series of photographs.			
<i>Wittlinger, Ellen</i>	<i>Zig Zag</i>	2003	<i>Family, Self</i>
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Fourteen-year-old Marina and sixteen-year-old Jed accompany their parents' religious cult, the Believers, to await the end of the world atop a remote mountain, where they try to decide what they themselves believe.			
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A teenage boy and girl, high school sophomores from unhappy homes, tell of their bizarre relationship with an old man.			
<b>FANTASY</b>			
<i>Anderson, M.T.</i>	<i>Feed</i>	2001	<i>Fantasy</i>
In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble.			
<i>L'Engle, Madeleine</i>	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>	1968	<i>Fantasy</i>

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	It was a wild, stormy night when the unearthly visitor arrived to change the lives of Meg, her small brother, Charles, and their scientist mother.		
<i>Lowry, Lois</i>	<i>The Giver</i>	1993	<i>Fantasy, Social Life/Society</i>
	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.		
<i>O'Brien, Robert</i>	<i>Z for Zachariah</i>	1974	<i>Fantasy, War</i>
	Seemingly the only person left alive after the holocaust of a war, a young girl is relieved to see a man arrive into her valley until she realizes that he is a tyrant and she must somehow escape.		

### **HISTORY** – setting and historical fiction

<i>Anderson, Laurie H.</i>	<i>Fever, 1793</i>	2000	<i>History, Self</i>
	In 1793 Philadelphia, 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 a yellow fever epidemic.		
<i>Crow, Chris</i>	<i>Getting Away with Murder...Till</i>	2003	<i>Crime, History</i>
	Presents a true account of the murder of fourteen-year-old, Emmett Till, in Mississippi, in 1955. (Look under nonfiction)		
<i>Rinaldi, Ann</i>	<i>Girl in Blue</i>	2001	<i>History, War</i>
	To escape an abusive father and an arranged marriage, fourteen-year-old Sarah, dressed as a boy, leaves her Michigan home to enlist in the Union Army, and becomes a soldier on the battlefields of Virginia and a Union spy in Washington, D.C.		
<i>Rinaldi, Ann</i>	<i>In My Father's House</i>	1993	<i>History, War, Family</i>
	For two sisters growing up surrounded by the Civil War, there is conflict both outside and inside their house.		

### **OUTDOORS**

<i>Carter, Alden</i>	<i>Dogwolf</i>	1994	<i>Outdoors, Ethnic Heritage</i>
	Fifteen-year-old Pete, who is part Chippewa, spends a difficult summer fighting fires that threaten the northern Wisconsin forest, while also hunting an equally threatening creature believed to be part dog and part wolf.		
<i>Hobbs, Will</i>	<i>Downriver</i>	1991	<i>Outdoors, Self</i>
	Fifteen-year-old Jessie and the other rebellious teenage members of a wilderness survival school team abandon their adult leader, hijack his boats, and try to run the dangerous white water at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.		
<i>Hobbs, Will</i>	<i>Far North</i>	1996	<i>Outdoors</i>
	After the destruction of their floatplane, sixteen-year-old Gabe and his friend, Raymond, struggle to survive a winter in the wilderness of the Northwest Territories.		
<i>Paulson, Gary</i>	<i>The Island</i>	1988	<i>Outdoors, Self</i>
	Fifteen-year-old Wil discovers himself and the wonders of nature when he leaves home to live on an island in northern Wisconsin.		
<i>Savage, Deborah</i>	<i>Summer Hawk</i>	1999	<i>Self, Outdoors</i>
	When her rescue of a baby hawk takes fifteen-year-old Taylor to a raptor rehabilitation center in rural Pennsylvania, their offer of a summer public relations job seems a step toward her dream of becoming a journalist.		

