

Proficient

(Increasing in difficulty)

***Highly recommended**

***The 18th Emergency -- Betsy Cromer Byars**

***Attack of the Tagger -- Wendelin Van Draanen**

***Because of Winn-Dixie -- Kate DiCamillo**

Black Gold -- Marguerite Henry

Caddie Woodlawn -- Carol Ryrie Brink

***The Castle in the Attic -- Elizabeth Winthrop**

***The Celery Stalks at Midnight -- James Howe**

The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse: From the Tattered Casebook of Chet Gecko, Private Eye (and others of the Chet Gecko Mystery series) -- Bruce Hale

***Charlie and the Chocolate Factory -- Roald Dahl**

***Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator -- Roald Dahl**

***Charlotte's Web -- E. B. White**

Danger on Panther Peak -- Bill Wallace

***Day of the Iguana (and others of the Hank Zipzer, the World's Greatest Underachiever series) -- Henry Winkler**

***Frindle -- Andrew Clements**

***Hatchet -- Gary Paulsen**

***The Homework Machine -- Dan Gutman**

***How to Eat Fried Worms -- Thomas Rockwell**

***The Indian in the Cupboard -- Lynne Reid Banks**

***The Monster's Ring -- Bruce Coville**

***Rules -- Cynthia Lord**

***Sarah, Plain and Tall -- Patricia MacLachlan**

***Shiloh -- Phyllis Reynolds Naylor**

***Snow Treasure -- Marie McSwigan**

Snowboard Showdown -- Paul Mantell

***Strider -- Beverly Cleary**

Sun & Spoon -- Kevin Henkes

***A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray -- Ann M. Martin**

***From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler -- E.L. Konigsburg**

The Good Dog -- Avi

***Granny Torrelli Makes Soup -- Sharon Creech**

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson -- Bette Lord

Lily's Crossing -- Patricia Reilly Giff

The Million Dollar Shot -- Dan Gutman

My Life in Dog Years -- Gary Paulsen

On My Honor -- Marion Dane Bauer

Sahara Special -- Esme Raji Codell

***Taking Sides -- Gary Soto**

Time for Andrew: A Ghost Story -- Mary Downing Hahn

The Van Gogh Café -- Cynthia Rylant

Agnes Parker... Girl in Progress -- Kathleen O'Dell

Behind Rebel Lines: The Incredible Story of Emma Edmonds, Civil War Spy -- Seymour Reit

***Bud, Not Buddy -- Christopher Paul Curtis**

***Chasing Vermeer -- Blue Balliett**

Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key (and others of the Joey Pigza series) -- Jack Gantos

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (and others of the Chronicles of Narnia series) -- C.S. Lewis

***Love That Dog -- Sharon Creech**

Nory Ryan's Song -- Patricia Reilly Giff

Notes from a Liar and Her Dog -- Gennifer Choldenko

***Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief (and others of the Sammy Keyes series) -- Wendelin Van Draanen**

Shoeless Joe and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure -- Dan Gutman

Surviving the Applewhites -- Stephanie S. Tolan

The Tiger's Apprentice -- Lauren Yep

***The BFG -- Roald Dahl**

Ella Enchanted -- Gail Carson Levine

The Fledgling -- Jane Langton

Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad -- Michael Martin

***If You're Reading This, It's Too Late -- Pseudonymous Bosch**

Julie of the Wolves -- Jean Craighead George

***The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane -- Kate DiCamillo**

The Name of this Book is Secret -- Pseudonymous Bosch

***Number the Stars -- Lois Lowry**

Ragweed -- Avi

Report to the Principal's Office -- Jerry Spinelli

Rosa Parks: My Story -- Rosa Parks

***The Tale of Despereaux -- Kate DiCamillo**

The Watsons Go to Birmingham -- Christopher Paul Curtis

The Wizard of Oz -- Frank L. Baum