

Alexander, Lloyd. ***The Golden Dream of Carlo Chuchio*** (JUV FIC ALEXANDER, L)

Set in an imaginary land reminiscent of the Arabian nights, naïve and bumbling Carlo and his companions follow a treasure map through the deserts and cities of the infamous Golden Road, as mysterious strangers try in vain to point them toward the real treasures.

Avi. The ***True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*** (JUV FIC, YA FIC AVI)

Accused and convicted of murder, thirteen-year-old Charlotte Doyle decides to reveal what really happened aboard the Seahawk--a ship piloted by a tyrannical captain and crewed by mutinous seamen--during the summer of 1832.

Burnford, Sheila Every. ***The Incredible Journey*** (JUV FIC BURNFORD, S)

A Siamese cat, an old bull terrier, and a young Labrador retriever set out through the rugged Canadian wilderness, facing starvation, exposure, and wild forest animals, in an attempt to make their way home to the family they love.

Calabro, Marian. ***The Perilous Journey of the Donner Party*** (JUV NF 979.403 C125P)

Told through the eyes of young Virginia Reed is the gruesome story of the 1846 wagon train that got stuck for too long in the Sierra Nevada mountains during a terrible winter.

Campbell, Eric. ***Place of Lions*** (JUV FIC CAMPBELLI, E)

After surviving a plane crash on the African Serengeti Plain, fourteen-year-old Chris sets off to find help for his father and the pilot, who are injured, and forges a magical relationship with an aging lion.

DiCamillo, Kate. ***The Magician's Elephant*** (JUV FIC DICAMILLO, K)

A fortune teller's strange prediction and a magician's startling trick lead Peter on an extraordinary journey to find his sister in the kingdom of Baltese

Fox, Paula. ***Slave Dancer*** (JUV FIC FOX, P)

Kidnapped by the crew of an Africa-bound ship, a thirteen-year-old boy discovers to his horror that he is on a slaver, and his job is to perform music for the human cargo.

Funke, Cornelia. ***The Thief Lord*** (JUV FIC FUNKE, C)

Two brothers, having run away from their aunt, are sought by a detective their aunt hired, but they have found shelter with--and protection from--Venice's "Thief Lord."

Gaiman, Neil. ***The Graveyard Book*** (JUV FIC GAIMAN, N)

A child marked for death by an ancient league of assassins escapes into a graveyard, where he is reared and protected by its spirit denizens. A delicious mix of murder, fantasy, adventure and humor.

George, Jean Craighead. ***Julie of the Wolves*** (JUV FIC GEORGE, J)

While running away from home, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl gets lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.

George, Jean Craighead. ***My Side of the Mountain*** (JUV FIC GEORGE, J)

Young Sam Gibley runs away to the Catskill Mountains, where he struggles for survival, living in a huge hollowed-out tree for a year with a falcon and a weasel for companions.

Hale, Shannon and Dean Hale.

Rapunzel's Revenge (JUV NF 741.5973 H135R 2008)

In this vibrantly illustrated graphic novel, set in a make-believe wild-west, frontier land, an untraditional Rapunzel escapes the tower, uses her long braids as weapons, and takes revenge on the wicked woman who imprisoned her mother.

Ibbotson, Eva. ***Journey to the River Sea*** (JUV FIC IBBOTSON, E)

Sent with her governess to live with the dreadful Carter family in exotic Brazil in 1910, Maia endures many hardships before fulfilling her dream of exploring the Amazon River.

Kehret, Peg. ***Earthquake Terror*** (JUV FIC KEHRET, P)

When an earthquake hits the isolated island in northern California, where his family has been camping, 12-year-old Jonathan must find a way to keep himself, his younger sister, and their dog alive, until help can arrive.

Lenski, Lois. **Indian Captive: The Story of Mary Jemison** (JUV FIC LENSKI, L)

A fictional account of the real-life story of twelve-year-old Mary Jemison, who after being captured by a Shawnee war party during the French and Indian War, is rescued and subsequently raised amongst the Seneca Indians.

Nobleman, Marc Tyler. **Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman** (JUV NF 741.50922 N669B 2008)

Part picture book, part graphic novel, this is the fascinating story of how two high school friends created a superhero that endures to this day.

O'Dell, Scott. **Island of the Blue Dolphins** (JUV FIC, YA FIC O'DELL, S)

Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island off of the coast of California, a young Indian girl spends 18 years, surviving through her incredible courage and self-reliance.

Paulsen, Gary. **Hatchet** (JUV FIC PAULSEN, G)

After a plane crash, 13-year-old Brian spends 54 days in the Canadian wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet, given to him by his mother.

Philbrick, Rodman. **The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg** (JUV FIC PHILBRICK)

Homer, an admitted liar and teller of tales, has extraordinary adventures after running away from his evil uncle to rescue his brother who has been sold into service in the Civil War.

Pullman, Philip. **Count Karlstein** (JUV FIC PULLMAN, P)

In the mountains of Switzerland, the wicked Count Karlstein plots to abandon his two orphaned nieces in a hunting lodge as prey for the Demon Huntsman and his ghostly hounds.

Sachar, Louis. **Holes** (JUV FIC, YA FIC SACHAR, L)

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

Taylor, Theodore. **The Cay** (JUV FIC TAYLOR, T)

Philip and an old black man survive a shipwreck, and are stranded on a remote and barren island, where they begin an amazing adventure.

Taylor, Theodore. **Sweet Friday Island** (YA FIC TAYLOR, T)

Peg Toland and her father have found the perfect place for their vacation: a remote and uninhabited island in the Sea of Cortez. Is the island uninhabited, or is it a terrifying and deadly trap?

Turner, Megan Whelan. **The Thief** (JUV FIC, YA FIC TURNER, M)

Gen flaunts his ingenuity as a thief and relishes the adventure which takes him to a remote temple of the gods where he will attempt to steal a precious stone.

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