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Picture Books

Allard, Harry. **The Stupids Step Out.** (IMC E AI525s 1974)

The Stupid family and their dog Kitty have a fun-filled day doing ridiculous things.

Bannerman, Helen. **Little Black Sambo.** (Historical Children's Book Collection Fic B2272s)

A little boy in India loses his fine new clothes to the tigers, but while they dispute who is the grandest tiger in the jungle, he takes his fine clothes back again.

DePaola, Tomie. **Strega Nona: An Old Story.** (IMC 398.21 D4408s)

When Strega Nona leaves him alone with her magic pasta pot, Big Anthony is determined to show the townspeople how it works.

Newman, Leslea. **Heather Has Two Mommies.** (IMC E N4657h 1989)

When Heather goes to playgroup, at first she feels bad because she has two mothers and no father, but then she learns that there are lots of different kinds of families and the most important thing is that all the people love each other.

Richardson, Justin. **And Tango Makes Three.** (IMC E R3946a 2005)

At New York City's Central Park Zoo, two male penguins fall in love and start a family by taking turns sitting on an abandoned egg until it hatches.

Sendak, Maurice. **In the Night Kitchen.** (IMC E Se557i)

A little boy's dream-fantasy in which he helps three fat bakers get milk for their cake batter.

Sendak, Maurice. **Where the Wild Things Are.** (IMC E Se557w)

A naughty little boy, sent to bed without his supper, sails to the land of the wild things where he becomes their king.

Steig, William. **The Amazing Bone.** (IMC Fic St334ab)

On her way home from school, Pearl finds an unusual bone that has unexpected powers.

Willhoite, Michael. **Daddy's Roommate.** (IMC E W6698d 1990)

A young boy discusses his divorced father's new living situation, in which the father and his gay roommate share eating, doing chores, playing, loving, and living.

Yashima, Taro. **Crow Boy.** (IMC E Y265c)

Chibi's classmates come to appreciate his special knowledge and talent.



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Juvenile Fiction

Blume, Judy. **Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret.** (IMC Fic B6258a 1990)

Faced with the difficulties of growing up and choosing a religion, a twelve-year-old girl talks over her problems with her own private God.

Blume, Judy. **Blubber.** (IMC Fic B6258b 2001)

Jill goes along with the rest of the fifth-grade class in tormenting a classmate and then finds out what it's like when she, too, becomes a target.

Collier, James Lincoln. **My Brother Sam Is Dead.** (IMC Fic C69m)

Recounts the tragedy that strikes the Meeker family during the Revolution when one son joins the rebel forces while the rest of the family tries to stay neutral in a Tory town.

Cormier, Robert. **The Chocolate War.** (IMC Fic C8139c 1997)

Jerry Renault is forced into a psychological showdown with Trinity School's gang leader, Archie Costello, for refusing to be bullied into selling chocolates for the annual fund raising.

Creech, Sharon. **Bloomability.** (IMC Fic C8615b 1998)

When her aunt and uncle take her from New Mexico to Lugano, Switzerland, to attend an international school, thirteen-year-old Dinnie discovers an expanding world and her place within it.

Dahl, Roald. **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.** (IMC Fic D1375c 1973)

Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way.

Dahl, Roald. **The Witches.** (IMC Fic D1375w 1983)

A young boy and his Norwegian grandmother, who is an expert on witches, together foil a witches' plot to destroy the world's children by turning them into mice.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Because of Winn Dixie.** (IMC Fic D5473b 2000)

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.

L'Engle, Madeline. **A Wrinkle in Time.** (IMC Fic L5475w)

Meg Murray and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

Lowry, Lois. **The Giver.** (IMC Fic L9557g 1993)

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

Paterson, Katherine. **Bridge to Terabithia.** (IMC Fic P2734b 1977a)

The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.

Sperry, Armstrong. **Call It Courage.** (IMC Fic Sp374c 1968)

Based on a Polynesian legend, this is the story of a youth who overcomes his fear of the sea and proves his courage to himself and his tribe.



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Taylor, Theodore. **The Cay**. (IMC Fic T2188c 1969)

When the freighter on which they are traveling is torpedoed by a German submarine during World War II, an adolescent white boy, blinded by a blow on the head, and an old black man are stranded on a tiny Caribbean island where the boy acquires a new kind of vision, courage, and love from his old companion.

Twain, Mark. **The Adventures of Tom Sawyer**. (IMC Fic T9116a, 1946)

The adventures and pranks of a mischievous boy growing up in a 19th-century Mississippi River town as he plays hooky on an island, witnesses a crime, hunts for pirate's treasure, and becomes lost in a cave.

