

Intermediate Fiction - 2009

**** MY FAVORITES ****

Ready to move on? Listed below are some of my all-time favorite authors and titles. You and your child need to evaluate what is appropriate for his/her skills and or interests. Encourage them to try different authors and genres. **Continue to read aloud to your children! Sometimes the best way to encourage a child to read a story on their own is to start reading it aloud to each other.**

****Alexander, Lloyd. *The Book of Three.***

Taran, the Assistant Pig Keeper in the mythical kingdom of Prydain, sets out with the warrior Gwydion to save his country from evil. **Series.**

****Avi. *Poppy***

Poppy the deer mouse urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas.

Baldacci, David. ***The mystery of Silas Finklebean.***

Competing in the Pookesville science contest, nine-year-old inventor Freddy Funkhouser builds a time machine to try to outwit rival Adam Spanker, whose volcano is set to annihilate the Funkhouser restaurant.

Balliett, Blue. ***The Wright 3.***

In the midst of a series of unexplained accidents and mysterious coincidences, sixth-graders Calder, Petra, and Tommy lead their classmates in an attempt to keep Frank Lloyd Wright's famous Robie House from being demolished. New title is ***The Calder Game.***

Banks, Lynne Reid. ***Harry the poisonous centipede goes to sea.***

The further adventures of Harry and George, two young poisonous centipedes, as they travel across the sea to a mysterious new land filled with dangerous hoo-mins.

****Barrows, Annie. *The Magic Half.***

Eleven-year-old Miri Gill feels left out in her family, which has two sets of twins and her, until she travels back in time to 1935 and discovers Molly, her own lost twin, and brings her back to the present day. **Barrows is the author of the Ivy + Bean series.**

Barry, Dave. ***Peter and the Starcatchers.***

Peter, an orphan boy, and his friend Molly fight off thieves and pirates in order to keep the secret safe away from the diabolical Black Stache and his evil associate Mister Grin. **(trilogy)**

Baum, L. Frank. ***The Wizard of Oz.***

All time classic fantasy. **Series.**

Bearn, Emily. ***Tumtum & Nutmeg : adventures beyond Nutmouse Hall.***

Wealthy, married mice Tumtum and Nutmeg find adventure when they secretly try to help two human siblings who live in a tumbledown cottage with their absent-minded inventor father.

****Birdsall, Jeanne. *The Penderwicks.***

While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother. ****The Penderwicks on Gardam Street is just as good.**

Blume, Judy. ***Double Fudge.***

His younger brother's obsession with money and the discovery of long-lost cousins Flora and Fauna provide many embarrassing moments for twelve-year-old Peter. **Series.**

****Boniface, William. The hero revealed #1.**

Ordinary Boy, the only resident of Superopolis without a superpower, uncovers and foils a sinister plot to destroy the town. + sequels

****Brink, Carol Ryrie. Caddie Woodlawn.**

The adventures of an eleven-year-old tomboy growing up on the Wisconsin frontier in the mid-nineteenth century.

Broach, Elise. The Masterpiece.

Conn's life is forever changed when he tries to pick the pocket of the wizard Nevery and instead gets a strong jolt of magic, but, instead of punishing the boy, Nevery takes Conn under his wing, teaches him magic, and enlists his help in finding the person responsible for stealing the city's dwindling magic supply.

Buckley, Michael. The Fairy-tale detectives #1

Orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are sent to live with an eccentric grandmother that they have always believed to be dead. **"Sisters Grimm" series**

****Byng, Georgia. Molly Moon's Incredible. Book of Hypnotism.**

Unlucky and unloved, Molly Moon, living in a dreary orphanage in a small English town, discovers a hidden talent for hypnotism and hypnotizes her way to stardom in New York City. **Molly Moon Stops the World..** Now there are four.

Cabot, Meg. Moving Day #1

Nine-year-old Allie Finkle has rules for everything and is even writing her own rule book, but her world is turned upside-down when she learns that her family is moving across town, which will mean a new house, school, best friend, and plenty of new rules. **Series. Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls.**

Cleary, Beverly. From "Ramona" to Henry Huggins" to the "Mouse and the Motorcycle" – read them all!

