Heaven Is For Real—Author: Todd Burp
560L—When Colton Burpo, a little boy not quite four years old, made it through an emergency appendectomy, his family was overjoyed at his miraculous survival. What they weren't expecting, though, was the story that emerged in the months that followed—a story as beautiful as it was extraordinary, detailing their little boy's trip to heaven and back. Colton told his parents he left his body during the surgery and authenticated that claim by describing exactly what his parents were doing in another part of the hospital while he was being operated on. He talked of visiting heaven and relayed stories told to him by people he met there whom he had never met in life.

Zlata’s Diary: A Child’s Life in Sarajevo—Author: Filipovic, Zlata
640L—This book presents the diary of a thirteen-year-old girl living in Sarajevo, begun just before her eleventh birthday when there was still peace in her homeland.

Who Was Rosa Parks—Author: Yona Zeldis McDonough
700L—In 1955, Rosa Parks refused to give her seat to a white male passenger in Montgomery, Alabama. This seemingly small act triggered civil rights protests all across America, and Rosa became recognized as the "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement.

Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution—Author: Jiang, Ji-li
780L—This book is an engrossing memoir of a Chinese girl, her family, and how their lives became a nightmare during Chairman Mao's Cultural Revolution of the late 1960s.

Slumgirl Dreaming: Rubina's Journey to the Stars—Author: Ali, Rubina
780L—Nine-year-old Rubina Ali recounts her childhood in the slums of Mumbai and her rise to stardom after being chosen to act in the Oscar-winning film SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE. (In collaboration with Anne Berthod and Divya Dugar)

Pro Stock Car Racing—Author: William P. Mara
800L—This fact-filled book is full of interesting information about stock car racing, its history, and the ins and outs of this popular sport. Wonderful pictures and details about drivers, race tracks, and the NASCAR organization make this a compelling book.

Behind Enemy Lines: True Stories of Amazing Courage—Author: Doyle, Bill
810L—This book contains eight stories of heroic men and women who fought and struggled behind enemy lines. The text contains descriptions of violence.

Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps—Author: Warren, Andrea
820L—Caught up in Hitler's Final Solution to annihilate Europe's Jews, fifteen-year-old Jack is torn from his family and thrown into the world of the concentration camps.

Cars—Author: Phillip Abraham
860L—In this book readers will learn about the invention of the car and how it has changed the life of millions of Americans.
**You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution**—**Author**: Kay Moore  
860L—This book explains the events of the American Revolution; looks at how people got food, went shopping, and got news; and discusses the differences between Patriots and Loyalists, and how one could tell the difference.

**Three Cups of Tea: Young Readers Edition**—**Author**: Thomson, Sarah  
910L—This book is a middle-grade adaptation of the author's experiences while trying to help impoverished villages in Pakistan and Afghanistan build schools for their children. The coauthor is David Oliver Relin, and the book was adapted by Sarah Thomson.

**Kids on Strike!**—**Author**: Susan Campbell Bartoleti  
L920 (208 pp)—This book tells the story of children who stood up for their rights against powerful company owners, in Lowell, Massachusetts, in 1836 led by eleven-year-old Harriet Hanson. Bartoletti tells of labor strikes led by young people throughout the United States. Illustrated with more than one hundred photographs from newspapers and journals.

**Jeff Corwin: A Wild Life: The Authorized Biography**—**Author**: Corwin, Jeff  
930L—From growing up near Boston to falling in love with snakes, traveling to exotic places, and becoming a beloved Emmy Award-winning television host of ANIMAL PLANET, this biography will give readers a firsthand look at Jeff's adventurous life.

**Tim Tebow: Through My Eyes: A Quarterback’s Journey**—**Author**: Tim Tebow  
930L—Former University of Florida star quarterback, 2010 first-round draft pick for the Denver Broncos, and devout Christian, Tim Tebow tells the story of his faith, his life, and his career in football. *Through My Eyes* gives fans a look into the heart of an athlete whose talent and devotion have made him one of the most provocative figures in football. (*there are several versions of this book with Lexiles between 730 and 1110*)

**Kid Pirates: Their Battles, Shipwrecks, & Narrow Escapes**—**Author**: Zullo, Allan  
940L—Some volunteered while others were forced to serve, but each of the kid pirates in these true stories sailed with the world's most feared pirates, from the notorious Blackbeard and Captain Kidd to Sir Henry Morgan and others.

**Soul Surfer**—**Author**: Hamilton, Bethany and Bundsohuh, Rick  
960L—Soul Surfer is a moving account of a young surfer, Bethany, and her recovery from a shark attack that took her arm. It is a story of girl with spiritual grit and determination that shows the body is no more essential to surfing perhaps even less so than the soul.

**Chasing Lincoln’s Killer**—**Author**: James L. Swanson Biography.

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980L—Recounts the twelve-day pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth, covering the chase through Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, with a discussion of Abraham Lincoln as a father, husband, and friend that examines the impact of his death on those close to him. 194 pgs.

Pro Football MegaStars 1997—Author: Bruce Weber
980L—Read about the successes and personal histories of fifteen of 1997's brightest stars in professional football.

Phineas Gage: True Story about Brain Science—Author: John Flieschman
1030L—Phineas Gage was truly a man with a hole in his head. While blasting rock in 1848, a thirteen-pound iron rod shot through his brain. Miraculously, he survived to live another eleven years and become a textbook case in brain science. His case astonished doctors in his day and still fascinates doctors today.

