

AQUIN RECOMMENDED READING LIST

Title . Author
Description

Taran Wanderer . Alexander

Fantasy-Taran continues his mission to learn the secret of the mirror and the truth about himself.

The High King . Alexander

Fantasy-Taran confronts an evil enchantress.

The Castle of Llyr . Alexander

Fantasy-Taran undertakes a terrifying mission to rescue their princess.

Kit's Wilderness . Almond

13 year old Kit goes to live with his grandfather in the decaying coal mining town and finds both the old man and the town haunted by ghosts of the past.

Skellig . Almond

Unhappy about his baby sister's illness and the chaos of moving into a dilapidated old house, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger who is something like a bird and something like an angel.

Say Good-Bye . Anderson

Yum-yum is a therapy dog that visits cancer patients at the children's hospital. Now he might have cancer.

Speak . Anderson

A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.

Souder . Armstrong

A boy who loves both his father and his dog, must learn to bear the achingly lonely weight of their absence, and accept the different pain and knowledge brought by each one's return.

What You Don't Know Can Kill You . Aarick

Debra thinks everything about her older sister Ellen's life is perfect until Ellen tests positive for HIV.

Blue Heron . Avi

Maggie, a great believer in magic, makes a wish that nothing will ever change.

Sometimes I Think I Hear My Name . Avi

Conrad spends the strangest week of his life in New York City with a girl he hardly knew—and getting more answers than he had questions...about his parents, himself, and what real families are all about.

Don't You Know There's a War Going On? . Avi

Set in 1943, story of two young boys whose fathers are gone to war.

A Place Called Ugly . Avi

Fourteen-year-old Owen is going to stay at the island cottage and try to save the beautiful place others call Ugly.

Poppy and Rye . Avi

Fantasy-Poppy travels West to bring the sad news of her fiancé's death to his family. Rye fights to prove himself worthy of Poppy's love.

Escape From Home . Avi

When fate brings them together, 3 teenagers join forces in a daring scheme that may lead to freedom and glory...or dire consequences.

Lord Kirkle's Money . Avi

Three teenagers escape the desperate poverty and danger of leaving home in Ireland. Ahead lies their future in America, fraught with danger and more crisis than they ever anticipated.

Poppy . Avi

Fantasy set in Dimwood Forest. Two little mice dancing in the moonlight, meet Mr. Ocax, a great horned owl.

Tuck Everlasting . Babbitt

Doomed to-or blessed with—eternal life after drinking from a magic spring, the Tuck family wanders about trying to live as inconspicuously and comfortably as they can.

The Return of the Indian . Banks

Sequel to The Indian in the Cubboard—Omri gives way to the temptation to see Little Bear again and a whole new series of adventures begins.

A Coal Miner's Bride . Bartoletti

Tata does not want to be a coal miner's bride...to go to America...to marry a man she does not love.

Outernet: Friend or Foe? . Barlow

The used laptop is so much more than they could have hoped for—or even wanted. You see its users have the ability to access an intergalactic Internet!

Hope Was Here . Bauer

Hope and her aunt are on the road again. Aunt Addie never promised that life would be easy, but she did promise that if I hung with her the food would be good.

Fourth Down Showdown . Bee

While continuing to lead State's football team to victory, Chip finds time to help an underprivileged boy working with him at the drugstore.

Land of the Buffalo Bones . Bauer

Diary of Mary Ann Elizabeth Rodgers, an English Girl in Minnesota.

Be Ever Hopeful, Hannalee . Beatty

Hannalee puts herself on the line to protect her brother who has been falsely accused of a crime, and she gradually comes to learn that there are good and bad people everywhere.

Lenski File . Boraks-Nemetz

Slava has spent a lifetime concealing her Jewish identity. Now 18, she travels to London for her first job as a translator.

Chestnut Hill 1 and 2

Spinoff from Heartland Series. Chestnut Hill is an exclusive boarding school with a premiere riding program and a long tradition of excellence.

Heartland Series

Heartland is a horse farm nestled in the hills of Virginia, but its much more than that. Heartland is like no other place—it's a place where the scars of the past can be healed, a place where frightened and abused horses...and people...learn to trust again. 20 books in the series.

Secret Garden

Mary is an unhappy orphan forced to live in the home of a wealthy guardian. When she meets her guardian's mysterious son and discovers a secret garden hidden on the estate—a startling change begins to come over her.

Princess Diaries . Cabot

Fourteen year old Mia, who is trying to lead a normal life as a teenage girl in New York City, is shocked to learn that her father is the Prince of Genovia, and that she is a princess and the heir to the throne. 5 books in the series

Bigger . Calvert

When his father disappears near the Mexican border at the end of the Civil War, 12 year old Tyler decides to go after him and bring him home, acquiring on the journey a strange dog, which he names Bigger.

Between a Rock and Hard Place . Carter

Mark and Randy are trapped together in the middle of nowhere, with no one to depend on but each other. Everything that could have gone wrong has. They need to fight to stay alive.

Storm Warriors . Carbone

Inspired by the real Pea Island Life-Saving Station on the Outer Banks of North Carolina in the 1890s, Storm Warriors is a moving tribute to its brave African American Crew. Even small Pea Island is not immune to the effects of post-Civil War racism.

