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GSE Level 8



Unit 1 Get Ready, Get Set . . . Imagine?

Title — Author

My Notes

Bring Your A Game: A Young Athlete's Guide to Mental Toughness— Jennifer L. Etnier, Ph.D.

Sport Visualization for the Elite Athlete— Bill Bodri

The Young Champion's Mind: How to Think, Train, and Thrive Like an Elite Athlete
— Jim Afremow, Ph.D. 960L

*Ninety Percent Mental: An All-Star Player Turned Mental Skills Coach Reveals
the Hidden Game of Baseball*— Bob Tewksbury

How Champions Think: In Sports and in Life— Dr. Bob Rotella

Throw Like a Girl— Jennie Finch with Ann Killion 850L

The Magic of Thinking Big— David J. Schwartz, Ph.D.

Seeing Home: The Ed Lucas Story— Ed Lucas & Christopher Lucas

Woodlawn— Todd Gerelds

Under the Lights— Abbi Glines HL580L



The Final Cut— Fred Bowen 660L





Against All Odds: A Basketball Story— Drew Oakley

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Unit 2 The Eyes Have It

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>You're Toast and Other Metaphors We Adore</i> — Nancy Loewen	
<i>It Figures! Fun Figures of Speech</i> — Marvin Terban	
<i>The King Who Rained</i> — Fred Gwynne	
<i>Crazy Like a Fox: A Simile Story</i> — Loreen Leedy	
<i>Skin Like Milk, Hair of Silk: What Are Similes and Metaphors?</i> — Brian P. Cleary	
<i>Scholastic Dictionary Idioms</i> — Marvin Terban	
<i>Selected Stories of Phillip K. Dick</i> — Phillip K. Dick	
<i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i> — Norton Juster 1000L 	
<i>Tuck Everlasting</i> — Natalie Babbitt 770L 	
<i>The Chronicles of Benjamin Dragon Book 1: Awakening</i> — C.G. Cooper	
<i>Dragon Airways</i> — Brian Rathbone	

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Unit 3 Jack Cloud and Chess Everything

Title — Author

My Notes

Crafts & Hobbies— Reader's Digest

Do It Yourself Bushcraft: A Book of the Big Outdoors— Daniel Beard

Wood Shop: Handy Skills and Creative Building Projects for Kids— Margaret Lawson

How to Play Chess— DK Children

Power Chess for Kids: Learn How to Think Ahead and Become One of the Best Players in Your School— Charles Hertan

Chess Openings for Beginners: A Comprehensive Guide to Chess Openings— Magnus Templar

Me and You and the Red Canoe— Jean E. Pendziwol AD 820L



The Scar Boys— Len Vlahos 910L



The Outsiders— S.E. Hinton 750L



The Chess Queen Enigma: A Stoker and Holmes Novel— Colleen Gleason

Flying Lessons & Other Stories —Edited by Ellen Oh

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**Unit 4 To Win a Treasure**

Title — Author






My Notes

Dragons: Fearsome Monsters from Myth and Fiction— Edited by Gerrie McCall 1000L*The Atlas of Monsters: Mythical Creatures from around the World*— Sandra Lawrence*Dragon Myths*— Jenny Mason*Lost in Outer Space: The Incredible Journey of Apollo 13*— Tod Olson 910L*The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics*— Daniel James Brown 1260L*The Vanderbeekers and the Hidden Garden*— Karina Yan Glaser*The Hobbit*— J.R.R. Tolkien 1000L*A Chameleon, A Boy, and a Quest*— J.A. Myhre*Eragon Book One: The Inheritance Cycle*— Christopher Paolini*The Last Kids on Earth*— Max Brallier 650L

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Unit 5 Furry Friends Home Alone and Have Pet Owners Gone Too Far?

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Rain Reign</i> –Ann M. Martin 720L 	
<i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i> –Kate DiCamillo 670L 	
<i>George Knows</i> –Mindy Mymudes	
<i>Old Yeller</i> –Fred Gipson 910L	
<i>Shiloh</i> –Phyllis Reynolds Naylor 940L 	
<i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i> –Wilson Rawls 700L 	
<i>Ruff's Guide to Caring for Your Dog</i> –Anita Ganeri 610L 	
<i>No Walks? No Worries!: Maintaining Wellbeing in Dogs on Restricted Exercise</i> –Sian Ryan & Helen Zulch	
<i>Understanding Dogs</i> –Clinton R. Sanders	
<i>Ultimate Dog Care</i> –Sue Guthrie, Dick Lane, & Geoffrey Sumner-Smith	
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Unit 6 The Secret of the Magic Drum

Title — Author

My Notes

Africa Is Not a Country –Margy Burns Knight

Countries of the World: Nigeria –Kristin Thoennes 680L



Ajapa the Tortoise: A Book of Nigerian Folk Tales –Margaret Baumann

The Dancing Palm Tree and Other Nigerian Folktales –Retold by Barbara K. Walker

Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales –Nelson Mandela

African Folk Tales –Edited by Hugh Vernon-Jackson

The Classic Treasury of Aesop's Fables –Aesop

Plays Children Love –Edited by Coleman Jennings

Theatre for Young Audiences: 20 Great Plays for Children –Edited by Coleman Jennings

Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream for Kids –Brendan P. Kelso

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Unit 7 Dog Insistence and Say What?

