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John Ringling North, owner of the Ringling Brothers' circus, thought up the wild idea. He invited Igor Stravinsky to compose the music. He asked George Balanchine to choreograph the dance. The result ..."The Ballet of the Elephants." In 1942, the lives of these three talented men with big ideas came together in an unlikely partnership when, together, they created the biggest circus extravaganza in history.	
<u>Bella at Midnight</u> by Diane Stanley (Cinderella Fairy Tale).....	27-62
In the midst of a hundred year war between the Kingdom of Moranmoor and the Kingdom of Brutanna, the birth of a tiny baby girl began a series of ripples that would lead to great and miraculous things. Caught up in the ripples of war, pride, and family conflict, Bella and Prince Julian are swept into a magical adventure reminiscent of your favorite Cinderella stories with some new surprises rippling from the old.	
<u>The Blue Ghost</u> by Marion Dane Bauer (Modern fiction, Ghosts, Family History, Easy Chapter Book).....	63-79
Family history ripples through your blood...your appearance, the problems they had, the adventures they experienced, and maybe even your name. You may even have a ghost or two in your closet! Liz did. Join Liz in a different kind of ghost story, one that ripples with family and its stories that are contained in the cabin where generations had grown up and at least one ghost, still lives.	
<u>Charlotte's Web</u> by E. B. White (Family, Farm, Empathy, Friendship).....	80-107
Tiny Wilbur was born the runt of the litter. As piglets go, that usually means certain death, but through a series of unlikely friendships, the ripples begin. Ripple after ripple, you'll find yourself cheering for Wilbur, the pig, and his spider friend, Charlotte, as they write one of the most famous stories in farm history!	
<u>Double Identity</u> by Margaret Peterson Haddix (Science Fiction).....	108-133
Why are Bethany's parents so overprotective? Why don't they let her go to sleep-overs? Why does her mom cry all the time? And then, why would they whisk her away from school, drive hundreds of miles in the middle of the night, only to drop her on the doorstep of an aunt she didn't even know she had? More and more questions! The answers, like puzzle piece clues slowly being turned over, will give Bethany the surprise of her life. This is a mystery you won't want to put down!	
<u>On the Road with Down Girl and Sit</u> by Lucy Nolan (First-Person Dog Story, Easy Chapter Book).....	134-156
Have you ever wondered what was going through a dog's head as it races after squirrels or pokes its head out of a car window? Down Girl is going to tell you all about her life with her master, Ruff, and her neighbor, Sit. She'll even tell you what she does about Here Kitty Kitty who jumps over her fence and smells her stuff. Hold on to your funny bone! The ride is about to begin!	
<u>The Earth Dragon Awakes</u> by Laurence Yep (Historical Fiction, Science, San Francisco Earthquake of 1906).....	157-185
It is April 18, 1906, at 5:11 a.m. You are awakened by a gentle movement of your bed. It trembles beneath you. Incredible depth of fact is woven into the captivating story of the Great Earthquake as told from three points of view...Chin's, Henry's, and that of an earthquake expert...The Earth Dragon. Laurence Yep's masterful storytelling and short chapters make the story inviting to readers of all ages.	
<u>Firegirl</u> by Tony Abbott (Modern Fiction, Empathy).....	186-196
Tom is a regular kid like you. He goes to school and goofs around with his friends, but his life changes...perhaps forever...when Jessica joins his class. How will his class react to her horribly scarred face, head, and arms? Some will whisper. Some won't look. Some will gasp. Some will look and see with their hearts. When you read <u>Firegirl</u> , you will probably be changed forever. Like Tom.	
<u>George Crum and the Saratoga Chip</u> by Gaylia Taylor (Biography, Creator of Potato Chip).....	197-208
Not many people expected George to do anything so great. After all, didn't he have trouble in school? Didn't his classmates make fun of him? And, wasn't he full of fun, joking and teasing often with his little sister? Certainly no one in the early 1800s expected this man of color to become a celebrated chef! Only white people could become chefs! They had to be surprised when he created one of the most popular foods we have today!	
<u>The Ghost's Grave</u> by Peg Kehret (Fiction, Ghost Story)	209-230
If a ghost asked you to dig up his severed leg for him, would you do it? Will Josh do it? You'll enjoy this story that weaves familiar ghost story motifs into animal rescue, a special bond between young and old, and some surprising need for quick-thinking problem solving.	
<u>The Greatest Skating Race: A World War II Story from the Netherlands</u> by Louise Borden (History, WW II)	231-245
It is the winter of 1941. World War II is raging in Europe. Piet and his family of skatemakers live in Holland (the Netherlands) which has been conquered by the German army. How will Piet find the courage to do what he must do to save the lives of his young neighbors?	



<u>Hubert Invents the Wheel</u> by Claire and Monte Montgomery (Science Fiction, Invention of the Wheel)	246-268
Hubert lived 5,000 years ago in the Mesopotamia Valley, a desert between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. Hubert had a scientific mind at a time when brains weren't particularly admired. Like all work in science, Hubert's inventions didn't always work right the first time, so he had to continue riding the ripples of one hysterical failure after another to try to patch and adapt them to work right. The wheel was in his future, but would he survive the Assyrians?	
