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*Collins, Suzanne. The Hunger Games. Scholastic Inc., 2008. Katniss must play the game of her life, and she may not survive.

Erskine, Katherine. Mockingbird. Philomel / Penguin, 2010. Caitlyn has Asperger’s and finds school difficult. After her brother is killed in a school shooting, how will she adjust to life without him?

*Federle, Tim. Better Nate than Ever. Simon & Schuster, 2013. When Nate hears about auditions for E.T.: The Musical, he realizes this might be his one and only chance to fulfill his Broadway dreams.


*Gantos, Jack. Dead End in Norvelt. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011. Jack thinks his summer is over until his mother volunteers him to help a neighbor. He discovers a mystery behind his unusual assignment.


Hinton, S.E. The Outsiders. Viking Children’s Books / Penguin, 1967. Ponyboy has to rely on the help of his friends and brothers once things begin to heat up between the local rival gangs.


Kennedy, Caroline. Poems to Learn by Heart. Disney Publishing Worldwide, 2013. A collection of more than a hundred poems that speak to all of us.


Ness, Patrick. Illustrated by Jim Kay. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone. Scholastic Inc., 1998. Harry Potter is a wizard, and he is beginning to find out just how dangerous that is once he is invited to attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Sax, Aline. The War Within These Walls. Eerdmans, 2013. Misha’s family, like the rest of the Jews living in Warsaw, has been moved by the Nazis into a single crowded ghetto. When conditions worsen, Misha joins a handful of other Jews who decide to make a final, desperate stand against the Nazis.


Sheinkin, Steve. Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World’s Most Dangerous Weapon. Flash Point / Macmillan, 2013. As WWII raged, the United States entered the race to build the first atomic bomb.


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