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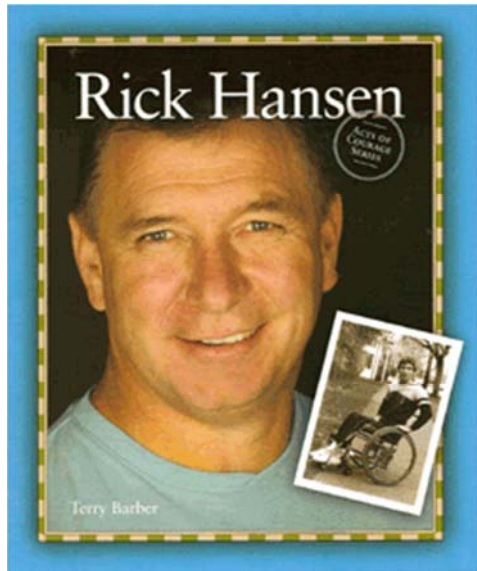
For Youth and Adults

Part One

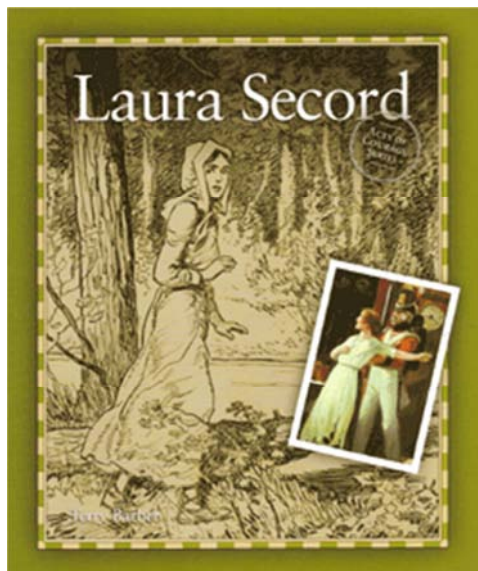
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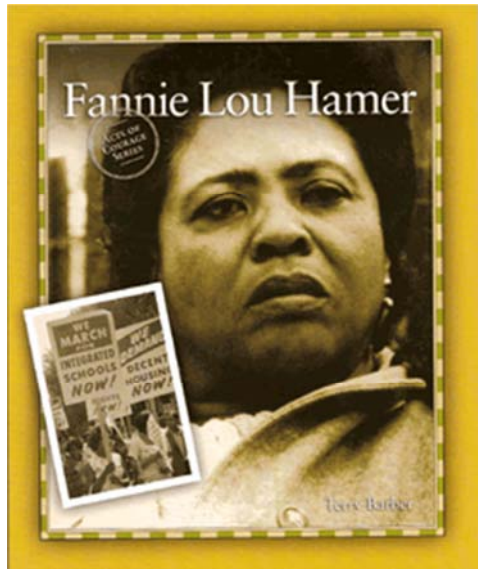
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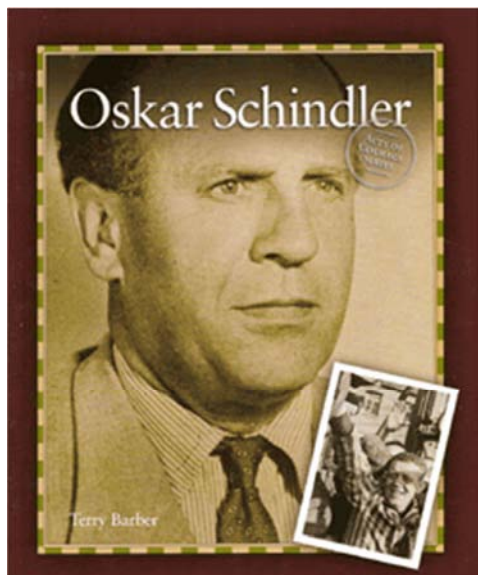
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Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Acts of courage
ISBN: 978-1-894593-82-3
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: At the age of 15, Rick Hansen suffered an accident and was confined to a wheelchair for the rest of his life. Unwilling to let his disability hold him back, he wheeled through 34 countries on a Man in Motion World Tour to raise millions of dollars for spinal cord research and awareness.



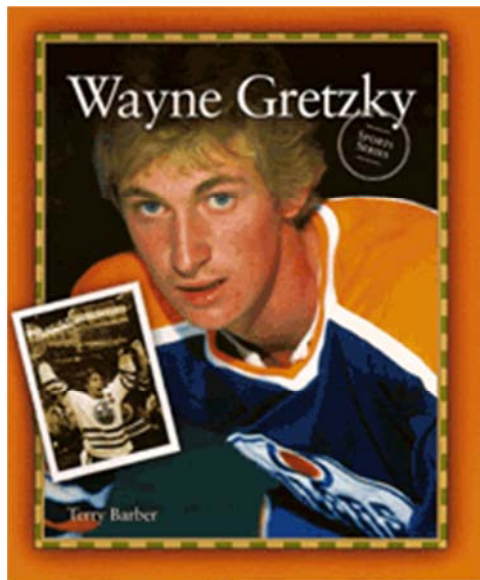
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Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Acts of courage; war
ISBN: 978-1-894593-81-6
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: Laura Secord found herself caught up in the War of 1812 after U.S. troops took over her family's home. She overheard the U.S. troops' plans to ambush the British. Laura took it upon herself to warn the British. Her historic 20-mile walk through wild forests changed the course of history.



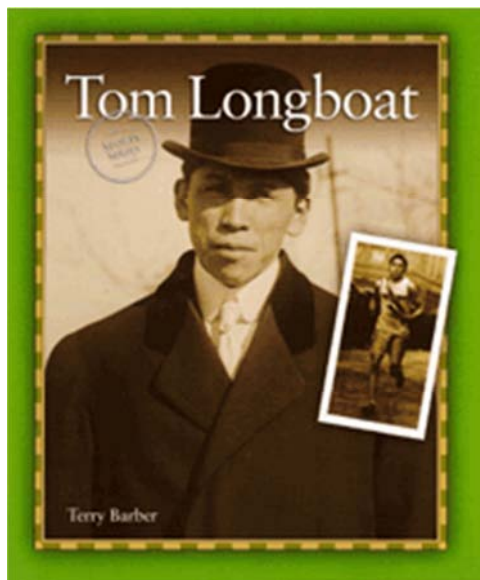
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Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Acts of courage; equal rights
ISBN: 978-1-894593-84-7
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: Fannie Lou Hamer grew up in the South at the time of the Jim Crow laws. "Sick and tired" of being treated like a second-class citizen, Hamer overcame social and political barriers. She dedicated her life to rallying for equal rights and voting rights for black people.



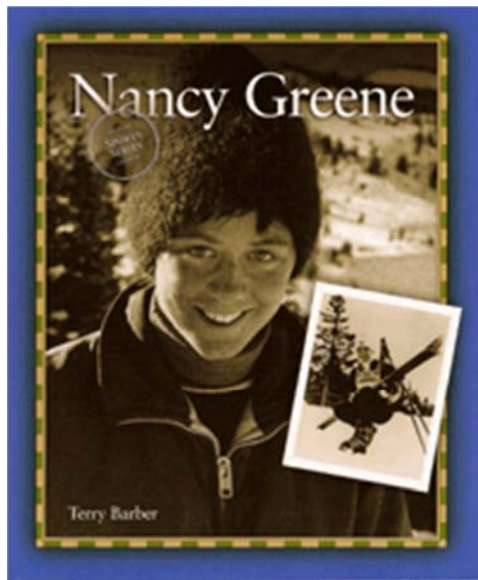
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Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Acts of courage; holocaust
ISBN: 978-1-894593-85-4
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: Oskar Schindler risked his life to protect the lives of the Jewish people who worked for him during the reign of Hitler. As the horror of the Holocaust swept across German-occupied territory, Schindler used his wealth, his ingenuity, and his connections with the Nazis to move the Jewish workers to safety.



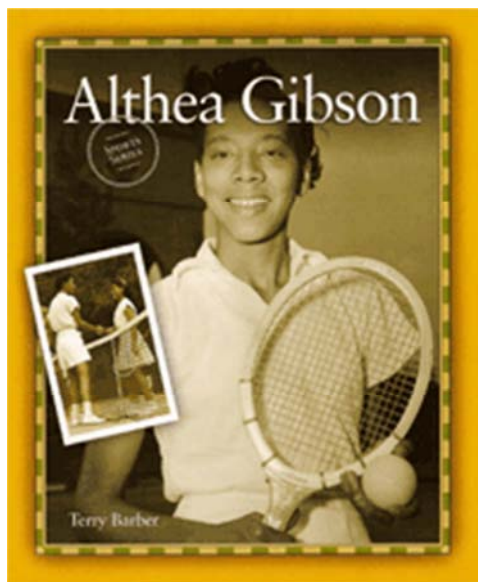
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Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Sports; hockey
ISBN: 978-1-894593-62-5
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: Wayne Gretzky is a household name across North America. In 1998, he was named the greatest player in National Hockey League history by The Hockey News. Wayne broke every scoring record in the NHL. Upon retirement, Wayne was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.



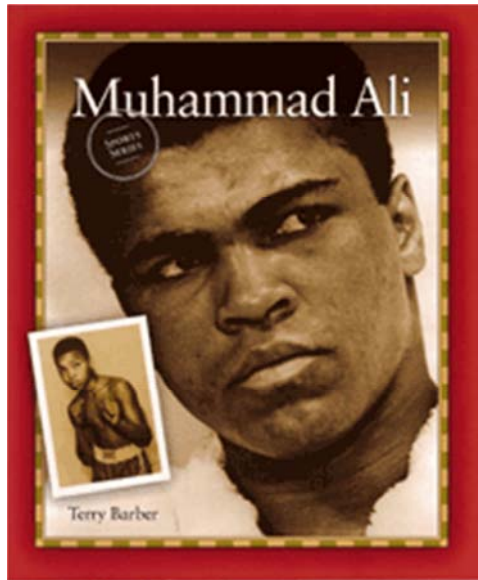
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Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Sports; running
ISBN: 978-1-894593-61-8
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
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Description: Tom Longboat, an Onondaga Aboriginal, was raised in a log cabin on the Six Nations reserve. In 1907, Tom entered the most famous race in the world: The Boston Marathon. Tom won the race and achieved fame and fortune.



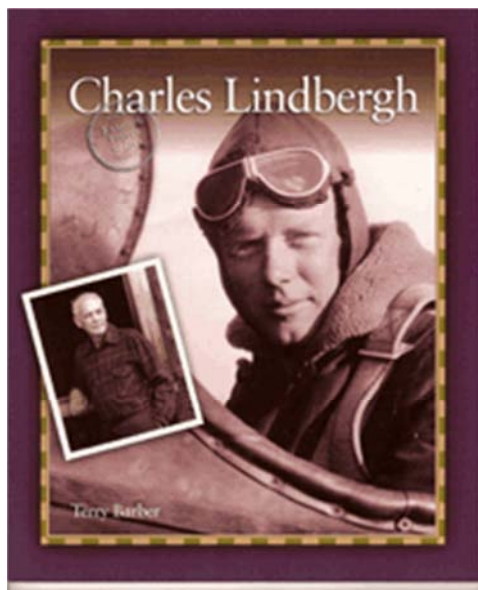
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Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Sports; skiing
ISBN: 978-1-894593-60-1
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: Nancy Greene is the best known name in Canadian skiing. As a teenager, she was nicknamed “Tiger” for her speed and courage.



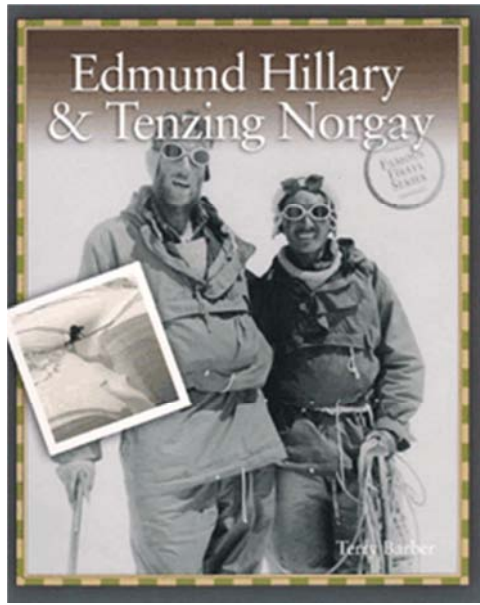
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Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Sports; tennis
ISBN: 978-1-894593-59-5
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: At the age of 23, Althea Gibson was the first black person to win the U.S. Open and Wimbledon. Her journey from the streets of Harlem to the courts of Wimbledon reveals her determination. Althea was a trailblazer, who paved the way for other tennis players.



