

LES READING OLYMPICS

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WHAT IS LES READING OLYMPICS?

A voluntary reading program designed to motivate LES students to incorporate reading into their daily lives and foster a lifelong habit of learning.

HOW DOES LES READING OLYMPICS WORK?

Students and parents who participate must sign a contract agreeing to read books from category areas on their reading list. All students who reach their goal will receive special recognition at LES Awards Day.

DO I HAVE TO READ ONLY BOOKS ON THE READING LIST?

No. This suggested reading list is only to help you find books in each category area. You may read books from the list, but you may also find other books that fit under each category area. Your parents, teachers, or librarian can help you.

WHAT IF I AM PARTICIPATING IN OTHER READING MOTIVATION PROGRAMS?

Students participating in other reading motivation programs may count books read for those programs towards the LES Reading Olympics program.

HOW DO I VERIFY THAT I READ THE BOOKS?

Record each book (including title and author) on the Reading Log. Make sure the student and parent sign the Log before it is returned to the library. Only the Reading Log needs to be returned. You may keep the Reading List booklet.

WHEN IS MY READING LOG FORM DUE?

The deadline for turning in the Reading Log form

WHAT DO I GET FOR PARTICIPATING?

The most important reward for reading is the satisfaction of entering the kingdom of books. You will meet people, visit places, and experience events you might never encounter otherwise. In addition, medals will be given to those students who meet the requirements for award levels in the program. (Award Levels are listed on the back.)

WHAT ELSE DO I HAVE TO KNOW?

* Credit will only be given for reading (aloud or silently) a book and/or listening to a book read in its entirety.

* We understand that most of the Kindergarten students will need the books read to them. If the book is read to the student, you may have the student try to follow the words as they are read.

* Viewing television, film, or video adaptations of books are excellent complements to literature appreciation, but are not a substitute for reading and cannot be counted.

* Students are required to discuss their books with a parent, relative, guardian, or teacher, however, they are not required to record this on the log.

* We encourage use of the public library, school library, and your own collection of books.

* The goal of Reading Olympics is to encourage parents and their children to choose and read books together. Because of this we require parents of Reading Olympics students to sign a contract stating that they will help their child reach his or her chosen goal. To help with this, parents themselves may obtain a library card from LES Library and check out 5 books at a time for 2 weeks.

* Books can only be counted once in one Category.

LES READING OLYMPICS
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Level 2 (GRADES 3-4)

Bronze Medal Award (30 books minimum)

- * 1 book from each category on the Reading List Level 2 (12)
- * 5 award books (5)
- * 8 free choice (8)
- * 5 Texas Bluebonnet Nominees for the current year (5)

Silver Medal Award (40 books minimum)

- * 2 books from each category on the Reading List Level 2 (24)
- * 5 award books (5)
- * 6 free choice (6)
- * 5 Texas Bluebonnet Nominees for the current year (5)

Principal's Gold Medal Award (55 books minimum)

- * 3 books from each category on the Reading List Level 2 (36)
- * 5 award books (5)
- * 9 free choice (9)
- * 5 Texas Bluebonnet Nominees for the current year (5)

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LES READING OLYMPICS CONTRACT

_____ YES, my child would like to participate in the LES READING OLYMPICS. I understand that this is an enrichment program that requires active supervision and assistance by a parent/guardian. I (the parent or guardian) will designate other adult reading partners to assist us in this program if needed.

Child's name _____

Teacher _____ Grade _____

Child Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

READING LOG--LEVEL 2 (Grades 3 & 4)

NAME: _____

Title	Author
Category: Poetry	
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

Category: Science & Math	
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
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4. _____	_____

Category: Awards	
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Title	Author
Category: Bluebonnet Nominees (current year)	
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
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4. _____	_____
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Category: Free Choice	
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We verify that this Reading Log information is accurate.

Student Signature _____
Parent/Guardian Signature _____
Teacher Signature _____

Below this line for library use:

Award Reached:
Bronze _____ **Silver** _____ **Gold** _____

Librarians' Signature: _____

***Please do not attach any extra sheets to this list.**

READING LOG--LEVEL 2 (Grades 3 & 4))

NAME: _____

Title **Author**

Category: Adventure

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Category: Animal Antics

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Category: Biography

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Category: Fairy Tales, Folktales, Legends, & Myths

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Category: Family, Home, School & Neighborhood

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Title **Author**

Category: Fantasy & Science Fiction

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Category: Favorites

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Category: Holidays & Special Occasions

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Category: Humorous Stories

1. _____
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3. _____
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Category: Mystery

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CATEGORY: ANIMAL ANTICS

*Mr. Popper's Penguins. Richard Atwater. 12 penguins add impossible situations to Popper's family. [Newbery] (FIC ATW)

*Hawk, I'm Your Brother. Byrd Baylor. A young boy wants a hawk to teach him to fly. [Caldecott] (FIC BAY)

*Togo. Robert Blake. In 1925, Togo, a Siberian husky who loves being a sled dog, leads a team that rushes to bring diphtheria antitoxin from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska. [Bluebonnet] (E BLA)

*Tornado. Betsy Byars. A family waits in a storm cellar and listens to a farmhand tell about how a dog was blown into his life. [Bluebonnet] (FIC BYA)

Stellaluna. Janell Cannon. After she falls into a bird's nest a baby bat learns about being different. (E CAN)

*Verdi. Janell Cannon. A young python does not want to grow slow and boring like the older snakes. [Bluebonnet] (E CAN)

Esio Trot. Roald Dahl. Shy Mr. Hoppy devises a plan to win the heart of his true love by teaching her a spell to make her tortoise grow bigger. RL 5.6 (FIC DAH)

*Ginger Pye. Eleanor Estes. When the Pye family's puppy, Ginger, disappears on Thanksgiving Day, the children are convinced that he has been kidnapped by a stranger in a yellow hat. [Newbery] (FIC EST)

The Story About Ping. Marjorie Flack. Ping's adventures and safe return. (E FLA)

*There's an Owl in the Shower. Jean Craighead George. Because protecting spotted owls has cost Borden's father his job as a logger, Borden intends to kill spotted owls, until he and his father find themselves taking care of a young owlet. [Bluebonnet] (FIC GEO)

*Old Yeller. Fred Gipson. In the late 1860's hill country of Texas, a big yellow dog and a young boy form a close relationship. [Newbery] (FIC GIP)

The Wind in the Willows. Kenneth Grahame. Toad, Rat, Mole and Badger fight weasels, ferrets and other unfriendly creatures in this classic story. (FIC GRA)