Mysteries . Mary Higgins Clark

Clark writes romantic suspense with simple characters and cliff-hanging plots. Most of her suspenseful books are easy reads. Aquin has MANY books by this author.

Landry News . Clements

A fifth-grader starts a newspaper with an editorial that prompts her burnt-out classroom teacher to really begin teaching again, but he is later threatened with disciplinary action as a result.

School Story . Clements

After 12-year-old Natalie writes a wonderful novel, her friend Zoe helps her devise a scheme to get it accepted at the publishing house where Natalie's mother works as an editor.

Fifteen . Cleary

15-year-old Jane dreams of having a boyfriend but doesn't think it will ever happen. So when Jane meets Stan Crandall, a newcomer to her town, her luck seems too good to be true.

Things Not Seen . Clements

It's after his shower when it happens. Bobby wipes the fog off of the bathroom mirror to comb his hair. He looks in the mirror but he's not there! He looks a second time and then rubs the mirror again. He's. Not. There.

Dear Mr. Henshaw . Cleary

The Luckiest Girl . Cleary

Shelly feels like the luckiest girl in the world. She's about to discover the magic of falling in love---and a whole lot more!

Where the Lilies Bloom . Cleaver

When Mary Call's dying father makes her promise to keep her brother and sisters together forever on the mountain and take no help from strangers, she is determined to keep her word. No matter what.

Artemis Fowl/The Arctic Incident . Colfer

Who is Artemis Fowl? A genius. A criminal mastermind. A millionaire. And he is only 12 years old.
2 books

Many Stones . Coman

After her sister Laura is murdered in South Africa, Berry and her estranged father travel there to participate in the dedication of a memorial in her name.

What Jamie Saw . Coman

Having fled to a family friend's hillside trailer after his mother's boyfriend tried to throw his baby sister against a wall, nine-year-old Jamie finds himself living an existence full of uncertainty and fear.

While No One Was Watching . Conly

When two brothers steal a rabbit from a backyard in the rich part of town, the incident brings about their collision with other children from a background very different from their own.

Face on the Milk Carton Series-4 books . Cooney

No one ever really paid close attention to the faces of the missing children on the milk cartons. But as Janie glances at the carton, she is overcome with shock. She recognizes that little girl—it was she!

Mystery and Fantasy (many books by this author) . Cooney

The action in Cooney's books is full steam ahead. Exciting reading for teens who like adventure/suspense stories.

Ruby Holler . Creech

Dallas and Florida have been dubbed the "trouble twins" and have been shuffled between foster families and orphanages. Tiller and Sairy are an eccentric older couple whose children are grown and long gone. When Tiller and Sairy invite Dallas and Florida to stay with them, the magic of the Holler takes over.

Love That Dog . Creech

This is the story of Jack who finds his voice with the help of paper, pencil, teacher and dog.

Walk Two Moons . Creech

After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.

The Truth About Forever . Dessen

A long dull summer stretches ahead for Macy but sometimes unexpected things can happen. Things like meeting Wes, a boy with a past, a taste for Truth-telling, and an amazing artistic talent, the kind of boy who could turn any girl's world upside down.

Dear America Series . Denenberg

Historical diaries of young people who find adventures in history. (Students who read these book, want to read them all.)

The Crazy Horse Electric Game . Crutcher

Willie's the hero of his hometown: a phenomenal athlete, the champ of the baseball team, and the hero of the Crazy Horse Electric game. Nothing can stop him. Except a freak accident.

Say Goodnight, Gracie . Cleaver

When a car accident kills her best friend Jimmy, with whom she has shared everything from childhood escapades to breaking into the professional theater scene in Chicago, seventeen-year-old Morgan must find her own way of coping with his death.

Running Loose . Crutcher

Louie has good friends, a starting spot on the football team, and a terrific girlfriend, Becky. But everything turns sour when Louie is thrown off the football team after he takes a stand against his coach, who ordered an illegal hit against an opposing player.

Hardy Boys Series (Many books) . Dixon

Mystery books featuring teenage sleuths, Frank and Joe Hardy.

Tears of a Tiger . Draper

The death of high school basketball star Rob Washington in an automobile affects the lives of his close friend Andy, who was driving the car, and many others in the school.

A Parting Gift . Erickson

At seventeen, all Josh is sure of is his love of surfing and his ability to catch the next wave. A child of a broken home, he can't understand why the father he once idolized hasn't seen him in over a year. About to graduate from high school, he has nothing lined up for his immediate future and no idea what he'll do with his life. Through his part-time job, Josh is about to get some unexpected help....

The Breadwinner . Ellis

Imagine living in a country in which women and girls are not allowed to leave the house without a man. Imagine having to wear clothes that cover every part of your body, including your face, whenever you go out. This is Parvana's life in Afghanistan.

The Christmas Box . Evans

The story of a widow and the young family who moves in with her. Together they discover the first gift of Christmas and learn what Christmas is really all about.

A Girl Named Disaster . Farmer

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.

