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The Alchemist [6 books]

35833 KT
JS 197 pce 1998 HarperOne
Paulo Coelho
This book tells the story of a young shepherd named Santiago who is able to find a treasure beyond his wildest dreams. Along the way, he learns to listen to his heart and, more importantly, realizes that his dreams, or his Personal Legend, are not just his but part of the Soul of the Universe.

Alchemists; Fables; Shepherds;
English/Language Arts

All American Boys [6 books]

39238 KT
S 316 pce 2015 Atheneum Books
for Young Readers
Jason Reynolds ; Brendan Kiely
"When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of his best friend"—OCLC.

African Americans—Fiction; Police brutality—Fiction; Race relations—Fiction; Racial profiling in law enforcement—Fiction; Racism—Fiction; English/Language Arts

All He Knew [6 books]

40026 KT
IJ 254 pce 2020 Farrar Starus
Giroux
Helen Frost
In 1939 six-year-old Henry, who is deaf, is taken from his family and placed in a home for the feeble-minded where, years later, his friends include a conscientious objector serving there during World War II. Includes historical notes.

Institutional care—Fiction; World War, 1939-1945—Fiction;
Conscientious objectors—Fiction;
People with disabilities—Fiction;
Novels in verse; Historical fiction;
Deaf—Fiction; Inclusive education;
English/Language Arts

Anne Frank : the Anne Frank House authorized graphic biography [6 books]

37799 KT
IJ 152 pce 2010 Hill and Wang
Sid Jacobson
Provides a graphic novel account of the life of Anne Frank, covering her family, the rise of Nazism, her years in the Secret Annex, her arrest, her deportation, her death, her father's recovery of her diary, and other related topics.

Graphic novels; Holocaust, 1939-1945—Amsterdam (Netherlands)—Biography—Comic; Jewish children in the Holocaust—Amsterdam (Netherlands)—Biography—; Jews—Amsterdam (Netherlands)—Biography—Comic books, strips, e; Social Studies; Frank, Anne,—1929-1945—Comic books, strips, etc

Annie Mae's movement [4 books]

34575 KT
S 52 pce 1998 Playwrights Canada Press
Yvette Nolan
This book explores what it must have been like to be Anna Mae Pictou Aquash, a woman in a man's movement, a Canadian in America, an Aboriginal in a white-dominant culture at a time when it felt like we could really change the world. Dying under mysterious circumstances, it is still unclear as to what really happened to her back in the late 70s. Instead of recounting cold facts, this play looks for the truth from examining the life and death of this remarkable Aboriginal woman; that we cannot know the consequences of our actions; that we live on in the work that we do and the people we affect long after we have passed from this world.

BC First Nations Studies 12; First Nations—Plays; Aboriginal

As long as the rivers flow [6 books]

33829 KT
I 48 pce 2002 House of Anansi Press
Loyie, Larry
Using a story format, the author describes the summer just before he is sent to residential school when he was ten. An epilogue describes the residential school experience. (971.230)

Cree (First Nations people)—Alberta; First Nations—Fiction; First Nations; First Nations—Residential schools; Aboriginal; English/Language Arts

A bear named Trouble [6 books]

31424 KT
PI 120 pce 2005 Yearling
Marion Dane Bauer
In Anchorage, Alaska, two loners make a connection - a brown bear, injured just after his mother sends him out on his own, and a young boy whose father is a new keeper at the Alaska Zoo.

Alaska—Fiction; Bears—Fiction;
Fiction—Study and teaching;
Language arts; Reading

Belle of Batoche [6 books]

37181 KT
I 135 pce 2004 Orca Book Publishers
Jacqueline Guest
Belle must put aside her struggle to become the church bell ringer when those she loves are threatened during the battle of Batoche, part of the Riel Rebellion.

First Nations

Between heaven and earth [6 books]

36576 KT
I 245 pce 2012 Orca Book Publishers
Eric Walters
DJ is David McLean's eldest grandson, so it stands to reason that he be the one to scatter his beloved grandfather's ashes. At least that's how DJ sees it. He's always been the best at everything—sports, school, looking after his fatherless family—so climbing Kilimanjaro is just another thing he'll accomplish almost effortlessly. Or so he thinks, until he arrives in Tanz ...

Adventure fiction; Conduct of life—Fiction; Grandfathers—Fiction; Mountaineering—Fiction; Reading; Tanzania—Fiction; Teenagers—Fiction

The birchbark house [6 books]

37346 KT
I 244 pce 1999 Disney Hyperion Books
Louise Erdrich
Omakayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.

First Nations; Islands; Ojibwa (First Nations people)—Fiction;
Seasons—Fiction

Black Enough : stories of being young & Black in America [6 Books]

40571 KT
IS 400 pce 2019 HarperCollins Publishers
Edited by Ibi Aanu Zoboi
A collection of coming-of-age short stories that reflect on the African American teenage experience in America.

Teenagers—Fiction; Short stories—Fiction; African Americans—Fiction; United States—Social life and customs—Fiction; African American youth—Fiction; English/Language Arts

Booked [6 Books]

40458 KT
IJ 329 pce 2016 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
Written by Kwame Alexander.
Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

Novels in verse; Self-esteem—Fiction; Books and reading—Fiction; Soccer—Fiction

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The Bridge Home [6 Books]

40880 KT
IJ 194 pce 2019 Puffin
Written by Padma Venkatraman.
Four determined homeless children
make a life for themselves in Chennai,
India.
Social Studies; English/Language
Arts; India–Fiction; Missing
persons–Fiction; Runaway
children–Fiction; Homeless
persons–Fiction; Siblings–Fiction

The caged bird [6 books]

33204 KT
IJ 48 pce 2007 Scholastic
Written by Claire Kelly, illustrated by
Mike Rooth.
Timeline Series - Serawoot is a young
Burmese boy whose parents have
been imprisoned by the government.
As he struggles to understand his
country, he gets to meet an important
prisoner whose incredible courage
brings hope to millions.
Freedom; Graphic novels;
Language arts; Myanmar; Reading