Title — Author

My Notes

That's Not What I Meant!: How Conversational Style Makes or Breaks Relationships
–Deborah Tannen

People Skills: How to Assert Yourself, Listen to Others, and Resolve Conflicts
–Robert Bolton, Ph.D.

Communication Skills for Teens
–Michelle Skeen, Psy.D., Matthew McKay, Ph.D., Patrick Fanning, and Kelly Skeen

Crisis Zero –Chris Rylander

Out of My Mind –Sharon M. Draper700L



It's Complicated: The Social Lives of Networked Teens –Danah Boyd

Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger's –John Elder Robison

Elliot Allagash –Simon Rich

The Worst Class Trip Ever –Dave Barry

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**Unit 8 Baile Folklórico**

Title — Author

My Notes

Danza Amalia Hernández and Mexico's Folkloric Ballet

–Duncan Tonatiuh 980L

*Mexico* –Mary Berendes 630L*Folk Dances Around the World* –Alfred Music*Ballroom: Culture and Costume in Competitive Dance* –Jonathan S. Marian*Dances of the World* –Jack R. Plaxe Sr. and Laura Anne Passarello*World Dance Cultures* –Patricia Leigh Beaman*Firebird: Ballerina Misty Copeland Shows a Young Girl How to Dance Like the Firebird*








–Misty Copeland

Lion Dancer: Ernie Wan's Chinese New Year –Kate Waters and Madeline Slovenz-Low*The Cambodian Dancer* –Daryn Reicherter*Hope in a Ballet Shoe* –Michaela & Elaine DePrince*Mao's Last Dancer* –Li Cunxin

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Unit 9 Around the World in 80 Days

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Around the World in 80 Days</i> –Jules Verne 1030L 	
<i>Treasure Island</i> –Robert Louis Stevenson 1070L 	
<i>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea</i> –Jules Verne 590L 	
<i>Life of Pi</i> –Yann Martel	
<i>Moby Dick</i> –Herman Melville 420L 	
<i>Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> –Mark Twain AD750L 	
<i>Robinson Crusoe</i> –Daniel Defoe 1370L 	
<i>Gulliver's Travels</i> –Jonathan Swift 880L 	
<i>Hot Air Balloons</i> –Dianne Irving	
<i>The Great Railroad Revolution: The History of Trains in America</i> –Christian Wolmar	
<i>The History of Transportation</i> –Judith Herbst	

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Unit 10 Welcome to Bollywood!

Title — Author

My Notes

Bollywood series –Puneet Bhandal

Bollywood Babes –Narinder Dhama 670L



Bollywood: The Films! The Songs! The Stars! –DK

Bollywood: The Indian Cinema Story –Nasreen Munni Kabir

Fashioning Bollywood: The Making and Meaning of Hindi Film Costume
–Clare M. Wilkinson-Weber

Abby Spencer Goes to Bollywood –Varsha Bajaj 640L



Bollywood: A History – Mihir Bose India: In Word & Image –Eric Meola

India –DK Eyewitness Travel

India –Peter Voss

India: The Essential Guide to Customs & Culture –Becky Stephen

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Unit 11 The Tunguska Impact and Tunguska Revisited

Title — Author My Notes

The Tunguska Event: The Mystery of the Biggest Explosion in Recorded History
—Charles River Editors

The Mystery of the Tunguska Fireball —Surendra Verma

Killer Asteroids —Margaret Poynter

Comets, Asteroids, and Meteors —Stuart Atkinson 1040L



Asteroid Impact —Douglas Henderson

Blizzard of Glass: The Halifax Explosion of 1917 —Sally M. Walker 1100L



Unexplained —Judy Allen

Unexplained!: Strange Sightings, Incredible Occurrences, and Puzzling Physical Phenomena
—Jerome Clark

Strange Mysteries from Around the World —Seymour Simon 920L



The World Ends in April —Stacy McAnulty

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl —Stacy McAnulty

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Unit 12 Scraps

Title — Author

My Notes

Hold the Flag High –Catherine Clinton

William H. Carney: Civil War Hero –Peggy Davidson

Behind the Blue and Gray: The Soldier's Life in the Civil War –Delia Ray 1120L



Civil War –Andi Stix and Frank Hrbek

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

Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad –Ann Petry 1000L



The Freedom Stairs: The Story of Adam Lowry Rankin, Underground Railroad Conductor
–Marilyn Weymouth Seguin

The Underground Railroad: The Journey to Freedom –Ann Malaspina

With Every Drop of Blood: A Novel of the Civil War
–James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier 820L



Rifles for Watie –Harold Keith 910L








Stealing Freedom –Elisa Carbone 870L



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Unit 13 Thirst and Thirst for Knowledge

