



Grades 6 – 8 PWCS Summer Reading Program

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The purpose of the PWCS Summer Reading Program is to encourage students to enjoy quality literature and to continue developing their independent reading skills. Student participation in the program is voluntary. Students who choose to participate in the program are required to complete a minimum of two books.

Students participating in the program in Grades 6 - 8 will complete a list of books read. The documentation is to include the name of the author, the title of the book, an explanation of the topic or plot of the book, and a parent or guardian statement that the student has completed the reading.

Students in Grades 6 - 8 who participate in Prince William County Public Library's Summer Reading Program, the Public Library documentation will apply. Students will receive an extra "A" (100) for each book completed, for a total of two. The summer reading documentation will be submitted by the student by the end of the first week of school.

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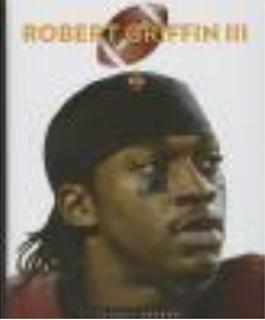
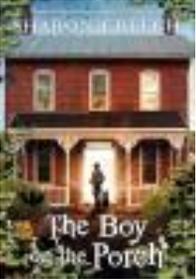
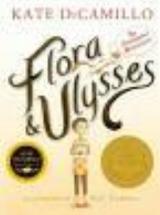


PWCS Sixth Grade Summer Reading Program

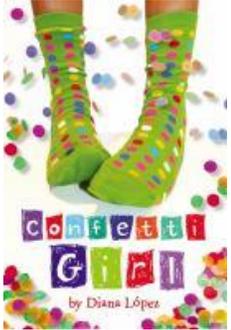
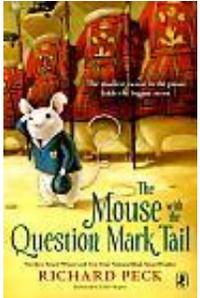
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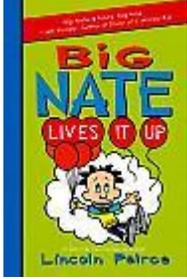
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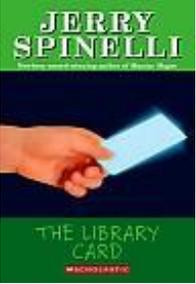
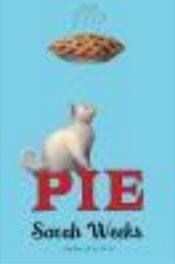
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David Almond	<p style="text-align: center;">The Boy Who Swam With Piranhas</p> 	2013	Stanley Potts's uncle Ernie has developed an over-the-top fascination with canning fish in the house, and life at 69 Fish Quay Lane has turned barmy. But there's darkness in the madness, and when Uncle Ernie's obsession takes an unexpectedly cruel turn, Stan has no choice but to leave. As he journeys away from the life he's always known, he mingles with a carnival full of eccentric characters and meets the legendary Pancho Pirelli, the man who swims in a tank full of perilous piranhas. Will Stan be bold enough to dive in the churning waters himself and choose his own destiny?
Katherine Applegate	<p style="text-align: center;">The One and Only Ivan</p> 	2012	Having spent 27 years behind the glass walls of his enclosure in a shopping mall, Ivan has grown accustomed to humans watching him. He hardly ever thinks about his life in the jungle. Instead, Ivan occupies himself with television, his friends Stella and Bob, and painting. But when he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from the wild, he is forced to see their home, and his art, through new eyes. Winner, Newbery Medal 2013