Shadow Spinner . Fletcher

When Marjan, a 13-year-old crippled girl, joins the Sultan's harem in ancient Persia, she gathers, for Shahrazad the stories which will save the queen's life.

The Whipping Boy . Fleischman

He is known throughout the land as Prince Brat-a name he justly deserves. But in his kingdom, it is forbidden to spank the heir to the throne. So an orphan is plucked from the streets to serve as his whipping boy.

Flying Solo . Fletcher

Mr. Fab is absent and a substitute never arrives. The class decides to run the class on their own. Mr. Fab's students reveal their true and sometimes hurtful thoughts.

Crossing Jordan . Fogelin

12-year-old Cass meets her new African-American neighbor, Jemmie and despite their families' prejudices, they build a strong friendship around their mutual talent for running and a pact to read Jane Eyre.

Oh Joy . Frank

Although her ailing uncle creates problems for her whole family when he moves in with them, Joy survives his bungling attempts at matchmaking even as she plays the game herself.

America . Frank

Teenage America, a part-black, part-white, part-anything boy who has spent many years in institutions for disturbed, antisocial behavior, tries to piece his life together.

A Novel Idea . Friedman

Norah, a Brooklyn hipster is unlucky in love and short on extracurriculars for her college apps. She decides to start a book group at the local bookstore with a crush-worthy cutie manning the latte counter.

The Cabin Faced West . Fritz

Ann was so lonely she could hardly keep from crying. In all the cabins that lay between her home and the nearest settlement, there were only boys and babies. She longed for her cousin Margaret and her old school friends back in Gettysburg.

The Thief Lord . Funks

Welcome to the magical underworld of Venice, Italy. After escaping from their cruel aunt and uncle, orphans Prosper and Bo meet a mysterious boy who calls himself the "Thief Lord". The Thief Lord leads a group of street children who enjoy making mischief.

Tree Castle Island . George

With a hand-made canoe called L'tle Possum, Jack Hawkins sets out on a solo adventure in the wilds of the Okefenokee Swamp in search of the mythical Paradise Island.

Nory Ryans Song . Giff

When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, twelve-year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity help her family and neighbors survive.

Pictures of Hollis Woods . Giff

Hollis Woods has been in so many foster homes she can hardly remember them all. She is a mountain of trouble. She runs away even from the Regans, the one family who offers her a home. (Personal favorite of Mrs. Gogel!!)

Joshua . Grizone

The simple story about a woodcarver who changes the lives of everyone he meets. A modern day Jesus Christ. If you like this book, read the sequels Joshua the Homecoming, The Joshua Miracle, The Shepherd, Joshua in the Holy Land, Joshua and the City, Joshua and the Children. (Personal favorites of Mrs. Gogel)

"A" is for Alibi, "C" is for Corpse, "H" is for Homicide, "J" is for Judgment . Grafton

Mystery books written for young readers who are ready for more action featuring a smart and sassy private investigator, Lindsey Malone.

Hope Springs Eternal . Gregory

Nessa's winter was fraught with bitter trials. But now the promise of Spring has come to Prairie River—and so has Albert, her oldest friend from the orphanage.

Bleachers . Grisham

High school all-American Neely Crenshaw was probably the best quarterback ever to play for the legendary Spartans. Fifteen years have gone by since those glory days, and Neely has come home to Messina to bury Coach Eddie Rake, the man who molded the Spartans into an unbeatable football dynasty.

Honus and Me . Gutman

Joe Stoshack lives for baseball. In the middle of the night, Joe wakes up to find himself face to face with the star of the 1909 World Series—Honus Wagner—one of the greatest ballplayers who ever lived...and they're about to travel through time on an amazing journey that will change both their lives forever.

Jackie and Me . Gutman

Joe has a special talent. He can travel through time. Joe decides to go back to meet one of the greatest baseball players ever, Jackie Robinson, to find out what it was like to be the man who broke baseball's color barrier.

The Million Dollar Shot . Gutman

Eleven-year-old Eddie gets a chance to win a million dollars by sinking a shot at the National Basketball Association finals.

Running Out of Time . Haddix

When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840 village, thirteen-year-old Jessie discovers it is actually a 1996 tourist site under unseen observation by heartless scientists, and it's up to Jessie to escape the village and save the lives of the dying children.

Don't You Dare Read This Mrs. Dunphrey . Haddix

In the Journal she is keeping for English Class, sixteen-year-old Tish chronicles the changes in her life when her abusive father returns home after a two-year absence.

Leaving Fishers . Haddix

After joining her new friends in the religious group called Fisher of Men, Dorry finds herself immersed in a cult from which she must struggle to extricate herself.

Just Ella . Haddix

In the continuation of the Cinderella story, fifteen-year-old Ella finds that accepting Prince Charming's proposal ensnares her in a suffocating tangle of palace rules and royal etiquette, so she plots to escape.

Double Identity . Haddix

As Bethany approaches her thirteenth birthday, her parents begin acting more oddly than usual. Her mother cries constantly, and her father barely lets Bethany out of his sight. Bethany has no idea what is going on and is desperate to unravel the secrets of her past.