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>The Science of Bicycle Racing</i> –Suzanne Slade NC 1050L	
<i>The Worst Floods of All Time</i> –Terri Lynn Dougherty 830L	
<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i> –Jacqueline Woodson990L	
<i>The Crossover</i> –Kwame Alexander 750L	
<i>Inside Out and Back Again</i> –Thanhha Lai 800L	
<i>Poetry Speaks Who I Am: Poems of Discovery, Inspiration, Independence, and Everything Else</i> –Elise Paschen	
<i>The Practice of Poetry: Writing Exercises from Poets Who Teach</i> –Edited by Robin Behn & Chase Twichell	
<i>Love to Langston</i> –Tony Medina	
<i>Rhythm and Poetry</i> –Karl Nova	
<i>Lyric Poems</i> –John Keats	
<i>The Golden Treasury of the Best Songs and Lyrical Poems in the English Language</i> –Francis Turner Palgrave	

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Unit 14 Kindertransport and The Secret Life of Nicholas Winton

Title — Author My Notes

The Children of Willesden Lane: A True Story of Hope and Survival During World War II
– Mona Golabek and Lee Cohen

Rescuing the Children: The Story of the Kindertransport– Deborah Hodge

Kindertransport: A Child's Journey– Kena Sosa

Escape from Berlin– Irene N. Watts

Into the Arms of Strangers– Mark Jonathan Harris and Deborah Oppenheimer

If It's Not Impossible: The Life of Sir Nicholas Winton– Barbara Winton


Nicholas Winton and the Rescued Generation– Muriel Emanuel & Vera Gissing

Irena's Children– Tilar J. Mazzeo

The Diary of Anne Frank– Anne Frank 600L 

The English German Girl– Jake Wallis Simons

The Upstairs Room– Johanna Reiss 480L 

Milkweed– Jerry Spinelli 510L 

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Unit 15 A Mysterious Case

Title — Author

My Notes

Forensic Artist: Solving the Case with a Face –Sue L. Hamilton

Whose Fingerprints Are These? Crime-Solving Science Projects –Robert Gardner

Crime And Puzzlement: 24 Solve-Them-Yourself Picture Mysteries –Lawrence Treat

The Westing Game –Ellen Raskin 750L



Truly Devious: A Mystery –Maureen Johnson HL 680L



Under the Egg –Laura Marx Fitzgerald 790L



Three Times Lucky –Sheila Turnage 560L



Fuzzy Mud –Louis Sachar

The Peculiar Incident on Shady Street –Lindsay Currie

Gilda Joyce Psychic Investigator: The Drop Dead – Jennifer Allison 960L



Theodore Boone series –John Grisham

Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief –Wendelin Van Draanen 760L



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Unit 16 Don't Be Them—Be You!

Title — Author

My Notes

Uncool: A girl's guide to misfitting in –Erin Elisabeth Conley

Just As You Are: A Teen's Guide to Self-Acceptance and Lasting Self-Esteem
–Michelle Skeen and Kelly Skeen

The Girl's Guide to Loving Yourself –Diane Mastromarino Jensen

Whatever You Are, Be a Good One –Lisa Congdon

Well, That Was Awkward –Rachel Vail HL620L



The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian –Sherman Alexie 600L



The Last Time I Checked, I Was Still Here –Lark Griffing

The Beginning of Everything –Robyn Schneider 930L



I am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter –Erika L. Sánchez HL 730L







A Wolf Called Wander –Rosanne Parry 670L



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Unit 17 Jason Baldes: Shoshone Buffalo Representative and Preserve the Language, Preserve the People

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>The Buffalo and the Indians: A Shared Destiny</i> –Dorothy Hinshaw Patent 1120L 	
<i>Buffalo Song</i> –Joseph Bruchac 640L 	
<i>Saving the Buffalo</i> –Albert Marrin	
<i>The Return of the Buffaloes</i> –Paul Goble	
<i>Soft Rain: A Story of the Cherokee Trail of Tears</i> –Cornelia Cornelissen 650L 	
<i>Simply Cherokee: Let's Learn Cherokee Syllabary</i> –Marc W. Case	
<i>Cherokee Language and Dictionary</i> –Truth Seeker	
<i>The Cherokees Past and Present</i> –J. Ed Sharpe	
<i>The Cherokee</i> –Theda Perdue	
<i>Talking Leaves</i> –Joseph Bruchac 750L 	

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Unit 18 The Last Leaf

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>The Last Leaf</i> –O. Henry 570L 	
<i>365 Days of Art</i> –Lorna Scobie	
<i>365 Days of Drawing</i> –Lorna Scobie	
<i>The Arts: A Visual Encyclopedia</i> –DK Publishing	
<i>The Art Book</i> –DK Publishing	
<i>The Gift of the Magi and Other Short Stories</i> –O. Henry 940L 	
<i>An Artist Once Said: An Inspiration Book</i> –Hannah Rollings	
<i>New York City: 54 Fascinating Facts for Kids</i> –Richard Hanson	
<i>No Time to Cry: The Dawn Rochelle Series Book Four</i> –Lurlene McDaniel 690L 	
<i>The Game of Love and Death</i> –Martha Brokenbrough 710L 	
<i>All the Bright Places</i> –Jennifer Niven 830L 	
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Unit 19 The Golden Touch and All That Glitters

