

FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Summer 2008 Suggested Reading List
for
Rising Sixth Graders

Adler, David A. **JACKIE ROBINSON: HE WAS THE FIRST.** This book describes the life of Jackie Robinson, the first African American to play in the major leagues. He helped the Dodgers win six pennants and a World Series. (NF)

Ardley, Neil. **MUSIC (Eyewitness).** This book details how music is made by playing instruments, from the most primitive to the most modern. (NF)

Arnosky, Jim. **GRAY BOY.** Despite his attachment to the young boy who raised him from a puppy, Gray Boy gives in to his natural instincts. (F)

Avi. **BRIGHT SHADOW.** Set in a time of palaces, kings, wizards, and wishes, this is the story of twelve-year-old Morwenna. She accidentally becomes bearer of the last five wishes in the land. She can tell no one that the wishes are hers. If she uses them all, her life shall end. And she cannot wish for more. Find out how Morwenna solves this difficult situation. (F)

Avi. **CITY OF LIGHT, CITY OF DARK.** This modern-day myth is written in comic book format. Asterel faces many dangerous adventures as she races against time to locate and return the elusive power source to the Kurbs before they freeze the city. (F)

Avi. **THE BARN.** Benjamin has to leave school because of his father's grave illness. He works with his brother and sister to give his father a reason to live. (F)

Babbitt, Natalie. **TUCK EVERLASTING.** Winnie Foster longs for adventure until she meets the Tuck family and learns their secret of everlasting life. (F)

Ballard, Robert. **EXPLORING THE TITANIC.** This book describes the large luxury liner that sank in 1912 and the discovery and exploration of its underwater wreckage. (NF)

Beatty, Patricia. **CHARLEY SKEDADDLE.** A young boy from New York City enlists in the Union Army as a drummer boy after his brother is killed at Gettysburg and then "skedaddles" away from the Army and hides in the Blue Ridge Mountains. (F)

Beatty, Patricia. **WHO COMES WITH CANNONS?** The Underground Railroad is viewed through the eyes of a young Quaker girl who helps slaves escape. (F)

Bell, David. **AWESOME CHESAPEAKE.** This children's guide to the Chesapeake Bay explores and identifies life in and around the bay. (NF)

Brandenburg, J. **SAND AND FOG: ADVENTURES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.** This photojournalist's book recounts the author's journey through the natural wonders of southern Africa. (NF)

Brink, Carol Ryrie. **CADDIE WOODLAWN.** An 11-year-old tomboy growing up on the Wisconsin frontier in the 1800s experiences many adventures. (F)

Brester, Hugh. **ANASTASIA'S ALBUM.** This book is a fascinating look at the real Anastasia, one of Russia's last princesses, through diaries, letters, and unforgettable photographs. (NF)

Bunting, Eve. **THE BLUE AND THE GRAY.** As an African American boy and his white friend watch the construction of a house which will make them neighbors within view of the site of a Civil War battlefield, one boy's father helps both boys to remember the lives that were lost to win freedoms so long ago. Eve Bunting and illustrator Ned Bittinger contrast the destruction and misery of the Civil War with the construction of a modern interracial community. (F)

Burnie, David. **SEASHORE.** This Eyewitness Explorers book describes plant and animal life at various types of seashores. (NF)

Byars, Betsy. **SUMMER OF THE SWANS.** When Sara's brother disappears, her daylong search for him helps her to understand herself better. (F)

Byars, Betsy. **THE MOON AND I.** While describing her humorous adventures with a blacksnake named Moon, Betsy Byars tells stories from her childhood and explains how she uses the "good scraps" from her life to create a book. (NF)

Byars, Betsy. **TORNADO.** As they wait out a tornado in their storm cellar, a family listens to their farmhand tell stories about the dog that was blown into his life by another tornado when he was a boy. (F)

Calvert, Patricia. **BIGGER.** When his father disappears near the Mexican border at the end of the Civil War, 12-year-old Tyler decides to find him and bring him home, acquiring on the journey a strange dog that he names Bigger. (F)

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Carroll, Lewis. **ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND.** Alice's adventures begin when she falls down a rabbit hole leading to a strange new world full of wacky characters. (F)

Catling, Patrick. **THE CHOCOLATE TOUCH.** John Midas is delighted that a magical gift turns everything that touches his lips into chocolate. (F)

