

Category	Author		Title	Description	Lexile
Adventure	Abbey	Edward	Fire on the Mountain	<p>After nine months away at school, Billy Vogelin Starr returns home to his beloved New Mexico—only to find his grandfather in a standoff with the US government, which wants to take his land and turn it into an extension of the White Sands Missile Range.</p> <p>Facing the combined powers of the US county sheriff, the Department of the Interior, the Atomic Energy Commission, and the US Air Force, John Vogelin stands his ground—because to Vogelin, his land is his life. When backed into a corner, a tough old man like him will come out fighting . . .</p> <p><i>Fire on the Mountain</i> is a suspenseful page-turner by “one of the very best writers to deal with the American West”—the acclaimed author of such classics as <i>The Monkey Wrench Gang</i> and the memoir <i>Desert Solitaire</i> (The Washington Post).</p>	860
Adventure	Burroughs	Edgar Rice	Tarzan of the Apes	Originally published in 1914, Burroughs's <i>Tarzan</i> , the ideal image of pure animalistic power at odds with the civilized world, appealed to readers from his very inception and become one of the most enduring icons of popular culture. In this classic tale, the struggle between the wild and the civilized is played out deep in the savage African jungle. The infant Tarzan is raised by apes and grows into manhood, learning to survive as the animals survive. When an expedition of white men brings the beautiful and cultured Jane Porter to the jungle, Tarzan enters civilization to win her love.	1200
Adventure	Defoe	Daniel	Robinson Crusoe	It was published under the considerably longer original title <i>The Life and Strange Surprising Adventures of Robinson Crusoe, Of York, Mariner: Who lived Eight and Twenty Years, all alone in an un-inhabited Island on the Coast of America, near the Mouth of the Great River of Oroonoque; Having been cast on Shore by Shipwreck, wherein all the Men perished but himself. With An Account how he was at last as strangely delivered by Pirates.</i> Epistolary, confessional, and didactic in form, the book is a fictional autobiography of the title character (whose birth name is Robinson Kreutznaer)—a castaway who spends years on a remote tropical island near Trinidad, encountering cannibals, captives, and mutineers before being rescued. The story is widely perceived to have been influenced by the life of Alexander Selkirk, a Scottish castaway who lived for four years on the Pacific island called "Más a Tierra" (in 1966 its name was changed to Robinson Crusoe Island), Chile.	1360

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Animal Stories	DiCamillo	Kate	Because of Winn-Dixie	One summer's day, ten-year-old India Opal Buloni goes down to the local supermarket for some groceries—and comes home with a dog. But Winn-Dixie is no ordinary dog. It's because of Winn-Dixie that Opal begins to make friends. And it's because of Winn-Dixie that she finally dares to ask her father about her mother, who left when Opal was three. In fact, as Opal admits, just about everything that happens that summer is because of Winn-Dixie. This updated edition of Kate DiCamillo's classic novel invites readers to make themselves at home—whether they're experiencing the book for the first time or returning to an old favorite.	670
Adventure	Dumas	Alexandre	Count of Monte Cristo	Thrown in prison for a crime he has not committed, Edmond Dantes is confined to the grim fortress of If. There he learns of a great hoard of treasure hidden on the Isle of Monte Cristo and he becomes determined not only to escape, but also to unearth the treasure and use it to plot the destruction of the three men responsible for his incarceration. Dumas' epic tale of suffering and retribution, inspired by a real-life case of wrongful imprisonment, was a huge popular success when it was first serialized in the 1840s.	1080
Adventure	Fleishman	Sid	By the Great Horn Spoon	When Jack's aunt is forced to sell her beloved mansion but is still unable to raise enough money to pay her debts, the twelve-year-old goes to California in search of gold to help her. Joined by his trusty butler, Praiseworthy, Jack finds adventure and trouble at every turn. Will Jack strike gold in San Francisco or come home empty-handed?	730
Adventure	Forbes	Esther	Johnny Tremain	Fourteen-year-old Johnny Tremain, an apprentice silversmith with a bright future ahead of him, injures his hand in a tragic accident, forcing him to look for other work. In his new job as a horse-boy, riding for the patriotic newspaper The Boston Observer and as a messenger for the Sons of Liberty, he encounters John Hancock, Samuel Adams, and Dr. Joseph Warren. Soon Johnny is involved in the pivotal events of the American Revolution, from the Boston Tea Party to the first shots fired at Lexington.	840