Valerie Bodden	<p>Robert Griffin III</p> 	2014	<p>Meet Robert Griffin III, the Washington Redskins quarterback who immediately became a standout on the team after joining as a rookie in 2012. This introduction provides solid information on the life, work, and popularity of one of football's biggest breakout stars.</p>
Sharon Creech	<p>The Boy on the Porch</p> 	2013	<p>When a young couple finds a boy asleep on their porch, their lives take a surprising turn. Unable to speak, the boy Jacob can't explain his history. All John and Marta know is that they have been chosen to care for him. And, as their connection and friendship with Jacob grow, they embrace his exuberant spirit and talents. The three of them blossom into an unlikely family and begin to see the world in brand-new ways.</p> <p><i>The Boy on the Porch</i> is a singular story about opening your heart and discovering home in unexpected places.</p>
Kate DiCamillo	<p>Flora & Ulysses</p> 	2013	<p>It begins, as the best superhero stories do, with a tragic accident that has unexpected consequences. The squirrel never saw the vacuum cleaner coming, but self-described cynic Flora Belle Buckman, who has read every issue of the comic book <i>Terrible Things Can Happen to You!</i>, is the just the right person to step in and save him. What neither can predict is that Ulysses (the squirrel) has been born anew, with powers of strength, flight, and misspelled poetry -- and that Flora will be changed too, as she</p>

			discovers the possibility of hope and the promise of a capacious heart. 2014 Newbery Medal Winner
Kate DiCamillo	The Magician's Elephant 	2009	What if? Why not? Could it be? When a fortuneteller's tent appears in the market square of the city of Baltese, orphan Peter Augustus Duchene knows the questions that he needs to ask: Does his sister still live? And if so, how can he find her? The fortuneteller's mysterious answer (an elephant! An elephant will lead him there!) sets off a chain of events so remarkable, so impossible, that you will hardly dare to believe it's true.
Jack Gantos	The Key that Swallowed Joey Pigza (Joey Pigza series, book 5) 	2014	The fifth and final book in the groundbreaking Joey Pigza series brings the beloved chronicle of this wired, wacky, and wonderful boy to a crescendo of chaos and craziness, as everything goes topsy-turvy for Joey just as he starts to get his feet on the ground. With his dad MIA in the wake of appearance-altering plastic surgery, Joey must give up school to look after his new baby brother and fill in for his mom, who hospitalizes herself to deal with a bad case of postpartum blues. As his challenges mount, Joey discovers a key that could unlock the secrets to his father's whereabouts, a mystery that must be solved before Joey can even hope that his broken family might somehow come back together--if only it doesn't pull him apart first.
Chris Grabenstein	Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library 	2013	Kyle Keeley is the class clown, popular with most kids, (if not the teachers), and an ardent fan of all games: board games, word games, and particularly video games. His hero, Luigi Lemoncello, the most notorious and creative gamemaker in the world, just so happens to be the genius behind the building of the new town library. Lucky Kyle wins a coveted spot to be one of the first 12 kids in the library for an overnight of fun, food, and lots and lots of games. But when morning comes, the doors remain locked. Kyle and the other winners must solve every clue and every secret puzzle to find the hidden escape route. And the stakes are very high.

Mary Howitt	<p>The Spider and the Fly</p> 	2002	<p><i>"Will you walk into my parlor," said the Spider to the Fly....</i> This enduring verse from Mary Howitt dates back to the nineteenth century, but its warning—to beware the wiles of flattery—remains as relevant as ever. Celebrated artist Tony DiTerlizzi, drawing inspiration from his love of classic Hollywood horror movies of the 1920s and 1930s, shines a cinematic spotlight on a quintessential cautionary tale. Caldecott Honor, 2003</p>
Diana Lopez	<p>Confetti Girl</p> 	2009	<p>After the death of her mother, Texas sixth-grader Lina's grades and mood drop as she watches her father lose himself more and more in books, while her best friend uses Lina as an excuse to secretly meet her boyfriend.</p>
Richard Peck	<p>The Mouse with the Question Mark Tail</p> 	2013	<p>The smallest mouse in London's Royal Mews is such a little mystery that he hasn't even a name. And who were his parents? His Aunt Marigold, Head Needlemouse, sews him a uniform and sends him off to be educated at the Royal Mews Mouse Academy. There he's called "Mouse Minor" (though it's not quite a name), and he doesn't make a success of school. Soon he's running for his life, looking high and low through the grand precincts of Buckingham Palace to find out who he is and who he might become.</p> <p>Queen Victoria ought to be able to help him, if she can communicate with mice. She is all-seeing, after all, and her powers are unexplainable. But from her, Mouse Minor learns only that you do not get all your answers from the first asking. And so his voyage of self-discovery takes him onward, to strange and wonderful places.</p>