Choi, Sook Nyul. **ECHOES OF THE WHITE GIRAFFE.** This is a story of a Korean family's hardships after the bombing of Seoul. (F)

Clements, Andrew. **FRINDLE.** When he decides to turn his teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control. (F)

Cobb, Vicki. **SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS YOU CAN EAT.** This collection of experiments using household materials will give children and their parents many hours of fun and tasty learning. (NF)

Cobb, Vicki, and Kathy Darling. **WANNA BET? SCIENCE CHALLENGES BOUND TO FOOL YOU.** This book provides ideas for many experiments to surprise and delight young scientists. (NF)

Coerr, Eleanor. **SADAKO AND THE THOUSAND PAPER CRANES.** This book tells the story of Sadako Sasaki, who was two when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan. As a result of radiation from the bomb, Sadako developed leukemia. (NF)

Collier, James L., and Christopher Collier. **WINTER HERO.** Fourteen-year-old Justin Conkey tries to save his family farm while spying for the rebellious forces during Shay's Rebellion. (F)

Conrad, Pam. **PEDRO'S JOURNAL.** This book, written in diary format, chronicles the story of Christopher Columbus's journey from Spain to the Americas in 1492. (F)

Coville, Bruce. **ALIENS ATE MY HOMEWORK.** Rod Allbright is enlisted for a secret mission by two aliens who convince him that intergalactic peace is in danger. (F)

Cox, Clinton. **UNDYING GLORY.** This is the story of the courageous men of the 54th Regiment of Massachusetts, who fought as Union soldiers to free their brothers and sisters from slavery. Black-and-white archival photographs bring the "glory" regiment to life. (NF)

D'Aulaire, Ingri, and Edgar D'Aulaire. **D'AULAIRE'S BOOK OF GREEK MYTHS.** This book describes in words and drawings the gods and goddesses of ancient Greece. (NF)

Dakos, Kali. **DON'T READ THIS BOOK WHATEVER YOU DO!** "Best Friends," "A School Lost and Found," and "Messy Handwriting"...Enjoy reading this collection of poems about life in school. (NF)

DeAngeli, Marguerite. **DOOR IN THE WALL.** A handicapped boy in 14th century England proves his courage and earns recognition from the king. (F)

Dorris, Michael. **MORNING GIRL.** Morning Girl's Taino culture encounters Columbus on her Bahamian island in 1492. (F)

Ferris, Jeri. **NATIVE AMERICAN DOCTOR.** This is the biography of the young Omaha woman who became the first Native American woman to graduate from medical school. (NF)

Fleischman, Paul. **I AM PHOENIX: POEMS FOR TWO VOICES.** In this collection of poetry, the author celebrates the sound and the sense of birds. Written to be spoken aloud by two voices, these poems capture the beauty of birds in their singing, soaring, and rejoicing. (NF)

Fleischman, Sid. **THE WHIPPING BOY.** This humorous adaptation of "The Prince and the Pauper" includes a bratty prince and his whipping boy, who are kidnapped by a couple of bumbling roughnecks. (F)

Forbes, Esther. **JOHNNY TREMAIN.** A young silversmith participates in the dramatic events leading to the Revolutionary War, including the Boston Tea Party and the Battle of Lexington. (F)

Fox, Paula. **WESTERN WIND.** Twelve-year-old Elizabeth is angry about spending the summer in Maine with her grandmother, but nothing can prepare her for what is to come. (F)

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Freedman, Russell. **INDIAN CHIEFS**. This is the story of six Native American chiefs who led their people in a historic moment of crisis as the pioneers migrated west. (NF)

Freedman, Russell. **LINCOLN: A PHOTOBIOGRAPHY**. This award-winning book traces the life of Abraham Lincoln through the medium of photojournalism. (NF)

Fritz, Jean. **AROUND THE WORLD IN A HUNDRED YEARS FROM HENRY THE NAVIGATOR TO MAGELLAN**. This book examines the great wave of European exploration during the 1400s in a way that brings to life the explorers who changed the world map. (NF)

Fritz, Jean. **EARLY THUNDER**. Daniel and his widowed father must choose to be either Tory or Whig as growing violence between the groups sets the stage for the Revolutionary War. (F)

Fritz, Jean. **THE CABIN FACED WEST**. Ten-year-old Ann overcomes loneliness and learns to appreciate the importance of her role in settling the wilderness of western Pennsylvania. (F)

