

H AISLN RECOMMENDED READING LIST 2013

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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Angleberger, Tom. ***Darth Paper Strikes Back: An Origami Yoda Book***. Amulet Books, 2011. Harvey, upset when his Darth Paper finger puppet brings humiliation, gets Dwight suspended – but Origami Yoda asks Tommy and Kellan, now in seventh grade, to make a new case file to persuade the School Board to reinstate Dwight. *Series*
- Appelt, Kathi. ***The Underneath***. Atheneum, 2008. An old hound that has been chained up at his hateful owner's run-down shack and two kittens born underneath the house endure separation, danger, and many other tribulations in their quest to be reunited and free. Newbery Honor 2009. National Book Award Finalist 2008
- Bolden, Tonya. ***George Washington Carver***. Abrams Books, 2008. Born a slave during the Civil War and raised by his mother's owners, George Washington Carver, also known as the "Peanut Man," became an important African American conservationist, scientist, researcher, and teacher.
- Broach, Elise. ***Masterpiece***. Holt/Christy Ottaviano, 2008. Marvin, a beetle, and his family live in the home of eleven-year-old James and his family. When James' birthday party fails miserably, Marvin surprises James with an elaborately intricate pen and ink drawing Marvin has created. Trouble begins when the drawing is mistaken for James' work, which sets off action that leads to a fast-paced mystery featuring an unlikely friendship, the discovery of art forgery, and thievery.
- Buyea, Rob. ***Because of Mr. Terupt***. Delacorte, 2010. Over the course of a school year, seven kids in the fifth grade narrate their experiences in the classroom with an energetic first-time teacher. *Series*
- Choldenko, Gennifer. ***Al Capone Shines My Shoes***. Dial Books, 2009. Moose Flanagan, who lives on Alcatraz along with his family and the families of the other prison guards, is frightened when he discovers that noted gangster Al Capone, a prisoner there, wants a favor in return for the help that he secretly gave Moose. *Sequel*
- Colfer, Eoin. ***The Atlantis Complex***. Disney-Hyperion, 2010. When an army of fairy space probes programmed to destroy Atlantis returns to Earth, Artemis Fowl attempts to stop the destruction of the city while dealing with his own delusional and obsessive-compulsive disorders. *Series*
- Connor, Leslie. ***Crunch***. Katherine Tegen, 2010. With their parents stuck in New England during a gasoline crisis, Dewey and his siblings struggle to keep open the family bicycle business and solve the mystery of missing bicycle parts.
- Delano, Marfe Ferguson. ***Helen's Eyes: A Photobiography of Annie Sullivan, Helen Keller's Teacher***. National Geographic, 2008. Annie Sullivan grew up in extreme poverty with her own eye problems. Her first and only job was teaching Helen Keller how to "see" despite the fact that she was blind, deaf, and mute.

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- DiTerlizzi, Tony. ***The Search For WondLa***. Simon & Schuster, 2010. Living in isolation with a robot on what appears to be an alien world populated with bizarre life forms, a twelve-year-old human girl called Eva Nine sets out on a journey to find others like her. Features “augmented reality” pages in which readers can access additional information online about Eva Nine’s world. *Series*
- Feldman, Jody. ***The Gollywhopper Games***. Greenwillow, 2008. When the Golly Toy & Game Company announces the Gollywhopper Games, Gil Goodson wants to be the lucky winner; this could be the perfect opportunity for his family to move away from Orchard Heights. Can he solve the puzzles and complete the stunts? This may remind you of a modern day *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!*
- Flanagan, John. ***The Emperor of Nihon-Ja***. Philomel, 2011. In a faraway land, a young warrior must protect an emperor from an uprising and train an inexperienced army, with assistance from his Ranger friends. *Series*
- Forester, Victoria. ***The Girl Who Could Fly***. Feiwel and Friends, 2008. “Piper decided to jump off the roof. It wasn’t a rash decision on her part.” And so we meet a strong-willed, generous girl with extraordinary talents.
- Gourlay, Candy. ***Tall Story***. David Fickling Books, 2010. Sixteen-year-old Bernardo, who is eight feet tall and suffers from a condition called Gigantism, leaves the Philippines to live with his mother's family in London, much to the delight of his thirteen-year-old half-sister Andi, a passionate basketball player.
- Grant, Michael. ***The Magnificent Twelve, Book One: The Call***. Katherine Tegen, 2010. Mack MacAvoy, a seriously average twelve-year-old boy, is faced with a difficult decision when a three-thousand-year-old man appears in the boys' bathroom and informs him that he is one of the Magnificent Twelve and is needed to find his eleven teammates and save the world. *Series*
- Hale, Shannon. ***Rapunzel’s Revenge***. Bloomsbury, 2008. In this graphic novel, Rapunzel, having grown up in a lovely castle with the woman she thought was her mother, is placed in a very tall hollow tree as punishment after her curiosity prompts her to climb the castle wall and look at the ruin of the world beyond her home. She is able to escape and, with the help of Jack, embarks on a plan to free the land and find her true mother.
- Hannigan, Katherine. ***True (...Sort Of)***. Greenwillow, 2011. For most of her eleven years, Delly has been in trouble without knowing why. Her little brother, R.B., and a strange, silent new friend, Ferris, help her find a way to be good -- and happy -- again.
- Holm, Jennifer L. ***Turtle in Paradise***. Random House, 2010. A girl named Turtle moves to the Florida Keys where she meets her extended family and makes new friends.
- Kehret, Peg. ***Ghost Dog Secrets***. Dutton, 2010. Sixth-grader Rusty is determined to help an injured dog that is chained outdoors in frigid weather with no food, water, or shelter. He calls animal control and takes matters into his own hands, aided by his best friend and a ghost collie that leads Rusty to an even deeper secret.