Lincoln Peirce	Big Nate Lives it Up 	2015	<p>Principal Nichols wants Nate to be buddies with new kid Breckenridge Puffington III and show him around. But that's no easy task when Breckenridge is a plant-doodling total fun-sponge. There's also something strangely familiar about this guy. . . . What in the world could it be?</p> <p>Meet BIG NATE, Mr. Big-time Doodler and definitely NOT the teacher's pet.</p>
Rick Riordan	The Lost Hero / El Héroe Perdido 	2010	<p>Deer Creek is a small town whose only hope for survival is the success of their Founder's Day Festival. But the festival's main attraction, a time capsule that many people believe hold the town's treasure, has gone missing.</p> <p>Randi Rhodes and her best friend, D.C., are Bruce Lee–inspired ninjas and local detectives determined to solve the case. Even if it means investigating in a haunted cabin and facing mean old Angus McCarthy, prime suspect.</p> <p>They have three days to find the treasure...the future of their whole town is at stake! Will these kids be able to save the day?</p> <p>Deer Creek es una ciudad pequeña cuya única esperanza de supervivencia es el éxito del Festival del Día de su Fundador. Pero la atracción principal del festival es una cápsula del tiempo que muchas personas creen que mantiene el tesoro de la ciudad y ha desaparecido. Randi Rodas y su mejor amiga, DC, son ninjas con inspiración de Lee Bruce y los detectives locales decididos a resolver el caso. Incluso si eso significa investigar en una cabaña encantada y enfrentar a un viejo malo Angus McCarthy como principal sospechoso. Tienen tres días para encontrar el tesoro... el futuro de toda la ciudad está en juego! ¿Estos niños podrán salvar el día?</p>

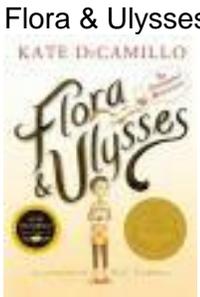
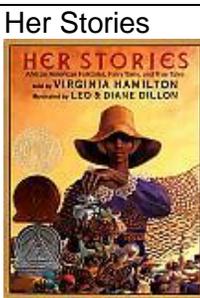
Jerry Spinelli	<p>The Library Card</p> 	1997	<p>When Mongoose finds a blue library card hidden among the candy he's shoplifted, his friend Weasel tosses the card away. But the card comes back.</p> <p>Brenda, a television addict, must endure the Great TV Turn-Off. No more "Teen Toons." No more "Dude Feud." Then the blue card appears...</p> <p>On a hot summer day, Sonseray wanders into a library knowing he'll find air-conditioning - and finds much more.</p> <p>And April Mendez takes a ride in a bookmobile unlike any other.</p> <p>In stories that range from humorous to heartbreaking, Newbery award-winner Jerry Spinelli reveals the amazing possibilities lurking behind library doors.</p>
Sarah Weeks	<p>Pie</p> 	2011	<p>When Alice's Aunt Polly, the Pie Queen of Ipswich, passes away, she takes with her the secret to her world-famous pie-crust recipe. Or does she? In her will, Polly leaves the recipe to her extraordinarily fat, remarkably disagreeable cat, Lardo . . . and then leaves Lardo in the care of Alice.</p> <p>Suddenly, the whole town is wondering how you leave a recipe to a cat. Everyone wants to be the next big pie-contest winner, and it's making them pie-crazy. It's up to Alice and her friend Charlie to put the pieces together and discover the not-so-secret recipe for happiness: Friendship. Family. And the pleasure of doing something for the right reason.</p> <p>With Pie, acclaimed author Sarah Weeks has baked up a sweet and satisfying delight, as inviting as warm pie on a cold day. You'll enjoy every last bite.</p>