Children of the longhouse [6 books]

31840 KT
I 150 pce 1996 Puffin
Joseph Bruchac
Eleven-year-old Ohkwa'ri and his twin
sister must make peace with a hostile
gang of older boys in their Mohawk
village during the late 1400s. (FIC)
First Nations; Mohawk (First
Nations people)–Fiction; Native
Americans–North America–Fiction;
Siblings–Fiction

Concrete Rose [6 Books]

40937 KT
S 360 pce 2021 Balzer & Bray
Written by Angie Thomas.
"A gang leader's son finds his effort to
go straight for the sake of his child
challenged by a loved one's brutal
murder"—Provided by publisher.
African American men–Fiction;
African Americans–Fiction;
Teenage fathers–Fiction; Gangs–
Fiction; English/Language Arts

The crossover [6 copies]

39240 KT
IJ 251 pce 2014 Houghton Mifflin
Harcourt
By Kwame Alexander
Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars
Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs
and lows on and off the court as their
father ignores his declining health.
African Americans–Fiction;
Basketball–Fiction; Brothers–
Fiction; Father-son
relationship–Fiction; Novels in
verse; Twins–Fiction

The Crossover : Graphic Novel [6 copies]

39254 KT
IJ 218 pce 2019 Houghton Mifflin
Harcourt
By Kwame Alexander
Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars
Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs
and lows on and off the court as their
father ignores his declining health.
Basketball–Graphic novels;
Brothers–Graphic novels; Father-
son relationship–Graphic novels;
Graphic novels; Twins–Graphic
novels

Crying for a vision [6 books]

33195 KT
IJ 48 pce 2007 Scholastic
Written by Jan Beaver, illustrated by
Francesco Francavilla
Timeline Series - Jesse Blue Cloud is
a Lakota teenager who feels cut off
from his culture. However, a coming-
of-age ritual tests his courage and
changes his life.
First Nations–Rites and
ceremonies; First Nations; Graphic
novels; Language arts; Native
Americans–North America–Fiction;
Reading

Dear Canada

For descriptions see individual titles:
Pieces of the past: the Holocaust
diary of Rose Rabinowitz [6 books]
[37843]

* Dear Martin [6 Books]

41376 KT
JS 210 pce 2017 Crown Publishers
written by Nic Stone.
"Writing letters to the late Dr. Martin
Luther King Jr., seventeen-year-old
college-bound Justyce McAllister
struggles to face the reality of race
relations today and how they are
shaping him"—Provided by publisher.
African Americans–Fiction;
Racism–Fiction; Police brutality–
Fiction; Race relations–Fiction;
King, Martin Luther, Jr.,–1929-
1968–Fiction; English/Language
Arts; Racial profiling in law
enforcement–Fiction;
Letters–Fiction

A Different Game [6 books]

33809 KT
I 136 pce 2010 Orca Book
Publishers
Sylvia Olsen
Murphy and his three friends are
nervous about trying out for the soccer
team at their new school, but a
diagnosis of leukemia proves more
challenging than anything they
encounter on the field.
First Nations–Fiction; First Nations

Dive. Book one: the discovery [6 books]

31419 KT
IJ 141 pce 2003 Scholastic
Gordon Korman
Four adolescents interning as
research divers for the summer find
themselves searching for a centuries
old treasure and fending off killer
sharks. This story interweaves with
that of Samuel Higgins, a boy who
died in a shipwreck in the same
waters in 1665.
Fiction–Study and teaching;
Language arts; Reading

Diver : the leatherback sea turtle [6 books]

40008 KT
PI 40 pce 2007 Scholastic Canada
Wendy A. Lewis
For a young leatherback turtle, the
sea is full of wonders – and dangers.
Join Diver as he travels thousands of
kilometres from his warm tropical nest
to the cool waters of Canada.
Turtles–Fiction; Easy reading
materials; Turtles

Dragon's gate [6 books]

37797 KT
IJ 333 pce 1993 Harper/Trophy
Laurence Yep
When he accidentally kills a Manchu,
a Chinese boy is sent to America to
join his father, an uncle, and other
Chinese working to build a tunnel for
the transcontinental railroad through
the Sierra Nevada Mountains in 1867.
Chinese Americans–Fiction;
Railroads; Social Studies

Dream Wheels : a Novel [6 Books]

40917 KT
S 398 pce 2006 Anchor Canada
Written by Richard Wagamese
Rodeo cowboy Joe Willie Wolfchild
suffers a devastating accident just
moments before becoming World
Champion. In the process of
rebuilding his life, he befriends a
young man on probation who helps
him find his purpose once again.
Social Studies; Western stories;
Aboriginal; Self-realization–Fiction;
English/Language Arts; First
Nations–Fiction; Friendship–Fiction

Dreamcatcher [2 books]

31803 KT
IJ 137 pce 1995 Polestar
Meredy Maynard
Thirteen-year-old Fran struggles with
the changes in his life after his father
dies and his mother moves the family
away from the city, but he finds good
friends in Bandit, a baby racoon, and
Jo, a Native girl who is also dealing
with the loss of a parent. (FIC)
First Nations–Canada–Fiction;
Literature–Study and teaching
(Secondary); Teenagers–Fiction

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Dumplin' [6 books]

38087 KT

JS 375 pce 2015 Balzer + Bray
Julie Murphy

Sixteen-year-old Willowdean wants to prove to everyone in her small Texas town that she is more than just a fat girl. So, while grappling with her feelings for a co-worker who is clearly attracted to her, Will and some other misfits prepare to compete in the beauty pageant her mother runs.

