## Novels for Intermediate Level ESL Students

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<td>A woman endures the difficulties of frontier life and raises her children to be ambitious.</td>
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<td>Relates the experiences of a group of teenage Holocaust survivors, living in an Israeli youth settlement in 1953.</td>
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<td>A senior finds herself losing control as she faces difficult neighbors, college choices, and an unexpected death.</td>
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<td>Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young African American boy grows in courage and understanding by learning to read and having the companionship of his devoted dog.</td>
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<td>Jonathan goes off to fight in the Revolutionary War and discovers the real war is being fought within himself.</td>
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<td>When he moves from Los Angeles to Providence, Rhode Island, Kenny discovers that his new house is haunted by the spirit of a black slave boy who asks Kenny to return with him to the early nineteenth century and prevent his murder by slave traders.</td>
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<td>Sometimes I Think I Hear My Name</td>
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<td>A boy pays a surprise visit to his divorced parents and comes face to face with bitter reality. The friendship of an emotionally troubled girl sustains him through this crisis.</td>
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<td>As the lone “young lady” on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, Charlotte learns that the captain is murderous and the crew is rebellious.</td>
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<td>After receiving an apparent crank call from a man claiming to have committed murder fifteen-year-old Andy finds his close relationship with his father crumbling as he struggles to make everyone believe him.</td>
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<td>Set during the time of the Mexican Revolution, a peace-loving Indian is forced to side with the rebels to save his family.</td>
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<td>Tuck Everlasting</td>
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<td>The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when others discover their secret about a spring that prevents people from ever growing older.</td>
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<td>To help her poverty-stricken family, 13-year-old Lupita enters California as an illegal alien and starts to work while constantly on the watch for “la migra.”</td>
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<td>A boy accompanies his reporter father to China during the student uprising.</td>
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<td>175p.</td>
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<td>Three survivors of an automobile crash in which the driver was killed are threatened by an executioner who believes they too should die.</td>
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<td>Follows the wild adventures of Weetzie Bat and her Los Angeles friends.</td>
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<td>Two high school seniors believe their love to be so strong that it will last forever.</td>
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<td>When her parents divorce, a young girl struggles to understand that sometimes people are unable to live together.</td>
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<td>A girl recovers from the shock of her father’s death, which occurred during a holdup of his 7-Eleven store.</td>
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<td>A black boy and an emotionally troubled white boy in North Carolina form a precarious friendship.</td>
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<td>A Siamese cat, an old bull terrier, and a young Labrador retriever travel together 250 miles through the Canadian wilderness to find their family.</td>
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<td>Maria and her brother and sister, Salvadoran refugees, are smuggled into the United States in crates and try to eke out a living in Chicago with the help of a sympathetic family.</td>
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<td>A girl worries about the effect of her parents’ divorce on her family and also about her older sister’s sexual activity, which may have made her sister pregnant.</td>
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<td>197p.</td>
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<td>During the final days of the Japanese occupation of China, Shao-shao celebrates his birthday and traditional holidays with his family, and befriends the daughter of a traitor.</td>
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<td>322p.</td>
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<td>A boy, who is destined to become the future emperor of China, is trained by a wise monk in the ways of the kung fu wandering warriors.</td>
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<td>Fifteen-year-old Sookan adjusts to life in the refugee village in Pusan but continues to hope that the civil war will end and her family will be reunited in Seoul.</td>
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<td>Sookan struggles to balance her new life as a college freshman in the United States with expectations from her family at home in Korea.</td>
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<td>A young Korean girl survives the oppressive Japanese and Russian occupation of North Korea during the 1940’s, to later escape to freedom in South Korea.</td>
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<td>Young Will Parker and his companions make a perilous journey toward an outpost of freedom where they hope to escape from the ruling Tripods, who capture mature human beings and make them docile, obedient servants.</td>
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<td>An Indian boy who tends llamas in a hidden valley in Peru learns the traditions and secrets of his Inca ancestors.</td>
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<td>Where Are the Children?</td>
<td>290p.</td>
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<td>Nancy thought remarrying would help her forget the deaths of her two children, but before long her nightmare begins anew.</td>
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<td>In the Great Smoky Mountains region, a fourteen-year-old girl struggles to keep her family together after their father dies.</td>
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<td>Staying with her grandparents after the atomic bomb has been dropped on Nagasaki, ten-year-old Mieko feels that the happiness in her heart has departed forever and she will no longer be able to produce a beautiful drawing for the contest at school.</td>
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<td>Tragedy strikes the Meeker family during the American Revolution when one son joins the rebel forces while the family tries to stay neutral in a Tory town.</td>
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<td>On the Devil’s Court</td>
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Morning Girl, who loves the day, and her younger brother Star Boy, who loves the night, take turns describing their life on an island in pre-Columbian America.

