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Alabama
Primary
A Black Elephant with a Brown Ear (In Alabama) by Bill Traylor
Elementary
I Am Rosa Parks by Rosa Parks
Upper Elementary
Alabama Moon by Walt Key
*The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis
Run Away Home by Pat McKissack
Bird by Angela Johnson

Alaska
Primary
Running with the Big Dogs: A Sled Dog Puppy Grows Up in Denali National Park, Alaska by Lori Yanuchi
Elementary
The Year of Miss Agnes by Kirkpatrick Hill
Upper Elementary
The Great Eagle Spirit by Hal Granum

Arizona
Primary
Arizona Charlie and the Klondike Kid by Julie Lawson
Desert Trip by Barbara Steiner
Elementary
Charlie Moves to Arizona (Charlie's great adventure) by C.A. Goody

Arkansas
Primary
Amistad: The Story of a Slave Ship: Station Stop 3 by Patricia McKissack
Elementary
Casey Jones (On My Own Folklore) by Stephen Krensky
Upper Elementary
I've Already Forgotten Your Name, Philip Hall! By Bette Greene

California
Primary
Smoky Night (Caldecott Medal Book) by Eve Bunting
Earthquake by Milly Lee
Elementary
Lion Singer by Sylvia Ross
Surfer Dog by Elizabeth Spurr
Upper Elementary
Earthquake!: A Story of the San Francisco Earthquake (Once Upon America) by Kathleen V. Kudlinski
*Higher Power of Lucky by Susan Patron
*Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko

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Colorado
Primary
Grandfather's Christmas Tree by Keith Strand
Elementary
In the Heart of the Rockies by G.A. Henty
Prairie School by Avi
Upper Elementary
The Coach That Never Came by Patricia Beatty
Nowhere, Now Here by Ann Howard Creel

Connecticut
Primary
The Middle Moffat by Eleanor Estes
Elementary
Little Maid of Old Connecticut by Alice Turner Curtis
Upper Elementary
Windcatcher by Avi
Where the Great Hawk Flies by Liza Ketchum
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court by Mark Twain
*The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare

Delaware
Elementary
Reaching Tidewater: Life on the Delaware Canal by Noreen F. Moore
Upper Elementary
Moon of Two Dark Horses by Sally M. Keehn

Florida
Primary
Chessie: The Meandering Manatee by Carol A. Amato
Elementary
The Goose's Gold (A to Z Mysteries) by Ron Roy
Panther Girl by Maity Schrecengost
My Name is Sally Little Song by Brenda Woods
Upper Elementary
*Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
A Key Keepers Mystery: The Game Begins by Liz Shore
Manatee Blues by Laurie Halse Anderson

Georgia
Primary
Georgia Music by Helen V. Griffith
Elementary
Eight Paws to Georgia by Pamela Bauer Mueller
Upper Elementary
Moonpie and Ivy by Barbara O'Conner
Blue Ridge by John Harper

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Hawaii
Primary
*The Best Hawaiian Style Mother Goose* by Kevin Sullivan
*Luka's Quilt* by Georgia Guback
Elementary
*The Broccoli Tapes* by Jan Slepian
Upper Elementary
*Kaiulani: The People's Princess, Hawaii, 1889* by Ellen Emerson White

Idaho
Primary
*Snowboard Twist (Outdoor Adventures)* by Jean Craighead George
Elementary
*Fire Storm* by Jean Craighead George
Upper Elementary
*Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech
*Fire in the Hole!* by Mary Cronk Farrell

Illinois
Elementary
*Growing Seasons* by Carolyn Pratt
*On The Wings of Heroes* by Richard Peck
Upper Elementary
*The Great Fire* by Jim Murphy
*A Long Way from Chicago* by Richard Peck
*A Year Down Yonder* by Richard Peck
*SURVIVAL! Fire (Chicago, 1871)* by Kathleen Duey

Indiana
Primary
*A Goose Named Gilligan* by Jerry M. Hay
Elementary
*Ahyoka and the Talking Leaves* by Connie Roop
*Ruthie's Gift* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Upper Elementary
*Throwing Stones* by Kristi Collier
*The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts* by Richard Peck

Iowa
Primary
*Junkyard Junction: Squirt's New Home* by James Pottebaum and Kelly Johns
Elementary
*Cora Frear* by Susan E. Goodman
Upper Elementary
*Blue Jasmine* by Kashmira Sheth

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**Kansas**
**Primary**
- Twister Twyla: The Kansas Cowgirl by Jerri Gerretson
- Aunt Minnie and the Twister by Mary Skillings Prigger

