

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

by C.S. Lewis

Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter. (For listeners grades 3-6)

Pippi Longstocking

by Astrid Lindgren

This story describes the escapades of a lucky little girl who lives with a horse and a monkey--but without any parents--at the edge of a Swedish village. (For listeners grades 1-5)

Number the Stars

by Lois Lowry

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis. (For listeners grades 4-7)

Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid

by Megan McDonald

The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents' Day at school. (For listeners grades K-4)

Porch Lies: Tales of Slicksters, Tricksters, and Other Wily Characters

by Patricia McKissack

When Pete Bruce came to town -- Change -- The devil's guitar -- Aunt Gran and the outlaws -- By the weight of a feather -- A grave situation -- The best lie ever told -- The earth bone and the King of the Ghosts -- Cake Norris lives on. (For listeners grades 3-7)

A Family Apart

by Joan Lowery Nixon

When their mother can no longer support them, six siblings are sent by the Children's Aid Society of New York City to live with farm families in Missouri in 1860. (For listeners grades 3-7)

A Long Way from Chicago: A Novel in Stories

by Richard Peck

A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother. Contents: Prologue -- Shotgun Cheatham's last night above ground -- The mouse in the milk -- A one-woman crime wave -- The day of judgement -- The phantom brakeman -- Things with wings -- Centennial summer -- The troop train. (For listeners grades 3-8)

The Sign of the Beaver

by Elizabeth George Speare

Left alone to guard the family's wilderness home in eighteenth-century Maine, a boy is hard-pressed to survive until local Indians teach him their skills. (For listeners grades 3-7)

Charlotte's Web

by E.B. White

Wilbur, the pig, is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him. (For listeners grades K-4)

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Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World

by Jennifer Armstrong

This story 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. (For listeners grades 5 & up)

Sounder

by William H. Armstrong

Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young black boy grows in courage and understanding by learning to read and with the help of the devoted dog Sounder. (For listeners grades 3-7)

Mr. Popper's Penguins

by Richard Atwater

The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions. (For listeners grades 2-4)

A Dog on His Own

by Mary Jane Auch

After a daring escape from the animal shelter, Pearl, Peppy, and K-10--so named because he is one step above all the other canines--explore the outside world while moving from one adventure to another. (For listeners grades 1-5)

Poppy

by Avi

Poppy the deer mouse urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas. (For listeners grades 2-6)

Tuck Everlasting

by Natalie Babbitt

The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing any older. (For listeners grades 2-6)

Digby and Kate

by Barbara Baker

Here are six episodes in the friendship of Digby the dog and Kate the cat, who enjoy each other's company even when they have their differences in such areas as catching a mouse or fixing lunch. (For listeners grades K-2)

The Indian in the Cupboard

by Lynne Reid Banks

A nine-year-old boy receives a plastic Indian, a cupboard, and a little key for his birthday and finds himself involved in adventure when the Indian comes to life in the cupboard and befriends him. (For listeners grades 2-6)

Fudge-a-Mania

by Jude Blume

Pete describes the family vacation in Maine with the Tubmans, highlighted by the antics of his younger brother Fudge. (For listeners grades 1-5)

The Incredible Journey

by Sheila Burnford

A Siamese cat, an old bull terrier, and a young Labrador retriever travel together 250 miles through the Canadian wilderness to find their family. (For grades 1-5)

Hooray for the Golly Sisters!

by Betsy Byars

May-May and Rose, the singing, dancing Golly sisters, travel west by covered wagon, entertaining people along the way. (For listeners grades K-2)

The Chocolate Touch

by Patrick Catling

A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate. (For listeners grades 1-5)

Ramona the Pest

by Beverly Cleary

Ramona meets lots of interesting people in kindergarten class, like Davy whom she keeps trying to kiss and Susan whose springy curls seem to ask to be pulled. (For listeners grades K-4)

Frindle

by Andrew Clements

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. (For listeners grades 3-6)

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by Tomie dePaola

Children's author-illustrator Tomie dePaola describes his experiences at home and in school when he was a boy. (For listeners grades K-4)

Mercy Watson Collection, Volumes 1

by Kate diCamillo

Mercy Watson to the rescue: After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor. (For listeners grades K-4)

Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride: Mr. Watson's usual Saturday drive in his Cadillac with his favorite pig, Mercy, turns into an adventure when an unexpected passenger shows up in the back seat and Mercy finds herself behind the wheel. (For listeners grades K-4)

The Tale of Despereaux

by Kate diCamillo

Here are the adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin. (For listeners grades 2-7)

The Moffats

by Eleanor Estes

This story relates the adventures and misadventures of the four Moffat children living with their widowed mother in a yellow house on New Dollar Street in the small town of Cranbury, Connecticut. (For listeners grades 1-5)

My Side of the Mountain

by Jean Craighead George

A young boy tells of his adventures during the year he spends living alone in the Catskill Mountains including his struggle for survival, his dependence on nature, his animal friends, and his ultimate realization that he needs human companionship. (For listeners grades 3-8)

The Wind in the Willows

by Kenneth Grahame

This story follows the escapades of four animal friends--Toad, Mole, Rat, and Badger--who live along a river in the English countryside. (For listeners grades 1-6)

The Pepins and Their Problems

by Polly Horvath

The reader is invited to help solve the Pepin family's unusual problems, which include having a cow who creates lemonade rather than milk and having to cope with a competitive neighbor. (For listeners grades 2-7)

Horrible Harry and the Green Slime

by Suzy Kline

This story follows the school activities of second-graders, Harry and Doug, as they participate in a secret mission to celebrate "Charlotte's Web," learn how to make green slime, and put on a skit warning about the dangers of smoking. (For listeners grades K-3)

