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Adventure

Hobbs, Will

Crossing the Wire

Fifteen-year-old Victor Flores journeys north in a desperate attempt to cross the Arizona border and find work in the United States to support his family in central Mexico



debtor's prison, Tom sets off to settle accounts with sinister Mr. Goodfellow.

Mikaelsen, Ben

Touching Spirit

Bear

After his anger erupts into violence, Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the Native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.



Ives, David

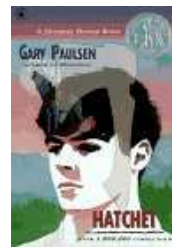
Scrib

In the lawless West in 1863, 16-year-old Scrib makes his living by writing and delivering letters for "ill-letterates."

Comic misspellings and wordplay abound, but Scrib takes his job seriously, saying his "perffession" as a "letter writer's like a priest under the trained seals of confession." As Scrib travels by horseback, he senses that he is being followed, and his customers notify him that a stranger has been inquiring about him. Shoot-'em-up scenes follow as well as some poignant moments.

Paulsen, Gary

Hatchet



After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.



Lawrence, Iain

The Convicts

In Greek mythology, Lachesis was the Fate who measured the thread of a man's life. In Lawrence's story, Lachesis is an evil, ghostly prison ship. Young Tom Tin is convicted of murder and fated to prison time on the old hulk. Conditions are horrible, escape or pardon unlikely, and the best hope is to be transported, as Tom eventually is, to Van Diemen's Land. Later, when his father is sent to

Pearson, Ridley

Steel Trapp: The

Challenge

On a two-day train trip to enter his invention in the National Science Competition in Washington, D.C., fourteen-year-old Steven "Steel" Trapp, possessor of a remarkable photographic memory, becomes embroiled in an international plot of kidnapping and bribery that may have links to terrorists. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, September 2008).





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Blind Mountain

Unsure of himself and annoyed at having to spend a day climbing a Montana mountain with his bossy father, twelve-year-old Sam must become the guide on their perilous journey down when his carelessness temporarily blinds his father. (Summary from hclib.org, 2007)



DuPrau, Jeanne

City of Ember

In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.



Gaiman, Neil

Anansi Boys

Charlie's dad wasn't just any dad. He was Anansi, a trickster god, the spirit of rebellion able to overturn the social order, create wealth out of thin air, and baffle the devil. When he dies on a karaoke stage, things get very interesting for Charlie. (Summary from Hennepin County Library at hclib.org, 2007)

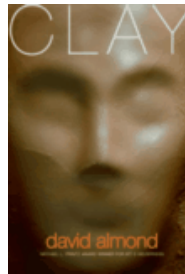


Fantasy

Almond, David

Clay

Davie and his friend Geordie are fascinated by an older boy named Stephen Rose who is new to town and their parish. Stephen left his previous school under scandalous circumstances, and his talents with molding clay seem innocuous on the surface. Revenge against a neighborhood thug, however, steers Davie's friendship with Stephen down a destructive path in this forbidding, thoughtful and provocative novel.



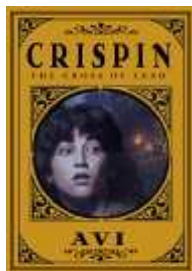
Rowling, J.K.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince



As they travel through their sixth year at Hogwarts, Harry and his friends receive help from the mysterious

Half-Blood Prince in their search for the complete story of how Tom Riddle became Lord Voldemort and find in the process what might be Voldemort's only vulnerability.



Avi

Crispin: The Cross of Lead

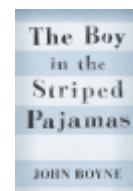
Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.

Historical

Boyne, John

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-

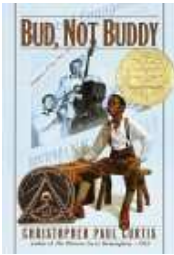




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With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence. (Summary from Hennepin County Library at hclib.org, 2007)



Curtis, Christopher Paul

Bud Not Buddy

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression,

escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

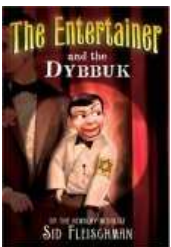
experience the unimaginable horrors of Suicide Cliff, the boys begin to learn the true practices of a warrior. (Summary from Hennepin County, November 2010).

Greif, Jean-Jacques

The Fighter

Moshe Wisniak, a poor Polish Jew, uses his physical strength and cleverness, plus luck, to help him survive the horrors he is subjected to in the concentration camps of World War II. Based on the life of Moshè Garbarz.

