**Recommended Book Club Books**

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| Author | Titles | Genre/Notes | Approx Grade level |
| Abdel-fattah, Randa | Does My Head Look Big in This? | Culture/clash | 6 & up |
| Amato, Mary | Invisible Lines  Guitar Notes | sports  busy teens | 5 - 7  6 - 8 |
| Anderson, Laurie | Speak (mature content)  Chains (sequel) | Contemp  Slavery | 6 & up  5 & up |
| Avi | Beyond the Western Sea I & II  Crispin, Cross of Lead (sequels) | Hist. fic  Medieval | 6  6,7 |
| Bartoletti | The Boy Who Dared | WWII | 5 - 8 |
| Bauer, Joan | Close to Famous | Cont. | 4 - 8 |
| Beals, Melba  **YA 370.19342** | Warriors Don’t Cry | Bio, Civil Rts. | 6 & up |
| Bennett, Cheri | Searching for David’s Heart | Contemp | 4 - 8 |
| Bloor, Edward | Tangerine | Sport, fic | 6 |
| Byars, Betsy | The Not-Just-Anybody Family (series)  Midnight Fox  The Pinballs  Summer of the Swans | Contemp  Animal Fic  Newbery Hon.  Newbery Med | 4, 5  4,5  5,7  4 - 6 |
| Carbone, Elisa | Blood on the River | Jamestown | 5 - 8 |
| Choldenko, Gennifer | Al Capone Does my Shirts (sequels)  Notes From a Liar and her Dog | Historical fic  Contemp | 5 - 7  5 - 7 |
| Clements, Andrew | frindle  No Talking  Landry News  A Week in the Woods  & more  Things Not Seen (sequel) | School  Stories  Sci Fic (sequels) | 4 - 7    6 - 8 |
| Conly, Leslie | Crazy Lady | Newbery Hon | 5 - 7 |
| Conrad, Pam | Stonewords (sequel)  Pedro’s Journal  Prairie Songs | Ghost Story  Columbus  Historical Fic | 5 - 7  4, 5  5 - 7 |
| Curtis, Christopher Paul | Bud, Not Buddy  Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963 | Newbery Med  Newbery Hon | 5 - 7  5 - 7 |
| Cushman, Catherine | The Ballad of Lucy Whipple  Catherine, Called Birdy  The Midwife's Apprentice | Gold Rush  Middle Ages  Middle Ages | 4 - 7  7th Core  6 & up |
| 610.922 Davis, George | We Beat the Street  3 inner city African American boys become doctors | 3 autobio | 6th & up |
| Dowell, Frances O’Roark | The Secret Language of Girls (seq)  Shooting the Moon | Contemp  Hist (Vietnam) | 5 - 7  5 - 7 |
| Draper, Sharon | Out of My Mind  Copper Sun  Tears of the Tiger (sequels)  Forged by Fire | Disabilities  Hist Fic  Teens  Inner City | 5 - 8  5 - 8  7, 8  7. 8 |
| Ferris, Jean | Of Sound Mind  Bad  Underground  Eight Seconds | disabilities  Troubled teen  Hist. fic  contemp | 6 & up  7 & up  5 & up  7 & up |
| Fleischman, Sid | By the Great Horn Spoon  The 13th Floor  Bandit’s Moon  The Whipping Boy | Gold Rush  Hist, time travel  Calif. History  Hist. fiction | 4th  4, 5  4  4, 5 |
| Freedman, Russell | Biographies and Interesting History |  | 4 & up |
| Gantos, Jack | Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key (sequels)  Dead End in Norvelt (sequel) | Disabilities  Newbery Med | 4 - 7  5 - 8 |
| Gardiner, John | The Stone Fox | Adven | 3 - 5 |
| Gardner, Sally | The Red Necklace (sequel) | French Rev. | 6 & up |
| Giles, Gail | Shattering Glass (mature content) | teen | 7 & up |
| Gutman, Dan | The Homework Machine (sequel)  Weird School Series  Baseball Card Adventures  Million Dollar Shot & others | Contemp  Humor  Time trav  Sports | 4 - 7  3 - 6  5 - 7  4 - 6 |
| Haddix, Margaret Peterson | Running Out of Time  Among the Hidden (Shadow Children series | Hist, Cont.  Sci Fi | 5 - 7  5 - 8 |
| Hahn, Mary Downing | Wait Till Helen Comes  A Time for Andrew  A Doll in the Garden  The Gentleman Outlaw and Me | Ghost  Ghost, time  Ghost, time  West. Advent | 4 - 7  4 - 7  4 - 6  4 - 6 |
| Hiaasen, Carl | Flush  Hoot  Chomp | Mystery | 5 - 8 |
| Horowitz, Anthony | Stormbreaker (Alex Rider Series) | Sci Fi Advent | 5 & up |
| Howe, James | The Misfits (sequels) | School | 5 & up |
| Kadohata, Cynthia | Cracker  A Million Shades of Gray | Vietnam  Vietnam | 5 & up  5 & up |
| Karr, Kathleen | The Great Turkey Walk | Hist. fic | 4 - 6 |
| Key, Watt | Alabama Moon (sequel) | Adventure | 5 - 8 |
| Konigsberg, E.L. | From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E Frankweiler  Silent to the Bone  The Second Mrs. Giaconda | Urban Adv.  Teen trauma  Renaissance | 3 - 6  6 - 8  7 - 8 |