Title — Author

My Notes

Geno: In Pursuit of Perfection –Geno Auriemma and Jackie MacMullan

The McElderry Book of Greek Myths –Eric A. Kimmel

King Midas and the Golden Touch –Charlotte Craft AD 860L



My Shot: Balancing It All and Standing Tall –Elena Dell Donne 970L



The Final Four –Mary Shulte 920L



Geno Auriemma and the Connecticut Huskies –Thomas Carothers 920L



The Eyes of Kid Midas –Neal Shusterman 900L



Zeus: King of the Gods –George O’Conner GN 640L



D’Aulaires’ Book of Greek Myths –Ingri d’Aulaire and Edgar Parin d’Aulaire 1070L









Finding Perfect –Elly Swartz 550L



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Unit 20 Earth Day and Take Pride in America

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Going Blue: A Teen Guide to Saving Our Oceans, Lakes, Rivers, and Wetlands</i> —Cathryn Berger Kaye and Philippe Cousteau 1170L 	
<i>Eyes Wide Open: Going Behind the Environmental Headlines</i> —Paul Fleischman 1080L 	
<i>Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion</i> —Loree Griffin Burns 1200L 	
<i>The Hunted</i> —Gloria Skurzynski and Alane Ferguson 760L 	
<i>Wolf Stalker</i> —Gloria Skurzynski and Alane Ferguson 760L 	
<i>The Lorax</i> —Dr. Suess 560L 	
<i>National Parks of the U.S.A.</i> — Kate Silber	
<i>National Parks: A Kid's Guide to America's National Parks, Monuments, and Landmarks</i> —Erin McHugh	
<i>The Lost Art of Reading Nature's Signs</i> —Tristin Gooley	
<i>Generation Green: The Ultimate Teen Guide to Living an Eco-Friendly Life</i> —Linda Sivertsen	
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Skill-Based Literature Level 8

Vocabulary


Title — Author	My Notes
<i>The Great Dictionary Caper</i> – Judy Sierra	
<i>Electrical Wizard: How Nikola Tesla Lit Up the World</i> – Elizabeth Rusch 840L	
<i>The Tree Lady</i> – H. Joseph Hopkins 760L	
<i>Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille</i> – Jen Bryant 590L	
<i>Frindle</i> – Andrew Clements 830L	
<i>Luna & Me: The True Story of a Girl Who Lived in a Tree to Save a Forest</i> – Jenny Sue Kosteck-Shaw	
<i>The Boy Who Loved Words</i> – Roni Schotter AD 780L	
<i>From the Good Mountain: How Gutenberg Changed the World</i> – James Rumford 680L	
<i>Grand Canyon</i> – Jason Chin 1000L	
<i>Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat</i> – Javaka Steptoe 1050L	
<i>Muhammad Ali: Champion of the World</i> – Jonah Winter AD 860L	

Predictions












Title — Author	My Notes
<i>The Most Magnificent Thing</i> – Ashley Spires AD 380L	
<i>Pocket Full of Colors: The Magical World of Mary Blair, Disney Artist Extraordinaire</i> – Amy Guglielmo and Jacqueline Tourville	
<i>Between the Lines: How Ernie Barnes Went from the Football Field to the Art Gallery</i> – Sandra Neil Wallace 660L	
<i>Nadia: The Girl Who Couldn't Sit Still</i> – Karlin Gray 900L	
<i>Frederick Douglass: The Lion Who Wrote History</i> –Walter Dean Myers	
<i>Joltin' Joe DiMaggio</i> – Jonah Winter 720L	
<i>Papa Is a Poet: A Story About Robert Frost</i> – Natalie S. Bober AD 1010	
<i>Windblown</i> – Édouard Manceau AD 430L	
<i>Flying Solo: How Ruth Elder Soared into America's Heart</i> – Julie Cummins	
<i>Hensel and Gretel: Ninja Chicks</i> – Corey Rosen Schwartz and Rebecca J. Gomez AD 700L	
<i>This Bridge Will Not Be Gray</i> – Dave Eggers 720L	



Connections












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<i>Harlem's Little Blackbird: The Story of Florence Mills</i> – Re_ee Watson AD 770L 	
<i>Prehistoric Actual Size</i> – Steve Jenkins IG 890L 	
<i>Louisa May's Battle: How the Civil War Led to Little Women</i> – Kathleen Krull 1040L 	
<i>The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain</i> – Peter Sís AD 760L 	
<i>Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library</i> – Carole Boston Weatherford 1100L 	
<i>Take a Picture of Me, James VanDerZee!</i> – Andrea J. Loney 970L 	
<i>14 Cows for America</i> – Carmen Agra Deedy AD 540L 	
<i>The Youngest Marcher: The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a Young Civil Rights Activist</i> – Cynthia Levinson 720L 	
<i>Grace Hopper: Queen of Computer Code</i> – Laurie Wallmark 730L 	
<i>TEK: The Modern Cave Boy</i> – Patrick McDonnell	
<i>A Home for Mr. Emerson</i> – Barbara Kerley 830L 	
<i>Esperanza Rising</i> – Pam Muñoz Ryan 750L 	

