



6th Grade Booklist

Updated: by Linda Dial 1/09

The books on this list were selected for their appeal to sixth graders and include a variety of fiction genres, some new books, a few old favorites and a bit of nonfiction.



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The Palace of Laughter

By Jon Berkeley

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Orphaned Miles Wednesday and his companion, a Song Angel named Little, are helped by a talking tiger as they set off to find a missing Storm Angel.



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The Dark Hills Divide

By Patrick Carman

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When Alexa finds the key to a secret passageway leading out of the walled city Bridewell, she realizes her wish to explore the mysterious forests and mountains that lie beyond the wall.



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Expedition to Blue Cave

By Ed Decter

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Cam Walker and his friends belong to a group called the Outriders and plan to combat boredom by traveling twelve miles to Blue Cave, where they hope to see the glow of phosphorous plankton. Book #1 of the Outriders series.



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The Ruins of Gorlan

By John Flanagan

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When Will is rejected by Battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.



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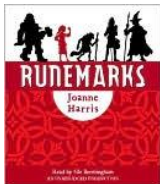
Among the Hidden

By Margaret Haddix

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In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke, a third child, has lived all his twelve years in isolation on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.





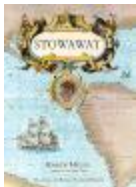
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Runemarks

By Joanne Harris

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Maddy Smith, who bears the mysterious mark of a rune on her hand, learns that she is destined to join the gods of Norse mythology and play a role in the fate of the world.



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Stowaway

By Karen Hesse

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A fictionalized journal relates the experiences of a young stowaway aboard the *Endeavor*, which sailed around the world under Captain James Cook.



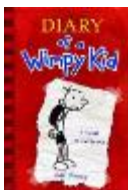
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The Glitch in Sleep

By John Hulme

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When Becker Drake is recruited by The Seems, a parallel universe that runs everything in The World, he must fix a disastrous glitch in the Department of Sleep that threatens the ability of everyone to ever fall asleep again. Book #1 of the Seems series.



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Diary of a Wimpy Kid : Greg Heffley's Journal

By Jeff Kinney

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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.



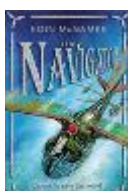
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Savvy

By Ingrid Law

JF Law

Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday had revealed her “savvy” – a magical power unique to each member of her family – just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.



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The Navigator

By Eoin McNamee

JF McN

Owen has always been different, not only because his father committed suicide, but he is not prepared for the knowledge that he has a mission to help the Wakeful, the custodians of time, stop the Harsh from reversing the flow of time.



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Mister Monday

By Garth Nix

JF Nix

Seven days. Seven keys. Seven virtues. Seven sins. One mysterious house is the doorway to a very mysterious world -- where one boy is about to venture and unlock a number of fantastical secrets. Keys to the Kingdom Book #1





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Measle and the Dragodon

By Ian Ogilvy

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In his attempt to rescue his mother from the Wrathmonk wizards who have kidnapped her, Measle Stubbs battles an ancient dragon, carousel horses, and various stuffed animals that have come to life. Sequel to *Measle and the Wrathmonk*.



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Monsterology

By Arthur Slade

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This collection of humorous stories describes the characteristics and lifestyle of various monsters, including Dracula, Golem, Medusa, Frankenstein, and many more.



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The Bad Beginning

By Lemony Snickett

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The three Baudelaire orphans must depend on each other and their wits when the distant relative who is appointed as their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune. First book in The Series of Unfortunate Events.



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The Bronze Pen

By Zilpha Keatley Snyder

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With her father's failing health and the family's shaky finances, twelve-year-old Audrey's dreams of becoming a writer seem very impractical until she is given a peculiar bronze pen that appears to have unusual powers.



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Bella at Midnight

By Diane Stanley

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Raised by peasants, Bella discovers that she is actually the daughter of a knight and finds herself caught up in a terrible plot that will change her life and the kingdom forever.



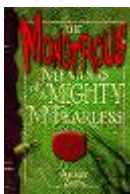
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Good Neighbors

By Colin Thompson

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A family of wizards and witches living in an ordinary neighborhood in an ordinary town decides that they have had enough of the noisy family living next door and makes them disappear. Book #1 in the Floods series.



