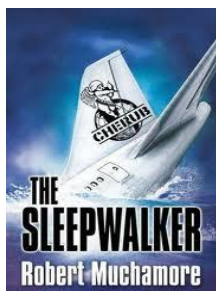
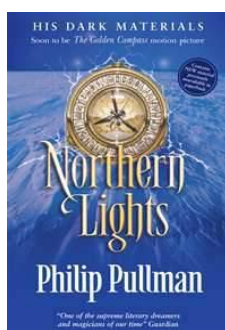


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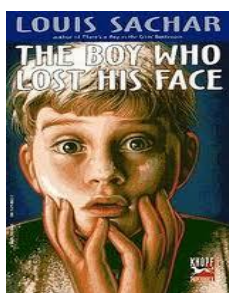
***The Sleepwalker* by Robert Muchamore**

A plane crashes over the Atlantic and all 345 passengers are killed. Among the dead are the wife, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren of Dr. Terrence McAfferty (Mac), former CHERUB chairman. A troubled boy named Fahim Bin Hassam calls the air crash investigation hotline and attempts to blame his father....



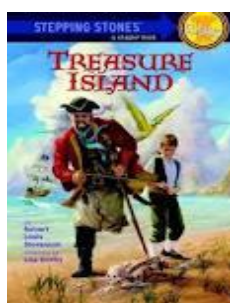
***Northern Lights* by Philip Pullman**

Lyra is a 12-year-old girl who has been allowed to run somewhat wild. She awaits the arrival of her uncle and guardian, Lord Asriel at Jordan College, She spies on him and learns of "Dust", a material that makes magical links. As her uncle leaves Jordan, she meets Mrs Coulter, a beautiful and adventurous woman, and agrees when invited to go and live with her. The Master of the College secretly entrusts Lyra with an alethiometer, a "truth teller" which resembles a silver, many-handed pocket-watch that can answer any question asked by a skilled user. Although unable to read or understand its complex symbols, Lyra takes it with her, and gradually begins to master the device.



***The Boy Who Lost His Face* by Louis Sachar**

In a 1989 suburban town, a boy named David tries to get in the cool group by helping his friend Scott, and two troublemakers named Roger and Randy (the former being the leader) carry out a prank. Their target was an elderly woman who was called a witch by all the kids in the neighborhood.



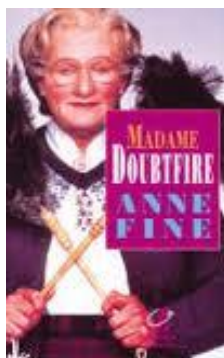
***Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson**

Jim is appointed as a cabin boy for the voyage on the *Hispaniola*. During their voyage he accidentally overhears a conspiracy being planned by Long John Silver. As a result, his function on the ship takes on a different role.



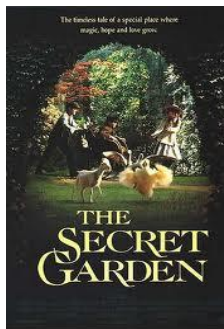
***Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli**

Leo Borlock follows the unspoken rule at Mica Area High School: don't stand out--under any circumstances! Then Stargirl arrives at Mica High and everything changes--for Leo and for the entire school. After 15 years of home schooling, Stargirl bursts into tenth grade in an explosion of colour and a clatter of ukulele music, enchanting the Mica student body.



***Madame Doubtfire* by Anne Fine**

The novel is about the parents Daniel and Miranda Hilliard who are divorced. Miranda is a successful businesswoman with the children cares and Daniel is an out-of-work-actor who lives by himself in a small flat. Both of the parents are struggling to get more time with their three children Lydia, Christopher and Natalie. After a while Miranda decides to hire a Nanny to take care of the children and look after the house when she is at work.