Beauty contests—Fiction; Dating (Social customs)—Fiction;
Friendship—Fiction; Obesity—Fiction;
Self-esteem—Fiction; Texas—Fiction

Escape to Gold Mountain : a graphic history of the Chinese in North America [6 books]

37832 KT

IJ 239 pce 2012 Arsenal Pulp Press
David H. T. Wong

Tells the story of how the Chinese came to North America over the course of more than 100 years: a history filled with discrimination, heartbreak, and separation from loved ones. Despite these obstacles, however, the Chinese persevered, working hard and making sacrifices in order to create a better life for future generations. The story is told through the eyes of the Wong family.

Chinese—History—Canada—Graphic novels; Chinese—History—United States—Graphic novels; Graphic novels; Social Studies

The Freedom summer murders [6 books]

39235 KT

JS 250 pce 2014 Scholastic Press
Don Mitchell

A look at how the disappearance and murders of civil rights workers Mickey Schwerner, Andrew Goodman, and James Chaney would help bring about civil rights and social justice.

African Americans—Civil rights—History; Black history; Chaney, James Earl, 1943-1964; Civil rights workers; Goodman, Andrew, 1943-1964; Mississippi Freedom Project; Mississippi—Race relations—History; Neshoba County (Miss)—Race relations—History; Schwerner, Michael Henry, 1939-1964

Genesis Begins Again [6 Books]

40634 KT

IJ 364 pce 2019 Atheneum
Written by Alicia D. Williams.

"Thirteen-year-old Genesis tries again and again to lighten her black skin, thinking it is the root of her family's troubles, before discovering reasons to love herself as is"—Provided by publisher.

Family life—Fiction; Self-esteem—Fiction; African Americans—Fiction; Prejudices—Fiction; African American—Identity—Fiction; Moving—Fiction; Identity (Psychology)—Fiction; English/Language Arts

The German girl [6 books]

37850 KT

JS 557 pce 2016 Gale
Armando Lucas Correa

Before everything changed, Hannah Rosenthal lived a charmed life. But now the streets of Berlin are draped in swastikas and Hannah is no longer welcome in the places she once considered home. A glimmer of hope appears in the shape of the St Louis, a transatlantic liner that promises Jews safe passage to Cuba. The Rosenthals sell everything they have to fund visas and tickets. At first the liner feels like luxury, but as they travel the circumstances of war change, and it soon becomes their prison. Seven decades later in New York, on her twelfth birthday Anna Rosen receives a package from Hannah, the great-aunt she never met but who raised her deceased father. Anna and her mother immediately travel to Cuba to meet this elderly relative, and for the first time Hannah tells them the untold story of her voyage on the St Louis.

Cuba—Fiction; Historical fiction; Holocaust, 1939-1945—Fiction; Jewish children in the Holocaust; Jews—Cuba—Fiction; Jews—German-Fiction; Refugees—Fiction; Social Studies

Ghost [6 Books]

40833 KT

IJ 181 pce 2016 Atheneum Books
for Young Readers

Written by Jason Reynolds.

Track Series - "Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track – literally and figuratively – to reach his full potential"—Provided by publisher.

Track athletics—Fiction; Running—Fiction; Coaching (Athletics)—Fiction; Self-realization—Fiction; English/Language Arts

Ghost boys [6 books]

39237 KT

IJ 217 pce 2018 Little Brown and
Company

Jewell Parker Rhodes

"After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a white police officer, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till"—Provided by publisher.

African Americans—Fiction; Death—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Racism—Fiction; Till, Emmett, 1941-1955—Fiction

Goodbye Buffalo Bay [6 books]

33828 KT

IJ 142 pce 2009 Theytus
By Larry Loyie and Constance
Brissenden.

A true story of life in a residential school...and of moving on. In his last year in residential school, Lawrence learns the power of friendship and courage. Returning home, he finds himself a stranger to his family and First Nations culture until he hears his grandfather's gentle guiding voice. Before he turns 16, Lawrence fights a terrifying forest fire, flies for the first time, makes his first non-Native friends, works on the dangerous green chain at a sawmill and fulfills his dream of living in the mountains.

First Nations—Fiction; First Nations—Residential schools—Fiction; First Nations—Residential schools

The great gatsby [6 books]

35747 KT

S 170 pce 1950 Penguin books
F. Scott Fitzgerald

The Great Gatsby is one of the great love stories of our time.

Long Island (N.Y.)—Fiction; Love stories; Love stories; Man-woman relationships—Fiction; Upper class—Fiction

Hana's suitcase [6 books]

36416 KT

IJ 111 pce 2002 Second Story
Press

Karen Levine

A true story of a suitcase that arrived at a children's Holocaust education center in Tokyo, Japan. In a suspenseful 70 year journey for clues, find out about the mystery of the suitcase.

Holocaust, Jewish (1939-1945); Jewish children in the Holocaust; Reading; World War II—fiction

Harbor me [6 books]

39792 KT

I 176 pce 2020 Puffin Books
Jacqueline Woodson

"When six students are chosen to participate in a weekly talk with no adults allowed, they discover that when they're together, it's safe to share the hopes and fears they have to hide from the rest of the world"—Provided by publisher.

African Americans—Fiction; Discussion groups—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Latinos (U.S.)—Fiction; School stories

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Harvey Comes Home [6 Books]

40158 KT

JJ 218 pce 2019

Written by Colleen Nelson

"A young boy volunteering at a retirement home finds a stray dog and notices that it revives decades-old memories for a bitter resident. The boy bonds with the resident as he listens to stories about growing up in Saskatchewan during the Great Depression. Thanks to his new friend and his canine companion, the elderly man is able to pass away peacefully, immersed in fond memories of his youth"

Historical fiction; Depressions–1929–Fiction; Human-animal relationships–Fiction; Dogs; Survival–Fiction; Coming of Age; Personal awareness and social responsibility

* I'm OK [6 Books]

41282 KT

IJ 279 pce 2018 Atheneum Books for Young Readers written by Patti Kim.