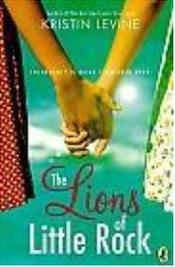
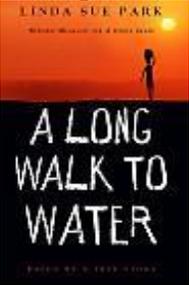
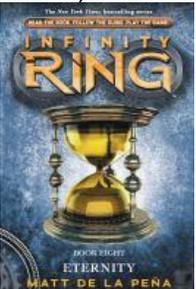
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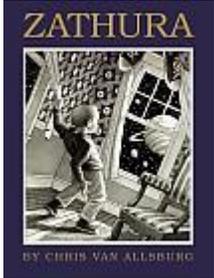
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Timothy Bradley		2013	Andy Greenwood and fellow students at the Reclamation School for Boys in the New Mexico desert face an infestation of mutant ants.
Betsy Byars		1970	A teenage girl gains new insight into herself and her family when her mentally challenged brother gets lost. Winner, Newbery Honor, 1971

Kate DiCamillo	 <p>Flora & Ulysses</p>	2013	<p>It begins, as the best superhero stories do, with a tragic accident that has unexpected consequences. The squirrel never saw the vacuum cleaner coming, but self-described cynic Flora Belle Buckman, who has read every issue of the comic book <i>Terrible Things Can Happen to You!</i>, is the just the right person to step in and save him. What neither can predict is that Ulysses (the squirrel) has been born anew, with powers of strength, flight, and misspelled poetry -- and that Flora will be changed too, as she discovers the possibility of hope and the promise of a capacious heart. 2014 Newbery Medal Winner</p>
Margaret Peterson Haddix	 <p>Revealed (Missing series, book 7)</p>	2014	<p>It's morning as usual at the Skidmore household—until Charles Lindbergh, the famous historical pilot, appears in their living room. Jonah can hardly believe his eyes—and then Lindbergh grabs Katherine and vanishes again. And that's not all. Chip, Andrea, and all the other children from the plane have disappeared too. And worst of all, Jonah's parents and all the other adults in his town have de-aged into children.</p> <p>Jonah is the only one left, and the only one who can save everyone. With the help of de-aged JB and Angela, he has to collect the clues. And they lead directly back to Gary and Hodge, and a terrible plot that could mean the end of everything Jonah has ever loved. Can Jonah put the pieces together before time runs out?</p>
Virginia Hamilton	 <p>Her Stories</p>	1995	<p>This collection of 25 African-American folktales, fairy tales, and 'true' tales features strong female characters and includes "Little Girl and Buh Rabby," "Catskinella," and "Annie Christmas." Coretta Scott King Award Winner</p>
Elizabeth Cody Kimmel	 <p>The Legend of the Ghost Dog</p>	2012	<p>Twelve-year-old Tee has just moved to Nome, Alaska, with her writer father and sullen little brother, Jack. Jack isn't happy about the idea of living in the middle of nowhere, but Tee and her dog Henry are thrilled -- so much open space to run around and sniff!</p> <p>But on a walk near their new house, Henry spots something that has him seriously spooked. Tee sees a mysterious shadow, and it seems to be following them. Have they disturbed a restless spirit? And what other secrets might this dark place be holding?</p>

Adrienne Lee	<p>Ninja</p> 	2014	In ancient Japan, no one felt safe from the ninja. Masters of trickery, ninja attacked quickly and vanished into the shadows. Uncover the secrets of these clever fighters, including their training, weapons, and missions.
Kristin Levine	<p>The Lions of Little Rock</p> 	2012	Twelve-year-old Marlee develops a strong friendship with Liz, the new girl in school, but when Liz suddenly stops attending school and Marlee hears a rumor that her friend is actually an African American girl passing herself off as white, the two young girls must decide whether their friendship is worth taking on integration and the dangers it could bring to their families.
Linda Sue Park	<p>A Long Walk to Water</p> 	2010	When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven. Based on the life of Salva Dut, who, after emigrating to America in 1996, began a project to dig water wells in Sudan.
Matt de la Pena	<p>Eternity (Infinity Ring series)</p> 	2014	Dak, Sera, and Riq have fixed the Great Breaks in history . . . but the SQ isn't beaten yet, and the biggest, boldest Infinity Ring adventure of all time has just begun!

