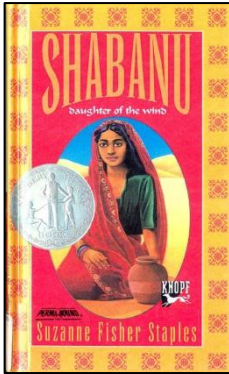
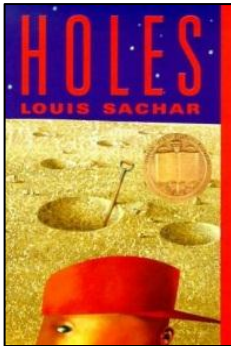


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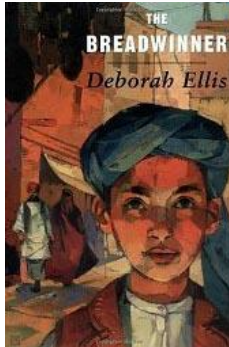
**Shabanu:
Daughter of the
Wind**
by
Suzanne Staples

When eleven-year old Shabanu, the daughter of a nomad in the Cholistan Desert of present-day Pakistan, is pledged in marriage to an older man whose money will bring prestige to the family, she must either accept the decision, as is the custom, or risk the consequences of defying her father's wishes.



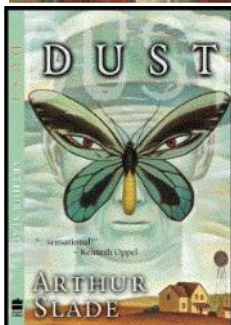
Holes
by
Louis Sachar

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.



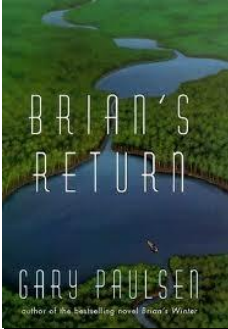
The Breadwinner
by
Deborah Ellis

Because the Taliban rulers of Kabul, Afghanistan, impose strict limitations on women's freedom and behavior, eleven-year-old Parvana must disguise herself as a boy so that her family can survive after her father's arrest.



Dust
by
Arthur Slade

Eleven-year-old Robert is the only one who can help when a mysterious stranger arrives, performing tricks and promising to bring rain; at the same time, children begin to disappear from a dust bowl farm town in Saskatchewan in the 1930s.



Brian's Return
by
Gary Paulsen

After having survived alone in the wilderness, Brian finds that he can no longer live in the city but must return to the place where he really belongs.



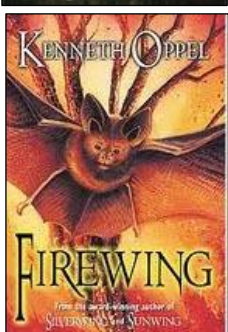
Silverwing
by
Kenneth Oppel

When a newborn bat named Shade but sometimes called "Runt" becomes separated from his colony during migration, he grows in ways that prepare him for even greater journeys.



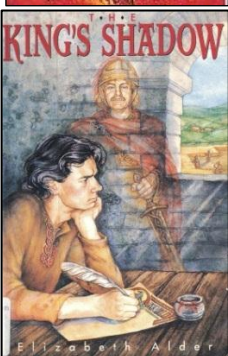
Sunwing
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Continues the adventures of Shade, a young bat, as he searches for his father and struggles to prevent the evil jungle bat Goth from wiping out the sun.



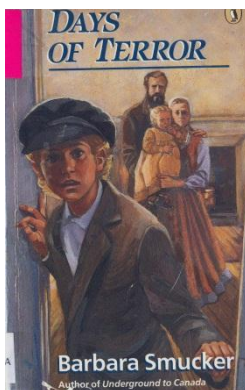
Firewing
by
Kenneth Oppel

Griffin, a newborn Silverwing bat, is sucked down a fissure deep into the earth. Shade, Griffin's father, soon realizes that his son has been drawn into the Underworld, and embarks on the most dangerous of journeys to rescue him.