Clements, Andrew. The Report Card.

Fifth-grader Nora Rowley has always hidden the fact that she is a genius from everyone because all she wants is to be normal, but when she comes up with a plan to prove that grades are not important, things begin to get out of control. **No Talking, School Story and Frindle** are other great Clements titles.

Colfer, Eoin. Artemis Fowl: The Eternity Code.

Discovering a way to build a super-computer using stolen fairy technology, young criminal mastermind Artemis sets out to blackmail a Chicago businessman but runs into a trap that leaves Butler mortally injured. **Series. Latest in the series is coming this summer.**

****Collins, Suzanne. Gregor the Overlander. and now Gregor and the Prophecy of Bane.**

In his second adventure, eleven-year-old Gregor returns to the world beneath New York City to rescue his kidnapped sister, Boots, and fulfill a prophecy that will restore peace to the people, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders who populate the underworld. **Gregor and the Code of Claw #5 is the final book in the series.**

Conly, Jane Leslie. The Rudest Alien on Earth.

Having landed on a dairy farm in Vermont, an alien from another galaxy befriends two human children and uses her ability to change into animals to learn about Earth society.

Corder, Zizou. Lion Boy : The First Book in a Trilogy.

In the near future, a boy with the ability to speak the language of cats sets out from London to seek his kidnapped parents and finds himself on a Paris-bound circus ship learning to train lions. **Lion Boy : The Truth : The Last Book in a Trilogy.**

Coville, Bruce. **Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher** and all the other "Magic Shop" books.

****Creech, Sharon. Ruby Holler.**

Thirteen-year-old fraternal twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage but their lives change forever when an eccentric but sweet older couple invites them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler. **Great author.**

Crilley, Mark. Akiko : pieces of Gax.

Sixth-grader Akiko and her friends from the planet Smoo travel to the upside-down city of Gollarondo where an accident befalls Gax the robot and a search begins for all his missing pieces. **Series.**

****Curtis, Christopher Paul. The Watsons go to Birmingham – 1963.**

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African-American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

Bud, Not Buddy.

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

****Dahl, Roald. The BFG.**

Kidnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants. **Read everything by Roald Dahl.**

Danziger, Paula. PS Longer letter later.

Twelve-year-old best friends Elizabeth and Tara-Starr continue their friendship through letter-writing after Tara-Starr's family moves to another state. Sequel is **Snail Mail No More.**

****DiCamillo, Kate. Because of Winn-Dixie.**

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

The Tale of Despereaux.

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

****DiCamillo, Kate.**

The miraculous journey of Edward Tulane. Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.

DiTerlizzi, Tony. The Field Guide.

When the Grace children go to stay at their Great Aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some unusual experiences. **The Spiderwick Chronicles 1 – 5, and the beginning of a second series.**

Dower, Laura. Heart to Heart.

Madison Finn tries to discover the identity of her secret admirer before the school dance. **Madison Finn series.**

Doyle, Roddy. The Meanwhile Adventures.

When Mister Mack gets arrested for supposedly robbing the bank, it is up to Rover the dog and the Mack children to rescue him and find their Guinness-record-breaking mother who is running around the world.

Edwards, Julie Andrews. The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles.

With help from an eccentric professor in giving their imaginations special intensive training, three children succeed in locating the last of the great Whangdoodles and granting his heart's desire

Finney, Patricia. **I, Jack.**

Jack, a Labrador Retriever, tells about his daily life of food, walks, and the "apedogs" and "funny-looking dogs" (cats) in his pack, as well as how everything changes when a pretty girl dog moves into the neighborhood. Includes explanatory footnotes written by the cats.

Funke, Cornelia. **Dragon rider.

After learning that humans are headed toward his hidden home, Firedrake, a silver dragon, is joined by a brownie and an orphan boy in a quest to find the legendary valley known as the Rim of Heaven, encountering friendly and unfriendly creatures along the way, and struggling to evade the relentless pursuit of an old enemy. Also try her "Ghosthunters" series.