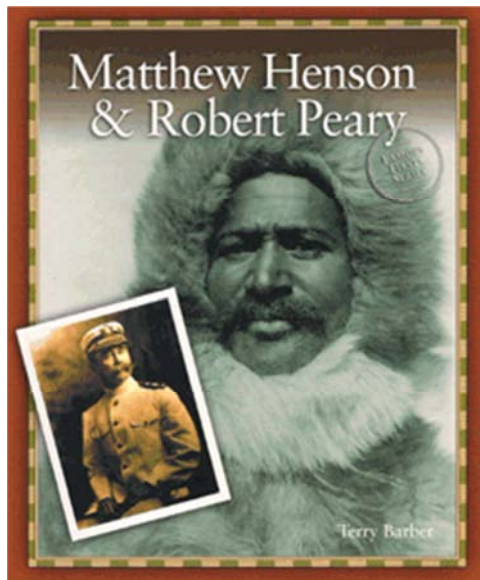
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Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Sports; boxing
ISBN: 978-1-894593-58-8
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: As a boxer, Muhammad brought unprecedented speed and grace to the sport of boxing. Sports Illustrated named him "Sportsman of the Century." In 2005, he received the United States of America's highest civil award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



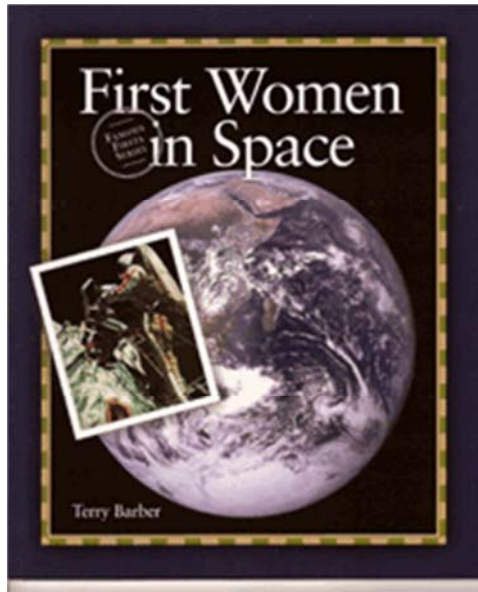
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Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Famous Firsts; airplanes
ISBN: 978-1-894593-64-9
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: Charles Lindbergh, an American aviator, made the first solo nonstop flight across the Atlantic Ocean on May 20-21, 1927.



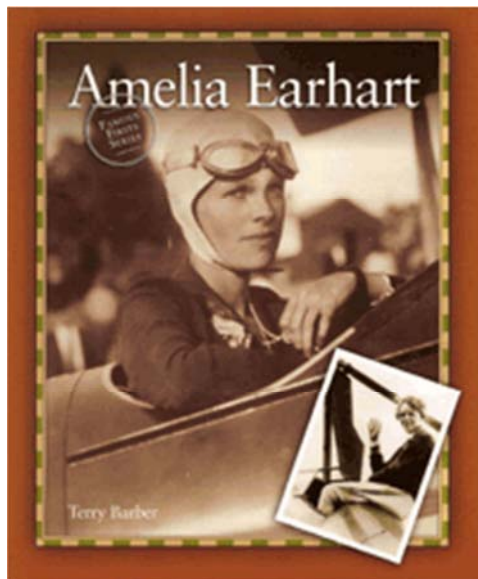
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Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Famous Firsts; mountain climbing
ISBN: 978-1-894593-65-6
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: On May 29, 1953, Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay of Nepal became the first human beings to conquer Mount Everest.



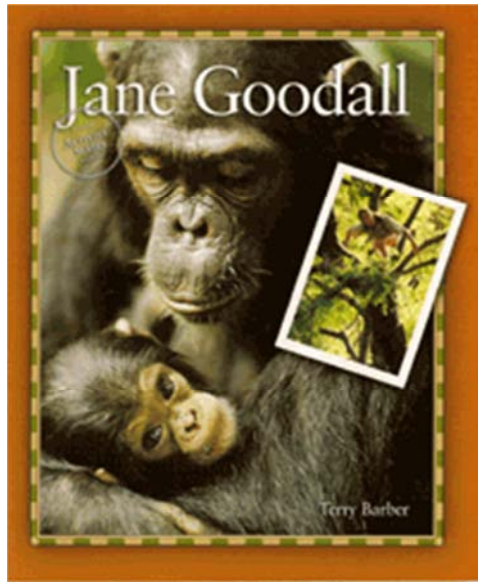
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Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Famous Firsts; North Pole
ISBN: 978-1-894593-66-3
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: Robert Peary and Matthew Henson opened up the gateway to the North Pole. In 1909, they became the first people to reach the North Pole.



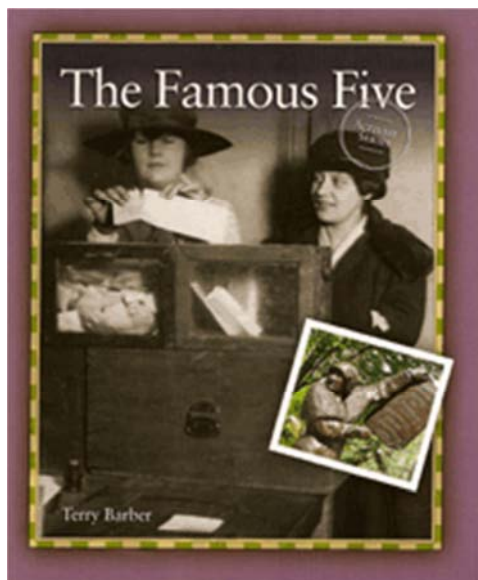
Title: First Women in Space
Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Famous firsts; space
ISBN: 978-1-894593-67-0
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: Learn about three women who had the “right stuff”: Valentina Tereshkova, Sally Ride, and Roberta Bondar. The U.S.S.R. sent Valentina Tereshkova into space in 1963. Twenty years later, Sally Ride was the first American woman to fly in space.



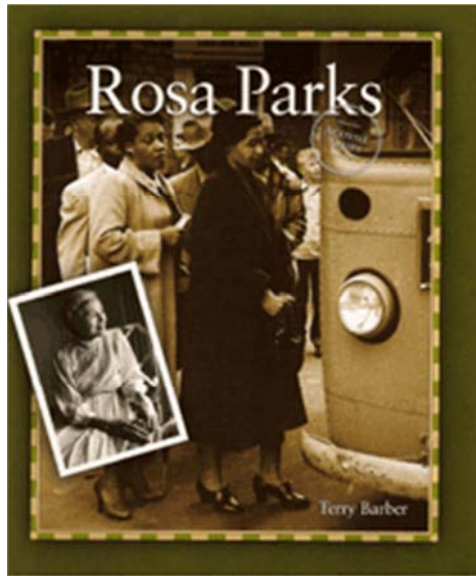
Title: Amelia Earhart
Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Famous firsts; airplanes
ISBN: 978-1-894593-63-2
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic on June 18-19, 1928. She disappeared in 1937, as she attempted to become the first woman to fly around the world.



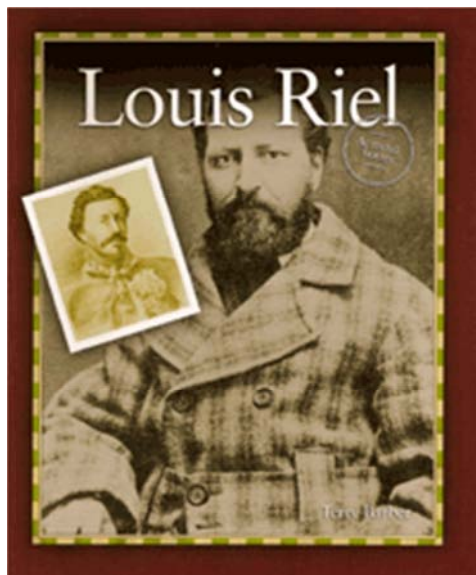
Title: Jane Goodall
Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Activist; chimpanzees
ISBN: 978-1-894593-43-4
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: Jane Goodall dreamed of living with animals in Africa. Her dream came true as she spent over 25 years studying chimpanzees in the Gombe game reserve. Today, Jane Goodall is the world's foremost authority on chimpanzees. She has made a significant impact on how zoos and laboratories treat animals.



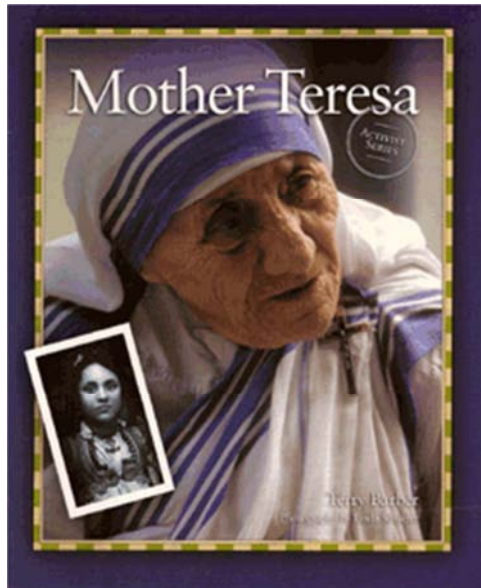
Title: The Famous Five
Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Activist; women's rights
ISBN: 978-1-894593-52-6
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: Many people have not heard of The Famous Five. Yet, these five women fought for women's rights in the early 1900s. They helped women win the right to vote and serve in Canada's Senate. The Famous Five also worked to change the property rights law, so that women could own property.



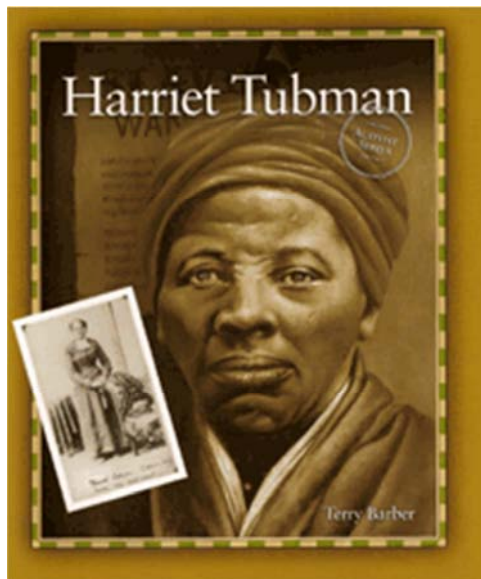
Title: Rosa Parks
Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Activist; civil rights
ISBN: 978-1-894593-44-1
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: In 1955, a young black woman named Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white passenger. This act of courage sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Today, people remember Rosa Parks as the mother of the civil rights movement.



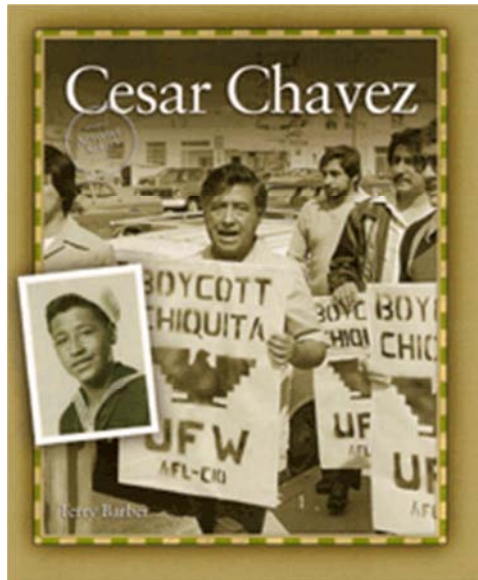
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Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Activist; civil rights
ISBN: 978-1-894593-45-8
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: Riel helped win some rights for the Métis during the 1800s. He was hanged for treason. Today, many people think Louis Riel is a hero.



