

## Reading Rocks Book List

Read six books from this list and win a gift certificate. If you enjoy reading one of these books, try another one by the same author.

### Contemporary Authors

**Albom, Mitch; The Five People You Meet in Heaven**

A comforting story that beautifully illustrates how we are all connected and how our lives inevitably affect others around us.

**Berg, Elizabeth; Durable Goods, Joy School and True to Form**

Coming of age stories of Katie Nash, a young girl who lives on an army base with her recently widowed father.

**Binchy, Maeve; Evening Class**

Two lonely Dubliners, Aiden and Nora, form an evening class teaching Italian and help transform not only their own lives, but also the lives of the students.

**Binchy, Maeve; The Glass Lake**

Kit McMahon must grow up without her mother, whom she idolized, in a small Irish village until a mysterious friend of the family enters her life.

**Chevalier, Tracy; Girl with a Pearl Earring**

Griet, a young maid in the Dutch artist Vermeer's household, agrees to sit as a model for one of his paintings, and creates a scandal within the artist's family.

**Cunningham, Michael; The Hours**

Three cleverly intertwined stories all centered on Virginia Woolf's novel, Mrs. Dalloway.

**Drabble, Margaret; The Seven Sisters**

Disillusioned with life after her divorce, Candida moves to London and persuades six friends to take a fateful trip with her to Tunisia and Italy.

**Edgerton, Clyde; Walking Across Egypt**

A forthright senior citizen, Mattie Rigsbee, forms an unlikely friendship with a troubled teen-age boy.

**Fitzgerald, Penelope; The Beginning of Spring**

Nellie Reid's husband must carry on alone with the raising of their three children, when Mrs. Reid suddenly leaves their Moscow home to return to England in this comedy of manners.

**Guterson, David; Snow Falling on Cedars**

Set in the Pacific Northwest shortly after WWII, this novel tells the story of Ishmael Chambers, a local newspaper reporter who is covering a murder trial that involves people from his past.

**Haddon, Mark; The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time**

Christopher, a mathematically gifted, autistic boy sets out on a quest to solve the mystery of who killed his neighbor's dog and discovers some unsettling truths about his own family.

**Irving, John; The Cider House Rules**

A compelling novel set in the early twentieth century in rural New England that deals deftly with the issue of abortion.

**Kidd, Sue Monk; The Secret Life of Bees**

Lily Owen, who is haunted by the death of her mother, leaves her father's South Carolina peach farm and is taken in by a group of mysterious women from her mother's past.

**Kingsolver, Barbara; Prodigal Summer**

Four loosely connected stories of the experiences of several quirky characters during one summer in the Appalachian wilderness.

**Lahiri, Jhumpa; The Namesake**

A young Indian couple from Calcutta tries to settle into their arranged marriage while adjusting to American culture in Cambridge, MA.

**Letts, Billie; Where the Heart Is**

Pregnant and just 17-years-old, Novalee Nation must make a new life for herself when her boyfriend strands her at a Wal-mart during a cross-country trip.

**Martel, Yann; Life of Pi**

The young son of a zookeeper, who is stranded on a lifeboat with a tiger, struggles to survive a shipwreck.

**Miller, Sue; While I Was Gone**

Although happily married and a successful veterinarian, Jo Becker, is suddenly haunted by a secret from her past when an old friend suddenly re-enters her life.

**Picoult, Jodi; My Sister's Keeper**

A young girl sues her parents for medical emancipation after years of acting as a donor for her sister, who has leukemia.

**Shreve, Anita; The Pilot's Wife**

When Kathryn's pilot husband is killed in a plane crash, he is blamed for the accident, and she sets out on a quest to clear his name, but learns unwanted secrets about her husband's life.

**Siddons, Anne Rivers; Up Island**

Set on Martha's Vineyard, this novel tells the story of Molly Bell Redwine, whose comfortable life in Atlanta falls apart. She takes refuge with a friend on Martha's Vineyard and undertakes a voyage of self-discovery.