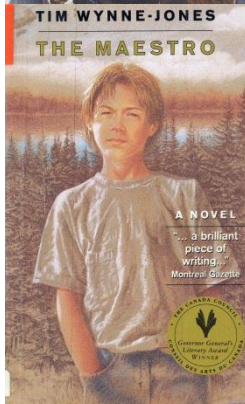
The King's Shadow
by
Elizabeth Alder

Evyn, a young Welsh serf, has dreamed all his life of becoming a storyteller. But in a cruel twist of fate, his tongue is cut off and his father is killed. Orphaned and unable to speak, Evyn teaches himself to read and write. He is then appointed the personal companion to Earl Harold of Wessex, who later becomes the King of England



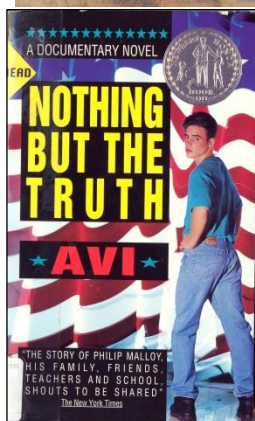
Days of Terror
by
Barbara Smucker

Days of Terror recounts the suffering of Russian Mennonites under the early years of Communism.



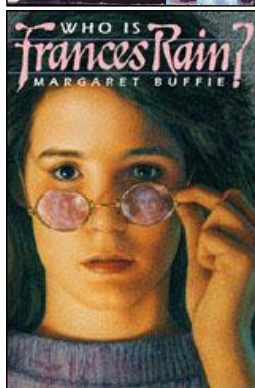
The Maestro
By
Tim Wynne-Jones

Fleeing from his brutal father, fourteen-year-old Burl arrives at the remote cabin of an eccentric genius who in just one day changes the young man's life forever.



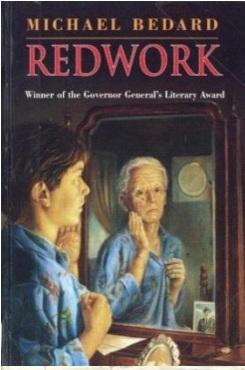
Nothing but the Truth
By
Avi

A ninth-grader's suspension for singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story.



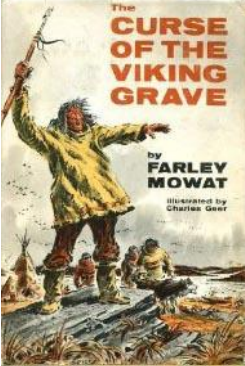
Who is Frances Rain?
By *Margaret Buffe*

Normally, for 15-year-old Lizzie, a vacation at her grandmother's northern Manitoba cottage is the highlight of the year, but this summer the whole family is going along, including her new stepfather whom she detests. To escape the family's bickering, Lizzie explores a nearby island, where she finds the remains of an old cabin and uncovers a pair of spectacles. When she tries on the old glasses she is surprised to find herself watching a woman and girl from the past.



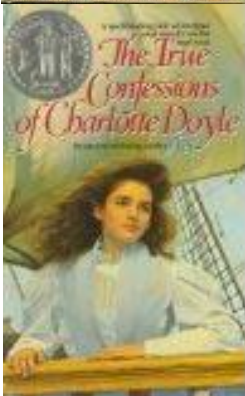
Redwork
By
Michael Bedard

Fascinated by the eccentric behaviour of his elderly landlord, Mr. Magnus, teenage Cass discovers that the man has spent years perfecting the art of alchemy and that Cass's dreams are interwoven with the old man's wartime memories.
This book is challenging reading.



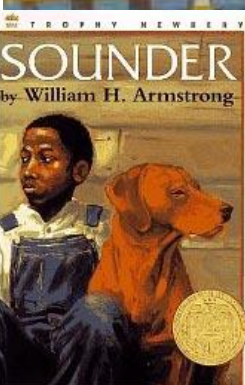
The Curse of the Viking Grave
By *Farley Mowat*

When Awasin, Jamie, and Peetyuk stumble upon an cache of Viking relics in an ancient tomb, they also stumble onto the adventure of their lives.



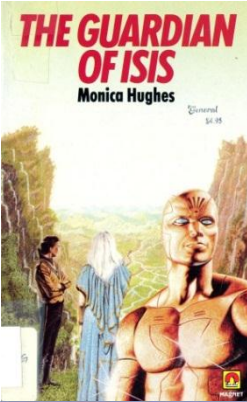
True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle
By
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The only passenger on the long Atlantic Ocean crossing in the summer of 1832, Charlotte finds herself caught between the madness of a ruthless captain and the rage of a mutinous crew.