*Runaway Radish. Jessie Haas. When Radish the pony grows too big for the girl who owns him, he goes to live at a horse camp where there are always new children for him to train. [Bluebonnet] (FIC HAA)

Sable. Karen Hesse. Tate Marshall is delighted when a stray dog turns up in the yard one day, but Sable, named for her dark, silky fur, causes trouble with the neighbors. (FIC HES)

Bunnica: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery. James Howe. Is the family's new baby bunny a vampire, as Chester the family cat thinks? A series. (FIC HOW)

*Fables. Arnold Lobel. Twenty original fables about an array of animals. [Caldecott] (FIC LOB)

*Tippy Lemmey. Pat McKissack. Leandra, Paul, and Jeannie keep trying to avoid a dog named Tippy Lemmey until they discover that he is not really their enemy. [Bluebonnet] (FIC MCK)

*Lewis and Clark and Me: a Dog's Tale. Myers, Laurie. Seaman, Meriwether Lewis's Newfoundland dog describes Lewis and Clark's expedition, which he accompanied from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean. [Bluebonnet] (FIC MYE)

The Grand Escape. Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. After years of being house cats, Marco and Polo escape into the wonderful but dangerous outside world. (FIC NAY)

*Shiloh. Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his parents and the dog's real owner who is known to mistreat his dogs. A series. [Bluebonnet] [Newbery] (FIC NAY)

*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh. Robert O'Brien. Mrs. Frisby asks the wise rats for help. [Newbery] (FIC OBR)

Rikki-Tikki-Tavi. Jerry Pinkney. Pinkney retells Kipling's classic story of a courageous mongoose who thwarts the evil plans of Nag and Nagaina, two big black cobras who live in the garden. (E PIN)

Where the Red Fern Grows. Wilson Rawls. A boy achieves his wish to become an owner of two redbone hounds. (FIC RAW)

Abel's Island. William Steig. Abel, the mouse, is stranded on a deserted island. (FIC STE)

*Beauty. Bill Wallace. Unhappy about his parents splitting up and moving with his mother to Granpa's farm, 11 year old Luke find comfort in riding and caring for a horse named Beauty. [Bluebonnet] (FIC WAL)

Lassie Come Home. Rosemary Wells. Eric Knight's original 1938 classic, in a new picture-book edition written for young readers by Rosemary Wells, with illustrations by Susan Jeffers. (FIC WEL)

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CATEGORY: SCIENCE & MATH

Digging up Dinosaurs. Alikei. How a skeleton is assembled for display in a museum. (567.9 ALI)

All About Frogs. (E ARN)

All About Sharks. (597.3 ARN)

A series by Jim Arnosky. Discusses the life cycle, habitats and behavior of each creature.

Pigs Will be Pigs: Fun with Math and Money.

Amy Axelrod. The hungry Pig family learns about money and buying power as they turn the house upside down looking for enough money to buy dinner at the local restaurant. A series. (E AXE)

Flash, Crash, Rumble & Roll. Franklyn Branley. Safety steps to follow. (551.5 BRA)

Floating in Space. Franklyn Branley. Examines life aboard a space shuttle, describing how astronauts deal with weightlessness, how they eat and exercise, some of the work they do, etc. (629.47 BRA)

The Planets in Our Solar System. Franklyn Branley. Describes the nine planets and other bodies of the solar system; includes directions for making models. (523.4 BRA)

What Makes Day and Night? Franklyn Branley. A simple explanation of how the rotation of the earth causes night and day. (525 BRA)

Counting on Frank. Rod Clement. A boy and his dog present amusing counting, size comparison, and mathematical facts. (513.5 CLE)

Bat Loves the Night. Nicola Davies and Sarah Fox-Davies. Bat wakes up, flies into the night, uses the echoes of her voice to navigate, hunts for her supper, and returns to her roost to feed her baby. Includes many facts about bats. (E DAV)

Ant Cities. Arthur Dorros. Explains how ants live and work together to build and maintain their cities. (595.79 DOR)

Archaeologists Dig for Clues. Kate Duke. Provides an introduction to the detective-like work of archaeologists who search for clues in the ground to learn how people lived in the past. (930 DUK)

Snowballs. Lois Ehlert. Some children create a family out of snow. Includes labeled pictures of all the items they use, as well as information about how snow is formed. (E EHL)

Spiders and Their Web Sites. Margery Facklam. Characteristics and habits of 12 different spiders. (595.4 FAC)

In the Small, Small Pond. Denise Fleming. Illustrations and rhyming text describe the activities of animals living in and near a small pond as spring turns to autumn. (E FLE)

Any science books by Gail Gibbons:

Galaxies, Galaxies. (E GIB)

Planet Earth Inside and Out (550 GIB)

More, Fewer, Less. Tana Hoban. Photographs illustrate groupings of objects in larger and smaller numbers. (511.3 HOB)

Animals in Flight. Steve Jenkins. Pictures and text describe how animals fly and glide. (573.7 JEN)

*What Do You Do With a Tail like This? Steve Jenkins. Looks at the way in which different animals use their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet and tails. [Caldecott] (573.8 JEN)

The Edible Pyramid. Loreen Leedy. Uses the USDA food guide pyramid to show the healthy way to eat including how many servings from different food groups. (613.2 LEE)

2 X 2 = Boo Loreen Leedy. Math examples in the world around us. (513.2 LEE)

Panther. Jonathan London. A night in the life of a female Florida panther and her three kittens. (599.75 LON)

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CATEGORY: BIOGRAPHY

Picture Book Biographies by David Adler, including:

A Picture Book of:

Christopher Columbus. (92 COL)

Martin Luther King, Jr. (92 KIN)

Abraham Lincoln. (92 LIN)

Rosa Parks. (92 PAR)

Harriet Tubman. (92 TUB)

George Washington. (92 WAS)

*The Pot that Juan Built. Nancy Andrews-Goebel. A rhyme summarizes the life's work of renowned Mexican potter, Juan Quezada. [Bluebonnet] (738 AND)

Sadako & the 1,000 Paper Cranes. Eleanor Coerr. Hospitalized with the dreaded atom bomb disease, leukemia, a child in Hiroshima races to fold 1,000 paper cranes. (362.7 COE)

*My Great-Aunt Arizona. Gloria Houston-Hughes. An Appalachian girl, Arizona Houston Hughes, grows up to become a teacher who influences generations of school children. (92 HUG)

