

## **BOOKS FOR GRADE SEVEN**

### ***Book of Three***

**Lloyd Alexander**

**CHILD FICTION Ale  
TEEN PAPERBACK Ale**

Since *The Book of Three* was first published in 1964, young readers have been enthralled by the adventures of Taran the Assistant Pig-keeper and his quest to become a hero. Taran is joined by an engaging cast of characters: Eilonwy, the strong-willed and sharp-tongued princess; Fflewddur Fflam, the hyperbole-prone bard; the ever-faithful Gurgi; and the curmudgeonly Doli – all of whom become involved in an epic struggle between good and evil that shapes the fate of the legendary land of Prydain.

### ***Skellig***

**David Almond**

**TEEN PAPERBACK Alm  
TEEN FICTION Alm**

Unhappy about his baby sister's illness and the chaos of moving into a dilapidated old house, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger who is something like a bird and something like an angel.

### ***Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance***

**Jennifer Armstrong**

**CHILD 919.8 Arm**

Describes the events of the 1914 Shackleton Antarctic expedition when, after being trapped in a frozen sea for nine months, their ship, *Endurance*, was finally crushed, forcing Shackleton and his men to make a very long and perilous journey across ice and stormy seas to reach inhabited land.

### ***A Great and Terrible Beauty***

**Libba Bray**

**TEEN FICTION Bra**

After the suspicious death of her mother in 1895, sixteen-year old Gemma returns to England, after many years in India, to attend a finishing school where she becomes aware of her magical powers and ability to see into the spirit world.

### ***Catherine called Birdy***

**Karen Cushman**

**CHILD PAPERBACK Cus**

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.

### ***A Girl named Disaster***

**Nancy Farmer**

**TEEN FICTION Far**

While journeying to Zimbabwe, eleven year old Nhamo struggles to escape drowning and starvation and in so doing comes close to the luminous world of the African spirits.

### ***My Crazy Life: How I Survived My Family***

**Compiled by :**

**Allen Flaming & Kate Scowen**

**TEEN 306.87 Myc**

This collection of narratives compiled by two social workers describes family life for ten teens trying to cope with divorce, additions, abuse, or neglect.

### ***Hoot***

**Carl Hiaasen**

**TEEN FICTION Hia**

An ecological mystery made up of endangered miniature owls, the Mother Paula's All-American Pancake House scheduled to be built over their burrows, and the owls' unlikely allies – three middle school kids determined to beat the screwed-up adult system.

### ***Buddha Boy***

**Kathe Koj**

**TEEN FICTION Koj**

Justin spends time with Jinsen, the unusual and artistic new student whom the school bullies torment and call Buddha Boy, and ends up making choices that impact Jinsen, himself, and the entire school.

### ***Jake, Reinvented***

**Gordon Korman**

**TEEN PAPERBACK Kor**

Rick becomes friends with the popular new boy, Jake Garrett, football player and the host of superlative parties, and in the process discovers the true nature of his schoolmates and uncovers the mystery of Jake's past.

***Gathering Blue***

**Lois Lowry**

**TEEN FICTION Low**

Lame and suddenly orphaned, Kira is mysteriously removed from her squalid village to live in the palatial Council Edifice, where she is expected to use her gifts as a weaver to do the bidding of the all-powerful Guardians.

***The Giver***

**Lois Lowry**

**TEEN FICTION Low**

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.

***Terror of the Spanish Main:***

***Sir Henry Morgan and His Buccaneers***

**Albert Marrin**

**CHILD 972.9 Mar**

An account of the life and times of the English buccaneer, Henry Morgan, from his birth in Wales through his daring exploits in the Spanish Main to his later years in Jamaica.

***Woodsong***

**Gary Paulsen**

**CHILD 921 Pau**

For a rugged outdoor man and his family, life in northern Minnesota is a wild experience involving wolves, deer, and the sled dogs that make their way of life possible. Includes an account of the author's first Iditarod, a dogsled race across Alaska.

***Stargirl***

**Jerry Spinelli**

**TEEN PAPERBACK Spi  
TEEN FICTION Spi**

From the day she arrives at quiet Mica High in a burst of color and sound, the hallways hum with the murmur of "Stargirl, Stargirl." She captures Leo Borlock's heart with just one smile. She sparks a school-spirit revolution with just one cheer. The students of Mica High are enchanted. At first.

***Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind***

**Suzanne Fisher Staples**

**TEEN FICTION Sta**

**TEEN PAPERBACK Sta**

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.

***Multiple Choice***

**Janet Tashjian**

**TEEN FICTION Tas**

Monica, a fourteen-year old perfectionist and word game expert, tries to break free from all of the suffocating rules in her life by creating a game for living called "Multiple Choice."



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