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GROSSMONT COLLEGE ENGLISH 90R READING LIST

AUTHOR	TITLE /GENRE/READING LEVEL	PAGE CREDIT
	Description	
Ahmedi, Farah, and Ansary, Tamin..	<i>The Story of My Life: An Afghan Girl on the Other Side of the Sky</i> /Autobiography/B & I	250
	Farah loses a leg as a child and is shipped to Germany for two years to get better medical care. When she returns to her home in Afghanistan, she is surrounded by violence and war. When she loses her entire family except her mother, Farah decides to take her mother to America for a better life. After many health battles and emotional struggles, they finally reach America only to discover that life in the US isn't what they expected.	
Albom, Mitch*	<i>For One More Day</i> /Fiction/B &I.....	150
	A man on the brink of suicide has a car accident after which he spends one final day with his deceased mother and survives with a renewed desire to live.	
Albom, Mitch*	<i>The Five People You Meet in Heaven</i> /Fiction/B & I	150
	Eddie is an eighty-three-year-old man who has lived, in his mind, an uninspired life fixing rides at an amusement park. After a tragic accident kills him, he awakes in the afterlife where he learns that heaven is a place where your life is explained to you by five people. One by one, Eddie's five people revisit their connections to him on earth, illuminating the mysteries of his "meaningless" life and revealing the purpose of his life on earth.	
Albom, Mitch*	<i>Tuesdays With Morrie</i> /Memoir/B & I	190
	Mitch Albom rediscovers Morrie, his college professor from nearly twenty years previous, in the last months of the Morrie's life. Even though Morrie was dying, Morrie visited with Mitch in his study every Tuesday, just as they used to back in college. Their rekindled relationship turned into one final "class": lessons in how to live.	
Anderson, Laurie*	<i>Speak</i> /Fiction/B.....	225
	A teenage girl struggles to find her place in a high school where she has become an outcast because of a dark secret she holds within her.	
Anderson, Laurie*	<i>Twisted</i> /Fiction/B	250
	A young boy tries to deal with a newfound high school reputation after being arrested the semester previous. He struggles with having a crush on his enemy's sister, fighting with his father and trying to live up to everyone's expectations.	

Armstrong, William*	<i>Souder</i> /Fiction/B	115
<p><i>Souder</i> traces the keen sorrow and the abiding faith of a poor African-American boy in the 19th-century South.</p>		
Banks, Lynne.....	<i>The Indian in the Cupboard</i> /Fiction/B	230
<p>A young boy finds adventure and a friend when he learns that his cupboard has magical powers.</p>		
Barrett, William*	<i>The Lilies of the Field</i> /Fiction/B.....	130
<p>Homer Smith, a black ex-GI, encounters Mother Maria Marthe, the leader of a group of German-speaking nuns, and is soon playing a pivotal role in helping them realize their dream of building an adobe chapel in the desert.</p>		
Bechard, Margaret*.....	<i>Hanging on to Max</i> /Contemporary Teen Fiction/B.....	200
<p>A high school boy tries to raise his baby alone. This is a realistic and touching novel.</p>		
Borland, Hal*	<i>When the Legends Die</i> /Fiction/B	290
<p>When his father killed another brave, Thomas Black Bull and his parents sought refuge in the wilderness. There they took up life as it had been in the old days, hunting, fishing, and battling for survival.</p>		
Boyne, John.....	<i>The Boy in the Striped Pajamas</i> /Fiction/B	215
<p>A young German boy moves next door to a concentration camp. He befriends a Jewish boy in the camp from the other side of the fence. He was too young to understand the differences between them, and the book shows his confusion and innocence.</p>		
Burnett, Frances*	<i>The Secret Garden</i> /Fiction/B.....	275
<p>Mistress Mary is quite contrary until she helps her garden grow. Along the way, she manages to cure her sickly cousin Colin, who is every bit as imperious as she. These two are sullen children, closed up in a gloomy old manor on the Yorkshire moors of England, until a locked-up garden captures their imaginations.</p>		
Burnford, Sheila*	<i>The Incredible Journey</i> /Fiction/B	150
<p>Instinct told them that the way home lay to the West. The doughty young Labrador Retriever, the roguish Bull Terrier and the indomitable Siamese cat set out through the Canadian wilderness to find their home and family.</p>		
Choldenko, Gennifer*	<i>Al Capone Does My Shirts</i> /Fiction/B.....	200
<p>A young boy moves to Alcatraz with his parents and mentally disabled sister. He longs to return home after getting in trouble with the local kids and missing his normal life. However, he learns to appreciate his location and his sister after a while.</p>		

