

Hamilton International Middle School Library
~Good 6th Grade Reads~

Anderson, Jodi Lynn. **May-Bird among the stars.** Still trapped in the Ever After, ten-year-old May Bird struggles to decide whether to save the world of her ghostly friends from the evil Bo Cleevil or to return to her West Virginia home.

Anderson, M. T. **Whales on stilts.** Racing against the clock, shy middle-school student Lily and her best friends, Katie and Jasper, must foil the plot of her father's conniving boss to conquer the world using an army of whales.

diCamillo, Kate. **The miraculous journey of Edward Tulane.** Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.

Fletcher, Ralph. **Marshfield dreams: when I was a kid.** Youth fiction writer Ralph Fletcher fondly recalls his childhood years in the town of Marshfield, Massachusetts, growing up with his eight siblings in a traditional Catholic family during the 1950s and 1960s.

Gantos, Jack. **I am not Joey Pigza.** Joey's father returns, calling himself Charles Heinz and apologizing for his past bad behavior, and he swears that once Joey and his mother change their names and help him fix up the old diner he has bought, their lives will change for the better.

Grant, Vicki. **Pigboy.** Dan Hogg's school trip to a heritage farm—where taunts about his last name are funny to everyone but him—goes from miserable to dangerous when an escaped convict appears.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. **Double identity** Thirteen-year-old Bethany's parents have always been overprotective, but when they suddenly drop out of sight, leaving her with an aunt she never knew existed, Bethany uncovers shocking secrets that make her question everything she thought she knew about herself and her family.

Hale, Shannon. **Princess Academy.** While attending a strict academy for potential princesses with the other girls from her mountain village, fourteen-year-old Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland.

Han, Jenny. **Shug.** A twelve-year-old girl learns about friendship, first loves, and self-worth in a small town in the South.

Hobbs, Will. **Crossing the wire.** Fifteen-year-old Victor Flores journeys north in a desperate attempt to cross the Arizona border and find work in the United States to support his family in Central Mexico.

Kadohata, Cynthia. **Weedflower.** After twelve-year-old Sumiko and her Japanese-American family are relocated from their flower farm in southern California to an internment camp on a Mojave Indian reservation in Arizona, she helps her family and neighbors, becomes friends with a local Indian boy, and tries to hold onto her dream of owning a flower shop.

Kessler, Liz. **Emily Windsnap and the castle in the mist.** When she incurs Neptune's wrath by finding a diamond ring buried under rocks in the ocean, Emily is put under a curse that will force her to choose to be either a mermaid or a human and split up her parents forever.

Kinney, Jeff. **Diary of a wimpy kid.** Greg records his sixth grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, undersized weaklings amid boys who need to shave twice daily, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.

Larson, Kirby. **Hattie Big Sky.** Sixteen-year-old Hattie Brooks inherits her uncle's homesteading claim in Montana in 1917 and encounters some unexpected problems related to the war in Europe.

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Martin, Ann M. **A dog's life: autobiography of a stray.** Squirrel, a stray puppy, tells her life story, from her nurturing mother and brother to making her own way in the world, facing busy highways, changing seasons, and humans both gentle and brutal.

Maguire, Gregory. **What the Dickens: the story of a rogue tooth fairy.** As a terrible storm rages, ten-year-old Dinah and her brother and sister listen to their cousin Gage's tale of a newly-hatched, orphaned, skibberee, or tooth fairy, called What-the-Dickens, who hopes to find a home among the skibbereen tribe, if only he can stay out of trouble.

Pullman, Philip. **The scarecrow and his servant.** A scarecrow and his boy servant, Jack, set off on a dangerous adventure as they try to outwit the crooked Buffaloni family and stake their claim to valuable Spring Valley.

Riordan, Rick. **The lightning thief.** Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon.

Smelcer, John E. **The trap.** In alternating chapters, seventten-year-old Johnny Least-Weasel, who is better known for brains than brawn, worries about his missing grandfather; and the grandfather struggles to survive, caught in his own steel trap in the Alaskan winter.

Whelan, Gloria. **Listening for lions.** Left an orphan after the influenza epidemic in British East Africa in 1919, thirteen-year-old Rachel is tricked into assuming a deceased neighbor's identity to travel to England, where her only dream is to return to Africa and rebuild her parents' mission hospital.