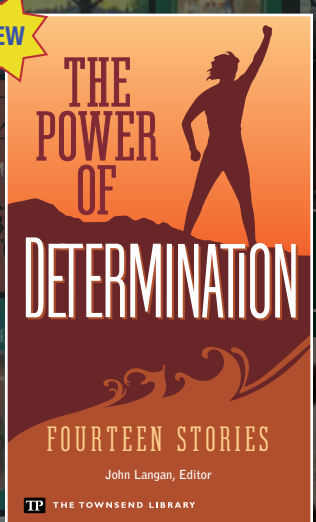




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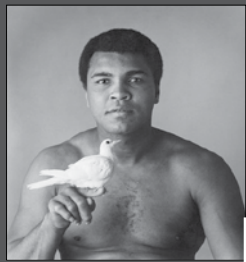


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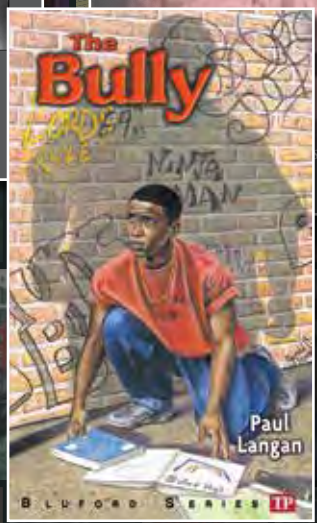
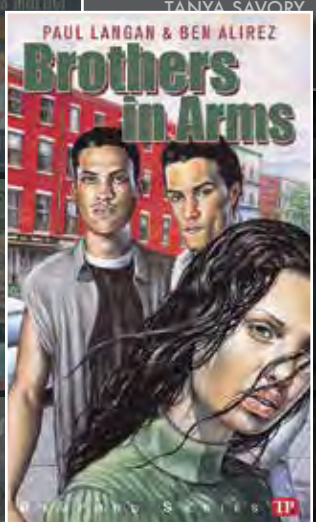


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Our **fiction titles**, also with Lexile measures, include the ever-popular **Bluford Series** (page 37) along with other original novels for middle school and young adult readers. Literary classics are available as well. *Note: Our classic titles have been gently updated to be more accessible to today's students.* Regarding our edits of these classics, one teacher commented:

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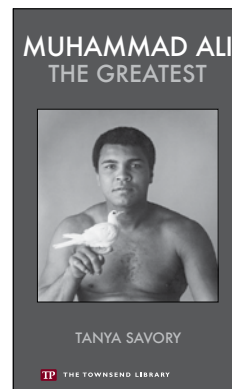
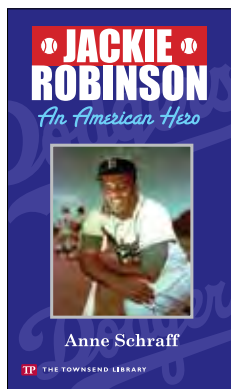
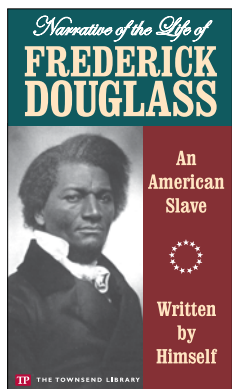
Our **King School Series** titles, which include 85 leveled books for readers in grades K–2, begins on page 43. These lively books have been embraced by reading programs nationwide and feature detailed leveling criteria. Learn more on page 46 or online at <http://www.townsendpress.com/our-books/the-king-school-series/>.

Townsend Library Collections Key

As a convenience to educators, we've bundled related Townsend Library books into collections that allow you to easily extend your classroom offerings or deepen your coverage of a specific genre or topic.

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African American Collection



African American Collection

16 Books / Lexile 670–1060L / \$32 / Item # TL-AA

Books in this collection will have particular appeal to readers interested in the African American experience and African American history.