- Christopher, Matt, and Stout, Glenn*.. ***Muhammad Ali***/Biography/B115
 Muhammad Ali, the former heavyweight champion, is one of the most recognized and beloved sports figures in the world. Read about his amazing career in this biography.
- Cooney, Caroline B.****Both Sides of Time***/Fiction/B.....225
 A teenage girl struggles with her current unattentive boyfriend when she slips back a century and falls in love with a young man. She must decide in which century she is meant to live.
- Cooney, Caroline B.****The Voice on the Radio***/Fiction/B175
 Janie's life finally seems to be settling down. However, she really misses Reeve Shields, her boyfriend who is away at college. Reeve is overwhelmed by his new college life, and when he is asked to host a late-night radio show, he cannot turn it down.
- Coy, John****Crackback***/Fiction/B200
 A young boy struggles with the decision to try steroids to boost his football ability. His strained relationship with his father finally makes sense to him after a family secret is revealed. Finally, he begins to learn about the injustices that occurred with the immigration to America.
- Davis, Ossie.....***Just Like Martin***/Fiction/B200
 Following the deaths of two classmates in a bomb explosion at his Alabama church, fourteen-year-old Stone organizes a children's march for civil rights in the autumn of 1963.
- DiCamillo, Kate*.....***Because of Winn Dixie***/Fiction/B.....185
 This is a story of a young, motherless girl who finds love and friendship in an orphaned dog.
- Durrant, Lynda****My Last Skirt***/Historical Fiction/B200
 An Irish immigrant learns early that it is easier to wear a man's pants. She fakes her being a man so much that she binds her breasts as she gets older and ends up enlisting in the US military. She successfully hides her gender and becomes a "petticoat soldier."
- Faber, David****Because of Romek***/Autobiography/B200
 David Faber: Polish-born Holocaust survivor; Nazi victim from 1939-45, survivor of eight concentration camps; witness to the Nazi murders of his parents, brother Romek, and five of his six sisters; partisan resistance fighter at age 14; liberated from Bergen-Belsen 1945, age 18, weight 72 pounds; author and award-winning lecturer and educator.