Fritz, Jean. **THE GREAT LITTLE MADISON**. This in-depth account of James Madison's life gives an interesting picture of life in America before, during, and after the American Revolution. (NF)

Fritz, Jean; Katherine Paterson; Patricia and Frederick McKissack; Margaret Mahy; and Jamake Highwater. **THE WORLD IN 1492**. This collection contains information about people, places, and events of this time period from several areas in the world. (NF)

Frost, Robert. **YOU COME TOO: FAVORITE POEMS FOR YOUNG READERS**. Robert Frost wrote and selected this collection of witty, wise, and tender poems for young people. (NF)

George, Jean Craighead. **THE MISSING GATOR OF GUMBO LIMBO**. Sixth grader Lisa, one of five homeless people living in an unspoiled tropical forest in southern Florida, searches for an alligator in order to save it from extermination by the authorities. (F)

Giff, Patricia Reilly. **LILY'S CROSSING**. During a summer spent at the beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with Albert, a young Hungarian refugee, causes her to see the war and her own world differently. (F)

Gipson, Fred. **OLD YELLER**. This is the story of a special friendship between a 14-year-old boy and a big, ugly, yellow dog in the Texas wilderness. (F)

Grahame, Kenneth. **WIND IN THE WILLOWS**. Rat and Mole take up housekeeping together. Along the way they make friends with Badger and Toad. (F)

Greenfield, Eloise. **HONEY, I LOVE**. This is a book of poems by an African American poet that tells about the simple joys of everyday life as seen through the eyes of a child. (NF)

Hahn, Mary Downing. **STEPPING ON THE CRACKS**. Eleven-year-old Margaret gets a new view of the school bully when she finds him hiding his brother, an Army deserter. (F)

Hahn, Mary Downing. **TIME FOR ANDREW**. Eleven-year-old Drew is drawn 80 years into the past to trade places with his namesake, his great-great-uncle Andrew. (F)

Hamilton, Virginia. **COUSINS**. Concerned that her aged grandmother may die, Cammy is unprepared for the accidental death of another relative. (F)

Hamilton, Virginia. **THE HOUSE OF DIES DREAR**. This tale gives the reader a history lesson about the Underground Railroad. An African American family discovers incredible secrets in their Civil War-era house. (F)

Harding, R. R., and R. F. Symes. **CRYSTAL & GEM**. This book provides interesting facts and colorful pictures to increase understanding of these wonders of nature. (NF)

Henry, Marguerite. **MISTY OF CHINCOTEAGUE**. Paul and Maureen capture and tame Phantom, a beautiful wild mare, and her foal, Misty. (F)

Hopkins, Lee Bennett (ed.). **HAND IN HAND: AN AMERICAN HISTORY THROUGH POETRY**. This collection of poems and lyrics from songs provides a look at America from Colonial times to the present. (NF)

Howe, Deborah, and James Howe. **BUNNICULA**. Harold, a dog, and Chester, a cat, resort to hilarious antics to alert their family that the newly adopted bunny may actually be a vegetable vampire. (F)

Hurwitz, Johanna. **CLASS PRESIDENT**. As the fifth grade begins, Julio Sanchez would love to be class president, but he promises to be his best friend's campaign manager instead. (F)

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Jacques, Brian. **MARTIN, THE WARRIOR**. This animal tale is part of the Redwall series, in which Martin journeys to help his people stand against a band of villains. (F)

Jones, Charlotte. **MISTAKES THAT WORKED**. The author presents the stories of 40 items that were invented or named by accident, including aspirin, X-rays, Frisbees, Silly Putty, and Velcro. (NF)

Kassam, Lou. **A HAUNTING IN WILLIAMSBURG**. Jayne is spending the summer with her aunt in Williamsburg, Virginia. She is in for a summer that she will remember forever, a summer that includes ghosts, graveyards, and Mr. Cool. (F)

Kehret, Peg. **SMALL STEPS**. Peg Kehret, author of the Nightmare series, tells the story of her struggles to survive a severe case of polio at the age of twelve. She uses humor in describing her emotional and physical battles against the dreaded disease. (NF)

Kehret, Peg. **EARTHQUAKE TERROR**. Jonathan and Abby's parents have just rushed to the emergency room, leaving their children alone when an earthquake strikes the island where they are camping. The book recounts the children's survival efforts in the aftermath of the earthquake. (F)