### **SCHOOL** – setting and occurrences at school

<i>Anderson, Laurie H.</i>	<i>Catalyst</i>	2002	<i>School, Family, Death</i>
	Eighteen-year-old Kate, who sometimes chafes at being a preacher's daughter, finds herself losing control in her senior year as she faces difficult neighbors, the possibility that she may not be accepted by the college of her choice, and an unexpected death.		
<i>Anderson, Laurie H.</i>	<i>Speak</i>	1999	<i>School, Abuse</i>
	A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect of Melinda's freshman year in high school.		
<i>Bridgers, Sue Ellen</i>	<i>Keeping Christina</i>	1993	<i>School, Social Life</i>
	When she befriends Christina, the new girl in school, Annie does not suspect that there is more to her than meets the eye and that Christina will have a huge impact on Annie's family and her oldest friends.		
<i>Crutcher, Chris</i>	<i>Stotan!</i>	1986	<i>Sports, School</i>
	A high school coach invites members of his swimming team to a memorable week of rigorous training that tests their moral fiber as well as their physical stamina.		
<i>Crutcher, Chris</i>	<i>Whale Talk</i>	2001	<i>School, Sports, Self</i>
	Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students.		

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<i>Davis, R.F.</i>	<i>Jake Riley: Irreparably Damaged</i>	2003	<i>School, Social Life</i>
The friendship between a troubled boy, recently released from a reform school, and the farm girl who lives next door angers the faculty at their school and leads to a dangerous confrontation.			
<i>Draper, Sharon</i>	<i>The Battle of Jericho</i>	2003	<i>School, Social Life</i>
A high school junior and his cousin suffer the ramifications of joining what seems to be a "reputable" school club.			
<i>Draper, Sharon</i>	<i>Tears of a Tiger</i>	1994	<i>School, Death, Self</i>
The death of high school basketball star Rob Washington in an automobile accident affects the lives of his close friend Andy, who was driving the car, and many others in the school.			
<i>Oates, Joyce Carol</i>	<i>Big Mouth &amp; Ugly Girl</i>	2002	<i>School, Social Life, Crime</i>
When sixteen-year-old Matt is falsely accused of threatening to blow up his high school and his friends turn against him, an unlikely classmate comes to his aid.			
<i>Prose, Francine</i>	<i>After</i>	2003	<i>Crime, School</i>
In the aftermath of a nearby school shooting, a grief and crisis counselor takes over Central High School and enacts increasingly harsh measures to control students, while those who do not comply disappear.			
<i>Rapp, Adam</i>	<i>Missing the Piano</i>	1994	<i>School, Family</i>
When Mike's mother and sister go on tour with "Les Miserables," Mike's father and his new wife enroll Mike in St. Matthew's Military Academy where, facing brutality and ignorance, he learns to survive.			
<b>SELF (responsibility, growing up, leaning about self, stress, emotional health)</b>			
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<i>Dessen, Sarah</i>	<i>The Truth about Forever</i>	2004	<i>Death, Self</i>
The summer following her father's death, Macy plans to work at the library and wait for her brainy boyfriend to return from camp, but instead she goes to work at a catering business where she makes new friends and finally faces her grief.			
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Fifteen-year-old Jessie and the other rebellious teenage members of a wilderness survival school team abandon their adult leader, hijack his boats, and try to run the dangerous white water at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.			
<i>Jenkins, A.M.</i>	<i>Damage</i>	2002	<i>Sports, Self</i>
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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.			
<i>Namioka, Lindsey</i>	<i>Ties that Bind, Ties that Break</i>	1999	<i>Self, Ethnic Heritage</i>
Ailin's life takes a different turn when she defies the traditions of upper class Chinese society by refusing to have her feet bound.			
<i>Nolan, Han</i>	<i>Born Blue</i>	2001	<i>Family, Self</i>
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<b>SOCIAL LIFE (dating, friendships, peer pressure, society/reactions)</b>			
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When they are marooned on a deserted island, a group of English schoolboys soon lose their civilized ways.			
<i>Lowry, Lois</i>	<i>The Giver</i>	1993	<i>Fantasy, Social Life/Society</i>
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.			
<i>Mikaelsen, Ben</i>	<i>Touching Spirit Bear</i>	2001	<i>Crime, Social Life</i>
After his anger erupts into violence, 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 changes his life.			
<i>Myers, Walter Dean</i>	<i>Scorpions</i>	1988	<i>Crime, Social Life</i>
After reluctantly taking on the leadership of the Harlem gang, the Scorpions, Jamal finds that his enemies treat him with respect when he acquires a gun--until a tragedy occurs.			
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### SPORTS