*Leonardo's Horse. Jean Fritz. Examines the life of Leonardo DaVinci, focusing on his unfinished sculpture of a huge horse he was commissioned to create for the Duke of Milan in the late 1400's. [Bluebonnet] (730 FRI)

Where Do You Think You're Going, Christopher Columbus? Jean Fritz. Colorful account of the life of Columbus. (92 COL)

*A Strong Right Arm: The Story of Mamie "Peanut" Johnson. Michelle Y. Green. Tells the story of Mamie Johnson, who finally got her chance to play baseball when she and other African-American women were invited to play in the Negro Leagues after male players were allowed on major league teams. [Bluebonnet] (92 JOH)

*Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez. Kathleen Krull. His life from the time he was ten and lived happily on his family's Arizona ranch to age 38 when he led a peaceful protest against California migrant workers' miserable working conditions. [Bluebonnet] (92 CHA)

*Wilma Unlimited. Kathleen Krull. An African-American woman who overcomes polio to become the first woman to win three gold medals in the Olympics. [Bluebonnet] (92 RUD)

The Librarian Who Measured the Earth. Kathryn Lasky. Describes the life and work of Eratosthenes, the Greek geographer/astronomer who accurately measured the circumference of the earth. (92 ERA)

Aunt Clara Brown. Linda Lowery. A biography of the freed slave who makes her fortune in Colorado and used her money to bring other former slaves there to begin new lives. (92 BRO)

*Bull's-eye: a Photobiography of Annie Oakley. Sue Macy. Discusses her early life, her skill with a gun, her time with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, her enduring image in movies, books, TV, and plays. [Bluebonnet] (92 OAK)

Mary McLeod Bethune. Margo McLoone. The life of May Bethune, who made numerous contributions to African-American education. (92 BET)

*Glorious Flight: Across the Channel with Louis Bleriot. Alice and Martin Provensen. Story of the man who crossed the channel in 37 minutes in the early 1900's. [Caldecott] (92 BLE)

*Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Doreen Rappaport. Looks at the life of Dr. King, explaining his work to bring about a peaceful end to segregation. [Caldecott] (92 KIN)

*When Marian Sang: the True Recital of Marian Anderson the Voice of a Century. Pam Munoz Ryan. An introduction to the life of the famous singer and civil rights activist, who was the first African-American to perform at the Metropolitan Opera. [Bluebonnet] (92 AND)

Laura Ingalls Wilder: Mae Woods A biography of the well-known author of Little House On the Prairie, and its sequels. (92 WIL)

Oh, the Places He Went: a Story about Dr. Seuss. Maryann Weidt. Tells how a boy became the creator of some of the most loved children's books of all time. (92 SEU)

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**CATEGORY: FAIRY TALES,
FOLKTALES, LEGENDS & MYTHS**

*Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears. Verna Aardema. Kapow, that mosquito! [Caldecott] (398.2 AAR)

*The Fortune Tellers. Lloyd Alexander. A carpenter goes to a fortune-teller and finds the predictions about his future come true in an unusual way. [Bluebonnet] (E ALE)

The Mitten: a Ukrainian Folktale. Jan Brett. Several animals sleep snugly in Nicki's lost mitten until the bear sneezes. (398.21 BRE)

*Fanny's Dream. Caralyn Buehner. In this take-off of the Cinderella story, a sturdy farm girl dreams of marrying a prince, but when her fairy godmother doesn't show up, she decides on a local farmer. [Bluebonnet] (E BUE)

Atalanta's Race: A Greek Myth. Shirley Climo. Retelling of the myth of the Greek princess, raised by bears, and then changed into a lioness by the angry goddess, Aphrodite. (398.2 CLI)

Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato. Tomie DePaola. The laziest man in all Ireland catches a leprechaun, who offers a potato seed instead of a pot of gold for his freedom. (398.2 DEP)

The Legend of the Bluebonnet. Tomie DePaola. A little girl's sacrifice brought the bluebonnet flower to Texas. (398.2 DEP)

*The Girl who Loved Wild Horses. Paul Goble. An Indian girl has a special understanding and love for horses. [Caldecott] (398.2 GOB)

Her Seven Brothers. Paul Goble. The Cheyenne Indian legend of the creation of the Big Dipper is retold. (398.2 GOB)

*Juan Verdades: The Man Who Couldn't Tell a Lie. Joe Hayes. A wealthy rancher is so certain of the honesty of his foreman that he wagers his ranch. [Bluebonnet] (398.2 HAY)

*Saint George and the Dragon. Margaret Hodges. George the Red Cross Knight slay the dreadful dragon that has been terrorizing the countryside for years and brings peace to the land. [Caldecott] (398.2 HOD)

*One Fine Day. Nonny Hogrogian. Retelling of an old Armenian folktale about a fox. [Caldecott] (398.24 HOG)

*Swamp Angel. Anne Isaacs. A Tennessee tall tale about a good-natured heroine. [Caldecott] [Bluebonnet] (E ISA)

The Cowboy and the Black-eyed Pea. Tony Johnston. In the adaptation of "The Princess and the Pea," the wealthy daughter of a Texas rancher devises a plan to find a real cowboy among her many suitors. (E JOH)

Johnny Appleseed: A Tall Tale. Steven Kellogg. Presents the life of John Chapman, as a tall tale. (398.2 APP)

*John Henry. Julius Lester. Retelling of the life of the legendary African-American hero who raced against a steam drill to cut through a mountain. [Caldecott] (398.21 LES)

The Adventures of Robin Hood. John Burrows. The legend of Robin Hood, who with his band of followers lived in Sherwood Forest as an outlaw stealing from the rich and giving to the poor. (FIC BUR)

*Baba Yaga and Vasilisa the Brave. Marianna Mayer. In this Russian folktale, will Vasalisa be able to escape from Baba Yaga and overcome her cruel stepmother? [Bluebonnet] (398.2 MAY)

The Twelve Dancing Princesses. Marianna Mayer. When the king's 12 daughters, under an evil spell, wear holes in their dancing slippers every night and grow pale and mysterious, Peter the gardener's boy discovers their secret and breaks the spell. (398.2 MAY)

*The Talking Eggs: a Folktale from the American South. Rober San Souci. Blanche, following instructions of an old woman, gains riches, while her greedy sister makes fun of the old woman and is duly rewarded. [Caldecott] [Bluebonnet] (398.21 SAN)

The Boy of the Three-Year Nap. Dianne Snyder. A poor Japanese woman maneuvers events to change the lazy habits of her son. (398.2 SNY)

*Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters. John Steptoe. Mufaro's two beautiful daughters, one bad tempered, one kind and sweet, go before the king, who is choosing a wife. [Coretta Scott King] (E STE)

*Merlin and the Dragons. Jane Yolen. When young Arthur is troubled by dreams, Merlin tells him a story about a fatherless boy who himself dreamed about dragons and the defeat of the evil King Vortigern. [Bluebonnet] (FIC YOL)

*Rapunzel. Paul Zelinsky. Retelling by this award-winning artist, of the classic fairy tale in which a girl's long golden hair helps her out. [Caldecott] (398.2 ZEL)

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CATEGORY: FAMILY, HOME, SCHOOL, & NEIGHBORHOOD

*How Tia Lola Came to Stay. Julia Alvarez. Although Miguel is first embarrassed by his colorful aunt, Tia Lola, when she comes to stay with his family, he comes to love her. [Bluebonnet] (FIC ALV)

*The Big Bike Race. Lucy Jane Bledsoe. A boy's hope of winning a big race is shattered when his grandmother gives him a huge, clunky bike for his tenth birthday. [Bluebonnet] (FIC BLE)

*Dandelions. Eve Bunting. Zoe and her family make a new home in the Nebraska Territory. [Bluebonnet] (FIC BUN)

*Smoky Night. Eve Bunting. When riots break out in the streets of their neighborhood, a young boy and his mother learn the values of getting along with others no matter what their nationality. [Caldecott] (E BUN)

*The Summer of the Swans. Betsy Byars. A teenage girl gains insight when her mentally retarded brother gets lost. [Newbery] (FIC BYA)

*Dear Mr. Henshaw. Beverly Cleary. Leigh writes frequently to an author after his parent's divorce. [Newbery] (FIC CLE)

Muggie Maggie. Beverly Cleary. Maggie was determined to read or write in cursive until something happened. (FIC CLE)

Remembering Box. Eth Clifford. Joshua finds out about his Jewish heritage. (FIC CLI)

I, Amber Brown. Paula Danziger. Because her divorced parents share custody, Amber suffers low self esteem and feels she's a piece of property. A series. (FIC DAN)

*26 Fairmount Avenue. Tomie DePaola. Children's author-illustrator Tomie DePaola describes his experiences at home and in school when he was a boy. [Bluebonnet] (92 DEP)

*Hey, New Kid! Betsy Duffey. A third grader dreads going to a new school so he decides to reinvent himself hoping his new classmates will be impressed. [Bluebonnet] (FIC DUF)

Mandy. Julie Edwards. Lonely for a place of her own, a 10-year-old orphan creates a secret home in a deserted cottage. (FIC EDW)

*Thimble Summer. Elizabeth Enright. A little girl's adventurous summer on a Wisconsin farm. [Newbery] (FIC ENR)

Stone Fox. John Gardiner. A boy is determined to save his grandfather's farm. (FIC GAR)

*The Lotus Seed. Sherry Garland. A young Vietnamese girl saves a lotus seed and carries it with her everywhere to remember a brave emperor and the homeland she has to flee. [Bluebonnet] (E GAR)

Sami and the Time of the Troubles. Florence Parry Heide. A 10-year-old Lebanese boy goes to school, helps his mother, plays with his friends and lives with his family in a basement shelter when bombings occur and fighting begins on his street. (E HEI)

*Ben's Trumpet. Rachel Isadora. Ben's dream comes true. [Caldecott] (E ISA)

*Amber on the Mountain. Tony Johnston. Amber meets and befriends a girl from the city who gives her the determination to learn to read and write. [Bluebonnet] (E JOH)

*Any Small Goodness: A Novel of the Barrio. Tony Johnston. Arturo and his family and friends share all kinds of experiences living in the barrio of East Los Angeles. [Bluebonnet] (FIC JOH)

*Earthquake Terror. Peg Kehret. When an earthquake hits the isolated island where the family is camping, a 12-year-old must find a way to keep himself, his partially paralyzed little sister, and their dog alive until help arrives. [Bluebonnet] (FIC KEH)

Where the River Begins. Thomas Locker. Two young boys and their grandfather go on a camping trip to find the source of the river that flows by their home. (E LOC)

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson. Betty Bao Lord. In 1947, a Chinese child comes to Brooklyn where she becomes Americanized at school, in her apartment, and by her love of baseball. (FIC LOR)

*Sarah, Plain and Tall. Patricia MacLachlan. A mail-order bride comes to live in Caleb and Anna's prairie home, and be their step-mother. [Newbery] (FIC MAC)

The Hundred Penny Box. Sharon Mathis. A tender relationship between Michael and his great-aunt. (E MAT)

*Goin' Someplace Special. Pat McKissack. In segregated 1950's Nashville, a young African-American girl braves a series of obstacles to get to one of the few integrated places in town: the public library. [Bluebonnet] (E MCK)

The Rag Coat. Lauren Mills. Minna wears a new coat made of clothing scraps to school and the other children laugh at her. (E MIL)

*Uncle Jed's Barbershop. Margaree Mitchell. A dream come true. [Corretta Scott King] (E MIT)

*Sam, Bangs, and Moonshine. Evaline Ness. Lonely Samantha has trouble because of her daydreams. [Caldecott] (E NES)

*Search for the Shadowman. Joan Lowry Nixon. While working on a genealogy project a seventh-grader becomes determined to solve a family mystery. [Bluebonnet] (FIC NIX)

*Fame and Glory in Freedom, Georgia. Barbara O'Connor. Unpopular sixth-grader Burdette "Bird" Weaver persuades the new boy at school, whom everyone thinks is dumb, to be her partner for a spelling bee that might win her everything she's ever wanted. [Bluebonnet] (FIC OCO)

The Keeping Quilt. Patricia Polacco. A home-made quilt ties together four generations of an immigrant Jewish family. (E POL)

*Jackson Jones and the Puddle of Thorns. Mary Quattlebaum. When his mother gives him a garden plot for his tenth birthday, Jackson Jones hope to earn enough money to buy a basketball. [Bluebonnet] (FIC QUA)

*Mercedes and the Chocolate Pilot: a True Story of the Berlin Airlift and the Candy that Dropped from the Sky. Margot Theis Raven. The true story of a young German girl, Mercedes Simon, and of the American pilot, Gail Halvorsen, who shared hope and joy with the children of West Berlin, by dropping candy-filled parachutes during the Airlift. [Bluebonnet] (943 RAV)

*Walking to the Bus-Rider Blues. Harriette Gillem Robinet. Alfa Merryfield, his older sister, and their grandmother struggle for rent, food and their dignity as they participate in the Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott in the summer of 1956. [Bluebonnet] (FIC ROB)