The Clique, The Pretty Committee Strikes Back, Best Friends for Never . Harrison

Three books in the Clique Series: The only thing harder than getting in the clique, is staying in.

King of the Wind . Henry

This is the story of the Goldolphin Arabian and his friend, the stable boy, Agba. Their adventure takes them from the sands of the Sahara to the royal courts of France and finally to the green

pastures and stately homes of England.

My America Books (Historical fiction written as diaries.) . Hermes

Phoenix Rising . Hesse

Nyle Sumner is an orphan. She cannot forget that her father abandoned her, that her mother died in the back room of the farmhouse, and that her grandfather died in the same room. Now a 15-year-old boy is seeking refuge in her house. Nyle is sure he will die in the back room just like the others. She'd rather not get to know him but somehow she knows she must try to help this person.

Stowaway . Hesse

Little did 11-year-old Nicholas Young know that his ship was on a secret mission to discover an unknown continent at the bottom of the globe. His story is brought to life in this extraordinary fictional account of the real journey of the H.M.S. Endeavor.

Out of the Dust . Hesse

A terrible accident has transformed Billie Jo's life, scarring her inside and out. Her mother is gone. Her father can't talk about it. And the one thing that might make her feel better—playing the piano—is impossible with her wounded hands.

Tex . Hinton

Easygoing, direct, and reckless, Tex at fifteen likes everyone and everything, especially his horse, Negrito, and Johnny Collin's blue-eyed sister, Jamie.

Rumble Fish . Hinton

Rusty-James is the number-one tough guy among the high school kids who hang out and shoot pool at Benny's, and he enjoys keeping up his reputation.

The Outsiders . Hinton

Ponyboy can count on his brothers. And on his friends. But not on much else besides trouble with the Socs, a vicious gang of rich kids whose idea of a good time is beating up "greasers" like Ponyboy.

A Hole in the World . Hite

Paul has gotten himself into trouble, and now he's being sent away to a relative's farm in the middle of nowhere. He thinks he's in for the worst summer of his life...until he discovers a haunting mystery and a ghost with a familiar face.

Jason's Gold . Hobb

When news of the discovery of gold in Canada's Yukon in 1897 reaches fifteen-year-old Jason, he embarks on a 5,000-mile journey to strike it rich.

The Maze . Hobbs

Just 14, Rick is alone, on the run, and desperate. Stowing away in the back of a truck, he suddenly finds himself at a dead end, out in the middle of nowhere. The Maze.

Down River . Hobbs

No adults, no permit, no river map. Just some "borrowed" gear from Discovery Unlimited, the outdoor education program Jessie and her new companions have just ditched. Now they are pirating the Grand Canyon. What will be the consequences of their reckless adventure?

Changes in Latitudes . Hobbs

Travis is too busy making his own plans for fun in Mexico to let family problems ruin his vacation. Suddenly reality explodes in a nightmare of discovery and tragedy. Travis must face

anger and betrayal, love and loss-that will change his whole way of looking at the world...forever.

Far North . Hobbs

With the brutal sub-arctic winter fast approaching, Gabe and Raymond soon find themselves stranded in Deadman Valley. Trapped in a frozen world of moose, wolves, and bears, two boys from vastly different cultures come to depend on each other for their very survival.

Wild Man Island . Hobbs

After 14 year old Andy slips away from his kayaking group to visit the wilderness site of his archaeologist father's death, a storm strands him on Admiralty Island, Alaska, where he manages to survive, encounters unexpected animal and human inhabitants, and looks for traces of the earliest prehistoric immigrants to America.

The Journey Home . Holland

When Zachary Beaver Comes to Town . Holt

Nothing ever happens in Toby's small Texas town. But their sleepy town is about to get a jolt with the arrival of Zachary Beaver, billed as the fattest boy in the world.

My Louisiana Sky . Holt

Tiger Ann Parker is bright in school and good at baseball, but she's forever being teased about her family by the girls in her class.

Pay It Forward . Hyde

It started with a Jr. High Social Studies teacher. A teacher nobody knew very well, because they couldn't get past his face. It started with a boy who didn't seem all that remarkable on the outside, but who could see past his teacher's face. It started with an assignment that this teacher had given out 100 times before with no startling results. But that assignment in the hands of that boy caused a seed to be planted, and after that nothing in the world would ever be the same. Nor would anyone want it to be.

Redwall Series . Jacques

A fantasy adventure series. If you like one, you will want to read them all.

I Am Regina . Keehn

The cabin door crashes open and in a few minutes ten-year-old Regina's life changes forever. Her father and brother are killed, her family's Pennsylvania home burned to the ground. Regina has been captured by Allegheny Indians.

Nancy Drew Mysteries . Keene

Mystery stories with a teenage sleuth, Nancy Drew. Aquin library has 5 different titles.

The Wreckers . Lawrence

There was once a village bred by evil. On the barren coast of Cornwall lived a community of people who prayed for shipwrecks, who lured storm-tossed ships to founder upon the sharp rocks of their shore. Fourteen-year-old John Spencer survives a wreck but will he escape the wreckers?

Indian Captive . Lenski

12-year old Mary Jemison took her peaceful days on the family farm for granted until a band of Indian warriors invaded the house and took the Jemison family captive.