Inference and Synthesis








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<i>Margaret and the Moon: How Margaret Hamilton Saved the First Lunar Landing</i> – Dean Robbins 630L 	
<i>Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear</i> – Lindsay Mattick AD 590L 	
<i>Trombone Shorty</i> – Troy Trombone Shorty Andrews 760L 	
<i>The Road Home</i> – Katie Cotton	
<i>Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington</i> – Jabari Asim NC 650L 	
<i>Midnight Teacher: Lilly Ann Granderson and Her Secret School</i> – Janet Halfmann 950L 	
<i>Danza!: Amalia Hernández and El Ballet Folklórico de México</i> – Duncan Tonatiuh 980L 	
<i>The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps</i> – Jeanette Winter AD 630L 	
<i>Chopsticks</i> – Amy Krouse Rosenthal AD 500L 	
<i>Ticktock Banneker's Clock</i> – Shana Keller 720L 	
<i>Lucky Lazlo</i> – Steve Light	
<i>The Westing Game</i> – Ellen Raskin 750L 	
<i>Regarding the Fountain: A Tale, in Letters, of Liars and Leaks</i> – Kate Klise 830L 	



Details and Key Ideas

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Pink Is For Blobfish: Discovering the World's Perfectly Pink Animals</i> – Jess Keating NC 1040L 	
<i>Becoming Babe Ruth</i> – Matt Tavares AD 810L 	
<i>Ada's Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay</i> – Susan Hood 820L 	
<i>Becoming Bach</i> – Tom Leonard	
<i>Hidden Figures</i> – Margot Lee Shetterly 980L 	
<i>Cloth Lullaby: The Woven Life of Louise Bourgeois</i> – Amy Novesky AD 1000L 	
<i>Prairie Dog Song</i> – Susan L. Roth and Cindy Trumbore AD 1050L 	
<i>The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art</i> – Barb Rosenstock AD 630L 	
<i>The Book With No Pictures</i> – B.J. Novak 490L 	
<i>The Man Who Walked Between the Towers</i> – Mordicai Gerstein AD 640L 	
<i>Miss Moore Thought Otherwise: How Anne Carroll Moore Created Libraries for Children</i> – Jan Pinborough AD 1060L 	
<i>Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11</i> – Brian Floca AD 830L 	

Paraphrasing and Summarizing (Literature)

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Mr. Wuffles!</i> – David Wiesner	
<i>The Three Billy Goats Gruff</i> – Jerry Pinkney 540L 	
<i>The Chinese Emperor's New Clothes</i> – Ying Chang Compestine 650L 	
<i>City Shapes</i> – Diana Murray AD 930L 	
<i>Alma and How She Got Her Name</i> – Juana Martinez-Neal	
<i>Dear Girl,</i> – Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Paris Rosenthal AD 480L 	
<i>The Darkest Dark</i> – Chris Hadfield AD 550L 	
<i>The Junkyard Wonders</i> – Patricia Polacco 660L 	
<i>Tyrannosaurus Rex vs. Edna the Very First Chicken</i> – Douglas Rees	
<i>The Purloining of Prince Oleomargarine</i> – Mark Twain and Philip Stead 740L 	

Paraphrasing and Summarizing (Informational)

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Soldier Song: A True Story of the Civil War</i> – Debbie Levy	
<i>Libba: The Magnificent Musical Life of Elizabeth Cotton</i> – Laura Veirs 580L 	
<i>Be A King: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream and You</i> – Carole Boston Weatherford 360L 	




<i>Let the Children March</i> – Monica Clark-Robinson 650L	
<i>Dazzle Ships: World War I and the Art of Confusion</i> – Chris Barton 990L	
<i>Maya Lin: Artist-Architect of Light and Lines: Designer of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial</i> – Jeanne Walker Harvey 800L	
<i>One Proud Penny</i> – Randy Siegel AD 960L	
<i>Over and Under the Pond</i> – Kate Messner AD 660L	
<i>Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis</i> – Jabari Asim 670L	
<i>Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions</i> – Chris Barton 820L	
<i>Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life</i> – Ashley Bryan 730L	
<i>Steamboat School</i> – Deborah Hopkinson AD 660L	
<i>Imagine That! How Dr. Seuss Wrote The Cat in the Hat</i> – Judy Sierra	

Theme


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<i>Each Kindness</i> – Jacqueline Woodson AD 530L	
<i>The Dot</i> – Peter H. Reynolds AD 500L	
<i>The Pond</i> – Nicola Davies	
<i>Sometimes You Fly</i> – Katherine Applegate	
<i>The Mermaid</i> – Jan Brett AD 540L	
<i>They All Saw a Cat</i> – Brendan Wenzel AD 310L	
<i>Telephone</i> – Mac Barnett	
<i>Toys Meet Snow</i> – Emily Jenkins AD 500L	
<i>Sidewalk Flowers</i> – JonArno Lawson	
<i>After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again</i> – Dan Santat AD 550L	
<i>The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet!</i> – Carmen Agra Deedy AD 550L	
<i>Yo Soy Muslim: A Father's Letter to His Daughter</i> – Mark Gonzales	
<i>Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream</i> – Deloris Jordan with Roslyn Jordan 630L	
<i>The Invisible Boy</i> – Trudy Ludwig AD 680L	
<i>More Than Anything Else</i> – Marie Bradby 570L	
<i>The Legendary Miss Lena Horne</i> – Carole Boston Weatherford 1010L	
<i>The Night Gardener</i> – The Fan Brothers AD 570L	
<i>Solving the Puzzle Under the Sea: Marie Tharp Maps the Ocean Floor</i> – Robert Burleigh 750L	