Gantos, Jack. **Jack Adrift: Fourth Grade Without a Clue.**

When his father rejoins the Navy and moves the family to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, ten-year-old Jack becomes confused by a crush on his teacher, contradictory advice from his parents, and a very strange neighbor.

Gleitzman, Morris. **Toad Rage.**

Determined to understand why humans hate cane toads and to improve relations between the species, Limpy embarks on a dangerous trek from his swamp to the Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia. **Toad Heaven** and **Toad Away** follow.

Gutman, Dan. **Mickey & Me: A Baseball Card Adventure.**

When Joe travels back to 1944, he meets the Milwaukee Chicks, one of the only all-female professional baseball teams in the history of the game. **Series.**

Gutman, Dan. **Satch & me : a baseball card adventure. With his ability to travel through time using vintage baseball cards, Joe takes Flip with him to find out whether Satchel Paige really was the fastest pitcher ever.

Hale, Bruce. **The Hamster of the Baskervilles: From the Tattered Casebook of Chet Gecko, Private Eye.**

Something is trashing the classrooms at Emerson Hicky Elementary School, and sixth-grade private eye Chet Gecko sets out to find the creature that's responsible. **Series.**

Hannigan, Katherine. **Ida B-- : and her plans to maximize fun, avoid disaster, and (possibly) save the world.

In Wisconsin, fourth-grader Ida B spends happy hours being home-schooled and playing in her family's apple orchard, until her mother begins treatment for breast cancer and her parents must sell part of the orchard and send her to public school.

Hannigan, Katherine. **Emmaline and the bunny.**

Everyone and everything in the town of Neatasapin is tidy, except Emmaline who likes to dig dirt and jump in puddles, and wants to adopt an untidy bunny.

Hazen, Lynn E. **Mermaid Mary Margaret.**

Eleven-year-old Mary Margaret takes a cruise through the Greek Isles with her recently widowed grandmother and keeps a journal of her adventures.

Hiaasen, Carl. **Flush.

With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.

Hoeye, Michael. **The Sands of Time.**

Despite fierce opposition from mouse supremacists and other residents of Pinchester, three mice team up with an old chipmunk to prove that there existed, long before the time of mice, a Cat Kingdom. **Series. No time like show time** is the latest.

Holm, Jennifer L. **Our Only May Amelia.**

As the only girl in a Finnish American family of seven brothers, May Amelia Jackson resents being expected to act like a lady while growing up in Washington state in 1899.

Horvath, Polly. **Everything on a Waffle.**

Eleven-year-old Primrose, who lives in a small fishing village in British Columbia, recounts her experiences and all that she learns about human nature and the unpredictability of life in the months after her parents are lost at sea.

****Hunter, Erin. The darkest hour #6.**

ThunderClan's darkest hour is upon them and Fireheart, the warrior cat, must protect his clan from a threat unlike any the forest has ever seen, as the time comes for prophecies to unfold and heroes to rise. **Warriors series. Very popular with girls and boys!!**

****Ibbotson, Eva. Which Witch?**

Deciding that he must sire a child to carry on his tradition of Loathing Light and Blighting the Beautiful, the Great Wizard Arriman announces a competition among the witches of Todcaster, one of whom will marry him.

Jacques, Brian. **Triss: A Tale from Redwall.**

Triss, Shogg, and Welfo escape from slavery at Riftgard and are pursued across the sea toward Redwall by Princess Kurdah, Prince Bladd, and a band of freebooters who seek the rumored treasure of Brockhall. **Redwall series.**

Jones, Diana Wynne. **Witch's Business.**

Frank and Jess's scheme to earn money by hiring themselves out as revenge seekers seems like a good one until they discover they are in competition with a witch.

****Juster, Norton. The Phantom Tollbooth.**

A journey through a land where Milo learns the importance of words and numbers provides a cure for his boredom.