The death of a high school basketball star in an automobile accident effects the lives of his close friend, who was driving the car, and many others in the school.

After an accident on a winding road, four teens dump their victim's body into the sea. But one year later, the dead man returns and he's looking for more than an apology.

A teenager casually suggests playing a cruel trick on the English teacher, but did he intend it to end with murder?

Rachel is convinced that her cousin is a witch and must be stopped before her monstrous plan can be effected.

In 2194 a Zimbabwean general’s three children are kidnapped and put to work in a plastic mine while three mutant detectives use their special powers to search for them.

A talented young Beijing artist is sent to a remote factory during the Cultural Revolution. Far from friends and family, he manages to survive physically and spiritually.

The author's fictionalized version, though all the events are true, of her childhood in China during the 1920's.

A boy enlists the help of a ghostly magician to stop his uncle’s plans to put him into an orphan house.

After injuring his hand, a silversmith’s apprentice in Boston becomes a messenger for the Sons of Liberty in the days before the American Revolution.

Forced to live on the streets of New York after his mother disappears from their hotel room, Clay is befriended by two men who help him survive.

Kidnapped by the crew of an Africa-bound ship, a thirteen-year-old boy discovers to his horror that he is on a slaver and his job is to play music for the human cargo.

True events about a childhood in China in the 1920’s are fictionalized in this version.
Gardner, Mary  **Boat People**  277p.  PS 3557 .A7142 B63 1995
A community of newly arrived Vietnamese struggle to maintain a balance between Vietnam and America.

High school sophomore Danny Vo tries to resolve the conflict between the values of his Vietnamese refugee family and his new American way of life.

Garland, Sherry  **Song of the Buffalo Boy**  282p.  PZ 7 .G18415 So 1992b
Shunned and mistreated because of her mixed heritage and determined to avoid an arranged marriage, Loi runs away to Ho Chi Minh City with the hope that she and the boy she loves will be able to go to the United States to find her American father.

George, Jean C.  **Julie of the Wolves**  170p.  PZ 7 .G2933 Ju
While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, an Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.

George, Jean C.  **My Side of the Mountain**  177p.  PZ 7 .G2933 My 1991
Living alone in the mountains, a young boy struggles for survival by depending on nature and his animal friends, but ultimately realizes that he needs human companionship.

Gibbons, Kaye  **Ellen Foster**  146p.  PS 3557 .I13917 E4 1987
An abused child searches for a better life and finally gets a break in the home of a loving woman with several foster children.

Gipson, Fred  **Old Yeller**  184p.  PS 3513 .I79 O4 1992
A story about two young brothers and a stray dog who risks his life to save the boys.

Relates nine years in the lives of two South African youths, one black, one white, as their friendship ends in a violent confrontation between student and soldier.

Grahame, Kenneth  **The Wind in the Willows**  190p.  PZ 7 .G759 W1 1940
The adventures of four animal friends, Toad, Mole, Rat, and Badger, who live along a river in the English countryside.

Greene, Bette  **The Drowning of Stephan Jones**  217p.  PZ 7 .G8283 Dr 1996
While her mother fights censorship at the public library, a girl must face her own divided loyalties when her boyfriend persecutes local homosexual shopkeepers.

Greene, Bette  **Morning Is a Long Time Coming**  261p.  PZ 7 .G8283 Mor 1999
While on her way to Germany, a young woman stops in Paris and experiences her first love affair.

Greene, Bette  **Summer of My German Soldier**  199p.  PZ 7 .G8283 Su 1993
Sheltering an escaped German prisoner of war is the beginning of some shattering experiences for a 12-year-old Jewish girl in Arkansas.

Guest, Judith  **Ordinary People**  263p.  PS 3557 .U345 O7 1982
An emotional and realistic account of a youth’s breakdown and how it affects his family.
Phyllisia eventually recognizes that her own selfish pride rather than her mother’s death and her father’s tyrannical behavior created the gulf between her and her best friend.

Billy White Hawk leaves the reservation in search of a better life. When he moves to California, he finds instead that he must learn to cope with hatred and hostility.

Obi escapes from slavery during the Civil War, joins a black Union regiment, and soon becomes involved in the bloody fighting in Tennessee.

An incident at his uncle’s isolated cabin causes a sixteen-year-old to reexamine his decision to keep silent about a robbery he witnessed.

During World War II, the author and her family were exiled to Siberia. This fictionalized account retells the hardships of their five years spent on the harsh Asian steppe.

A girl describes how her strange compulsions begin to take over her life and affect her relationships with her family and friends.

Three brothers struggle to stay together after their parents’ death and seek identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society.

Rusty-James wants to be as tough as his older brother, the coolest, toughest guy around. The day comes when Rusty-James must face danger on his own.

