

Young Adult Literature - Bridges to Classic Literature
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Call #	Title	Author	Annotations and quotes from our catalog records and from CLCD records and reviews:
F /Twa	ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN	TWAIN, MARK	
F /Hob	Jason's Gold	Hobbs, Will	When news of the discovery of gold in Canada's Yukon Territory in 1897 reaches fifteen-year-old Jason, he embarks on a 10,000-mile journey to strike it rich.
F /Cru	Crazy Horse Electric Game	Crutcher, Chris	A high school athlete, frustrated at being handicapped after an accident, runs away from home and is helped back to mental and physical health by a black benefactor and the people in a special school where he enrolls.
F /Bro	Kissing the Rain	Brooks, Kevin	Fifteen-year-old Moo Nelson, shy, overweight, and bullied by his classmates, finds his life spinning out of control after he witnesses a car chase and a fight that results in a murder.
F /Hen	Day They Came to Arrest the Book	Hentoff, Nat	Students and faculty at a high school become embroiled in a censorship case over "Huckleberry Finn."
F /Cur	Bucking the Sarge	Curtis, Christopher	Deeply involved in his cold and manipulative mother's shady business dealings in Flint, Michigan, fourteen-year-old Luther keeps a sense of humor while running the Happy Neighbor Group Home For Men, all the while dreaming of going to college and becoming a philosopher.
F /Ayr	Stealing South	Ayres, Katherine	Sixteen-year-old Will Spencer leaves home to become a peddler, but gets more than he bargained for when he agrees to go to Kentucky, steal two slaves, and help them reach their brother in Canada.
F/Lev	The Best Bad Luck I Ever Had	Levine, Kristen	In Moundville, Alabama, in 1917, twelve-year-old Dit hopes the new postmaster will have a son his age, but instead he meets Emma, who is black, and their friendship challenges accepted ways of thinking and leads them to save the life of a condemned man.

	ANIMAL FARM	ORWELL, GEORGE	
F /Tas	Gospel According to Larry	Tashjian, Janet	Seventeen-year-old Josh, a loner-philosopher who wants to make a difference in the world, tries to maintain his secret identity as the author of a web site that is receiving national attention.

	ANTIGONE	SOPHOCLES	
F /Kri	Fallout	Krisher, Trudy	The move of an unconventional Hollywood family to a coastal North Carolina town in the early 1950s during the McCarthy era, results not only in an unlikely friendship between high school age Genevieve and newcomer Brenda but also in a challenge to traditional ways of thinking.

398.242 Beo	BEOWULF		Numerous editions: 398.242 including Graphic novel, picture, book.
F /Pav	Wolf Brother (public Library)	Paver, Michelle	Hero-to-be Torak's father is savaged, <i>Grendel</i> -like, by a demonic bear. In his last, guttering gasps, Fa(ther) warns his son that the Bear's power will grow with each kill and instructs his young son to find the Mountain of the World Spirit. Torak accepts.
F /Far	Sea of Trolls	Farmer, Nancy	After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his little sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half- troll queen, leading Jack to undertake a vital quest to Jotunheim, home of the trolls .
F/Bar	The Coming of the Dragon Peaceweaver	Barnhouse, Reecca	Rune, an orphaned young man raised among strangers, tries to save the kingdom from a dragon that is burning the countryside and, along the way, learns that he is a kinsman of Beowulf. Sixteen-year-old Hild hates the perpetual fighting between men of her kingdom and others, but when she is sent to marry a neighboring king, supposedly to ensure peace, she must tap into her own abilities with the sword and choose between loyalty and honor.
F /Zin	Doom stone	Zindel, Paul	When fifteen-year-old Jackson visits his aunt in England, he becomes caught up in a chase to capture an unknown creature who is stalking and killing people on the plains surrounding ancient Stonehenge.

