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**Alabama**
Primary
- *A Black Elephant with a Brown Ear (In Alabama)* by Bill Traylor
Elementary
- *I Am Rosa Parks* by Rosa Parks
Upper Elementary
- *Alabama Moon* by Walt Key
  - *The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis
  - *Run Away Home* by Pat McKissack
  - *Bird* by Angela Johnson

**Alaska**
Primary
- *Running with the Big Dogs: A Sled Dog Puppy Grows Up in Denali National Park, Alaska* by Lori Yanuchi
Elementary
- *The Year of Miss Agnes* by Kirkpatrick Hill
Upper Elementary
- *The Great Eagle Spirit* by Hal Granum

**Arizona**
Primary
- *Arizona Charlie and the Klondike Kid* by Julie Lawson
  - *Desert Trip* by Barbara Steiner
Elementary
- *Charlie Moves to Arizona (Charlie’s great adventure)* by C.A. Goody

**Arkansas**
Primary
- *Amistad: The Story of a Slave Ship: Station Stop 3* by Patricia McKissack
Elementary
- *Casey Jones (On My Own Folklore)* by Stephen Krensky
Upper Elementary
- *I've Already Forgotten Your Name, Philip Hall!* by Bette Greene

**California**
Primary
- *Smoky Night (Caldecott Medal Book)* by Eve Bunting
  - *Earthquake* by Milly Lee
Elementary
- *Lion Singer* by Sylvia Ross
  - *Surfer Dog* by Elizabeth Spurr
Upper Elementary
- *Earthquake!: A Story of the San Francisco Earthquake (Once Upon America)* by Kathleen V. Kudlinski
  - *Higher Power of Lucky* by Susan Patron
  - *Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko

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**Colorado**

Primary
- *Grandfather's Christmas Tree* by Keith Strand

Elementary
- *In the Heart of the Rockies* by G.A. Henty
- *Prairie School* by Avi

Upper Elementary
- *The Coach That Never Came* by Patricia Beatty
- *Nowhere, Now Here* by Ann Howard Creel

**Connecticut**

Primary
- *The Middle Moffat* by Eleanor Estes

Elementary
- *Little Maid of Old Connecticut* by Alice Turner Curtis

Upper Elementary
- *Windcatcher* by Avi
- *Where the Great Hawk Flies* by Liza Ketchum
- *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* by Mark Twain
- *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare

**Delaware**

Elementary
- *Reaching Tidewater: Life on the Delaware Canal* by Noreen F. Moore

Upper Elementary
- *Moon of Two Dark Horses* by Sally M. Keehn

**Florida**

Primary
- *Chessie: The Meandering Manatee* by Carol A. Amato

Elementary
- *The Goose’s Gold (A to Z Mysteries)* by Ron Roy
- *Panther Girl* by Maity Schrecengost
- *My Name is Sally Little Song* by Brenda Woods

Upper Elementary
- *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo
- *A Key Keepers Mystery: The Game Begins* by Liz Shore
- *Manatee Blues* by Laurie Halse Anderson

**Georgia**

Primary
- *Georgia Music* by Helen V. Griffith

Elementary
- *Eight Paws to Georgia* by Pamela Bauer Mueller

Upper Elementary
- *Moonpie and Ivy* by Barbara O’Conner
- *Blue Ridge* by John Harper

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Hawaii
Primary
The Best Hawaiian Style Mother Goose by Kevin Sullivan
Luka's Quilt by Georgia Guback
Elementary
The Broccoli Tapes by Jan Slepian
Upper Elementary
Kaiulani: The People's Princess, Hawaii, 1889 by Ellen Emerson White

Idaho
Primary
Snowboard Twist (Outdoor Adventures) by Jean Craighead George
Elementary
Fire Storm by Jean Craighead George
Upper Elementary
*Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech
Fire in the Hole! by Mary Cronk Farrell