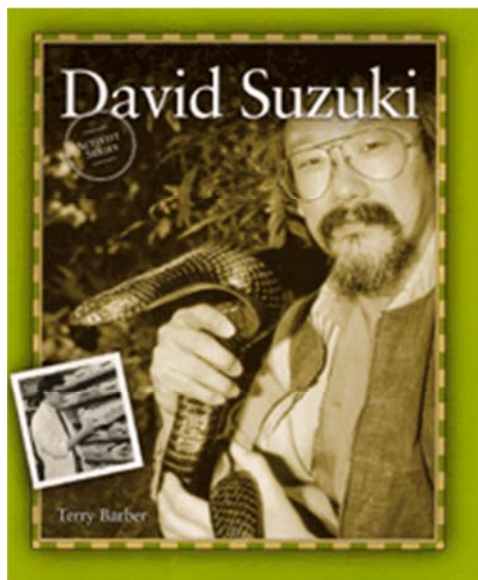
Title: Mother Teresa
Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Activist; poverty
ISBN: 978-1-894593-48-9
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: In 1948, she left her convent and started a school in the slums. By 1950, Mother Teresa received permission to start her own order, "The Missionaries of Charity." This charity, which has opened homes all over the world, serves the poorest of the poor.



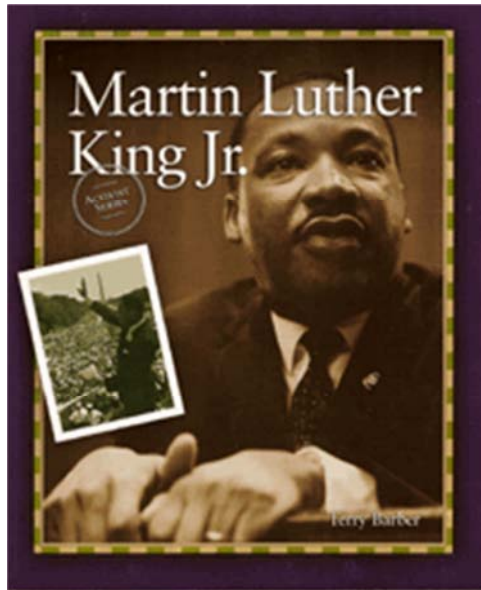
Title: Harriet Tubman
Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Activist; slavery
ISBN: 978-1-894593-46-5
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: Harriet Tubman was born into slavery around 1822. Harriet helped about 70 slaves escape to freedom. She relied on the Underground Railroad, a secret network of people and safe houses that helped runaway slaves. Harriet risked her life many times and became known as the "Moses of her people."



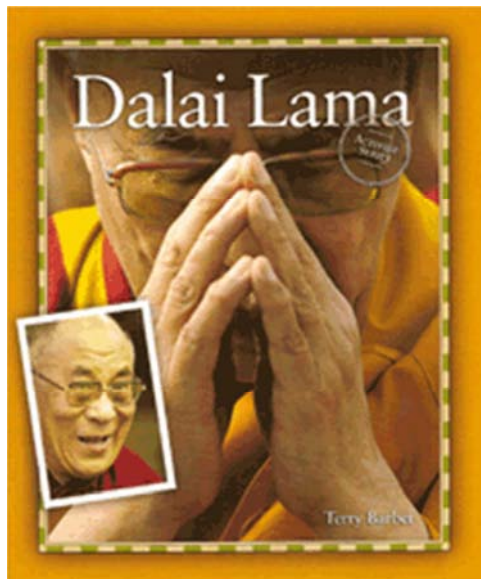
Title: Cesar Chavez
Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Activist; union
ISBN: 978-1-894-593-51-9
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: Cesar Chavez quit school after Grade 8 to help support his family. He laboured in the fields as a migrant farm worker. In 1962, Cesar founded and led the first successful farm workers' union in U.S. history.



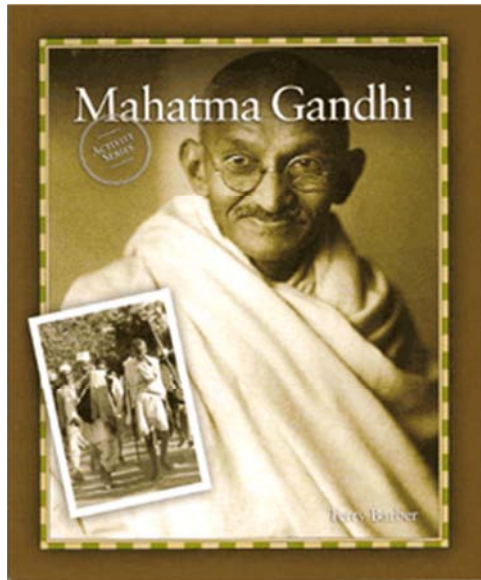
Title: David Suzuki
Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Activist; scientist
ISBN: 978-1-1894593-50-2
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: David Suzuki has become a household name in Canada and much of North America. He has spent the past 40 years educating the public about environmental issues, both in the classroom and over the airwaves. In 2004, Canadians voted David Suzuki as one of the top ten Great Canadians.



Title: Martin Luther King Jr.
Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Activist; civil rights
ISBN: 978-1-894593-47-2
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: Martin Luther King Jr. was the dominant force in the civil rights movement during its decade of greatest achievement, from 1957 to 1968. He believed in changing the world through nonviolence. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968.



Title: Dalai Lama
Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Activist; spiritual leader
ISBN: 978-1-894593-90-8
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: The Dalai Lama is the spiritual and political leader of the Tibetan people. His Holiness often says, "I am just a simple Buddhist monk—no more, no less."



Title: Mahatma Gandhi

Author: Terry Barber

Readability: Grade 2

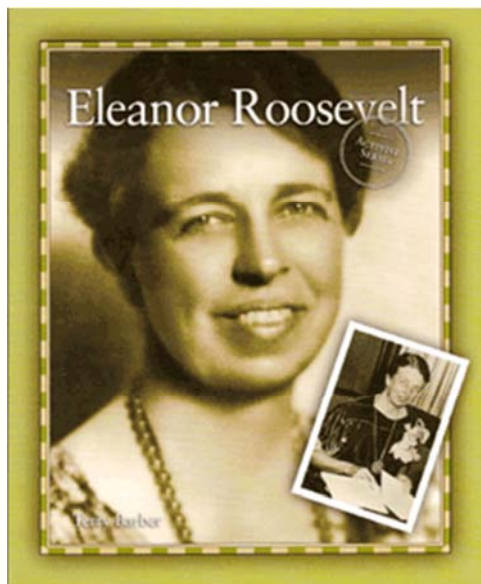
Subject: Activist; spiritual leader

ISBN: 978-1-894593-88-5

Publisher: Grass Roots Press

Format: Paperback book

Description: Gandhi became one of the most respected political and spiritual leaders of the 1900s. He lived a spiritual and life of prayer, fasting, and meditation. Gandhi helped free the Indian people from British rule through nonviolent resistance. The Indian people called Gandhi “Mahatma,” meaning Great Soul.



Title: Eleanor Roosevelt

Author: Terry Barber

Readability: Grade 2

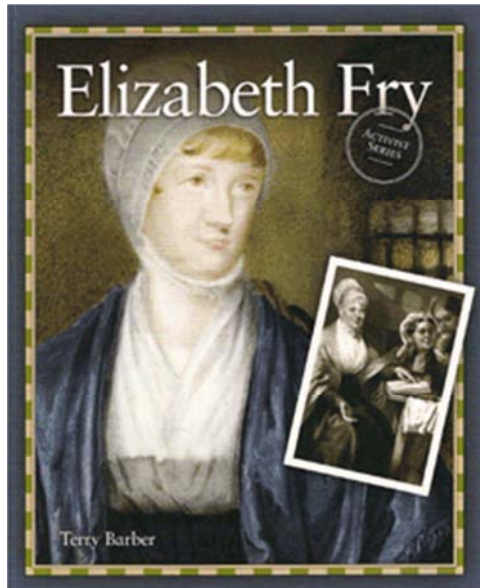
Subject: Activist; humanitarian

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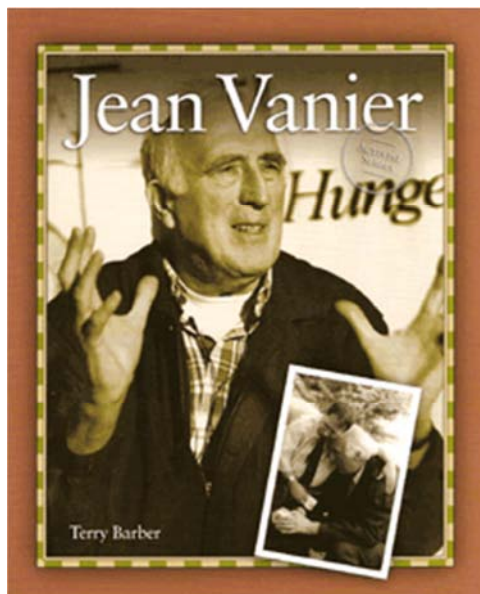
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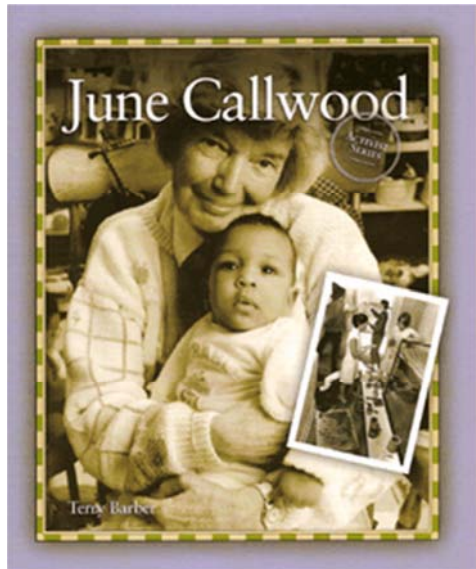
Description: Eleanor Roosevelt was First Lady of the United States from 1933 to 1945. Eleanor was sent to school in England where she grew into a woman with great sensitivity to the underprivileged. She was a humanitarian who dedicated much of her life to fighting for her beliefs.



Title: Elizabeth Fry
Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Activist
ISBN: 978-1-894593-89-2
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: Elizabeth visited Newgate prison in 1812. She was horrified by the crowded and dirty prison conditions. She returned the following day with food and clothes for some of the prisoners. Fry was a major driving force behind new legislation to make the treatment of prisoners more humane.



Title: Jean Vanier
Author: Terry Barber
Readability: Grade 2
Subject: Activist
ISBN: 978-1-894593-86-1
Publisher: Grass Roots Press
Format: Paperback book
Description: Jean Vanier is the founder of L'Arche, an international organization which creates communities where people with developmental disabilities and those who assist them share life together. Vanier believes that "...being human is to be a friend to the weak person."



Title: June Callwood

Author: Terry Barber

Readability: Grade 2

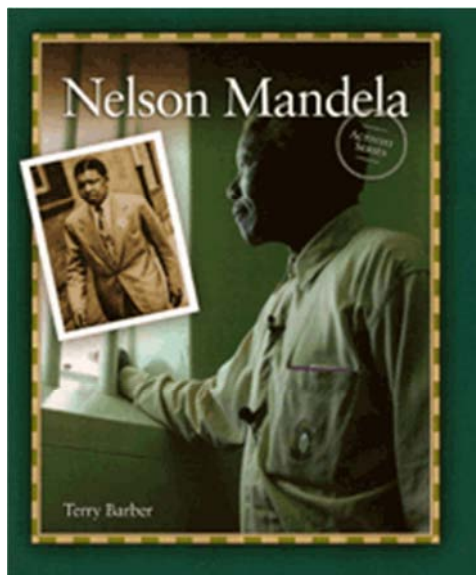
Subject: Activist; social justice

ISBN: 978-1-894593-83-0

Publisher: Grass Roots Press

Format: Paperback book

Description: June Callwood's career was marked by a strong concern for social justice. She founded or co-founded over 50 Canadian social action organizations including youth and women's hostels. In 1978, she was made a member of the Order of Canada. June died on April 14, 2007, after a battle with cancer.