White, Ruth. **Belle Prater's Boy**. (IMC Fic W5856b 1997)

Cousins living in a Virginia coal town have both experienced the loss of someone dear to them. Through the stories they tell each other and the adventures they share, they learn to look beyond grief and imagine better lives for themselves.

Juvenile Fiction Series

Lewis, C.S. **Chronicles of Narnia**. (IMC Fic L5853lw)

Four English school children enter the magic land of Narnia through the back of a wardrobe and assist Aslan, the golden lion, in defeating the White Witch who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

Lowry, Lois. **Anastasia Krupnik**. (IMC Fic L9557a)

Anastasia's 10th year has some good things like falling in love and really getting to know her grandmother and some bad things like finding out about an impending baby brother.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. **Alice** (IMC Fic N2344)

Alice, a middle school student, faces many preteen problems including gossip, friend drama, and the marriage of her older sister.

Rowling, J.K. **Harry Potter Series**. (IMC Fic R7967hc 1999)

Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Wizards and Witches.

Snicket, Lemony. **Series of Unfortunate Events**. (IMC Fic Sn313b 1999)

After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that the distant relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune. Violet, Klaus, and Sunny Baudelaire are intelligent children. They are charming, and resourceful, and have pleasant facial features. Unfortunately, they are exceptionally unlucky.



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Juvenile Nonfiction

Campbell, Chris. **No Guarantees.** (IMC 921 C1524e 1993)

The author describes her addiction to drugs and alcohol, her denial of the problem, and finally her ability to deal with the reality of a situation that demanded help.

Harris, Robie. **It's Perfectly Normal: A Book About Changing Bodies, Growing up, Sex and Sexual Health.** (IMC 612.6 H2433i 1994)

Introduces human sexuality, describes the changes brought about by puberty, and discusses sexual abuse, sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS, and pregnancy.

Myers, Walter Dean. **Bad Boy: A Memoir.** (IMC 921 M9925b 2001)

Schwartz, Alvin. **Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark.** (IMC 398.25 Sch955s)

Stories of ghosts and witches, "jump" stories, scary songs, and modern-day scary stories.

Silverstein, Shel. **A Light in the Attic.** (IMC 811.5 Si397i 1974)

A collection of humorous poems and drawings.

Young Adult

Anonymous. **Go Ask Alice.** (IMC Fic G5338 1988)

A fifteen-year-old drug user chronicles her daily struggle to escape the pull of the drug world.

Crutcher, Chris. **Chinese Handcuffs.** (IMC Fic C8894c 1989)

Still troubled by his older brother's violent suicide, eighteen-year-old Dillon becomes deeply involved in the terrible secret of his friend Jennifer, who feels she can tell no one what her stepfather is doing to her.

Duncan, Lois. **Killing Mr. Griffin.** (IMC Fic D9122k 1978)

A teenager casually suggests playing a cruel trick on the English teacher, but did he intend it to end with murder?

Frank, E.R. **America.** (IMC Fic F8512a 2003)

Teenage America, a part-black, part-white, part-anything boy who has spent many years in institutions for disturbed, antisocial behavior, tries to piece his life together.

Garden, Nancy. **Annie On My Mind.** (IMC Fic G1674a 1982)

Liza puts aside her feelings for Annie after the disaster at school, but eventually she allows love to triumph over the ignorance of people.

Mackler, Carolyn. **The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big, Round Things.** (IMC Fic M2183e 2003)

Feeling like she does not fit in with the other members of her family, who are all thin, brilliant, and good-looking, fifteen-year-old Virginia, tries to deal with her self-image, her first physical relationship, and her disillusionment with some of the people closest to her.

Mazer, Norma Fox. **After the Rain.** (IMC Fic M4577a 1987)

After discovering her grandfather is dying, fifteen-year-old Rachel gets to know him better than ever before and finds the experience bittersweet.

Myers, Walter Dean. **Fallen Angels.** (IMC Fic M9925fa 1988)

Seventeen-year-old Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army in the summer of 1967 and spends a devastating year on active duty in Vietnam.



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Peck, Robert Newton. **A Day No Pigs Would Die.** (IMC Fic P3367da 1987)

To a thirteen-year-old Vermont farm boy whose father slaughters pigs for a living, maturity comes early as he learns "doing what's got to be done," especially regarding his pet pig who cannot produce a litter.

Rapp, Adam. **Under the Wolf, Under the Dog.** (IMC Fic R1828u 2004)

Sixteen-year-old Steve struggles to make sense of his mother's terminal breast cancer and his brother's suicide.

Westerfeld, Scott. **Uglies.** (IMC Fic W5238u 2005)

Just before their sixteenth birthdays, when they will be transformed into beauties whose only job is to have a great time, Tally's best friend runs away and Tally must find her and turn her in, or never become pretty at all.