**Tan, Amy; The Bonesetter's Daughter**

A novel of the relationship between a proud Chinese widow and her Americanized daughter, who must deal with generational differences as well as cultural tensions.

**Tyler, Anne; The Accidental Tourist**

Trying to recover from the murder of his 12-year old son, Macon Leary, an unadventurous travel writer, moves back home with his siblings and tries to put his life back together with the help of a quirky dog trainer called Muriel.

### Biography

**Blais, Madeleine; In These Girls, Hope is a Muscle**

The upbeat story of the Amherst (Lady Hurricanes) basketball team's quest for the state championship.

**Chang, Pang-Mei Natasha; Bound Feet and Western Dress**

A memoir of a strong Chinese woman, who overcomes daunting odds to achieve independence and success.

**Frank, Anne; Diary of a Young Girl**

A young girl hides with her family in an attic apartment for two years during the Holocaust.

**Gold, Alison Leslie; Hannah Goslar Remembers**

A childhood friend of Anne Frank remembers their friendship.

**Jiang, Ji-Li; Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution**

Ji-Li and her family struggle to survive during Mao Ze-dong's Cultural Revolution.

**McCourt, Frank; 'Tis**

Sequel to Angela's Ashes. Another memoir of growing up in a poor Irish family.

**Myers, Walter Dean; Bad Boy**

Autobiographical story of a boy's childhood in Harlem in the 1940s.

**Santiago, Esmerelda; When I Was Puerto Rican**

Lyrical, coming-of-age memoir of a young girl, who must leave her island childhood behind to live in a Brooklyn tenement.

**Yen Mah, Adeline; Falling Leaves Return to their Roots**

A memoir of a young Chinese woman, who grew up as an unwanted daughter in the house of her father and step-mother.

### Classics

**Austen, Jane; Emma**

Emma Woodhouse helps her friend Harriet make a suitable match, while remaining completely oblivious to her own romantic prospects.

**Austen, Jane; Persuasion**

Anne Elliot is persuaded to break her engagement with a seemingly unworthy suitor in this ironic novel of love and marriage in English society.

**Dickens, Charles; Oliver Twist**

A poor orphan struggles against forces of evil to make a life for himself in Victorian England.

**Ellison, Ralph; Invisible Man**

A classic novel about race in America.

**Fitzgerald, F. Scott; The Great Gatsby**

Wealthy and fabulous, Jay Gatsby has everything in the world except his true love, Daisy.

**Forster, E.M.; A Room With a View**

Lucy Honeychurch finds unexpected romance during a trip to Italy in this British middle-class love story.

**Hardy, Thomas; Tess of the d'Urbervilles**

In this tragic novel, Tess, an innocent English country girl, struggles to make her way in a ruthless world controlled by the repressive morals of Victorian society.

**Hurston, Zora Neale; Their Eyes Were Watching God**

In a small town in Florida, Janie Crawford, an independent black woman, takes a journey of self-discovery throughout her life and three marriages.

**Lee, Harper; To Kill a Mockingbird**

Scout Finch learns some sobering lessons about life one summer when her father is involved in a controversial trial.

**Salinger, J.D.; The Catcher in the Rye**

Holden Caulfield is a disillusioned teen growing up in New York City in this classic coming-of-age novel.

**Undset, Sigrid; The Bridal Wreath**

Trilogy set in medieval Norway that follows the life and loves of an unforgettable heroine, Kristin Lavransdatter.

**Woolf, Virginia; To the Lighthouse**

A masterful novel of the daily lives of an English family in the Hebrides, written in stream-of-consciousness.

**Fantasy****Bradley, Marion Zimmer; The Mists of Avalon**

The legends of Camelot told from the women's perspective.

**Lewis, C.S.; Chronicles of Narnia**

Series of seven books recounting the adventures of several British children who enter the magical world of Narnia.

**Lowry, Lois; The Giver, Gathering Blue and Messenger**

Three acclaimed novels set in a Utopian community in which its residents are assigned a lifelong occupation, which forever defines them.