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	Chris Serbo loves to play football. But Chris Serbo has some problems-and one of them is that he drinks to hide from the other problems. In this powerful story of a high school senior trying to find some hope & meaning in his life, he battles against those trying most to help him.		
<i>Crutcher, Chris</i>	<i>Ironman</i>	1995	<i>Sports, Family</i>
	While training for a triathlon, seventeen-year-old Bo attends an anger management group at school which leads him to examine his relationship with his father.		
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<i>Miklowitz, Gloria</i>	<i>Anything to Win</i>	1990	<i>Sports, Substance Abuse</i>
	To increase his chances of winning a college scholarship, a talented high school quarterback risks his health by taking anabolic steroids to gain weight.		
<i>Myers, Walter Dean</i>	<i>Slam</i>	1996	<i>Sports, Prejudice</i>
	Sixteen-year-old "Slam" Harris is counting on his noteworthy basketball talents to get him out of the inner city and give him a chance to succeed in life, but his coach sees things differently.		

### SUBSTANCE ABUSE (use and effects)

<i>Bauer, Joan</i>	<i>Rules of the Road</i>	1998	<i>Family, Self, Substance Ab.</i>
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<i>Hopkins, Ellen</i>	<i>Crank</i>	2004	<i>Substance Abuse</i>
	Kristina Georgia Snow is the perfect daughter, never any trouble. But on a trip to visit her absentee father, Kristina disappears and Bree takes her place. Bree is the exact opposite of Kristina. Through a boy, Bree meets the monster: crank. And what begins as a wild ecstatic ride turns into a struggle through hell for her mind, her soul - her life.		
<i>Miklowitz, Gloria</i>	<i>Anything to Win</i>	1990	<i>Sports, Substance Abuse</i>
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### WAR – setting and effects of

<i>Appleman-Jurman, A.</i>	<i>Alicia: My Story (Biography)</i>	1998	<i>War</i>
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<p>A Polish Jew, the author re-creates her efforts to survive in Nazi-dominated, war-torn Poland. Between the ages of ten and 15, she suffered terrible hardships and encountered numerous brushes with death.</p>			
<i>Golding, William</i>	<i>Lord of the Flies</i>	1955	<i>Social Life, War</i>
<p>When they are marooned on a deserted island, a group of English schoolboys soon lose their civilized ways.</p>			
<i>Hobbs, Valerie</i>	<i>Sonny's War</i>	2002	<i>War, Death, Family</i>
<p>In the late 1960s, fourteen-year-old Cori's life is greatly changed by the sudden death of her father and her brother's tour of duty in Vietnam.</p>			
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<p>After his father is killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor, Adam, his mother, and sister are evacuated from Hawaii to California, where he must deal with his feelings about the war, Japanese internment camps, his father, and his own identity.</p>			
<i>Myers, Walter Dean</i>	<i>Fallen Angels</i>	1988	<i>War</i>
<p>Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army in the summer of 1967 and spends a devastating year on active duty in Vietnam.</p>			
<i>O'Brien, Robert</i>	<i>Z for Zachariah</i>	1974	<i>Fantasy, War</i>
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**Innovation**

1-3 Would not help	4-7 Would help with the ease, enjoyment, and student selection of books in English classes	8-10 Would help greatly with student choice in selecting books and promote insightful teacher-communication; would increase enjoyment and successful reading in class compared to previously assigned “classics.”	
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**Friendliness of Use**

1-3 Database is too difficult to use	4-7 Database is easy to access and use by students	8-10 Database is extremely easy to access and use by students	
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