Where the Heart Is . Letts

Talk about unlucky sevens. An hour ago, 17-year-old, seven months pregnant Novalee Nation

was heading for California with her boyfriend. Now she finds herself stranded at a Wal-mart with just \$7.77 in change.

Princess Tales Series . Levine

Six fantasy books

Fictional-Amish Stories . Lewis

In the quiet Amish community of Hickory Hollow Pennsylvania, time has stood still while cherished traditions and heartfelt beliefs have flourished. A series of books about the Amish, their beliefs and their simple way of life.

Chronicles of Narnia . Lewis

Here is your passport to a most extraordinary excursion into magical lands and enchanted happenings. If you've never been to Narnia, you can enter it for the first time with any of these books.

The Brave . Lipsyte

Having left the Indian reservation for the streets of New York, 17-year-old boxer Sonny Bear tries to harness his inner rage by training with Alfred Brooks, who has left the sport to become a policeman.

The Art of Keeping Cool . Lisle

In 1942 Robert and his cousin Elliot uncover long-hidden family secrets while staying in their grandparents' Rhode Island town, where they also become involved with a German artist who is suspected of being a spy.

Glory (Shadow Tree) . Lynn

Having been expelled from her home in a conservative West Virginia Christian community, thirteen-year-old Glory struggles to survive in a small town and, though ill, attempts to realize her dream of traveling to Boston.

Sarah, Plain and Tall . MacLachlan

When their father invites a mail-order bride to come to live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by her and hope that she will stay.

Several Romance Books . Macomber

Aquin library has several books by this author. She writes romance novels for young readers.

Pendragon Series . MacHale

Bobby Pendragon is a seemingly normal 14-year-old boy. He has a family, a home, and even Marley, his beloved dog. But there is something very special about Bobby. He is going to save the world. Aquin has 5 books in this series.

Belle Teal . Martin

Daniel's Story . Matas

Daniel barely remembers leading a normal life before the Nazis came to power in 1933. He can still picture once being happy and safe, but memories of those days are fading as he and his family face the dangers threatening Jews in Hitler's Germany.

Greater Than Angels . Matas

Anna, a teenaged German refugee, relates how she and other Jewish children were cared for by the citizens of LeChambon-sur-Lignon, France during the German occupation.

Lurlene McDaniel

This is an

author for young readers. She writes about teenagers who struggle with medical difficulties and family problems. Her books are very touching. If you like one, you will want to read them all.

Touching Spirit Bear . Mikaelson

At 15, Cole has been fighting and stealing for years. The punishment for smashing Peter Driscall's skull into the sidewalk—his most recent crime—is harsh. This time, Cole will have to choose between prison and Native American Circle Justice. He will live either behind bars or in isolation for one year.

Anne of Green Gables . Montgomery

Arriving on the train from the orphanage, Anne was enthralled by the green beauty of Prince Edward Island. She was an awkward, redheaded girl with a worn suitcase and a heart yearning for love. Was the little town of Avonlea and the house called Green Gables, to be her new home?

Anne of Avonlea . Montgomery

Sequel to Anne of Green Gables

Gentle Ben . Morey

This book traces the friendship between a boy and a bear in the rugged Alaskan Territory.

Waiting for Anya . Morpurgo

Hoops . Myers

All eyes are on 17-year-old Lonnie Jackson while he practices with his team for a city-wide basketball tournament of Champions. His coach, Cal, knows Lonnie has what it takes to be a pro-basketball player, but warns him about giving in to the pressure. Cal knows because he, too, once had the chance—but sold out.

Stones in Water . Napoli

After being taken from a local movie theater—along with other Italian boys, including his Jewish friend—by German soldiers, Robert is forced to work for the German war effort until he escapes into the Ukrainian winter, desperately trying to make his way back home to Venice.

Alice Books . Naylor

Alice is about to become a teenager, but she doesn't know how. Her mother has been dead for years, and what do her father and her 19-year-old brother, Lester, know about being a teenage girl? Aquin has the whole series of Alice books. Don't let the covers fool you. These are good books!

Shiloh . Naylor

Marty sees a young beagle on the road past the old Shiloh schoolhouse and feels sure the dog is being abused. When the dog turns up at Marty's house, his parents say he must take it back. That's when Marty secretly decides he'll do anything to save the dog he names Shiloh.

Its Like This Cat . Neville

Dave and his father yell at each other a lot, and whenever the fighting starts, Dave's mother gets an asthma attack. That's when Dave storms out of the house.

Charlie Bone Series Nimmo

Charlie Bone is an endowed child of the Red King. Follow his adventures in these fantasy books.

The Seventh Tower Series . Nix

A fantasy adventure series that takes you into the unknown world of warriors, iceships, and

hidden magic.

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH . O'Brien

Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse with four small children, is faced with a terrible problem. Fortunately, she encounters the rats of NIMH, an extraordinary breed of highly intelligent creatures who come up with a brilliant solution to her dilemma. And Mrs. Frisby in turn renders them a great service.