Down the Road. Alice Schertle. Hetty is very careful with the eggs she has bought on her very first trip to the store by herself, but she runs into trouble when she stops to pick apples. (E SCH)

*The Gardener. Sarah Stewart. A young girl leaves the her home to work in her uncle's city bakery during the depression. [Caldecott] (E STE)

Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World. Mildred Walter. Suffering in a family full of females, Justin feels cleaning and keeping house are women's work. (FIC WAL)

*Wingwalker. Rosemary Wells. During the Depression Reuben and his out-of-work parents move from Oklahoma to Minnesota, where his father gets a job as a carnival wingwalker and Reuben gets a chance to overcome his terror of flying. [Bluebonnet] (FIC WEL)

*Coming on Home Soon. Jacqueline Woodson. After Mama takes a job in Chicago during World War II, Ada Ruth stays with Grandma but misses her mother who loves her more than rain and snow. [Caldecott] (E WOO)

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CATEGORY: FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION

The Book of Three. Lloyd Alexander. Taran, would-be hero and assistant pig-keeper, assembles a group of companions to rescue the oracular pig Hen Wen from the forces of evil. A series. (FIC ALE)

The Wizard in the Tree. Lloyd Alexander. Mallory's encounter with the wizard in the tree begins a chain of events that change the lives of the villagers dominated by a suspicious squire. (FIC ALE)

*Once a Mouse. Marcia Brown. A hermit with magical powers studies the idea of big versus little. [Caldecott] (398.24 BRO)

*The Dark is Rising. Susan Cooper. On his 11th birthday, Will Stanton finds he is the last of the Old Ones, destined to seek the six magical Signs that will enable the Old Ones to triumph over the evil forces of the Dark. [Newbery] (FIC COO)

Jennifer Murdley's Toad. Bruce Coville. When an ordinary-looking 5th grader purchases a talking toad, she embarks on a series of extraordinary adventures. (FIC COV)

Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher. Bruce Coville. Small for his age but artistically talented twelve-year-old Jeremy unknowingly buys a dragon's egg. (FIC COV)

*Aliens for Breakfast. Jonathan Etra & Stephanie Spinner. Finding an intergalactic special agent in his cereal box, Richard joins in a fight to save Earth from the Dranes, one of who is pretending to be a student in Richard's class. A series. [Bluebonnet] (FIC ETR)

*Weslandia. Paul Fleischman. Wesley's garden produces a crop of huge strange plants, which provide him with clothing, food, shelter, and drink, thus helping him create his own civilization. [Bluebonnet] (E FLE)

*The 13th Floor: A Ghost Story. Sid Fleischman. When his older sister disappears, Buddy Stebbins follows her back in time and finds himself aboard a 17th century pirate ship captained by his own ancestor. [Bluebonnet] (FIC FLE)

Dragon Rider. Cornelia Funke. After learning that humans are headed toward his hidden home, Firedrake, a silver dragon, is joined by a brownie, and an orphan boy in a quest to find the legendary Rim of Heaven. (FIC FUN)

The Reluctant Dragon. Kenneth Grahame. A dragon that doesn't want to fight. (FIC GRA)

*A Time for Andrew. Mary Downing Hahn. Drew goes to spend the summer with his great-aunt and discovers something in her attic that leads to adventures. [Bluebonnet] (FIC HAH)

*Wishes, Kisses and Pigs. Betsy Hearne. After eleven-year-old Louise makes a wish on the first evening star and her brother turns into a pig, she uses wishes, kisses and spells to try to put things right again. [Bluebonnet] (FIC HEA)

*A Wrinkle in Time. Madeleine L'Engle. Three youngsters are spirited to a world in outer space. A series. [Newbery] (FIC LEN)

Catwings. Ursula LeGuin. Four young cats with wings leave the city slums in search of a safe place to live, finally meeting two children with kind hands. A series. (FIC LE)

*Ella Enchanted. Gail Carson Levine. Ella struggles against a curse that forces her to obey any order given to her. [Bluebonnet] (FIC LEV)

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. C. S. Lewis. Four children travel to the magic land of Narnia in this classic series. (FIC LEW)

The Borrowers. Mary Norton. The adventures of a family of tiny people. A series. (FIC NOR)

Any of the "Magic Tree House" series. Mary Pope Osborne. (FIC OSB) including:

Afternoon on the Amazon.

Dinosaurs before Dark

Pirates past Noon

Night of the Ninjas

Mummies in the Morning.

Sunset of the Sabertooth.

Lost in Cyberspace. Richard Peck. While dealing with changes at home, 6th grader Josh and his friend Aaron use the computer at school to travel through time. (FIC PEC)

Any of the "Time Warp Trio" series: Jon Scieszka. (FIC SCI) including:

The Good, the Bad and the Goofy.

Knights of the Kitchen Table.

*The Houdini Box. Brian Selznick. A chance encounter with Harry Houdini leaves a small boy in possession of a mysterious box. [Bluebonnet] (FIC SEL)

*Sylvester and the Magic Pebble. William Steig. A young donkey finds a pebble with magic powers. [Caldecott] (E STE)

Mary Poppins. P.L Travers. High above the clouds of London, practically perfect nanny Mary Poppins flies out of the sky and into the lives of two playful children. (FIC TRA)

*Jumanji. Chris Van Allsburg. Children play a game they have found with amazing results. [Caldecott] (E VAN)

*The Three Pigs. David Wiesner. The three pigs escape the wolf by going into another world where they meet the cat and the fiddle, the cow that jumped over the moon, and a dragon. [Caldecott] (E WIE)

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CATEGORY: FAVORITES

Miss Nelson Has a Field Day. Harry Allard. The notorious Viola Swamp is back to shape-up the school's football team. A series. (E ALL)

The Indian in the Cupboard. Lynne Reid Banks. It all began with a birthday present. A series. (FIC BAN)

*Shoeless Joe and Black Betsy. Phil Bildner. An original "tall-tale" in which Shoeless Joe Jackson goes into a hitting slump just before he is to start his minor league career, so he asks his friend to make him a special bat to help him hit. [Bluebonnet] (E BIL)

Freckle Juice. Judy Blume. Andrew gets a recipe for freckles. (FIC BLU)

Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great. Judy Blume. Sheila must cope with her fears. (FIC BLU)

A Bear Called Paddington. Michael Bond. A small bear's adventures in London. A series. (FIC BON)