Kerr, Judith. **WHEN HITLER STOLE PINK RABBIT**. A Jewish family forced to flee Germany in 1933 overcomes the difficulties of their refugee lives through their love and support for each other. (F)

Kidd, Diana. **ONION TEARS**. A little Vietnamese girl tries to come to terms with her grief over the loss of her family and her new life with an Australian family. (F)

Konigsburg, E.L. **THE VIEW FROM SATURDAY**. Four hilariously different students develop a special friendship and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth grade class in the Academic Bowl competition. (F)

Lasky, Kathryn. **SURTSEY: THE NEWEST PLACE ON EARTH**. This is a description of the formation, naming, and colonization of the 27-year-old volcanic island Surtsey, and how the first animals and plants established themselves there. (NF)

Lauber, Patricia. **PAINTERS OF THE CAVES**. Mammoths, bison, horses, bears, and lions leap to life across the cave walls depicted on the pages of this book. These animals and their artists lived 32,000 years ago. The works of these early Europeans were recently discovered in caves in southern France. (NF)

Lawson, Robert. **BEN AND ME**. Benjamin Franklin's companion, Amos the mouse, recounts how he was responsible for Franklin's inventions and discoveries. (F)

Lindbergh, Anne. **THE PEOPLE IN PINEAPPLE PLACE**. Ten-year-old August Brown adjusts to his new home in Washington, D.C., with the help of the seven children of Pineapple Place, invisible to everyone but him. (F)

Lowry, Lois. **NUMBER THE STARS**. The Nazi takeover of Denmark impacts 10-year-old Annemarie Johansen and her best friend, Ellen. Ellen, a young Jewish girl, pretends to be part of the Johansen family in order to hide from the Nazis. Will the Johansen family be successful in reuniting Ellen with her family before the Nazis discover their secret? (F)

Macaulay, David. **SHIP**. This book follows a group of modern-day underwater archaeologists as they search for a long-lost ship in the reefs of the Caribbean. (NF)

MacLachlan, Patricia. **SARAH PLAIN AND TALL**. A widowed father of three in Kansas advertises for a wife. Sarah, a woman from Maine, responds to the ad. (F)

McGraw, Jarvis. **THE GOLDEN GOBLET**. In this novel set in ancient Egypt, a young goldsmith's apprentice is forced to work as a stonecutter by a cruel stepbrother who is in the business of robbing tombs. (F)

Meltzer, Milton. **HOLD YOUR HORSES: A FEEDBAG FULL OF FACT AND FABLE**. The author describes the dozens of roles horses have played in shaping history. (NF)

Moeri, Louise. **SAVE QUEEN OF SHEBA**. Two children, survivors of an Indian raid on their wagon train, struggle to find their parents. (F)

Montgomery, L. M. **ANNE OF GREEN GABLES**. This beloved classic involves an aging brother and sister who wish to adopt a boy, but end up with Anne instead. (F)

Mound, Laurence. **INSECT**. This is a photo essay about insects and their important role in the lives of other living things. (NF)

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Murphy, Jim. **THE BOYS' WAR**. This book includes diary entries, personal letters, and archival photographs describing the experiences of boys, 16 years old or younger, who fought in the Civil War. (NF)

Myers, Walter Dean. **ME, MOP, AND THE MOONDANCE KID**. TJ and his younger brother, Moondance, are involved with their friend Mop's relentless attempts to become adopted and to take the championship from their baseball rivals, the obnoxious Eagles. (F)

Namioka, Lensey. **YANG THE YOUNGEST AND HIS TERRIBLE EAR**. Recently arrived in Seattle from China, musically untalented Yingtao is faced with giving a violin performance to attract new students for his father when he would rather be making friends and playing baseball. (F)

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. **BETTER LIGHTLY TOASTED**. In this humorous story, fifth grader Andy Moller is determined to win the essay contest on conservation. (F)

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. **THE GRAND ESCAPE**. Two pampered house cats escape into the wonderful but dangerous outside world of dumpster dining and a ferocious dog, Bertram the Bad. (F)

Nixon, Joan Lowery. **CIRCLE OF LOVE: ORPHAN TRAIN ADVENTURES**. Nineteen-year-old Frances Mary Kelly, a former orphan train rider, chaperones 30 orphans on the train to New York from Missouri. Frances cares for the children as she deals with a dangerous stranger. (F)