Sent to live with his uncle after a violent confrontation with his stepfather, Travis, an aspiring writer, finds life in a small town confining until he meets a horse trainer.

The love between two teenage brothers helps them to deal with the harshness of their usually parentless life as they struggle to grow up.

Sixteen-year-old Mark and Bryon have been like brothers since childhood, but now, as their involvement with girls, gangs, and drugs increases, their relationship seems to gradually disintegrate.

After social rebels convince the headman of a small village in northern Thailand to resist the land rent, his daughter is caught up in the student uprising in Bangkok.
Holm, Anne  
**North to Freedom**  
239p.  
PZ 7 .H7322 No 1990  
After escaping from an Eastern European concentration camp, where he had spent most of his life, a boy struggles to cope with an entirely strange world as he flees.

Holman, Felice  
**Slake’s Limbo**  
117p.  
PZ 7 .H7325 Sl 1986  
A thirteen-year-old hounded by his fears and misfortunes, flees them into New York City’s subway tunnels, never again--he believes--to emerge.

Hotze, Sollace  
**A Circle Unbroken**  
202p.  
PZ 7 .H8114 Ci 1988  
Captured by Sioux Indians and raised as the chief’s daughter, Rachel is recaptured by her original family and finds it hard to adjust, longing to return to the tribe.

Hudson, Jan  
**Sweetgrass**  
143p.  
PZ 7 .H8665 Sw 1984  
A nineteenth century Blackfoot Indian girl saves her family from a smallpox epidemic and proves her maturity to her father.

Hunt, Irene  
**Across Five Aprils**  
190p.  
PZ 7 .H9156 Ac 1986  
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.

Hunt, Irene  
**No Promises in the Wind**  
233p.  
PZ 7 .H9156 No 1993  
A fifteen-year-old boy struggles to survive and come to terms with inner conflicts in the desperate world of the Depression.

Hurwin, Davida  
**A Time for Dancing**  
257p.  
PZ 7 .H95735 Ti 1997  
Seventeen-year-old best girlfriends tell their stories in alternating chapters after one is diagnosed with cancer.

Irwin, Hadley  
**Kim/Kimi**  
200p.  
PZ 7 .I762 Ki 1988b  
Despite a warm relationship with her mother, stepfather, and half brother, Kim feels the need to find answers about the Japanese American father she never knew.

Kerr, M. E.  
**Gentlehands**  
183p.  
PZ 7 .K46825 Ge 1990  
A teenage boy falls in love with an “upper-class” girl and gets to know his grandfather in one heartbreaking summer which climaxes in a search for Nazi war criminals.

Key, Alexander  
**The Forgotten Door**  
140p.  
PZ 3 .K5193 Fo 1965  
A boy from outer space falls to earth, losing his memory but keeping his ability to talk with animals and to understand what people are thinking. His special powers cause him to have a series of adventures, including an escape in the mountains.

Kim, Helen  
**The Long Season of Rain**  
275p.  
PZ 7 .K55966 Lo 1996  
When an orphan boy comes to live with her family, a girl begins to realize that the demands placed on Korean women can destroy their lives.

Kincaid, Jamaica  
**Annie John**  
148p.  
PR 9275 .A583 K5634  
Coming of age on Antigua, a young girl rebels and leaves her island home.
Kindl, Patrice  **Owl in Love**  
A girl, who can transform herself into an owl, discovers interesting new relationships with both humans and owls when she develops a crush on her science teacher.

Klause, Annette C.  **The Silver Kiss**  
A mysterious teenage boy, with a dark secret, helps a girl come to terms with her mother's illness.

Kogawa, Joy  **Itsuka**  
The story of Japanese Canadians who fought to get government compensation for their internment during World War II.

Krumgold, Joseph  **Onion John**  
His friendship with the town odd-jobs man causes a conflict between a boy and his father.

Lachtman, Ofelia D.  **The Girl from Playa Blanca**  
When Elena and her little brother leave their Mexican seaside village to search for their immigrant father in Los Angeles, they encounter crime, mystery and friendship.

Lee, Marie G.  **Finding My Voice**  
As she tries to enjoy her senior year and choose which college she will attend, Korean American Ellen Sung must deal with the prejudice of some of her classmates and pressure from her parents to get good grades.

Lee, Marie G.  **If It Hadn’t Been for Yoon Jun**  
As she reluctantly becomes friends with Yoon Jun, a new student from Korea, young Alice Larsen becomes more interested in learning about her own Korean background.

Lee, Marie G.  **Saying Goodbye**  
Korean American Ellen Sung explores her interest in creative writing and in her Korean heritage during her freshman year at Harvard.

