

Title	Author	Grade Level
<i>Addy's Surprise</i> Addy wants to give her Mom a good Christmas since it will be hard without the rest of her family around. After hearing about the plight of newly freed slaves, Addy and her mother decide to put their own Christmas on hold to help others.	Porter, Connie	3-6
<i>Bad Beginning (Series of Unfortunate Events)</i> The Baudelaire children's misfortune begins when their parents parish in a fire. Their evil uncle, Count Olaf, takes them in, but they soon discover he is only after their inheritance.	Snickett, Lemony	3-6
<i>Because of Winn Dixie</i> Opal has to make adjustments after moving to a new town with her father. Then she adopts a dog who helps her deal with the sadness of her mother leaving and helps her make new friends.	Dicamillo, Kate	3-6
<i>Best Christmas Pageant Ever</i> The Herdmans family invades church one Sunday and takes over the Christmas pageant, making it the most unusual interpretation of the story and the best Christmas pageant ever.	Robinson, Barbara	3-6
<i>Breadwinner</i> Because the Taliban rulers of Kabul, Afghanistan impose strict limitations on women's freedom and behavior, eleven-year-old Parvana must disguise herself as a boy so her family can survive after her father's arrest.	Ellis, Deborah	3-6
<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i> In 1936 Flint, Michigan, times are hard for motherless ten-year-old Bud. He grows tired of the mistreatment in his foster homes, and hits the road to find the man he believes is his father.	Curtis, Christopher Paul	3-6
<i>Cay</i> In 1942, 11-year-old Phillip Enright is sent back to Virginia when the war comes close to his home. On the way, the boat is torpedoed and Phillip finds himself blind and adrift, but learns that friendship really is colorblind.	Taylor, Theodore	3-6
<i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i> Young Charlie Bucket can't believe his luck when he finds the very last of Mr. Willy Wonka's Golden Tickets inside his chocolate bar. He wins the trip of a lifetime, a magical tour around Mr. Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory. Once inside, Charlie and the other four winners witness amazing wonders: rainbow drops, lickable wallpaper, and even a chocolate waterfall.	Dahl, Roald	3-6



<p><i>Charlotte's Web</i></p> <p>An affectionate pig named Wilbur befriends a spider named Charlotte, who lives in the rafters above his pen. In this story of friendship, hardship, and the passing on into time, White reminds readers to open their eyes to the wonder and miracle found in the simplest of things.</p>	White, EB	3-6
<p><i>Cousins</i></p> <p>Cammy has a great life with her family, with the exception of her cousin, Patty Ann. Cammy wishes her cousin would disappear off the Earth, but when she does it changes everything.</p>	Hamilton, Virginia	3-6
<p><i>Freckle Juice</i></p> <p>Andrew wants freckles and his classmate Sharon offers a secret freckle juice recipe. Andrew does achieve a temporary set of freckles, but then begins to question if he really wants them.</p>	Blume, Judy	3-6
<p><i>Frindle</i></p> <p>After annoying his teacher, Nick Allen must write a report on how words are included in the dictionary. This inspires him to create his own word, which results in national publicity.</p>	Clements, Andrew	3-6
<p><i>How to Eat Fried Worms</i></p> <p>A 10-year-old boy faces the most revolting bet of his life. Billy must eat fifteen worms in fifteen days, but the reward will be worth it; \$50 for a new bike.</p>	Rockwell, Thomas	3-6
<p><i>Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</i></p> <p>Peter, Lucy, Edmund, and Susan take a magical journey to Narnia through a wardrobe, but will the land enslaved by the white witch ever be free again?</p>	Lewis, C.S.	3-6
<p><i>Little House in the Big Woods</i></p> <p>This is the first book in the series about the life of Laura Ingalls and her pioneer family. Together they harvest food, celebrate Christmas, and learn the challenges of the land.</p>	Wilder, Laura Ingalls	3-6
<p><i>Locomotion</i></p> <p>Learning the art of poetry, eleven-year-old Lonnie details the death of his parents and loss of his sister through adoption. Lonnie learns appreciation and self-expression through poetry to help him deal with his grief.</p>	Woodson, Jacqueline	3-6
<p><i>Maniac Magee</i></p> <p>Maniac Magee doesn't see the differences in people and, when he ends up finding two different homes on different sides of town, he tries to bring them together regardless of the color of their skin.</p>	Spinelli, Jerry	3-6
<p><i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i></p> <p>A black family living in Mississippi during the Depression of the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.</p>	Taylor, Mildred	3-6
<p><i>Saving Shiloh</i></p> <p>Everyone deserves a second chance, even Judd Travers. When Marty's sister falls into the river he is focused on her and doesn't realize Shiloh is also in trouble. It's up to Judd to save Shiloh.</p>	Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	3-6

<p>Seedfolks</p> <p>A blighted neighborhood is transformed when a young girl plants a few lima beans in an abandoned lot. Slowly, one by one, neighbors are touched and stirred to action as they see tendrils poke through the dirt.</p>	Fleischman, Paul	3-6
<p>Shiloh</p> <p>Shiloh, a young beagle, is abused by his owner Judd Travers. When Shiloh runs away from Judd and is found by Marty Preston the boy wants to hide him and protect him from Judd. Marty's secret becomes too big for him to keep to himself, and it exposes his entire family to Judd's anger.</p>	Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	3-6
<p>Souder</p> <p>Souder is a coon dog raised by a sharecropper and his family. When the sharecropper goes to jail for stealing food the family must persevere despite their poverty and loss. In the end, Souder remains strong and restores hope to the family.</p>	Armstrong, William	3-6
<p>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing</p> <p>Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever-increasing problem. He is a terror who gets away with everything, and Peter's had it up to here! How can Peter get his parents to pay attention to him for a change?</p>	Blume, Judy	3-6
<p>Through My Eyes</p> <p>In November 1960, all of America watched as a tiny six-year-old black girl, surrounded by federal marshals, walked through a mob of screaming segregationists and into her school. An icon of the civil rights movement, Ruby Bridges chronicles each dramatic step of this pivotal event in history.</p>	Bridges, Ruby	3-6
<p>What Color is My World?</p> <p>While twins Ella and Herbie help the handyman Mr. Midal work on their new home, he tells them about such inventors as Granville Woods, Dr. Henry T. Sampson, and James West, giving them a new view of their heritage as African Americans.</p>	Abdul-Jabbar, Kareem	3-6