- Fleischman, Sid****The Whipping Boy***/Fiction/B90
 Jemmy, once a poor boy living on the streets, now lives in a castle. As the whipping boy, he bears the punishment when Prince Brat misbehaves, for it is forbidden to spank, thrash, or whack the heir to the throne. The two boys have nothing in common and even less reason to like one another. But when they find themselves taken hostage after running away, they are left with no choice but to trust each other.
- Forbes, Esther****Johnny Tremain***/Historical Fiction/B275
 A story filled with danger and excitement, *Johnny Tremain* tells of the turbulent passionate times in Boston just after the Revolutionary War. Johnny, a young apprentice silversmith, is caught up in a dramatic involvement with James Otis, John Hancock, and Samuel Adams in the Boston Tea Party and the Battle of Lexington.
- Freedom, Russell****Freedom Walkers***/Nonfiction/B100
 This is the true story of how the Alabama bus boycott came about and how segregation laws were slowly brought about. The story includes Rosa Parks' involvement as well as Martin Luther King's.
- Gaines, Ernest****Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman***/Biography/B250
 This is a novel in the guise of the tape-recorded recollection of a 110-year-old black woman who was born a slave but who lived to see the black militancy of the 1960s. The secret of this book's success is the characterization of Miss Jane. She is a master of her people's language, but more than that, she is unsurpassed as a storyteller.
- George, Jean****Julie of the Wolves***/Fiction/B170
 To her small Eskimo village, she is known as Miyax; to her friend in San Francisco, she is Julie. When the village is no longer safe for her, Miyax runs away, but she soon finds herself lost in the Alaskan wilderness, without food, and without even a compass to guide her.
- George, Jean****My Side of the Mountain***/Fiction/B170
 Terribly unhappy in his family's crowded New York City apartment, Sam Gibley runs away to the solitude—and danger—of the mountains, where he finds a side of himself he never knew.
- Gibson, William****The Miracle Worker***/Fiction/B130
 Twelve-year-old Helen Keller lived in a prison of silence and darkness. Born deaf, blind, and mute, with no way to express herself or comprehend those around her, she flew into primal rages against anyone who tried to help her, fighting with a strength born of furious, unknowing desperation.
- Giff, Patricia****Pictures of Hollis Woods***/ Fiction/B165
 Hollis Woods, who has gone from one foster home to the next, finds sanctuary with an eccentric artist while Hollis awaits a permanent family.

- Giles, Gail****Shattering Glass***/Fiction/B.....225
 Rob sets out to make the school nerd the most popular guy in school, but when things do not go exactly as he planned, Rob's rage takes over.
- Giles, Gail****What Happened to Cass McBride***/Fiction/B200
 A story about a girl's abduction is told from various perspectives. The boy who kidnapped her tells how and why he did it. The girl tells her story from inside the box that she is left in. A detective is trying to solve the case. These stories intertwine to show the effects of an abusive mother on her two boys and her sons' insecurities as they manifest themselves in very different ways.
- Gipson, Fred****Old Yeller***/Fiction/B180
 A wily stray, Old Yeller helps Travis and his family stay safe from the many dangers of the wild Texas frontier in this heartwarming tale of the Old West.
- Greene, Bette****Summer of My German Soldier***/Historical Fiction/B190
 When German prisoners of war are brought to her Arkansas town during World War II, twelve-year-old Patty, a Jewish girl, befriends one of them and must deal with the consequences of that friendship.
- Head, Ann****Mr. & Mrs. Bo Jo Jones***/Fiction/B.....185
 A teen-age girl tells about her "marriage of necessity" to Bo Jo Jones, especially the problems and difficulties encountered during their first critical year.
- Hinton, S.E.****The Outsiders***/Fiction/B.....155
 According to Ponyboy, there are two kinds of people in the world: greasers and socs. A soc (short for "social") has money, can get away with just about anything, and has an attitude longer than a limousine. A greaser, on the other hand, always lives on the outside and needs to watch his back. Ponyboy is a greaser, and he's always been proud of it, even willing to rumble against a gang of socs for the sake of his fellow greasers--until one terrible night when his friend Johnny kills a soc. The murder gets under Ponyboy's skin, causing his world to crumble and teaching him that pain feels the same whether a soc or a greaser.
- Hinton, S.E.****Rumble Fish***/Fiction/B155
 Rusty-James is not book-smart; he relies on his fists instead of his brains. So far whenever he gets into trouble, his older brother, the Motorcycle Boy, has bailed him out. Then one day Rusty-James's world comes apart in an explosive chain of events and this time the Motorcycle Boy is not around to pick up the pieces.
- Hinton, S.E.****Tex***/Fiction/B.....155
 Easy going, thoughtless, and direct, Tex at 15 likes everyone and everything. Life with his 17-year-old brother, Mason, would be just about perfect if only Mason would stop complaining about Pop, who has not been home in five months. Mason just wants to leave Oklahoma for good. Can Tex keep it all together?