My Name is Not Angelica . O'Dell

Snatched from her home in Africa, sixteen-year-old Raisha begins her new life on the island of St. John as a slave on Jost van Prok's plantation. Even as a sheltered house servant, Raisha cannot ignore the terrible suffering of other slaves. But is she willing to risk her life to help a group of runaways?

Janette Oke Books . Oke

Oke writes in the style of Little House on the Prairie taking readers west in covered wagons. Oke is a Christian Romance writer. Aquin library has many books by this author.

Sam's Letters to Jennifer . Patterson

A novel about a woman who is summoned back to the town where she grew up. And in the house where she spent her most magical years she finds a series of letters addressed to her. Each of the letters is a piece of a story that will completely upend the world she thought she knew—and throw her into a love more powerful than she ever imagined possible.

Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas . Patterson

Who was Nicholas? And why had Matt sent her this diary? Her fingers were trembling as she opened the diary to its first page...

This is a wonderful book—another one of Mrs. Gogel's favorites!

Hatchet . Paulsen

After a plane crash, 13-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given by his mother, and learning also to survive his parent's divorce. If you like this book, Aquin library also has the sequels.

Scribbler of Dreams . Pearson

Despite her family's long feud with the Crutchfields, 17-year-old Kaitlin falls in love with Bram Crutchfield and weaves a tangled web of deception to conceal her identity from him.

Something for Joey . Peck

This is a true, memorable, compassionate story of courage and love between two brothers. In 1973, while John Cappelletti was winning the Heisman Trophy as the outstanding college football player in America, his younger brother Joey was suffering from leukemia. The story of the Cappelletti family is a story of courage you will never forget.

A Year Down Yonder . Peck

My Sisters's Keeper . Picoult

Anna was conceived as a bone marrow match for her sister Kate—a life and role that she has never challenged...until now. Like most teenagers, Anna is beginning to question who she truly is. She has always been defined in terms of her sister but now she makes a decision that might have fatal consequences for the sister she loves. She sues her family for the rights to her own body. A favorite of Mrs. Gogel's

Where the Red Fern Grows . Rawls

A loving threesome, a boy and his two dogs, roam the dark hills and river bottom of Cherokee

Country. Old Dan had the brawn, Little Ann had the brains—and Billy had the will to train them to be the finest hunting team in the valley. Glory and victory are coming to them, but sadness waited too.

Friederich . Richter

A young German boy recounts the fate of his best friend, a Jew, during the Nazi regime.

Buddy is a Stupid Name for A Girl . Roberts

When her father disappears mysteriously on a trucking job, eleven-year-old Buddy moves in with relatives she hardly knows and finds herself in a dysfunctional family with secrets about the past.

Remembering Mog . Rodowsky

Annie is just about to finish high school—and can't believe it, much less imagine what will follow. Two years earlier, Annie's sister, Mog, was killed by a car thief. It happened on the night of Mog's graduation party, the eve of the ceremony. Mog didn't graduate. How can Annie?

Freaky Friday . Rodgers

Annabel has got a rough life. Her annoying little brother, Ape Face, is constantly following her around, her mom is always after her to clean up, and Boris, the boy who lives upstairs, doesn't like her a bit. She wants to be her mother! One freaky Friday, her wish comes true.

The Turnabout Shop . Rodowsky

In "conversations" with her dead mother, fifth-grader Livvy records her adjustment to living in Baltimore with a woman she had never met, and comes to see the wisdom of her mother's choice as she gets to know the woman's large, loving family.

Harry Potter . Rowling

Aquin Library has the first five books.

Icy Sparks . Rubio

Rural Kentucky in the 1950's is not an easy place to grow up, and it's especially hard for 10-year-old Icy Sparks, an orphan who lives with her grandparents. Life becomes even more difficult for Icy when violent tics and uncontrollable cursing begin—symptoms brought on by a troubling affliction that goes undiagnosed until her adulthood.

Riding Freedom . Ryan

Charlotte was raised in an orphanage for boys, which suited her just fine. She didn't like playing with dolls, she could hold her own in a fight, and she loved to work in the stable. Charlotte had a special way with horses and wanted to spend her life training and riding them on a ranch of her own.

Esperanza Rising . Ryan

Esperanza believed her life would be wonderful forever. She would always live on her family's ranch in Mexico and have fancy dresses and a beautiful home filled with servants. But a sudden tragedy shatters her world and forces Esperanza and Mama to flee to California where they settle in a camp for Mexican migrant workers.

A Blue Eyed Daisy . Rylant

A story of 11-year-old Ellie and her family who live in a coal-mining town in West Virginia.

Missing May . Rylant

Since Summer was six years old she lived with dear Aunt May and Uncle Ob. Now, six years later, Aunt May has died. Summer, who misses May with all her might, is afraid something will happen to Ob too.

Holes . Sachar

Stanley has been unjustly sent to a boys' detention center, Camp Green Lake, where the boys build character by spending all day, every day, digging holes exactly five feet wide and five feet deep. It doesn't take Stanley long to realize there's more than character improvement going on at Camp Green Lake.

Black Beauty . Sewell

Through the eyes of Black Beauty, we observe the actions of human beings. The gallant horse is sold to many types of people. Some are good masters who treat Beauty with compassion and tenderness. Others are bad masters, who do not care at all.