Jonathan Stroud	<p>The Screaming Staircase</p> 	2013	<p>A sinister Problem has occurred in London: all nature of ghosts, haunts, spirits, and specters are appearing throughout the city, and they aren't exactly friendly. Only young people have the psychic abilities required to see-and eradicate-these supernatural foes. Many different Psychic Detection Agencies have cropped up to handle the dangerous work, and they are in fierce competition for business.</p> <p>In <i>The Screaming Staircase</i>, the plucky and talented Lucy Carlyle teams up with Anthony Lockwood, the charismatic leader of Lockwood & Co, a small agency that runs independent of any adult supervision. After an assignment leads to both a grisly discovery and a disastrous end, Lucy, Anthony, and their sarcastic colleague, George, are forced to take part in the perilous investigation of Combe Carey Hall, one of the most haunted houses in England. Will Lockwood & Co. survive the Hall's legendary Screaming Staircase and Red Room to see another day?</p>
Jon Scieszka	<p>Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Mostly True Stories about Growing up Scieszka</p> 	2008	<p>How did author Jon Scieszka get so funny, anyway? Growing up as one of six brothers was a good start, but that was just the beginning. Throw in Catholic school, lots of comic books, lazy summers at the lake with time to kill, babysitting misadventures, TV shows, jokes told at family dinner, and the result is <i>Knucklehead</i>. Part memoir, part scrapbook, this hilarious trip down memory lane provides a unique glimpse into the formation of a creative mind and a free spirit.</p>

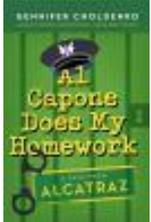
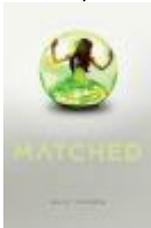
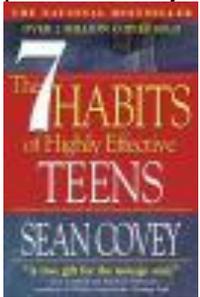
James Swanson	<p>“The President has been shot!”: the assassination of John F. Kennedy</p> 	2013	<p>Archived photographs and detailed language works together to narrate the assassination of the nation’s 35th President, John F. Kennedy.</p>
Chris Van Allsburg	<p>Zathura</p> 	2002	<p>On the last page of the Caldecott-winning book Jumanji, young Danny Budwing is seen running after his brother, Walter, with a game tucked under his arm. Now after twenty years, Chris Van Allsburg is ready to reveal what happens when Danny and Walter roll the dice. This time the name of the game is Zathura and the battling Budwing boys are in for the ride of their lives.</p> <p>Zathura unleashes intergalactic challenges that require even the quarreling Budwing brothers to work as a team.</p>
Ruth White	<p>You’ll Like It Here (Everybody Does)</p> 	2011	<p>Although Meggie Blue seems to be an average kid she is abnormally frightened when residents of her small, North Carolina town become fixated on aliens, and soon she and her family are forced to flee, making it clear that all is not as it seems.</p>

