

Sixth Grade

Aldabra, Sylvana Gandolfi

In Venice, Italy, ten-year-old Elisa finds she must deal with all the unexpected consequences of her beloved eccentric grandmother's transformation into a giant Aldabra tortoise, native to a small group of coral islands in the Seychelles.

Alone in the Universe, Lynne Rae Perkins

Debbie is dismayed when her best friend Maureen starts spending time with ordinary, boring Glenna.

Amelia's War, Ann Rinaldi

When a Confederate general threatens to burn Hagerstown, Maryland, unless it pays an exorbitant ransom, twelve year-old Amelia and her friend find a way to save the town.

Amisted: A Long Road to Freedom, Walter Dean Myers

A history of the 1839 uprising of African captives aboard the slave ship Amistad, telling of their three-year imprisonment in the United States and their eventual acquittal by the Supreme Court.

Angus Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging, Louise Rennison

Presents the humorous journal of a year in the life of a fourteen-year-old British girl who tries to reduce the size of her nose, stop her mad cat from terrorizing the neighborhood animals, and win the love of handsome hunk Robbie.

Artemis Fowl , Eoin Colfer

Artemis Fowl creates an extraordinarily powerful computer with stolen fairy technology, but his business deal hopes go sour when a Chicago businessman steals his invention and mortally wounds Artemis's loyal bodyguard.

Because of Winn-Dixie , Kate DiCamillo

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

The Big Wander , Will Hobbs.

As he searches for his uncle through the rugged Southwest canyon country, fourteen-year-old Clay becomes involved with a group of Navajo Indians who are trying to save some of the last wild mustangs.

Bud, Not Buddy , Christopher Paul Curtis

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster

home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

Catherine Called Birdy , Karen Cushman

The daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off.

Charlie Bone and the Time Twister , Jenny Nimmo

While at Bloor's Academy, Charlie Bone gets a surprise when Henry Yewbeam arrives from the year 1916 and needs Charlie's help to stay alive.

Children of the Wolves , Jane Yolen

In 1920 India two children that have been raised by wolves are discovered and brought to an orphanage to be taught human behavior again.

The Crow-Girl , Bodil Bredsdorff

After the death of her grandmother, a young orphaned girl leaves her house by the cove and begins a journey which leads her to people and experiences that exemplify the wisdom her grandmother had shared with her.

Ella Enchanted , Gail Carson Levine

In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

Esperanza Rising , Pam Munoz Ryan

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.

The Folk Keeper , Franny Billingsley

Orphaned Corinna disguises herself as a boy to pose as a Folk Keeper, one who keeps the Evil Folk at bay, and discovers her heritage as a seal maiden when she is taken to live with a wealthy family in their manor by the sea.

Ghost Canoe , Will Hobbs

Fourteen-year-old Nathan, fishing with the Makah in the Pacific Northwest, finds himself holding a vital clue when a mysterious stranger comes to town looking for Spanish treasure.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone , J.K. Rowling

Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

The Journal of Bidly Owens: the Negro Leagues, Walter Dean Myers

Teenager Bidly Owens' 1948 journal about working for the Birmingham Black Barons includes the games and the players, racism the team faces from New Orleans to Chicago, and his family's resistance to his becoming a professional baseball player. Includes a historical note about the evolution of the Negro Leagues

Julius Caesar , Samuel Willard Crompton

A biography of the Roman general and statesman whose brilliant military leadership helped make Rome the center of a vast empire.

Just Ella , Margaret P. Haddix

In this continuation of the Cinderella story, fifteen-year-old Ella finds that accepting Prince Charming's proposal isn't as simple as it looks.

The Kite Rider: A Novel , Geraldine McCaughrean

In thirteenth-century China, after trying to save his widowed mother from a horrendous second marriage, twelve-year-old Haoyou has life-changing adventures when he takes to the sky as a circus kite rider and ends up meeting the great Mongol ruler Kublai Khan.

Locomotion , Jacqueline Woodson

Inspired by his teacher, eleven-year-old Lonnie begins to write about his life in a series of poems in which he discusses his feelings about his friends, his foster mom, his little sister Lili, and the death of his parents.

The Million Dollar Kick , Dan Gutman.

Thirteen-year-old Whisper, who hates sports, is torn when she gets a chance to win a million dollars by kicking a goal against a local soccer hero.

Miracle Boys , Jacqueline Woodson

Twelve-year-old Lafayette's close relationship with his older brother Charlie changes after Charlie is released from a detention home and blames Lafayette for the death of their mother.

The Other Side: Shorter Poems , A collection of poems reminiscent of growing up as an African-American girl in Shorter, Alabama. Park's Quest , Katherine Patterson

Eleven-year-old Park makes some startling discoveries when he travels to his grandfather's farm in Virginia to learn about his father who died in the Vietnam War.

Rodzina , Karen Cushman

A twelve-year-old Polish American girl is boarded onto an orphan train in Chicago with fears about traveling to the West and a life of unpaid slavery.

The Silent Boy , Lois Lowry

Katy, the precocious ten-year-old daughter of the town doctor, befriends a retarded boy.

Silent to the Bone , E.L. Konigsburg

When he is wrongly accused of gravely injuring his baby half-sister, thirteen-year-old Branwell loses his power of speech and only his friend Connor is able to reach him and uncover the truth about what really happened.

Stargirl , Jerry Spinelli

In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.

Tonight, by Sea , Frances Temple

As governmental brutality and poverty become unbearable, Paulie joins with others in her small Haitian village to help her uncle secretly build a boat they will use to try to escape to the United States.

The Waterstone, Rebecca Rupp

Twelve-year-old Tad, finding that he holds an ancient wisdom and the power to draw beings together, embarks on a quest to seek a powerful crystal which, when retrieved from the evil Nixie, will restore balance to the world.

