**A Special Book List for Eagle County Schools**

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I decided to make a special list of some of my favorites to share with you. They are mostly current works, but we must remember: *A Book that hasn’t been read is new!*

***Don’t forget: Know the Reader (his/her interests) – Know the Literature – And Make the Match!***

**Primary Grades [Second and Third Graders who are reading novels (“chapter books”)]**

Applegate, Katherine *The One and Only Ivan* (e/) 2012

**2013** **Newberry Award**

Buckley, Michael *N.E.R.D.S. – National Espionage, Rescue and Defense Society* (e) 2009

Joyce, William *Nicholas St. North and the Battle of the Nightmare King: Book One* (e) 2011

*E. Aster Bunnymund and the Warrior Eggs at the Earth’s Core!:*

*Book Two (e)* 2012

*Toothiana, Queen of the Tooth Fairy Armies: Book Three (e)* 2012

[This series is introduced by Joyce’s 2011 picture book: *The Man*

*In the Moon: The Guardians of Childhood –* Highly recommended]

Turnage, Sheila *Three Times Lucky* (e) 2012

**2013 Newbery Honor** [Not a challenging read, but great vocabulary,

well written and very funny!]

**Elementary Grades**

Bell, Cece *El Deafo* (e) 2014

**2015 Newbery Honor, 2015 NCTE Charlotte Huck Honor.** Yes, a graphic

novel (not my favorite genre) has made it to my list, but this theme and

content is so appropriately presented via the graphic novel format.

*Author’s End Note is most important*. This is a significant novel.

Buyea, Rob *Because of Mr. Terupt* (e/ms) TR 2010

Every teacher should read! Deals with it all!

Same impact as the *Wonder Stories*!

DiCamillo, Kate *Flora & Ulysses* (e) 2013

**2014 Newbery Medal Book**: Holy Bagumba!

Thematically, more than Philosophy 101!

Fitzgerald, Laura M. *Under the Egg* (e) 2014

(Two books Tie-in: *Chasing Vermeer* by Blue Balliet and *From the Mixed-up*

*Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*: **1968 Newbery** by E.L. Konigsburg

Great time re-reading *Mixed Up Files!* I read 35th Anniversary Edition

with new Afterward by Konigsberg.)

Grabenstein, Chris *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library* (e/ms) 2013

Kelly, Jacqueline *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* (e) 2009

**2010 Newbery Honor Book**

Palacio, R.J. *Wonder (e/ms) 2012*

*The Julian Chapter: A Wonder Story* (e/ms) 2014

*365 Days of Wonder: Mr. Brown’s Book of Precepts* (e/ms*)* 2014

*Pluto* (e/ms) 2015

*Shingaling: A Wonder Story* (e/ms) 2015

“Every person’s story weaves in and out of someone else’s story.”

Also a different take on middle school bullying – a must read.

Wood, Maryrose *The Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place: The Mysterious Howling -* 2010

*Book 1.* (e)Fun – a bit in the style of Lemony Snicket

*The Incorrigible Children:* *The Hidden Gallery – Book 2 (e)* 2011

“Instructions” at first of each chapter are great!

**Middle School**

Flanagan, John *The Ranger’s Apprentice Series: There are 12 books in this great series:*

*Book 1:: The Ruins of Gorlan* (e/ms) *2005 Book 12 – The Royal Ranger* (ms) 2013

Nix, Garth *Clariel* (ms/hs) Prequel to the *Abhorsen* Series (Old Kingdom) (ms) 2014

Scott, Michael *The Secrets of the Immortal Nicolas Flamel (ms/hs) SR There are six*

*books in this series; The First is The Alchemyst: The Secrets of the*

*Immortal Nicholas Flamel* SR (ms) 2007

*The Last is The Enchantres (ms)* 2012

Vawter, Vince *Paperboy* (ms/e) Sophisticated! 2013

**High School**

Bray, Libba *Beauty Queens* (hs)\*# 2011

[Unusual format for social comment, situation, and with Bray’s typical

sense of humor]

Daugherty, Jill *Courage and Other Demons* (hs/ms\*) 2013

*Abandoned Courage* (Book 2) (hs/ms) 2013

*Defining Courage* (Book 3) (hs/ms) 2014

By a Denver area teacher and set in Denver and Ireland – Irish Mythology –

a good match for readers who followed Rick Riordan.

Extence, Gavin *The Universe Versus Alex Woods* (hs) #\* 2013

Wow! For the philosopher, the scientist, and the mathematician. Deals

with assisted suicide. Sophisticated. Literary allusions to the work of Kurt Vonnegut.

Lockhart, E. *We Were Liars* (ms/hs) 2014

Reese, James *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mademoiselle Odile* [hs/ms] 2012

[“Prequel” to *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson]

Wolitzer, Meg *Belzhar* (hs)#\* 2014

**2014 Printz Honor** [A first novel – Works of Sylvia Plath]

Codes:

# Language Alert

\* Situation Alert

e = elementary school

ms = middle school/junior high

hs = high school

SR Student Recommended

TR Teacher Recommended