

“Clean Books”
this list covers a range of ages

Alcott, Louisa May **Little Women** **Teen Center Fiction**
Louisa May Alcott's chronicle of the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters is accompanied by textual variants and detailed explanatory annotations.

Alexander, Lloyd **The Gawgon and the Boy** **Teen Center Fiction**
Recuperating from a bout of the New Monia (pneumonia), 11-year-old David is deemed too frail to return to school. Instead, he will be tutored by his elderly aunt Annie, whom he dubs the "Gawgon" (a mispronunciation of "gorgon") because of her forbidding appearance. The Gawgon encourages David's imagination and talents and their relationship produces unexpected results.

Avi **Nothing But the Truth** **Teen Center Pbk**
A ninth-grader's suspension for singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story.

Bagnold, Enid **National Velvet** **Children's Fiction**
A fourteen-year-old English girl wins a horse in a raffle, trains it, and rides it in the Grand National steeplechase.

Carlson, Melody **Diary of a Teenage Girl (series)** **Teen Center Pbk**
Sixteen-year-old Kim Peterson learns more about herself and her friends, and practices her new commitment to God, by writing a teen advice column for the newspaper on which her father is managing editor.

Carter, Ally **I'd Tell you I Love You** **Teen Center Fic/Pbk**
But then I'd have to Kill You
As a sophomore at a secret spy school and the daughter of a former CIA operative, Cammie is sheltered from "normal teenage life" until she meets a local boy while on a class surveillance mission. (*sequel: Cross my Heart and Hope to Spy; Don't Judge a Girl by her Cover*)

Cooney, Caroline **Driver's Ed** **Teen Center Fiction**
Three teenagers' lives are changed forever when they thoughtlessly steal a stop sign from a dangerous intersection and a young mother is killed in an automobile accident there.

Cooper, Susan **The Boggart** **Children's Fiction**
After visiting the castle in Scotland which her family has inherited and returning home to Canada, twelve-year-old Emily finds that she has accidentally brought back with her a boggart, an invisible and mischievous spirit with a fondness for practical jokes.

Cooper, Susan **The Dark is Rising** **Children's Fiction**
On his eleventh birthday Will Stanton discovers he is the last of the Old Ones, destined to seek the six magical Signs that will enable the Old Ones to triumph over the evil forces of the Dark.

Creech, Sharon **Walk Two Moons** **Teen Center Fiction**
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.

Cushman, Karen **Catherine Called Birdy** **Teen Center Fiction**
The thirteen-year-old daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off.

Duprau, Jeanne **City of Ember (series)** **Teen Center Fiction**
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

Farmer, Nancy **The Ear, the Eye and the Arm** **Teen Center Fiction**
In 2194 in Zimbabwe, General Matsika's three children are kidnapped and put to work in a plastic mine, while three mutant detectives use their special powers to search for them.

Fox, Paula **Slave Dancer** **Children's Fiction**
Kidnapped by the crew of an Africa-bound ship, a thirteen-year-old boy discovers to his horror that he is on a slaver and his job is to play music for the exercise periods of the human cargo.

Hale, Shannon **The Goose Girl** **Teen Center Fiction**
On her way to marry a prince she's never met, Princess Anidori is betrayed by her guards and her lady-in-waiting and must become a goose girl to survive until she can reveal her true identity and reclaim the crown that is rightfully hers.

Hesse, Karen **The Music of Dolphins** **Teen Center Fiction**
After rescuing an adolescent girl from the sea, researchers learn she has been raised by dolphins and attempt to rehabilitate her to the human world.

Hesse, Karen **Out of the Dust** **Teen Center Fiction**
In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.

Houston, Jeanne W. **Farewell to Manzanar** **Teen Center Pbk**
The true story of one Japanese-American family's attempt to survive the indignities of forced detention and of a native-born American child who discovered what it was like to grow up behind barbed wire in the United States.

Ibbotson, Eva **The Star of Kazan** **Children's Fiction**
After twelve-year-old Annika, a foundling living in late nineteenth-century Vienna, inherits a trunk of costume jewelry, a woman claiming to be her aristocratic mother arrives and takes her to live in a strangely decrepit mansion in Germany.

Jacques, Brian **Redwall (Redwall series)** **Teen Center Fiction**
When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.

Leavitt, Martine **Keturah and Lord Death** **Teen Center Fiction**
When Lord Death comes to claim sixteen-year-old Keturah while she is lost in the King's Forest, she charms him with her story and is granted a twenty-four hour reprieve in which to seek her one true love.

L'Engle, Madeleine **Ring of Endless Light** **Children's Fiction**
During the summer her grandfather is dying of leukemia and death seems all around, 15-year-old Vicky finds comfort with the pod of dolphins with which she has been doing research.

Lewis, C.S. **The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe** **Children's Fiction**
Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

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

Stoll, Clifford **The Cuckoo's Egg** **Nonfiction: 364.168 Stoll**
The story of an astronomer turned systems manager who discovered and infiltrated a spy ring after finding a hacker named 'Hunter' preying on his lab's network.

Tomlinson, Heather **The Swan Maiden** **Teen Center Fiction**
Raised as a chastelaine-in-training unlike her sisters who are learning the arts of sorcery, Doucette discovers when she is sixteen year old that she too has magic in her blood, and she must brave her mother's wrath--and the loss of the man she loves--in order to follow her birthright.

Verne, Julius **20,000 Leagues Under the Sea** **Teen Center Pbk**
Professor Arronax joins a mission to hunt down a sea monster. He goes aboard the Nautilus, a secret submarine helmed by the mysterious Captain Nemo. When things start to go wrong, Arronax finds there's no escape from the Nautilus--20,000 leagues under the sea!

Voigt, Cynthia **Homecoming** **Teen Center Pbk**
Abandoned in a parking lot by their mother, who left them with a bag of sandwiches and the address of a distant great-aunt, Dicey, James, Maybeth, and Sammy Tillerman embark on an arduous and eventful journey.

Wallis, Velma **Two Old Women** **Nonfiction: 398.2 Wallis**
The story--with a surprise ending--of two elderly women abandoned by a migrating tribe that faces starvation brought on by unusually harsh Arctic weather and a shortage of fish and game.

White, T.H. **The Sword in the Stone** **Teen Center Fiction**
Recreates, against the background of medieval England, the education and training of young King Arthur, who was to become the greatest of Britain's legendary rulers.

Wilder, Laura Ingalls **Little House on the Prairie** **Children's Fiction**
A family travels from the big woods of Wisconsin to a new home on the prairie, where they build a house, meet neighboring Indians, build a well, and fight a prairie fire.

Wilson, N.D. **100 Cupboards** **Children's Fiction**
After his parents are kidnapped, timid twelve-year-old Henry York leaves his sheltered Boston life and moves to small-town Kansas, where he and his cousin Henrietta discover and explore hidden doors in his attic room that seem to open onto other worlds. (*Sequel: Dandelion Fire*)

Wrede, Patricia **Sorcery and Cecilia** **Teen Center Fiction**
In 1817 in England, two young cousins, Cecilia living in the country and Kate in London, write letters to keep each other informed of their exploits, which take a sinister turn when they find themselves confronted by evil wizards.

Yolen, Jane **The Sword of the Rightful King** **Teen Center Pbk**
Merlinus the magician devises a way for King Arthur to prove himself the rightful king of England--pulling a sword from a stone--but trouble arises when someone else removes the sword first.