The Chocolate Touch. Patrick Catling. A twist on the King Midas story, substitutes chocolate for gold! (FIC CAT)

*The Mouse and the Motorcycle. Beverly Cleary. A boy's friendship with a mouse. [Laura Ingalls Wilder] A series. (FIC CLE)

Ramona, the Brave. Beverly Cleary. Six-year-old Ramona tries to cope with an unsympathetic first grade teacher. A series. (FIC CLE)

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Roald Dahl. Charlie meets disaster when he tours Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory. (FIC DAH)

*Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade. Barthe DeClements. A fifth grade class learns to accept an overweight new student. [Bluebonnet] (FIC DEC)

Hank the Cowdog. John Erickson. Adventures of the famous cowdog who has the job of guarding the ranch from all manner of bad guys. A series. (FIC ERI)

The Moffats. Eleanor Estes. The Moffats have exciting times despite a limited income. (FIC EST)

Babe: the Gallant Pig. Dick King-Smith. A piglet destined for the butcher shop, arrives at the farmyard, is adopted by an old sheep dog, and discovers a special secret to success. (FIC KIN)

*Strawberry Girl. Lois Lenski. A family arouses the enmity of their lazy and proud neighbors. [Newbery] (FIC LEN)

Pippi Longstocking. Astrid Lindgren. The escapades of a little tomboy in Sweden. (FIC LIN)

Knots on a Counting Rope. Bill Martin. A grandfather and his blind grandson reminisce about the young boy's birth, his first horse, and an exciting horse race. (E MAR)

*Noah's Ark. Jerry Pinkney. Retells the biblical story of the great flood and how Noah and his family faithfully responded to God's call to save life on earth. [Caldecott] (222 PIN)

*The Best School Year Ever. Barbara Robinson. Beth must think of a compliment for Imogene Herdman, but it won't be easy. (Bluebonnet) 4 (FIC ROB)

Sideways Stories from Wayside School. Louis Sachar. Humorous episodes from the 13th floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story. A series. (FIC SAC)

*There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom. Louis Sachar. An unmanageable, but lovable, 11 year old misfit learns to believe in himself. [Bluebonnet] (FIC SAC)

*Math Curse. Jon Scieszka. A story about one student who thinks everything in life is about a math problem. [Bluebonnet] (E SCI)

*The Stinky Cheese Man and other Fairly Stupid Tales. Jon Scieszka. Madcap revisions of some familiar fairy tales. [Bluebonnet] (E SCI)

The Cricket in Times Square. George Seldon.
The adventures of a country cricket in New
York. (FIC SEL)

Chocolate Fever. Robert Smith. Henry turns
into a walking candy bar. (FIC SMI)

Charlotte's Web. E.B. White. A spider saves
her friend Wilbur the pig. (FIC WHI)

Little House on the Prairie. Laura Ingalls
Wilder. A pioneer family moves west to build a
home in Kansas. A series. (FIC WIL)

The Velveteen Rabbit. Margery Williams. A
toy rabbit becomes real. (FIC WIL)

Follow the Drinking Gourd. Jeanette Winter.
By following directions in a song taught them by
an old sailor, runaway slaves journey north along
the Underground Railroad to freedom in Canada.
(E WIN)

Anne of Green Gables. L. M. Montgomery.
Anne, and 11-year-old orphan is sent by mistake
to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and
sister on a Prince Edward Island farm. A series.
(FIC MON)

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CATEGORY: HOLIDAYS/ SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Christmas Trolls. Jan Brett. When Treva investigates the disappearance of her family's Christmas things, she finds two mischievous trolls who have never had a Christmas of their own. (E BRE)

Squanto's Journey: the Story of the First Thanksgiving. Joseph Bruchac. Squanto recounts how he was captured by the British, sold into slavery in Spain, and finally returned to the New World to become a guide and friend to the colonists. (E BRU)

The Carp in the Bathtub. Barbara Cohen. Two children try to rescue the carp their mother plans to make into gefilte fish for the Seder. (FIC COH)

Staying Nine. Pam Conrad. Nine-year-old Heather doesn't want to turn ten until wacky Rosa Rita show her that growing up isn't so bad. (FIC CON)

Cranberry Thanksgiving. Wende & Harry Devlin. Grandma almost loses her cranberry bread recipe. A series. (E DEV)

The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree. Gloria Houston. Since Papa left the Appalachian area to go to war, Ruthie and her mother wonder how they will do his job of getting the perfect Christmas tree to the town for the holiday celebration. (E HOU)

Mexican Independence Day and Cinco de Mayo. Dianne MacMillan. Provides background on the people and events that are commemorated on two important Mexican holidays, and describes how they are celebrated. (394.269 MAC)

The Last Dragon. Susan Nunes. While spending the summer in Chinatown with his great-aunt, a young boy finds an old ten-man dragon, used in Chinese New Year's parades, and gets the neighborhood involved in helping him repair it. (E NUN)

*Chicken Sunday. Patricia Polacco. To thank Miss Eula for her wonderful Sunday chicken dinners, three children sell decorated eggs to buy her an Easter hat. [Bluebonnet] (E POL)

*The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. Barbara Robinson. The Herdmans, considered to be the six meanest kids in town, volunteer to join in the Christmas play. [Bluebonnet] (FIC ROB)

Silver Packages. Cynthia Rylant. Every year at Christmas a rich man rides a train through Appalachia and throws gifts to the poor children who are waiting, in order to repay the debt he owes to the people who live there. (E RYL)

*Tree of Cranes. Allen Say. A Japanese boy learns of Christmas when his mother decorates a pine tree with paper cranes. [Bluebonnet] (E SAY)

The Amazing Christmas Extravaganza. David Shannon. To the dismay of his neighbors and family, Mr. Delbert's simple Christmas display grows into an outrageous spectacle. (E SHA)

*The Polar Express. Chris Van Allsburg. A heartwarming story of a little boy's trip to the North Pole. [Caldecott] (E VAN)

The Nutcracker Ballet. Vladimir Vagin. On Christmas Eve, a little girl helps break the spell on her wooden nutcracker and transforms him into a handsome prince, who takes her to his kingdom in the Land of Sweets. (E VAG)

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CATEGORY: HUMOROUS STORIES

Enormous Egg. Oliver Butterworth. A dinosaur hatches from the egg, which has been cared for by the pet hen. (FIC BUT)

The Golly Sisters Ride Again. Betsy Byars. The Golly Sisters, May-May and Rose, share further adventures as they take their traveling show through the West. A series. (E BYA)