Hinton, S.E.*	<i>That Was Then, This is Now</i> /Fiction/B.....	155
	Mark and Bryon are practically brothers—they have no family to speak of, but they eventually come to a point in their lives where they have difficult choices to make; choices that might separate them forever.	
Jarrell, Randall*	<i>The Bat-Poet</i> /Fiction/B.....	50
	A small bat who chooses to stay awake during the day learns about other creatures around the farm.	
Jenkins, A.M*	<i>Damage</i> /Fiction/B.....	210
	A high school senior has had a feeling of depression, the source of which is unknown to him. He struggles with balancing sports, his friends, and his new girlfriend, and his depression continues to deepen regardless of the good in his life.	
Jiménez, Francisco*	<i>Breaking Through</i> /Nonfiction/B	195
	After moving to California from Mexico, fourteen-year-old Francisco works in the fields and faces poverty and discrimination, but he fights to improve his life and complete his education.	
Keller, Helen*	<i>The Story of My Life</i> /Autobiography/B.....	200
	Helen Keller would not be bound by conditions. Rendered deaf and blind at 19 months by scarlet fever, she learned to read (in several languages) and even speak, eventually graduating with honors from Radcliffe College in 1904, where as a student she wrote <i>The Story of My Life</i> .	
Korman, Gordon*	<i>Son of the Mob</i> /Fiction/B	260
	At seventeen years old, Vince’s life is constantly complicated by the fact that he is the son of a powerful Mafia boss, a relationship that threatens to destroy his romance with the daughter of an FBI agent.	
L’Engle, Madeleine*	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> /Science Fiction/B	210
	Meg Murray, her little brother Charles Wallace, and their mother are having a midnight snack on a dark and stormy night when an unearthly stranger appears at their door. He claims to have been blown off course, and goes on to tell them that there is such a thing as a "tesseract," which is a wrinkle in time. Meg's father had been experimenting with time-travel when he suddenly disappeared. Will Meg, Charles Wallace, and their friend Calvin outwit the forces of evil as they search through space for their father?	

- Lewis, C. S..... ***The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe***/Fantasy/B & I...205
 Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magical land of Narnia, where they come to the aid of Aslan, the golden lion, in his battle against the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.
- Lewis, C.S. ***The Magician’s Nephew***/Fiction/B & I 185
 Polly and Digory discover that Digory’s uncle has an interesting form of magic. They are able to transport between worlds and find fun and danger. They are witness to the creation of the land of Narnia, which is where their story ends, but the world of Narnia continues to live on.
- Lipsyte, Robert ***The Contender***/Fiction/B165
 Struggling to live respectably in a rundown ghetto, Alfred Brooks defends himself against junkies, thieves, and gangs.
- Lowry, Lois* ***The Giver***/Science Fiction/B & I 190
 In a world without social ills, a boy approaches the time when he will receive a life assignment from the Elders, but his selection leads him to a mysterious man who reveals the dark secrets behind the utopian facade.
- Mantle, Mickey* ***The Quality of Courage***/Autobiography/B..... 150
 Though winter still rages, it is never too early to start thinking about baseball. In this 1964 memoir, the great Mantle talks about his own life in the game as well as his relationship with many of the other star players of his day.
- Martinez, Victor*..... ***Parrot in the Oven***/Fiction/B.....200
 This is the story of a Mexican boy’s childhood events while living in the projects.
- McCormick, Patricia*..... ***Cut***/Fiction/B.....175
 Callie is a young girl who is institutionalized in a mental institution for cutting herself. The story takes the reader through her mind as she begins to figure out her emotions and why she is hurting herself.
- Myers, Walter ***Monster***/Fiction/B.....280
 A boy is on trial for felony murder. He is terrified of jail, the trial, and everyone around him. To escape, he tells the story as if it were a movie. In his script, the reader sees his journal entries as well as the courtroom drama unfold.
- Neufeld, John* ***Lisa, Bright and Dark***/Fiction/B..... 150
 Sixteen-year-old Lisa, smart, attractive, and outwardly successful, suffers from a nervous breakdown that only her closest friends seem to notice and care enough about to try to find a way to help her.