L’Engle, Madeleine  **A Wrinkle in Time**  
A girl and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers as they search for her father, who has disappeared while doing secret work for the government.

Levitin, Sonia  **The Return**  
Destra and the other members of her Falasha family, Jews suffering from discrimination in Ethiopia, finally flee the country and attempt the dangerous journey to Israel.

Lewis, C. S.  **The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe**  
Four children enter the magic land of Narnia where they help the golden lion, Aslan, to triumph over the White Witch.

Lipsyte, Robert  **The Contender**  
A Harlem high school dropout escapes from a gang into a boxing gym, where he learns that being a boxer is hard and discouraging work, but worthwhile.
London, Jack  **Call of the Will**  114p.  PS 3523 .O46 C3 1988
The adventures of an unusual, stolen dog that wound up in the Yukon Territory and became leader of a wolf pack.

Lord, Betty Lao  **In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson**  169p.  PZ 7 .L8773 In 2003
In 1947 a Chinese child comes to Brooklyn where she becomes Americanized at school, in her apartment building, and by her love for baseball.

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.

Lowry, Lois  **Number the Stars**  137p.  PZ 7 .L9673 Nu 1990
In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, a girl learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

Lowry, Lois  **A Summer To Die**  120p.  PZ 7 .L9673 Su 1993
A girl envies her sister’s beauty and popularity. Her feelings don’t make it any easier for her to cope with that sister’s strange illness and eventual death.

Lynch, Chris  **Shadow Boxer**  215p.  PZ 7 .L979739 Sh 1995
After their father dies of boxing injuries, George is determined to prevent his younger brother from pursuing a career in the sport.

Lyon, George  **Borrowed Children**  154p.  PZ 7 .L9954 Bo 1988
Having been forced to act as mother and housekeeper during her mother’s illness, Amanda has a holiday in a city far from the Depression drudgery of her Kentucky mountain home.

MacLachlan, Patricia  **Sarah, Plain and Tall**  58p.  PZ 7 .M2225 Sar
Sarah journeys across the North American continent to meet a widower and his two children to see if she wants to become their “mail order” wife and mother.

MacLachlan, Patricia  **Skylark**  86p.  PZ 7 .M2225 Sk 1994
When a drought tests the commitment of a mail-order bride from Maine to her new home on the prairie, her stepchildren hope they will be able to remain a family.

Magorian, Michelle  **Good Night, Mr. Tom**  318p.  PZ 7 .M275 Go 1986
An abused child learns to embrace life when he is adopted by an old man in the English countryside during the Second World War.

Mahy, Margaret  **The Catalogue of the Universe**  185p.  PZ 7 .M2773 Cat 1986
Curious about her unknown father, Angela May starts on an emotional journey that changes the way she looks at herself, her unconventional mother, and her best friend.

Marsden, John  **So Much to Tell You**  119p.  PZ 7 .M35145 So 1990
Sent to a hospital by her mother, a disfigured Australian girl who refuses to speak reveals her thoughts and feelings in a diary.

Martinez, Victor  **Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida**  216p.  PZ 7 .M36718 Par 1996
Manny relates his coming of age experiences as a member of a poor Mexican American family in which the alcoholic father only adds to everyone’s struggle.
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While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, Steve records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with his life.

Myers, Walter Dean  **Somewhere in the Darkness**  168p.  PZ 7.M992 So 1992b  
A teenage boy accompanies his father, who has recently escaped from prison, on a trip that turns out to be a painful time of discovery for them both.

A Korean girl and her family find it difficult to learn English and adjust to life in America.

Feeling confined by the traditional family attitudes of her strong-willed manipulative grandmother, sixteen-year-old April Chen fights for her independence.

In the 1920’s a student leaves her family in Nanking, China to study at Cornell University where she works hard and finds prejudice and loneliness, as well as friendship.

Ailin’s life takes a different turn when she defies the traditions of upper class Chinese society by refusing to have her feet bound.

Naylor, Phyllis  **Send No Blessings**  231p.  PZ 7.N24 Se 1990  
A teenager in a large family wants love, an escape from endless chores, and a chance to make something of herself. Marriage to an older man may solve her problems.

Neufeld, John  **Edgar Allan**  128p.  PZ 7.N4425 Eg 1999  
When a family decides to adopt a black boy, they are faced with threats, angry phone calls, a burning cross on the lawn and an demand from their oldest daughter.

Neufeld, John  **Lisa, Bright and Dark**  142p.  PZ 7.N4425 Li 1970  
Lisa is smart, attractive teenager – and she is losing her mind. Her teachers ignore what is happening and her parents deny it. Only her friends are listening and attempt to help.

Nix, Garth  **Sabriel**  491p.  PZ 7.N647 Sab 1996  
In this fantasy story Sabriel must journey into the mysterious and magical Old Kingdom to rescue her father from the Land of the Dead.