Ok, a Korean American boy, tries a get rich quick scheme of starting a hair braiding business and winning the school talent competition to hide the fact that he is struggling with the loss of his father and the financial hardships he and his mother must now bear.

Mother-son relationship–Fiction; Grief–Fiction; Loss (Psychology)–Fiction; Korean Americans–Fiction; English/Language Arts; Money-making projects for children–Fiction

In a class of her own [6 books]

33203 KT

IJ 48 pce 2006 Scholastic

Written by Kathleen Gould Lundy, illustrated by Jeff Alward

Timeline Series - The year is 1960. A six-year-old girl named Ruby Bridges makes history by being the first African-American child to attend an all-white school in New Orleans.

Graphic novels; Language arts; Racism; Reading; Social classes

Iqbal [6 books]

36340 KT

I 120 pce 2001 Aladdin Paperbacks

Francesco D'Adamo ; Translated by Ann Leonori

A fictionalized account of a Pakistani child who escaped from bondage in a carpet factory and went on to help liberate other children like him until his tragic death at the age of thirteen.

Child abuse–Fiction; Child labor–Fiction; Masih, Iqbal,–1982–1995–Fiction; Reading; Rug and carpet industry–Fiction

Jack and the boys

Adventure on Gull Island [9 books]

34329 KT

PI 56 pce 2010 Eaglecrest Books

Delia Dumont ; photographs by Lorraine Adams

Brian and Adrien head out in their canoe to Gull Island with their dog, Jack. They are all having a great time fishing and exploring the island until something goes terribly wrong!

First Nations–Fiction; Reading; Aboriginal; English/Language Arts; Social Studies

Eagle's cry [6 books]

34331 KT

P 64 pce 2010 Eaglecrest Books

Delia Dumont and Lorraine Adams

Jack and the boys set off on a hike when suddenly they hear a gun shot. Jack leads the boys to an injured eagle. Was the eagle shot? Will he survive? Where did the shot come from?

First Nations–Fiction; Reading

Hockey challenge [7 books]

34325 KT

PI 56 pce 2010 Eaglecrest Books

Katherine Maximick

Kayla loves hockey, but there is no girls' team in her community. Will Kayla be allowed to try out for the boys' team? Will she be accepted if she makes the team?

First Nations–Fiction; Reading

Mountain biking adventure [10 books]

34330 KT

P 64 pce 2010 Eaglecrest Books

Delia Dumont ; Photographs by Lorraine Adams

Adrien and Glynn head up the trails on their mountain bikes. Suddenly they spot smoke coming from one of the cabins.

First Nations–Fiction; Reading

Soccer adventure [6 copies]

34324 KT

P 60 pce 2010 Eaglecrest Books

Delia Dumont

Adrien and Glynn have made it to the finals in the soccer tournament. When the game ends, the boys aren't concerned about the score. Instead, they are watching their dog, Jack Why is he with the boy from the other team?

First Nations–Fiction; Reading

Jimmy tames horses [6 books]

35746 KT

I 20 pce 2012 Kegeedonce Press

Garry Gottfriedson ; illustrated by Mary Longman

This is a story about a little boy (Jimmy) from the city who is trying to fit in with his cousins who have always lived on the Kamloops Indian Reserve and his feelings of being left out. Throughout the course of a summer Jimmy works with a colt, overcoming initial fears and eventually becomes a famous horse breaker.

First Nations

The journey : North American indigenous games [8 books]

34328 KT

PI 64 pce 2010 Eaglecrest Books

Lorraine Adams ; Photographs by Lorraine Adams

Follow Michelle's personal journey as she participates in the North American Indigenous games. As Michelle travels on her own for the first time, she meets athletes from all over North America, participates in a sport she loves and is introduced to her aboriginal culture.

First Nations; Reading

Keeper'n me [6 books]

31832 KT

S 322 pce 1994 Anchor

Richard Wagamese

When Garnet Raven was three years old, he was taken from his home on an Ojibway Indian reserve and placed in a series of foster homes. Having reached his mid-teens, he escapes at the first available opportunity, only to find himself cast adrift on the streets of the big city. (FIC)

First Nations–Canada–Fiction; Foster home care–Fiction; Literature–Study and teaching (Secondary)

Lion of Africa [6 books]

33211 KT

IJ 48 pce 2007 Scholastic

Written by Mary Jennifer Payne, illustrated by Leo Lingas.

Timeline Series - John is a prison guard who must watch South Africa's most dangerous prisoner–Nelson Mandela. As John comes to know Mandela, his ideas about his country and about freedom start to change.

Apartheid; Graphic novels; Language arts; Reading; South Africa–Race relations

* Love, hate & other filters [6 Books]

41377 KT

IJS 281 pce 2018 Soho Teen

written by Samira Ahmed.

Maya Aziz, seventeen, is caught between her India-born parents world of college and marrying a suitable Muslim boy and her dream world of film school and dating her classmate, Phil, when a terrorist attack changes her life forever.

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Family life—Fiction; Chicago (Ill.)—Fiction; Dating (Social customs)—Fiction; Muslims—Fiction; Terrorism—fiction; High schools—Fiction; School stories; Indians—Fiction

*Lu [6 Books]

41743 KT

IJ 218 pce 2018 Atheneum Books for Young Readers

written by Jason Reynolds.

Track Series - "Lu knows he can lead Ghost, Patina, Sunny, and the team to victory at the championships, but it might not be as easy as it seems. Suddenly, there are hurdles in Lu's way—literally and not-so-literally—and Lu needs to figure out, fast, what winning the gold really means"—Provided by publisher.

Track athletics—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Pregnancy—fiction; African Americans—Fiction; Conduct of life—Fiction; English/Language Arts; Friendship—Fiction; Albinos and albinism—Fiction

Marty McGuire [6 books]

36327 KT

P 131 pce 2011 Scholastic
Kate Messner ; illustrated by Brian Floca

When tomboy Marty is cast as the princess in the third-grade play, she learns about improvisation, which helps her become more adaptable.

