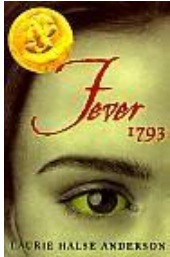
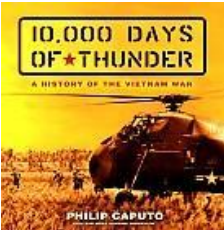
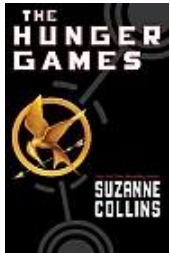



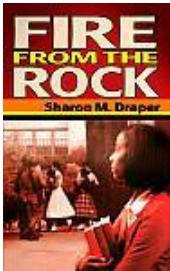
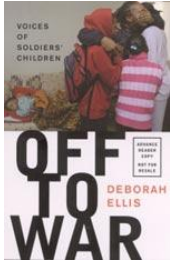
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COVER	AUTHOR	TITLE	SUMMARY	GENRE
	Anderson, Laurie Halse	Fever, 1793	Sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of the yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia in 1793.	Historical Fiction
	Caputo, Philip	10,000 Days of Thunder: A History of the Vietnam War	in this stirring chronicle, Pulitzer Prize- winning journalist Philip Caputo writes about our country's most controversial war -- the Vietnam War -- for young readers. Caputo's dynamic narrative is highlighted by stunning photographs and key campaign and battlefield maps,	Nonfiction
	Collins, Suzanne	The Hunger Games	Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen accidentally becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a grave competition hosted by the Capitol where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death.	Science Fiction

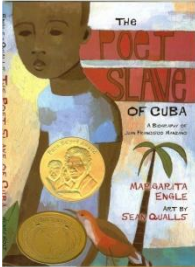
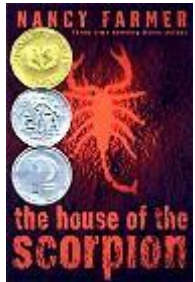
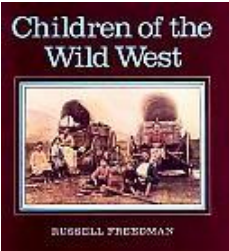
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	<p>Cooper, Michael</p>	<p>Dust to Eat: Drought and Depression in the 1930's</p>	<p>The 1930s in America will always be remembered for twin disasters-the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl. This chronicles the everyday struggle for survival by those who lost everything, as well as the mass exodus westward to California on fabled Route 66.</p>	<p>Nonfiction</p>
	<p>Draper, Sharon M.</p>	<p>Fire from the Rock</p>	<p>Sylvia Patterson's life suddenly changes with the integration of Little Rock's Central High in 1957 when she is selected to be one of the first black students to attend the previously all white school.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p>
	<p>Ellis, Deborah</p>	<p>Off to War: Voices of Soldiers' Children</p>	<p>A collection of essays in which the children of Canadian and American soldiers who have been sent to war in Iraq share their feelings on their fathers' experiences and the impact they have had on their family.</p>	<p>Nonfiction</p>




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	<p>Engle, Margarita</p>	<p>The Poet Slave of Cuba: A Biography of Juan Francisco</p>	<p>A lyrical biography of a Cuban slave who escaped to become a celebrated poet. Powerful, haunting poems and breathtaking illustrations create a portrait of a life in which even the pain of slavery could not extinguish the capacity for hope.</p>	<p>Nonfiction</p>
	<p>Farmer, Nancy</p>	<p>House of the Scorpion</p>	<p>In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.</p>	<p>Science Fiction</p>
	<p>Freedman, Russell</p>	<p>Children of the Wild West</p>	<p>Historical photographs show what life was like for pioneer and Indian children growing up in the American West during the late nineteenth century.</p>	<p>Nonfiction</p>

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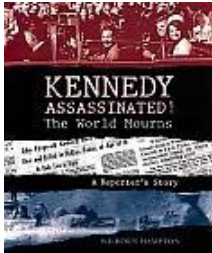

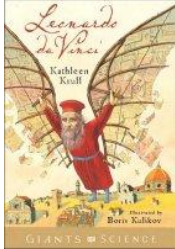
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	<p>Freedman, Russell</p>	<p>Eleanor Roosevelt-- A Life of Discovery</p>	<p>The intriguing story of Eleanor Roosevelt traces the life of the former First Lady from her early childhood through the tumultuous years in the White House to her active role in the founding of the United Nations after World War II. A Newbery Honor Book.</p>	<p>Nonfiction</p>
	<p>Freedman, Russell</p>	<p>Kids at work: Lewis Hine and the Crusade against Child Labor</p>	<p>Text and accompanying photographs show the use of children as industrial workers, interwoven with the story of Lewis W. Hine who took these photographs and whose life work made significant difference in the lives of others.</p>	<p>Nonfiction</p>
	<p>Grandits, John</p>	<p>Technically, It's Not My Fault: Concrete Poems</p>	<p>A collection of poems in which words and art combine to make pictures of the life of a boy.</p>	<p>Poetry</p>

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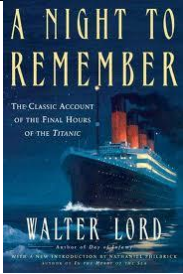
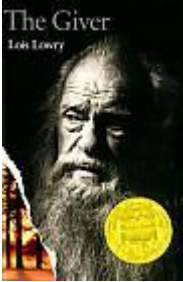