F /Low	BRAVE NEW WORLD - THE GIVER - 1984 - FAREHNHEIT 451 -	HUXLEY/ LOWRY/ ORWELL / BRADBURY	Dystopian societies – future societal issues – free will vs. oppression, censorship, etc
F /Wes	Uglies	Westerfield, Scott (Trilogy)	In a future world, when everyone turns 16 they must have an operation to make them conform to an ideal standard of beauty.
F /Wes	Pretties		Having undergone the mandatory operation to become pretty, Tally learns that prettiness comes with a life-threatening price.
F /Wes	Specials		Tally, now beautiful and dangerously strong, has become a "special" with a mission to eliminate the rebels of the Smoke Colony, forcing her to choose whether or not to betray her former friends.
F /And	Feed	Anderson, M.T	In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble.
F /Hen	The Day they Came to Arrest the Book	Hentoff, Nat	Students and faculty at a high school become embroiled in a censorship case over "Huckleberry Finn."
F /DuP	City of Ember	DuPrau, Jeanne	In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.
F /Nix	Shade's Children	Nix, Garth	In a dystopia set in a savage post-nuclear world, four young fugitives attempt to overthrow the bloodthirsty rule of the Overlords with the help of Shade, their mysterious mentor.

F /Low	Giver	Lowry, Lois	Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the dystopian society in which he lives.
F /Far	House of the Scorpion	Farmer, Nancy	In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patrón, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.
F /Col	Hunger Games	Collins, Suzanne	In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

F /Sal	CATCHER IN THE RYE	SALLINGER, J.D.	
F /Gre	Looking for Alaska	Green, John	Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.
F /Gre	An Abundance of Katherines		Having been recently dumped for the nineteenth time by a girl named Katherine, recent high school graduate and former child prodigy Colin sets off on a road trip with his best friend to try to find some new direction in life while also trying to create a mathematical formula to explain his relationships.
F /Koe	Stoner and Spaz	Koertge, Ron	Troubled 16-year-old Ben with cerebral palsy, no parents, and an over-protective grandmother, struggles toward self-acceptance with the help of a drug-addicted young woman.
F /Law	Ghost Boy	Lawrence, Lain	Unhappy in a home seemingly devoid of love, a fourteen-year-old albino boy who thinks of himself as Harold the Ghost runs away to join the circus, where he works with the elephants and searches for a sense of who he is.
F /Lyn	Freewill	Lynch, Chris	A teenager trying to recover from the tragic death of his father and stepmother believes himself to be responsible for the rash of teen suicides occurring in his town.
F /Cor	Chocolate War	Cormier, Robert	A high school freshman discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join in the school's annual fund raising drive and arousing the wrath of the school bullies.

	CRUCIBLE	MILLER, ARTHUR	
F /Kri	Fallout	Krisher, Trudy	The move of an unconventional Hollywood family to a coastal North Carolina town in the early 1950s during the McCarthy era, results not only in an unlikely friendship between high school age Genevieve and newcomer Brenda but also in a challenge to traditional ways of thinking.
F /Dub	The Sacrifice	Duble, Kathleen	Two sisters, aged ten and twelve, are accused of witchcraft in Andover, Mass., in 1692 and await trial in a miserable prison while their mother desperately searches for some way to obtain their freedom.
F /Hea	Minister's Daughter	Hearn, Julie	In 1645 in England, the daughters of the town minister successfully accuse a local healer and her granddaughter of witchcraft to conceal an out-of-wedlock pregnancy, but years later during the 1692 Salem trials their lie has unexpected repercussions.

	CYRANO DE BERGERAC	ROSTAND, EDMOND	
F /McC	Cyrano	McCaughrean, Geraldine	Ashamed of his ugliness, long-nosed Cyrano de Bergerac, a brilliant seventeenth-century poet and expert swordsman in the French army, helps a rival woo and win Roxane, the beautiful cousin Cyrano loves in silence.
F /Lev	Fairest	Levine, Gail Carson	In a land where beauty and singing are valued above all else, Aza eventually comes to reconcile her unconventional appearance and her magical voice, and learns to accept herself for who she truly is.

	DEATH OF A SALESMAN	MILLER, ARTHUR	
F /Bau	Rules of the Road	Bauer, Joan	Sixteen-year-old Jenna gets a job driving the elderly owner of a chain of successful shoe stores from Chicago to Texas to confront the son who is trying to force her to retire, and along the way Jenna hones her talents as a saleswoman and finds the strength to face her alcoholic father.
F /Spi	Kipling's Choice	Spillbeen, Geert	In 1915, mortally wounded in Loos, France, eighteen-year-old John Kipling, son of writer Rudyard Kipling, remembers his boyhood and the events leading to what is to be his first and last World War I battle.
F /Mye	Somewhere in the Darkness	Myers, Walter	A teenage boy accompanies his father, who has recently escaped from prison, on a trip that turns out to be an, often painful, time of discovery for them both.
F /Paw	Run if you Dare	Powell, Randy	Fourteen-year-old Gardner, trying to find some direction in his life, is shocked to discover that his unemployed father considers himself a failure.

	DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL: ANNE FRANK	FRANK, ANNE	
F /Alv	Before We were Free	Alvrez, Julia	In the early 1960s in the Dominican Republic, twelve-year-old Anita learns that her family is involved in the underground movement to end the bloody rule of the dictator, General Trujillo.
F /Roy	Yellow Star	Roy, Jennifer	Based on the childhood of the author's aunt, one of twelve children who survived Poland's Lodz ghetto during the Nazi occupation, from 1939-1945. Written as a novel in verse.
F /Nan	Child of Dandelions	Shenaaz, Nanji	In Uganda in 1972, fifteen-year-old Sabine and her family, wealthy citizens of Indian descent, try to preserve their normal life during the ninety days allowed by President Idi Amin for all foreign Indians to leave the country, while soldiers and others terrorize them and people disappear.
F /Kad	Weedflower	Kadohata, Cynthia	After twelve-year-old Sumiko and her Japanese-American family are relocated from their flower farm in southern California to an internment camp on a Mojave Indian reservation in Arizona, she helps her family and neighbors, becomes friends with a local Indian boy, and tries to hold on to her dream of owning a flower shop.
940.54 /Hou	Farewell to Manzanar	Houston, Jeanne	Ms. Houston recalls her childhood experience of being interred with her family at Manzanar, a Japanese internment camp. Ms. Houston's parents and extended family were Issei, the Japanese word for first generation Japanese-Americans. Many Issei had settled in the coastal areas of California, just as her parents did

	FAREWELL TO ARMS	HEMINGWAY, ERNEST	
F /Bre	Remembrance	Breslin, Theresa	The destinies of two Scottish families, one of shopkeepers and one of wealth and power, become entwined through their involvement in World War I, social causes, and love.
F /Dis	The Divine Wind	Disher, Garry	On the eve of World War II, Hart, an Australian boy and Mitsy, a Japanese-Australian girl, fall in love but are driven apart.
F /Mye	Fallen Angels	Myers, Walter Dean	Seventeen-year-old Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army in the summer of 1967 and spends a devastating year on active duty in Vietnam.

F /Key	FLOWERS FOR ALGERNON	KEYES, DANIEL	
F /Mar	A Corner of the Universe	Martin, Ann	The summer that Hattie turns twelve, she meets the childlike uncle she never knew and becomes friends with a girl who works at the carnival that comes to Hattie's small town.
F /Nuz	A Small White Scar	Nuzum, K.A	Fifteen-year-old Will Bennon leaves his family and begins life as a cowboy, but his twin brother, who has Down syndrome, follows him and joins the journey.
F /Fli	Fade to Black	Flinn, Alex	An HIV-positive high school student hospitalized after being attacked, the bigot accused of the crime, and the only witness, a classmate with Down Syndrome, reveal how the assault has changed their lives as they tell of its aftermath. Told from multiple points-of-view.
F /Tru	Stuck in Neutral	Trueman, Terry	Fourteen-year-old Shawn McDaniel, who suffers from severe cerebral palsy and cannot function, relates his perceptions of his life, his family, and his condition, especially as he believes his father is planning to kill him.
F /Had	Turnabout	Haddix, Margaret	Melly and Anny Beth both lived normal lives throughout the 20th century. But in 2000, when they are old and ready to die, they are selected to participate in Project Turnabout and are given an injection to make them grow younger.
F/Rub	Emily Good as Gold	Rubin, Susan	Emily Gold, a learning disabled thirteen-year-old, struggles to be independent from her overprotective parents.

F /She	FRANKENSTEIN	SHELLEY, MARY	
F / Far	House of the Scorpion	Farmer, Nancy	In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patrón, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.
F /Alm	Clay	Almond, David	The developing relationship between teenager Davie and a mysterious new boy in town morphs into something darker and more sinister when Davie learns firsthand of the boy's supernatural powers.
F /Mye	Monster	Myers, Walter	While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.

	GRAPES OF WRATH	STEINBECK, JOHN	
F /Hes	Out of the Dust	Hesse, Karen	In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.
F /Gra	Mary Wolf	Grant, Cynthia	Sixteen-year-old Mary tries to keep her family together as they aimlessly travel the country after her father's business fails and he starts to change.
F /Jim	The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child	Jimenez, Francisco	Twelve independent but connected stories follow a migrant family's "circuit" over a number of years.
F /Wol	Make Lemonade	Wolff, Virginia Euwer	In order to earn money for college, fourteen-year-old LaVaughn babysits for a teenage mother.