Reading; School stories;
Theater—Fiction; Floca, Brian,—ill

Medicine River [6 books]

31800 KT

JS 261 pce 1989 Penguin books
Thomas King

When Will returns to Medicine River, he things he is simply attending his mother's funeral. He doesn't count on Harlen Bigbear and his unique brand of community planning. Harlen tries to sell Will on the idea of returning to Medicine River to open shop as the town's only native photographer. And somehow or other, that's exactly what happens. (FIC)

Canada—Ethnic relations—Fiction;
First Nations—Canada—Fiction;
Literature—Study and teaching
(Secondary)

The midnight fox [6 books]

26808 KT

I 134 pce 1996

Betsy Byars

Tom dislikes spending the summer on his aunt's farm until he discovers a black fox in the forest and tracks her to her den.

Farm life—Fiction; Foxes—Fiction;
Reading

The mighty heart of Sunny St.

James [6 books]

39958 KT

IJ 375 pce 2020 Little Brown and Company

Ashley Herring Blake

"When Sunny St. James receives a new heart, she decides to set off on a "New Life Plan": 1) do awesome amazing things she could never do before, 2) find a new best friend, and 3) kiss a boy for the first time. Her "New Life Plan" seems to be racing forward, but when she meets her new best friend Quinn, Sunny questions whether she really wants to kiss a boy at all. With the reemergence of her estranged mother, Sunny begins a journey to becoming the new Sunny St. James".—from publisher's website

Friendship—Fiction; Heart—Transplantation; Mothers and daughters—Fiction

Monkey beach [6 books]

31831 KT

S 377 pce 2000 Random House of Canada/Knopf Canada

Eden Robinson

Tragedy strikes a Pacific Northwest native community when Jimmy Hill mysteriously vanishes at sea. His sister Lisamarie sets off alone in search of him. Her voyage takes her through the Douglas Channel towards Monkey Beach, a shore famous for its Sasquatch sightings. There she deals with Haisla and Heiltsuk lore, the haunting spirituality of the setting, and her own private loss. (FIC)

Brothers—Death—Fiction; First Nations—Canada—Fiction; Haisla (First Nations People)—Fiction; Kitimat Region (B.C.)—Fiction; Literature—Study and teaching (Secondary)

Morning Girl [6 books]

37177 KT

PI 1992 Disney Hyperion Books
Michael Dorris

Morning Girl, who loves the day, and her younger brother, Star Boy, who loves the night, take turns describing their life on an island in pre-Columbian America; in Morning Girl's last narrative, she witnesses the arrival of the first Europeans to her world.

First Nations—Fiction; Reading

*Motorcycles & sweetgrass : a novel [6 copies]

41370 KT

S 348 pce 2010 Penguin modern classics edition

written by Drew Hayden Taylor

"Otter Lake is a sleepy Anishnawbe community where little happens. Until the day a handsome stranger pulls up astride a 1953 Indian Chief motorcycle—and turns Otter Lake completely upside down. Maggie, the Reserve's chief, is swept off her feet, but Virgil, her teenage son, is less than enchanted. Suspicious of the stranger's intentions, he teams up with

his uncle Wayne—a master of aboriginal martial arts—to drive the stranger from the Reserve. And it turns out that the raccoons are willing to lend a hand"—Provided by publisher.

First Nations—Fiction; Aboriginal; Ojibwa(First Nations people)—Fiction; Humorous fiction; English/Language Arts

Mr. Terupt

Because of Mr. Terupt [6 books]

37740 KT

I 269 pce 2010 Yearling
Rob Buyea

Seven students at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by "rookie teacher" Mr. Terupt.

Family life—Fiction; Interpersonal relations—Fiction; School stories—Fiction; Teacher-student relationship—Fiction;
Teachers—Fiction

My Name is Konisola [6 Books]

40161 KT

Jl 178 pce 2020 Second Story Press

Written by Alisa Siegel

"Based on a true story. On a freezing cold winter night, nine-year-old Konisola and her mother step off a plane in Canada, having left Nigeria with nothing but the clothes on their backs. They are running for their lives, having lived under the threat of violence from a controlling family member. Soon after they land, disaster strikes—Konisola's mother is hospitalized and Konisola is forced to fend for herself in a strange country with no family and no friends. Will she be allowed to stay in Canada as a refugee, or will she and her mother be sent back across the ocean? This is a story of bravery and determination, of loss, and of generosity and good will that paved the way for a new family"—Provided by publisher.

Historical fiction; ; Refugees;
Mother-daughter relationship—Fiction; Multiculturalism; Personal awareness and social responsibility

No time to say goodbye [6 books]

33827 KT

I 186 pce 2001 Sononis Press
Sylvia Olsen with Rita Morris and Ann Sam.

Fictional account of five children sent to aboriginal boarding school, based on the recollections of a number of Tsartlip First Nations people. These unforgettable children are taken by government agents from Tsartlip Day School to live at Kuper Island Residential school. The five are isolated on the small island and life becomes regimented by the strict school routine. They experience the pain of homesickness and confusion while trying to adjust to a world completely different from their own. T

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heir lives are no longer organized by fishing, hunting and family, but by bells, lin e-ups and chores. In spite of the harsh realities of the residential school, the children find adventure in escape, challenge in competition, and camaraderie with their fellow students. (371.97)

First Nations–Social conditions;
First Nations–Residential schools;
Survival–Fiction

Number the stars [6 copies]

26638 KT

I 137 pce 1989 Bantam Doubleday Dell

Lois Lowrey.