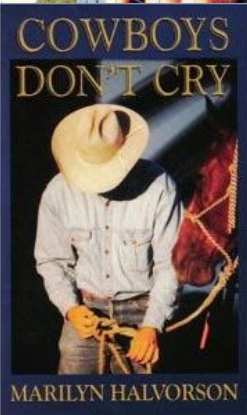
Sounder
by
William Armstrong

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 with the help of the devoted dog Sounder.



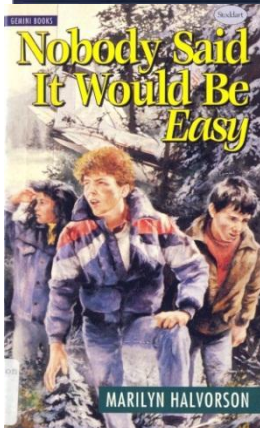
Guardian of Isis
By *Monica Hughes*

Years have passed on Isis, but life has gone backward, not forward. Under their leader, Mark London, the settlers have abandoned the technological knowledge of their forefathers. Upper Isis is now a forbidden zone, and the history of the first inhabitants from Earth has been replaced by myth. But one inquiring young man yearns to know the truth, and soon he gets the chance to find it.



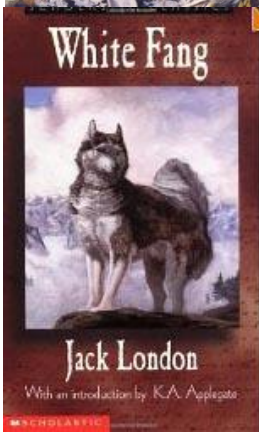
Cowboys Don't Cry
By *Marilyn Halverson*

Still suffering from his mother's death and the subsequent alcoholism and estrangement of his father, Shane hopes things will be better when they move to a farm in Alberta.



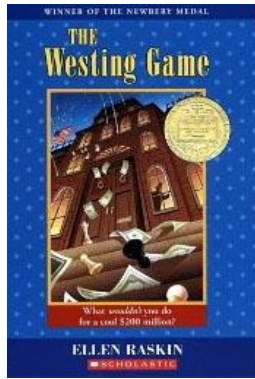
Nobody Said It Would Be Easy
By *Marilyn Halverson*

Lance receives an invitation s from his Uncle Joe to help him move horses eighty miles across country. Lance, Kat, and Red fly with him in the battered Falcon airplane to northern British Columbia but crash in a freak September snowstorm. Uncle Joe is killed on impact and his three passengers find themselves totally lost, miles off course, and unable to call for help.



White Fang
By *Jack London*

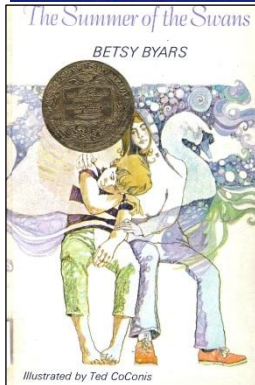
The story a young man who journeys to Alaska during the gold rush and faces the challenges of nature and human greed while befriendng a wolf-dog.



The Westing Game

By
Ellen Raskin

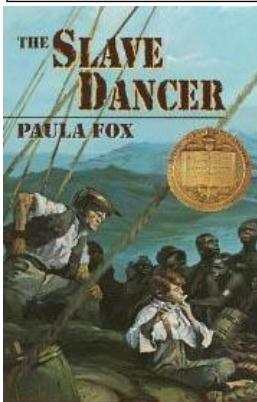
The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.



The Summer of the Swans

By
Betsy Byars

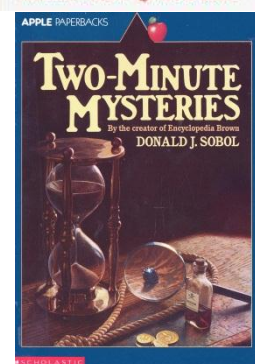
A teenage girl gains new insight into herself and her family when her mentally handicapped brother gets lost.



The Slave Dancer

By
Paula Fox

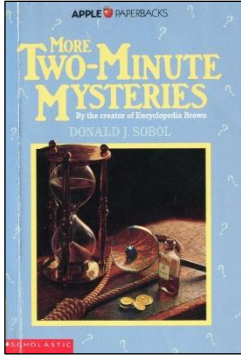
Kidnapped by the crew of an Africa-bound ship, a thirteen-year-old boy discovers to his horror that he is on a slaver and his job is to play music for the exercise periods of the human cargo.