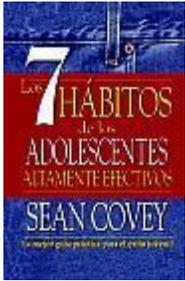
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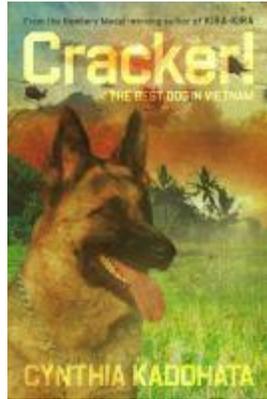
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Kwame Alexander	<p>The Crossover</p> 	2014	<p>With a bolt of lightning on my kicks . . .The court is SIZZLING. My sweat is DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. Cuz tonight I'm delivering," announces dread-locked, 12-year old Josh Bell. He and his twin brother Jordan are awesome on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he's got mad beats, too, that tell his family's story in verse, in this fast and furious middle grade novel of family and brotherhood from Kwame Alexander (He Said, She Said 2013).</p> <p>Josh and Jordan must come to grips with growing up on and off the court to realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price, as their story's heart-stopping climax proves a game-changer for the entire family.</p> <p>Winner, Newbery Medal 2015</p>
Elizabeth Bunce	<p>A Curse Dark as Gold</p> 	2008	<p>This ravishing winner of the ALA's William C. Morris YA Debut Award is a fairy tale, spun with a mystery, woven with a family story, and shot through with romance.</p> <p>Charlotte Miller has always scoffed at talk of a curse on her family's woolen mill, which holds her beloved small town together. But after her father's death, the bad luck piles up: departing workers, impossible debts, an overbearing uncle. Then a stranger named Jack Spinner offers a tempting proposition: He can turn straw into gold thread, for the small price of her mother's ring. As Charlotte is drawn deeper into her bargains with Spinner-and a romance with the local banker-she must unravel the truth of the curse on the mill and save the community she's always called home.</p>

Gennifer Choldenko	Al Capone Does My Homework (Al Capone series, book 3) 	2013	Alcatraz Island in the 1930s isn't the most normal place to grow up, but it's home for Moose Flanagan, his autistic sister, Natalie, and all the families of the guards. When Moose's dad gets promoted to Associate Warden, despite being an unlikely candidate, it's a big deal. But the cons have a point system for targeting prison employees, and his dad is now in serious danger. After a fire starts in the Flanagan's apartment, Natalie is blamed, and Moose bands with the other kids to track down the possible arsonist. Then Moose gets a cryptic note from the notorious Al Capone himself. Is Capone trying to protect Moose's dad too? If Moose can't figure out what Capone's note means, it may be too late.
Allyson Condie	Matched (Matched series) 	2010	Cassia has always had complete trust in the Society to make decisions for her, but when she is being paired with her ideal mate, a second face flashes on the screen, and Cassia begins to doubt the Society's infallibility as she tries to decide which man she truly loves.
Sean Covey	The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens: the Ultimate Teenage Survival Guide / Los 7 Hábitos de los Adolescentes Altamente Efectivos: La mejor guía práctica para el éxito juvenil 	1998	Describes seven habits teenagers can cultivate to help them improve their self-images, build friendships, resist peer pressure, achieve goals, get along with parents, and make other positive changes in their lives.

			<p>Describe siete hábitos que los adolescentes pueden cultivar para ayudarles a mejorar su autoimagen, construir amistades, resistir la presión de grupo, alcanzar metas, llevarse bien con los padres y hacer otros cambios positivos en sus vidas.</p>
James Dashner	<p>The Maze Runner (series)</p> 	2009	<p>When Thomas wakes up in the lift, the only thing he can remember is his name. He's surrounded by strangers--boys whose memories are also gone.</p> <p><i>Nice to meet ya, shank. Welcome to the Glade.</i></p> <p>Outside the towering stone walls that surround the Glade is a limitless, ever-changing maze. It's the only way out--and no one's ever made it through alive.</p> <p><i>Everything is going to change.</i></p> <p>Then a girl arrives. The first girl ever. And the message she delivers is terrifying.</p> <p>Remember. Survive. Run.</p>
Margarita Engle	<p>The Poet Slave of Cuba: a biography of Juan Francisco Manzano</p> 	2006	<p>A lyrical biography of a Cuban slave who escaped to become a celebrated poet.</p> <p>Born into the household of a wealthy slave owner in Cuba in 1797, Juan Francisco Manzano spent his early years by the side of a woman who made him call her Mama, even though he had a mama of his own. Denied an education, young Juan still showed an exceptional talent for poetry. His verses reflect the beauty of his world, but they also expose its hideous cruelty.</p> <p>Powerful, haunting poems and breathtaking illustrations create a portrait of a life in which even the pain of slavery could not extinguish the capacity for hope.</p>