Kehret, Peg. **Spy Cat.**

A series of burglaries in their quiet community upsets Alex's family, particularly his younger brother Benjie, but the bad guys are no match for the very protective family cat and Benjie's "spy" skills. **Lots of good mysteries.**

****Kelly, Katy, Lucy Rose, Here's the Thing About Me.**

Eight-year-old Lucy Rose keeps a diary of her first year in Washington, D.C., her home since her parents' separation, where she spends time with her grandparents, makes new friends, and longs to convince her teacher to let her take care of the class pet during a holiday. **Melonhead is her new book.**

Kerr, Philip. **The Akhenaten Adventure.**

When twelve-year-old twins Philippa and John discover that they are descended from a long line of djinn, their mother sends them away to their Uncle Nimrod, who takes them to Cairo where he starts to teach them about their extraordinary powers. **Children of the Lamp series.**

Kessler, Liz. **The Tail of Emily Windsnap.**

After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, twelve-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world. **Emily Windsnap and the monster from the deep.** Reunited with her merman father and now living on an island located in the Bermuda Triangle, twelve-year-old Emily accidentally awakens the fearsome kraken and also faces a bully from her past. **Emily Windsnap and the castle in the mist.** When she incurs Neptune's wrath by finding a diamond ring buried under rocks in the ocean, Emily is put under a curse that will force her to choose to be either a mermaid or a human and split up her parents forever.

King-Smith, Dick. **A Mouse Called Wolf.**

A mouse with an unusual name shares his musical gift with a widowed concert pianist. **Wonderful animal stories.**

****Kinney, Jeff. Diary of a Wimpy Kid.**

Our longest waiting lists this year were for the three books in this series!! They are very funny.

Klages, Ellen. **The green glass sea.**

While her father works on the Manhattan Project, eleven-year-old gadget lover and outcast Dewey Kerrigan lives in Los Alamos Camp, and becomes friends with Suze, another young girl who is shunned by her peers. **White Sands, Red Menace is the new sequel.**

****Lasky, Kathryn. The Capture.**

Four owls band together to save the owl world from an unimaginable evil. **Series.**

Konigsburg, E L. **From the Mixed up Files**

Newbery winner, great mystery and the Metropolitan Museum of Art – what could be better.

L'Engle, Madeleine. **A Wrinkle in Time.**

Another Newbery winner. Classic.

Leonard, Elmore. **A Coyote's in the House.**

Antwan, a coyote, befriends Buddy, an aging movie-star pooch, poses as a dog to move in with a human family, and finds himself giving him new pal advice when Buddy decides toeschew humans and take a walk on the wild side..

Levine, Gail Carson. **Ella Enchanted.**

In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

Lin, Grace. **The year of the dog : a novel.**

Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog, those of making best friends and finding oneself, to her own life. **Series.**

Lord, Cynthia. **Rules.**

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with an young paraplegic.

Lowry, Lois. **Anastasia Krupnik.**

Anastasia's 10th year has some good things like falling in love and really getting to know her grandmother and some bad things like finding out about an impending baby brother. **Series.**

Lowry, Lois. The Willoughbys.

A tongue-in-cheek take on classic themes in children's literature, in which the four Willoughby children set out to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny.

MacDonald, Amy. **No More Nice.**

Eleven-year-old Simon has been raised to be extremely well-behaved, but when he goes to visit his unconventional great-aunt he discovers that not everyone has the same ideas about good manners.

MacHale, D.J. **The Merchant of Death.**

Fourteen-year-old Bobby Pendragon, having learned he is a Traveler--someone who can ride "flumes" through time and space, is soon off to the alternative dimension of Denduron where he teams up with Loor, a girl his age from the warrior-territory of Zadaa, in an attempt to save the gentle Milago people from slavery. **Pendragon series.**

Mackel, Kathy. **Can of Worms.**

Bullied and unhappy at school, thirteen-year-old Mike, who has always thought that he might be an alien, sends a distress call into space asking to be rescued from the ignorance and cruelty of his life on Earth.