PR 4560 .D518 2000	GREAT EXPECTATIONS	DICKENS, CHARLES	
F /Pul	The Ruby in the Smoke	Pullman, Phillip	Victorian, London, thriller. 16 Y.O. girl's efforts to unravel the questions surrounding her father's death
F /Avi	True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	Avi	As the only passenger, and the only female, on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, thirteen-year-old Charlotte finds herself caught between a murderous captain and a mutinous crew.
F /Cur	Bucking the Sarge	Curtis, Christopher Paul	Deeply involved in his cold and manipulative mother's shady business dealings in Flint, Michigan, fourteen-year-old Luther keeps a sense of humor while running the Happy Neighbor Group Home For Men, all the while dreaming of going to college and becoming a philosopher.

	GREAT GATSBY	FITZGERALD, F. SCOTT	
F /Cru	Running Loose	Crutcher, Chris	Louie, a high school senior in a small Idaho town, learns about sportsmanship, love, and death as he matures into manhood.

822.3 Sha	HAMLET	SHAKESPEARE	
F /Pet	Luna	Peters, Julie Anne	Fifteen-year-old Regan's life, which has always revolved around keeping her older brother Liam's transsexuality a secret, changes when Liam decides to start the process of "transitioning" by first telling his family and friends that he is a girl who was born in a boy's body.
F /Fie	Dating Hamlet : Ophelia's story	Fiedler, Lisa	In a story based on the Shakespeare play, Ophelia describes her relationship with Hamlet, learns the truth about her own father, and recounts the complicated events following the murder of Hamlet's father.
F /Cor	I Am The Cheese	Cormier, Robert	A young boy desperately tries to unlock his past yet knows he must hide those memories if he is to remain alive.

	JANE EYRE	BRONTE, CHARLOTTE	
F /Cus	Midwife's Apprentice	Cushman, Karen	In medieval England, a nameless, homeless girl is taken in by a sharp-tempered midwife , and in spite of obstacles and hardship, eventually gains the three things she most wants: a full belly, a contented heart, and a place in this world.
F /Pul	Ruby in the Smoke	Pullman, Phillip	Victorian, London, thriller. 16 Y.O. girl's efforts to unravel the questions surrounding her father's death

PN 6112 .Y6 1957	JULIUS CAESAR	SHAKESPEARE	
F /Cor	Chocolate War	Cormier, Robert	A high school freshman discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join in the school's annual fund raising drive and arousing the wrath of the school bullies.
F /Pro	After	Prose, Francine	In the aftermath of a nearby school shooting, a grief and crisis counselor takes over Central High and enacts increasingly harsh measures to control students, while those who do not comply disappear.
F /Dun	Killing Mr. Griffin	Duncan, Lois	A teenager casually suggests playing a cruel trick on the English teacher, but did he intend it to end with murder?

	LORD OF THE FLIES	GOLDING, WILLIAM	
F /Sac (2 copies 1998, 2008)	Holes	Sachar, Louis	As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.
F /Spi	Wringer	Spinelli, Jerry	As Palmer comes of age, he must either accept the violence of being a wringer at his town's annual Pigeon Day or find the courage to oppose it.
F /Str	Give a Boy a Gun	Strasser, Todd	Two heavily armed students hold their classmates hostage at a high school dance. Students, teachers, friends, and the gunmen tell the story in alternating passages.

	MACBETH	SHAKESPEARE	
F /Moo	Caught in the Act	Moore, Peter	Everyone believes that sophomore honors student Ethan Lederer is a top-notch scholar and a great guy, but a new student helps Ethan to discover and disclose that he is just acting a role, even as she reveals her own mental instability.
F/Coo	Enter Three Witches	Cooney, Caroline	When her father betrays the Scottish king and is hung as a traitor, Lady Mary's future is bleak after she loses her only true protector and ends up locked away in the tower by the powerful and deadly Lord and lady Macbeth.
F/Gra	Something Wicked	Gratz, Alan	In a contemporary story based on Shakespeare's play, Macbeth, Horatio Wilkes seeks to solve the murder of Duncan MacKae at the Scottish Highland Games in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

	NIGHT	WIESEL, ELIE	
B /Lob	No Pretty Pictures	Lobel, Anita	The author, known as an illustrator of children's books, describes her experiences as a Polish Jew during World War II and for years in Sweden afterwards.