Title: Nelson Mandela

Author: Terry Barber

Readability: Grade 2

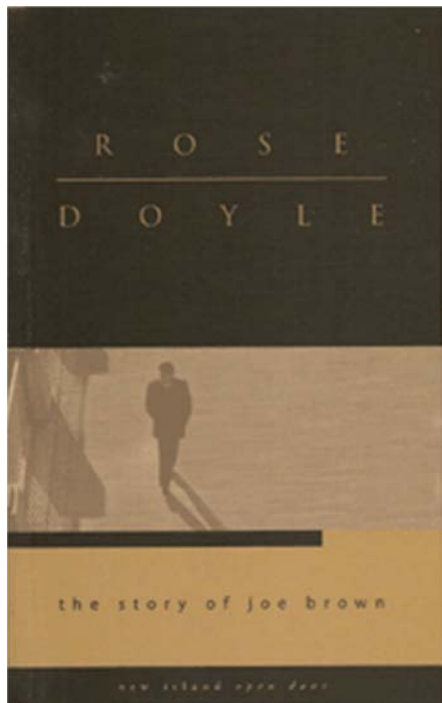
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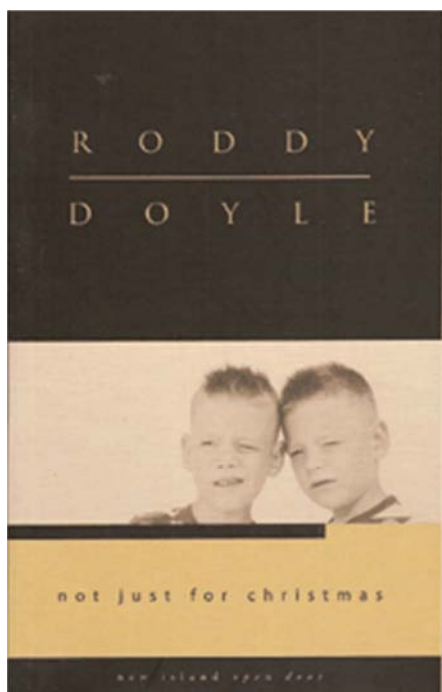
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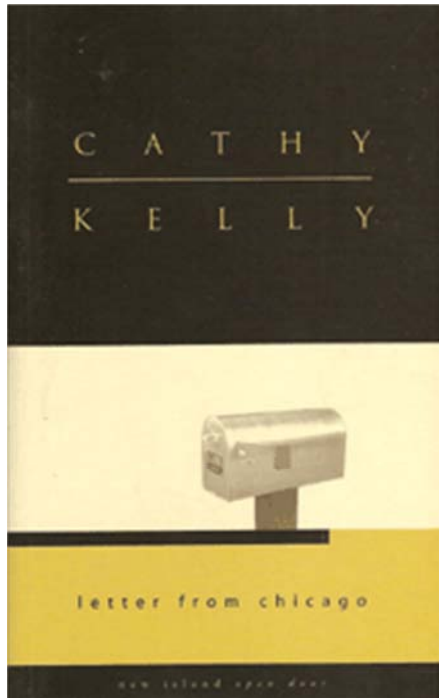
Description: Nelson Mandela was born in South Africa where black people had few rights. He became a politician who fought for rights for black people. He was in prison for 27 years, but became South Africa's first black president when he was freed.



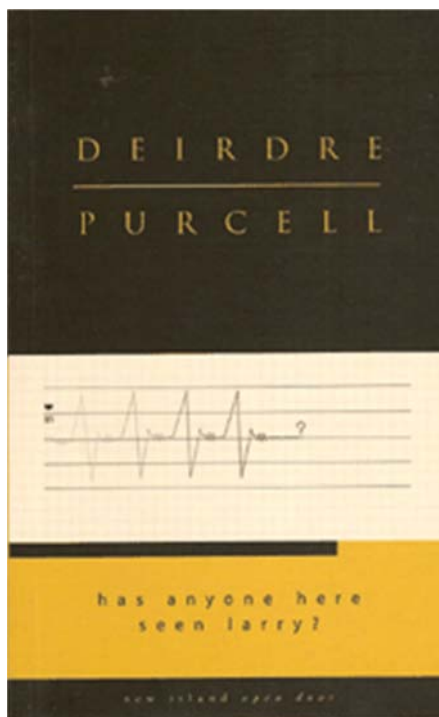
Title:	The Story of Joe Brown
Author:	Rose Doyle
Readability:	Grades 5-6
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-904301-45-5
Publisher:	New Island Books
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	There is nothing remarkable about Joe Brown. He is of average height. His average looks are hidden behind a beard. He wears average clothes. But Joe Brown has a secret, and a past, that he wants to forget.



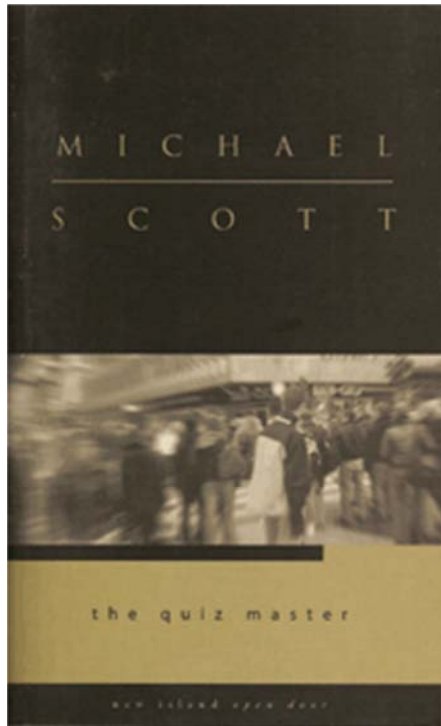
Title:	Not Just For Christmas
Author:	Roddy Doyle
Readability:	Grades 2-3
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-902602-15-8
Publisher:	New Island Books
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Danny Murphy is going to meet his brother, Jimmy. They haven't seen each other in over twenty years. On the way to the meeting, Danny remembers the good times and the bad times, the fun and the fights—and the one big row that drove them apart.



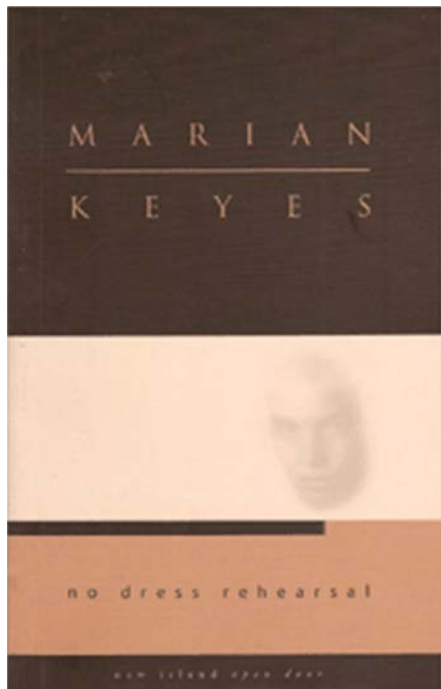
Title: Letter from Chicago
Author: Cathy Kelly
Readability: Grades 4-5
Subject: Fiction
ISBN: 978-1-902602-69-1
Publisher: New Island Books
Format: Paperback book
Description: Elsie and Maisie are sisters. They live on opposite sides of the Atlantic. Regular letter writers, they like to boast about their respective families. But over time, the gulf between fact and fiction is getting bigger than the ocean that divides them.



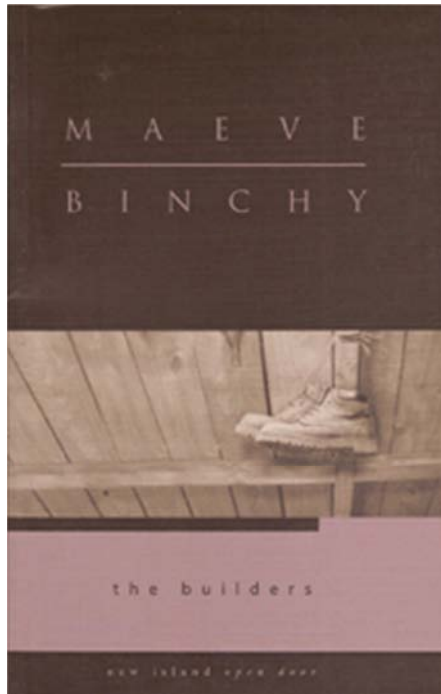
Title: Has Anyone Here Seen Larry?
Author: Deirdre Purcell
Readability: Grades 4-5
Subject: Fiction
ISBN: 978-1-902602-70-7
Publisher: New Island Books
Format: Paperback book
Description: Larry is an 87-year-old widow. She lives with her daughters Martha and Mary. Though old and frail, she remembers her youth as if it were yesterday. One embarrassing evening when Father Jimmy comes to tea, high drama follows, and, very soon, Larry is nowhere to be found...



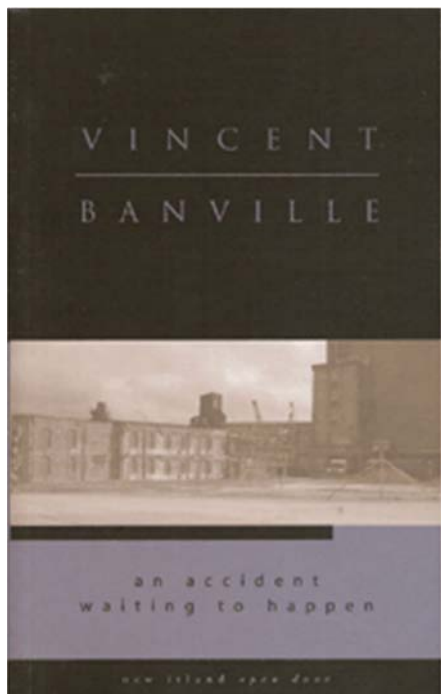
Title:	The Quiz Master
Author:	Michael Scott
Readability:	Grades 4-5
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-904301-50-9
Publisher:	New Island Books
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Spider is an easy-going pub-quiz expert. Life has been tough for him, but it's about to get much worse. When his girlfriend, Gillian, announces that she's pregnant, he knows that he wants to marry her. But her over-protective father and martial-artist brothers have other ideas.



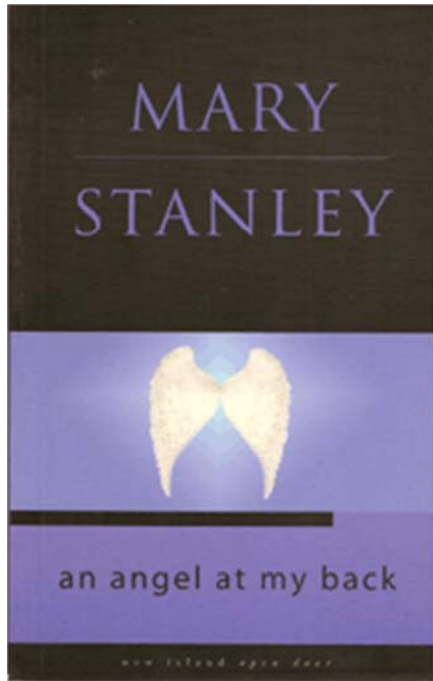
Title:	No Dress Rehearsal
Author:	Marian Keyes
Readability:	Grades 3-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-902602-32-5
Publisher:	New Island Books
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Lizzie is dead—she just hasn't realized it yet. She can't understand why everyone is ignoring her when all she wants is a little sympathy. She has been in an accident, after all.



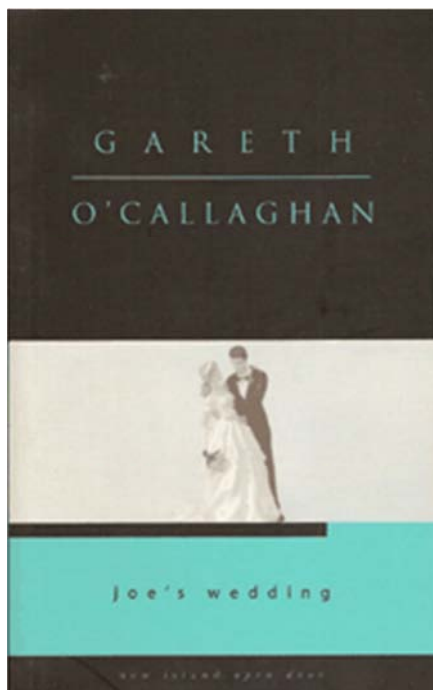
Title:	The Builders
Author:	Maeve Binchy
Readability:	Grades 3-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-902602-68-4
Publisher:	New Island Books
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Nan Ryan lives by herself at Number 14 Chestnut Road. When it's heard that the builders are coming to work on the deserted house next door, everyone has an opinion. Nan's three grown-up children reckon she won't get a moment of peace.



Title:	An Accident Waiting to Happen
Author:	Vincent Banville
Readability:	Grades 5-6
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-902602-72-1
Publisher:	New Island Books
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Private detective John Blaine is back treading Dublin's mean streets. With his marriage now on track, and little baby Emily to keep his attentions closer to home, it could be said that things are going better than ever for the private eye.



