


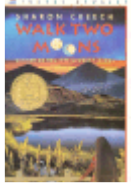








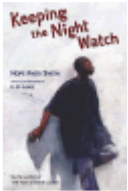
	<p><u>Firegirl</u> by Tony Abbott</p> <p>A middle school boy's life is changed when Jessica, a girl disfigured by burns, starts attending his Catholic school while receiving treatment at a local hospital.</p>
	<p><u>On My Honor</u> by Marion Dane Bauer</p> <p>When his best friend drowns while they were swimming in a dangerous river that they had promised never to go near, Joel is terrified at having to tell both sets of parents.</p>
	<p><u>The Not-Just-Anybody Family</u> by Betsy Byars</p> <p>With a young brother in the hospital, a grandfather in jail, and their mother traveling with a rodeo, Maggie and Vern try to settle family problems.</p>
	<p><u>Dear Mr. Henshaw</u> by Beverly Cleary</p> <p>In his letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and finding his own place in life. (Available in MP3 Playaway, CD and Braille.)</p>
	<p><u>Walk Two Moons</u> by Sharon Creech</p> <p>After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal talks about her friend whose mother also left. (Available in MP3 Playaway, CD, downloadable audio and Large Print.)</p>
	<p><u>Frindle</u> by Andrew Clements</p> <p>When he decides to turn his fifth grade 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. (Available in CD and downloadable audio.)</p>

	<p><u>The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963</u> by Christopher Paul Curtis</p> <p>The ordinary interactions of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.</p>
	<p><u>Because of Winn-Dixie</u> by Kate DiCamillo</p> <p>Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.</p>
	<p><u>The Broken Bike Boy and the Queen of 33rd Street</u> by Sharon G. Flake</p> <p>Ten-year-old Queen, a spoiled and conceited African American girl who is disliked by most of her classmates, learns a lesson about friendship from an unlikely "knight in shining armor."</p>
	<p><u>Seedfolks</u> by Paul Fleischman</p> <p>People of varying ages and backgrounds transform a trash-filled inner-city lot into a productive and beautiful garden, and in doing so, the gardeners are themselves transformed.</p>
	<p><u>From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankenweiler</u> by E.L. Konigsburg</p> <p>When a brother and sister run away to live at the Metropolitan Museum of Art they found a statue at the Museum so beautiful they could not go home until they had discovered its maker.</p>
	<p><u>The View from Saturday</u> by E.L. Konigsburg</p> <p>Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.</p>

	<p><u>Swindle</u> by Gordon Korman</p> <p>After a mean collector named Swindle cons him out of his most valuable baseball card, Griffin Bing must put together a band of misfits to break into Swindle's compound and recapture the card. Their adventure includes a menacing guard dog, a high-tech security system, a very secret hiding place, and their general inability to drive.</p>
	<p><u>Paint the Wind</u> by Pam Muñoz Ryan</p> <p>After her overprotective grandmother has a stroke, Maya, an orphan, leaves her extremely restricted life in California to stay with her mother's family on a remote Wyoming ranch, where she discovers a love of horses and encounters a wild mare that her mother once rode.</p>
	<p><u>Holes</u> by Louis Sachar</p> <p>His family's bad fortune continues as 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.</p>
	<p><u>Keeping the Night Watch</u> by Hope Anita Smith</p> <p>A thirteen-year-old African American boy chronicles what happens to his family when his father, who temporarily left, returns home and they all must deal with their feelings of anger, hope, abandonment, and fear</p>
	<p><u>A Taste of Blackberries</u> by Doris Buchanan Smith</p> <p>A prank ends in tragedy, and a boy must learn to live not only with the loss of a friend, but with the feeling that he could have prevented it.</p>
	<p><u>Taking Sides</u> by Gary Soto</p> <p>Fourteen-year-old Lincoln Mendoza, an aspiring basketball player, feels divided loyalties when he moves from the Hispanic inner city to a white suburban neighborhood.</p>



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