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	Hampton, Wilbron	<p>Kennedy Assassinated!</p> <p>The World Mourns</p>	The astonishing story of a reporter who was there on the day that the President died.	Nonfiction
	Hughes, Dean	Soldier Boys	Two boys, one German and one American, are eager to join their respective armies during World War II, and their paths cross at the Battle of the Bulge.	Historical Fiction
	Krull, Kathleen	Leonardo Da Vinci	Leonardo Da Vinci was obsessively devoted to investigating everything in the natural world. Nothing escaped his interest: how our eyes see, why the sky is blue, what forces build mountains, how light travels, where water comes from, and the inner workings of the human body.	Nonfiction


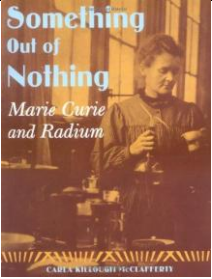

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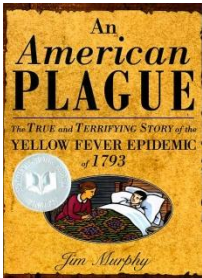
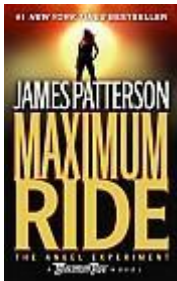

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	<p>Lord, Walter</p>	<p>A Night to Remember</p>	<p><i>A Night to Remember</i> is the gut-wrenching, minute-by minute account of the Titanic's collision with an iceberg and how the resulting tragedy brought out the best and worst in human nature.</p>	<p>Nonfiction</p>
	<p>Lowry, Lois</p>	<p>The Giver</p>	<p>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 society in which he lives.</p>	<p>Science Fiction</p>
	<p>Lubar, David</p>	<p>Sleeping Freshman Never Lie</p>	 <p>Buzz Book</p> <p>While navigating his first year of high school and awaiting the birth of his new baby brother, Scott loses old friends and gains some unlikely new ones as he hones his skills as a writer.</p>	<p>Realistic Fiction</p>

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	Lupica, Mike	Heat	Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.	Realistic Fiction
	McClafferty, Carla	Something Out of Nothing: Marie Curie and Radium	This is the story of the poor Polish girl who worked eight years to be able to afford to attend the Sorbonne in Paris and later became one of the most important scientists of her day, winning not one but two Nobel Prizes. Her life is a fascinating one, filled with hard work, humanitarianism, and tragedy.	Nonfiction
	Mikaelsen, Ben	Touching Spirit Bear	After his anger erupts into violence, fifteen year-old Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the Native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.	Science Fiction


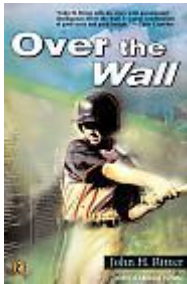
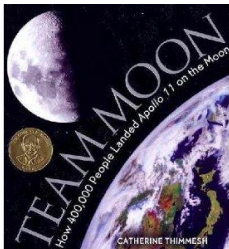
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	<p>Murphy, Jim</p>	<p>An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793</p>	<p>Provides an account of the yellow fever epidemic that swept through Philadelphia in 1793, discussing the chaos that erupted when people began evacuating in droves, leaving the city without government, goods, or services, and examining efforts by physicians, the Free African Society, and others to cure and care for the sick.</p>	<p>Nonfiction</p>
	<p>Patterson, James</p>	<p>Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment</p>	<p>Winged fourteen-year-old Max and her cohorts, children bred in a laboratory to be part human, part bird, search for clues about their parents and race to rescue Angel, one of their flock, when she is kidnapped by a wolf-human predator who long ago was Max's friend.</p>	<p>Science Fiction</p>
	<p>Pearsall, Shelley</p>	<p>All of the Above</p>	<p>Five urban middle school students, their teacher, and other community members relate how a school project to build the world's largest tetrahedron affects the lives of everyone involved.</p>	<p>Realistic Fiction</p>

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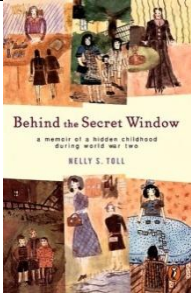
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	Philbrick, Rodman	Freak the Mighty	At the beginning of eighth grade, learning disabled Max and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team.	Realistic Fiction
	Ritter, John H.	Over the Wall	Thirteen-year-old Tyler, who has trouble controlling his anger, spends an important summer with his cousins in New York City, playing baseball and sorting out how he feels about violence, war, and in particular the Vietnamese conflict that took his grandfather's life.	Realistic Fiction
	Thimmesh, Catherine	Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon	Culled from direct quotes from the people behind the scenes, NASA transcripts, national archives and NASA photos, the whole story of Apollo 11 and the first moon landing emerges.	Nonfiction

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	Toll, Nelly S.	Behind the Secret Window	<p>The Nazis come to Poland when Nelly is six. By the time she turns eight, the events of World War II have taken almost everyone she loves. Scared, lonely, and running from the Nazis, Nelly hides in the bedroom of a Gentile couple in Poland. For over a year, she lives in fear of discovery, writing in her diary and painting pictures of a fantasy world filled with open skies and happy families. Illustrated with Nelly's original watercolors, this powerful memoir tells the true story of how a little girl's imagination helped her survive a nightmare.</p>	Nonfiction
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