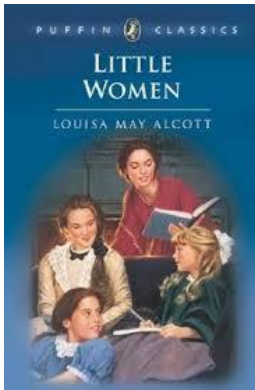


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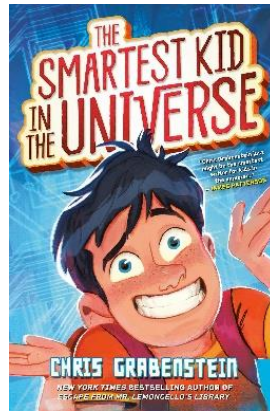
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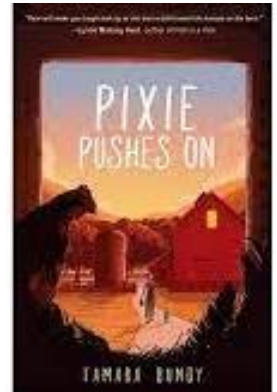
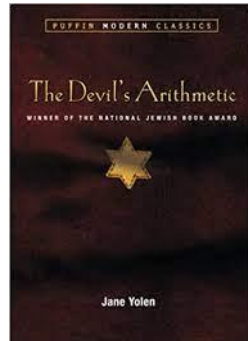
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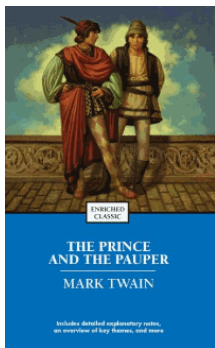
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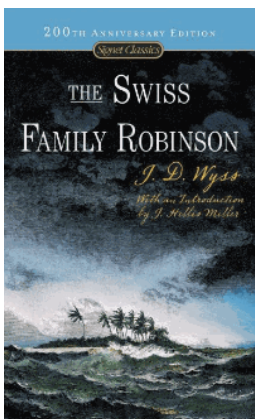
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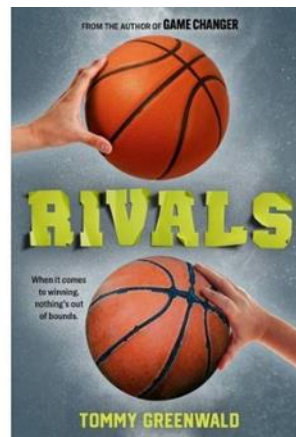
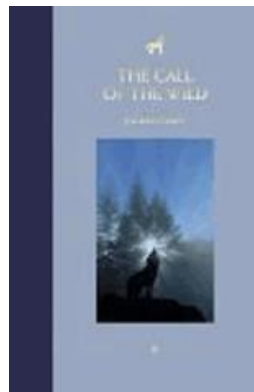
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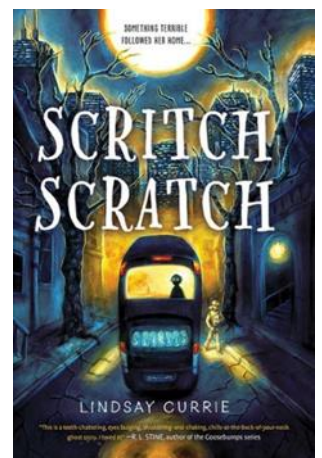


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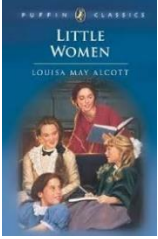


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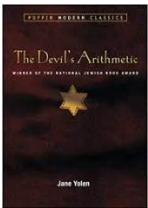
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*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott



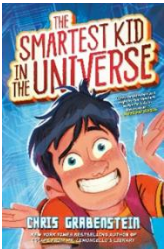
The classic story of the March family, *Little Women* has been adored for generations. The novel follows the lives of four sisters-tomboyish Jo, beautiful Meg, fragile Beth, and romantic Amy-as they come of age while their father is fighting in the Civil War. Since 1868, readers have rooted for Laurie in his pursuit of Jo's hand, cried over the family's tragedy, and dreamed of traveling through Europe with old Aunt March and Amy. In this simple, enthralling tale, Louisa May Alcott has created four of American literature's most beloved women.