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Adventure	Kipling	Rudyard	<i>Captains Courageous</i>	<p><i>Captains Courageous</i>, by Rudyard Kipling, is the story of a 15-year-old boy named Harvey Cheyne Jr., the spoiled son of a wealthy railroad tycoon. He is on an ocean liner bound for Europe when he falls overboard and is rescued by a group of cod fisherman off the coast of Newfoundland. Harvey tries to get the fisherman to take him back to port, but they refuse to do it. He also tells them that he is wealthy and his father will pay for the trip back, but the fisherman don't believe him. When Harvey accuses the captain, Disko Troop, of taking his money, the captain is angry and punches him, but then makes Harvey join the crew and work as a fisherman for the remainder of their trip.</p> <p>Under the tutelage of a rough and tough crew of fisherman, and with the assistance of Dan, the captain's son, Harvey doffs his "spoiled little rich boy" attitude and learns some manners and the value of hard work. He learns to be a good fisherman and to respect the crew. He also appreciates that they value him for his dedication and contribution to the crew and not for his money. When the fishing schooner returns to port, Harvey wires his parents, and they retrieve their son in Gloucester, Massachusetts, where the schooner arrived in port. Harvey's parents reward the fisherman who saved her son from the water, they offer Dan a job as the officer of a railroad fleet, and they send their son to Stanford where he will learn what he needs to know to take over his father's railroad fleet.</p>	1020
Adventure	London	Jack	<i>White Fang</i>	<p>Wronged by human and beast alike, White Fang has endured through brazen ferocity. An enemy of his kind, he is sold to a dogfighter who pits him against other canines to the death—until a Yukon gold hunter comes to his rescue and provides an opportunity for a new life. As the wolf in White Fang sleeps, kindness and compassion allow him to understand what it means to be in the confidence of man.</p>	970

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Adventure	London	Jack	<i>Call of the Wild</i>	<p>There is an ecstasy that marks the summit of life, and beyond which life cannot rise. And such is the paradox of living, this ecstasy comes when one is most alive, and it comes as a complete forgetfulness that one is alive.</p> <p>The domesticated life of a powerful St. Bernard-Shepherd mix named Buck is quickly turned on end when he is stolen away from his master and put to work as a sled dog in Alaska. His once life of luxury turns into a life of survival and adaptation as he learns the ways of the wilderness.</p> <p>Set in the Klondike region of Canada during the 1890s Klondike Gold Rush, <i>The Call of the Wild</i> showcases the transformation of a canine as he learns to adapt to what life has given him, fair or not.</p>	1000
Adventure	Marryat	Frederick	<i>Mr. Midshipman Easy</i>	<p>A timeless tale of a midshipman's rise in Nelson's navy. Widely regarded as Marryat's best work, <i>Mr. Midshipman Easy</i> is based on the author's adventures sailing with Lord Thomas Cochrane. This classic seafaring tale is a fascinating account of naval life and warfare, of French prisons and love affairs, and of the midshipman's berth. Marryat's ready wit, unforgettable characters, and true-to-life details have earned him praise from Conrad, Hemingway, and Ford Madox Ford, who called him "the greatest of English novelists."</p>	
Adventure	Orczy	Baroness	<i>Scarlet Pimpernel</i>	<p>The novel is set during the Reign of Terror, following the start of the French Revolution. These tales can begin with a dark adventure and end with a fascinating twist. The title is the nom de guerre of its hero and protagonist, a chivalrous Englishman who rescues aristocrats before they are sent to the guillotine. Sir Percy Blakeney appears to be nothing more than a wealthy fop, but is in reality a formidable swordsman and a quick-thinking master of disguise.</p>	1140