Martin, Ann M. **The Doll People, The Meanest Doll in the World** and now **The Runaway Dolls.**

Annabelle and Tiffany, dolls who are best friends living in the Palmer house, have an adventure when they hide in Kate Palmer's backpack, are carried to school, mistakenly go to another house, and try to stop Princess Mimi, a doll who threatens all dollkind. **Series.**

Mazer, Anne. **Everything New Under the Sun.**

Abby looks forward to visiting her grandmother, but her cousin will also be there, and they do not get along. Can working on the same project bring them closer together? **Abby Hayes series.**

McAllister, Margaret. **Urchin of the Riding Stars.**

A group of animals, led by an orphaned squirrel, learns about friendship and loyalty when they band together to defend their island kingdom against evil forces. **Series.**

Mould, Chris. **The wooden mile #1.**

Eleven-year-old Stanley Buggle, happily anticipating a long summer vacation in the house he inherits from his great-uncle, discovers, soon after arriving in the seemingly peaceful village of Crampton Rock, that along with the house he has also inherited some sinister neighbors, a talking stuffed fish, and a host of mysteries surrounding his great-uncle's death.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. **Starting with Alice.**

After she, her older brother, and their father move from Chicago to Maryland, Alice has trouble fitting into her new third grade class, but with the help of some new friends and her own unique outlook, she survives. **Series.**

The Girls Take Over. The Malloy girls and the Hatford boys continue to get in trouble as they try to outdo each other in bottle racing, spelling, and baseball. **Series.**

Nimmo, Jenny. **Midnight for Charlie Bone.**

Charlie Bone's life with his widowed mother and two grandmothers undergoes a dramatic change when he discovers that he can hear people in photographs talking. **Series.**

Nix, Garth. **Mister Monday.**

Arthur's life is saved by a key shaped like the minute hand of a clock, but bizarre creatures from another realm are determined to take the key even if it means killing him. **Series.**

O'Brien, Robert C. **Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH.**

Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise and long lived.

O'Dell, Kathleen. **Ophie out of Oz.**

Fourth-grader Ophelia Peeler has always felt that she was just like Dorothy in Oz, skipping down the yellow brick road, until a move to Oregon, away from her best friend, sends her on a different path.

Oppel, Kenneth. **Silverwing.**

When a newborn bat named Shade but sometimes called "Runt" becomes separated from his colony during migration, he grows in ways that prepare him for even greater journeys. **Series.**

Paolini, Christopher. **Eragon.** In Alagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters. **Eldest is the sequel. Brisingr, #3.**

****Paulsen, Gary. Hatchet**

Great survival story. Also the "Tucket" books.

Pennypacker, Sara. **Clementine.**

While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

Pinkwater, Daniel Manus. **Looking for Bobowicz : a Hoboken Chicken Story.**

Upon moving to Hoboken, New Jersey, a boy convinces his two new friends to help him track down the mysterious phantom who stole his bicycle, as well as Arthur Bobowicz, owner of a giant chicken that once terrorized local citizens.

****Primavera, Elise. The Secret Order of the Gumm Street Girls.**

In order to save the town of Sherbet, four girls with very little in common involved with some people and events that seem to bear a resemblance to "The Wizard of Oz."

Prineas, Sarah. **The magic Thief.**

Conn's life is forever changed when he tries to pick the pocket of the wizard Nevery and instead gets a strong jolt of magic, but, instead of punishing the boy, Nevery takes Conn under his wing, teaches him magic, and enlists his help in finding the person responsible for stealing the city's dwindling magic supply.

****Riordan, Rick. The Lightning Thief. #1**

Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon, and is sent to Camp Half Blood, a special camp to prepare him to stop a war among the gods. "Percy Jackson" series. We had over 30 kids on hold for "The Last Olympian" when school ended this year.

Rodda, Emily. **Rowan and the Keeper of the Crystal.** Destiny leads Rowan of Rin to make choices, which could save a powerful crystal, thereby ensuring the safety of his people and his people's shore-dwelling allies. . **Series.**

****Rowling, J.K. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.**

Read all of them!