A Dream Fulfilled: The Story of Barack Obama

Brother to Brother: Black Men Speak to Young Black Men

Foster Care Odyssey: A Black Girl's Story

Harriet Tubman: Freedom Leader

Ida B. Wells: Woman of Courage

Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl

Jackie Robinson: An American Hero

Learning to Live: A Black Woman's Journey Beyond Foster Care

Martin Luther King, Jr. : Warrior for Peace

 Muhammad Ali: The Greatest

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass

Rod Sutton: My Story

Rosa Parks and the Bus to Freedom

Sister to Sister: Black Women Speak to Young Black Women

Up From Slavery: An Autobiography

William Still and the Underground Railroad

Anti-Bullying Collection

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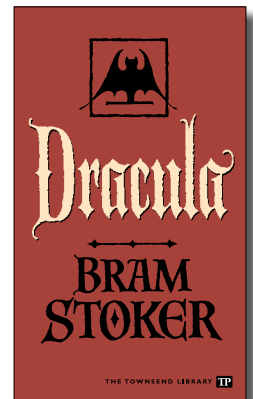
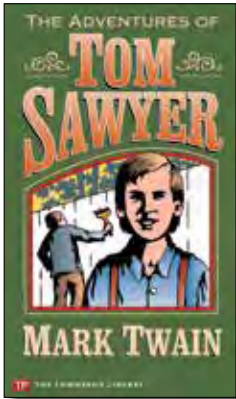
5 Books / Lexile 560-960L / \$10 / Item # TL-AB

Titles in this collection work to reduce and prevent bullying. These titles include:

- For grades 3–5: *From Best Friend to Bully*
- For grades 6–10: *The Bully, Pretty Ugly,* and *Girls Like Me*
- For grades 5–10: A nonfiction anti-bullying book called *Bullying in Schools: What You Need to Know*



Classics Collections



Books in these collections of fictional works will have particular appeal to readers looking for classic works of literature.

Note: Our classic titles have been *gently updated*—**not** abridged—to make them more accessible to today's students. As we produce a Townsend Library title, we seek to edit the material carefully and respectfully in order to preserve the qualities that have made the book a classic.

Classics Collection: Volume 1

25 Books / Lexile 580–1130L / \$50 / Item #:TL-C1

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| A Tale of Two Cities | Great Expectations | Oliver Twist |
| Anne of Green Gables | Great Stories of Suspense and Adventure | Pollyanna |
| Black Beauty | Gulliver's Travels | Pride and Prejudice |
| Captains Courageous | Jane Eyre | Ragged Dick |
| David Copperfield | King Arthur and His Knights | Robinson Crusoe |
| Dracula | Lad: A Dog | Silas Marner |
| Ethan Frome | Laughter and Chills | Sister Carrie |
| Far From the Madding Crowd | Little Women | |
| Frankenstein and Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde | My Antonia | |

Classics Collection: Volume 2

25 Books / Lexile 550–1030L / \$50 / Item #:TL-C2

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| Tarzan of the Apes | The Mark of Zorro | The Swiss Family Robinson |
| The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn | The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood | The Virginian |
| The Adventures of Tom Sawyer | The Odyssey | The Wind in the Willows |
| The Beasts of Tarzan | The Prince and the Pauper | The Wizard of Oz |
| The Call of the Wild | The Red Badge of Courage | Treasure Island |
| The Count of Monte Cristo | The Return of Tarzan | Uncle Tom's Cabin |
| The Hound of the Baskervilles | The Return of the Native | White Fang |
| The Jungle Book | The Scarlet Letter | |
| The Last of the Mohicans | The Sea-Wolf | |

Bluford Series Collection



Bluford Series Collection

21 Books / Lexile 570–760L / \$42 / Item #:TL-BL

The *Bluford Series* is a collection of 21 high-interest novels that have captivated teens throughout the country.