Illinois
Elementary
Growing Seasons by Carolyn Pratt
On The Wings of Heroes by Richard Peck
Upper Elementary
*The Great Fire by Jim Murphy
*A Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck
*A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck
SURVIVAL! Fire (Chicago, 1871) by Kathleen Duey

Indiana
Primary
A Goose Named Gilligan by Jerry M. Hay
Elementary
Ahyoka and the Talking Leaves by Connie Roop
Ruthie's Gift by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Upper Elementary
Throwing Stones by Kristi Collier
The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts by Richard Peck

Iowa
Primary
Junkyard Junction: Squirt's New Home by James Pottebaum and Kelly Johns
Elementary
Cora Frear by Susan E. Goodman
Upper Elementary
Blue Jasmine by Kashmira Sheth

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**Kansas**

**Primary**
- *Twister Twyla: The Kansas Cowgirl* by Jerri Gerretson
- *Aunt Minnie and the Twister* by Mary Skillings Prigger

**Elementary**
- *Billy's Mountain* by Steve Richardson

**Upper Elementary**
- *Steal Away Home* by Lois Ruby

**Kentucky**

**Primary**
- *My Mountain Song* by Shutta Crum

**Elementary**
- *Keeper of the Doves* by Betsy Byars

**Upper Elementary**
- *Tadpole* by Ruth White

**Louisiana**

**Primary**
- *Clovis Crawfish and the Big Betail* by Mary Alice Fontenot

**Elementary**
- *Mister and Me* by Kimberly Willis Holt

**Upper Elementary**
- *Fiddle Fever* by Sharon Arms Doucet
- *The Red Rose Box* by Brenda Woods

**Maine**

**Primary**
- *Birdie's Lighthouse* by Deborah Hopkinson
- *The Sea Chest* by Tony Buzzeo

**Elementary**
- *The Seal Island Seven* by Susan Bartlett

**Upper Elementary**
- *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy* by Gary D. Schmidt

**Maryland**

**Elementary**
- *Catie and Josephine* by Jonathan Scott Fuqua

**Upper Elementary**
- *Amelia's War* by Ann Rinaldi
- *The Art of Keeping Cool* by Janet Taylor Lisle

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**Massachusetts**

**Primary**
- *Letting Swift River Go* by Jane Yolen
- *Tattered Sails* by Verla Kay

**Elementary**
- *Three Young Pilgrims* by Cheryl Harness
- *The Pilgrims of Plimoth* by Marcia Sewall

**Upper Elementary**
- *A Break with Charity: A Story about the Salem Witch Trials* by Ann Rinaldi
- *Someday* by Jackie French Koller
- *Olive’s Ocean* by Kevin Henkes

**Michigan**

**Primary**
- *By the Light of the Moon: A Story of Kindness and Friendship Above the Mighty Mac* by Lisa Dos Santos

**Elementary**
- *Night of the Full Moon* by Gloria Whelan

**Upper Elementary**
- *The Loon Feather* by Iola Fuller

**Minnesota**

**Primary**
- *Marven of the Great North Woods* by Kathryn Lasky

**Elementary**
- *Bigger* by Patricia Calvert

**Upper Elementary**
- *The Foxman* by Gary Paulsen
- *The Shrouding Woman* by Loretta Elsworth

**Mississippi**

**Primary**
- *Monday on the Mississippi* by Marilyn Singer

**Elementary**
- *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain
- *I Dream of Trains* by Angela Johnson

**Upper Elementary**
- *Let the Circle Be Unbroken* by Mildred D. Taylor
- *Night Cry* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

**Missouri**

**Elementary**
- *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain

**Upper Elementary**
- *Sooner* by Patricia Calvert
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Montana
Elementary
*When the Circus Came to Town* by Laurence Yep
Upper Elementary
Rescue Josh McGuire by Ben Mikaelson
Hattie Big Sky by Kirby Larson

Nebraska
Primary
Prairie Friends by Nancy Smiler Levinson
Elementary
Dandelions by Eve Bunting
Upper Elementary
Worth by A. LaFaye

