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Barasch, Lynne	Hiromi's Hands	The true story of a girl who defies tradition to become accomplished in the career of her choice.	2007	Picture book
Bunting, Eve	The Wednesday Surprise	A girl teaches her grandmother to read. Grandmother says, "Maybe I will read everything in the world now that I've started."	1989	Picture book
Burnett, Frances Hodgson	The Secret Garden	In Victorian England a neglected girl and her invalid cousin discover a hidden garden and, in bringing it to life, find health and emotional strength.	1911	Chapter book
Carlson, Nancy	There's a big beautiful world out there	A girl realizes that there is a lot to look forward to in this world.	2002	Picture book
Cooney, Barbara	Miss Rumphius	Great-Aunt Alice models a life well lived by loving the sea, traveling to far-off places, and making the world more beautiful.	1982	Picture book
Curtis, Christopher Paul	Bud, Not Buddy	During the Depression, a 10 year old boy goes across the country in search of his father. He finds danger, adventure, and, eventually, happiness.	1999	Chapter book
Curtis, Jamie Lee	I'm Gonna Like Me: Letting off a Little Self-Esteem	A boy and a girl are shown in a variety of situations where they demonstrate high self-esteem.	2002	Picture book
Cushman, Karen	The Midwife's Apprentice	"I know how to try and risk and fall and try again and not give up" says Alyce, who goes from homeless waif to apprentice to a wise woman, in this story set in medieval times.	1995	Chapter book

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Giff, Patricia Reilly	Wild Girl	Twelve-year-old Lidie leaves Brazil to live with her father and brother, who have not seen her since she was tiny. It takes time for them to become a family, but Lidie knows that her future is bright.	2009	Chapter book
Giff, Patricia Reilly	Pictures of Hollis Woods	Hollis has been in many foster homes and is afraid to love, but finally finds a family that fits her.	2002	Chapter book
Giff, Patricia Reilly	Today was a terrible day	Ronald Morgan has a truly awful day, but with his teacher's help he has a good feeling about tomorrow.	1980	Picture book
Kehret, Peg	Small Steps: the Year I Got Polio	Author Peg Kehret tells about her childhood fight with polio, and how the experience made her a stronger person.	1996	Chapter book, NF
Mollel, Tololwa M.	My rows and piles of coins	A young boy in Tanzania saves his coins to buy a bicycle.	1999	Picture book
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	Faith, Hope, and Ivy June	Two girls who meet in a school exchange program learn a lot about themselves and how to deal with real life.	2009	Chapter book
O'Flatharta, Antoine	Hurry and the Monarch	A turtle in Texas learns wisdom from a migratory monarch butterfly. What is the world like?" "A place full of astonishing things. I can't wait." says the young monarch, flying away."	2005	Picture book
Polocco, Patricia	The Lemonade Club	A girl and her teacher face a hopeful future after supporting each other as they both undergo treatment for cancer.	2007	Picture book
Taylor, Mildred D.	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	The Logan family exhibits courage and determination in Depression era Mississippi	1976	Chapter book

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Williams, Mary	Brothers in Hope: the Story of the Lost Boys of Sudan	An 8-year-old boy, orphaned by the war in the Sudan, leads a group of boys to safety in Ethiopia.	2005	Picture book
Williams, Vera B.	A Chair for my Mother	After a fire destroys their belongings, a girl, her mother and her grandmother save up for a comfy chair.	1982	Picture book