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The Monstrous Memoirs of a Mighty McFearless

Ahmet Zappa

YF Zap

With the help of Dr. Devilstone and a book called the Monstranomicom, Minerva and her brother go the evil Zarmaglorg's Castle to rescue their father, who they have discovered comes from a long line of monsterminators.



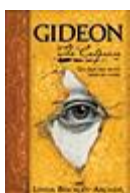
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Ratha's Creature

Clare Bell

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Twenty-five million years in the past, a society of intelligent cats pushed close to extinction, meets an enemy band of raiding predatory cats in a decisive battle which will determine the future for both. Book #1 of the Named series.



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Gideon the Cutpurse

By Linda Buckley-Archer

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Ignored by his father and sent to Derbyshire for the weekend, twelve-year-old Peter and his new friend, Kate, are accidentally transported back in time to 1763 England where they are befriended by a reformed cutpurse. Book #1 of the Gideon Trilogy.



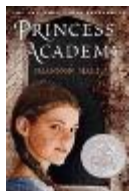
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How the Hangman Lost His Heart

By K.M. Grant

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When her uncle Frank is executed for treason against England's King George in 1746 and his severed head is mounted on a pike for public viewing, Alice tries to reclaim the head for a proper burial.



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Princess Academy

By Shannon Hale

YF Hal

While attending a strict academy for potential princesses with the other girls from her mountain village, Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland.



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The Star of Kazan

By Eva Ibbotson

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After Annika inherits a trunk of costume jewelry, a woman claiming to be her mother arrives and takes her to live in a strangely decrepit mansion in Germany.



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Castaways of the Flying Dutchman

By Brian Jacques

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In 1620, a boy and his dog are rescued from the doomed ship, the *Flying Dutchman*, by an angel who guides them in traveling the world, eternally helping those in need.





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The Swan Kingdom

by Zoe Marriott

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When Alexa's mother is killed, her father marries a cunning woman, her brothers disappear, and Alexa embarks on a dangerous journey to harness the mystical power inherited from her mother and restore the kingdom to its proper balance.

Airborn

Kenneth Oppel



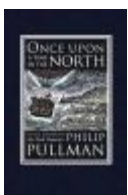
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Matt, a cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface. Sequel: *Skybreaker*

Once Upon a Time in the North

By Philip Pullman



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In the time before Lyra Silvertongue was born, tough American balloonist Lee Scoresby and the great armored bear, Iorek Byrnison, meet when Lee and his hare-daemon Hester crash-land their trading balloon onto an island in the Arctic North.

The Lightning Thief

By Rick Riordan



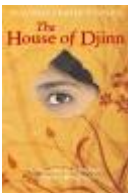
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Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea. His mother sends him to a summer camp for demigods where he and his new friends set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

The House of Djinn

by Suzanne Fisher Staples



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An unexpected death brings Shabanu's daughter, Mumtaz, and nephew, Jameel, to the forefront of an attempt to modernize Pakistan, but the teens must both sacrifice their own dreams if they are to meet family and tribal expectations.

Fear This Book

Jeff Szpirglas



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Your guide to fright, horror and things that go bump in the night.

Children of the Great Depression

Russell Freedman

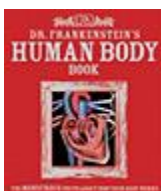


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A pictorial history of the Great Depression, including stories of dust storms, soup kitchens, Hoovervilles, kids at work, kids on trains, popular culture, and the beginning of World War II.





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Dr. Frankenstein's Human Body Book

Walker, Richard

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Dr. Frankenstein presents the monstrous truth about how your body works.



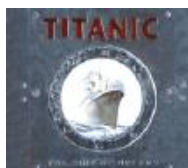
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Heros and She-roes : Poems of Amazing and Everyday Heroes

Partrick Lewis

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Twenty-one poems celebrate and chronicle the actions of real-life persons (and one dog) who have performed heroic acts in service to others.



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Titanic : The Ship of Dreams

Duncan Crosbie

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Shows what it was really like aboard the Titanic through the eyes of Annie and Jack.