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- Kelly, Lynne. ***Chained***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2012. To work off a family debt, ten-year-old Hastin leaves his desert village in India to work as a circus elephant keeper; but many challenges await him, including trying to keep Nandita, a sweet elephant, safe from the cruel circus owner.
- Kerley, Barbara. ***Walt Whitman: Words for America***. Scholastic, 2004. A biography of the American poet whose compassion led him to nurse soldiers during the Civil War, to give voice to the nation's grief after Lincoln's assassination, and to capture the true American spirit in verse.
- Leal, Ann. ***Also Known as Harper***. Holt, 2009. Harper Lee Morgan's family is struggling, but she holds close to her passion for writing poetry and this provides her with an opportunity to express her feelings, even as she must skip school to take care of her younger brother Hemingway.
- Lin, Grace. ***Where the Mountain Meets the Moon***. Little, Brown, 2009. A magical story of a young girl who wishes for fortune and happiness for her village and leaves her family to find the mysterious Old Man of the Moon. Newbery Honor 2010
- Malone, Marianne. ***The Sixty-Eight Rooms***. Random House, 2010. An adventure about the Thorne Rooms, sixty-eight miniature rooms made by Mrs. James Ward Thorne in the 1930s, and a magic key that allows a person to shrink down small enough to explore the rooms' secrets.
- Marino, Nan. ***Neil Armstrong is My Uncle and Other Lies Muscle Man McGinty Told Me***. Roaring Brook, 2009. Set in 1969, Tammy has a difficult summer when her best friend suddenly moves away and a new, know-it-all boy moves into the neighborhood.
- Mass, Wendy. ***11 Birthdays***. Scholastic, 2009. Best friends since their mothers met at the hospital when they were born, Amanda and Leo always celebrate their birthdays together. However, now that they are turning 11, they are no longer speaking to each other and everything is not as normal as it may appear. This is one birthday that does not seem to end!
- Nelson, Peter & Rohitash Rao. ***Herbert's Wormhole***. Harper, 2009. While Alex is getting to know his inventive neighbor Herbert, they unexpectedly travel to the twenty-second century through a space-time wormhole where they encounter aliens, jet packs, and their future selves.
- O'Connell, Caitlin and Donna M. Jackson. ***The Elephant Scientist***. Houghton Mifflin, 2011. While on assignment to study elephants in Namibia, scientist Caitlin O'Connell uncovers fascinating new information about elephant communication. Beautiful photographs of the African landscape and elephants along with the story of a woman's journey to find her professional calling make this a fascinating read.
- O'Connor, Barbara. ***On the Road to Mr. Mineo's***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2012. Sherman, a one-legged pigeon, sets everyone aflutter in a small southern town.