Ten-year-old Annemarie Johansen and her best friend Ellen Rosen often think about life before the war. But it's now 1943 and their life in Copenhagen is filled with school, food shortages, and the Nazi soldiers marching in their town. The Nazis won't stop. The Jews of Denmark are being "relocated," so Ellen moves in with the Johansens and pretends to be part of the family. Then Annemarie is asked to go on a dangerous mission. Somehow she must find the strength and courage to save her best friend's life. There's no turning back now.

Friendship; Jews–Fiction; Reading;
Rescue; World War–1939-1945

Olympic gold [6 books]

33176 KT

IJ 48 pce 2008 Scholastic
Written by Ying S. Lee, illustrated by Felix Lavallee

Timeline Series - It is 1936. The Olympic Games are coming to Berlin, Germany. Chancellor Adolf Hitler uses the Games to promote his racist ideas, but one man hopes to prove him wrong. His name is Jesse Owens.

Graphic novels; Language arts;
Olympic games; Racism; Reading

Only drunks and children tell the truth [6 books]

31833 KT

JS 112 pce 1998 Talonbooks
Drew Hayden Taylor

A two act play about the conflict between western values and native values, set in Toronto and on a Reserve in Ontario. (812)

Canadian drama–Collections;
Drama; First Nations drama; First Nations–Canada–Fiction;
Literature–Study and teaching (Secondary)

The outcasts of 19 Schuyler

Place [6 books]

31428 KT

IJ 296 pce 2004 Aladdin Paperbacks

E.L. Konigsburg

Upon leaving an oppressive summer camp, twelve-year-old Margaret Rose Kane spearheads a campaign to preserve three unique towers her great-uncles have been building in their backyard for more than forty years.

Fiction–Study and teaching;
Individuality–Fiction; Language arts; Reading

*Patina [6 Books]

41742 KT

IJ 233 pce 2017 Atheneum Books

for Young Readers

written by Jason Reynolds.

Track Series - "A newbie to the track team, Patina "Patty" Jones must learn to rely on her family and teammates as she tries to outrun her personal demons"—Provided by publisher.

Track athletics–Fiction; Family life–Fiction; Running–Fiction; African Americans–Fiction; Stress (Psychology)–Fiction; English/Language Arts; Diabetes–Fiction

Pax [6 books]

37661 KT

IJ 276 pce 2016 Balzer + Bray
Sara Pennypacker

"After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back"—Provided by publisher.

Foxes–Fiction; Foxes as pets–Fiction; Human-animal relationships–Fiction

The perks of being a wallflower [6 books]

35884 KT

S 213 pce 1999 Gallery Books
Stephen Chbosky

The book begins with 15 year old boy named Charlie writing letters to an unknown recipient about his life. He discusses how he is beginning high school and his fear of it because his only friend, Michael, committed suicide the year before. This book is a moving tale of love, loss, fear and hope and the unforgettable friends that help us through life.

Friendship

Pieces of the past: the Holocaust diary of Rose Rabinowitz [6 books]

37843 KT

IJ 163 pce 2013 Scholastic Canada
Carol Matas

Dear Canada Series - A young Jewish girl living in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1948 is given a diary by her foster father so she can write down what happen to her in Poland during the Holocaust.

Holocaust survivors–Fiction;
Holocaust, 1939-1945–Fiction;
Immigrants–Canada–Fiction;
Jewish children in the Holocaust–Fiction; Poland–History–Fiction;
Social Studies

Pit pony [6 books]

26468 KT

I 115 pce 1990 Gage

Joyce Barkhouse.

If Willie could have his dream, he would go to Sable Island and ride free over the sand dunes on the back of a wild horse. Instead, 11-year old Willie must work in the coal mines of Cape Breton, hardly ever seeing the light of day. But with the help of Gem, the gentle pit pony, he discovers that things aren't always as bad as they seem.

Cape Breton Island (N.S.)–Fiction;
Coal mines and mining–Fiction;
Historical fiction; Ponies–Fiction;
Reading; Van der Linde, Henry,—ill

A Place to Belong [6 books]

39978 KT

IJ 405 pce 2020 Simon & Schuster
Cynthia Kadohata

Twelve-year-old Hanako and her family, reeling from their confinement in an incarceration camp, renounce their American citizenship to move to Hiroshima, a city devastated by the atomic bomb dropped by Americans.

Atomic bomb–Fiction; Hiroshima-shi (Japan)–History–Fiction;
Historical fiction; Identity (Psychology)–Fiction; Immigration and emigration–Fiction; Japanese Americans–Fiction; Social Studies; English/Language Arts

Rebound [6 Books]

40457 KT

IJ 414 pce 2018 Houghton Mifflin
Harcourt

Illustrations by Dawud Anyabwile. In the summer of 1988, twelve-year-old Chuck Bell is sent to stay with his grandparents, where he discovers jazz and basketball and learns more about his family's past.

Family life–Fiction; African Americans–Fiction; Washington (D.C.)–Fiction; Grandparent-grandchild relationship; Historical fiction; Alexander, Kwame,—author; Basketball–Fiction; Anyabwile, Dawud,—1965—illustrator

Rescue in Rwanda [6 books]

33196 KT

IJ 48 pce 2007 Scholastic
Written by Nicholas Woolley, illustrated by AZTech Studio

Timeline Series - Monica is a young doctor who arrives in Rwanda to work for a relief organization in 1994. Because of the situation at the time, she experiences more than she expected.

Graphic novels; Language arts;
Reading; United nations-armed forces

Realism

Rescue pup [6 books]

34586 KT
I 101 pce 2004 Orca Book Publishers
Jean Little
Shakespeare is a Seeing Eye puppy. But before the time comes for him to train with a blind person, he must spend a year with a girl who has never learned to love. He does all he can to teach her, but the challenges are great.

Dogs—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Koehler, Hanne Lore,—ill

Ru [6 books]

39242 KT
JS 141 pce 2009 Vintage Canada
Kim Thuy
This fictionalized memoir records the author's challenging transition as a child from her life in an affluent family in Vietnam, to a Malaysian refugee camp, and her new life as an immigrant in Quebec, as well as her adult experiences of becoming a mother and her eventual return to Vietnam.

