Refining
(Increasing in difficulty)

*Highly recommended

Back to School Mallory (and others of the Mallory series) -- Laurie B. Friedman
Beezus and Ramona (and others of the Ramona Quimby series) -- Beverly Cleary
The Dinosaur Alphabet Book -- Jerry Pallotta
Hairy, Scary, Ordinary: What is an Adjective? -- Brian Cleary
*The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet (and others of the Secrets of Droon series) -- Tony Abbott
*The Mouse and the Motorcycle (and others of the Ralph S. Mouse series) -- Beverly Cleary
The Mystery Bookstore (and others of the Boxcar Children Mysteries series) -- Gertrude Chandler Warner
Pippi Longstocking (and others of the Pippi Longstocking series) -- Astrid Lindgren
Rats! -- Jane Cutler
Utterly Me, Clarice Bean -- Lauren Child

*97 Ways to Train a Dragon (and others of the Dragon Slayers’ Academy series) -- Kate McMullan

100 Days and 99 Nights: A Novel -- Alan Madison
2095 (and others of the Time Warp Trio series) -- Jon Scieszka
The Battle for the Castle -- Elizabeth Winthrop
The Best School Year Ever -- Barbara Robinson
Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet -- Graham Salisbury
Confetti Girl -- Diana Lopez
The Diamond Champs -- Matt Christopher
Encyclopedia Brown Boy Detective (and others of the Encyclopedia Brown series) -- Donald J. Sobel
The Hundred Dresses -- Eleanor Estes
Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World -- Mildred Pitts Walter
Samurai (and others of the Time Warp Trio series) -- Jon Scieszka
The School Mouse -- Dick King-Smith
Snot Stew -- Bill Wallace,
Stone Fox -- John Reynolds Gardiner
Thank you, Jackie Robinson -- Barbara Cohen
Who Stole the Wizard of Oz? -- Avi

Anastasia at Your Service (and others of the Anastasia Krupnik series) -- Lois Lowry
*Bunnicula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery (and others of the Bunnicula series) -- Deborah and James Howe

The Clue at the Bottom of the Lake (and others of the Cabin Creek Mysteries series) -- Kristiana Gregory
The Cybil War -- Betsy Byars
*Dear Mr. Henshaw -- Beverly Cleary
Fourth-Grade Celebrity -- Patricia Reilly Giff
The Great Quarterback Switch -- Matt Christopher
Hannah of Fairfield (and others of the Pioneer Daughters series) -- Jean Van Leeuwen
Happy Birthday, Samantha! : A Springtime Story (and others of The American Girls Collection series) -- Valerie Tripp
*Help! I'm a Prisoner in the Library -- Eth Clifford
*James and the Giant Peach: A Children’s Story -- Roald Dahl
*Mr. Popper’s Penguins -- Richard Atwater
The Mystery of Merlin and the Gruesome Ghost (and others of the Humpty Dumpty Jr: Hardboiled Detective series) -- Nate Evans
*Nightingale Happens on 90th Street -- Roni Schotter
Oggie Cooder -- Sarah Weeks
*Pony on the Porch (and others of the Animal Ark series) -- Ben M. Baglio
*Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing -- Judy Blume
*The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs -- Jon Scieszka
You Be the Jury -- Marvin Miller

*The 18th Emergency -- Betsy Cromer Byars
*Attack of the Tagger -- Wendelin Van Dranen
*Because of Winn-Dixie -- Kate DiCamillo
Black Gold -- Marguerite Henry
Caddie Woodlawn -- Carol Ryrie Brink
*The Castle in the Attic -- Elizabeth Winthrop
*The Celery Stalks at Midnight -- James Howe
The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse: From the Tattered Casebook of Chet Gecko, Private Eye (and others of the Chet Gecko Mystery series) -- Bruce Hale
*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory -- Roald Dahl
*Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator -- Roald Dahl
*Charlotte’s Web -- E. B. White
Danger on Panther Peak -- Bill Wallace
*Day of the Iguana (and others of the Hank Zipzer, the World’s Greatest Underachiever series) -- Henry Winkler
*Frindle -- Andrew Clements
*Hatchet -- Gary Paulsen
*The Homework Machine -- Dan Gutman
*How to Eat Fried Worms -- Thomas Rockwell
*The Indian in the Cupboard -- Lynne Reid Banks
*The Monster's Ring -- Bruce Coville
*Rules -- Cynthia Lord
*Sarah, Plain and Tall -- Patricia MacLachlan
*Shiloh -- Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
*Snow Treasure -- Marie McSwigan
Snowboard Showdown -- Paul Mantell
*Strider -- Beverly Cleary
Sun & Spoon -- Kevin Henkes

*A Dog’s Life: The Autobiography of a Stray -- Ann M. Martin
*From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler -- E.L. Konigsburg
The Good Dog -- Avi
*Granny Torrilli Makes Soup -- Sharon Creech
In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson -- Bette Lord
Lily’s Crossing -- Patricia Reilly Giff
The Million Dollar Shot -- Dan Gutman
My Life in Dog Years -- Gary Paulsen
On My Honor -- Marion Dane Bauer
Sahara Special -- Esme Raji Codell
**Taking Sides -- Gary Soto**

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

The Van Gogh Café -- Cynthia Rylant