741 .59 Hom	ODYSSEY	HOMER	
F /Far	A Girl Named Disaster	Farmer, Nancy	While journeying to Zimbabwe, eleven-year-old Nhamo struggles to escape drowning and starvation and in so doing comes close to the luminous world of the African spirits.
F /All (Also a Spanish version)	City of the Beasts	Allende, Isabel	When fifteen-year-old Alexander Cold accompanies his individualistic grandmother on an expedition to find a humanoid Beast in the Amazon, he experiences ancient wonders and a supernatural world as he tries to avert disaster for the Indians.
F /Bel	Zack	Bell, William	The son of a Jewish father and black mother, high school senior Zack has never been allowed to meet his mother's family, but after doing a research project on a former slave, he travels from his home in Canada to Natchez, Mississippi to find his grandfather.
F /Bus	Journey of the Sparrows	Buss, Fran Leeper	Maria and her brother and sister, Salvadoran refugees, are smuggled into the United States in crates and try to eke out a living in Chicago with the help of a sympathetic family.
808.8 /Des	Destination Unexpected	Gallo, Donald	The characters in these stories experience things that change the way they look at the world, and at themselves. These ten tales of teenage journeys are by ten popular authors of young adult literature.
F /Fle	Whirligig	Fleischman, Paul	While traveling to each corner of the country to build a whirligig in memory of the girl whose death he causes, sixteen-year-old Brian finds forgiveness and atonement.

	OF MICE AND MEN	STEINBECK, JOHN	
F /Cru	Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes	Crutcher, Chris	The daily class discussions about the nature of man, the existence of God, abortion, organized religion, suicide and other contemporary issues serve as a backdrop for a high-school senior's attempt to answer a friend's dramatic cry for help.
F /Bru	Walking Naked	Brugman, Alyssa	After being in detention with a girl called "The Freak," Megan finds herself torn between the developing friendship the two share and her involvement with a popular clique.
F /Mar	Corner of the Universe	Martin, Ann	The summer that Hattie turns twelve, she meets the childlike uncle she never knew and becomes friends with a girl who works at the carnival that comes to Hattie's small town.
F /Geu	Piggy	Geus, Mireille	Lizzie struggles to overcome the closed, internal world of autism when a new girl moves into her neighborhood, befriends her, then insists that Lizzie join her in seeking revenge on the boys who tease them.

F /Hem	OLD MAN AND THE SEA	HEMINGWAY, ERNEST	
F /Phi	Young Man and the sea	Philbrick, W.R.	After his mother's death, twelve-year-old Skiff Beaman decides that it is up to him to earn money to take care of himself and his father, so he undertakes a dangerous trip alone out on the ocean off the coast of Maine to try to catch a huge bluefin tuna.

B /Pau	Caught by the sea : a life in boats	Paulsen, Gary	Popular author Gary Paulsen writes about both his humorous and dangerous experiences on the ocean.
F /Mik	Red Midnight	Mikaelson, Ben	After soldiers kill his family, twelve-year-old Santiago and his four-year-old sister flee Guatemala in a kayak and try to reach the United States.
F /Sal	Lord of the Deep	Salisbury, Graham	Working for his stepfather on a charter fishing boat in Hawaii teaches thirteen-year-old Mikey about fishing, and about taking risks, making sacrifices, and facing some of life's difficult choices.

	ONCE AND FUTURE KING	WHITE. E.B.	
F /Mor	The Squire's Tale	Morris, Gerald	In medieval England, fourteen-year-old Terence finds his tranquil existence suddenly changed when he becomes the squire of the young Gawain of Orkney and accompanies him on a long quest, proving Gawain's worth as a knight and revealing an important secret about his own true identity.
398 .242 Pat	Parzival: the quest of a grail knight	Patterson, Katherine	A retelling of the Arthurian legend in which Parzival, unaware of his noble birth, comes of age through his quest for the Holy Grail.

	PRIDE AND PREJUDICE	AUSTEN, JANE	
F /Ben	Cassandra's Sister	Bennett, Veronica	A fictionalized biography of Jane Austen focusing on her early life growing up with her sister Cassandra in a large country parsonage family in southern England, and the experiences and people which may have inspired the plots and characters of her famous novels.