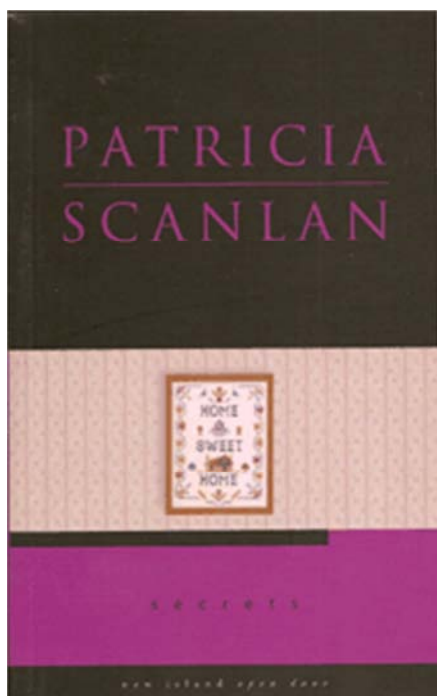
Title:	An Angel at My Back
Author:	Mary Stanley
Readability:	Grades 2-3
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-905494-86-6
Publisher:	New Island Books
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	One day, Lucy Benedict's brother ties her to a tree and leaves her there. She faints in the heat of the sun, and then she sees an angel. When Lucy wakes up in the hospital she knows the angel is real. She has to have yet another operation on her back, but she isn't frightened anymore.



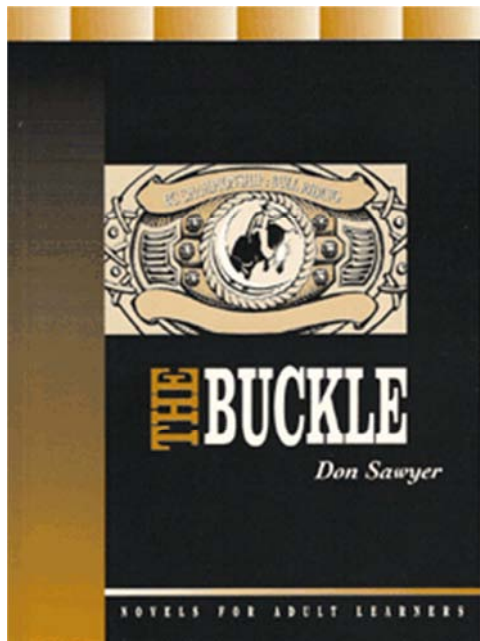
Title:	Joe's Wedding
Author:	Gareth O'Callaghan
Readability:	Grade 2-3
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-902602-35-6
Publisher:	New Island Books
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	It is the morning of Joe's wedding. He opens his eyes to find himself on a park bench beside the sea, dressed in torn tights and a cape. And that's not his only chilly awakening. For Joe is in Holyhead, but his wedding is in Dublin. And he doesn't even remember how he got there.



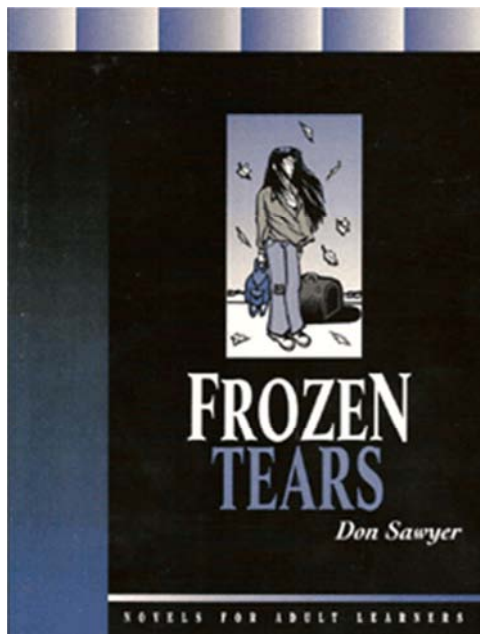
Title:	Second Chance
Author:	Patricia Scanlan
Readability:	Grades 2-3
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-902602-33-2
Publisher:	New Island Books
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Tony O'Neill is not having a good day. He is unemployed and broke, with a wife and child to support. Even worse, he's living with his snooty mother-in-law. They don't get on. Then the unthinkable happens, a day for a second chance.



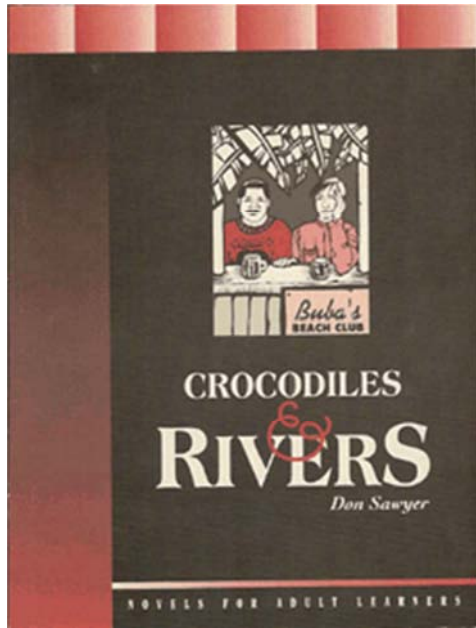
Title:	Secrets
Author:	Patricia Scanlan
Readability:	Grades 5-6
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-905494-02-6
Publisher:	New Island Books
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Kate is finding it hard to come to terms with her husband's unemployment. She and Bill are struggling to pay the bills. They don't have enough money for the children's Christmas presents. And having a boastful next-door neighbour isn't helping either.



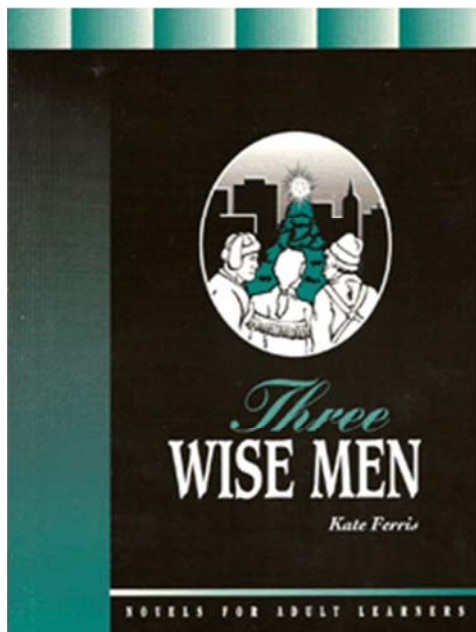
Title: The Buckle
 Author: Don Sawyer
 Readability: Grades 3-4
 Subject: Fiction
 ISBN: 978-0-7718-9493-0
 Publisher: Open Learning Agency
 Format: Paperback book
 Description: The buckle. The British Columbia bull riding champion's buckle. Luke wants it more than anything else in the world. And he is willing to do anything to get it. Anything. But when he lands in Okalla Prison, things begin to change. What really is important?



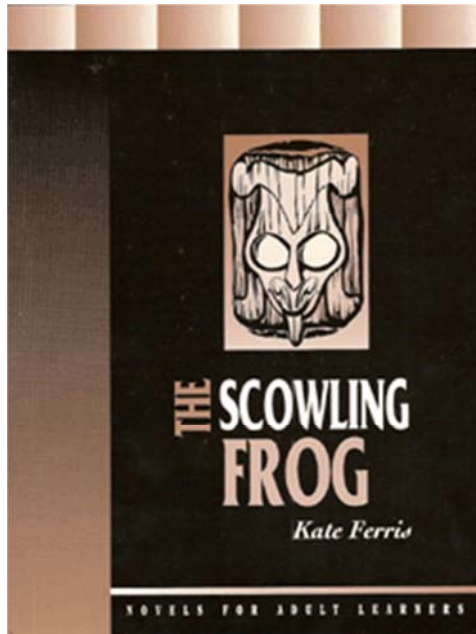
Title: Frozen Tears
 Author: Don Sawyer
 Readability: Grades 3-4
 Subject: Fiction
 ISBN: 978-0-7718-9491-6
 Publisher: Open Learning Agency
 Format: Paperback book
 Description: Laura's childhood has been a nightmare. But Laura is a survivor. She finds strength, courage and determination. She learns to drive a skidder. She survives in a tough world. She saves herself and her daughter from an abusive relationship. She elbows her way into managing a hay ranch.



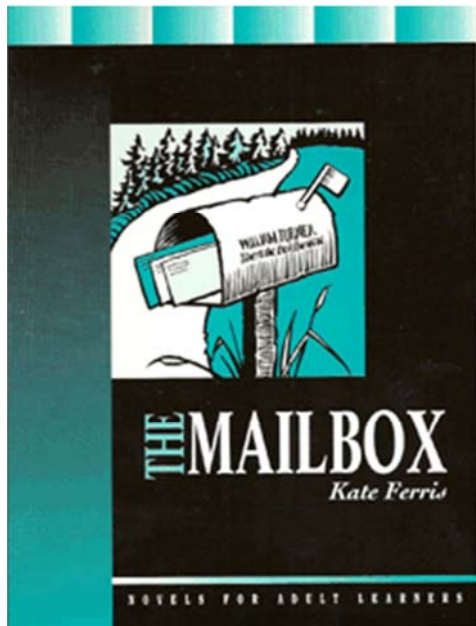
Title: Crocodiles & Rivers
Author: Don Sawyer
Readability: Grades 3-4
Subject: Fiction
ISBN: 978-0-7718-9492-3
Publisher: Open Learning Agency
Format: Paperback book
Description: "Gordy, let's go to Africa," Ross suggests. Africa? Gordy's never been farther than Reno! Can two British Columbia mill workers really make their way to Africa? And when they do, what will they find? Crocodiles and Rivers is the story of Ross and Gordy.



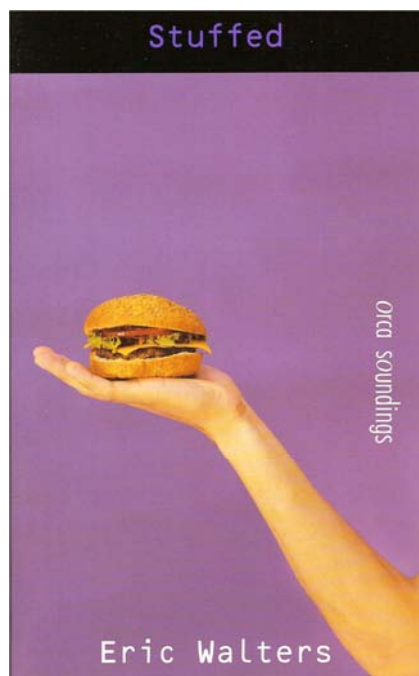
Title: Three Wise Men
Author: Kate Ferris
Readability: Grades 3-4
Subject: Fiction
ISBN: 978-0-7718-9489-3
Publisher: Open Learning Agency
Format: Paperback book
Description: Should Hank report the murder he has just witnessed? If he does, will the Mafia kill him, too? Dawn is still a few cold hours away. Hank must keep moving to stay warm. He paces back and forth along the sidewalk. Fear squeezes his chest. What to do?



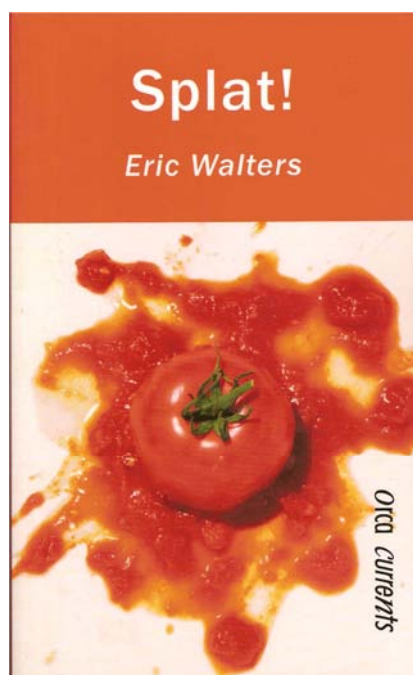
Title: The Scowling Frog
 Author: Kate Ferris
 Readability: Grades 3-4
 Subject: Fiction
 ISBN: 978-0-7718-9490-9
 Publisher: Open Learning Agency
 Format: Paperback book
 Description: Nathan and Pozzi are in trouble. They have stolen something sacred. The spirits are angry, and so is the sea. In a few minutes they could be swept overboard. The waves are growing ever higher. In a boat holding three people, there are only two life jackets.