Two Minute Mysteries

By
Donald Sobol

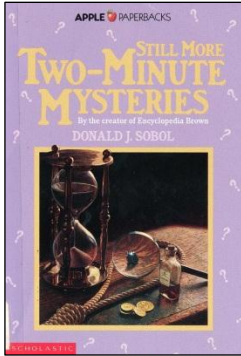
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More Two Minute Mysteries

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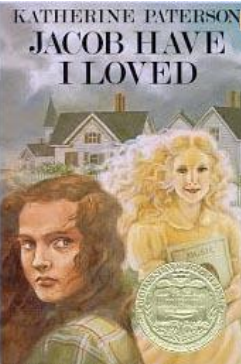
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Julie of the Wolves

By Jean Craighe George

While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.



Jacob Have I Loved

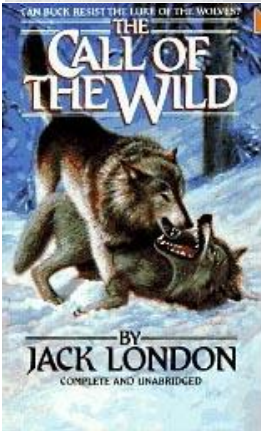
By Katherine Paterson

Sarah Louise, who lives with her family on a Chesapeake Bay island, grows up feeling less important than her twin sister, until she finally begins to find her own identity.



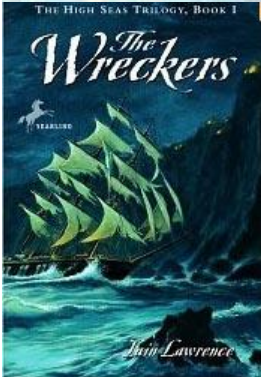
Dogsong
By
Gary Paulsen

Russell, a 14-year-old Inuit boy, longs for the old ways and traditions of his forefathers, and begins a journey of self-discovery across the tundra.



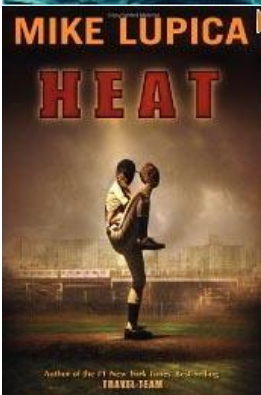
The Call of the Wild
By *Jack London*

The adventures of an unusual dog, part St. Bernard, part Scotch shepherd, forcibly taken to the Klondike gold fields where he eventually becomes the leader of a wolf pack.



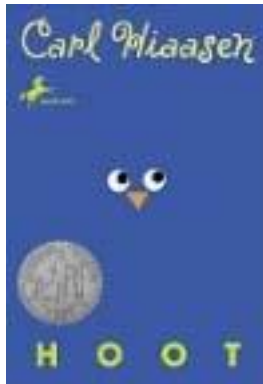
The Wreckers
By *Iain Lawrence*

There was once a village bred by evil. On the barren coast of Cornwall, England, lived a community who prayed for shipwrecks, a community who lured storm-tossed ships to crash upon the sharp rocks of their shore.



Heat
By *Mike Lupica*

Michael Arroyo has a pitching arm that throws serious heat. But his firepower is nothing compared to the heat Michael faces in his day-to-day life. Newly orphaned after his father led the family's escape from Cuba, Michael's only family is his seventeen-year-old brother Carlos.



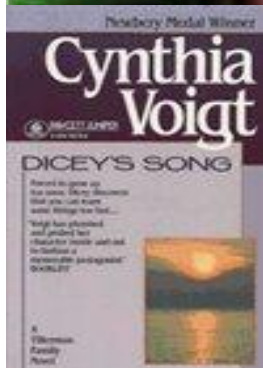
Hoot
by *Carl Hiaasen*

Unfortunately, Roy's first acquaintance in Florida is Dana Matherson, a well-known bully. Then again, if Dana hadn't been sinking his thumbs into Roy's temples and mashing his face against the school-bus window, Roy might never have spotted the running boy; he was running away from the school bus, carried no books, and wore no shoes. Sensing a mystery, Roy sets himself on the boy's trail. The chase introduces him to...well, let's just say that Roy has most definitely arrived in Carl Hiaasen's Florida.



A Single Shard
By *Linda Sue Park*

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge near a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics Himself



Dicey's Song
By *Cynthia Voigt*

Now that the four abandoned Tillerman children are settled in with their grandmother, Dicey finds that their new beginnings require love, trust, humor, and courage.