**Rowling, J.K.; Harry Potter Series**

Series of five books chronicling the adventures of teen-age wizard, Harry Potter and his friends at their school, Hogwarts.

**Tolkien, J.R.R.; The Hobbit and the Lord of the Rings Trilogy**

Tales of treasure, the struggle between good and evil, long journeys and magic set in Middleearth, land of hobbits, dwarves, elves and wizards.

**White, T.H.; The Once and Future King**

Magical recounting of the tales of King Arthur and Camelot.

**Historical****Anderson, Laurie Halse; Fever 1793**

In 1793, a fever epidemic sweeps through Philadelphia and Mattie Cook must find a way to survive.

**Alvarez, Julia; In the Time of the Butterflies**

Four sisters, known as "the butterflies" work secretly to overthrow the dictator, Trujillo, in the Dominican Republic in 1960.

**Bradbury, Ray; Dandelion Wine**

A nostalgic look at one magical summer in the life of 12-year-old Douglas Spaulding, who is coming of age in the year 1928.

**Chessman, Harriet Scott; Lydia Cassatt Reading the Morning Paper**

A charming portrayal of the Paris art world of the 1880s, as well as the Cassatt's family life as Lydia and her younger sister, Mary, grow up.

**Clarke, Breena; River, Cross My Heart**

When Clara Bynum drowns in the Potomac River, her death affects not only her family, but the entire community. This powerful novel is set in the Georgetown neighborhood of Washington, DC during the 1920s.

**Cooney, Caroline B.; Goddess of Yesterday**

Brave and self-reliant Anaxandra finds herself an unwilling participant in the kidnapping of Helen of Troy in Ancient Greece.

**Dunn, Jane; Elizabeth and Mary: Cousins, Rivals, Queens**

Two equally charismatic, but very different women engage in a deadly battle for the English throne.

**George, Margaret; Mary Queen of Scotland and the Isles**

Renowned historical novelist, Margaret George, tells the story of the doomed queen, Mary Queen of Scots.

**Giff, Patricia Reilly; Lily's Crossing**

During the summer of 1944, Lily meets a war refugee from Hungary, who opens up her eyes to the devastating effects of the war and puts her own problems in perspective.

**Greene, Bette; Summer of my German Soldier**

Patty Bergen befriends an escaped German prisoner of war during the summer she turns 12.

**Hesse, Karen; Out of the Dust**

Written in free verse, this Newbury Medal Winner tells the story of one family's life in the Oklahoma Dustbowl during the Great Depression.

**Houston, Jeanne Wakatsuki; Farewell to Manzanar**

In 1942, 7-year old Jeanne and her Japanese family are forced to leave their home and relocate to an internment camp called Manzanar.

**Levitin, Sonia; Escape from Egypt**

Jesse, a Hebrew slave falls in love with an Egyptian/Syrian servant named Jennat during the Israelite exodus from Egypt.

**Opdyke, Irene; In My Hands**

Compelling memoir of a woman, who worked to smuggle Jews out of Nazi Germany.

**Paton, Alan; Cry the Beloved Country**

A profound father-son story set in South Africa during the turbulent 1940s.

**Rinaldi, Ann; A Break with Charity**

Susannah English helplessly looks on as other girls in her village begin accusing innocent people of witchcraft.

**Speare, Elizabeth George; The Witch of Blackbird Pond**

Kit Tyler feels out of place when she must move from her Caribbean home to the Connecticut Colony. She befriends the village outcast and is accused of witchcraft.

**Starkey, David; Elizabeth: Struggle for the Throne**

A fascinating look at Elizabeth's early years before ascending to the throne of England.

**Steinbeck, John; The Grapes of Wrath**

The Joad family, unable to survive in the Oklahoma dustbowl, emigrates to California during the Great Depression.

**Wiesel, Elie; Night**

A harrowing Holocaust story told through the eyes of a young boy.