<u>Leven Thumps and the Gateway to Foo</u> by Obert Skye (Fantasy Novel).....	269-294
Have you ever wondered where your dreams come from? You might be surprised to know that they are controlled in a hidden fold in your brain between the possible and the impossible...a place called Foo. Without Foo, humans could no longer dream or hope. But now, the very existence of Foo is threatened, and 15-year-old Leven is the only one with the power to save it from the evil Sabine. Will he find the gateway in time?	
<u>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</u> by Kate DiCamillo (Fantasy Novel)	295-317
Edward Tulane is a china rabbit who is dearly loved by his owner, Abilene. He does not, however, have love for anyone except himself. What will happen to him when he is tossed overboard from a ship and finds himself mired in the mud at the bottom of the ocean? Through a series of events that follow, Edward will learn to care for others, but how can a china rabbit who cannot move by himself ever find his way back home to Abilene?	
<u>The Misadventures of Maude March</u> by Audrey Coulombis (Western Fiction Novel)	318-341
Maude March seems to ride right out of the pages of her little sister Sallie's Old West dime novels and into a hornet's nest of trouble. Now who would suspect that a plain, skinny, outspoken 15-year-old gal would turn up with her face plastered on Wanted posters all over the Midwest? To hear Sallie tell it, Maude seemed to be getting wrongly accused of everything from horse theft to bank robbery. Justice, it seemed, was getting harder to grab than fleas on a jackrabbit. How will the two orphans ever find their way out of this fix?	
<u>Outside and Inside Mummies</u> by Sandra Markle (Nonfiction, Mummies, Picture Book)	342-348
Did you know that mummies aren't just something we made up to scare people on Halloween? No, mummies were once real live people like you, except some of the best mummies were pharaohs or ancient kings. Before they died, they had their slaves build enormous pyramids. Read all about mummies in this book!	
<u>The Perfect Wizard: Hans Christian Andersen</u> by Jane Yolen (Biography, Picture Book)	349-367
The life of Hans Christian Andersen is beautifully brought to life in this biography. At the bottom of each page, snapshots of one of his stories, inspired by his childhood and his struggles, reflect his determination to gain fame and the long road to being discovered. His fairy tales have lived happily ever after in the hearts of children and kings for hundreds of years. Come find out why he was The Perfect Wizard.	
<u>Pompeii: Lost and Found</u> by Mary Pope Osborne (Nonfiction, Pompeii)	368-375
Pompeii was a thriving, modern city in the early Roman Empire of 79 A.D. If you had been wealthy, you might even have chosen it for your vacation spot. But, you would not have wanted to be in Pompeii when Mt. Vesuvius roared to life. This once-dormant volcano exploded in a violent rage and caught the people by surprise. How can we know what happened over 2000 years ago? What evidence has been found by archaeologists?	
<u>Roxie and the Hooligans</u> by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (Fiction, Survival, Adventure).....	376-394
Roxie Warbler was a kid who made a perfect target for four bullies in her school because Roxie had big ears. The four hooligans set out to make her life miserable. Luckily, Roxie's Uncle Dangerfoot was a close friend of Lord Thistlebottom who wrote the <u>Book of Pitfalls and How to Survive Them</u> because the hooligans chase Roxie into the most dangerous adventure of her life! You'll want to take notes so you'll be ready for your next disaster, too!	
<u>Weedflower</u> by Cynthia Kadohata (Historical Fiction, World War II Imprisonment of Japanese-Americans).....	395-419
Sumiko worked happily in her family's flower-growing business in California when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. Being a Japanese-American, it was as if the bombs fell on her, too. This is her personal story of the horror of war that seeped in to change and destroy lives in every possible way, but it is also the story of hope and friendship.	
<u>The White Elephant</u> by Sid Fleischman (Fiction, White Elephant, Siam)	420-441
What is a "white elephant"? You will understand after you read this story set in old Siam. A young orphan boy named Run-Run was all alone except for Walking Mountain, his enormous elephant who had been his father's and his father's before him. Walking Mountain worked hard and kept Run-Run safe. Safe, that is, until the day he accidentally insulted a very unpleasant prince by drenching him with river water. The ripples that followed led to great trouble for Run-Run!	
<u>Who Stole Halloween</u> by Martha Freeman (Mystery, Fiction).....	442-466
Alex and Yasmeen become detectives investigating the case of the missing cats. Will they find that a ghost is indeed behind the crime or will logical explanations uncover the truth? If you like a doubly good mystery, then <u>Who Stole Halloween?</u> is for you!	
<u>The Year of the Dog</u> by Grace Lin (Taiwanese Traditions, Family, Fiction).....	367-479
Grace is growing up as an American with Taiwanese heritage. Adapting to both cultures can be complicated. Her story is told with humor and punctuated with anecdotes told by her mother. Will Grace ever find her true purpose in life?	