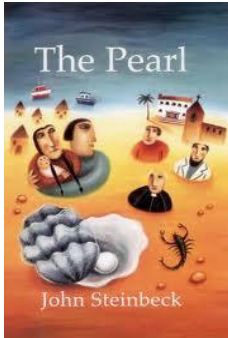
***The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett**

A young British girl born and raised in India loses her neglectful parents in an earthquake. She is returned to England to live at her uncle's castle. Her uncle is very distant due to the loss of his wife ten years before. Neglected once again, she begins exploring the estate and discovers a garden that has been locked and neglected. Aided by one of the servants' boys, she begins restoring the garden, and eventually discovers some other secrets of the manor.



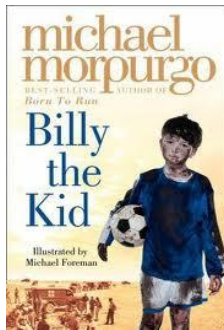
***Pigeon Summer* by Ann Turnbull**

Mary loves her father's racing pigeons just as much as he does. But it's 1930, her father has to leave in search of work, and there's barely enough money for bread, never mind pigeon feed. The tension between Mary and her mother mounts...



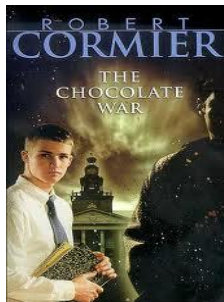
***The Pearl* by John Steinbeck**

Kino, a young, strong, and poor Mexican-Indian pearl diver, lives in a small town, La Paz, with his domestic partner (to whom he is not married because he cannot afford to pay the priest for a wedding ceremony), Juana, and his baby son, Coyotito. When Coyotito is stung by a scorpion, Kino must find a way to pay the town doctor, an extremely prejudiced white man, to cure Kino's son. When Kino discovers an enormous pearl the size of a seagull's egg when out diving, he is ready to sell it for money to pay the doctor. But other forces work against Kino.



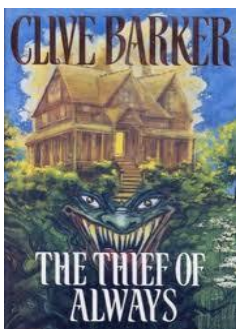
***Billy the Kid* by Michael Morpurgo**

The book is set during World War II. It is about a boy called Billy who grew up with his hobby, football, and wanted to play for the Chelsea football team. Then his mother gave birth to his brother, Joe, who later in the story joined the army at the beginning of the Second World War. Soon afterwards, his parents receive a message that Joe has died. This happened at Dunkirk on the French coast when the Germans advanced, routing the British army.



***The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier**

At Trinity, The Vigils, a secret, student-run society, maintain a degree of control by giving their peers "assignments" that range from ridiculous to cruel. Though The Vigils is nominally led by the athletic star boxer John Carter, it is the intelligent and manipulative Archie Costello who exerts the most influence over the group.



***The Thief of Always* by Clive Barker**

Harvey Swick is a 10-year-old kid who finds himself bored with school, uninteresting teachers, homework, and his day-to-day life. One day, a man named Rictus flies up to Harvey's window and tells him about a kid's paradise, the Holiday House. At the Holiday House, there are all the sweets a person could ask for, four seasons in a day, Christmas every day, Halloween every night, and everything else you could dream of.

Other interesting books include:

- Michael Morpurgo - *Private Peaceful*
- Harper Lee - *To Kill A Mockingbird*
- Anthony Horowitz - *Scorpia Rising (Alex Rider)*
- Anthony Horowitz - *Necropolis (The Gatekeepers)*
- Suzanne Collins - *The Hunger Games*
- Stephenie Meyer - *Twilight*
- Terry Pratchett - *The Colour of Magic*
- J. R. R. Tolkien - *The Hobbit*
- Louis Sachar - *There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom*
- *Children of the Dust* by Louise Lawrence
- *Hurricane Hamish the Calypso Cricketer* by Mark Jefferson
- *The Railway Children* by E Nesbit
- *The Silver Sword* by Ian Serrallier
- *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens
- *The Monkey's Paws* by W.W. Jacobs
- *A Kestrel for a Knave* by Barry Hines
- *Saffy's Angel* by Hilary McKay
- *The Twelve and the Genii* by Pauline Clarke
- *Pig in the Middle* by Sam Llewellyn