(Summary from Hennepin County Library at hclib.org, 2007)



Fleischman, Sid
The Entertainer and the Dybbuk

A struggling American ventriloquist in post-World War II Europe is possessed by the

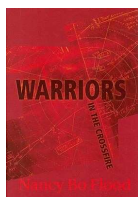
mischievous spirit of a young Jewish boy killed in the Holocaust. Author's note details the murder of over one million children by the Nazis during the 1930s and 1940s. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, Sept. 2008)

Lerangis, Peter
Smiler's Bones



Explorer Robert Peary brings six Eskimos to a New York City museum to be a living exhibit. Qisuk, known as "Smiler," and his son Minik are part of the exhibit. Four of the

Eskimos die, including Smiler, and one Eskimo returns to Greenland. Minik spends twelve years at the museum amid lies and deception, in search of the truth and a way to survive.



Flood, Nancy Bo
Warriors in the Crossfire

Based on historical events on the South Pacific island of Saipan during World War II, this story unfolds

through the eyes of Joseph, the son of the Chamorro chief, and his half-Japanese cousin, Kento. For Joseph the war brings mounting pressure to take responsibility for the survival of his family during the invasion. Forced to

Lisle, Janet
Black Duck



Years afterwards, Ruben Hart tells the story of how, in 1929 Newport, Rhode Island, his family and his best

friend's family were caught up in the violent competition among groups trying to control the local rum-smuggling trade. (Summary from hclib.org, 2007)



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Mazer, Harry
Boy at War: A Novel of Pearl Harbor

While fishing with his friends off Honolulu on December 7, 1941, teenaged Adam is caught in the midst of the Japanese attack and through the chaos of the subsequent days tries to find his father, a naval officer who was serving on the U.S.S. Arizona when the bombs fell.



Peck, Richard
On the Wings of Heroes

A boy in Illinois remembers the home front years of World War II, especially his two heroes--his brother in the Air Force and his father, who fought in the previous war. (Summary from hclib.org, 2007)



Morpurgo, Michael
Private Peaceful

Memories of his former peaceful life, letters from home, and observations of battles make up 17-year-old Thomas' narration as he fights in World War I. The young English soldier lied about his age to fight in France with his older brother Charlie, and now finds himself in dire circumstances. As darkness closes in on him in the trenches, Thomas recalls the girl that both he and his brother loved, his brain-damaged brother, Joe, and the part Thomas played in his father's untimely death.



Peet, Mal
Tamar

In England in 1995, fifteen-year-old Tamar, grief-stricken by the puzzling death of her beloved grandfather, slowly begins to uncover the secrets of his life in the Dutch resistance during the last year of the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, and the climactic events that forever cast a shadow on his life and that of his family. (Summary from hclib.org, 2007)



Rosoff, Meg
What I Was

Set in 1960s Britain, a sixteen-year-old boy is sent to St. Oswald's, an upper-class boarding school. One day during a regular run along the coastline, he falls behind from the group and meets Finn, a teenage boy living alone in a small hut. The two boys develop an idyllic friendship that ultimately ends in tragedy. (Summary from Mackin.com, Sept. 2008)



Paulson, Gary
The Legend of Bass Reeves: Being the true and fictional account of the most valiant marshal in the West

An account of the life of Bass Reeves. (Summary from Hennepin County Library at hclib.org, 2007)

Schröder, Monika
The Dog in the Woods
As World War II draws to an end, Russian soldiers occupy Schwarz, Germany,





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bringing both friendships and hardship to the family of ten-year-old Fritz, whose grandfather was a Nazi sympathizer, and after they are forced to leave their farm, Fritz's mother and hired hand are arrested, leaving Fritz to fend for himself. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).



Smith, Roland
Elephant Run

Nick endures servitude, beatings, and more after his British father's plantation in Burma is invaded by the Japanese in 1941, and when his father and others are taken prisoner and Nick is stranded with his friend Mya, they plan a daring escape on elephants, risking their lives to save Nick's father and Mya's brother from a Japanese prisoner of war camp. (Summary from hclib.org, 2007).

determining why people are spying on him and his family. (Summary from hclib.org, 2007)



Brooks, Kevin
The Road of the Dead

Two brothers, sons of an incarcerated gypsy, leave London traveling to an isolated and desolate village, in search of the brutal killer of their sister. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, 2008)



Bruchac, Joseph
Skeleton Man

After her parents disappear and she is turned over to the care of a strange "great-uncle," Molly must rely on her dreams about an old Mohawk story for her safety and maybe even for her life.



