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- 3.) Analyze the character traits of ONE character in your novel. Choose two SPECIFIC character traits and support them with evidence from the text (at least one direct quote per character trait) why you believe this individual possesses that character trait.

- 4.) What is the moral or lesson of the novel? Give text evidence that supports your answer.

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5.) What is the author’s purpose of this novel? Use text evidence to support your answer.

6.) Choose one of the following questions to answer:

- How can the moral or lesson of the novel apply to your life? What bible quote would support the moral/lesson of this novel?
- What bible verse do you believe your main character could use most and why?

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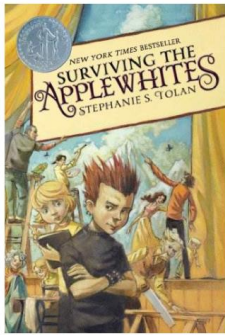
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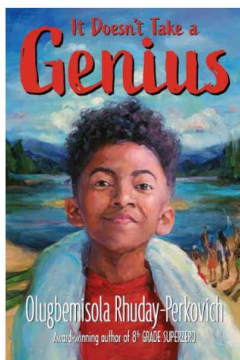
Surviving the Applewhite's

Jake has gotten kicked out of his last school and is now living with the eccentric, artistic, homeschooling Applewhite family. The father is directing a local production of "The Sound of Music" and no one is more surprised than Jake when he discovers he loves performing. I loved the quirky characters and the boundless energy of this book. When the family must pull together to get the show up after they are blackballed by a local stage mom, the results are hilariously successful. I really enjoy how the story reinforces the necessity of cooperation when putting on a play and recommend it as a terrific read aloud.



It Doesn't Take a Genius

Emmett's brother Luke is going to be a junior counselor at a historic Black summer camp and Emmett applies for a scholarship so he can attend the same camp. Emmett has always done things with his brother but at camp he finds himself adrift and needs to start making his own friends. A lovely book about finding your voice and being part of a community.

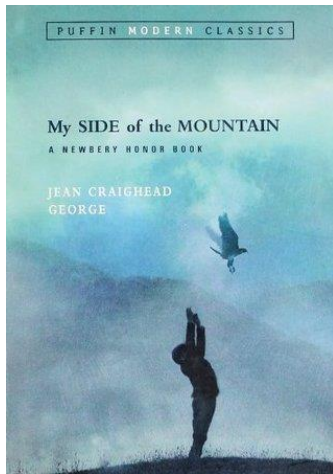


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My Side of the Mountain

“My Side of the Mountain” is a children’s adventure novel written by Jean Craighead George. It tells the story of Sam Gibley, a young boy who leaves his overcrowded New York City home to live in the wilderness of the Catskill Mountains. Sam learns to survive on his own, building a shelter in a hollowed-out tree, foraging for food, and training a falcon. The novel explores themes of independence, self-reliance, and the relationship between humans and nature.

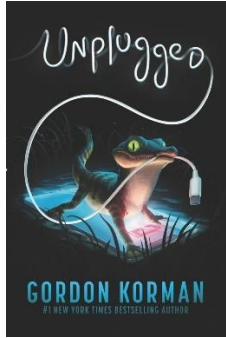


Unplugged

As the son of the world’s most famous tech billionaire, spoiled Jett Baranov has always gotten what he wanted. So when his father’s private jet drops him in the middle of the Arkansas wilderness at a place called the Oasis, Jett can’t believe it. He’s forced to hand over his cell phone, eat grainy veggie patties, and participate in wholesome activities with the other kids, who he has absolutely no interest in hanging out with. As the weeks go on, Jett starts to get used to the unplugged life and even bonds with the other kids over their discovery of a baby-lizard-turned-pet, Needles. But he can’t help noticing that the adults at the Oasis are acting strange. Jett is determined to get to the bottom of things, but can he convince everybody that he is no longer just a spoiled brat who is making trouble?

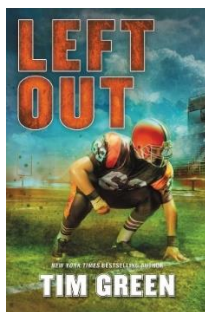
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Left Out

Perfect for fans of Mike Lupica! New York Times bestselling author and former NFL player Tim Green delivers a heartwarming and inspiring story about a deaf boy's journey to change how others see him—both on and off the football field. Now in paperback. Landon Dorch wants to be like everyone else. But his deafness and the way he talks have always felt like insurmountable obstacles. But now he finally sees his chance to fit in. Bigger and taller than any other seventh grader in his new school, Landon plans to use his size to his advantage and join the school's football team. But the same speech problems and the cochlear implants that help him hear continue to haunt him. Just when it looks like Landon will be left out of football for good, an unlikely friend comes along. But in the end only Landon can fight his way off the bench and through a crowded field of bullies bent on seeing him forever left out.