Frankenstein . Shelley

When obsessed university student Victor Frankenstein finds the secret of animating dead flesh, he tries to create the first of a master race, stitching rotting corpses into a superhuman giant. Then the ghastly thing opens its hideous, soulless eyes and Frankenstein flees into the night, shrieking with horror.

Seven for a Secret . Sheppard

The chores mostly got a lick and a promise and we were off rowing across the harbor. Apart from a little skinny-dipping, a Doris Day movie and kissing Matt endlessly, I didn't do anything too foolish. The first inkling of real trouble was when that man came to the Cook's Cove annual garden party. But of course we didn't know it then....

The Dark Side of Nowhere . Schusterman

For Jason Miller, Billington is the definition of dull. It's like he and his friends are trapped inside a Norman Rockwell painting. But a mysterious death changes that perception. The town has been keeping a secret. A dark secret that shatters his world and changes everything Jason thought he knew about himself...and about who he is.

Into the Dream . Sleator

When two youngsters realize they are having the same frightening dream, they begin searching for an explanation for this mysterious coincidence.

Oddballs . Sleator

A collection of stories based on experiences from the author's youth and peopled with an unusual assortment of family and friends.

The Beasties . Sleator

When fifteen-year-old Doug and his younger sister, Colette, move with their parents to a forested wilderness area, they encounter some weird creatures whose lives are endangered.

The Boxes . Sleator

When she opens two strange boxes left in her care by her mysterious uncle, fifteen-year-old Annie discovers a swarm of telepathic creatures and unleashes a power capable of slowing down time.

Others See Us . Sleator

When an accidental dunking in toxic waste gives sixteen-year-old Jared the ability to read minds, he discovers horrifying secrets about family members at the annual summer reunion.

The Boy Who Reversed Himself . Sleator

When Laura discovers that the unpopular boy living next door to her has the ability to go into

the fourth dimension, she makes the dangerous decision to accompany him on his journeys there.

Interstellar Pig . Sleator

Barney's boring seaside vacation suddenly becomes more interesting when the cottage next door is occupied by three exotic neighbors who are addicted to a game they call Interstellar Pig.

Skeeter . Smith

The adventures of two young boys befriended by an old black man who is a legendary hunter.

Zach's Lie . Smith

When Jack Osbourne is befriended by his school's custodian and a Basque girl, he begins to adjust to his family's sudden move to Elko, Nevada, after entering the Witness Security Program, but the drug cartel against which his father will testify is determined to track them down.

Series of Unfortunate Events . Snicket

After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that the distant relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune. Aquin library has a number of books in this series.

Gib Rides Home . Snyder

Eleven-year-old Gib has not known much comfort or kindness living at the Lovell House Home for Orphaned and Abandoned Boys. Gib's greatest wish, his "hope dream" is to belong to a real family. He wonders if he will ever truly belong anywhere.

A Bend in the Road . Sparks

Miles Ryan's life seemed to end the day his wife was killed in a hit-and-run accident two years ago. Missy had been his first love, and Miles fervently believes she will be his last. As a deputy sheriff in the North Carolina town, Miles not only grieves for Missy, but longs to bring the unknown driver to justice.

Maniac Magee . Spinelli

A young wanderer becomes a local hero.

Stargirl . 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.

The Edge of Next Year . Stolz

Orin was 14 and Victor 10 when their mother was killed in a car accident. Mr. Woodward turned to alcohol for comfort. Victor's obsession with animals and nature grew stronger. It was Orin who was left to tend the house and take care of his brother. In learning to accept his mother's death, Orin is able to see ahead to the "edge of next year".

Bless the Beasts and the Children . Swarthout

The nail-biters, thumb suckers, and teeth grinders at the Box Canyon Boys Camp were called the Bedwetters. They were the cast-away offspring of parents who were busy traveling, being divorced, remarrying, and garnering fortunes. They were rejects...until Cotton. Cotton pulled them together. Cotton led them on that fantastic mission to strike one final blow in the desperate battle to save themselves.

The Gospel According to Larry . Tashjian

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.

The Cay . Taylor

All his life, Phillip had looked down upon black-skinned people. Now, suddenly, he was a refugee from a fatal shipwreck, and dependent on an extraordinary West Indian named Timothy. There were just the two of them cast up on the barren little Caribbean Island and a crack on the head had left Phillip blind.

Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry . Taylor

A black family living in the South during the 1930's is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.

Nobody Else Has to Know . Tomey

The bright fall afternoon stretches before fifteen-year-old Webber, free and clear like the empty country road where Grandpa lets him practice driving. Then Webb wakes up in the hospital, his leg shattered and his future as a runner in doubt.

Lord of the Rings Series . Tolkien

In ancient times the Rings of Power were crafted by the Elven-smiths, and Sauron, the Dark Lord, forged the One Ring, filling it with his own power so that he could rule all others. But the One Ring was taken from him, and though he sought it throughout Middle-earth, it remained lost to him. After many ages, it fell by chance into the hands of the hobbit Bilbo Baggins. Aquin library has the series.

