

**Shabanu** / Suzanne Fisher Staples

Against her will, an 11-year-old Pakistani girl is pledged in marriage to an older man whose money will bring prestige to her family.

**Flipped** / Wendelin Van Draanen

In alternating chapters that span several years, two teenagers deal with themselves, each other, and their families.

*The Sammy Keyes mysteries* / Wendelin Van Draanen

A feisty teenage girl named Sammy lives with her grandmother and solves mysteries.

**Homecoming** / Cynthia Voigt

Abandoned by their mother, Dicey and her siblings journey to find a home.

**Izzy Willy-Nilly** / Cynthia Voigt

Izzy's life is changed forever because of a drunk driver.

**So B. It** / Sarah Weeks

Heidi, who has been raised by her mentally-retarded mother and agoraphobic neighbor, sets out on a journey to find out who she really is.

**Homeless Bird** / Gloria Whelan

In India, young Koly fights against her arranged marriage. *Also other titles by this author.*

**Each Little Bird That Sings** / Deborah Wiles

Comfort Snowberger faces life-changing events one spring that include the death of a beloved uncle and the betrayal of a friend.

**Love, Ruby Lavender** / Deborah Wiles

While her grandmother is in Hawaii, Ruby Lavender learns to live on her own in Mississippi with new friends and chickens.

*Dealing with Dragons series* / Patricia Wrede

Bored with palace life, a princess goes to live with the dragons and soon becomes involved in the fight against disreputable wizards.

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# Feisty Females

*Spend some time with the great girls in these books*

*Suggestions for grades 5 and up from the Mt. Lebanon Public Library*

**The Wolves of Willoughby Chase** / Joan Aiken

An adventure with wicked wolves, evil governesses and two brave girls.

**Little Women** / Louisa May Alcott

The beloved story of the four March sisters.

*The Vesper Holly series* / Lloyd Alexander

A 16-year-old orphan and her guardian embark on exciting adventures.

**The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle** / Avi

A young girl tells the story of murder on a transatlantic voyage in 1832.

**Tuck Everlasting** / Natalie Babbitt

A girl finds the secret to eternal life.

**Squashed** / Joan Bauer

A 16-year-old girl changes her life while she attempts to grow the biggest pumpkin in Iowa. *Also other titles by this author.*

**Where the Lilies Bloom** / Vera Cleaver

14-year-old Mary Call tries to keep her family together after her father's death.

**The Misadventures of Maude March, or, Trouble Rides a Fast Horse** /

Audrey Coulombis

When 11-year-old Sallie and her 15-year-old sister escape their guardians, they begin exciting adventures like those in the books Sallie reads.

**Walk Two Moons** / Sharon Creech

A 13-year-old girl and her grandparents take a meaningful cross-country trip.

**Matilda Bone** / Karen Cushman

14-year-old Matilda is an apprentice bonesetter and practitioner of medicine in a medieval English village. *Also other titles by this author.*

**The Ballad of Lucy Whipple** / Karen Cushman

In 1849, a 12-year-old girl named Lucy is distraught when her mother moves the family from Massachusetts to a small California mining town, where Lucy helps run a rough boarding house and looks for comfort in books while trying to find a way to get "home."

**Because of Winn-Dixie** / Kate DiCamillo

Good things happen to a 10-year-old girl because of her big ugly dog, Winn-Dixie.

**Dovey Coe** / Frances O’Roarke Dowell

A 12-year-old girl is accused of murder in her small North Carolina town in 1928.

**The Birchbark House** / Louise Erdrich

A year in the life of a seven-year-old Native American girl in 1847.

**Julie of the Wolves** / Jean George

After she becomes lost in Alaska, a 13-year-old Inuit girl is befriended by a wolf pack.

**Tuesdays at the Castle** / Jessica George

Castle Glower adds rooms or stairways or secret passages every Tuesday. When the king and queen are ambushed while traveling, it’s up to Princess Celie to use her knowledge of the castle’s secrets to save her family, their home, and the entire kingdom.

**Lily’s Crossing** / Patricia Reilly Giff

When her father goes to war, Lily spends the summer of 1944 with her grand-parents where she befriends a young Hungarian refugee. *Also other titles by this author.*

**Out of the Dust** / Karen Hesse

Poetic text relates the life of a 15-year-old girl during the Oklahoma Dust Bowl.

**Our Only May Amelia** / Jennifer L. Holm

May Amelia is the only girl in her Finnish-American family of seven brothers growing up in Washington State in 1899.

**Boston Jane** / Jennifer L. Holm

Jane, a 15-year-old girl from Philadelphia, finds little use for etiquette in the Pacific Northwest, where she lives among American traders and Chinook Indians.

**My Louisiana Sky** / Kimberly Holt

In the 1950s, a 12-year-old girl has conflicting feelings about her stern but loving grandmother, her mentally slow parents, and her good friend Jesse.

**The Star of Kazan** / Eve Ibbotson

After inheriting a trunk of costume jewelry, 12-year-old Annika is taken by a woman claiming to be her mother to Germany, where cruel villains, aristocrats, and some lovable professors combine to create a grand historical adventure.

**Journey to the River Sea** / Eve Ibbotson

In 1910, a young London girl is sent with her governess to live in the Brazilian Amazon with her dreadful relatives.

**I Am Regina** / Sally Keehn

A young girl spends years with the Allegheny Indians after her capture.

**A Proud Taste for Scarlet and Miniver** / E.L. Konigsburg

In heaven, Eleanor of Aquitaine reflects on her fascinating life in exciting twelfth-century England and France.

**Ella Enchanted** / Gail Carson Levine

Ella is cursed with a spell that causes her to obey any order given to her.

**The Lions of Little Rock** / Kristin Levine

In 1958 Little Rock, Arkansas, painfully shy 12-year-old Marlee sees her city and family divided over school integration, but her friendship with Liz, a new student, helps her find her voice and fight against racism.

*The Anastasia series* / Lois Lowry

Adventures in the pre-teen and teenage life of Anastasia Krupnik.

**Number the Stars** / Lois Lowry

A ten-year-old Danish girl helps hide her Jewish friend from the Nazis during the German occupation of Denmark in World War II.

**Anne of Green Gables series** / L. M. Montgomery

The adventures of a lively, imaginative girl on a Prince Edward Island farm.

*The Alice series* / Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Everyday life in the world of Alice McKinley, from pre-teen to teenager.

**Playing Beatie Bow** / Ruth Park

A lonely Australian girl is transported across time to another family in the 1880s.

**Jacob, Have I Loved** / Katherine Paterson

Louise finds her identity after feeling deprived all her life.

**Lyddie** / Katherine Paterson

A poor Vermont farm girl joins the working women in a Massachusetts mill town.

**Ruby in the Smoke** / Philip Pullman

When a 16-year-old girl sets out to solve the mystery surrounding her father’s death, she becomes involved in a deadly search for a mysterious ruby.

**Girl in Blue** / Ann Rinaldi

To escape an abusive father and an arranged marriage, 14-year-old Sarah, dressed as a boy, leaves her Michigan home to enlist in the Union Army. *Also other titles by this author.*

**The Witch of Blackbird Pond** / Elizabeth George Speare

In colonial Connecticut, a young girl from Barbados is presumed to be a witch because of her friendship with a kind, reclusive woman.

**Stargirl** / Jerry Spinelli

An eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.