Nevada
Elementary
Weird Stories from the Lonesome Café by Judy Cox
Upper Elementary
Washoe Seasons of Life: A Native American Story by Karen Wallis

New Hampshire
Elementary
Dillon Dillon by Kate Banks
Upper Elementary
The Sin Eater by Gary D. Schmidt
Heart of a Chief by Joseph Bruchac

New Jersey
Primary
The 18 Penny Goose by Sally M. Walker
Elementary
The Battlefield Ghost by Margery Cuyler
Upper Elementary
The Edison Mystery: Qwerty Stevens, Back in Time by Dan Gutman
Tales of the Atlantic Pirates by Geoffrey Girard

New Mexico
Primary
The Dirty Cowboy by Amy Timberlake
Elementary
The Mystery of the Lost Village by Gertrude Chandler Warner
Upper Elementary
Kokopelli's Flute by Will Hobbs

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New York
Primary
What Zeesie Saw on Delancey Street by Elsa Okon Rael
Elementary
Fleabiscuit Sings! by Marlene Fanta Shyer
Upper Elementary
Between Madison and Palmetto by Jacqueline Woodson
From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg

North Carolina
Primary
Rescue on the Outer Banks by Candice F. Ransom
Freedom on the Menu: the Greensboro Sit-Ins by Carol Boston
Weatherford
Elementary
Back Home by Gloria Jean Pinkney
Upper Elementary
*Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie S. Tolan

North Dakota
Elementary
Spaceship Over North Dakota by Kevin Kremer
Upper Elementary
Jake’s Orphan by Peggy Brooke
Blizzard’s Wake by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Ohio
Primary
Ohio Thunder by Denise Dowling Mortensen
Elementary
Danger Along the Ohio by Patricia Willis
Night Boat to Freedom by Margot Theis Raven
Upper Elementary
Gina.Jamie.Father.Bear. by George Ella Lyon

Oklahoma
Primary
Don’t Forget Winona by Jeanne Whitehouse Peterson
Green Snake Ceremony by Sherrin Watkins
Elementary
I Have Heard of a Land by Joyce Carol Thomas
Angels in the Dust by Margot Theis Raven
Upper Elementary
The Starplace by Vicki Grove
*Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

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Oregon
Primary
Apples to Oregon by Deborah Hopkinson

Elementary
The Mystery of Devil’s Gulch by Patricia Rose Upczak
Emily’s Runaway Imagination by Beverly Cleary

Upper Elementary
Operation Clean Sweep by Darlene Bailey Beard

Pennsylvania
Primary
The Egg Tree by Katherine Milhous
Sparrow Jack by Mordicai Gerstein

Elementary
Brady by Jean Fritz
The Prometheus Project: Trapped by Douglas E. Richards

Upper Elementary
The Bread Sister of Sinking Creek by Robin Moore
The Philadelphia Adventure by Lloyd Alexander
*An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793 by Jim Murphy

Rhode Island
Primary
Alfred Visits Rhode Island by Elizabeth O’Neill

Elementary
Little Maid of Narragansett Bay by Alice Turner Curtis

Upper Elementary
The Crying Rocks by Janet Taylor Lisle

South Carolina
Elementary
Secret Holes by Pansie Hart Flood

Upper Elementary
The Girl Who Ate Chicken Feet by Sandy Richardson
The Keeping Room by Anna Myers

South Dakota
Primary
Alfred Visits South Dakota by Missie Mcpherson

Elementary
Prairie Summer by Bonnie Geisert
Little Town on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Upper Elementary
Prairie Whispers by Frances Arrington

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**Tennessee**

*Primary*
- *Swamp Angel* by Anne Isaacs
- *Daniel’s Duck* by Clyde Robert Bulla

*Elementary*
- *Sweet By and By* by Patricia Hermes

*Upper Elementary*
- *Graveyard Girl* by Anna Myers
- *Cold in Summer* by Tracy Barrett