**Yep, Laurence; Dragon Steel**

In the beginning of the twentieth century, Moon Shadow leaves his home in China to join his father in San Francisco, where they build a flying machine together.

**Multicultural Fiction****Allende, Isabel; The House of the Spirits**

Set in Chile, this novel tells the story of the magical women in the Trueba family.

**Allende, Isabel; Daughter of Fortune**

Chilean-born Eliza Sommers tries to find her place in her adoptive British family and rediscovers herself as she makes her way into the world.

**Alvarez, Julia; Before We Were Free**

During the year after Anita's 12<sup>th</sup> birthday, her entire life changes as members of her family participate in the attempts to overthrow the dictator, Trujillo, and they are forced to flee from their home in the Dominican Republic.

**Alvarez, Julia; How the Garcia Girls Lost their Accents**

Four sisters must flee from their home in the Dominican Republic and adjust to a new life in the United States.

**Buck, Pearl, The Good Earth**

A modern classic that explores the cycle of life through the experiences of Wang Lung, a Chinese peasant farmer.

**Cisneros, Sandra; The House on Mango Street**

Growing up in the Latino section of Chicago, Esperanza Cordero longs to leave her neighborhood and find a new life.

**Craven, Margaret; I Heard the Owl Call My Name**

When Mark, a young vicar, sees how the white man's society is infiltrating the Kwakiutl Indian Tribe, he becomes one with the tribe and learns their customs and culture.

**Crew, Linda; Children of the River**

Forced to leave her family in Cambodia and flee to the United States with her aunt, Sundara is torn between cultures as she tries to find her place in her new country.

**Deane, Seamus; Reading in the Dark**

Poetically narrated tale of one boy's childhood in Northern Ireland during the 1940s and 1950s.

**Dorris, Michael; A Yellow Raft in Blue Water**

Generational saga of Native American mothers and daughters.

**Doyle, Roddy; Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha**

Humorous coming-of-age story set in a working class Irish town in the late 1960s.

**Hamilton, Virginia; The House of Dies Drear**

Thomas moves with his family into a mysterious house that used to be a stop on the Underground Railroad.

**Hosseini, Khaled; The Kite Runner**

Childhood friends, Amir and Hassan, are torn apart by war and revolution in Afghanistan.

**Kincaid, Jamaica; Annie John**

A coming-of-age story set in Antigua that focuses on the mother-daughter relationship.

**Kingsolver, Barbara; The Poisonwood Bible**

A family drama set in a small African village during times of political unrest.

**Lyons, Mary E.; Letters from a Slave Girl: The Story of Harriet Jacobs**

A story told in fictionalized letters written by Harriet Jacobs as she prepared to escape from slavery.

**Marchetta, Melina; Looking for Alibrandi**

Growing up in Sydney, Australia, Italian-born Josie struggles to fit in with her affluent classmates at her Catholic high school, as she deals with the sudden reappearance of her father, whom she has never met.

**Marsden, John; Tomorrow When the War Began**

Several Australian teens return from a wilderness camping trip to find their town has been invaded by enemy forces.

**Momaday, N. Scott; House Made of Dawn**

Pulitzer Prize Winner. Abel, a Native American, returns from war and is torn between his cultural traditions and the modern world.

**Mori, Kyoko; Shizuko's Daughter**

Twelve-year-old Yuki must find a way to go on with her life after her mother commits suicide.

**Morrison, Toni; The Bluest Eye**

Pecola Breedlove, a young African-American girl, prays for blue eyes so that she will be beautiful.

**Na, An; A Step from Heaven**

When she is four years old, Ju moves with her family from Korea to the United States to find a better life.

Although she quickly adjusts, her parents have a hard time adapting to the new culture.

**Park, Linda Sue; When My Name Was Keoko**

A WWII story of Kim Sun-hee, a young Korean girl, who must take a new Japanese name by decree of the controlling government. She struggles to keep her identity and her dignity during turbulent times for her country.