**Elementary**
- Billy's Mountain by Steve Richardson

**Upper Elementary**
- Steal Away Home by Lois Ruby

**Kentucky**
**Primary**
- My Mountain Song by Shutta Crum

**Elementary**
- Keeper of the Doves by Betsy Byars

**Upper Elementary**
- Tadpole by Ruth White

**Louisiana**
**Primary**
- Clovis Crawfish and the Big Betail by Mary Alice Fontenot

**Elementary**
- Mister and Me by Kimberly Willis Holt

**Upper Elementary**
- Fiddle Fever by Sharon Arms Doucet
- The Red Rose Box by Brenda Woods

**Maine**
**Primary**
- Birdie's Lighthouse by Deborah Hopkinson
- The Sea Chest by Tony Buzzéo

**Elementary**
- The Seal Island Seven by Susan Bartlett

**Upper Elementary**
- *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy by Gary D. Schmidt*

**Maryland**
**Elementary**
- Catie and Josephine by Jonathan Scott Fuqua

**Upper Elementary**
- Amelia's War by Ann Rinaldi
- The Art of Keeping Cool by Janet Taylor Lisle
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Massachusetts
Primary
Letting Swift River Go by Jane Yolen
Tattered Sails by Verla Kay

Elementary
Three Young Pilgrims by Cheryl Harness
The Pilgrims of Plimoth by Marcia Sewall

Upper Elementary
A Break with Charity: A Story about the Salem Witch Trials by Ann Rinaldi
Someday by Jackie French Koller
*Olive’s Ocean by Kevin Henkes

Michigan
Primary
By the Light of the Moon: A Story of Kindness and Friendship Above the Mighty Mac by Lisa Dos Santos

Elementary
Night of the Full Moon by Gloria Whelan

Upper Elementary
The Loon Feather by Iola Fuller

Minnesota
Primary
Marven of the Great North Woods by Kathryn Lasky

Elementary
Bigger by Patricia Calvert

Upper Elementary
The Foxman by Gary Paulsen
The Shrouding Woman by Loretta Elsworth

Mississippi
Primary
Monday on the Mississippi by Marilyn Singer

Elementary
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
I Dream of Trains by Angela Johnson

Upper Elementary
Let the Circle Be Unbroken by Mildred D. Taylor
Night Cry by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Missouri
Elementary
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

Upper Elementary
Sooner by Patricia Calvert

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Montana
Elementary
   *When the Circus Came to Town* by Laurence Yep
Upper Elementary
   *Rescue Josh McGuire* by Ben Mikaelson
   *Hattie Big Sky* by Kirby Larson

Nebraska
Primary
   *Prairie Friends* by Nancy Smiler Levinson
Elementary
   *Dandelions* by Eve Bunting
Upper Elementary
   *Worth* by A. LaFaye

Nevada
Elementary
   *Weird Stories from the Lonesome Café* by Judy Cox
Upper Elementary
   *Washoe Seasons of Life: A Native American Story* by Karen Wallis

New Hampshire
Elementary
   *Dillon Dillon* by Kate Banks
Upper Elementary
   *The Sin Eater* by Gary D. Schmidt
   *Heart of a Chief* by Joseph Bruchac

New Jersey
Primary
   *The 18 Penny Goose* by Sally M. Walker
Elementary
   *The Battlefield Ghost* by Margery Cuyler
Upper Elementary
   *The Edison Mystery: Qwerty Stevens, Back in Time* by Dan Gutman
   *Tales of the Atlantic Pirates* by Geoffrey Girard

New Mexico
Primary
   *The Dirty Cowboy* by Amy Timberlake
Elementary
   *The Mystery of the Lost Village* by Gertrude Chandler Warner
Upper Elementary
   *Kokopelli's Flute* by Will Hobbs
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New York
Primary
What Zeesie Saw on Delancey Street by Elsa Okon Rael

Elementary
Fleabiscuit Sings! by Marlene Fanta Shyer

Upper Elementary
Between Madison and Palmetto by Jacqueline Woodson
From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg

North Carolina
Primary
Rescue on the Outer Banks by Candice F. Ransom
Freedom on the Menu: the Greensboro Sit-Ins by Carol Boston
Weatherford

Elementary
Back Home by Gloria Jean Pinkney

Upper Elementary
Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie S. Tolan

North Dakota
Elementary
Spaceship Over North Dakota by Kevin Kremer

Upper Elementary
Jake’s Orphan by Peggy Brooke
Blizzard’s Wake by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Ohio
Primary
Ohio Thunder by Denise Dowling Mortensen

Elementary
Danger Along the Ohio by Patricia Willis
Night Boat to Freedom by Margot Theis Raven

Upper Elementary
Gina.Jamie.Father.Bear. by George Ella Lyon

Oklahoma
Primary
Don’t Forget Winona by Jeanne Whitehouse Peterson
Green Snake Ceremony by Sherrin Watkins

Elementary
I Have Heard of a Land by Joyce Carol Thomas
Angels in the Dust by Margot Theis Raven

Upper Elementary
The Starplace by Vicki Grove
Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

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Oregon
Primary
   Apples to Oregon by Deborah Hopkinson
Elementary
   The Mystery of Devil’s Gulch by Patricia Rose Upczak
   Emily’s Runaway Imagination by Beverly Cleary
Upper Elementary
   Operation Clean Sweep by Darlene Bailey Beard

Pennsylvania
Primary
   The Egg Tree by Katherine Milhous
   Sparrow Jack by Mordicai Gerstein
Elementary
   Brady by Jean Fritz
   The Prometheus Project: Trapped by Douglas E. Richards
Upper Elementary
   The Bread Sister of Sinking Creek by Robin Moore
   The Philadelphia Adventure by Lloyd Alexander
   *An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793 by Jim Murphy