Seemingly the only person left alive after a war, a young girl is relieved to see a man arrive in her valley until she realizes that he is a tyrant and she must escape.

O’Dell, Scott  **The Black Pearl**  96p.  PZ 7.O237 B1 1977  
In claiming as his own the magnificent black pearl he finds, a sixteen-year-old youth enrages the sea devil who legend says is its owner.

O’Dell, Scott  **The Captive**  210p.  PZ 7.O237 Cap 1979  
As part of a Spanish expedition to the New World, a Jesuit seminarian witnesses the enslavement and exploitation of the Mayas and his own seduction by greed and ambition.
O’Dell, Scott  **Carlota**  153p.  PZ 7 .O237 Car
A young girl relates her feelings and experiences as a participant in the battle of San Pasqual during the last days of the war between the Californians and Americans.

O’Dell, Scott  **Island of the Blue Dolphins**  184p.  PZ 7 .O237 Is 1987b
Records the courage and self-reliance of an Indian girl who lived alone for eighteen years on an isolated island off the California coast when her tribe emigrated and she was left behind.

O’Dell, Scott  **My Name Is Not Angelica**  130p.  PZ 7 .O237 My 1990
Relates the experiences of a young Senegalese girl brought as a slave to the Danish owned Caribbean island of St. John as she participates in the slave revolt of 1733.

O’Dell, Scott  **The Road to Damietta**  228p.  PZ 7 .O237 Ro 1987
A young 13th century Italian noblewoman, watches as Francis of Assisi turns from his life of wealth and privilege, takes vows of poverty, and devotes himself to serving God by helping all those around him.

O’Dell, Scott  **Sing Down the Moon**  137p.  PZ 7 .O237 Si 1992
A young Navajo girl recounts the events of 1864 when her tribe was forced to march to Fort Sumner as prisoners of the white soldiers.

O’Dell, Scott  **Zia**  179p.  PZ 7 .O415 Mo 1990
A young Indian girl, Zia, caught between the traditional world of her mother and the present world of the Mission, is helped by her aunt Karana whose story was told in *Island of the Blue Dolphins*.

Okimoto, Jean D.  **Molly by Any Other Name**  276p.  PZ 7 .O415 Mo 1990b
Molly, an Asian girl adopted by non-Asian parents, searches for her biological mother.

Okimoto, Jean D.  **Talent Night**  161p.  PZ 7 .O415 Tal 1995
An aspiring Japanese American rap musician, learns about his heritage and the importance of being oneself after trying to impress a rich uncle and a beautiful classmate.

Oresnik, A. F.  **The Demeter Star**  60p.  PZ 7 .O6316 De 1977b
On his first ocean dive, Mike discovers a sunken cargo ship that he later learns may be carrying treasure in silver.

Park, Linda Sue  **A Single Shard**  152p.  PZ 7 .P22115 Si 2001
An orphan in medieval Korea lives under a bridge in a potter’s village and longs to learn how to make the delicate ceramics himself.

Park, Linda Sue  **When My Name Was Keoko**  199p.  PZ 7 .P22115 Wh 2004
With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face Japan’s occupation of Korea during World War II.

Paterson, Katherine  **Bridge to Terabithia**  128p.  PZ 7 .P273 Br 1987
The friendship between two young people grows, as they meet in their secret hiding place, only to end in tragedy.
A poor Vermont farm girl is determined to gain her independence by becoming a factory worker in the 1840’s.

Paulsen, Gary  **The Crossing**  114p.  PZ 7 .P2843 Cr 1990
A street kid, fighting for survival in a Mexican border town, develops a friendship with an emotionally disturbed American soldier who decides to help him get across the border.

Paulsen, Gary  **Hatchet**  195p.  PZ 7 .P2843 Hat 1996
After a plane crash, a thirteen-year-old spends fifty-four days alone in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother.

Paulsen, Gary  **The Island**  202p.  PZ 7 .P2843 Is 1990
Fifteen-year-old Wil discovers himself and the wonders of nature when he leaves home to live on an island in northern Wisconsin.

Paulsen, Gary  **Soldier’s Heart**  106p.  PZ 7 .P2843 So 2000
Eager to enlist, fifteen-year-old Charley has a change of heart after experiencing both the physical and mental horrors of Civil War combat.

A young boy growing up on a Minnesota farm describes the scenes around him and recounts his old Norwegian uncle’s tales of a logging past.

A farm boy matures early when he learns what must be done regarding his pet pig who cannot produce a litter.

His friends may not be enough to save a high school freshman as he pressures himself to succeed, in his own eyes as well as in the eyes of his parents and the world.