Immigrants; Refugees; Vietnam-history

Run [6 books]

26871 KT
IJ 214 pce 2003 Penguin books
Eric Walters
The police pick up Winston MacDonald, who has been suspended from school and has run away from home. He is sent to spend time with his father, a newspaper columnist who is traveling to Nova Scotia to cover the human interest story about a young man who is trying to run across Canada.

Father-son relationship—Fiction; Fox, Terry,—1958-1981—Fiction; Marathon of Hope—Fiction; Marathon running—Fiction; Reading; Terry Fox Foundation

Save Me a Seat [6 Books]

40973 KT
IJ 216 pce 2016 Scholastic Inc.
Written by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan
Ravi has just moved to the United States from India and has always been at the top of his class; Joe has lived in the same town his whole life and has learning problems—but when their lives intersect in the first week of fifth grade they are brought together by a common enemy (the biggest bully in their class) and the need to take control of their lives.

Physical and health education; Adjustment (Psychology)—Fiction; Varadarajan, Gita,—author; English/Language Arts; School stories—Fiction; Learning disabilities—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Immigrants—Fiction; Bullies—Fiction

Sektion 20 [6 books]

36420 KT
IJ 274 pce 2011 Bloomsbury
Paul Dowswell
Alex lives in East Berlin. The Cold War is raging and he and his family are forbidden to leave. But the longer he stays, the more danger he is in. Alex is no longer pretending to be a model East German, and the Stasi has noticed. They are watching him.

Europe—fiction; Historical fiction; Reading

Shattered [6 books]

36638 KT
IJ 205 pce 2006 Penguin Canada
Eric Walters
In order to pass social studies, fifteen-year-old Ian must complete community volunteer service. Choosing to work at 'The Club,' sounds like fun, until he arrives at what turns out to be a soup kitchen for the homeless in an unsafe part of the city. After a near-mugging, from which he's saved by a fierce, pipe-wielding homeless man, Ian figures this will probably be as depressing and scary an assignment as he's ever had to complete. When the man who saved him shows up at the soup kitchen, looking far less fierce and known to all as 'Sarge,' Ian begins to get to know him. Jacques was a soldier in the Canadian Armed Forces, and his last tour of duty was as a peacekeeper stationed in Rwanda, an African nation Ian knows little about. In this gripping tale, Ian begins to learn truths not only about Rwanda, but about the world, for which he is not prepared. But what will he do with this new found knowledge? Can he do anything at all to help Jacques, a man who has lost everything but his nightmarish memories? With a Foreword by General Romeo Dallaire, the Force Commander for the United Nations Mission to Rwanda, Shattered is an important book, one that asks what one person can do to make a difference.

Canada.—Canadian Armed Forces—Fiction; Crimes against humanity—Rwanda—Fiction; Genocide—Rwanda—Fiction; Homeless persons—Fiction; Reading; Volunteer work—Fiction

Shiloh [6 books]

26466 KT
PI 137 pce 2000 Aladdin
Paperbacks
by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor.
When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs. ([FIC])

Animal welfare—Fiction; Dogs—Fiction; Reading; West Virginia—Fiction

Shooting Kabul [6 books]

37828 KT
IJ 273 pce 2010 Simon & Schuster
N. H. Senzai
Escaping from Taliban-controlled Afghanistan in the summer of 2001, eleven-year-old Fadi and his family immigrate to the San Francisco Bay Area, where Fadi schemes to return to the Pakistani refugee camp where his little sister was accidentally left behind.

Afghan Americans—Fiction; Immigration and emigration—Fiction; Refugees—Fiction

A single shard [6 books]

37833 KT
IJ 152 pce 2001 Houghton Mifflin
Harcourt
Linda Sue Park
Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.

Historical fiction; Korea—Fiction; Pottery

The skin I'm in [6 books]

23841 KT
I 172 pce 1998 Scholastic Canada
Sharon G. Flake.
Thirteen-year-old Maleeka Madison, insecure about her very dark skin, rejects the support of a new teacher, Miss Saunders, whose skin looks blotched because of a rare medical condition—but soon Maleeka begins to see that Miss Saunders could be a role model, and that she must learn to love herself and accept love from others. ([FIC])

African Americans—Fiction; Reading; School stories; Schools—Fiction; Self-esteem—Fiction; Teachers—Fiction

Someday : a play [5 books]

34569 KT
S 81 pce 1993 Fifth House Publishers
Drew Hayden Taylor
Book is based on the real-life tragedies suffered by many Native Canadian families. Anne Wabung's daughter was taken away by children's aid workers when the girl was only a toddler. It is Christmas time 35 years later, and Anne's yearning to see her now-grown daughter is stronger than ever. When the family is finally reunited, however, the dreams of neither woman are fulfilled.

BC First Nations Studies 12; First Nations—Plays

Realism

Starlight : An Unfinished Novel [6 Books]

40956 KT
S 239 pce 2018 McClelland & Stewart

Written by Richard Wagamese.
"Franklin Starlight had long settled into a quiet and predictable life working his remote farm. But his contemplative existence is turned upside down by the sudden arrival of Emmy, a woman who has committed a desperate act so she and her child can escape a harrowing life of violence. After Emmy has a run-in with the law, Starlight agrees to take in her and her daughter to help them get back on their feet. Over time, he introduces them to the land and patiently teaches them the skills that have allowed him not only to survive but to find communion with the world, and, gradually, this accidental family changes Starlight and Emmy in ways they never imagined. But Emmy's abusive ex isn't content to just let her go. He wants revenge and is hunting her down."—Jacket flap.