Nolan, Han*	<i>Dancing on the Edge</i> /Fiction/B	240
A young girl from a dysfunctional family creates for herself an alternative world which nearly results in her death but which ultimately leads her to reality.		
O'Dell, Scott*	<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i> /Historical Fiction/B.....	185
A haunting and unusual story based on the fact that in the early 1800s an Indian girl spent 18 years alone on a rocky island far off the coast of California. A quiet acceptance of fate characterizes her ordeal.		
O'Dell, Scott*	<i>Sing Down the Moon</i> /Historical Fiction/B.....	140
The Spanish slavers were an ever present threat to the Navajo way of life. This historical novel is about a young Navajo girl who is kidnapped and enslaved by Spaniards and then rescued by her husband-to-be.		
Parks, Rosa	<i>Rosa Parks, My Story</i> /Autobiography/B	188
Rosa Parks shares the story of her life.		
Patron, Susan*	<i>The Higher Power of Lucky</i> /Fiction/B	135
A young girl is looking for her Higher Power. Her mother is dead and her father is gone, so she is desperate to make sure her guardian remains with her.		
Paulsen, Gary*	<i>Hatchet</i> /Fiction/B.....	195
After a plane crash, 13-year-old Brian spends 54 days in the Canadian wilderness, surviving with only the aid of a hatchet and learning also to deal with his parents' divorce.		
Paulsen, Gary*	<i>The Legend of Bass Reeves</i> /Historical Fiction/B.....	140
Bass Reeves is a relatively unknown figure of the American West. He is a black slave who is forced to run away. He becomes a wanderer for a while, and the reader is taken on a few of his adventures. He is only known for his work in later life as being the best federal marshal in U.S. history.		
Peck, Richard.....	<i>Something For Joey</i> /Biography/B.....	175
<i>Something for Joey</i> is a true-life story of pro-football star John Cappelletti and his younger brother Joey, stricken with leukemia.		
Pelzer, Dave*	<i>A Child Called It</i> /Nonfiction/B	184
<i>A Child Called It</i> is a horrific account of Dave Pelzer's struggle to survive severe child abuse.		
Rawls, Wilson*	<i>Summer of the Monkeys</i> /Fiction/B	280
This is the story of fourteen-year-old Jay Berry Lee, his dog Rowdy, and their unforgettable summer along an old Ozark river.		

Rawls, Wilson* ***Where the Red Fern Grows***/Fiction/B.....250
 Old Dan had the brawn, Little Ann had the brains, and Billy had the will to train them to be the finest hunting team in the valley. Glory and victory were coming to them, but sadness waited too.

Richter, Conrad* ***The Light in the Forest***/Fiction/B120
 Years after John Cameron Butler was stolen and raised by a Leni Lenape tribe, a treaty forces him to leave the only family he has ever known and return to the white world.

Rorby, Ginny* ***Hurt Go Happy***/Fiction/B.....260
 A teenage deaf girl finds solace in her friendship with an old man and his chimpanzee. With a mother who adamantly refuses to let her learn sign language, she realizes that she desperately needs to move beyond the limitations of her family and pursue her goals while embracing her disability. When the elderly man dies, his chimpanzee is left to fate until the deaf girl finds the strength to rescue the animal.

Rowling, J. K.* ***Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone***/Fantasy/B.....300
 What did Harry Potter know about magic? He was stuck with the decidedly un-magical Dursleys, who hated him. He slept in a closet and ate their leftovers. But an owl messenger changes all that, with an invitation to attend the Hogwarts School for Wizards and Witches, where it turns out Harry is already famous.

Ruth, Babe ***The Babe Ruth Story***/Autobiography/B.....250
 The story of the greatest baseball player who ever lived, told in his own words, spans his life and includes the highs and lows, friendships, loves, and feuds, and career milestones of the man who symbolizes America's favorite game.