The Quickest Kid in Clarksville – Pat Zietlow Miller 490L 


Hatchet – Gary Paulsen 1020L 

The Giver – Lois Lowry 760L 


Chains – Laurie Halse Anderson 780L 

Character

Title — Author My Notes


Exclamation Point – Amy Krouse Rosenthal 360L 


Battle Bunny – Jon Scieszka and Mac Barnett AD 540L 

Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut – Derrick Barnes 700L 

Imaginary Fred – Eoin Colfer NC 760L 

Walk with Me – Jairo Buitrago AD 490L 

Creepy Pair of Underwear! – Aaron Reynolds AD 470L 

A Thirst For Home: A Story of Water across the World – Christine Ieronimo 610L 

Boy + Bot – Ame Dyckman AD 380L 

Because of Thursday – Patricia Polacco AD 830L 

The OK Book – Amy Krouse Rosenthal

Cowboy Camp – Tammi Sauer IG 550L 

The Raft – Jim LaMarche AD 540L 


Just Juice – Karen Hesse 690L 

Because of Winn-Dixie – Kate DiCamillo 670L 

Stargirl – Jerry Spinelli 590L 


A Solitary Blue – Cynthia Voigt 770L 

Bud, Not Buddy – Christopher Paul Curtis 950L 

Smiles to Go – Jerry Spinelli HL 490L 

Plot

Title — Author My Notes


Tucky Jo and Little Heart – Patricia Polacco AD 670L 

An A From Miss Keller – Patricia Polacco 700L 


This Is the Rope: A Story from the Great Migration – Jacqueline Woodson AD 790L 

Robinson – Peter Sís AD 520L 





Creepy Carrots! – Aaron Reynolds AD 490L 

Listen to My Trumpet! – Mo Willems

Waiting Is Not Easy! – Mo Willems 250L 

Bloom – Doreen Cronin 720L 

The Favorite Daughter – Allen Say 510L 

The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors – Drew Daywalt AD 670L 

Chicken Dance – Tammi Sauer AD 440L 

Nugget & Fang: Friends Forever--or Snack Time? – Tammi Sauer 480L 

Walk Two Moons – Sharon Creech 770L 

Holes – Louis Sachar 660L 

Maniac Magee – Jerry Spinelli 820L 

The Eighth Day – Dianne K. Salerni 730L 

The Boy Who Flew With Eagles – Ben Woodard

Setting

Title — Author

My Notes

Love – Matt de la Peña

Last Stop on Market Street – Matt de la Peña AD610L 


Steam Train, Dream Train – Sherri Duskey Rinker AD 610L 


Sparrow Jack – Mordicai Gerstein AD 590L 

The Night World – Mordicai Gerstein AD 430L 

The Tea Party in the Woods – Akiko Miyakoshi AD 460L 

On A Magical Do-Nothing Day – Beatrice Alemagna

A Different Pond – Bao Phi 620L 

The Only Child – Guojing NP 

Remembering Vera – Patricia Polacco AD 780L 

Holes in the Sky – Patricia Polacco

Fiona's Lace – Patricia Polacco AD 740L 

Poetry

Title — Author

My Notes

Love to Langston – Tony Medina NP 

Brown Girl Dreaming – Jacqueline Woodson 990L 



<i>Out of the Dust</i> – Karen Hesse 1040L	
<i>Scarum Fair</i> – Jessica Swaim 920L	
<i>Pirates</i> – David L. Harrison AD 650L	
<i>Cowboys</i> – David L. Harrison NP	
<i>Sacred Places</i> – Jane Yolen	
<i>Yum! ¡MmMm! ¡QuéRico! Americas' Sproutings</i> – Pat Mora AD 970	
<i>Dirty Laundry Pile: Poems in Different Voices</i> – Selected by Paul B. Janeczko NP	
<i>Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors</i> – Joyce Sidman AD 570L	
<i>Put Your Eyes Up Here And Other School Poems</i> – Kalli Dakos NP	
<i>Poetry for Young People: Robert Frost</i> – Edited by Gary D. Schmidt NP	
<i>Poetry for Young People: Emily Dickinson</i> – Edited by Frances Schoonmaker Bolin NP	
<i>Poetry for Young People: Walt Whitman</i> – Edited by Jonathan Levin NP	


Drama

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>The BFG: A Set of Plays</i> – Adapted by David Wood	
<i>The Witches: Plays for Children</i> – Adapted by David Wood	
<i>The Twits: Plays for Children</i> – Adapted by David Wood	
<i>Shakespeare with Children: Six Scripts for Young Players</i> – Elizabeth Weinstein	
<i>Simply Shakespeare: Readers Theatre for Young People</i> – Edited by Jennifer L. Kroll	
<i>20 Great Plays for Children</i> – Edited by Coleman A. Jennings	
<i>Romeo and Juliet For Kids</i> – Lois Burdett 660L	
<i>Twelfth Night For Kids</i> – Lois Burdett and Christine Coburn	
<i>Hamlet For Kids</i> – Lois Burdett	
<i>Macbeth For Kids</i> – Lois Burdett	
<i>Much Ado About Nothing For Kids</i> – Lois Burdett	
<i>Greek Myth Plays</i> – Carol Pugliano-Martin	