Henry and Ribsy. Beverly Cleary. Henry must keep his dog out of trouble for two months. A series. (FIC CLE)

Ramona the Pest. Beverly Cleary. An outspoken young lady begins kindergarten. A series. (FIC CLE)

Runaway Ralph. Beverly Cleary. Ralph runs away looking for freedom, but winds up a prisoner at a summer camp. A series. (FIC CLE)

*Frindle. Andrew Clements. When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, this clever boy invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control. [Bluebonnet] (FIC CLE)

Jenny Archer, Author. Ellen Conford. Stymied by an assignment to write her autobiography, Jenny decides to enhance her life story. A series. (FIC CON)

Top Secret. John R. Gardiner. Despite the disapproval of his parents and science teacher, Allen is determined to do his science project on human photosynthesis. (FIC GAR)

4B Goes Wild. Jamie Gilson. Fourth graders on a 3-day camping trip with their teacher have the experience of frights and delights. (FIC GIL)

Class President. Joanna Hurwitz. Julio hides his own leadership ambitions to help another candidate win the nomination for class president. A series. (FIC HUR)

Bubba the Cowboy Prince: a Fractured Texas Tale. Helen Ketteman. Based on "Cinderella," this story is set in Texas, the fairy godmother is a cow, and the hero, named Bubba, is the stepson of a wicked rancher. (E KET)

Horrible Harry Moves Up to Third Grade. Suzy Kline. Horrible Harry and his friends start off third grade with a new room and a field trip to an old copper mine to study rocks. A series. (FIC KLI)

*From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler. E.L. Konigsburg. Runaways take up residence in a museum. [Newbery] (FIC KON)

Anastasia's Chosen Career. Lois Lowry. Anastasia acquires poise and self-confidence, a new friend, and advice on becoming a bookstore owner when she commutes to Boston to take a modeling course. A series. (FIC LOW)

*Attaboy, Sam! Lois Lowry. Sam is able to help his sister Anastasia with the poem she is writing for their mother's birthday, but his own efforts to create a special perfume are disastrous. A series. [Bluebonnet] (FIC LOW)

Hello, Mrs. Piggie-Wiggle. Betty MacDonald. A woman with a magic way of curing children's bad habits. A series. (FIC MAC)

Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days. Stephen Manes. Can a library book make Milo perfect in three days? (FIC MAN)

*Rats on the Roof and other stories. James Marshall. Seven hilarious stories about various animals. [Bluebonnet] (SC MAR)

Junie B. Jones and the Yucky Blucky Fruitcake. Barbara Park. Kindergartner Junie looks forward to winning lots of prizes at the school carnival. A series. (FIC PAR)

Henry Reed, Inc. Keith Robertson. Henry and his friend Midge go into the research business during summer vacation. A series. (FIC ROB)

How to Eat Fried Worms. Thomas Rockwell. Two boys set out to prove that worms can make a delicious meal. (FIC ROC)

Wayside School is Falling Down. Louis Sachar. More humorous episodes from the classroom on the 13 th floor of a sideways school. A series. (FIC SAC)

*Saving Sweetness. Diane Stanley. A sheriff rescues an orphan, at least he thinks he does! A series. [Bluebonnet] (E STA)

Library Lil. Suzanne Williams. A formidable librarian makes readers not only out of the once resistant residents of her small town, but out of a tough-talking TV watching motorcycle gang as well. (E WIL)

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CATEGORY: MYSTERY

Cam Jansen and the Triceratops Pops Mystery. David Adler. When Cam Jansen and her friend Eric go to the music store at the mall for the latest CD by the Triceratops Pops band, Cam uses her photographic memory to foil a crime. A series. (FIC ADL)

Freddy and the Detective. Walter Brooks. Freddy the pig does some detective work in order to solve the mystery of a missing toy train. A series. (FIC BRO)

Ralph S. Mouse. Beverly Cleary. Adventures of a motorcycle mouse that goes to school and starts an investigation. A series. (FIC CLE)

Flatfoot Fox and the case of the Bashful Beaver. Eth Clifford. Although Flatfoot Fox is fairly certain that he know who stole Bashful Beaver's buttons, the smartest detective in the world allows his assistant, Secretary Bird, to try to solve the case. A series. (FIC CLI)

Help! I'm a Prisoner in the Library. Eth Clifford. Two girls are mysteriously locked into a library. (FIC CLI)

Dew Drop Dead: A Sebastian Barth Mystery. James Howe. While setting up a homeless shelter at the church, Sebastian and his friends, Corrie and David, solve the mystery of a dead man found in an abandoned inn. A series (FIC HOW)

Meg Mackintosh and the Mystery at the Medieval Castle: a solve it yourself mystery. Lucinda Landon. Meg and her classmates visit a castle and become witnesses to the theft of a silver chalice. A series. RL 3.3 (FIC LAN)

The Cool Ghoul Mystery. Elizabeth Levy. Fletcher, a basset hound, and his flea sidekick, Jasper, decide to investigate when it appears that a cool ghoul is haunting Raccoon Lodge, and causing trouble for their timid raccoon friend, Rocky. (FIC LEV)

*Black and White. David Macaulay. Inspect this book again and again to enjoy the pictures as well as to solve the puzzle. [Caldecott] (E MAC)

View from the Cherry Tree. Willo Davis Roberts. Rob admits having seen a murder, but no one believes him--except the murderer! (FIC ROB)

Any of the series "A to Z Mysteries," (FIC ROY) including:

The Deadly Dungeon.

The Empty Envelope.

The Falcon's Feathers.

Nate the Great Marjorie Sharmat. Nate the Great solves the mystery of the missing picture. A series. (E SHA)

Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Disgusting Sneakers. Donald Sobol. America's Sherlock Holmes in sneakers continues his war on crime in 10 more cases, the solutions to which are found in the back of the book. A series. (FIC SOB)

The Boxcar Children. Gertrude Chandler Warner. A series of mysteries featuring a family of children who lived in a boxcar. A series. (FIC WAR)

Any of the "Nancy Drew" series mysteries. Carolyn Keene. (FIC KEE)

Any of the "Hardy Boys" series mysteries. Franklin W. Dixon. (FIC DIX)

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CATEGORY: POETRY & WORDPLAY

*George Washington's Teeth. Deborah Chandra. A rollicking rhyme portrays George Washington's lifelong struggle with bad teeth. A timeline taken from diary entries and other nonfiction sources follows. [Bluebonnet] (973.4 CHA)