The Christmas Shoes . VanLiere

If we're open to it, God can use the smallest thing to change our lives...to change us. It might be a laughing child, car brakes that need fixing, a sale on pot roast, a cloudless sky, a trip to the woods to cut down a Christmas tree, a schoolteacher, a Dunhill Billiard pipe...or even a pair of shoes. Some people will never believe. They may feel that such things are too trivial, too simple, or too insignificant to forever change a life. But I believe. And I always will.

Dacey's Song . Voigt

Now that the four abandoned Tillerman children are settled in with their grandmother, Dacey finds that their new beginnings require love, trust, humor and courage.

The Troll Queen . Vornholt

Having freed the trolls of Dismal Swamp from the tyranny of Stygius Rex, the reluctant troll leader, Rollo, has left the swamp on a bittersweet mission: He plans to return his little friend Clipper to her people in the Forbidden Forest. It's a dangerous trip, but he is determined to go.

Anna is Still Here . Vos

Thirteen-year-old Anna, who was a "hidden child" in Nazi-occupied Holland during World War II, gradually learns to deal with the realities of being a survivor.

Eye of the Great Bear . Wallace

The bullies called him coward. Even his brothers thought 11-year-old Bailey was scared of his own shadow. Exploding firecrackers sent him jumping as high as a kite. He hated July 4th. But it was on that day at a carnival that an old Indian medicine man made an astonishing prophecy: "Some men spend their lives searching for who they are---searching for their courage. You will see yourself in the eye of the great bear."

Stand Your Ground . Walters

Life was pretty exciting for Jonathan when he lived with his con-artist father. But now he has to stay with his grandparents while his dad hides from some angry customers, and life is tough. It's hard to make friends when you're scamming them. Hard to gain the trust of wary grandparents. And hard to decide whether to leave when the coast is clear—or stand for a new and better life.

Beauty . Wallace

She was an old horse but she could still pull like a champ. Grampa warned him to be careful with Beauty, but Luke didn't listen. On the night of the wild storm, Beauty raced through the barn doors he'd forgotten to close into a terrible trap, and Luke ran into the blinding rain desperate to save the best friend he'd ever had...

The Kingdom by the Sea . Westall

After his family disappears in a German bombing raid, Harry decides to fend for himself. With only a faithful dog as his companion, and nowhere else to go, he begins a courageous journey along the northern English seacoast.

Time of Fire . Westall

In England during World War II, with his mother dead from a German bomb and his father off in training and action, but keeping him informed by letter, Sonny tries to understand the darkest truths of war and retribution.

Homeless Bird . Whelan

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.

Belle Prater's Boy . White

When Belle Prater disappears, Belle's boy, Woodrow, comes to live with his grandparents in Coal Station. Woodrow's cousin Gypsy lives next door and is as curious as the rest of the town about his mother's disappearance. That's when Woodrow tells Gypsy the secret about his mother. He's the only one who knows because he's Belle Prater's boy.

Love, Ruby Lavendar . Wiles

When her quirky grandmother goes to Hawaii for the summer, nine-year-old Ruby learns to survive on her own in Mississippi bay writing letters, befriending chickens as well as the new girl in town, and finally coping with her grandfather's death.

Vicky Angel . Wilson

Jade is so used to being with and agreeing with Vicky, her larger-than-life best friend, that when a tragic accident occurs, she can hardly believe that Vicky is gone. But Vicky is a spunky girl who is not going to let a small thing like being dead stop her from living life to the fullest.

What's in a Name? . Wittlinger

Each of ten teenagers living in Scrub Harbor, MA, explores his or her identity at the same time that the local residents consider changing the name of the town.

Make Lemonade . Wolff

LaVaughn needs a part-time job. Something she could do after school to help earn money for college. Jolly needs a babysitter. Someone she could trust with two kids while she works the evening shift. Together they might make it through.

Hush . Woodson

Star Wars Episode I . Wrede

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away...a world is threatened. A young queen must save her

people. A dark evil rises again. A young Jedi is discovered. The journey begins.

Amos Fortune Free Man . Yates

When Amos was only 15, he was captured by slave traders and brought to Massachusetts, where he was sold at auction. Although his freedom had been taken, Amos never lost his dignity and courage.

Boots and the Seven Leaguers . Yolen

Teen troll Gog and his best friend Pook work as roadies for a troll rock and roll band until Gog's younger brother gets kidnapped.

Briar Rose . Yolen

Ever since she was a child, Rebecca has been enchanted by her grandmother Gemma's stories about Brian Rose. But a promise Rebecca makes to her dying grandmother will lead her on a remarkable journey to uncover the truth of Gemma's astonishing claim: "I am Briar Rose".

Raptor . Zindel

Zack's father is a paleontologist, so Zack knows dinosaurs—but he never expected to come face-to-face with a real live raptor. When he and his friend discover a large egg that hatches and produces a baby raptor, they know they've stumbled onto something amazing and dangerous.

The Gadget . Zindel

Near the end of WWII, scientists are working on a project that will alter the face of the world—the atomic bomb. Thirteen-year-old Stephen is living on a top-secret military base with his father, one of the physicists building the bomb.