Philbrick, W. R.  **Freak the Mighty**  169p.  PZ 7 .P52112 Fr 1993b
Learning disabled Max and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team.

Pullman, Philip  **The Golden Compass**  351p.  PZ 7 .P968 Go 1997
Lyra sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.

Pullman, Philip  **The Ruby in the Smoke**  230p.  PZ 7 .P968 Ru 1997
In nineteenth-century London, sixteen-year-old Sally, a recent orphan, becomes involved in a deadly search for a mysterious ruby.

Raskin, Ellen  **The Westing Game**  217p.  PZ 7 .R1817 We 1992b
The mysterious death of a millionaire brings together an unlikely group of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart’s desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.

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Finding a strange machine that creates replicas of living organisms, David duplicates himself and suffers the horrible consequences when the duplicate turns against him.

Sleator, William  
**House of Stairs**  
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Five sixteen-year-old orphans are involuntarily placed in a house of endless stairs as subjects for a psychological experiment.

Sleator, William  
**Strange Attractors**  
169p.  
PZ 7 .S6313 St 1990  
Max finds himself in possession of a time travel device which is eagerly sought by the scientist who invented it and the scientist’s alter ego from a different timeline.

Snyder, Anne  
**My Name Is Davy-I’m an Alcoholic**  
133p.  
PZ 7 .S68515 My 1978  
A fifteen-year-old won’t believe that he is an alcoholic until personal tragedy forces him to face reality.

Soto, Gary  
**Buried Onions**  
149p.  
PZ 7 .S7242 Bu 1999  
When Eddie drops out of college, he struggles to find a place for himself as a Mexican American living in a violent neighborhood in Fresno, California.

Soto, Gary  
**Jesse**  
166p.  
PZ 7 .S7242 Je 1994  
Two Mexican American brothers hope that junior college will help them escape their heritage of tedious physical labor.

Soto, Gary  
**Pacific Crossing**  
134p.  
PZ 7 .S7242 Pac 1992  
A fourteen-year-old Mexican American boy spends a summer with a host family in Japan, encountering new experiences and making new friends.

Speare, Elizabeth  
**The Witch of Blackbird Pond**  
249p.  
PZ 7 .S7376 Wi 1996  
In 1687 in Connecticut, Kit Tyler, feeling out of place in the Puritan household of her aunt, befriends an old woman considered a witch by the community and suddenly finds herself standing trial for witchcraft.

Sperry, Armstrong  
**Call It Courage**  
95p.  
PZ 8.1 .S75 Cal 1990b  
Relates how Mafatu, a young Polynesian boy whose name means Stout Heart, overcomes his terrible fear of the sea and proves his courage to himself and his people.

Spinelli, Jerry  
**Maniac Magee**  
184p.  
PZ 7 .S75663 Man 1992  
After his parents die, Jeffrey’s life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his friends.

Springer, Nancy  
**Toughing It**  
119p.  
PZ 7 .S76846 To 1994  
A boy must deal with his loss and anger after witnessing his older brother’s murder.

Staples, Suzanne F.  
**Haveli**  
320p.  
PZ 7 .S79346 Hav 1995  
Having relented to the ways of her people in Pakistan and married the rich older man to whom she was pledged against her will, Shabanu is now the victim of his family’s blood feud and the malice of his other wives. This novel is a sequel to *Shabanu*.

Staples, Suzanne F.  
**Shabanu**  
240p.  
PZ 7 .S79346 Sh 1991
When eleven-year-old Shabanu, the daughter of a nomad in the Cholistan Desert of present-day Pakistan, is pledged in marriage to an older man she must either accept the decision, as is the custom or risk the consequences of defying her father’s wishes.

Staples, Suzanne F.  
**Shiva’s Fire**  
276p.  
PZ 7 .S79346 Sj 2001  
In India, a talented dancer sacrifices friends and family for her art.

Stewart, Mary  
**A Walk in Wolf Wood**  
188p.  
PZ 7 .S8495 Wal 1982  
When a weeping man in a strange costume passes their picnic spot and disappears into the nearby woods, a brother and sister decide to follow him and soon find themselves involved in the rescue of a werewolf in the 14th century.

Swarthout, Glendon  
**Bless the Beasts & the Children**  
189p.  
PZ 7 .S97192 Bl 1995  
Boys at an Arizona camp for troubled teens join efforts to save a herd of buffalo and rediscover themselves in the process.

Taylor, Mildred D.  
**Let the Circle Be Unbroken**  
394p.  
PZ 7 .T21723 Le 1991  
Four black children growing up in rural Mississippi during the Depression experience prejudice and hard times, but learn from their parents the pride they need to survive.

Taylor, Mildred D.  
**Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**  
276p.  
PZ 7 .T21723 Ro 1991  
A black family living in the South during the 1930’s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which their children don’t understand.