Sachar, Louis* ***Holes***/Fiction/B230
 A humorous tale of a young boy wrongly accused of stealing a star athlete’s basketball shoes which were donated to charity. He is sent to “camp,” a terrible place where a maniacal warden makes him the inmates dig holes. He then learns self perseverance and comes to end the “curse” which was placed upon his grandfather and the entire family.

Sarris, Greg ***Grand Avenue***/Fiction/B230
 Each chapter tells a different story about a character who is connected to the Indian Reservation in Santa Rosa. Grand Avenue is a street where a lot of low income Indian families live, and each chapter shows how the characters are intertwined, either by blood or sex. The raw stories weave together an honest look at what life can be like on an Indian Reservation.

Singer, Edith.....	<i>March to Freedom</i> /Autobiography/B	100
Edith tells her story about her experience in a concentration camp during the Holocaust. She starts with how she was torn from her home and placed in Auschwitz. She describes the suffering she endured while in the concentration camp and how she eventually found freedom.		
Sitomer, Alan*	<i>The Hoopster</i> /Fiction/B	220
A high school boy is an aspiring writer at a magazine. He finally gets his big chance to write an article, but it is about racism. He is uncomfortable with it because he is black, and he does not want to be a stereotypical black man complaining about rights. He ends up writing a very successful piece and becomes a victim of racist violence.		
Smith, Alexander.....	<i>The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency</i> /	235
Mma Ramotswe opens a detective agency in a town in Africa to help people solve mysteries and problems in their lives. The story gives a brief background about Mma Ramotswe's childhood, but the main focus of the book is about the various cases Mma Ramotswe solved around her town.		
Sneve, Virginia*	<i>When Thunders Spoke</i> /Fiction/B	95
After a fifteen-year-old Sioux finds a sacred stick, unusual things begin to happen to his family.		
Snyder, Zilpha*	<i>The Egypt Game</i> /Fiction/B.....	215
A group of kids create an imaginary world based on their fascination with ancient Egypt. After a scare in the town, they begin to wonder how serious their game might actually be.		
Sperry, Armstrong	<i>Call it Courage</i> /Fiction/B	95
A legendary adventure story of how Mafatu, the son of the Great Chief of Hikueru, a Polynesian race who worships courage, conquers his fear of the sea and proves he is not a coward.		
Spinelli, Jerry*	<i>Maniac Magee</i> /Fiction/B.....	180
A young boy loses his family at a young age, so he decides to run away and fend for himself. He becomes the tie between the two racist sides of town – the black side and the white side.		
Spyri, Johanna *	<i>Heidi</i> /Fiction/B	280
A young orphan girl, Heidi, goes to live with her grouchy grandfather in the Swiss Alps and eventually wins his heart in this classic tale.		
Stanley, Jerry*	<i>Children of the Dustbowl</i> /Nonfiction/B.....	80
This novel chronicles the migration of the "Okies" to California during the 1930's.		

- Steinbeck, John*.....***Of Mice and Men***/Fiction/B & I 120
This is tragic tale of a retarded man and the friend who loves and tries to protect him.
- Steinbeck, John*.....***The Pearl***/Fiction/B & I 120
This is a story about a great pearl, a Mexican community, and great dreams and powers in a novel of largesse and quiet profundity.
- Steinbeck, John*.....***The Red Pony***/Fiction/B & I 120
This novel tells a story of a young boy and life on his father's California ranch, raising a sorrel colt.
- Taylor, Mildred*.....***Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry***/Fiction/B..... 275
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry is the vivid story of a black family whose warm ties to each other and their land give them the strength to defy rural Southern racism during the Depression.
- Taylor, Theodore*.....***The Cay***/Fiction/B 140
After the Germans torpedoed the freighter on which Phillip and his mother are traveling from wartime Curacao to the U.S., Phillip finds himself dependent on Timothy, an old, black West Indian sailor. Shipwrecked, there are just the two of them. This is the story of their struggle for survival and of Phillip's efforts to adjust to his new disability, blindness, and to understand the dignified, wise, and loving old man who is his companion.
- Trueman, Terry*.....***Inside Out***/Fiction/B 115
This is a short story about a schizophrenic boy who is caught in the middle of a drug store robbery. It chronicles his fears of being without his medication.
- Trueman, Terry*.....***Stuck in Neutral***/Fiction/B 140
Fourteen-year-old Shawn McDaniel, who suffers from cerebral palsy and cannot function, relates his perceptions of his life, his family, and his condition, especially as he believes his father is planning to kill him.
- Verne, Jules****Around the World in 80 Days***/Fiction/B..... 250
A daring wager by the eccentric and mysterious Englishman Phileas Fogg that he can circle the globe in just eighty days initiates this marvelous travelogue and exciting suspense story.
- Verne, Jules*..... ***A Journey to the Center of the Earth***/Sci-Fi/B.....300
A team of explorers makes an expedition into a crater in Iceland which leads to the center of the earth and to incredible and horrifying discoveries.

