

Refining

(Increasing in difficulty)

***Highly recommended**

Back to School Mallory (and others of the Mallory series) -- Laurie B. Friedman

Beezus and Ramona (and others of the Ramona Quimby series) -- Beverly Cleary

The Dinosaur Alphabet Book -- Jerry Pallotta

Hairy, Scary, Ordinary: What is an Adjective? -- Brian Cleary

***The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet (and others of the Secrets of Droon series) -- Tony Abbott**

***The Mouse and the Motorcycle (and others of the Ralph S. Mouse series) -- Beverly Cleary**

The Mystery Bookstore (and others of the Boxcar Children Mysteries series) -- Gertrude Chandler Warner

Pippi Longstocking (and others of the Pippi Longstocking series) -- Astrid Lindgren

Rats! -- Jane Cutler

Utterly Me, Clarice Bean -- Lauren Child

***97 Ways to Train a Dragon (and others of the Dragon Slayers' Academy series) -- Kate McMullan**

100 Days and 99 Nights: A Novel -- Alan Madison

2095 (and others of the Time Warp Trio series) -- Jon Scieszka

The Battle for the Castle -- Elizabeth Winthrop

The Best School Year Ever -- Barbara Robinson

Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet -- Graham Salisbury

Confetti Girl -- Diana Lopez

The Diamond Champs -- Matt Christopher

Encyclopedia Brown Boy Detective (and others of the Encyclopedia Brown series) -- Donald J. Sobel

The Hundred Dresses -- Eleanor Estes

Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World -- Mildred Pitts Walter

Sam Samurai (and others of the Time Warp Trio series) -- Jon Scieszka

The School Mouse -- Dick King-Smith

Snot Stew -- Bill Wallace,

Stone Fox -- John Reynolds Gardiner

Thank you, Jackie Robinson -- Barbara Cohen

Who Stole the Wizard of Oz? -- Avi

Anastasia at Your Service (and others of the Anastasia Krupnik series) -- Lois Lowry

***Bunnicula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery (and others of the Bunnicula series) -- Deborah and James Howe**

The Clue at the Bottom of the Lake (and others of the Cabin Creek Mysteries series) -- Kristiana Gregory

The Cybil War -- Betsy Byars

***Dear Mr. Henshaw -- Beverly Cleary**

Fourth-Grade Celebrity -- Patricia Reilly Giff

The Great Quarterback Switch -- Matt Christopher

Hannah of Fairfield (and others of the Pioneer Daughters series) -- Jean Van Leeuwen

Happy Birthday, Samantha! : A Springtime Story (and others of The American Girls Collection series)
-- Valerie Tripp

- *Help! I'm a Prisoner in the Library -- Eth Clifford**
- *James and the Giant Peach: A Children's Story -- Roald Dahl**
- *Mr. Popper's Penguins -- Richard Atwater**
The Mystery of Merlin and the Gruesome Ghost (and others of the Humpty Dumpty Jr: Hardboiled Detective series) -- Nate Evans
- *Nothing Ever Happens on 90th Street -- Roni Schotter**
Oggie Cooder -- Sarah Weeks
- *Pony on the Porch (and others of the Animal Ark series) -- Ben M. Baglio**
- *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing -- Judy Blume**
- *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs -- Jon Scieszka**
You Be the Jury -- Marvin Miller

- *The 18th Emergency -- Betsy Cromer Byars**
- *Attack of the Tagger -- Wendelin Van Draanen**
- *Because of Winn-Dixie -- Kate DiCamillo**
Black Gold -- Marguerite Henry
Caddie Woodlawn -- Carol Ryrie Brink
- *The Castle in the Attic -- Elizabeth Winthrop**
- *The Celery Stalks at Midnight -- James Howe**
The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse: From the Tattered Casebook of Chet Gecko, Private Eye (and others of the Chet Gecko Mystery series) -- Bruce Hale
- *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory -- Roald Dahl**
- *Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator -- Roald Dahl**
- *Charlotte's Web -- E. B. White**
Danger on Panther Peak -- Bill Wallace
- *Day of the Iguana (and others of the Hank Zipzer, the World's Greatest Underachiever series) -- Henry Winkler**
- *Frindle -- Andrew Clements**
- *Hatchet -- Gary Paulsen**
- *The Homework Machine -- Dan Gutman**
- *How to Eat Fried Worms -- Thomas Rockwell**
- *The Indian in the Cupboard -- Lynne Reid Banks**
- *The Monster's Ring -- Bruce Coville**
- *Rules -- Cynthia Lord**
- *Sarah, Plain and Tall -- Patricia MacLachlan**
- *Shiloh -- Phyllis Reynolds Naylor**
- *Snow Treasure -- Marie McSwigan**
Snowboard Showdown -- Paul Mantell
- *Strider -- Beverly Cleary**
Sun & Spoon -- Kevin Henkes

- *A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray -- Ann M. Martin**
- *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler -- E.L. Konigsburg**
The Good Dog -- Avi
- *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup -- Sharon Creech**
In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson -- Bette Lord
Lily's Crossing -- Patricia Reilly Giff
The Million Dollar Shot -- Dan Gutman
My Life in Dog Years -- Gary Paulsen
On My Honor -- Marion Dane Bauer
Sahara Special -- Esme Raji Codell

***Taking Sides -- Gary Soto**

Time for Andrew: A Ghost Story -- Mary Downing Hahn

The Van Gogh Café -- Cynthia Rylant