British Columbia—Fiction; Social Studies; Aboriginal; English/Language Arts; Man-woman relationship—Fiction; First Nations—Fiction; Abused women—Fiction

Stone Fox [6 books]

26639 KT
I 83 pce 1993 HarperTrophy

by John Reynolds Gardiner ; illustrated by Greg Hargreaves
Little Willy hopes to pay back taxes on his Grandfather's farm with the purse from a dog sled race he enters.

Adventure fiction; Reading; Sled dog racing—Fiction; Sled dogs—Fiction; Sewall, Marcia,—ill

* Sunny [6 Books]

41741 KT
IJ 159 pce 2018 Atheneum Books for Young Readers
written by Jason Reynolds.

Track Series - Sunny, the Defenders' best runner, only runs for his father, who blames Sunny for his mother's death, but with his coach's help Sunny finds a way to combine track and field with his true passion, dancing.

Track athletics—Fiction; Family life—Fiction; Father-son relationship—Fiction; Self-esteem—Fiction; Home schooling—Fiction; English/Language Arts

A taste of blackberries [6 books]

26800 KT
PI 1973 HarperTrophy
Doris Buchanan Smith , illustrations by Mike Wimmer.

When something sudden and terrible happens to Jamie, his best friend has to face the tragedy alone. Now there are questions that not even Jamie could have answered. How could Jamie be alive one minute and the next gone forever

Death—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Reading; Wimmer, Mike—ill; Wimmer, Mike,—ill

Timeline

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The caged bird [6 books] [33204]
Crying for a vision [6 books] [33195]
In a class of her own [6 books] [33203]
Lion of Africa [6 books] [33211]
Olympic gold [6 books] [33176]
Rescue in Rwanda [6 books] [33196]

Track

For descriptions see individual titles:
Ghost [6 Books] [40833]
Lu [6 Books] [41743]
Patina [6 Books] [41742]
Sunny [6 Books] [41741]

* Tremendous things : a novel [6 Books]

42125 KT
IJS 265 pce 2021 Tundra Books
written by Susin Nielsen

"We all have moments that define us. For the comically clueless Wilbur, his moment happened on the first day of middle school, when someone shared his private letter with the entire student body. It revealed some of Wilbur's innermost embarrassing thoughts that no one else should ever know. Now it's the start of ninth grade and Wilbur hasn't been able to escape that major humiliation. His good friend Alex stuck by him, but Alex doesn't have as much time since he started dating Fabrizio. Luckily, Wil can confide in his best friend: his elderly neighbor Sal. Also, Wil's in the school band, where he plays the triangle. They're doing an exchange program with students from Paris, and Wilbur's billet, Charlie, a tall, chic young woman who plays the ukulele and burps with abandon, captures his heart. Charlie likes him, but only as a friend. So Alex, Fabrizio and Sal host a Queer Eye-style intervention to get Wil in shape and to build his confidence so he can impress Charlie when their band visits Paris, and just maybe replace humiliation with true romance in the City of Love."—Promoted by publisher.

Popularity—Fiction; English/Language Arts; School stories—Fiction; High schools—Fiction; Foreign study—Fiction; Bands (Music)—Fiction; Gay parents—Fiction

The truth about stories: a native narrative [5 books]

31837 KT
J 172 pce 2003 House of Anansi
Thomas King
In the 2003 CBC Massey Lectures, author, scholar and photographer Thomas King looks at the breadth and depth of native experience and imagination. Beginning with native oral stories, King weaves his way through literature and history, religion and politics, popular culture and social

protest, in an effort to make sense out of North America's relationship with its Aboriginal peoples. (813.54)

Canadian literature—First Nations authors; First Nations; Literature—Study and teaching (Secondary)

The way it was : a Great-grandmother's story of growing up on the farm [6 books]

38421 KT
PI 56 pce 2018 AntlerTree Publishing

Louise Kennedy
Louise Kennedy grew up in pioneer Alberta. She tells stories of her childhood life on the farm, berry picking, gardening, going to school. She starts in Plamondon, Alberta, then they move north to Breyat to build a new home

Frontier and pioneer life; Frontier and pioneer life—Alberta—Biography

When Cloud Became a Cloud [6 Books]

40807 KT
P 64 pce 2021 Penguin Random House Canada

Written by Rob Hodgson
"Meet Cloud! Follow along as she moves, transforms, precipitates, and more in this ... humorous portrayal of the water cycle"—Amazon.

Water; Water cycle; English/Language Arts; Science; Clouds

When the soldiers were gone [6 books]

26899 KT
I 101 pce 1999 Puffin Books

Vera W. Propp
After the German occupation of the Netherlands, Benjamin leaves the Christian family with whom he had been living and reunites with his real parents who returned from hiding. Henk closed his eyes and tried to forget about everything that he had just heard. But questions kept lighting up inside his head like fireflies in a dark summer night. Why had Papa said that he had other parents? When had Papa tried to tell him this? Why was everyone crying? Even Papa? Who was Benjamin? It was quiet and warm in the kitchen in front of the fireplace. Kootie lay very still in Kenk's arms. The only sounds were the kitten's purring and crackling of the fire. Time passed. Henk started to shiver. The fire had gone out, and Kootje's fur was cold and wet where Henk's face had been buried. Papa was sitting next to him in front of the fireplace. He took Henk's hand in his. "It's time for you to leave us, Henk," Papa whispered.

Historical fiction; Jews—Netherlands—Fiction; Netherlands—History—1940-1945, German occupation—Fiction; Parent-child relationship—Fiction; Reading

Realism

Yasmin the Scientist [6 Books]

40940 KT

P 25 pce 2021 Picture Window

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Written by Saadia Faruqi

Everyone seems to have an idea for the science fair except for Yasmin, but after some failed experiments

Yasmin's snack break with Nani inspires an idea.

Aly, Hatem,--illustrator; Science--exhibitions--fiction; School stories; Pakistani Americans--Fiction; Muslims--Fiction; Language arts (Primary)