**Potok, Chaim; The Chosen**

Two Jewish boys growing up in Brooklyn face religious and generational issues as they struggle to discover what their religion means to them.

**Roy, Arundhati; The God of Small Things**

Rachel returns home to Kerala, India to visit her twin brother and come to terms with events that tore the family apart twenty years earlier.

**Tan, Amy; The Joy Luck Club**

A story of generations of Chinese-American mothers and daughters who gather regularly to play mah-jong and tell stories of the past.

**Taylor, Mildred; Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**

An African-American family, faced with discrimination and hardship, struggles to stay together in 1930s Mississippi.

**Tsukiyama, Gail; Women of the Silk**

Vivid portrayal of life in rural China as seen through the eyes of Pei, who is sold by her father to work in a silk factory when she is just 8 years old. She becomes part of a sisterhood at the factory, eventually gathering the fortitude to lead a strike against the heartless factory owner.

**Walker, Alice; The Color Purple: A Novel**

Through a series of letters to God and her sister, who is an African missionary, Celie relates the story of her troubled life in the American South.

**Watkins, Yoko Kawashima; So Far from the Bamboo Grove and My Brother, My Sister and I**

After being forced to leave their home in war-torn Korea, the Kawashimas-13-year-old Yoko, her 17-year-old sister, and her 21-year-old brother-struggle to survive as refugees in post-World War II Japan.

**Mystery/Suspense**

**Barron, Stephanie; Jane and the Wandering Eye**

Third in a series of mysteries in which author, Jane Austen, plays detective in Regency-period England.

**Dan Brown; Angels & Demons**

Harvard symbologist becomes involved in uncovering a plot against the Vatican.

**Christie, Agatha; Murder on the Orient Express**

Hercule Poirot must solve a baffling murder mystery while riding from Istanbul to Paris on the luxury train, the Orient Express.

**Clancy, Tom; Debt of Honor**

Jack Ryan faces yet another crisis in national security and vanquishes enemies plotting against the U.S. economy.

**Clark, Mary Higgins; You Belong to Me**

Yet another suspenseful murder mystery by the best-selling author, Mary Higgins Clark, in which a serial killer stalks vulnerable women on a cruise ship.

**Crichton, Michael; Jurassic Park**

A biotechnology company successfully clones dinosaurs and sets up a theme park on an island off the coast of Costa Rica, endangering the lives of the park's first visitors when things go wrong in this techno-thriller.

**Cussler, Clive; Raise the Titanic**

Battling Soviet spies and ocean storms Dirk Pitt races to recover a secret store of Byzantium from the doomed Titanic where it lies on the ocean floor.

**Du Maurier, Daphne; The House on the Strand**

While staying at a friend's home in the Cornish countryside, Richard Young discovers a potion that allows him to travel back in time to the 14<sup>th</sup> century.

**Follett, Ken; The Pillars of the Earth**

A tale of faith and ambition centered around the building of a Cathedral in 12<sup>th</sup> century England.

**Grafton, Sue; The Alphabet Murders Series**

Popular series of mysteries starring down-to-earth, unflappable private investigator, Kinsey Millhone.

**Grisham, John; The Firm**

Legal thriller in which a Harvard Law School grad is pressured into becoming an FBI informant against the prestigious law firm where he gets his first job.

**Ludlum, Robert; The Bourne Identity**

First in a trilogy of thrillers following the escapades of amnesiac spy Jason Bourne.

**Smith, Alexander McCall; The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency**

Precious Ramotswe, who prides herself on being Botswana's only female private detective, relates stories of her many interesting cases.

**Romance**

**Ahern, Cecelia; PS, I Love You**

Holly, a young widow, holds onto her recently deceased husband through a series of notes he left her to be read at the beginning of each month in the year following his death.

**Binchy, Maeve; Evening Class**

Nora and Aidan work together to set up an Italian class for adults at an urban Dublin school and change not only their lives but the lives of their students.