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Adventure	Paulsen	Gary	Hatchet	<p>Thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson, haunted by his secret knowledge of his mother's infidelity, is traveling by single-engine plane to visit his father for the first time since the divorce. When the plane crashes, killing the pilot, the sole survivor is Brian. He is alone in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but his clothing, a tattered windbreaker, and the hatchet his mother had given him as a present.</p> <p>At first consumed by despair and self-pity, Brian slowly learns survival skills—how to make a shelter for himself, how to hunt and fish and forage for food, how to make a fire—and even finds the courage to start over from scratch when a tornado ravages his campsite. When Brian is finally rescued after fifty-four days in the wild, he emerges from his ordeal with new patience and maturity, and a greater understanding of himself and his parents.</p>	1020
Adventure	Speare	Elizabeth George	Sign of the Beaver	<p>Although he faces responsibility bravely, thirteen-year-old Matt is more than a little apprehensive when his father leaves him alone to guard their new cabin in the wilderness. When a renegade white stranger steals his gun, Matt realizes he has no way to shoot game or to protect himself. When Matt meets Attean, a boy in the Beaver clan, he begins to better understand their way of life and their growing problem in adapting to the white man and the changing frontier.</p> <p>Elizabeth George Speare's Newbery Honor-winning survival story is filled with wonderful detail about living in the wilderness and the relationships that formed between settlers and natives in the 1700s.</p>	770
Adventure	Stevenson	Robert Louis	The Black Arrow	<p><i>The Black Arrow: A Tale of the Two Roses</i> is an 1888 historical and romance novel by Robert Louis Stevenson. The novel is set in the reign of King Henry VI and during the Wars of the Roses (1455–1487). The book tells the story of Richard Shelton becoming a knight, rescuing his lady Joanna Sedley, and obtaining justice for the murder of his father, Sir Harry Shelton. Outlaws in Tunstall Forest main weapon and calling card is a black arrow.</p>	980

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Adventure	Stevenson	Robert Louis	<u><i>Kidnapped</i></u>	Set amidst the real world events which occurred following the Jacobite rising of 1745, Robert Louis Stevenson's 1886 novel <i>Kidnapped</i> is the story of David Balfour, who travels to meet his uncle and collect his inheritance following the death of his father. Betrayed by his Uncle, David finds himself kidnapped by Captain Hoseason of the brig <i>Covenant</i> , who plans to sell him into slavery in the Carolina Colonies of America. However the ship is blown of course and driven back towards Scotland where in the fog it strikes a small vessel and brings aboard the Scottish soldier and Jacobite Alan Breck Stewart. With the help of Alan, David is able to escape his captors and soon finds himself in the middle of the struggle between the Scottish Highlanders and soldiers of the English government. Stranded in the Scottish wilderness David must fight for his life and return home to collect his rightful inheritance. Through the characters of Alan and David the conflict over Scottish independence from English rule is adventurously depicted. This edition is printed on premium acid-free paper and includes illustrations by N. C. Wyeth.	990
Adventure	Verne	Jules	<u><i>Around the World in 80 Days</i></u>	Called <i>Le tour du monde en quatre-vingts jours</i> in French, <i>Around the World in Eighty Days</i> was published in French and English in 1873. It is one of Jules Verne's best-known and acclaimed novels. The intrepid adventurer Phileas Fogg of London, along with his French valet Passepartout, attempt to circumnavigate the world in 80 days on a £20,000 wager set by his friends at the Reform Club. Their trip is further complicated by Phileas becoming a suspect in a robbery. Can they make it in time?	1070