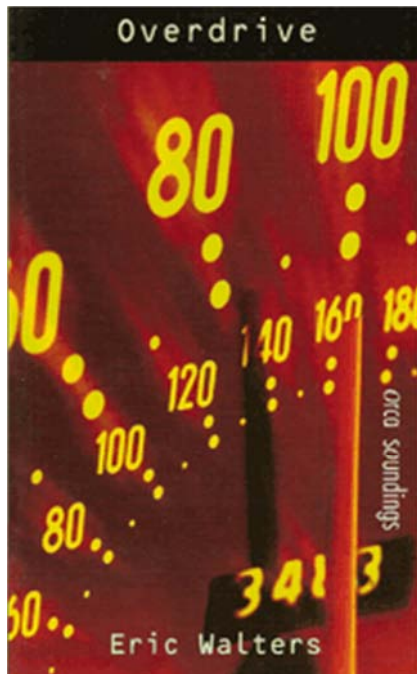
Title: The Mailbox
 Author: Kate Ferris
 Readability: Grades 3-4
 Subject: Fiction
 ISBN: 978-0-7718-9488-6
 Publisher: Open Learning Agency
 Format: Paperback book
 Description: Helen Turner, a young and beautiful woman, is married to a much older man. One spring morning she walks out to her mailbox. The letter in her hand is addressed to a stranger, a bush pilot. She slips the letter into the box. What Helen doesn't know is that the letter she has just mailed will change her life.



Title: Stuffed
Author: Eric Walters
Readability: Grades 2-4
Subject: Fiction
ISBN: 978-1-55143-500-8
Publisher: Orca Book Publishers
Format: Paperback book
Description: When Ian and his classmates watch a documentary about the health concerns of eating fast food, Ian decides to start a boycott and stop everyone he can from eating at Frankie's, a huge fast-food chain. The company's lawyers threaten Ian and his friends and try to force them to stop the boycott.



Title: Splat!
Author: Eric Walters
Readability: Grades 2-4
Subject: Fiction
ISBN: 978-1-55143-986-0
Publisher: Orca Book Publishers
Format: Paperback book
Description: Keegan and Alex are the only kids in Leamington who haven't volunteered to help out with the town's annual tomato festival. In an attempt to teach them a sense of responsibility, their fathers put them in charge of the tomato toss. The boys decide it's their responsibility to add a little excitement to the event.



Title:	Overdrive
Author:	Eric Walters
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-318-9
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Jake has finally got his driver's license, and tonight he has his brother's car as well. He and his friend Mickey take the car out and cruise the strip. When they challenge another driver to a street race, a disastrous chain reaction causes an accident.



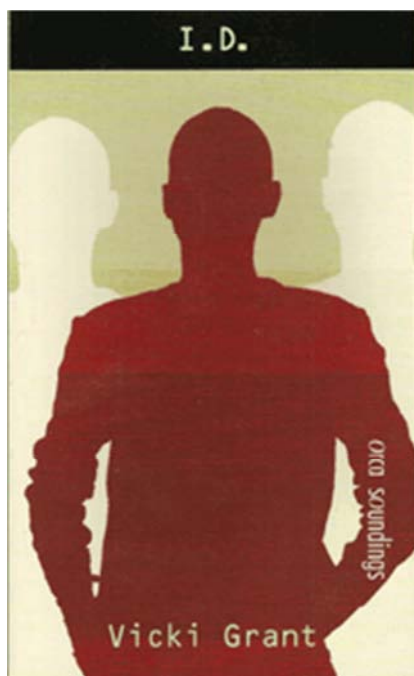
Title:	Juice
Author:	Eric Walters
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-351-6
Publisher:	Orca Books Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Coach Barnes has new ideas and a vision for the future—nothing is too good for his players. With a new training regimen, everything seems to be on a winning track. But when Moose and others are offered steroids, tempers start to fray and the teammates have to decide whose side they are on.



Title:	Grind
Author:	Eric Walters
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-317-2
Publisher:	Orca Books Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Philip lives for skateboarding. School is merely the break between trying to land a difficult jump and outrunning the security guards. When he and his best friend Wally meet a professional skateboarder who videotapes himself for his website, Philip thinks they can do it too—and make money at the same time.



Title:	House Party
Author:	Eric Walters
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-741-5
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	As the new girl in a strange town, Casey is trying desperately to fit in and make friends. When her parents leave town for the weekend, her friend suggests she have a house party. Casey is reluctant to go along, until she realizes maybe this is the answer to fitting in and making friends.



Title:	I.D.
Author:	Vicki Grant
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-694-4
Publisher:	Orca Books Publishers
Format:	Paperback books
Description:	When Chris finds a wallet on the street he tries to return it to its owner. In trouble at home and at school, he is struggling to do the right thing. Chris realizes that the person who owns the wallet looks a lot like him and has a life he would do almost anything for.



Title:	Dead-End Job
Author:	Vicki Grant
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-378-3
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Frances spends her time restocking shelves and working on her art. Her routine is broken one night when Devin comes into the store. By the time she realizes the danger she is in, Devin is completely obsessed with her and convinced that if he can't have her, no one will.



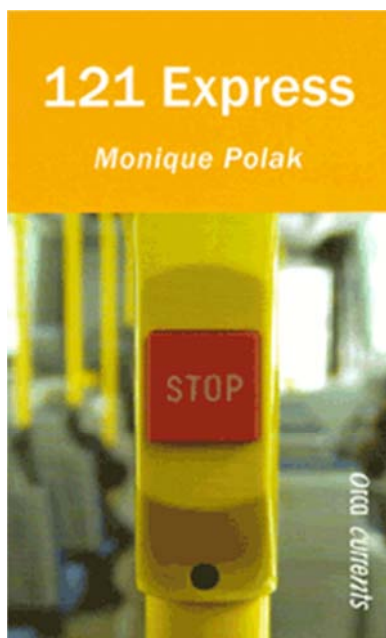
Title:	Pain & Wastings
Author:	Carrie Mac
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-904-4
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Ethan is fighting to find a sense of who he is. After breaking into an amusement park and being savaged by a police dog, he is befriended by a paramedic. Offered a choice of court or going on a ride-along in an ambulance, Ethan takes what he thinks is the easy way out.



Title:	Crush
Author:	Carrie Mac
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-526-8
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Miserable, Hope ends up meeting Nat, and developing a powerful crush. The only problem is that Nat is a girl. Hope is pretty sure she isn't gay. Or is she? Struggling with new feelings, fitting in and a strange city far from home, Hope finds that love—and acceptance—comes in many different forms.



Title: Charmed
Author: Carrie Mac
Readability: Grades 2-4
Subject: Fiction
ISBN: 978-1-55143-321-9
Publisher: Orca Book Publishers
Format: Paperback book
Description: Coerced into putting out to help Cody, Izzy finds she is one in a long line of girls ensnared in prostitution, with no way to escape. Believing that her mother will come for her, Izzy manages to fight back and, when the chance appears, make a run for it.



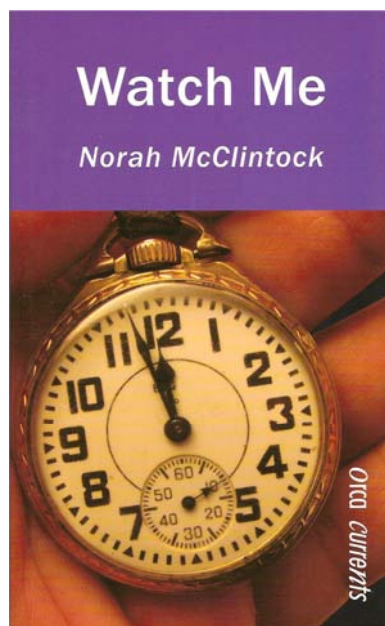
Title: 121 Express
Author: Monique Polak
Readability: Grades 2-4
Subject: Fiction
ISBN: 978-1-55143-978-5
Publisher: Orca Book Publishers
Format: Paperback book
Description: Lucas is tired of being one of the nerds. When he attracts the negative attention of the cool troublemakers, he saves himself by teasing another kid. When the fun and games push the bus driver to a nervous collapse and hospitalizes an elderly lady, Lucas begins to question his choices.



Title:	Home Invasion
Author:	Monique Polak
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-482-7
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Resenting his new living arrangements and his unorthodox home life, Josh finds himself drawn to the idea of a “regular” family and, on a whim, sneaks into a neighbor’s house to see how others live. When another opportunity arises to be a fly on the wall, Josh takes it and finds himself becoming bolder.



Title:	No More Pranks
Author:	Monique Polak
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-315-8
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Pete's parents send him to spend the summer working with his uncle, a whale-watching guide in a tourist town far from the city. When a whale is injured by a reckless tour guide, Pete struggles to save the animal. Then Pete has to pull the most important prank of his life to bring the guide to justice.



Title: Watch Me

Author: Norah McClintock

Readability: Grades 2-4

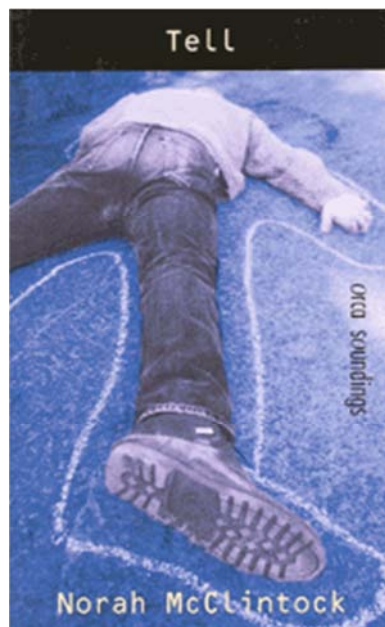
Subject: Fiction

ISBN: 978-1-55469-039-8

Publisher: Orca Book Publishers

Format: Paperback book

Description: Kaz steals a purse from an old lady, whom he intended to help up. The purse contains only five dollars and a battered watch. When Kaz learns who the old woman is and where the watch came from, he begins to understand consequences in a new way.



Title: Tell

Author: Norah McClintock

Readability: Grades 2-4

Subject: Fiction

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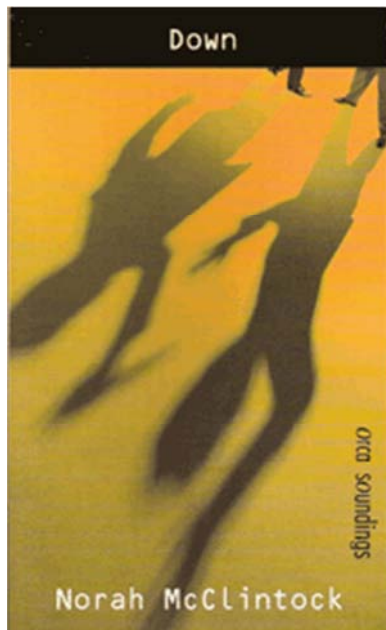
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Format: Paperback book

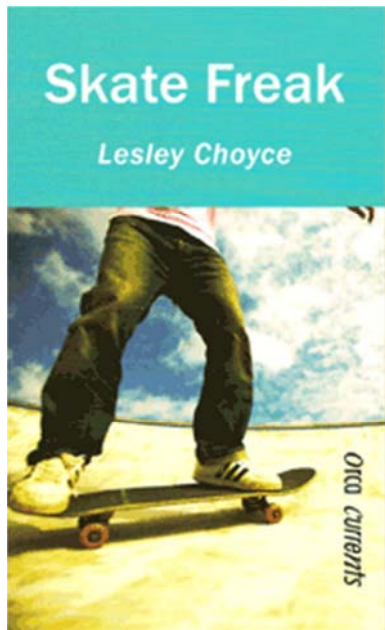
Description: When his step-father Phil is shot dead in an apparent robbery, David becomes the prime suspect. Where was David that night, and what does he know about Phil?



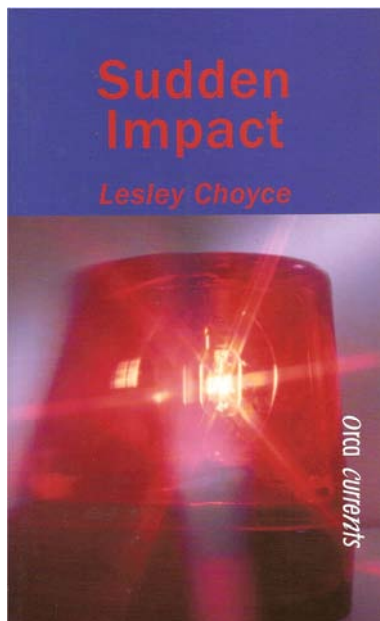
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Author:	Norah McClintock
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-989-1
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Jojo's back, released from jail, and people are tense and afraid all over again. They wonder if they'll be walking down the street one day and they'll run into Jojo and Jojo will give them attitude or shove them around, just for fun.