**Delinsky, Barbara; Three Wishes**

Bree Miller has a near-death experience and wakes up after being hit by a car convinced that she has been granted three wishes by a mystical force from the great beyond.

**du Maurier, Daphne; Rebecca**

When Maxim de Winter's second wife comes to Manderley, she is haunted by his first wife, Rebecca, and startling family secrets are revealed.

**Katie Fforde; Second Thyme Around**

Perdita is paired with Lucas, her ex-husband to star in England's newest cooking show.

**Forster, E.M.; A Room with a View**

Elegantly written comedy of manners about English tourists in an Italian pensione and the resulting romance of Lucy Honeychurch and George Emerson.

**Freedman, Benedict and Nancy; Mrs. Mike**

A love story set in the Canadian wilderness that will make you laugh and cry.

**Giffin, Emily; Something Borrowed and Something Blue**

The continuing story of life-long best friends, Rachel and Darcy, who have a falling out on the eve of Darcy's wedding. The first novel is told from Rachel's point-of-view and the sequel is narrated by Darcy.

**Kinsella, Sophie; Confessions of a Shop-a-holic and sequels**

Becky Bloomwood, a young, hip financial journalist, faces a series of laugh-out-loud predicaments as she tries to overcome her penchant to overspend.

**Marquez, Gabriel Garcia; Love in the Time of Cholera**

An elegant tale of unrequited love set in Latin America.

**Pilcher, Rosamunde; Under Gemini**

Flora Waring is suddenly confronted by her heretofore unknown identical twin and then, assuming her sister's identity, she sets off on a romantic adventure in the Scottish highlands.

**Pilcher, Rosamunde; Winter Solstice**

An unlikely group of characters, each of whom has experienced a recent loss gather together for Christmas in a remote Scottish village.

**Pilcher, Robin; An Ocean Apart**

A heart-warming novel set in Scotland and America about love, loss and new beginnings.

**Sparks, Nicholas; A Walk to Remember**

Landon finds his first true love with shy and lonely Jamie, the minister's daughter.

**Waller, Robert James; Bridges of Madison County**

While her family is away, Francesca meets a rugged photo-journalist, who sweeps her off her feet in a whirlwind of love and romance that will last a lifetime even though they must remain apart.

**Short Stories****Binchy, Maeve; Irish Girls About Town**

A charming collection of short stories by popular Irish women writers, including Maeve Binchy, Marian Keyes and Cathy Kelly.

**Cisneros, Sandra; Woman Hollering Creek and Other Stories**

A collection of Mexican-American stories set in San Antonio, TX and featuring women, who are reflecting on their lives, families and personal dreams.

**Colgan, Jenny; Scottish Girls About Town**

A poignant collection of short stories by popular Scottish women writers, including Jenny Colgan, Isla Dewar and Muriel Gray.

**Gallo, Donald**

Donald Gallo has edited collections of short stories for teens.

**Lahiri, Jhumpa; Interpreter of Maladies**

Jhumpa Lahiri explores cultural issues faced by immigrants from India and Pakistan living in the Boston area in this eloquent collection of nine stories.

**Poe, Edgar Allan; The Tell-tale Heart and Other Stories**

A collection of carefully crafted, macabre tales of madness and revenge by Poe, the literary genius who is credited with revolutionizing the art of writing the short story.

**Teen Issues****Gottlieb, Lori; Stick Figure: A Diary of My Former Self**

Eleven-year old Lori, who is growing up in Beverly Hills, where "you can never be too rich or too thin," struggles to overcome her eating disorder.

**Hoffman, Alice; At Risk**

Amanda, an eleven-year-old gymnast contracts AIDS and her illness affects not only her, but her family and their entire community, as well.

**McCormick, Patricia; Cut**

Callie is admitted into a psychiatric hospital when her parents discover that she has been cutting herself.

**Sebold, Alice; The Lovely Bones**

When she is 14 years old, Susie Salmon is murdered by one of her neighbors. She tells her story from Heaven, as she watches her family learn to deal with her death.