Lost and Found	Until We Meet Again	Search for Safety	Promises to Keep
A Matter of Trust	Blood Is Thicker	No Way Out	Survivor
Secrets in the Shadows	Brothers in Arms	Schooled	Girls Like Me
Someone to Love Me	The Fallen	Breaking Point	
The Bully	Summer of Secrets	The Test	
The Gun	Shattered	Pretty Ugly	

Fantasy and Science Fiction Collection

Fantasy and Science Fiction Collection

7 Books / Lexile 940–1230L / \$20 / Item #:TL-FS

Books in this collection will have particular appeal to readers who enjoy fantasy and science fiction genres.

A Princess of Mars	The Warlord of Mars
The Gods of Mars	The Wind in the Willows
The Jungle Book	The Wizard of Oz
The War of the Worlds	




High-Interest Anthologies Collection

High-Interest Anthologies Collection

10 Books / Lexile 550–1060L / \$20 / Item #:TL-HA

Books in this collection each offer an engaging array of short stories or essays revolving around a particular theme, such as love, sports, animals, scary tales, medical stories, and classic short stories—to name just a few.

Animal Rescue	Scary Medical Stories
Creatures that Can Kill You	Scary Stories
Great Moments in Sports	 The Power of Determination
Great Stories of Suspense and Adventure	The Power of Love
Laughter and Chills	Timeless Tales of Heroes, Villains, Victims, and Fools



History Collection

History Collection

14 Books / Lexile 740–1080L / \$28 / Item #:TL-HC

Books in this collection will have particular appeal to readers interested in U.S. history.

A Nation Created:

The War for American Independence

A Nation Divided: The American Civil War

Abraham Lincoln:

A Giant Among Presidents

Harriet Tubman: Freedom Leader

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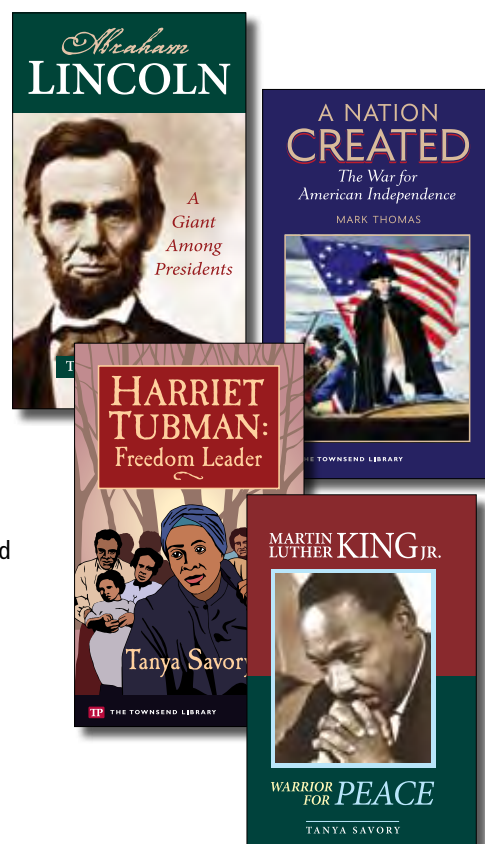
The Deadliest War:

The Story of World War II

The Story of Blima: A Holocaust Survivor

Up From Slavery: An Autobiography

William Still and the Underground Railroad



Latino Collection

Latino Collection

10 Books / Lexile 570–720L / \$20 / Item #:TL-LC

Books in this collection will have particular appeal to readers interested in the Latino-American experience.

¡Leer Cambió Mi Vida!