F /Cra	RED BADGE OF COURAGE	CRANE, STEPHEN	
F /Mye	Fallen Angels	Myers, Walter Dean	Seventeen-year-old Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army in the summer of 1967 and spends a devastating year on active duty in Vietnam
F /Cri	Moon Over Tennessee: A Boy's Civil War Journal	Crist-Evans, Craig	A thirteen-year-old boy sets off with his father from their farm in Tennessee to join the Confederate forces on their way to fight at Gettysburg. Told in the form of diary entries
F /Avi	The Fighting Ground	Avi	Thirteen-year-old Jonathan goes off to fight in the Revolutionary War and discovers the real war is being fought within himself.
F /Ryl	I Had Seen Castles	Rylant, Cynthia	Now an old man, John is haunted by memories of enlisting to fight in World War II, a decision which forced him to face the horrors of war and changed his life forever.

823 .914 Sha	ROMEO AND JULIET	SHAKESPEARE	
F /Ran	Breaking Rank	Randle, Kristen	Seventeen-year-old Casey has some of her preconceived notions challenged when she begins to tutor Baby, a member of a ganglike non-conformist society called the Clan.
F /Woo	If you Come Softly	Woodson, Jacqueline	After meeting at their private school in New York, fifteen-year-old Jeremiah, who is black and whose parents are separated, and Ellie, who is white and whose mother has twice abandoned her, fall in love and then try to cope with people's reactions.

F /Mey	Loving Will Shakespeare	Meyer, Carolyn	In Stratford-upon-Avon in the 16 th cent., Anne Hathaway suffers her stepmother's cruelty & yearns for love & escape, finally finding it in the arms of a boy she has grown up with, Will Shakespeare.
F/Cai (TB: Penguin)	Prince of Shadows: A novel of Romeo and Juliet	Caine, Rachel	The star-crossed tale of Romeo and Juliet, told through the eyes of Romeo's cousin, Benvolio, a thief known as the Prince of Shadows.
F/Mye	Street love	Myers, Walter Dean	This story told in free verse is set against a background of street gangs and poverty in Harlem in which seventeen-year-old African American Damien takes a bold step to ensure that he and his new love will not be separated.

	SCARLET LETTER	HAWTHORNE, NATHANIAL	
F /Ker	Deliver us from Evie	Kerr, M.E	Sixteen-year-old Parr Burrman and his family face some difficult times when word spreads through their rural Missouri town that his older sister is a lesbian, and she leaves the family farm to live with the daughter of the town's banker.
F /Wen	Homeless Bird	Whelan, Gloria	When thirteen-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage, she must either suffer a destiny dictated by India's tradition or find the courage to oppose it.
F /Sta	Dangerous Skies	Staples, Suzanne	Hypocrisy and prejudice twist events in such a way as to implicate two children, one from a prominent white family and the other an Afro-American, in a murder.

	A SEPARATE PEACE	KNOWLES, JOHN	
F /Gre	Looking for Alaska	Greene, John	Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash.
F /Mye	The Beast	Myers, Walter	A visit to his Harlem neighborhood and the discovery that the girl he loves is using drugs give sixteen-year-old Anthony Witherspoon a new perspective both on his home and on his life at a Connecticut prep school.

	SLAUGHTERHOUSE FIVE	VONNEGUT, KURT	
F /Mye	Sunrise Over Fallujah	Myers, Walter Dean	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.

	TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD	LEE, HARPER	
F /Seb	Words by Heart	Sebestyen, Ouida	A young black girl struggles to fulfill her papa's dream of a better future for their family in the southwestern town where, in 1910, they are the only blacks.
F /Cro	Mississippi Trial, 1955	Crowe, Chris	In Mississippi in 1955, a sixteen-year-old finds himself at odds with his grandfather over issues surrounding the kidnapping and murder of a fourteen-year-old African American from Chicago.

F /Tay	Let the Circle be Unbroken	Taylor, Mildred	Four black children growing up in rural Mississippi during the Depression experience racial antagonisms and hard times, but learn from their parents the pride and self-respect they need to survive.
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This list was compiled using suggestion from the following books:

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Kaywell, Joan F., ed. **ADOLESCENT LITERATURE AS A COMPLEMENT TO THE CLASSICS.** Norwood, Massachusetts : Christopher-Gordon, 1993. (Other volumes: C.Ls.1 /C55aa / C.Ls.1 /C55ab / C.Ls.1 /C55ac)

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