**Texas**

*Primary*
- *Ten Cows to Texas: Handprint Books* by Peggy Mercer
- *The Foot-Stomping Adventures of Clementine Sweet* by Kitty Griffin

*Elementary*
- *West Texas Chili Monster* by Judy Cox

*Upper Elementary*
- *Lucky Lady* by Susan Saunders
- *Our House on Hueco* by Carlos Nicolas Flores

**Utah**

*Elementary*
- *Hannah Stands Tall* by Shirley Rees

*Upper Elementary*
- *The Great Brain Is Back* by John D. Fitzgerald

**Vermont**

*Primary*
- *Here Comes Darrell* by Leda Schubert
- *A Christmas Like Helen’s* by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock
- *Nora's Ark* by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock

*Elementary*
- *A Llama in the Family* by Johanna Hurwitz

*Upper Elementary*
- *Stray Voltage* by Eugenie Doyle

**Virginia**

*Primary*
- *One Christmas Dawn* by Candice F. Ransom

*Elementary*
- *Moonshiner's Son* by Carolyn Reeder

*Upper Elementary*
- *Belle Prater’s Boy* by Ruth White
- *Virginia Bound* by Amy Butler

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Washington

Primary
Salt & Pepper at the Pike Place Market by Carol A. Losi
Dear Ichiro by Jean Davies Okimoto

Elementary
The Secret Voice of Gina Zhang by Dori Jones Yang

Upper Elementary
*Our Only May Amelia by Jennifer L. Holm
Jackie’s Wild Seattle by Will Hobbs
Hannah West in Deep Water by Linda Johns

West Virginia

Primary
Little Ned Stories: A Chapter-Picture Book for Kids by Edward Allen Faine

Elementary
*Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Witch Catcher by Mary Downing Hahn

Upper Elementary
The Haunting of Swain’s Fancy by Brenda Seabrooke
Dream Soul by Laurence Yep
A Blue-Eyed Daisy by Cynthia Rylant

Wisconsin

Primary
The Deer in the Wood (Little House) by Laura Ingalls Wilder
The Giant Ball of String by Arthur Geisert

Elementary
Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink

Upper Elementary
Ida B: . . . and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World by Katherine Hannigan

Wyoming

Primary
Dinosaur Hunter by Elaine Marie Alphin

Elementary
One Day in the Alpine Tundra by Jean Craighead George

Upper Elementary
*Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer
Walker's Crossing by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

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Rosa Parks (1913–2005) helped initiate the civil rights movement in the United States when she refused to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alabama bus in 1955. Her actions inspired the leaders of the local black community to organize the Montgomery Bus Boycott began the day Parks was convicted of violating the segregation laws. Led by a young Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the boycott lasted more than a year, during which Parks not coincidentally lost her job and ended only when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that bus segregation was unconstitutional. Over the next half-century Start by marking “Black Elephant With a Brown Ear (in Alabama)” as Want to Read: Want to Read saving… Want to Read. “Bill Traylor was born into slavery and worked as a farmer most of his life; in the years between 1939 and 1942, the elderly, untutored black artist made over 1200 paintings on scraps of paper and cardboard. Porte has taken 10 pieces of art, reproduced here in full-color, and has told an imaginative tale for each one....Porte’s writings, which are light and folksy in tone, “Bill Traylor was born into slavery and worked as a farmer most of his life; in the years between 1939 and 1942, the elderly, untutored black artist made over 1200 paintings on scraps of paper and cardboard. I am Rosa Parks is an autobiography written by Rosa Parks. I absolutely loved reading this book and learned so much about Rosa that I didn’t know before. Rosa Louise McCauley was born in Tuskegee, Alabama, on February 4, 1913. She moved with her parents, James and Leona McCauley, to Pine Level, Alabama, at age 2 to reside with Leona’s parents. Her brother, Sylvestor, was born in 1915, and shortly after that her parents separated. This story breaks down the hard times in Rosa’s life and how she I am Rosa Parks is an autobiography written by Rosa Parks. I absolutely loved reading