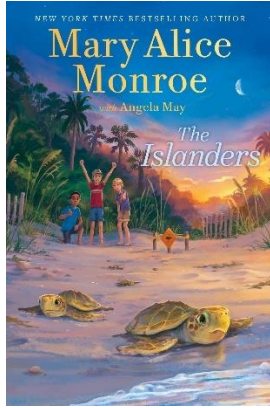


The Islanders

From *New York Times* bestselling author Mary Alice Monroe comes a beautiful story of friendship, loss, and the healing power of nature in her first book for middle grade readers.

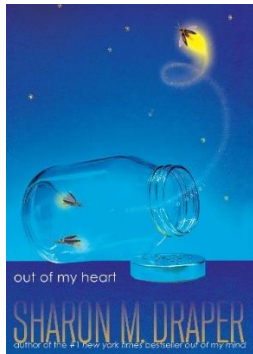
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Out of my Heart (Sequel to Out of my Mind)

Melody is older and braver than she used to be. And now with her Medi-Talker, she feels nothing is out of her reach, not even summer camp. There *have* to be camps for kids like her, and she's going to find one. A place where she can trek through a forest, fly on a zip line, and even ride on a horse. A place where maybe she really can finally make a real friend, make her own decisions, and even do things on her own—the dream! By the light of flickering campfires and the power of thunderstorms, through the terror of unexpected creatures in cabins and the first sparkle of a crush, Melody's about to discover how brave and strong she really is.



Historical Fiction

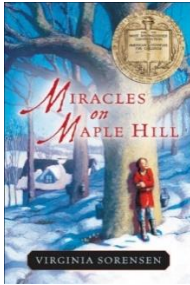
Miracles on Maple Hill

Marly's dad is back from the war — but his experiences as a prisoner of war changed him. Hoping to restore her husband's zest for life, Marly's mom brings the family to her grandmother's house on quiet, rustic Maple Hill. The neighbors, Mr. Chris and his wife, Chrissie, welcome Marly's family and show them the essentials of their syrup-making business. Mr. Chris

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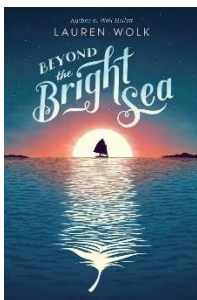
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also teaches Marly and her brother, Joe, about animals, plants and the transformations in nature. As Marly witnesses the changing seasons, neighbors working together and her father's spirit healing, she becomes convinced that miracles do happen on Maple Hill.



Beyond the Bright Sea

Twelve-year-old Crow has lived her entire life on a tiny, isolated piece of the starkly beautiful Elizabeth Islands in Massachusetts. Abandoned and set adrift in a small boat when she was just hours old, Crow's only companions are Osh, the man who rescued and raised her, and Miss Maggie, their fierce and affectionate neighbor across the sandbar. Crow has always been curious about the world around her, but it isn't until the night a mysterious fire appears across the water that the unspoken question of her own history forms in her heart. Soon, an unstoppable chain of events is triggered, leading Crow down a path of discovery and danger. Vivid and heart-wrenching, Lauren Wolk's *Beyond the Bright Sea* is a gorgeously crafted and tensely paced tale that explores questions of identity, belonging, and the true meaning of family.



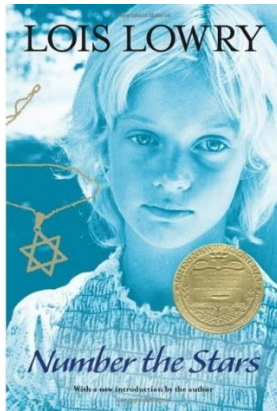
Number the Stars

Ten-year-old Annemarie Johansen and her best friend Ellen Rosen often think of life before the war. It's now 1943 and their life in Copenhagen is filled with school, food shortages, and the Nazi soldiers marching through town. When the Jews of Denmark are "relocated," Ellen moves

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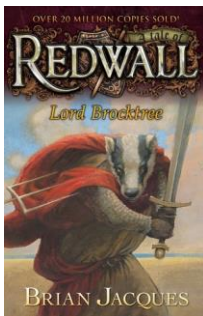
in with the Johansens and pretends to be one of the family. Soon Annemarie is asked to go on a dangerous mission to save Ellen's life.



