J Fiction Avi	The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi. As the only passenger - and the only female - on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, 13-year-old Charlotte finds herself caught between a murderous captain and a mutinous crew.	J Fi Cli
J Fiction Babbitt	Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt. Is the ability to live forever a blessing or curse? 10-year-old Winnie must answer this question for herself.	J F: Coul
J Fiction Baccalario	The Door to Time by Pierdomenico Baccalario. After moving from London to an old mansion on the English coast, eleven-year-old twins Jason and Julia discover that their new home has twisting tunnels, strange artifacts from around the world, and a mysterious, locked door.	
Teen Fiction Bacigalupi	Ship Breaker by Paolo Baciagalupi. (teen) In America's Gulf Coast region, where grounded oil tankers are being broken down for parts, Nailer scavenges for copper wiring just to make quota and hopefully live to see another day. But when he discovers an exquisite clipper ship beached during a recent hurricane, Nailer faces the most important decision of his life: strip the ship for all it's worth or rescue its lone survivor. (teen)	
J Fiction Burnford	The Incredible Journey by Sheila Every Burnford. A Siamese cat, an old bull terrier, and a young Labrador retriever travel together 250 miles through the Canadian wilderness to find their family.	J Fi Di C
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Teen Fiction Carson	The Girl of Fire & Thorns by Rita Mae Carson. (teen) A fearful sixteen-year-old princess discovers her heroic destiny after being married off to the king of a neighboring country in turmoil and pursued by enemies seething with dark magic. (teen)	J Fi Gar

Help! I'm a Prisoner in the Library by Eth Clifford. Two girls Fiction spend an adventurous night trapped inside the public library durlifford ing a terrible blizzard. The Misadventures of Maude March, or, Trouble Rides a **Fast Horse** by Audrey Couloumbis. After the death of the stern aunt who raised them since they were orphaned. Sallie and her older sister escape their guardians and begin an adventure resembling those in the books Sallie loves to read. The Tale of Despereaux: being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread by Kate DiCamillo. The adventures of Desperaux 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. Danger in the Desert by Terri Fields. Two brothers attempt to Fiction survive in the desert outside Scottsdale, Arizona, after they are abandoned there following a carjacking. The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman. A bratty prince and his iction whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently schman trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws. Wildfire Run by Dee Garretson. A relaxing retreat to Camp David turns deadly after a faraway earthquake sets off a chain of Fiction disastrous events that traps the president's twelve-year-old son, Luke, and his two friends within the compound.

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My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George. A young boy relates his adventures during the year he spends living alone J Fiction in the Catskill Mountains including his struggle for survival, his George dependence on nature, his animal friends, and his ultimate realization that he needs human companionship. Cat Royal Adventures (Series) by Julia Golding. (teen) Orphan Catherine "Cat" Royal, living in 1790s London, uses her wit and Teen Fiction guile to survive all manner of danger and intrigue in these adven-Golding tures, from street gangs and nobility; to revolutionary Paris; to a British Navy ship bound for the New World. (teen) Jason's Gold by Will Hobbs. (teen) When news of the discovery Teen of gold in Canada's Yukon Territory in 1897 reaches Fiction fifteen-year-old Jason, he embarks on a 10,000-mile journey to Hobbs strike it rich. (teen)

The Wreckers by Iain Lawrence. (teen) Shipwrecked after a vicious storm, fourteen-year-old John Spencer attempts to save his father and himself while also dealing with an evil secret about the English coastal town where they are stranded. (teen)

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A Wrinkle in Time (Time Quintet) by Madeleine L'Engle. Meg and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

The Borrowers (Series) by Mary Norton. Miniature people who live in an old country house by borrowing things from the humans are forced to emigrate from their home under the clock.

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell. Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island off the coast of California, a young Indian girl spends eighteen years, not only merely surviving through her enormous courage and self-reliance, but also finding a measure of happiness in her solitary life.

J Fiction Paulsen **Hatchet** (Series) by Gary Paulsen. After a plane crash, 13-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother, and learning also how to survive his parents' divorce.

J Fiction Pierce **Song of the Lioness** (Series) by Tamora Pierce. Even though she is a girl and it is strictly forbidden, 11-year-old Alanna aspires to be a Knight, so she disguises herself as a boy to become a royal page. She must face many tests on her path to becoming a true female warrior - and the fate of her kingdom will depend on her success.

Teen Fiction Rees **Pirates!** by Celia Rees. (*teen*) In 1722, after arriving with her brother at the family's Jamaican plantation where she is to be married off, sixteen-year-old Nancy Kington escapes with her slave friend, Minerva Sharpe, and together they become pirates, traveling the world in search of treasure. (*teen*)

J Fiction Soto **Summer on Wheels** by Gary Soto. Hector and his best friend Mondo enjoy many exciting adventures when they take a six-day bike trip from their East Los Angeles neighborhood to the Santa Monica beach during summer vacation.

Teen Fiction White **Deathwatch** by Robb White. *(teen)* Needing money for school, a college boy named Ben accepts a job as guide on a desert hunting trip and nearly loses his life when the man he is hunting with decides he is going to hunt Ben in order to keep him from reporting a crime. *(teen)*

J Fiction Willis **Danger Along the Ohio** by Patricia Willis. Lost in the Ohio River Valley in May 1793, twelve-year-old Clare and her two brothers struggle to survive in the wilderness and to avoid capture by the Shawnee Indians.

J Fiction Wilson **Leepike Ridge** by Nathan D. Wilson. While his widowed mother continues to search for him, eleven-year-old Tom, presumed dead after drifting away down a river, finds himself trapped in a series of underground caves with another survivor and a dog — and pursued by murderous treasure-hunters.

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