Rhode Island
Primary
   Alfred Visits Rhode Island by Elizabeth O’Neill
Elementary
   Little Maid of Narragansett Bay by Alice Turner Curtis
Upper Elementary
   The Crying Rocks by Janet Taylor Lisle

South Carolina
Elementary
   Secret Holes by Pansie Hart Flood
Upper Elementary
   The Girl Who Ate Chicken Feet by Sandy Richardson
   The Keeping Room by Anna Myers

South Dakota
Primary
   Alfred Visits South Dakota by Missie Mcpherson
Elementary
   Prairie Summer by Bonnie Geisert
   Little Town on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Upper Elementary
   Prairie Whispers by Frances Arrington

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Tennessee
Primary
Swamp Angel by Anne Isaacs
Daniel's Duck by Clyde Robert Bulla

Elementary
Sweet By and By by Patricia Hermes

Upper Elementary
Graveyard Girl by Anna Myers
Cold in Summer by Tracy Barrett

Texas
Primary
Ten Cows to Texas: Handprint Books by Peggy Mercer
The Foot-Stomping Adventures of Clementine Sweet by Kitty Griffin

Elementary
West Texas Chili Monster by Judy Cox

Upper Elementary
Lucky Lady by Susan Saunders
Our House on Hueco by Carlos Nicolas Flores

Utah
Elementary
Hannah Stands Tall by Shirley Rees

Upper Elementary
The Great Brain Is Back by John D. Fitzgerald

Vermont
Primary
Here Comes Darrell by Leda Schubert
A Christmas Like Helen's by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock
Nora's Ark by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock

Elementary
A Llama in the Family by Johanna Hurwitz

Upper Elementary
Stray Voltage by Eugenie Doyle

Virginia
Primary
One Christmas Dawn by Candice F. Ransom

Elementary
Moonshiner's Son by Carolyn Reeder

Upper Elementary
*Belle Prater's Boy by Ruth White
Virginia Bound by Amy Butler

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**Washington**

Primary
- *Salt & Pepper at the Pike Place Market* by Carol A. Losi
- *Dear Ichiro* by Jean Davies Okimoto

Elementary
- *The Secret Voice of Gina Zhang* by Dori Jones Yang

Upper Elementary
- *Our Only May Amelia* by Jennifer L. Holm
- *Jackie’s Wild Seattle* by Will Hobbs
- *Hannah West in Deep Water* by Linda Johns

**West Virginia**

Primary
- *Little Ned Stories: A Chapter-Picture Book for Kids* by Edward Allen Faine

Elementary
- *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- *Witch Catcher* by Mary Downing Hahn

Upper Elementary
- *The Haunting of Swain’s Fancy* by Brenda Seabrooke
- *Dream Soul* by Laurence Yep
- *A Blue-Eyed Daisy* by Cynthia Rylant

**Wisconsin**

Primary
- *The Deer in the Wood (Little House)* by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- *The Giant Ball of String* by Arthur Geisert

Elementary
- *Caddie Woodlawn* by Carol Ryrie Brink

Upper Elementary
- *Ida B: . . . and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World* by Katherine Hannigan

**Wyoming**

Primary
- *Dinosaur Hunter* by Elaine Marie Alphin

Elementary
- *One Day in the Alpine Tundra* by Jean Craighead George

Upper Elementary
- *Hope Was Here* by Joan Bauer
- *Walker’s Crossing* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

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Book for Elementary School children about Rosa Parks. Perfect for Black History Month. The Montgomery Bus Boycott was one of the major events in the Civil Rights Movement, starting with Rosa Park's refusal to move on the bus. A wonderful book, that presents the Rosa Parks story to the children in an easy and fun way. These Black History Month books cover everything from jazz and Jackie Robinson to Rosa Parks and the Underground Railroad. Free online version of this book and activity for Black History Month. Traylor, born a slave, labored in such obscurity that even the date of his death is a matter of dispute; his art, done in a naive style with pencil, crayon, and poster paint on cardboard or other humble surfaces, seems childlike at first, but conveys strong feelings in gestures and expressions. The pictures have a pervasive ambiguity that invites just the sort of speculative reverie Porte falls into. This may well change the way readers look at art in general; those who want to see more of Traylor's work should track down Mary E. Lyons's Deep Blues: Bill Traylor, Self-Taught Artist. Thank you! You get the first email of recommendations from our critics within a week! Bummer. There was a problem adding your email address. Tweet. KIRKUS REVIEW. Civil rights activist Rosa Louise McCauley was born on February 4, 1913, in Tuskegee, Alabama. On December 1st, 1955, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man who was standing as all the white seats had been taken. She was arrested and on December 5th, a boycott of the buses started that lasted for 381 days. The boycott only ended when shop keepers in Montgomery urged a settlement as their livelihoods were being ruined as so few African-Americans went into Montgomery to do any shopping. In 1956, the Supreme Court deemed that segregation on buses was unconstitutional. Al