Informational Texts: Controlling Ideas, Supporting Evidence, and Organizational Patterns

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation</i> – Duncan Tonatiuh AD 870L	





Jazz Age Josephine: Dancer, singer--who's that, who? Why, that's MISS Josephine Baker, to you!
– Jonah Winter NC 600L 

A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin – Jen Bryant 610L 


The World Is Not a Rectangle: A Portrait of Architect Zaha Hadid – Jeanette Winter 760L 

Red Cloud: A Lakota Story of War and Surrender – S.D. Nelson AD 880L 


You Never Heard of Willie Mays?! – Jonah Winter 850L 


Dorothea Lange: The Photographer Who Found the Faces of the Depression
– Carole Boston Weatherford NC1030L 

A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars – Seth Fishman

Caroline's Comets: A True Story – Emily Arnold McCully AD 800L 


I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark – Debbie Levy 710L 

The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus – Jen Bryant 590L 

Dangerous Jane – Suzanne Slade 770L 


Arguments


Title — Author My Notes

The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest – Lynne Cherry 590L 


Lincoln Tells a Joke: How Laughter Saved the President (and the Country)
– Kathleen Krull & Paul Brewer 860L 

Thank You, Sarah!: The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving – Laurie Halse Anderson AD 600L 

The Pigeon Needs a Bath! – Mo Willems AD 350L 

Ruth Bader Ginsburg: The Case of R.B.G. vs. Inequality – Jonah Winter 900L 

The Day the Crayons Quit – Drew Daywalt AD 730L 

The Day the Crayons Came Home – Drew Daywalt AD 550L 

My Brother Dan's Delicious – Steven L. Layne AD 970L 

Can I Bring Woolly to the Library, Ms. Reeder? – Lois G. Grambling NC 830L 

A Pig Parade Is a Terrible Idea – Michael Ian Black AD 970L 

Author's Purpose/Message and Text Structure (Literary)

Title — Author My Notes


Before Morning – Joyce Sidman

Ideas Are All Around – Philip C. Stead AD 600L 

Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph – Roxane Orgill


The Journey – Francesca Sanna AD 630L 




Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site – Sherri Duskey Rinker AD 610L 

Mighty, Mighty Construction Site – Sherri Duskey Rinker AD 710L 

The Big Sneeze – Ruth Brown

Freedom Summer – Deborah Wiles AD 600L 

Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story From China – Ed Young 670L 

The Napping House – Aubrey Wood NP 


Uncle Jed's Barbershop – Margaree King Mitchell AD 640L 

Fortunately, UnFortunately – Michael Foreman AD 530L 

Author's Purpose/Message and Text Structure (Informational)

Title — Author

My Notes

This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from around the World
– Matt Lamothe NC 620L 

What Makes A Monster?: Discovering the World's Scariest Creatures – Jess Keating NC 1030L 


How to Be an Elephant: Growing Up in the African Wild – Katherine Roy NC 1310L 


Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist
– Jess Keating 730L 

Balloons over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade
– Melissa Sweet AD 1000L 


A Seed Is Sleepy – Dianna Hutts Aston AD 750L 


An Egg Is Quiet – Dianna Hutts Aston AD 670L 

Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature – Joyce Sidman AD 510L 


Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down
– Andrea Davis Pinkney AD 600L 

Redwoods – Jason Chin 1100L 

Down, Down, Down: A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea – Steve Jenkins NC 980L 

Now & Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin – Gene Barretta 640L 

Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History – Vashti Harrison

America Is Under Attack: September 11, 2001: The Day the Towers Fell
– Don Brown 840L 

Eat Fresh Food: Awesome Recipes for Teen Chefs – Rozanne Gold

National Parks of the U.S.A. – Kate Siber








Extreme Weather: Surviving Tornadoes, Sandstorms, Hailstorms, Blizzards, Hurricanes, and More!
– Thomas M. Kostigen



Print and Graphic Features


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<i>Bone by Bone: Comparing Animal Skeletons</i> – Sara Levine 580L 	
<i>Grand Canyon</i> – Jason Chin 1000L 	
<i>Island: A Story of the Galápagos</i> – Jason Chin 900L 	
<i>Coral Reefs</i> – Jason Chin 1010L 	
<i>Eye to Eye: How Animals See The World</i> – Steve Jenkins NC 1040L 	
<i>Animals by the Numbers: A Book of Animal Infographics</i> – Steve Jenkins 940L 	
<i>Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball</i> – John Coy 880L 	
<i>The Atlas Obscura Explorer's Guide for the World's Most Adventurous Kid</i> – Dylan Thuras and Rosemary Mosco	
<i>National Geographic Kids Why?: 1,111 Answers to Everything</i> – Crispin Boyer IG1150L 	
<i>Mistakes That Worked: 40 Familiar Inventions & How They Came to Be</i> – Charlotte Foltz Jones 1040L 	
<i>Robotics: Discover the Science and Technology of the Future with 20 Projects</i> – Kathy Ceceri 1000L 	
<i>A Rock Is Lively</i> – Dianna Hutts Aston IG 1110L 	
<i>Zita the Spacegirl</i> – Ben Hatke GN 310L 	
<i>The Stonekeeper (Amulet #1)</i> – Kazu Kibuishi GN 310L 	
<i>Smile</i> – Raina Telgemeier GN 410L 	
<i>Swing It, Sunny</i> – Jennifer L. Holm GN 480L 	
<i>Invisible Emmie</i> – Terri Libenson 670L 	

