1. Frog and Toad Together by Arnold Lobel (E Lob)

AR Book Level 2.9

0.5 pt.

Five further adventures of two best friends as they share cookies, plant a garden, and test their bravery.

2. Like Jake and Me by Mavis Jukes (F Juk)

AR Book Level 2.9

0.5 pt.

Alex feels that he does not have much in common with his stepfather Jake until a fuzzy spider brings them together.

3. The Upstairs Room by Johanna Reiss (921 Rei)

AR Book Level 2.9

6 pt.

A Dutch Jewish girl describes the two-and-one-half years she spent in hiding in the upstairs bedroom of a farmer's house during World War II.

4. Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan (F Mac)

AR Book Level 3.4

1 pt.

In this loving story of a motherless family, a tall, plain woman comes to stay with them.

5. Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko (F Cho)

AR Book Level 3.5

7 pt.

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

6. Millions of Cats by Wanda Gag (F Gag)

AR Book Level 3.5

0.5 pt.

An old man sets out in search of a pet for his lonely wife and returns with millions of cats, all claiming to be the most beautiful of the bunch.

7. Doctor De Soto by William Steig (E Ste)

AR Book Level 3.5

0.5 pt.

Dr. De Soto, a dentist mouse, and his wife, who is also his assistant, were not in the habit of treating animals that could be threatening to mice; so when a fox with a very painful toothache showed up at their office, they had quite a decision to make.

8. The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate (F App)

AR Book Level 3.6

4 pt.

When Ivan, a gorilla that has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides he must find her a better life.

9. Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer Holm (F Hol)

AR Book Level 3.7

4 pt.

In 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who does not like children, eleven-year-old Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in faraway Key West, Florida.

10. Show Way by Jacqueline Woodson (E Woo)

AR Book Level 3.8

0.5 pt.

The making of "Show Ways," or quilts that once served as secret maps for freedom-seeking slaves, is a tradition passed from mother to daughter in the author's family.

11. The Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dalgliesh (F Dal)

AR Book Level 3.9

1 pt.

Remembering her mother's words, an eight-year-old girl finds courage to go alone with her father to build a new home in the Connecticut wilderness and to stay with the Indians when her father goes back to bring the rest of the family.

12. Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo (F DiC)

AR Book Level 3.9 3 pt.

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big, ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

13. The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman (PB F Fle)

AR Book Level 3.9 2 pt.

A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places.

14. The Hundred Penny Box by Sharon Bell Mathis (E Mat)

AR Book Level 3.9 1 pt.

Michael's love for his great-great-aunt who lives with them leads him to intercede with his mother, who wants to toss out all her old things.

15. Rules by Cynthia Lord (F Lor)

AR Book Level 3.9 4 pt.

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

16. Three Time Lucky by Sheila Turnage (F Tur)

AR Book Level 3.9 9 pt.

Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a café and co-parent of Mo with his cook, Miss Lana, seems implicated in a murder.

17. Penny From Heaven by Jennifer Holm (F Hol)

AR Book Level 4.0 7 pt.

As she turns twelve during the summer of 1953, Penny gains new insights into herself and her family while also learning a secret about her father's death. It's1953 and 11-year-old Penny dreams of a summer of butter pecan ice cream, swimming, and baseball. But nothing's that easy in Penny's family. For starters, she can't go swimming because her mother's afraid she'll catch polio at the pool. To make matters worse, her favorite uncle is living in a car. Her Nonny cries every time her father's name is mentioned. And the two sides of her family aren't speaking to each other! Inspired by Newbery Honor winner Jennifer Holm's own Italian American family, Penny from Heaven is a shining story about the everyday and the extraordinary, about a time in America's history, not all that long ago, when being Italian meant that you were the enemy. But most of all, it's a story about families--about the things that tear them apart and bring them together. And Holm tells it with all the richness and the layers, the love and the laughter of a Sunday dinner at Nonny's. So pull up a chair and enjoy the feast! Buon appetito!

18. Flora and Ulysses: the Illuminated Adventures by Kate DiCamillo (F DiC)

AR Book Level 4.3 5 pt.

A girl named Flora and a squirrel named Ulysses, whose life was saved by Flora after he was involved in an incident with a vacuum cleaner, team up to use Ulysses' superpowers to conquer villains and protect the weak.

19. M.C. Higgins, the Great by VIrgina Hamilton

AR Book Level 4.4 10 pt.

As a slag heap, the result of strip mining, creeps closer to his house in the Ohio hills, fifteen-year-old M.C. is torn between trying to get his family away and fighting for the home they love.

20. Annie and the Old One by Miska Miles (E Mil)

AR Book Level 4.4 0.5 pt.

A Navajo girl unravels a day's weaving on a rug whose completion, she believes, will mean the death of her grandmother.

21. Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (F Nay)

AR Book Level 4.4 4 pt.

When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner. The owner is a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs. Book #1.

22. Kneeknock Rise by Natalie Babbitt (PB F Bab)

AR Book Level 4.4 2 pt.

Egan hopes to become a hero by slaying the Megrimum, a mysterious creature that lives on Kneeknock Rise near his relatives' home. When he learns the truth about the creature, he has to decide if he should share his discovery with the villagers.

23. Charlotte's Web by E.B. White (F Whi)

AR Book Level 4.4 5 pt.

In this endearing story, a little girl and Charlotte, a beautiful grey spider, struggle to save Wilbur the pig.