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- O'Connor, George. ***Hera, the Goddess and Her Glory***. First Second, 2011. Recounts the stories of the many heroes who sought and won the approval and patronage of Hera, the Queen of the Gods, including the story of Heracles. *Series*
- Oliver, Lauren. ***Liesl & Po***. Harper, 2011. A mix-up involving the greatest magic in the world has tremendous consequences for Liesl, an orphan who has been locked away in the attic by her stepmother, Will, an alchemist's apprentice, and Po, a disarming ghost, as they are pursued by friend and foe while making an important journey to set things right.
- Paterson, Katherine and John. ***The Flint Heart: A Fairy Story***. Candlewick, 2011. A magical amulet, created by a Stone Age magic man for an ambitious individual wishing to take control of his tribe, brings power and despair to those who touch it. When the amulet reemerges, Charles and his sister Unity must find a way to rescue the humans, fairies, and animals from the mysterious object.
- Peck, Richard. ***On the Wings of Heroes***. Dial Books, 2007. Set in the time period of World War II, Davy Bowman has two heroes: his dad who fought in World War I and his brother who is currently in the Air Force.
- Philbrick, Rodman. ***The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg***. Blue Sky Press, 2009. Homer P. Figg escapes from his wretched foster home in Pine Swamp, Maine, and sets out to find his beloved older brother, Harold, who has been illegally sold into the Union Army. Newbery Honor, 2010
- Riordan, Rick. ***The Lost Hero***. Disney-Hyperion, 2010. Jason, Piper, and Leo, three students from a school for "bad kids," find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hera, who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth herself. *Series*
- Ross, Stewart. ***Into the Unknown: How Great Explorers Found Their Way By Land, Sea, and Air***. Candlewick, 2011. Fourteen amazing journeys by explorers throughout history and the methods they used by land, sea, and sky to find their way. Includes unfolding cross sections of vessels.
- Rutkoski, Marie. ***The Cabinet of Wonders***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008. Twelve-year-old Petra, accompanied by her magical tin spider, goes to Prague hoping to retrieve the enchanted eyes the Prince of Bohemia took from her father. *Series*
- Say, Allen. ***Drawing from Memory***. Scholastic, 2011. Using watercolor paintings, original cartoons, vintage photographs, and maps, Caldecott medalist Allen Say chronicles his experiences as an artist during World War II and describes his relationship with his mentor Noro Shinpei, Japan's leading cartoonist.
- Scattergood, Augusta. ***Glory Be***. Scholastic, 2012. In the summer of 1964 as she is about to turn twelve, Glory's town of Hanging Moss, Mississippi, is beset by racial tension when town leaders close her beloved public pool rather than desegregate it. Based on real-life events, this is a story of family, friendship, and some of life's tough choices.

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- St. John, Lauren. ***The White Giraffe***. Dial Books, 2006. After losing her parents in a tragic fire, eleven-year-old Martine must live with a grandmother she has never met on a wildlife preserve in Africa where she learns about a mystical white giraffe.
- Standiford, Natalie. ***The Secret Tree***. Scholastic, 2012. Sixth-graders Minty and her new friend Raymond discover a tree with a hollow trunk that holds the secrets of the people in their neighborhood. While watching their neighbors to solve the mysteries of the secrets and break a curse, the friends will have to work through some of their own secrets as well.
- Stead, Rebecca. ***When You Reach Me***. Wendy Lamb, 2009. As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980's television game show "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seem to defy laws of time and space. Newbery Award, 2010
- Stewart, Trenton Lee. ***The Extraordinary Education of Nicholas Benedict***. Little, Brown, 2012. Nine-year-old Nicholas Benedict is moved to one more orphanage: this one filled with nasty bullies who target him, a suspicious orphanage director, and a mystery about lost treasure. Using his superior intellect and fierce determination, Nicholas strives to solve the mystery and makes a couple of fast friends in the process. *Series*
- Stone, Jeff. ***Eagle***. Random House, 2008. After attacking and killing his former grandmaster, sixteen-year-old Ying realizes he has been betrayed. In addition to being wanted for treason now, Ying is forced to turn to Hok, his old temple sister, for help. *Series*
- VanHecke, Susan. ***Raggin' Jazzin' Rockin': A History of American Musical Instrument Makers***. Boyds Mills, 2011. A history of American musical instrument makers and the contributions they made to the changing sound of music.
- Walker, Alice. ***Langston Hughes: American Poet***. HarperCollins, 2002. An illustrated biography of the Harlem poet whose works gave voice to the joy and pain of the black experience in America.
- Weeks, Sarah. ***Pie***. Scholastic, 2011. Alice's Aunt Polly passes away and entrusts the recipe for her world-famous pie crust to her cat, which she leaves in Alice's care. As everyone, including Alice, tries to discover the secret ingredients, Alice learns some important lessons about faith, love, and family.
- Wells, Rosemary. ***On the Blue Comet***. Candlewick, 2010. Searching for his father, Oscar boards a train that takes him on an adventure that crosses the country both forward and backward in time.
- Weston, Robert Paul. ***Zorgamazoo***. Razorbill, 2008. Imaginative and adventurous Katrina eludes her maniacal guardian to help Morty, a member of a vanishing breed of zorgles, with his quest to uncover the fate of the fabled zorgles of Zorgamazoo as well as of other creatures that seem to have disappeared from the Earth.

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Wood, Maryrose. ***The Mysterious Howling***. Balzer + Bray, 2010. Three wild children who were raised by wolves and their young governess, Penelope, are caught up in the mysteries of Ashton Place and the people who live there. *Series*

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