- Verne, Jules***20,000 Leagues Under the Sea**/Science Fiction/B.....300
 Trapped aboard a fantastic submarine with a mad sea captain, a French professor and his companions come face to face with exotic ocean creatures and strange, forbidden sights hidden from the world above.
- Watkins, Yoko***So Far From the Bamboo Grove**/Historical Fiction/B.....180
 Though Japanese, eleven-year-old Yoko has lived with her family in northern Korea near the border with China all her life. But when the Second World War comes to an end, Japanese on the Korean peninsula are suddenly in terrible danger; the Korean people want control of their homeland and they want to punish the Japanese, who have occupied their nation for many years. Yoko, her mother and sister are forced to flee from their beautiful house with its peaceful bamboo grove. Their journey is terrifying -- and remarkable. It's a true story of courage and survival.
- Werlin, Nancy* **The Killer's Cousin**/Fiction/B.....250
 David is acquitted of murdering his girlfriend and moves away to start a new life, but he is plagued by his cousins, alive and dead, when he moves in with his relatives.
- Wilder, Thornton* **Our Town**/Fiction/B120
 Set in Grover's Corners, N.H., the play features a narrator, the Stage Manager, who sits at the side of the unadorned stage and explains the action. Through flashbacks, dialogue, and direct monologues, the other characters reveal themselves to the audience.
- Yep, Laurence* **Dragonwings**/Fiction/B.....240
 In the early twentieth century, a young Chinese boy joins his father in San Francisco and helps him realize his dream of making a flying machine.
- Zindel, Paul* **Effect of Gamma Rays on Marigolds**/Sci-Fi/B110
 Beatrice was a mother and the embittered ring master of the circus Hunsdorfer featuring three generations of crazy ladies living under the sloppiest big top on earth. Nanny was no problem. She sat and stared and stayed silent as a venerable vegetable should. Ruth was half-mad and easily bought with an occasional cigarette. But how in the world would Beatrice control Tillie—keeper of rabbits, dreamer of atoms, true believer in life, hope, and the effect of gamma rays on man-in-the-moon marigolds?
- Zindel, Paul* **My Darling, My Hamburger**/Fiction/B120
 As senior year rolls around, two unlikely couples find themselves caught between desire and the fear of intimacy. Liz and Sean, misunderstood by their parents, confused but certain they are in love, have an affair that ends shatteringly. Maggie and Dennis, just as confused, take their first steps toward understanding the demands life makes on everyone. Faced with real-life dilemmas that have no easy answers, Maggie, Dennis, Liz, and Sean must make choices that will affect the rest of their lives.

Zindel, Paul*..... ***The Pigman***/Fiction/B.....160
 Two lonely high school students befriend a strange old man, Mr. Pignati.

Zindel, Paul ***The Pigman’s Legacy***/Fiction/B.....130
 Haunted by the memory of a dead friend, two teenagers join an old man in a series of
 misadventures.

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