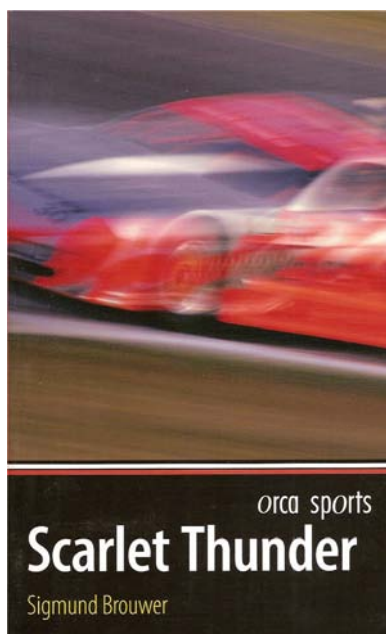
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Author:	Norah McClintock
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-768-2
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	When the white kids and the “outsiders” start scrapping over the local basketball court, Remy is caught between sticking up for his friends and siding with Asia, who is now seeing Marcus—the leader of the other group.



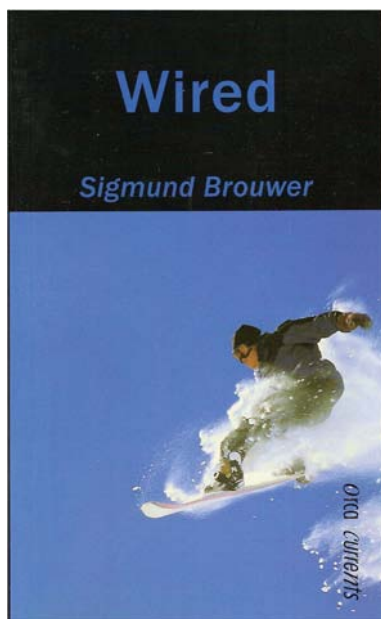
Title:	Skate Freak
Author:	Lesley Choyce
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55469-042-8
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Dorf is all about skateboarding and so far that's worked out fine. But now that he's in a new city, the terrain has changed.



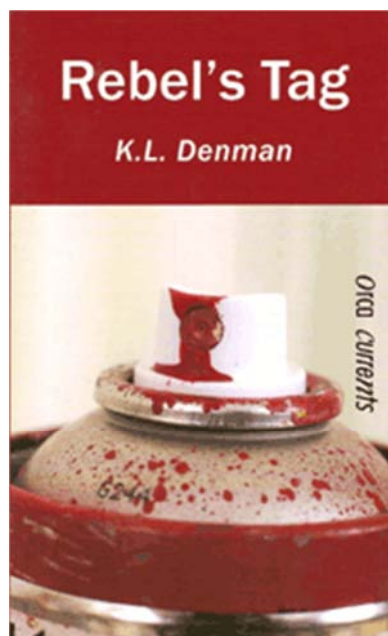
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Author:	Lesley Choyce
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-476-6
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Kurt is hurt in a soccer game and ends up in the hospital Tina tries to help him, but nobody will tell her what is wrong, and Kurt's parents don't want her around. Tina learns that Kurt needs a donor with a rare blood type, and she finds a match in Kurt's soccer rival Jason.



Title:	Scarlet Thunder
Author:	Sigmund Brouwer
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-911-2
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Trenton Hiser is trying to walk in the footsteps of his uncle, Mike Hiser, a successful Hollywood director. During Trenton's summer vacation, he goes with his uncle to film the inside story of Scarlet Thunder, a top-level stock-car racing team.



Title:	Wired
Author:	Sigmund Brouwer
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-478-0
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Keegan Bishop, championship skier, is almost injured in a dangerous trap set for one of his teammates. Snowboard tracks leading away from the trap are the only clue as to who might be responsible.



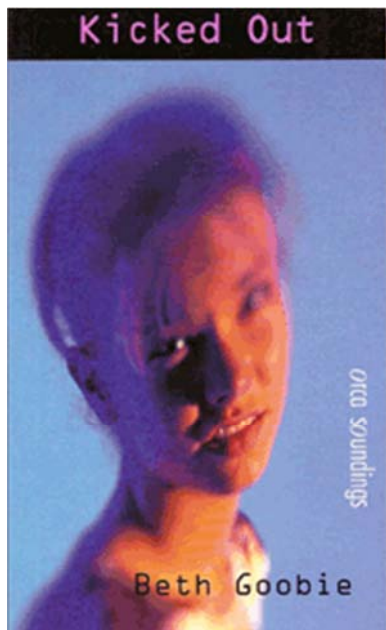
Title: Rebel's Tag
Author: K.L. Denman
Readability: Grades 2-4
Subject: Fiction
ISBN: 978-1-55143-740-8
Publisher: Orca Book Publishers
Format: Paperback book
Description: Sam's grandfather vanished from his life the day Sam's father was buried. Now, ten years later, Grandpa Max wants to make amends. He sends letters that lead Sam on a scavenger hunt.



Title: Battle of the Bands
Author: K.L. Denman
Readability: Grades 2-4
Subject: Fiction
ISBN: 978-1-55143-674-6
Publisher: Orca Book Publishers
Format: Paperback book
Description: Jay, Kelvin and Cia are The Lunar Ticks, a dedicated band who are convinced they are on their way up. They hope to win an upcoming battle of the bands where the first prize is a full day in a recording studio.



Title: Sticks and Stones
Author: Beth Goobie
Readability: Grades 2-4
Subject: Fiction
ISBN: 978-1-55143-213-7
Publisher: Orca Book Publishers
Format: Paperback book
Description: Jujube is thrilled when Brent asks her out. She is not so happy when the rumors start flying at school. Pretty soon her name is showing up on bathroom walls and everyone is snickering and sniping. When her mother gets involved, Jujube's reputation takes another hit.



Title: Kicked Out
Author: Beth Goobie
Readability: Grades 2-4
Subject: Fiction
ISBN: 978-1-55143-244-1
Publisher: Orca Book Publishers
Format: Paperback book
Description: Dime is fifteen and angry all the time. Her parents don't like the way she dresses, her boyfriend, her attitude. Her older brother Darren was paralyzed in an accident she walked away from, and Dime is sure her parents wish she were the one in the wheelchair.



Title:	Blue Moon
Author:	Marilyn Halvorson
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-320-2
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Bobbie Joe didn't set out to buy a limping blue roan mare—she wanted a colt she could train to barrel race. But the horse is a fighter, just like Bobbie Joe. Now all she has to do is train the sour old mare that obviously has a past.



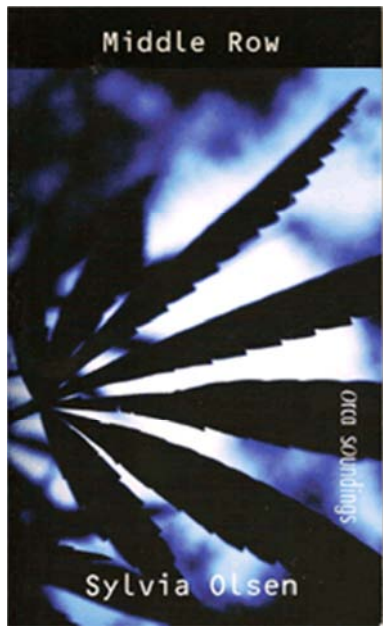
Title:	Breathless
Author:	Pam Withers
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-480-3
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Beverly is in Hawaii, helping her uncle at his dive shop, learning how to dive and trying to lose weight and get a boyfriend. When Garth, an accomplished diver, shows an interest in her, Beverly is ecstatic, until it turns out Garth is only interested in one thing.



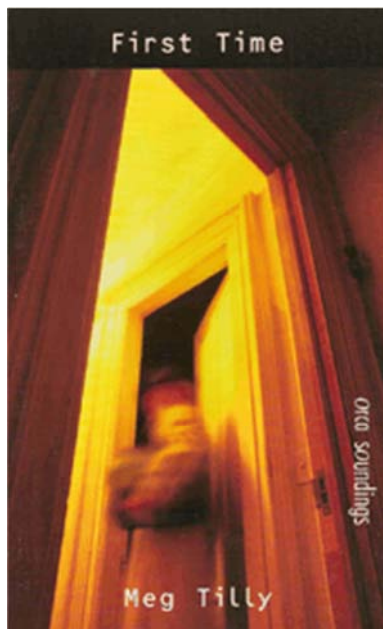
Title:	Responsible
Author:	Darlene Ryan
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-685-2
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Kevin Frasier is in a new high school—his fourth in the last year. He is trying to get along and not cause any waves. When he falls in with Nick and his friends, Frasier ends up going along as the group bullies and threatens their way through the school.



Title:	Fastback Beach
Author:	Shirlee Smith Matheson
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-580-0
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Miles Derkach is in trouble. Along with two friends, he stole a car and went joyriding. When the dust clears, he is all alone and his friends have left, leaving him to take the blame – and the punishment – while maintaining his silence.



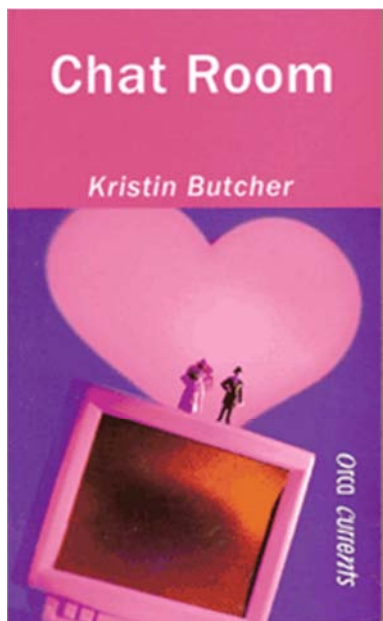
Title: Middle Row
Author: Sylvia Olsen
Readability: Grades 2-4
Subject: Fiction
ISBN: 978-1-55143-899-3
Publisher: Orca Book Publishers
Format: Paperback book
Description: Things have changed since Raedawn and Vince started going out and the racial boundaries in town have slipped a bit. But when Dune, who never took sides, disappears, Raedawn is determined to find out where he has gone—or what happened to him.



Title: First Time
Author: Meg Tilly
Readability: Grades 2-4
Subject: Fiction
ISBN: 978-1-55143-944-0
Publisher: Orca Book Publishers
Format: Paperback book
Description: Haley and Lynn are best friends. When Lynn meets Chad, a player several years older, Haley feels left out. She tries to be happy for her friend, but when her mother's new boyfriend starts making unwanted advances, Haley finds she has no one to tell.



Title:	Bull's Eye
Author:	Sarah N. Harvey
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-679-1
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	After Emily's aunt dies, Emily learns that everything she has always believed is a lie, and her world crumbles. Forced to face the fact that her mother is not who she thought she was, Emily tries to find the truth about her past and make sense of her future.



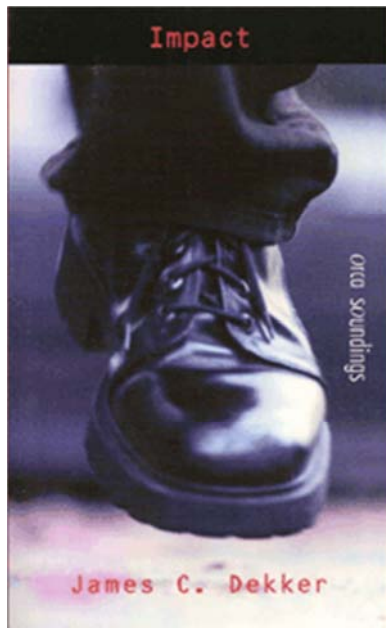
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Author:	Kristin Butcher
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-485-8
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Fuelled by interest in a student with the nickname Cyrano, Linda participates in online conversations using the nickname Roxanne and gains a reputation as the queen of one-liners.



Title:	Lockdown
Author:	Diane Tullson
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-916-7
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Adam has been slacking off lately, but today he stuck around to see his girlfriend. When Josh, who has been bullied mercilessly, brings a gun to school, the building is locked down and Adam is forced to risk everything to save himself and to find Zoe before Josh does.