Spillebeen, Geert
Kipling's Choice

In 1915, mortally wounded in Loos, France, eighteen-year-old John Kipling, son of writer Rudyard Kipling, remembers his boyhood and the events leading to what is to be his first and last World War I battle.



Michaels, Rune
Genesis Alpha: A Thriller

Max and Josh are extremely close brothers despite a several-year age difference. When Max was a young child, he was diagnosed with cancer, and Josh was conceived in order to give Max his life-saving stem cells. Thirteen years later, the two brothers stay in touch while Max is at college by playing Genesis Alpha online late at night. Their lives change forever when Max is accused of murdering a girl and goes to jail. Josh is heartbroken knowing his idol is locked up and begins to wonder whether or not all of this is somehow his fault. (Summary from mackin.com, January 2008)

Mystery

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The Traitor's Gate

When his father is arrested as a debtor in 1849 London, fourteen-year-old John Huffman must take on unexpected responsibilities, from asking a distant relative for help to





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Mulligan, Andy **Trash**



A group of fourteen-year-old boys, who make a living picking garbage from the outskirts of a large city, finds something special and mysterious that brings terrifying consequences. (Summary from Follett Destiny, September 2011).

Smith, Roland

Zach's Lie

Zach Granger has to tell many lies; for one, his name is really Jack Osborne, and for another his parents aren't divorced rather, his father, a pilot, is in prison for transporting drugs for a ruthless cartel. When his father agrees to cooperate with the DEA, his family goes into a witness protection program, with new names and a new home.



Jesse and his friend Eric to strike out for the big city and use their computer skills to get a job and build a life for themselves, and they decided to take the leap. This book chronicles Katz's correspondence with the two boys, and their relocation to Chicago.

Davis, Dr. Sampson

We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success

An account of how three friends helped each other to make it through high school, college, and medical school rather than follow their childhood friends into the criminal life. Now the three doctors work in their home community helping others to have better lives.

Realistic

Non-Fiction

Katz, Jon

Geeks: How Two Lost Boys Rode the Internet Out of Idaho

Katz is a journalist who wrote about "computer geeks" for "Wired" and "Rolling Stone," creating empathetic portraits of young, "computer-centered obsessive," whom Katz calls "lost boys." Many of these lost boys e-mailed him, and he started corresponding regularly with one in particular. His name is Jesse, and Katz found him "shockingly bright" and isolated, except for his computer, in a little town in Idaho. Katz encouraged



Anhalt, Ariela

Freefall

Briar Academy senior Luke prefers avoiding conflict and letting others make his decisions, but he is

compelled to choose whether or not to stand by the best friend whose reckless behavior has endangered Luke and may have caused another student's death. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).



Avasthi, Swati

Split

A teenaged boy thrown out of his house by his abusive father goes to live with his older brother, who ran away from home years earlier under similar circumstances. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).



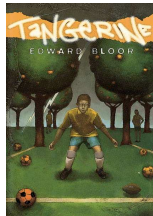
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Bloor, Edward

Tangerine

Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eye-sight.



fund raising drive and arousing the wrath of the school bullies.

Coy, John

Crackback

John Coy gives a brutally honest look into the harsh world of high school sports and the lengths to which athletes will go in order to be the best. Meet Miles Manning, a successful high school football star, who learns that his fellow players are taking steroids. Soon Miles feels isolated from his friends and a father who relies too much on his talent. Coy raises a poignant point of a teen trying to deal with adults that may not deserve, but constantly demand, respect.



Bradley, Alex

24 Girls in 7 Days

Jack Grammar is unaware that his friends placed an ad in the online school newspaper, saying that Jack is seeking a date for prom and listing an email address for replies. Jack is not pleased, until he discovers that 200 girls responded. He decides to date twenty-four of the girls and narrow his selection to the perfect one for prom. The only problem is that prom is just seven days away.



Crutcher, Christopher Paul
Deadline

Given the medical diagnosis of one year to live, high school senior Ben Wolf decides to fulfill his greatest fantasies, ponders his life's purpose and legacy, and converses through dreams with a spiritual guide known as "Hey-Soos." (Summary from hclib.org, 2007).

Clements, Andrew

Lunch Money

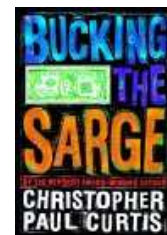
Twelve-year-old Greg, who has always been good at moneymaking projects, is surprised to find himself teaming up with his lifelong rival, Maura, to create a series of comic books to sell at school.