Taylor, Mildred D.  
**Song of the Trees**  
52p.  
PZ 7 .T21723 So 1979  
During the Depression, a rural black family deeply attached to the forest on their land tries to save it from being cut down by an unscrupulous white man.

Taylor, Theodore  
**The Cay**  
144p.  
PZ 7 .T2186 Cay 1970  
Shipwrecked in World War II, a white boy, blinded by a blow on the head, and an old black man are stranded on a tiny island where the boy learns courage and love from his old companion.

Taylor, Theodore  
**Maria: A Christmas Story**  
72p.  
PZ 7 .T2186 Ma 1993  
Eleven-year-old Maria and her family are the first Mexican Americans to enter a float in the annual Christmas parade in San Lazaro, California.

Trevino, Elizabeth  
**I, Juan de Pareja**  
180p.  
PZ 7 .T73271 1984  
The slave, who prepares the paints and canvases of the 17th century artist Velazquez, describes his work with his master and the climate of Spanish court life.

Uchida, Yoshiko  
**The Happiest Ending**  
111p.  
When twelve-year-old Rinko learns that a neighbor’s daughter is coming from Japan to marry a stranger twice her age, she sets out to change this arrangement and gains new insights into love and adult problems.

Uchida, Yoshiko  
**Journey Home**  
131p.  
PZ 7 .U25 Jn 1978  
After their release from an American concentration camp, a Japanese-American girl and her family try to reconstruct their lives amidst strong anti-Japanese feeling.

Uchida, Yoshiko  
**Journey to Topaz**  
149p.  
PZ 7 .U25 Jo  
After the Pearl Harbor attack, an eleven-year-old Japanese-American girl and
her family are forced to go to an aliens’ camp in Utah.

Uchida, Yoshiko  
**Samurai of Gold Hill**  119p.  PZ 7 .U25 Sam 1985
Seeking a new life in nineteenth-century California with his samurai father, a young Japanese finds it difficult to adjust to the idea of being a farmer and not a samurai.

Ullman, James  
Rudi’s father had been killed trying to climb the Citadel, a dangerous Swiss mountain, now it is his dream to make that climb.

Voigt, Cynthia  
**Dicey’s Song**  211p.  PZ 7 .V874 Di 1984
Now that the four abandoned Tillerman children are settled in with their grandmother, Dicey finds that their new beginnings require love, trust, humor, and courage.

Voigt, Cynthia  
**Homecoming**  312p.  PZ 7 .V874 Ho 1983
Abandoned by their mother, four children begin a search for a home and an identity.

Voigt, Cynthia  
**Izzy, Willy-Nilly**  280p.  PZ 7 .V874 Iz 1995
A car accident causes Izzy to lose one leg and face the need to start building a new life as an amputee.

Wallace, Rich  
**Wrestling Sturbridge**  133p.  PZ 7 .W15877 Wr 1997
Assigned by his wrestling coach to sit on the bench while his friend becomes state champion, Ben challenges his friend and his future during his last high school wrestling season.

Wartski, Maureen  
**A Boat to Nowhere**  152p.  PZ 7 .W2582 Bo 1991
Fleeing from the new communist government in Vietnam, an old man and three children begin an endless and seemingly hopeless struggle for survival as boat people.

Wartski, Maureen  
**The Face in My Mirror**  186p.  PZ 7 .W2585 Fac 1994
A Vietnamese American girl adopted by a California couple faces the hurt of racial incidents.

Watkins, Yoko K.  
**My Brother, My Sister, and I**  233p.  PZ 7 .W3235 My 1996
Living as refugees in Japan in 1947 while trying to find their father, Yoko and her brother and sister must survive fire, injury, and false charges of arson, theft, and murder.

Watkins, Yoko K.  
**So Far from the Bamboo Grove**  183p.  PZ 7 .W3235 So 1994
A fictionalized autobiography in which eleven-year-old Yoko escapes from Korea to Japan with her mother and sister at the end of World War II.

Whelan, Gloria  
**Angel on the Square**  293p.  PZ 7 .W5718 An 2001
In 1913 Russia, a girl looks forward to joining her mother, a lady in waiting in the household of Tsar Nicholas II; but the years that follow bring world war and revolution.

Whelan, Gloria  
**Goodbye, Vietnam**  135p.  PZ 7 .W5718 Go 1993
Mai and her family embark on a dangerous sea voyage from Vietnam to Hong Kong to escape the unpredictable and often brutal Vietnamese government.

Whelan, Gloria  
**Homeless Bird**  216p.  PZ 7 .W5718 Ho 2000
When Koly enters an ill-fated arranged marriage, she must either suffer a destiny
dictated by India’s tradition or find the courage to oppose it.