**Sparks, Beatrice (ed); It Happened to Nancy**

Based on the diary of a real teen. Nancy is a victim of date rape and develops AIDS.

### Young Adult Novels

**Alcott, Louisa May; Little Women**

As four sisters, who are coming of age during the Civil War, overcome the difficulties of poverty, they each find their own personal happiness and fulfillment

**Anderson, Laurie Halse; Speak**

Melinda becomes an outcast after a party the summer before her freshman year in high school.

**Anderson, Laurie Halse; Catalyst**

Kate Malone, an honor student who dreams of attending her dead mother's alma mater, MIT, is crushed when she receives a rejection letter from the college and is forced to reevaluate her life.

**Birdsall, Jeanne; The Penderwicks**

National Book Award winner. A fanciful, old-fashioned tale of four sisters, who each grow and change during a summer vacation at Arundel.

**Bissenger, H.G., Friday Night Lights**

The west Texas town of Odessa is convinced that Permian High School will win the coveted football State Championship, but then the star player is injured.

**Brashares, Ann; The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants and sequels**

Four friends who must spend the summer apart share a pair of magical jeans that brings them confidence and good fortune.

**Cooney, Caroline, B.; The Face on the Milk Carton and sequels**

15-year old Janie is shocked to see her picture on a milk carton and discover that she was kidnapped as a little girl.

**Dessen, Sarah, Someone Like You**

Best friends, Halley and Scarlett, face unexpected problems when Scarlett's boyfriend is killed in an accident and she discovers she is pregnant.

**Draper, Sharon M.; Romiette and Julio**

When Romiette, an African-American girl and Julio, a Hispanic boy, begin to date, they face the dangerous disapproval of the local gang.

**Flake, Sharon G.; The Skin I'm In**

Maleeka Madison learns to deal with her insecurities about her dark skin with the help of a teacher whose face is marked by a disfiguring birthmark.

**Hinton, S.E.; The Outsiders**

Ponyboy and his friends must contend with an aggressive gang of rich kids.

**Hurwin, Davida Wills, A Time for Dancing**

In alternating chapters, best friends Julianna and Samantha narrate this story which chronicles their struggle against Jules' terminal illness.

**Hurwin, Davida Wills, The Farther You Run**

Sequel to A Time for Dancing. Samantha must find a way to deal with the death of her "one and only" best friend.

**Konigsburg, E.L. The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place**

In this follow-up to Silent to the Bone, Margaret Rose Kane launches a campaign in her neighborhood to rescue the towers her uncles have built in their backyard from demolition.

**Marchetta, Melina; Saving Francesca**

Francesca, a 16-year old girl from Sydney, Australia faces many difficulties when she starts her junior year at a new school and her mother suddenly falls into a deep depression.

**Montgomery, L.M.; Anne of Green Gables**

A lively orphan comes to live on Prince Edward Island and finds herself a real family.

**Myers, Walter Dean; Hoops**

A teen basketball star is inspired by his coach, a former pro player, in Harlem.

**Sachar, Louis; Holes**

A Newbery medal book, in which Stanley Yelnats tries to overcome a family curse after being unjustly sent to a boys' detention center.

**Simpson, Mona; Anywhere But Here**

Ann and her mother, Adele, leave their Wisconsin home for a new life in California in this entertaining mother-daughter story.

**Smith, Betty; A Tree Grows in Brooklyn**

A coming-of-age story set in turn-of-the-century Brooklyn, featuring a memorable heroine, Francie Nolan.

**Voigt, Cynthia; Homecoming**

When their mother leaves them in a Connecticut shopping mall, Dicey must lead her two brothers and sister safely to their grandmother's home in Delaware.

**Woodson, Jacqueline; I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This**

Marie befriends a poor white girl in her African-American neighborhood and doesn't know what to do when Lena reveals a terrifying secret.

**Wright, Richard; Rite of Passage**

Under the threat of being taken from his foster family, Johnny runs away to the city streets and joins a gang.