Nixon, Joan Lowery. **SEARCH FOR SHADOWMAN**. When 12-year-old Andy Thomas is given an assignment to research his family history, he is not thrilled. He starts asking questions about his ancestors and discovers that there is a secret that no one will talk about. (F)

Norton, Mary. **THE BORROWERS**. A family of miniature people who live in an old country house survive by borrowing things and are forced to leave their home under the clock. (F)

Nye, Naomi Shihab (ed.). **THIS SAME SKY**. This poetry anthology includes works by 129 poets from 68 different countries, who celebrate the natural world. (NF)

O'Brien, Robert C. **MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH**. Mrs. Frisby, a field mouse who lives in a garden, must move her family before the farmer begins plowing. Will the rats of NIMH help her find a brilliant solution to her dilemma? (F)

O'Dell, Scott. **THE BLACK PEARL**. Ramon's family is in the pearl business in Baja. While his father is away on a trip, Ramon finds the fabulous Pearl of Heaven, but it earns him powerful enemies. (F)

Park, Barbara. **SKINNYBONES**. Alex's sense of humor helps him to get along with the school braggart, make the most of his limited athletic ability and small size, and cope with life. (F)

Paulsen, Gary. **BRIAN'S WINTER**. In this sequel to **HATCHET**, author Paulsen writes about what would have happened to Brian if he had not been rescued and was forced to survive the winter on his own. (F)

Peet, Bill. **BILL PEET: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY**. This well-known author and illustrator relates the fascinating details of his life and work. (NF)

Pinkwater, Daniel. **FAT MEN FROM SPACE**. In this humorous story, William receives bulletins about an invasion from outer space through the filling in his tooth. He's taken captive aboard a spacecraft of fat spacemen who plan to invade Earth. (F)

Pitts, Paul. **RACING THE SUN**. Brandon Rogers begins to learn some new lessons about heritage and love when his Navajo grandfather moves from the reservation into Brandon's room. (F)

Polacco, Patricia. **PINK AND SAY**. Pinkus Ayles, a black Union soldier, and Sheldon Curtis, a white Union soldier, develop a wonderful friendship that tests their courage as they run away from Southern troops. (F)

Prelutsky, Jack. **A PIZZA THE SIZE OF THE SUN**. This is a fun-filled collection of humorous poems from the poet who brought you **THE NEW KID ON THE BLOCK**. (NF)

Prelutsky, Jack (ed.). **THE BEAUTY OF THE BEAST: POEMS FROM THE ANIMAL KINGDOM**. Whether you are looking for a poem about a mosquito or a polar bear, you will find it and many more in this collection of animal poems selected for your enjoyment by Jack Prelutsky. (NF)

Reiss, Johanna. **THE UPSTAIRS ROOM**. This is a recollection of a Jewish child who was forced to hide from the Nazis in Holland during World War II. (NF)

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Rhoads, Dorothy. **THE CORN GROWS RIPE**. A Mayan boy's strength and courage grow as he shoulders his injured father's responsibilities. (F)

Robinson, Barbara. **THE BEST SCHOOL YEAR EVER**. In this sequel to **THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER**, the six horrible Herdmans cause mayhem throughout the school year. (F)

Rylant, Cynthia. **THE ISLANDER**. Living with his grandfather on an island off British Columbia, 10-year-old Daniel feels deep loneliness until the night he meets a mermaid whose identity he tries to learn. (F)

Shura, Mary Francis. **GENTLE ANNIE**. This book describes the conflicts of the Civil War through the story of Annie Etheridge, who entered the Union Army at the age of 16. (NF)

Simon, Seymour. **EARTHQUAKES**. The phenomenon of earthquakes is examined, including descriptions of how and where they occur, how they can be predicted, and how much damage they can inflict. (NF)

Slote, Alfred. **FINDING BUCK MCHENRY**. Jason believes the school custodian is really a famous pitcher from the old Negro baseball leagues. Trouble brews as others hear about Buck's "secret identity." (F)

Solheim, James. **IT'S DISGUSTING AND WE ATE IT: TRUE FOOD FACTS AROUND THE WORLD AND THROUGHOUT HISTORY**. Take a lot of interesting facts about eating habits from around the world, blend in fun poems, and sprinkle in great illustrations to cook up a good read about food. (NF)