*Everett Anderson's Goodbye. Lucille Clifton. After his father's death, his feelings are expressed in poetry. [Coretta Scott King] (E CLI)

Poem Stew. William Cole. A delicious collection of poems about food and eating. (811 COL)

Clean Your Room, Harvey Moon! Pat Cummings. Harvey tackles a big job--cleaning his room! (E CUM)

*Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices. Paul Fleischman. Poems describing the characteristics and activities of a variety of insects. (811 FLE)

Beast Feast. Douglas Florian. Twenty-one animals, from the walrus to the kiwi cavort across their own double pages with a large watercolor on one side and a word-playing poem on the other. [Bluebonnet] (811 FLO)

*Toasting Marshmallows: Camping Poems. Kristine O'Connell George. Thirty poems that depict the experience of camping. [Bluebonnet] (811 GEO)

Wagons West! Roy Gerrard. A rhyming story of a family's move by wagon train between Missouri and Oregon in the 1850's and their daughter's role in outwitting cattle thieves. (E GER)

Meet Danitra Brown. Nikki Grimes. 13 upbeat poems narrated by Zuri Jackson about her best friend, Danitra. (811 GRI)

*Pieces: A Year in Poems and Quilts. Ann Grossnickle Hines. Poems about the four seasons, as reflected in the natural world, are accompanied by photos of quilts made by the author. [Bluebonnet] (811 HIN)

Good Books, Good Times. Lee Bennett Hopkins, comp. Collection of poems about the joys of books and reading. (811 GOO)

I Brought My Rat to Show and Tell. Joan Horton. A collection of poems about school. (811 HOR)

*The Spider and the Fly. Mary Botham Howitt. An illustrated version of the well-known poem about a wily spider who preys on the vanity and innocence of a little fly. [Caldecott] (821 HOW)

Paul Revere's Ride. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. The classic poem that recreates the famous midnight ride. (811 LON)

Where the Sidewalk Ends. Shel Silverstein. Hilarious poems and drawings in this most famous and hugely popular children's poetry collection. (811 SIL)

A Light in the Attic. Shel Silverstein. The second in this series of funny poems from Silverstein. (811 SIL)

Falling Up. Shel Silverstein. Third, most recent and last in this popular series of funny poems. (811 SIL)

Antarctic Antics: A Book of Penguin Poems. Judy Sierra. (811 SIE)

Candy Corn. James Stevenson. A collection of short poems printed in unusual ways. A series including Corn Chowder, Corn Fed, and Cornflakes. (811 STE)

If I Were In Charge of the World and Other Worries. Judith Viorst. Forty-one cleverly crafted poems reveal secret thoughts, worries, and wishes. (811 VIO)

Pish, Posh, Said Hieronymus Bosch. Nancy Willard. The weird creatures which inhabit a medieval painter's home drive his housekeeper away, until a change of heart sends her back to the beast and to Bosch in a new and loving relationship. (811 WIL)

*A Visit to William Blake's Inn: Poems for Innocent and Experienced Travelers. Nancy Willard. Nonsense verses about travelers who stay at an imaginary inn. [Newbery] (811 WIL)

*Amber was Brave, Essie was Smart: the Story of Amber and Essie told here in poems and pictures. Vera B. Williams. A series of poems tells how two sisters help each other deal with life while their mother is working and their father has been sent to jail. [Bluebonnet] (811 WIL)

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CATEGORY: ADVENTURE

*Caddie Woodlawn. Carol Ryrie Brink. The adventures of an 11-year-old tomboy growing up on the Wisconsin frontier. [Newbery] (FIC BRI)

*Weasel. Cynthia DeFelice. Alone in the frontier wilderness in the winter of 1839, while his father is recovering from an injury, 11 year old Nathan runs afoul of the renegade killer known as Weasel and makes a surprising discovery about the concept of revenge. [Bluebonnet] (FIC DEF)

*The Matchlock Gun. Walter D. Edmonds. In 1756, during the French & Indian War, ten year old Edmund is determined to protect his home and family. [Newbery] (FIC EDM)

Barefoot: Escape on the Underground Railroad. Pamela Duncan Edwards. A group of animals help a runaway slave escape his pursuers. (E EDW)

*Jim Ugly. Sid Fleischman. Adventures of 12-year-old Jake and Jim Ugly, his father's part-mongrel, part-wolf dog, as they travel through the Old West searching for Jake's actor father. [Bluebonnet] (FIC FLE)

*The Whipping Boy. Sid Fleischman. A prince and a peasant boy exchange places. [Newbery] (FIC FLE)

The Cabin Faced West. Jean Fritz. While living in the early wilderness of western Pennsylvania, a 10-year-old girl is lonely. (FIC FRI)

*The Man Who Walked Between the Towers. Mordicai Gerstein. A joyful true story of Philippe Petit's 1974 tightrope walk between the World Trade Center Towers. [Caldecott] (791.3 GER)

*The Gentleman Outlaw and Me Eli: a Story of the Old West. Mary Downing Hahn. In 1887, 12-year-old Eliza, disguised as a boy and traveling toward Colorado in search of her missing father, falls in with a "gentleman" outlaw. [Bluebonnet] (FIC HAH)

*Number the Stars. Lois Lowry. 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. [Newbery] [Bluebonnet] (FIC LOW)

*My Chimp Friday: the Nana Banana Chronicles Hester Mundis. When an old friend of her father's drops off an unusually intelligent chimp at their apartment in the middle of the night with strict orders to keep the chimp a secret, twelve-year-old Rachel wants to know what the big mystery is all about. [Bluebonnet] (FIC MUN)

*Island of the Blue Dolphins. Scott O'Dell. An Indian girl spends 18 years alone on an island. [Newbery] (FIC ODE)

*Hatchet. Gary Paulsen. Lost and alone in the wilderness with only a hatchet, a young boy must survive. [Newbery] [Bluebonnet] (FIC PAU)

Mr. Tucket. Gary Paulsen. Francis Tucket is captured by Pawnee Indians when he lags behind the wagon train on the Oregon Trail. (FIC PAU)

*Pink and Say. Patricia Polacco. Say Curtis tells about his meeting with Pinkus Ayler, a black soldier, during the Civil War, and their capture by Southern troops. [Bluebonnet] (E POL)

*Stringbean's Trip to the Shining Sea. Vera B. Williams. Stringbean describes his trip to the west coast in a series of postcards. [Bluebonnet] (E WIL)

Three Days on a River in a Red Canoe. Vera B. Williams. Mother, Aunt Rosie, and two children make a three-day camping trip by canoe. (E WIL)