Fantasy

Redwall

"Redwall" by Brian Jacques is a captivating fantasy novel that takes readers on an epic adventure in the enchanting world of Redwall Abbey. Filled with bravery, friendship, and the battle between good and evil, the story immerses readers in a world inhabited by anthropomorphic animals who face numerous challenges and adversaries. With its rich storytelling and vivid characters, "Redwall" has become a beloved classic in the realm of children's literature.

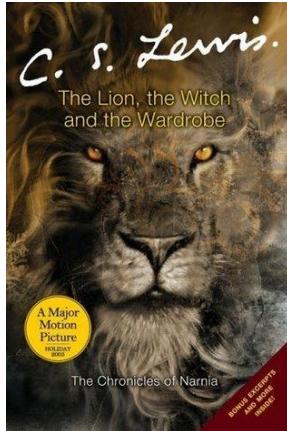


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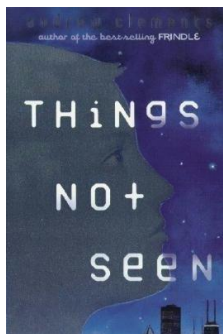
The Lion, The Witch, And The Wardrobe tells the story of four siblings, Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy who discover a magical wardrobe that transports them to the land of Narnia. There they find a world filled with talking animals and mythical creatures, ruled by the White Witch who has placed an eternal winter on the land. With the help of Aslan the lion, who is the true king of Narnia, the children embark on a quest to end the witch's reign over the land so that spring can return to Narnia.



Science Fiction

Things Not Seen

Bobby Phillips, a typical teenager living in Chicago, wakes up one morning to discover that he has inexplicably turned invisible. After the initial shock wears off, he confides in his parents, who are understandably alarmed but supportive. Together, they try to understand the cause of his condition and how to cope with this newfound invisibility.

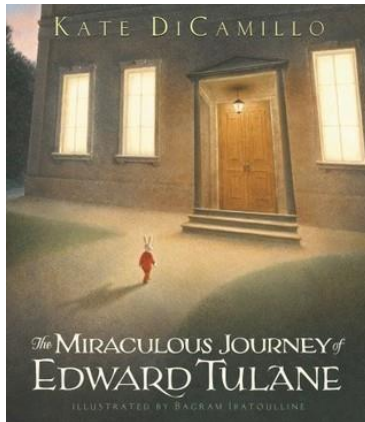


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Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

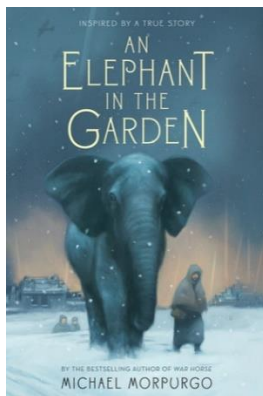
Kate DiCamillo's "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane" is a heartwarming and enchanting tale that follows the journey of a china rabbit named Edward through various adventures as he learns the true meaning of love. First published on February 14, 2006, this book belongs to the genres of Fantasy, Fiction, and Children's literature. The story captures the essence of love, loss, and redemption, making it a timeless classic that appeals to readers of all ages.



Nonfiction

An Elephant in the Garden

An Elephant in the Garden **illustrates Morpurgo's understanding of and empathy for children**, depicting how the firebombing of Dresden upends the lives of Morpurgo's young characters. The novel develops themes regarding the loss of childhood innocence while coming of age, the terrible consequences of war, and the true meaning of family.



The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind

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When a terrible drought struck William Kamkwamba's tiny village in Malawi, his family lost all of the season's crops, leaving them with nothing to eat and nothing to sell. William began to explore science books in his village library, looking for a solution. There, he came up with the idea that would change his family's life forever: he could build a windmill. Made out of scrap metal and old bicycle parts, William's windmill brought electricity to his home and helped his family pump the water they needed to farm the land.

Retold for a younger audience, this exciting memoir shows how, even in a desperate situation, one boy's brilliant idea can light up the world. Complete with photographs, illustrations, and an epilogue that will bring readers up to date on William's story, this is the perfect edition to read and share with the whole family.