Curtis, Christopher Paul

Bucking the Sarge

In Curtis's latest offering set in his hometown of Flint, Michigan, fifteen-year-old Luther Farrell discusses his life in-depth. Luther's most troubled relationship is with his mother (whom he refers to as the "Sarge"). The Sarge is well-known in the community as a slum lord, loan-shark, and overall



Cormier, Robert

Chocolate War

A high school freshman discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join in the school's annual



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unscrupulous business woman. Although the Sarge works hard at trying to recruit her son into the family business, Luther demonstrates great fortitude; he dreams of a better (legitimate) life for himself.



Feinstein, John
Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery

After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth graders Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the

Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game.

to the state title match as a sophomore. Nick, Ron's younger brother, is a shy sophomore. He lacks Ron's raw talent but has a ton of heart and works hard day in and day out in pursuit of his dream of becoming a state champion. (Summary from Amazon.com)



Howe, James
Totally Joe

As a school assignment, a thirteen-year-old boy writes an alphabiography--life from A to Z--and explores issues of friendship, family, school, and the challenges of being a gay teenager.

Greenwald, Tommy
Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading



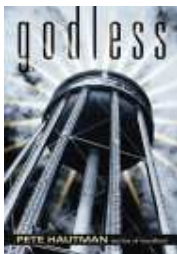
Middle schooler Charlie Joe is proud of his success at avoiding

reading, but eventually his schemes go too far. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2011)



Jones, V.M.
Out of Reach

Pip McLeod is pressured by his aggressively competitive father to play soccer, but finds fulfillment and success by secretly pursuing indoor rock climbing, a sport he actually enjoys. (Follett, 2009)



Hautman, Pete
Godless

When sixteen-year-old Jason Bock and his friends create their own religion to worship the town's water tower, what started out as a joke begins to take on a power of its own.

Korman, Gordon
The Juvie Three

Gecko, Arjay, and Terence, all in trouble with the law, must find a way to keep their halfway house open in order to stay out of juvenile detention. (Summary from Follett Destiny, 2009)



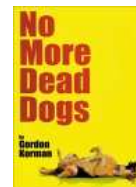
Hertel, H.L.
To Be The Best

Ron Castle is a high school junior and naturally gifted wrestler. He made it all the way



Korman, Gordon
No More Dead Dogs

Eighth-grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play where, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the





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production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well.



Korman, Gordon

Son of the Mob

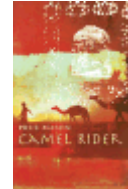
Seventeen-year-old Vince's life is constantly complicated by the fact that he is the son of a powerful Mafia boss, a

relationship that threatens to destroy his romance with the daughter of an FBI agent.

while he is in no shape to mend what is broken, he fears that no one else is, either. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2011). Mature

Mason, Pure
Camel Rider

Two expatriates living in a Middle Eastern country, twelve-year-old Adam from Australia and Walid from Bangladesh, must rely on one another when war breaks out and they find themselves in the desert, both trying to reach the same city with no water, little food, and no common language.



(Summary from Hennepin County Library, February 2008).

Lupica, Mike
Travel Team

After he is cut from his travel basketball team--the very same team that his father once led to national prominence--twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.



Myers, Walter Dean
Sunrise Over Fallujah

Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him.



(Summary from Hennepin County Library, Sept. 2008)



MacLachlan, Patricia
Edward's Eyes

Edward is one of a large and close family that loves baseball, music, books, and each other, and when he unexpectedly dies and his parents donate his organs, his wonderful eyes go to a perfect recipient.



Sachar, Louis
The Cardturner: a novel about a king, a queen, and a joker

When his wealthy uncle, a champion bridge player who

has lost his vision, asks seventeen-year-old Alton to be a cardturner for him, Alton has no idea how much he will ultimately learn from his eccentric relative. Includes appendix by Syd Fox with information about bridge.

(Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).

Marchetta, Melina
The Piper's Son



After his favorite uncle's violent death, Tom Mackee watches his family implode, quits school, and turns his back on music and everyone who matters, and





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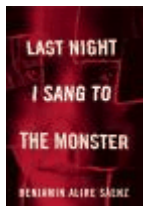
Sachar, Louis

Small Steps

Two years after his release from Camp Green Lake, sixteen-year-old Armpit gets a job working for a landscaper in his hometown of Austin, Texas. He sets out to turn his life around, taking small steps to get ahead. Armpit gets involved in his friend's get-rich-quick scheme, and soon finds himself in a romantic, yet dangerous situation.

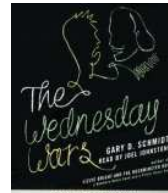


an abusive father, a brother traumatized by Vietnam, suspicious teachers and police officers, and isolation, but when he meets a girl known as Lil Spicer, he develops a close relationship with her and finds a safe place at the local library. (Summary from Follett Destiny, October 2011).