****Ryan, Pam Muñoz. Becoming Naomi León.**

When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father. Wonderful writer. Also read "Riding Freedom"

Rylant, Cynthia. **Old Town in the Green Groves: The Lost Little House Years.**

After grasshoppers ruin the crops, eight-year-old Laura Ingalls and her family leave Plum Creek and move to Burr Oak, Iowa, where they experience life in a small town and help manage a hotel.

Sage, Angie. **Magyk. #1**

After learning that she is the Princess, Jenna is whisked from her home and carried toward safety by the Extraordinary Wizard, those she always believed were her father and brother, and a young guard known only as Boy 412--pursued by agents of those who killed her mother ten years earlier. **Septimus Heap series.**

Schade, Susan. **Travels of Thelonius.**

At a time when animals only know myths about the talking humans who once dominated and nearly destroyed the world, a young chipmunk escapes danger in the City of Ruins and, with new friends, finds the Fog Mound, where all creatures live in peace and harmony. **"Fog Mound" series. Very popular!**

Seidler, Tor. **Gully's travels.**

A well-bred Lhasa Apso named Gulliver is forced to leave his master and finds a new one named Carlos, the doorman of a Manhattan apartment building, who takes the dog to his place in Queens, where Gully meets low-life mutts and boisterous humans.

****Selznick, Brian. *The Invention of Hugo Cabret : a novel in words and pictures.***

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

Winner of the Caldecott Medal for illustration.

Slote, Alfred. ***Finding Buck McHenry.***

Eleven-year-old Jason, believing the school custodian Mack Henry to be Buck McHenry, a famous pitcher from the old Negro League, tries to enlist him as a coach for his Little League team by revealing his identity to the world.

Snicket, Lemony. ***The Carnivorous Carnival.***

On the run as suspected murderers, the unlucky Baudelaire orphans find themselves trapped in the Caligari Carnival, where they must masquerade as freaks in order to hide from the evil Count Olaf. **Series of Unfortunate Events.**

Steig, William. ***Abel's Island.*** Castaway on an uninhabited island, Abel, a very civilized mouse, finds his resourcefulness and endurance tested to the limit as he struggles to survive and return to his home.

Stewart, Paul. ***Beyond the Deep Woods.***

Thirteen-year-old Twig, having always looked and felt different from his woodtroll family, learns that he is adopted and travels out of his Deepwoods home to find the place where he belongs. **Edge Chronicles series.**

Stone, Jeffrey S. ***Tiger #1.***

Five young warrior-monk brothers survive an insurrection and must use the ancient arts to avenge their Grandmaster. **"Five Ancestors" series.**

****Streatfield, Noel. *Ballet Shoes.***

Relates the fortunes of three adopted sisters who take dancing and stage training, one to become an actress, the second a ballerina, and the third an aviatrix.

Van Draanen, Wendelin. ***Secret Identity #1.***

Fifth-grader Nolan Byrd, tired of being called names by the class bully, has a secret identity--Shredderman!. **Shredderman 1 - 4**

Vande Velde, Vivian. ***Wizard at Work: A Novel in Stories.***

A young wizard, who runs a school to teach wizards, looks forward to a quiet summer off but is drawn into adventures with princesses, unicorns, and ghosts instead.

****Wilder, Laura Ingalls. *Little House in the Big Woods.***

A year in the life of two young girls growing up on the Wisconsin frontier, as they help their mother with the daily chores, enjoy their father's stories and singing, and share special occasions when they get together with relatives or neighbors. **Classic series.**

Wiles, Deborah. ***The Aurora County All-Stars.***

Twelve-year-old House Jackson, team captain and star pitcher of the Aurora County All-Stars, is finally ready to play again after being sidelined for a year with a broken elbow, but a standoff ensues when the team's big game is scheduled for the same day as Aurora County's two-hundredth anniversary pageant--an event directed by the very girl who caused Jackson's injury.

Yep, Laurence. ***The earth dragon awakes : the San Francisco earthquake of 1906***

Eight-year-old Henry and nine-year-old Chin love to read about heroes in popular "penny dreadful" novels, until they both witness real courage while trying to survive the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. Yep also has a very good book set on Angel Island.