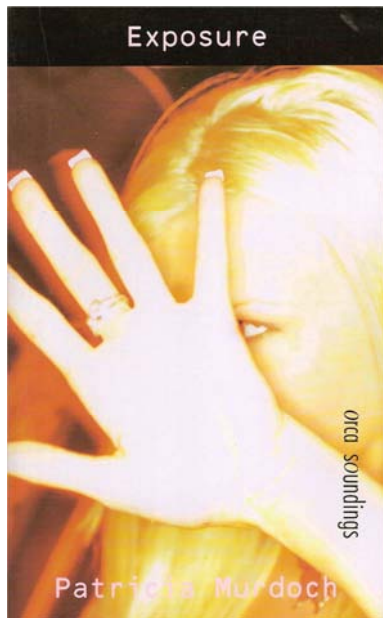
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Author:	Jacqueline Pearce
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-746-0
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Dana is excited about her school trip to Japan despite the fact that she is surrounded by the Melly Mob, "in-crowd" kids who make fun of her. Dana is certain she will be less of an outsider in Japan, home of manga and anime.



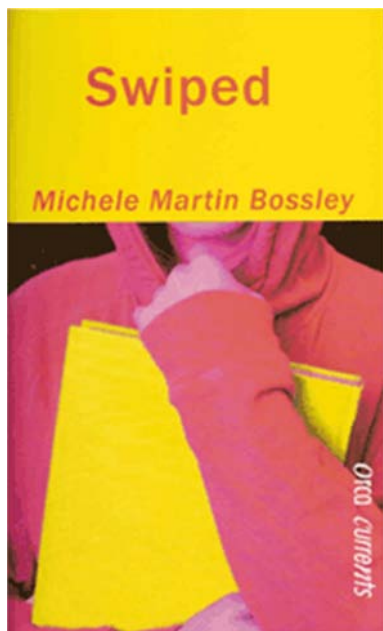
Title:	Impact
Author:	James C. Dekker
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-995-2
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Jordan's brother was killed two years ago in what appeared to be a random act. Now, as the family reads their impact statements in court before the suspect is sentenced, a different story emerges. Maybe this was not a random act.



Title:	Death Wind
Author:	William Bell
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-215-1
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Allie's life has just taken a turn for the worse; not only do her parents fight all the time, but she is failing more classes than not and now she thinks she might be pregnant. Unable to face up to her parents, she decides to run away.



Title:	Exposure
Author:	Patricia Murdoch
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-493-3
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Julie is tired of being tormented at school, tired of not fitting in and being the butt of jokes. When her brother brings home a camera with images of her chief tormentor in a compromising situation, she sees a way to level the playing field.



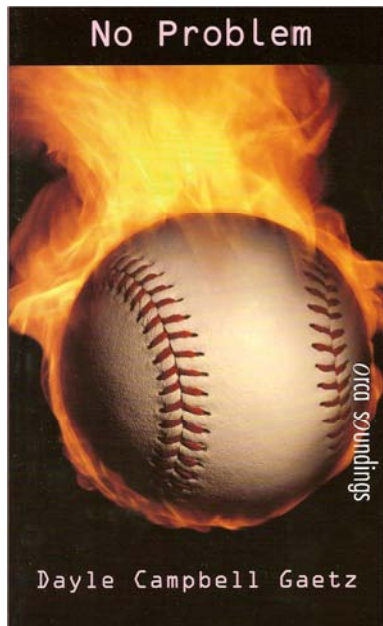
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Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Would-be detectives Trevor, Nick and Robyn are hot on the trail of a sandwich thief when they learn that more than food has been going missing at school. A valuable hockey book has been stolen from the library and the kids worry that the librarian might lose her job if it isn't found.



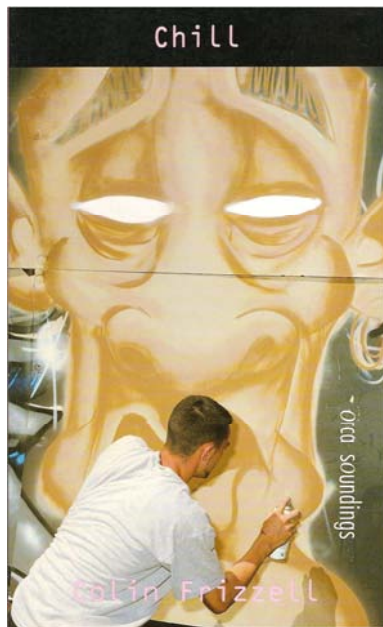
Title:	Hit Squad
Author:	James Heneghan
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-269-4
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	This is Mickey's first year at Grandview High. After transferring, all he wants to do is keep his head down, work hard and fit in with the upscale crowd. He is approached, because of his tough reputation, to join a group of students to take back the school from the bullies.



Title:	Big Guy
Author:	Robin Stevenson
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-910-5
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Derek thinks he might be falling in love. The problem is, he hasn't been entirely honest with his online boyfriend. Derek sent Ethan a photo taken before he got depressed and gained eighty pounds. Derek hasn't been honest with his employer either.



Title:	No Problem
Author:	Dayle Campbell Gaetz
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-231-1
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Curt seems to have it all – a girlfriend, friends, a good summer job and a guaranteed position on the baseball team with the promise of a professional career. Then, one misstep causes his world to unravel and his life to plummet into the depths of depression and addiction.



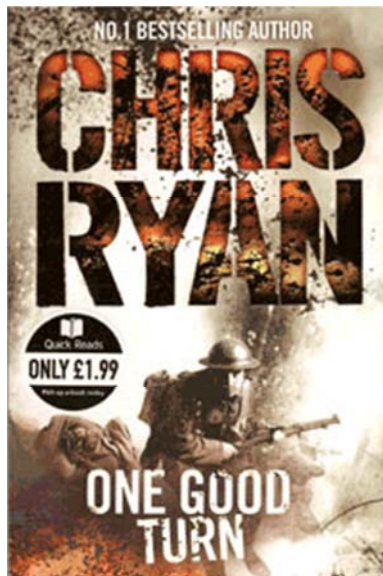
Title:	Chill
Author:	Colin Frizzell
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-507-7
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Chill has always been different, but the way he deals with his disability and his art have given him the power to survive the horrors of high school. When a new teacher arrives, determined to crush his students' spirit, Chill decides to fight back and risk everything.



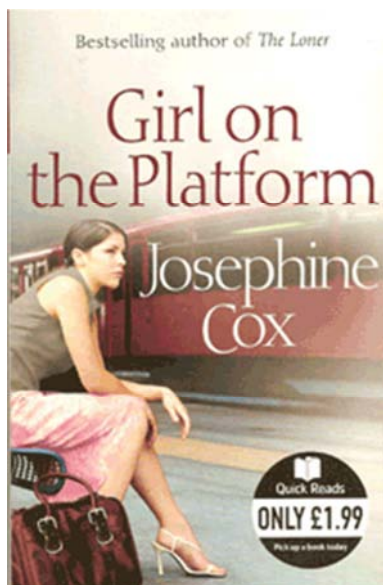
Title:	Exit Point
Author:	Laura Langston
Readability:	Grades 2-4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-1-55143-505-3
Publisher:	Orca Book Publishers
Format:	Hardcover book
Description:	Logan always takes the easy way out. After a night of drinking and driving he wakes up to find he has been involved in a senseless car accident and is dead. With the help of his guide, Wade, and the spirit of his grandmother, he realizes he has taken the wrong exit—he wasn't meant to die.



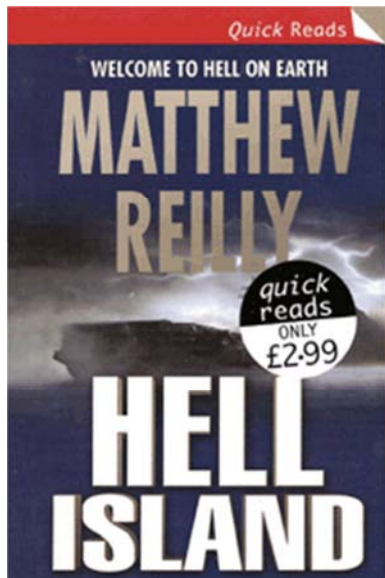
Title:	Chickenfeed
Author:	Minette Walters
Readability:	Grades 2-3
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-0-330-44031-8
Publisher:	Orion Publishing Group
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Norman Thorne was found guilty of the murder of Elsie Cameron, but even at the time of his execution there were doubts about his guilt. Still swearing his innocence, Norman Thorne was hanged on April 22, 1925.



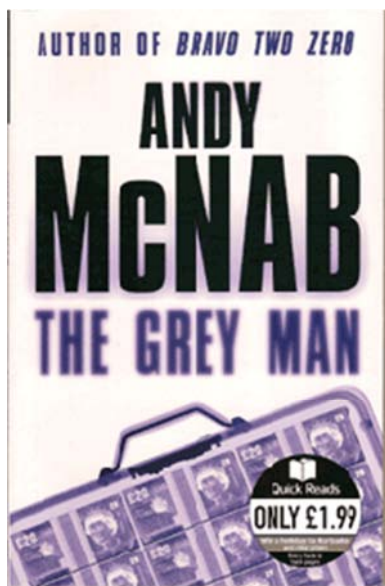
Title:	One Good Turn
Author:	Chris Ryan
Readability:	Grades 5-6
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-0-0995-2234-8
Publisher:	Orion Publishing Group
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	Chris Ransom is tried and found guilty. As the verdict is passed and he learns that the death sentence awaits him, he remembers two things: that he took something from a dead man in the trenches. and that the name his accusers have been calling him is not his.



Title:	Girl on the Platform
Author:	Josephine Cox
Readability:	Grade 4
Subject:	Fiction
ISBN:	978-0-00-727008-8
Publisher:	Orion Publishing Group
Format:	Paperback book
Description:	As Pete finds a seat he notices a girl sitting on a bench. She looks sad and lonely. When the train leaves, he can't get her out of his mind because in her, he has seen a glimpse of himself.



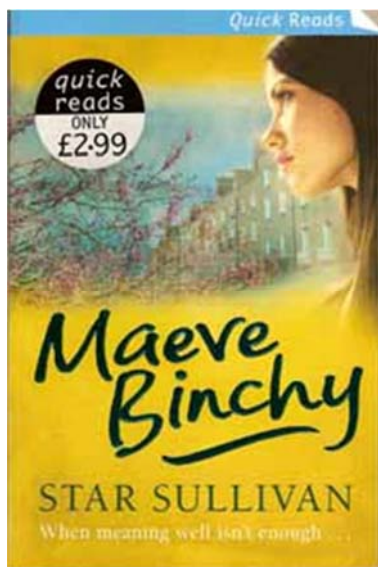
Title: Hell Island
Author: Matthew Reilly
Readability: Grade 6
Subject: Fiction
ISBN: 978-0-330-44232-9
Publisher: Orion Publishing Group
Format: Paperback book
Description: It is an island that doesn't appear on any maps. A place where secret tests have been going on. Tests that have gone terribly wrong. When all contact with the island is suddenly lost, four special forces units are dropped in.



Title: The Grey Man
Author: Andy McNab
Readability: Grades 4-5
Subject: Fiction
ISBN: 978-0-552-15598-4
Publisher: Orion Publishing Group
Format: Paperback book
Description: Kevin Dodds leads a dull, uneventful life. But Kevin has spent enough quiet nights in watching TV and decides he'd like a night out himself. And he's not talking about a pint and a packet of peanuts down at the local. He's going to attempt to pull off a daring robbery single handed.



Title: Lily: A Ghost Story
Author: Adèle Geras
Readability: Grade 3
Subject: Fiction
ISBN: 978-0-7528-8224-6
Publisher: Orion Publishing Group
Format: Paperback book
Description: Seventeen-year-old Marie has coped with a lot in her young life, but things are getting better. Then things start to change. It seems that not everyone is happy with the new situation. There appears to be someone else in the house—someone who is determined to come between Amy and Marie.



Title: Star Sullivan
Author: Maeve Binchy
Readability: Grade 5
Subject: Fiction
ISBN: 978-0-75287-954-3
Publisher: Orion Publishing Group
Format: Paperback book
Description: Star Sullivan just wanted everyone to be happy. Then Laddy moved in next door—and everything began to change, until Star was no longer the sweet, thoughtful girl everyone loved and no one worried about...