Sáenz, Benjamin Alire
Last Night I Sang to the Monster

Eighteen-year-old Zach does not remember how he came to be in a treatment center for alcoholics, but through therapy and caring friends, his amnesia fades and he learns to face his past while working toward a better future. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).



Schmidt, Gary
The Wednesday Wars

During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in. (Summary from hclib.org, 2007).

Scaletta, Kurtis

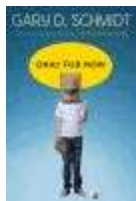
Mudville

For twenty-two years, since a fateful baseball game against their rival town, it has rained in Moundville, so when the rain finally stops, twelve-year-old Roy, his friends, and foster brother Sturgis dare to face the curse and form a team. (Summary from Follett Destiny, Oct 2009)



Stork, Francisco
The Last Summer of the Death Warriors

Seventeen-year-old Pancho is bent on avenging the senseless death of his sister, but after he meets D.Q, who is dying of cancer, and Marisol, one of D.Q.'s caregivers, both boys find their lives changed by their interactions. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).



Schmidt, Gary
Okay For Now
Fourteen-year-old Doug Swietek faces many challenges, including



Soto, Gary
Afterlife
A senior at East Fresno High School, Chuy, lives on as a ghost after his brutal murder in the restroom of a dance club.



Chuy watches as his family and friends cope with his untimely and unprovoked



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death. Especially shocking to Chuy is his mother's reaction; she asks Chuy's cousin to kill her son's assailant.

Sonnenblick, Jordan **Drums Girls and Dangerous Pie**

When his younger brother is diagnosed with leukemia, thirteen-year-old Steven tries to deal with his complicated emotions, his school life, and his desire to support his family.



Strausser, Todd **Boot Camp**

After ignoring several warnings to stop dating his teacher, Garrett is sent to Lake Harmony, a boot camp that uses unorthodox and brutal methods to train students to obey their parents. (Summary from hclib.org, 2007)

Trueman, Terry **7 Days at the Hot Corner**

Varsity baseball player Scott Latimer struggles with his own prejudices and those of others when his best friend reveals that he is gay. (Summary from hclib.org, 2007)



Walters, Eric **Juice**

High school student Michael is torn when he is told to use steroids during his football season. He thinks it is cheating but is told he should use the steroids in order to compete against other teams whose players use the "juice" too.



Walters, Eric **Overdrive**

When two kids get into a horrible traffic accident, they realize that serious events, such as high speed collisions, change life forever.

Weaver, Will **Saturday Night Dirt**

In a small town in northern Minnesota, the much-anticipated Saturday night dirt-track race at the old-fashioned, barely viable, Headwaters Speedway becomes, in many ways, an important life-changing event for all the participants on and off the track. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, Sept. 2008)



Weeks, Sarah **Regular Guy**

Because he is so different from his eccentric parents, twelve-year-old Guy is convinced he has been switched at birth with a classmate whose parents seem more normal.



Williams, Michael **Now is the Time For Running**



When soldiers attack a small village in

Zimbabwe, Deo goes on the run with Innocent, his older, mentally disabled brother, carrying little but a leather soccer ball filled with money, and after facing prejudice, poverty, and





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tragedy, it is in soccer that Deo finds renewed hope. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2011).

up to help him escape. Too bad the place is entirely surrounded by polar bears.



Winerip, Michael
Adam Canfield of the Slash

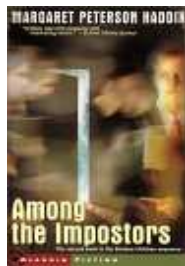
Adam Canfield just became the new co-editor of his school newspaper, and he just happens to uncover one of the

biggest stories of the entire town, one of which is learning that their school principal is abusing the school fund.

Science Fiction

Haddix, Margaret
Among the Imposters

In a future where the law limits a family to only two children, third-born Luke has been in hiding for the entire twelve years of his life, until he enters boarding school under an assumed name and is forced to face his fears.



Hautman, Peter
Rash

In Hautman's latest satire set 70 years in the future, the world is safer than ever--so safe that children are only allowed to run if they wear protective gear.

Much of the population is incarcerated in labor camps for minor crimes. Bo Marsten, a teenager unjustly convicted of spreading a rash at his school, is a new prisoner at a pizza factory in Canada. He begins playing football (now banned because of its physical dangers) with the other inmates when his artificially intelligent friend Bo shows