<p>Nancy Farmer</p>	<p>The House of the Scorpion / La Marca del Escorpión</p> 	<p>2002</p>	<p>Matteo Alacrán was not born; he was harvested. His DNA came from El Patrón, lord of a country called Opium—a strip of poppy fields lying between the United States and what was once called Mexico. Matt's first cell split and divided inside a petri dish. Then he was placed in the womb of a cow, where he continued the miraculous journey from embryo to fetus to baby. He is a boy now, but most consider him a monster—except for El Patrón. El Patrón loves Matt as he loves himself, because Matt is himself.</p> <p>As Matt struggles to understand his existence, he is threatened by a sinister cast of characters, including El Patrón's power-hungry family, and he is surrounded by a dangerous army of bodyguards. Escape is the only chance Matt has to survive. But escape from the Alacrán Estate is no guarantee of freedom, because Matt is marked by his difference in ways he doesn't even suspect.</p> <p>Matteo Alacrán no nació; fue cosechado. Su ADN vino de El Patrón, señor de un país llamado opio-una franja de campos de amapola que se encuentran entre los Estados Unidos y lo que fue una vez llamado México. Primera célula de Matt se divide en el interior de un plato de peltre. Luego se colocó en el vientre de una vaca, donde continuó el viaje milagroso de embrión del feto del bebé. Él es un niño, pero la mayor parte de él es un monstruo, a excepción de El Patrón. El Patrón ama a Matt como se ama a sí mismo, porque es el propio Matt.</p> <p>Como Matt lucha por entender su existencia, se ve amenazada por un elenco siniestro de personajes, incluyendo a la familia hambrienta de poder de El Patrón, y está rodeado por un ejército de guardaespaldas peligroso. Escape es la única oportunidad que Matt tiene para sobrevivir. Pero escapar del Estado de Alacrán no es garantía de la libertad, ya que Matt está marcado por su diferencia en formas que ni siquiera sospechan.</p>
<p>Cynthia Kadohata</p>	<p>Cracker!: the Best Dog in Vietnam</p>	<p>2007</p>	<p>Cracker is of the U.S. Army's most valuable weapons: a German shepherd trained to sniff out bombs, traps, and the enemy. The fate of entire platoons rests on her keen sense of smell. She's a Big Deal, and she likes it that way. Sometimes Cracker remembers when she was</p>



younger, and her previous owner would feed her hot dogs and let her sleep in his bed. That was nice, too.

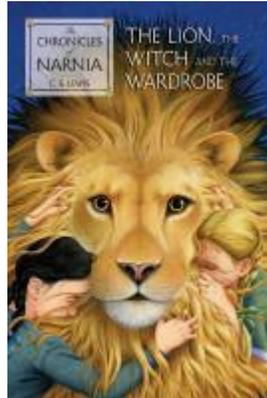
Rick Hanski is headed to Vietnam. There, he's going to whip the world and prove to his family and his sergeant -- and everyone else who didn't think he was cut out for war -- wrong. But sometimes Rick can't help but wonder that maybe everyone else *is* right. Maybe he should have just stayed at home and worked in his dad's hardware store.

When Cracker is paired with Rick, she isn't so sure about this new owner. He's going to have to prove himself to *her* before *she's* going to prove herself to him. They need to be friends before they can be a team, and they *have* to be a team if they want to get home alive.

Told in part through the uncanny point of view of a German shepherd, *Cracker!* is an action-packed glimpse into the Vietnam War as seen through the eyes of a dog and her handler.

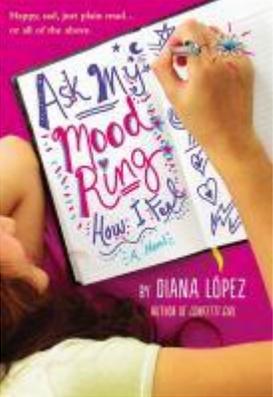
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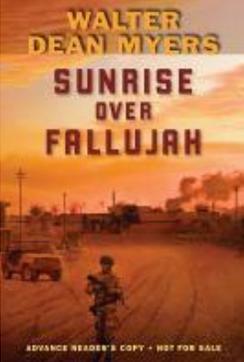
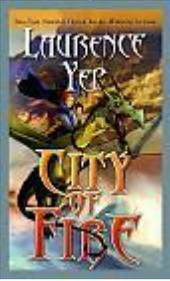
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe



1978

Four adventurous siblings—Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy Pevensie—step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia, a land frozen in eternal winter and enslaved by the power of the White Witch. But when almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change . . . and a great sacrifice.