24. Number the Stars by Lois Lowry (F Low)

AR Book Level 4.5 4 pt.

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

25. A Visit to William Blake's Inn by Nancy Willard (E 811 Wil)

AR Book Level 4.5 0.5 pt.

A collection of poems describing the curious menagerie of guests who arrive at William Blake's inn.

26. When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead (F Ste)

AR Book Level 4.5 6 pt.

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1970s television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space.

27. A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck (F Pec)

AR Book Level 4.5 4 pt.

In 1937, during the Depression, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice, initially apprehensive about leaving Chicago to spend a year with her fearsome, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois, gradually begins to better understand and admire her grandmother's unusual qualities.

28. Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine (F Lev)

AR Book Level 4.6 8 pt.

Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given.

29. Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson (F Pat)

AR Book Level 4.6 5 pt.

The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer.

30. Holes by Louis Sachar (F Sac)

AR Book Level 4.6 7 pt.

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert.

31. One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia (F Wil)

AR Book Level 4.6

In 1968, after traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover their mother wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.

32. From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg (F Kon)

AR Book Level 4.7

5 pt.

7 pt.

Two suburban children run away from their Connecticut home and go to New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, where their ingenuity enables them to live in luxury.

33. It's Like This, Cat by Emily Neville (F Nev)

AR Book Level 4.7

5 pt.

A quietly humorous story of one kind of contemporary New York City boyhood, a fourteen-year-old and his family, his friends, and a stray tomcat.

34. The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo (F DiC)

AR Book Level 4.7

5 pt.

This book tells of the adventure of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

35. Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli (F Spi)

AR Book Level 4.7

5 pt.

After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.

36. Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary (F Cle)

AR Book Level 4.9

In his letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world.

37. Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech (F Cre)

AR Book Level 4.9

9 pt.

3 pt.

After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.

38. The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden (F Sel)

AR Book Level 4.9

4 pt.

Chester the cricket resides in a newsstand in Times Square. He has many adventures, climaxing with the rescue of the newsstand owner from financial disaster.

39. Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis (F Cur)

AR Book Level 5.0

8 pt.

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.

40. The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis (F Cur)

AR Book Level 5.0

8 pt.

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they visit Grandma Sands in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

41. Old Yeller by Fred Gipson (F Gip)

AR Book Level 5.0 5 pt.

This book is a heartwarming story of a boy and his dog and their many adventures in the Texas wilderness.

42. Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O'Brien (F Obr)

AR Book Level 5.1 8 pt.

When Timothy, youngest of a family of field mice, becomes ill, his mother, Mrs. Frisby, enlists the aid of the Rats of NIMH to move their home from the path of the farmer's plow.

43. Ramona and Her Father by Beverly Cleary (F Cle)

AR Book Level 5.2 3 pt.

In this adventure with Beezus and Ramona, Mr. Quimby loses his job, and the entire family learns to cope with hardship.

44. Sounder by William Howard Armstrong (F Arm)

AR Book Level 5.3 3 pt.

Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young black boy grows in courage and understanding by learning to read and through his relation with his devoted dog, Sounder.

45. The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin (F Ras)

AR Book Level 5.3 8 pt.

Sixteen game players, heirs to Sam Westing's fabulous fortune, are all suspected of his murder. This book is part mystery story, part play-along game, and part do-it-yourself puzzle.

46. Missing May by Cynthia Rylant (F Ryl)

AR Book Level 5.3 3 pt.

After the death of the beloved aunt who has raised her, twelve-year-old Summer and her Uncle Ob leave their West Virginia trailer in search of the strength to go on living.

47. The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes (F Est)

AR Book Level 5.4 1 pt.

In winning a medal she is no longer there to receive, a little Polish girl teaches her classmates a lesson.

48. King of the Wind by Marguerite Henry (F Hen)

AR Book Level 5.4 5 pt.

An Arab stable boy's love for a Sultan's horse begins the line from which Man o' War was sired.

49. Criss Cross by Lynne Rae Perkins (F Per)

AR Book Level 5.5 7 pt.

Teenagers in a small town in the 1960s experience new thoughts and feelings, question their identities, connect, and disconnect as they search for the meaning of life and love.

50. Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary (F Cle)

AR Book Level 5.6 3 pt.

Now in third grade, Ramona rides the school bus alone and helps around the house while her mother works and her father attends college.

51. Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (F Pau)

AR Book Level 5.7 7 pt.

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends 54 days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

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52. Everything on a Waffle by Polly Horvath (F Hor)

AR Book Level 5.8

5 pt.

Eleven-year-old Primrose, living in a small fishing village in British Columbia, recounts her experiences and all that she learns about human nature and the unpredictability of life in the months after her parents are lost at sea.

53. The Cat Who Went to Heaven by Elizabeth Coatsworth (PB F Coa)

AR Book Level 5.9

2 pt.

A magical cat inspires a Japanese artist to paint the greatest picture of his life.

54. The View from Saturday by E.L. Konigsburg (F Kon)

AR Book Level 5.9

7 pt.

Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.

55. Ginger Pye by Eleanor Estes (F Est)

AR Book Level 6.0

9 pt.

The disappearance of a new puppy named Ginger and the appearance of a mysterious man in a mustard yellow hat bring excitement into the lives of the Pye children.

56. Savvy by Ingrid Law (F Law)

AR Book Level 6.0

9 pt.

Mibs Beaumont's thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy," a magical power unique to each member of her family, just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.