Kennedy Assassinated! The World Mourns Author: Hampton, Wilborn
1040L—Tells about the assassination of John F. Kennedy, President of the United States.

The Boys' War: Confederate and Union Soldiers Talk about the Civil War—Author: Murphy, Jim
1060L—Diary entries, personal letters, and archival photographs are used to describe the experiences of boys, sixteen years old or younger, who fought in the Civil War.

Truce: The Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting—Author: Murphy, Jim
1160L—On December 25, 1914, a Christmas miracle occurred all along the Western Front as hundreds of thousands of soldiers simply decided, despite direct orders to the contrary, that they were not going to fight. The text contains graphic photos.

The Diary of A Young Girl—Author: Anne Frank
1080L—is the record of two years in the life of a remarkable Jewish girl whose triumphant humanity in the face of unfathomable deprivation and fear has made the book one of the most enduring documents of our time

The Crossing: How George Washington Saved the American Revolution—Author: Murphy, Jim
1080L—This book describes the pivotal transformation of George Washington from an inexperienced leader to a brilliant general.

Blizzard—Author: Jim Murphy
1090L—Newbery Honor Book author Jim Murphy orchestrates with fact, science, technology, and sociology the testimony of survivors and victims to tell the harrowing story of the phenomenal blizzard that crippled New York City in March, 1888

Freedom Riders—Author: Ann Bausum
1090L—Compares and contrasts the childhoods of John Lewis and James Zwerg in a way that helps young readers understand the segregated experience of our nation's past. It shows how a common interest in justice

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enabled these young men to meet as Freedom Riders on a bus journey south. The journey they shared as freedom riders through the Deep South changed not only their own lives but our nation's history.

*Extreme Animals—The Toughest Creatures on Earth*—Author Nicola Davies

1100L— The creators of POOP are back with an entertaining look at the most incredible survivors on Earth. From the persevering emperor penguins of the South Pole to the brave bacteria inside bubbling volcanoes, from the hardy reptiles of the driest deserts to the squash-proof creatures of the deepest seabeds, animals have adapted to survive in conditions that would kill a human faster than you can say "coffin." Discover how they do it in this amazing natural history book.

*Witnesses to War*—Author Leapman, Michael

1120L— This book tells the stories of children from different countries and cultural backgrounds who were persecuted because of their race or religion during the Second World War.

*An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793* Author Murphy, Jim

1130L— This book provides an account of the yellow fever epidemic that swept through Philadelphia in 1793, discussing the chaos that erupted when people began evacuating in droves, leaving the city without government, goods, or services.

*The Great Fire*—Author Jim Murphy

1130L— Within the thirty-one hours of terror, over 100,000 people were forced to flee the flames of the Great Chicago Fire. Eyewitness accounts and newspaper articles tell the story of some of the people affected by this calamity.

*A Savage Thunder: Antietam and the Bloody Road to Freedom*—Author Murphy, Jim

1180L— As the Confederate and Union armies marched toward each other, few soldiers realized that the idea of freedom was about to change, nor did they know their part in an epic battle would prove to be the bloodiest single day in American history.

*Helen Keller: A Photographic Story of a Life*—Author Garrett, Leslie

BL: 6.5—Photographs, illustrations, and text explore the life of Helen Keller, a woman who lost her vision and hearing at the age of two, but went on, with the help of her teacher Annie Sullivan, to become a world-famous speaker and writer.

*Anne Frank: Young Diarist*—Author Ashby, Ruth

BL: 5.1—This book follows the life of the Jewish girl who chronicled her day-to-day life in a diary as she hid in an attic in Nazi-occupied Holland for two years.

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**Hiding Edith: A True Story**—**Author**: Kacer, Kathy  
BL: 4.8—This book shares the story of Edith Schwalb, a Jewish child fugitive during the Holocaust, was separated from her family and moved from hiding place to hiding place while traveling from Austria to Belgium and through France.

**Middle School—The Real Deal**—**Author**: Juliana Farrell and Beth Mayall  
NL—From cliques to class schedules, electives to extra credit, cafeteria food to combination locks, you'll find everything you need to know right here. And in this newly revised edition, you'll also get the most up-to-date information on everything from technology to test taking. This book has the latest scoop, the coolest quizzes, and the best advice around if you're about to take the middle school plunge.

**Battle Heroes: Voices from Afghanistan**—**Author**: Zullo, Allan  
BL: 7.9—The heroes spotlighted in this book represent the many American troops who, with steadfast boldness, have been battling a ruthless enemy in knee-deep snow, scorching temperatures, and deadly close combat of militant-occupied villages.

**Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini**—**Author**: Fleischman, Sid  
BL: 6.6—This book is a biography of the magician, ghost chaser, aviator, and king of escape artists whose amazing feats are remembered long after his death in 1926.

**The Diary of a Young Girl**—**Author**: Frank, Anne  
BL: 6.5—A precocious young girl is obliged by encroaching Nazi regime to live in enforced seclusion with family and friends.

**Pro Sports—How Did They Begin?**—**Authors**: Don Wulffson and Alfred Giuliani  
NL—Presents historical facts and anecdotes about baseball, basketball, and football, the three most popular professional sports in the U.S.

**Sports Great Jim Abbott**—**Author**: Jeff Savage  
NL—Baseball player Jim Abbott has overcome his disability to reach his dream of playing in the major leagues. How did Jim practice for his Little League team? How does Jim field the ball? Readers can follow along with his remarkable career.

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