

**From the mixed-up files of Mrs. Basil E.**

**Frankweiler - E.L. Konigsburg**

Having run away with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, twelve-year-old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home and to become a changed person and a heroine to herself.

**Harriet the spy - Louise Fitzhugh**

The discovery of Harriet's secret journal, concerning the personalities and activities of her schoolmates and neighbors, causes pandemonium.

**Running out of time - Margaret Peterson Haddix**

When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840 village, thirteen-year-old Jessie discovers it is actually a 1995 tourist site under unseen observation by heartless scientists, and it's up to Jessie to escape the village and save the lives of the dying children.

**Holes - Louis Sachar**

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

**A stranger at Green Knowe - L.M. Boston**

The owner of Green Knowe befriends an escaped gorilla hiding on the estate.

**The Black Stallion - Walter Farley**

Young Alec Ramsay is shipwrecked on a desert island with a horse destined to play an important part in his life. Following their rescue their adventure continues in America.

**Walk two moons - Sharon Creech**

After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.

**Boy : tales of childhood - Roald Dahl**

Presents humorous anecdotes from the author's childhood, including summer vacations in Norway and an English boarding school.

**Hatchet - Gary Paulsen -**

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the Canadian wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

**The castle in the attic - Elizabeth Winthrop**

A gift of a toy castle, complete with silver knight, introduces William to an adventure involving magic and a personal quest.

**Dial-a-ghost - Eva Ibbotson**

A family of nice ghosts protects a British orphan from the diabolical plans of his evil guardians.

**The seeing stone - by Kevin Crossley-Holland**

In late twelfth-century England, a thirteen-year-old boy named Arthur recounts how Merlin gives him a magical seeing stone which shows him images of the legendary King Arthur, the events of whose life seem to have many parallels to his own.

**Number the stars - Lois Lowry**

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

**The ghost cadet - Elaine Marie Alphin**

Twelve-year-old Benjy, in Virginia visiting the grandmother he has never met, meets the ghost of a Virginia Military Institute cadet who was killed in the Battle of New Market in 1864, and helps him recover his family's treasured gold watch.

**The incredible journey - by Sheila Burnford**

A Siamese cat, an old bull terrier, and a young Labrador retriever travel together 250 miles through the Canadian wilderness to find their family.

**Nory Ryan's song - Patricia Reilly Giff**

When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, twelve-year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity help her family and neighbors survive.

**The Bravest Thing - Donna Jo Napoli**

When her pet rabbit's newborn babies die, her doctor tells her that she may have scoliosis, and her aunt is diagnosed with cancer, ten-year-old Laurel feels constantly reminded of the mortality of all living things.

**The witches - Roald Dahl**

A young boy and his Norwegian grandmother, who is an expert on witches, together foil a witches' plot to destroy the world's children by turning them into mice.

**Seven spiders spinning - Gregory Maguire**

Seven prehistoric spiders that had been trapped in ice for thousands of years bring excitement to rural Vermont and briefly unite two rival clubs at a local elementary school.

### **Dolphin luck - Hilary McKay**

Sent by their vacationing parents to visit Mad Aunt Mabel, Perry and Ant have an adventure, while their younger siblings Sun Dance and Beany stay at home making burglar traps and searching for a magic sword.

### **Afternoon of the elves - Janet Taylor Lisle**

As Hillary works in the miniature village, allegedly built by elves, in Sara-Kate's backyard, she becomes more and more curious about Sara-Kate's real life inside her big, gloomy house with her mysterious, silent mother.

### **Notes from a liar and her dog - Gennifer Choldenko**

Eleven-year-old Ant, stuck in a family that she does not like, copes by pretending that her "real" parents are coming to rescue her, by loving her dog Pistachio, by volunteering at the zoo, and by bending the truth and telling lies.

### **The house of Dies Drear - Virginia Hamilton**

When an African American family moves into a house once used as a hiding place for runaway slaves, mysterious sounds and events as well as the discovery of secret passageways make the family believe they are in grave danger.

### **Is anybody there? - by Eve Bunting**

After discovering the disappearance of several household items, Marcus, a thirteen-year-old latchkey child, suspects that a stranger may be prowling around inside his house while he's at school and his mother is at work.

### **Mick Harte was here - by Barbara Park**

Thirteen-year-old Phoebe recalls her younger brother Mick and his death in a bicycle accident.

### **The Double Life of Zoe Flynn - Janet Lee**

**Carey**

When Zoe's family has to live in their van for months after moving from California to Oregon so her father can find work, Zoe tries to keep her sixth-grade classmates from discovering that she is homeless.

### **A wrinkle in time - Madeleine L'Engle**

Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

### **Among the hidden - Margaret Peterson Haddix**

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.

### **Comeback of the home run kid - Matt Christopher, text by Stephanie Peters**

After badly spraining his ankle just before the summer baseball season begins, Sylvester Coddmyer III meets a mysterious ex-ballplayer named Charlie Comet who helps him compensate for the injury by learning to switch-hit.

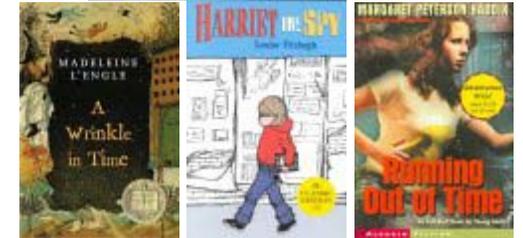
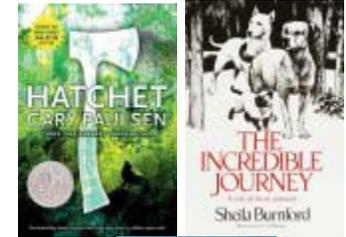
### **Ice Warrior - Ruth Riddell**

When his mother's remarriage moves him from sunny California to snowy Minnesota, twelve-year-old Rob feels totally out of place until he discovers iceboating, which he hopes will be the means to prove himself to his highly competitive father.



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