<p>Diana Lopez</p>	<p>Ask My Mood Ring How I Feel</p> 	<p>2013</p>	<p>It's summer before eighth grade, and Erica "Chia" Montenegro is feeling so many things that she needs a mood ring to keep track of her emotions. She's happy when she hangs out with her best friends, the Robins. She's jealous that her genius little sister skipped two grades. And she's passionate about the crushes on her Boyfriend Wish list. And when Erica's mom is diagnosed with breast cancer, she feels worried and doesn't know what she can do to help.</p> <p>When her family visits a <i>cuarto de milagros</i>, a miracle room in a famous church, Erica decides to make a <i>promesa</i> to God in exchange for her mom's health. As her mom gets sicker, Erica quickly learns that juggling family, friends, school, and fulfilling a <i>promesa</i> is stressful, but with a little bit of hope and a lot of love, she just might be able to figure it out.</p> <p><i>Confetti Girl</i> author Diana Lopez returns with this sweet, funny, and utterly honest story about being a girl in a world full of good (and bad) surprises.</p>
<p>Mike Lupica</p>	<p>QB 1</p> 	<p>2013</p>	<p>Jake Cullen is a freshman quarterback playing high school football in the high-pressure land of Friday Night Lights (Texas). He is also the brother of Wyatt Cullen, who quarterbacked his team to the Texas State Championship last season--not to mention the son of former NFL quarterback and local legend, Troy Cullen. To be a Cullen in Texas is to be royalty . . . and a quarterback. All of which leaves 14-year-old Jake in a Texas-sized shadow, a tall order for any boy, especially one who's merely a freshman.</p> <p>While his teammates assume the starting job will be handed to Jake on a silver platter, the truth is that he has to fight for every snap and every ounce of respect. Jake may be a Cullen and he may play quarterback, but he is not his brother or his father. Being a good teammate comes naturally to Jake; being a winner and a celebrity does not. He's just like every other boy--awkward around a pretty girl, in awe of his famous family, and desperate to simultaneously blend in and cast his own shadow.</p> <p>Inspired by the real-life Manning family of quarterbacks (father Archie, Super Bowl-winning sons Peyton and Eli) and set amid the football-crazy culture of Texas immortalized in Friday Night Lights, QB 1 is a coming-of-age story perfect for the fan of MILLION-DOLLAR THROW, HEAT, and of course FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS.</p>

Walter Dean Myers	<p>Sunrise Over Fallujah</p> 	2008	Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him.
Cameron Stracher	<p>The Water Wars</p> 	2011	Welcome to a future where water is more precious than oil or gold...Hundreds of millions of people have already died, and millions more will soon fall-victims of disease, hunger, and dehydration. It is a time of drought and war. The rivers have dried up, the polar caps have melted, and drinkable water is now in the hands of the powerful few. There are fines for wasting it and prison sentences for exceeding the quotas. But Kai didn't seem to care about any of this. He stood in the open road drinking water from a plastic cup, then spilled the remaining drops into the dirt. He didn't go to school, and he traveled with armed guards. Kai claimed he knew a secret-something the government is keeping from us...And then he was gone. Vanished in the middle of the night. Was he kidnapped? Did he flee? Is he alive or dead? There are no clues, only questions. And no one can guess the lengths to which they will go to keep him silent. We have to find him-and the truth-before it is too late for all of us.
Laurence Yep	<p>City of Fire (City trilogy, book 1)</p> 	2009	Twelve-year-old Scirye and her companions travel to Houlani, a new Hawaiian island created by magic, where they enlist the help of volcano goddess Pele in an attempt to stop an evil dragon and a mysterious man from altering the universe.