Figurative Language


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<i>Hello, I'm Johnny Cash</i> – G. Neri 1020L 	
<i>Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat</i> – Javaka Steptoe 1050L 	
<i>Jubilee!: One Man's Big, Bold, and Very, Very Loud Celebration of Peace</i> – Alicia Potter 610L 	
<i>Muhammad Ali: Champion of the World</i> – Jonah Winter AD 860L 	
<i>Trudy's Big Swim: How Gertrude Ederle Swam the English Channel and Took the World by Storm</i> – Sue Macy AD 980L 	
<i>Fearless Flyer: Ruth Law and Her Flying Machine</i> – Heather Lang AD 700L 	
<i>Lighter than Air: Sophie Blanchard, the First Woman Pilot</i> – Matthew Clark Smith	
<i>Long-Armed Ludy and the First Women's Olympics</i> – Jean L.S. Patrick 650L 	



They Say Blue – Jillian Tamaki

Lesser Spotted Animals: The Coolest Creatures You've Never Heard Of – Martin Brown 870L 

Mama Africa!: How Miriam Makeba Spread Hope with Her Song – Kathryn Erskine 630L 

From the Good Mountain: How Gutenberg Changed the World – James Rumford 680L 

Night of the Gargoyles – Eve Bunting AD910L 


You're Toast and Other Metaphors We Adore – Nancy Loewen 530L 


Literary Devices, including Point of View and Irony

Title — Author My Notes


I Really Like Slop! – Mo Willems 190L 

Memoirs of a Goldfish – Devin Scillian AD 490L 

Dirty Laundry Pile: Poems in Different Voices – Selected by Paul B. Janeczko NP 


School's First Day of School – Adam Rex 580L 


They All Saw A Cat – Brendan Wenzel AD 310L 

Seven Blind Mice – Ed Young AD530L 

The Day the Crayons Quit – Drew Daywalt AD 730L 

Voices in the Park – Anthony Browne 560L 


Seriously, Cinderella Is So Annoying!: The Story of Cinderella as Told by the Wicked Stepmother – Trisha Speed Shaskan 520L 

A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story – Linda Sue Park 720L 

The One and Only Ivan – Katherine Applegate 570L 

Two Bad Ants – Chris Van Allsburg 780L 

Uprising – Margaret Peterson Haddix 790L 

The Devil's Arithmetic – Jane Yolen 730L 

Author's Use of Language, Mood, Voice, and Tone


Title — Author My Notes

Thank You and Good Night – Patrick McDonnell AD 480L 

Lenny & Lucy – Philip C. Stead AD 630L 

Leave Me Alone! – Vera Brosgol

The Dog That Nino Didn't Have – Edward van de Vendel AD 470L 

A Well-Mannered Young Wolf – Jean Leroy 510L 

Locomotive – Brian Floca 640L 



The Boy Who Loved Math: The Improbable Life of Paul Erdős – Deborah Heiligman AD 550L



Write to Me: Letters from Japanese American Children to the Librarian They Left Behind
– Cynthia Grady

My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother – Patricia Polacco AD 630L



Mrs. Katz and Tush – Patricia Polacco 530L



Swan: The Life and Dance of Anna Pavlova – Laurel Snyder AD 500L



Zack DeLacruz: Me and My Big Mouth – Jeff Anderson 660L



The Day You Begin – Jacqueline Woodson 980L



The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963 – Christopher Paul Curtis 920L



Doll Bones – Holly Black 840L



The Wednesday Wars – Gary D. Schmidt 990L





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NC	These NC Non-Conforming books have a Lexile measure markedly higher than is typical for the intended audience or designated developmental level of the book. The NC code is useful when matching high-ability readers with a book that is still at an appropriate developmental level.
AD	Picture books often get an AD or Adult Directed code. They are usually read to a child, rather than a child reading them independently. Although seemingly easy reading, some picture books actually have pretty high Lexile measures, and could present a challenging independent reading experience to an age-appropriate reader. Initially, an adult may want to read the book along with a child.
IG	Books that consist of short, stand-alone pieces of text like in an encyclopedia or glossary are given an IG code for Illustrated Guide. Usually nonfiction, IG books are often used as a reference resource rather than read in their entirety like a storybook. The IG code does not have anything to do with reading levels, but instead conveys an idea of the kind of book and what the book typically will be used for in the classroom or library
HL	Librarians, teachers, and booksellers sometimes refer to young adult books written at low levels as high-low books. HL books are useful when matching older (grade 7 and beyond) struggling or reluctant readers with books about age-appropriate topics and issues written at elementary-school reading levels.
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