White, E. B.  **Charlotte’s Web**  184p.  PZ 7 .W58277 Ch 1980
Wilbur, the pig, is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer’s Christmas dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help.

White, Robb  **Deathwatch**  220p.  PZ 7 .W58444 Dc 1973
Needing money for school, a college boy accepts a job as a guide on a desert hunting trip and nearly loses his life.

White, Ruth  **Belle Prater’s Boy**  196p.  PZ 7 .W58446 Be 1996
When Woodrow’s mother suddenly disappears, he moves to his grandparents’ home in a small Virginia town where he befriends his cousin and together they find the strength to face the terrible losses and fears in their lives.

Wilder, Laura  **Little House on the Prairie**  335p.  PZ 7 .W6461 Lit 1971
A family travels from the big woods of Wisconsin to a new home on the prairie, where they build a house, meet neighboring Indians, build a well, and fight a prairie fire.

Woodson, Jacqueline  **From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun**  141p.  PZ 7 .W868 Fr 1995
A boy’s life is shattered when his mother reveals she has fallen in love with a woman.

Woodson, Jacqueline  **If You Come Softly**  181p.  PZ 7 .W868 If 2000
A black teenage boy whose parents are separated and a white girl whose mother has twice abandoned her, fall in love and then try to cope with people’s reactions.

Yep, Laurence  **Child of the Owl**  219p.  PS 3575 .E6 C5 1990
A girl who knows little about her Chinese heritage is sent to live with her grandmother in San Francisco’s Chinatown.

Yep, Laurence  **Dragon Cauldron**  312p.  PZ 7 .Y44 Do 1991
A dragon named Shimmer, a monkey wizard, a reformed witch, and two humans go on a quest to mend the magic cauldron needed to repair the dragon’s home.

Yep, Laurence  **Dragon of the Lost Sea**  213p.  PZ 7 .Y44 Dq 1988
Shimmer, a renegade dragon princess, tries to redeem herself by capturing a witch with the help of a human boy.

Yep, Laurence  **Dragon Steel**  275p.  PZ 7 .Y44 Dqn 1993
To free her clan from slavery, the dragon princess Shimmer and her human companion Thorn combat the Dragon King’s jealousy and treachery.

Yep, Laurence  **Dragon War**  313p.  PZ 7 .Y44 Dqr 1994
Shimmer and her companions fight a war against the evil Boneless King in order to rescue their friend Thorn and restore the dragons’ underwater home.

Yep, Laurence  **Dragon’s Gate**  273p.  PZ 7 .Y44 Dqr 1993
When he accidentally kills a Manchu, a Chinese boy is sent to America to join his
father, an uncle, and other Chinese working to build a tunnel for the transcontinental railroad through the Sierra Nevada mountains in 1867.

Yep, Laurence  Dragonwings  248p.  PS 3575 .E6 D73 1993
In the early twentieth century a young Chinese boy joins his father in San Francisco and helps him realize his dream of making a flying machine.

Yep, Laurence  Dream Soul  245p.  PZ 7 .Y44 Dt 2000
In 1927 a girl tries to get her parents’ permission to celebrate Christmas, one of the problems of being the only Chinese American family in a small town in West Virginia.

Yep, Laurence  Ghost Fox  70p.  PZ 7 .Y46 Gh 1994
In a Chinese village, a boy fights to save his mother’s soul from an evil fox creature that has assumed human form.

Yep, Laurence  Hiroshima  56p.  PZ 7 .Y44 Hi 1995
Describes the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, particularly as it affects Sachi, who becomes one of the Hiroshima Maidens.

Yep, Laurence  Later, Gator  122p.  PZ 7 .Y44 Lat 1995
Teddy finds that his imagination has gotten him into trouble once more, when he buys his younger brother Bobby an alligator for his birthday.

A young ballet student cannot afford to continue lessons when her Chinese grandmother emigrates from Hong Kong, creating jealousy and conflict among the entire family.

Yep, Laurence  The Serpent’s Children  277p.  PZ 7 .Y44 Sg 1996
In nineteenth-century China, a young girl struggles to protect her family from the threat of bandits, famine, and a conflict between her father and brother.

Yep, Laurence  The Star Fisher  150p.  PZ 7 .Y44 St 1991
Fifteen-year-old Joan Lee and her family find the adjustment hard when they move from Ohio to West Virginia in the 1920’s.

Yep, Laurence  Thief of Hearts  197p.  PZ 7 .Y44 Th 1995
When Stacy is paired with a Chinese girl at school who is accused of theft, she must come to terms with her own Chinese and American heritage.

Curious about death, three boys decide to spy on an old man waiting for him to die, but they end up becoming his friends.

A tragic death shakes two teenagers out of their unreal world.

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