*The Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen



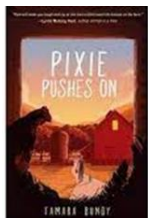
Hannah resents stories of her Jewish heritage and of the past until, when opening the door during a Passover Seder, she finds herself in Poland during World War II where she experiences the horrors of a concentration camp, and learns why she--and we--need to remember the past.

*The Smartest Kid in the Universe* by Chris Grabenstein



When seventh-grader Jake McQuade mistakes the world's first ingestible knowledge pills for jelly beans, he suddenly knows all about physics and geometry and can speak Swahili (though Spanish would be a lot more useful)--but his sort-of girlfriend Grace thinks they can use his new found brilliance to save their middle school from the new principal, who is conspiring to get it shut down.

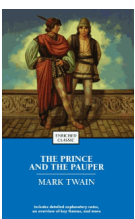
*Pixie Pushes On* by Tamara Bundy



Caring for a runt lamb helps Pixie gain empathy when, in the 1940s, her family moves to her grandparents' farm and her sister Charlotte contracts polio and is sent away.

### 7<sup>th</sup> grade:

*The Prince and the Pauper* by Mark Twain



Set in sixteenth-century England, Mark Twain's classic "tale for young people of all ages" features two identical-looking boys—a prince and a pauper—who trade clothes and step into each other's lives. While the urchin, Tom Canty, discovers luxury and power, Prince Edward, dressed in rags, roams his kingdom and experiences the cruelties inflicted on the poor by the Tudor monarchy.

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*Kon Tiki* by Thor Heyerdahl



The story of the Pacific journey by six men on a raft in search of the path taken by Kon-Tiki, a white voyager, 1500 years before.

*Quintessence* by Jess Redman



Quintessence is an extraordinary story from Jess Redman about friendship, self-discovery, interconnectedness, and the inexplicable elements that make you you. Three months ago, twelve-year-old Alma moved to the town of Four Points. She's homesick and friendless and every day she feels less and less like herself. But one day she finds a telescope in the town's junk shop, and through its lens, she watches a star—a star that looks like a child—fall from the sky and into her backyard. And so, with the help of some unlikely new friends from Astronomy Club, she sets out on a quest that will take a little bit of science, a little bit of magic, and her whole self.

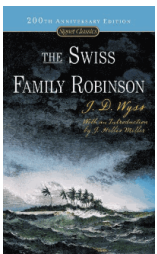
*Dragon Ops* by Mari Mancusi



Twelve-year-old Ian is thrilled to beta test the mixed-reality version of his favorite game, but unless he, his sister, Lilli, and their cousin Derek defeat the dragon, it will be game over.

**8<sup>th</sup> grade:**

*The Swiss Family Robinson* by J.D. Wyss



Many years ago, an English translation of the first part of this charming tale appeared; and few books have obtained such deserved popularity. The gradual progress of the family from utter destitution and misery, to happiness and abundance, arising from their own labour, perseverance, and obedience, together with the effect produced on the different characters of the sons by the stirring adventures they met with, created a deep and absorbing interest.

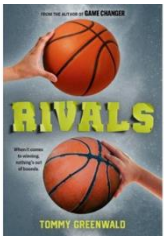
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*The Call of the Wild* by Jack London



During the gold rush, Buck is snatched away from his peaceful home and brought to the harsh and bitter Yukon to become a sled dog. Will he adapt to life as a member of a sled pack? Or will his newly awakened instincts lead him to search for the freedom he has never known?

*Rivals* by Tommy Greenwald



In basketball-crazed Walthorne, rival middle school stars Austin Chambers and Carter Haswell are both feeling the pressure when school sports reporter Alfie Jenks reveals scandals that jeopardize the whole season. Told through flashbacks, newspaper reports, social media posts, and interviews.

*Scratch Scratch* by Lindsay Currie



Haunted after helping her father on his ghost-themed Chicago bus tour, twelve-year-old Claire must discover what the spectral boy from the bus wants before it is too late