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Alcott, Louisa May *LITTLE WOMEN* 1868

The joys and sorrows of the four March sisters are chronicled as they grow into young ladies in nineteenth-century New England

Brink, Carol Ryrie *CADDIE WOODLAWN* 1935 Illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman

Newbery Medal

Life on the frontier was exciting for Caddie and her six brothers and sisters, especially since Caddie would be more of a tomboy than a lady.

Burnford, Sheila *THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY* 1961

A Siamese cat, an old bull terrier, and a young Labrador retriever travel together 240 miles through the Canadian wilderness to find their family.

de Angeli, Marguerite *THE DOOR IN THE WALL* 1949

Robin, a cripple, is taken by Brother Luke to a monastery, where he learns to read, write, carve, and use crutches. Together, they journey to the castle on the Welsh marshes, where he becomes a page and eventually wins his knighthood.

Dodge, Mary Mapes *HANS BRINKER; OR THE SILVER SKATES* 1865

A Dutch boy and girl work toward two goals: finding the doctor who can restore their father's memory and winning the competition for the silver skates.

Farley, Walter *THE BLACK STALLION* 1941 Illustrated by Keith Ward

A seventeen-year-old boy is pulled to a desert island by a wild black stallion he has freed during a shipwreck at sea. Rescued by a southbound freighter, he befriends the horse, trains him by night, and rides him to victory in a race.

George, Jean Craighead *JULIE OF THE WOLVES* 1972 Illustrated by John Schoenherr.

Newbery Medal

While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.

Gipson, Fred *OLD YELLER* 1956 Newberry Honor Book

While his father is away, fourteen-year-old Travis is left to take care of his mother and small brother in the Texas wilderness. He does so with the help of a big yellow dog.

Henry, Marguerite *KING OF THE WIND* 1948 Illustrated by Wesley Dennis Newbery Medal

Sham and the stable boy Agba travel from Morocco to France to England where, at last, Sham's majesty is recognized and he becomes the "Godolphin Arabian," ancestor of the most superior thoroughbred horses.

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Konigsburg, E.L. *FROM THE MIXED-UP FILES OF MRS. BASIL E. FRANKWEILER* 1967  
Newbery Medal

Claudia and Jamie, pampered suburban children, run away from their Connecticut home and go straight to New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, where their ingenuity enables them to live in luxury, even though on borrowed time.

Lewis, C.S. *THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE* 1950

Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

Lowry, Lois *NUMBER THE STARS* 1989 Newbery Medal

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

Martin, Ann M. *KRISTY'S GREAT IDEA* 1986

Kristy's idea is to form a baby-sitter club with her three friends. All of the Baby-sitter Club books are popular with children.

Morey, Walt *GENTLE BEN* 1965 Illustrated by John Schoenherr Newbery Honor Book

The friendship between a boy and a bear grows as they experience the rugged Alaskan Territory.

O'Dell, Scott *ISLAND OF THE BLUE DOLPHINS* 1960 Newbery Medal

When her tribe migrates and leaves her behind, an Indian girl shows courage and self-reliance as she lives alone for eighteen years on an isolated island off the California coast.

Paulsen, Gary *HATCHET* 1987 Newbery Honor Book

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother. He also learns to survive his parents' divorce.

Reid Banks, Lynne *THE INDIAN IN THE CUPBOARD* 1980

A nine-year-old boy receives a plastic Indian, a cupboard, and a little key for his birthday and finds himself involved in an adventure when the Indian in the cupboard comes to life and befriends him.

Sewell, Anna *BLACK BEAUTY* 1877

As a fine horse goes from one master to another, readers learn the story of his life in nineteenth-century England.

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Speare, Elizabeth George *THE SIGN OF THE BEAVER* 1983 Newbery Honor Book; Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction.

Left alone to guard the family's wilderness home in eighteenth-century Maine, a boy is hard-pressed to survive until local Indians teach him their skills.

Sperry, Armstrong *CALL IT COURAGE* 1940 Newbery Medal

Based on a Polynesian legend, the story tells about a youth who overcomes his fear of the sea and proves his courage to himself and his tribe.

Stevenson, Robert Louis *TREASURE ISLAND* 1882

While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map that leads to a pirate fortune as well as great danger.

Tolkein, J.R.R. *THE HOBBIT* 1938

Bilbo Baggins, a well-to-do hobbit, lives happily in his comfortable home until a wandering wizard grants his wish.

White, E. B. *CHARLOTTE'S WEB* 1952 Illustrated by Garth Williams Newbery Honor Book

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 him.

Wyss, Johann David *THE SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON* 1813

When a Swiss couple and their four sons are shipwrecked on an isolated island, they adapt to their "New Switzerland," using imaginative methods of farming and animal taming.

*Additional Books: Fifth and Sixth Grades*

## Additional Books for Grades Five and Six

Armstrong, William, SOUNDER  
Babbitt, Natalie, TUCK EVERLASTING  
Beatty, Patricia, TURN HOMEWARD, HANNALEE  
Burnett, Frances Hodgson, THE SECRET GARDEN  
Byars, Betsy, THE SUMMER OF THE SWANS  
Cleary, Beverly, DEAR MR. HENSHAW  
Defoe, Daniel, ROBINSON CRUSOE  
Dickens, Charles, A CHRISTMAS CAROL  
Enright, Elizabeth, THIMBLE SUMMER  
Field, Rachel, HITTY: HER FIRST HUNDRED YEARS  
Forbes, Esther, JOHNNY TREMAI  
Gates, Doris, BLUE WILLOW  
George, Jean Craighead, MY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN  
Grahame, Kenneth, THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS  
Hess, Donna Lynn, A FATHER'S PROMISE  
Juster, Norton, THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH  
Kipling, Rudyard, THE JUNGLE BOOK  
Kjelgaard, Jim, BIG RED  
Latham, Jean Lee, CARRY ON, MR. BOWDITCH  
London, Jack, CALL OF THE WILD and WHITE FANG  
Montgomery, L.M., ANNE OF GREEN GABLES SERIES  
North, Sterling, RASCAL  
Norton, Mary, THE BORROWERS  
O'Brien, Robert C., MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH  
Paterson, Katherine, BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA  
Peretti, Frank, COOPER KIDS ADVENTURE SERIES  
Porter, Elizabeth, POLLYANNA  
Rawlings, Marjorie, THE YEARLING  
Rawls, Wilson, WHERE THE RED FERN GROWS  
Robinson, Barbara, THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER  
Seredy, Kate, THE GOOD MASTER  
Sorensen, Virginia, MIRACLES ON MAPLE HILL  
Speare, Elizabeth George, THE BRONZE BOW and THE WITCH OF BLACKBIRD POND  
St. John, Patricia, STAR OF LIGHT and THE TANGLEWOOD SECRET  
Sterling, Dorothy, FREEDOM TRAIN  
Stevenson, Robert Lewis, KIDNAPPED  
Tada, Joni Eareckson, JONI  
Taylor, Mildred, ROLL OF THUNDER, HEAR MY CRY  
Taylor, Theodore, THE CAY  
Yates, Elizabeth, AMOS FORTUNE, FREE MAN