| Korman, Gordon | No More Dead Dogs  Schooled  Pop!  Swindle  (sequels)  Variety of short adventure series | Contemp  Contemp  Action, football  Contemp Myst | 5 - 8  5 - 8  5 - 8  5 - 7 |
| LaFaye,  A. | Worth | Hist. adv | 4 - 7 |
| L’Engle, Madeleine | A Wrinkle in Time (sequels) | Sci Fi, Newbery | 4 - 8 |
| Levine, Gail Carson | Ella Enchanted , fantasy  The Wish  contemp | Newbery hon | 5 - 7  5 - 7 |
| Levine, Kristin | Best Bad Luck I Ever Had | Integration | 5 - 7 |
| Lowry, Lois | Anastasia Krupnik (series)  Number the Stars  Taking Care of Terrific | Contemp  WWII  Contemp | 4 - 6  5 - 8  4 - 6 |
| Lupica, Mike | Heat, and many other sports books | Sports fic | 5 - 7 |
| Martin, Ann M | Belle Teal  Here Today | racism  family issues | 5 - 8  6 - 8 |
| McKissack, Patricia | A Friendship for Today  Who Comes with Cannons  Many good biographies | school integ  Civil War | 4 - 8  5 - 8 |
| Meyer, L.A, | Bloody Jack (1st of a series) | Hist. Adv. | 6 - 8 |
| Mikaelsen, Ben | Touching Spirit Bear  Rescue Josh Mcguire  Petey | Adv. teen  Adventure  Disabilities | 5 - 8  5 - 8  6 - 8 |
| Myers, Walter Dean | The Greatest, Muhammad Ali  Malcolm X; By Any Means Necessary  Monster  many titles | Bio  Bio  Troubled teen | 4 - 8  6 - 8  6 - 8 |
| Myron, Vicki  **636.800929** | Dewey, The Library Cat | Cat Bio | 4 - 8 |
| Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds | Shiloh (sequels)  Jade Green  The Fear Place | Dog, Adv.  Ghost Story  Adventure | 4 - 7  5 - 8  4 - 6 |
| Nixon, Joan Lowery | A Family Apart, sequels  House on Hackman’s Hill | Orphan train  Mystery | 5 - 8 |
| O’Connor Barbara | How to Steal a Dog | Homelessness | 4 - 7 |
| Palacio, RJ | Wonder | differences | 4 - 8 |
| Paulsen, Gary  He’s written a lot, these are ones I’ve read and endorse | Hatchet, sequels  Harris & Me  Mr. Tucket, sequels  Notes From the Dog  Transall Saga | adventure  Hist. fic, humor  Hist. advent  Cont.  Sci Fi | 4 - 8  6 - 8  4 - 7  5 - 8  5 - 8 |
| Peck, Richard | A Long Way From Chicago  A Year Down Yonder (sequel) | Great Dep. | 5 - 8  6 - 8 |
| Pennypacker, Sara | Clementine (series) | Ramona Quimby in New York | 3 - 4 |
| Philbrick, Rodman | Freak, the Mighty | Fitting In. | 5 - 8 |
| Rawls, Louis | Summer of the Monkeys (I like this one better)  Where the Red Fern Grows | Hist. Adv | 4 - 8 |
| Reit, Seymour | Behind Rebel Lines, Emma Edmonds | Bio, Civil war | 5 - 8 |
| Ritter, John | Choosing Up Sides  Over the Wall | Hist. Sport  Baseball | 5 - 8  6 - 8 |
| Rocklin, Kathryn | Four Your Eyes Only | Cont. | 4 - 7 |
| Rowling, J.K. | Harry Potter, get them started | Fantasy | 4 & up |
| Ryan, Pam Munoz | Riding Freedom  Esperanza Rising  Becoming Naomi Leon | Calif. Hist.  Calif Hist  Cont | 4 - 7  4 - 8  4 - 7 |
| Sachar, Louis | Holes (sequel)  There’s a Boy in the Girls’ Bathroom | Newbery  fitting in | 4 - 8  3 - 6 |
| Schmidt, Gary | The Wednesday Wars, Okay for Now  He has a lot of titles, that I’ve heard are very good, but haven’t read. | 1960’s | 5 - 8 |
| Sharenow, Robert  Smith, Sherri L. | My Mother the Cheerleader  Flygirl | integration  WWII, Af. Am. | 6 - 8  6 - 8 |
| Sonnenblick, Jordan | Drums, Girls, & Dangerous Pie (sequel)  Notes from a Midnight Driver | Cancer  Teen | 5 - 8  6 - 8 |
| Speare, Elizabeth | The Witch of Blackbird Pond  The Bronze Bow  The Sign of the Beaver | Colonial  Romans, Jesus  Colonial | 5 - 8  6 - 8  5 - 8 |
| Spinelli, Jerry | Crash  Loser  Milkweed  Stargirl (sequel) | Bullies  Fitting in  WWII  independence | 4 - 8  3 - 7  5 - 8  5 - 8 |
| Taylor, Theodore | The Trouble with Tuck  The Cay prequel.sequel) | Dog, disability  Adv. WWII | 3 - 6  5 - 8 |
| Tolan | Surviving the Applewhites | Troubled teen | 6 - 8 |
| Wiles, Deborah | Each Little Bird That Sings  Love, Ruby Lavender | family  family | 4 - 8  4 - 8 |
| Wolf, Joan | Someone Named Eva | WWII | 5 - 8 |
| Wright, Betty Ren | Dollhouse Murders  and many other mysteries | Mystery | 3 - 7 |
| Yolen, Jane | The Devil’s Arithmetic | Holocaust | 6 - 8 |
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