

Ackerman, Ned. *Spirit horse*.

New York : Scholastic Press, 1998.

When a Siksika boy living on the Plains becomes separated from a raiding party, he discovers the legendary spirit horse which he attempts to track down and tame. BL=6.0.

J ACKERMAN

Ardagh, Philip. *The fall of Fergal, or, Not so dingly in the Dell*.

New York : Henry Holt, 2004.

When Le Fay McNally becomes a finalist in a typewriting competition, she and her siblings stay at the Dell Hotel, where they encounter a variety of interesting characters. BL=6.5.

J ARDAGH

Balaban, Bob. *Beware of dog*.

New York : Scholastic Inc., c2002.

When Thomas's dog McGrowl is hit by a car, a strange vet performs an operation to save his life. McGrowl survives, but seems to have developed a few superpowers...BL=6.7.

J BALABAN

Barrett, Tracy. *Anna of Byzantium*.

New York : Delacorte Press, c1999.

In the eleventh century the teenage princess Anna Comnena fights for her birthright, the throne to the Byzantine Empire, which she fears will be taken from her by her younger brother John because he is a boy. BL=6.4

J BARRETT

Burnett, Frances Hodgson.

The secret garden.

Cambridge, Mass. : Candlewick Press, 2008.

Ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden. BL=6.3.

J BURNETT

Carman, Patrick.

Atherton: the house of power.

New York : Little, Brown and Co., c2007.

Edgar, an orphan, finds a book that reveals secrets about the world on which he lives, even as geological changes threaten to shift the power structure.

Includes a CD. BL=6.1.

JSF CARMAN

Cowell, Cressida.

How to Train Your Dragon.

New York : Little, Brown, 2004.

Chronicles the adventures of Hiccup as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan, by catching and training a dragon. BL=6.6.

JSF COWELL

Dowswell, Paul. *Powder monkey :*

adventures of a young sailor.

New York : Bloomsbury Pub. : Distributed to the trade by Holtzbrinck Publishers, 2005.

13-year-old Sam endures harsh conditions, battles, and a shipwreck after being pressed into service during the Napoleonic Wars. BL=6.3.

J DOWSWELL

Garland, Sherry. *Indio*.

San Diego : Harcourt Brace, c1995.

Thirteen-year-old Ipa struggles to survive a brutal time of change as the Spanish begin the conquest of the native people along the Texas border. BL=6.5.

J GARLAND

Vining, Elizabeth Gray. *Adam of the road*.

New York, N.Y.: Puffin Books, c1942, 2006.

The adventures of eleven-year-old Adam as he travels the open roads of thirteenth-century England searching for his missing father, a minstrel, and his stolen red spaniel, Nick. BL=6.5

J GRAY [Newbery Medal Collection]

Gurney, James.

Dinotopia : a land apart from time.

New York : HarperCollins, 1998.

After being shipwrecked, Professor Arthur Denison and his son Will find themselves on a strange island where people and dinosaurs live together peacefully.

BL=6.9.

JSF GURNEY

Hunt, Irene. *Across five Aprils*.

New York : Berkley Jam Books, c1964, 2002.

Young Jethro Creighton grows from a boy to a man when he is left to take care of the family farm in Illinois during the difficult years of the Civil War.

BL=6.6

J HUNT

Kass, Mallory.

The black book of buried secrets.

New York : Scholastic, c2010.

Contains key information regarding the Cahill Family and the clues that reveal the steps to world domination. BL=6.7.

J THIRTY

Lawson, Robert.

Ben and Me: A New and Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin.

Boston : Little, Brown, c1939, 1988.

Benjamin Franklin's companion, Amos the mouse, recounts how he was responsible for Franklin's inventions and discoveries. BL=6.9.

J LAWSON

Lowry, Lois. *Stay! Keeper's Story*.

New York : Bantam Doubleday Dell Books for Young Readers, 1997, [1999]

Separated early in life from his family, Keeper tells of his adventures with various human masters and his continual search for his little sister. BL=6.4.

J LOWRY

Park, Linda Sue. *A Single Shard*.

New York : Clarion Books, 2001.

Tree-ear, an orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself. BL=6.6.

J PARK

Russell, Christopher. *Dogboy*.

New York : Greenwillow Books, 2006.

Brind, raised with hunting dogs at an English manor, goes with his master to France, where he must fend for himself after the decisive battle of Crécy. BL=6.2.

J RUSSELL

Scott, Michael. *The alchemyst : the secrets of the immortal Nicholas Flamel*.

New York : Delacorte Press, c2007.

While working at summer jobs in San Francisco, 15-year-old twins, Sophie and Josh, find themselves caught up in the struggle between rival alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of an ancient and powerful book holding the secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life. BL=6.4

JSF SCOTT

Snyder, Zilpha Keatley. *The bronze pen*.

New York : Aladdin Paperbacks, 2009, c2008.

Audrey's dreams of becoming a writer seem very impractical until she is given a peculiar bronze pen that appears to have unusual powers. BL=6.0.

JSF SNYDER

Spratt, R. A.

The adventures of Nanny Piggins.

New York : Little, Brown, 2010.

When Mr. Green decides to find a nanny for his children, he winds up hiring a glamorous ex-circus pig who knows nothing about children but a lot about chocolate. BL=6.2.

J SPRATT

Wedekind, Annie. *Mercury's flight : the story of a Lipizzaner stallion*.

New York : Feiwel and Friends, c2011.

The story of a horse that is abandoned at birth but grows up to serve soldiers in WWII. BL=6.7.

J WEDEKIND

Wilde, Oscar. *The Selfish Giant*.

New York : McGraw-Hill, 1979.

A once-selfish giant welcomes the children to his previously forbidden garden and is eventually rewarded by an unusual tiny child. BL=6.4.

J398.2 WILDE

Vaughan, M. M. *The ability*.

New York : Margaret K. McElderry Books, c2013.

While Chris and five other twelve-year-olds learn to make the most of their mental abilities in a secret, government-run school last used in 1977, twins Ernest and Mort are studying under someone with much more sinister motives. BL=6.0

J VAUGHAN

Wood, Maryrose. *The mysterious howling*.

New York : Balzer + Bray, c2010.

Penelope Lumley is hired as governess to three children who have been raised by wolves and must teach them to behave in a civilized manner quickly. BL=6.8.

J WOOD

Yep, Laurence. *City of fire*.

New York : Tom Doherty Associates Book, 2009.

Twelve-year-old Scirye travels to a new Hawaiian island created by magic, where they enlist the help of volcano goddess Pele in an attempt to stop a mysterious man from altering the universe. BL=6.1.

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