Soto, Gary. **PACIFIC CROSSING**. Fourteen-year-old Lincoln Mendoza spends a summer with a family in Japan, encountering new experiences and making new friends. (F)

Soto, Gary. **THE SKIRT**. Miata loses a special skirt her mother gave her to wear for a performance. She needs all her wits to get it back without her parents finding out that she has lost something again. (F)

Speare, Elizabeth George. **SIGN OF THE BEAVER**. Left alone to guard the family's wilderness home in 18th century Maine, a boy is hard-pressed to survive until Native Americans teach him their skills. (F)

Stanley, Diane. **THE TRUE ADVENTURE OF DANIEL HALL**. In 1856, fourteen-year-old Daniel Hall leaves his hometown to join a whaling expedition aboard *The Condor*. When life on *The Condor* isn't what he expected, Daniel jumps ship in the Siberian wilderness and experiences more danger and adventure than most people see in a lifetime. (NF)

Steig, William. **ABEL'S ISLAND**. When Abel, a mouse, is unexpectedly swept away by floodwaters and dumped on an island, he is forced to use all his resourcefulness to survive and to find his way home. (F)

Taylor, Mildred. **SONG OF THE TREES**. Cassie's family is deeply attached to the forest on the land where they live. While Cassie's father is away, the family tries to save the trees from being destroyed by an unscrupulous man. (F)

Thomas, Jane Resh. **THE PRINCESS IN THE PIGPEN**. Elizabeth, a duke's daughter, who is sick with fever, travels through time from Elizabethan England to a farm in modern Iowa, where she has difficulty convincing anyone of the truth of her story. (F)

Ullman, James Ramsey. **BANNER IN THE SKY**. Rudi Matt's father perished in his attempt to reach the last great summit of the Alps, the Citadel. At sixteen, Rudi is determined to pay tribute to the father he never knew by completing the quest that claimed his father's life. Rudi must search deep within himself to find the strength for the final ascent to the summit to plant his banner in the sky. (F)

Viorst, Judith. **IF I WERE IN CHARGE OF THE WORLD AND OTHER WORRIES**. This book of 41 poems reveals a variety of secret thoughts, worries, and wishes for children and their parents. (NF)

Walter, Mildred Pitts. **JUSTIN AND THE BEST BISCUITS IN THE WORLD**. Justin visits his grandfather's ranch and learns about being a part of the family. He discovers his great-grandfather's diary that describes conditions for African Americans after the Civil War. (F)

Whelan, Gloria. **GOODBYE VIETNAM**. When Mai and her family learn the government plans to arrest their grandmother, they're forced to flee Vietnam in a tiny overcrowded boat. (F)

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Whelan, Gloria. **NIGHT OF THE FULL MOON.** Libby, a young pioneer girl, enjoys visiting her friend Fawn at the Potawatomi Indian Village. When she is mistaken for a member of the tribe and taken captive by soldiers, Libby fears she will never see her family again. This story is based on true accounts of the Potawatomi Indians' forced migration in 1840. (F)

White, E. B. **STUART LITTLE.** This book tells the adventures of a debonair mouse named Stuart Little as he seeks his dearest friend. (F)

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. **LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE.** The Ingalls family moves by covered wagon from Wisconsin to Kansas in the 1800s. Plowing, planting, hunting, and even wolves keep them busy until their next move west. (F)

Williams, Barbara. **TITANIC CROSSING.** In 1912, 13-year-old Albert is returning to the United States aboard the Titanic. When it hits an iceberg, he is forced to make the most important decision of his life. (F)

Winthrop, Elizabeth. **THE BATTLE FOR THE CASTLE.** William uses a magic token to return to the medieval land of Sir Simon in this sequel to **THE CASTLE IN THE ATTIC.** (F)

Winthrop, Elizabeth. **CASTLE IN THE ATTIC.** William receives a magical toy castle and a tiny knight who comes alive. Suddenly William is off on a fantastic quest to another land and another time. (F)

Wisler, G. Clifton. **MR. LINCOLN'S DRUMMER.** William Johnson is an 11-year-old Vermont farm boy who is determined to serve in Mr. Lincoln's army. He becomes the youngest recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor as a Civil War drummer boy. (F)

Woodruff, Elvira. **GEORGE WASHINGTON'S SOCKS.** During a campout, five children are transported back to George Washington's time, where they learn the sober realities of the Revolutionary War. (F)