Breaking Point (Bluford Series)

Brothers in Arms (Bluford Series)

Guadalupe Quintanilla: My Story

Hermanos en Armas (Bluford Series)

La Vida Real:

True Stories of Latino Students Today

Maria Cardenas: My Story

Roberto Clemente:

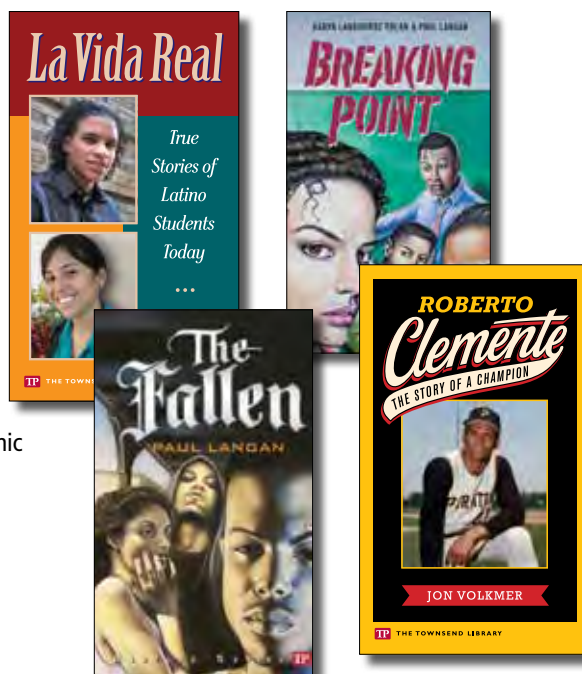
The Story of a Champion

The Fallen (Bluford Series)

Voces Latinas:

Hispanic Adults Speak to Hispanic

Young People



Middle Grade Fiction Collection

Middle Grade Fiction Collection

7 Books / Lexile 550–780L / \$14 / Item #:TL-MG

Books in this collection are intended for readers in grades 3–6.

From Best Friend to Bully	Rebounding
Lost on the Mountain	Scary Stories
Nibbles and the Crazy Science Experiment	Second Wind
	Swamp Curse






Remarkable Personal Stories Collection

Remarkable Personal Stories Collection

23 Books / Lexile 570–1060L / \$46 / Item #:TL-PS

Books in this collection are nonfiction and will have particular appeal to readers looking for inspiring true stories about real people.

- Brother to Brother
- Everyday Heroes
- Facing Addiction: Three True Stories
- Guadalupe Quintanilla: A Bilingual Book
-  Helen Keller: From Darkness to Light
- It Couldn't Happen To Me: Three True Stories of Teenage Moms
- La Vida Real: True Stories of Latino Students Today
- Letters My Mother Never Read: An Abandoned Child's Journey
- Making the Most of Your Life
- Maria Cardenas: A Bilingual Book
-  Muhammad Ali: The Greatest
-  The Power of Determination

- Reading Changed My Life
- Roberto Clemente: The Story of a Champion
- Rod Sutton: My Story
- Surviving Abuse: Four True Stories
- Ten Real Life Stories
- The Amazing Harry Houdini
- Sister to Sister
- The Stolen Light
- The Story of Blima: A Holocaust Survivor
- Unexpected Blessings: Hope and Healing in the Face of Illness
- Voces Latinas: Hispanic Adults Speak to Hispanic Young People




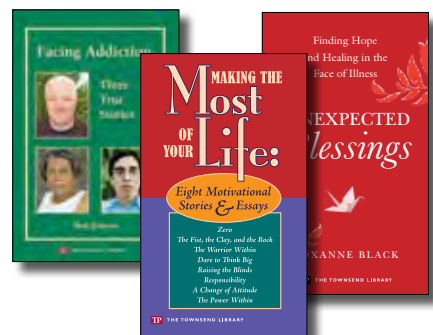
Social Issues / Self Help Collection

Social Issues / Self Help Collection

11 Books / Lexile 820–1060L / \$22 / Item #:TL-SI

Books in this collection will have particular appeal to readers interested in true stories about people confronting real-life issues and overcoming adversity.

Bullying in Schools	It Couldn't Happen to Me	Reading Changed My Life
Everyday Heroes	La Vida Real	Surviving Abuse
Facing Addiction	Making the Most of Your Life	Unexpected Blessings
Foster Care Odyssey	 The Power of Determination	



A Dream Fulfilled: The Story of Barack Obama

Tanya Savory

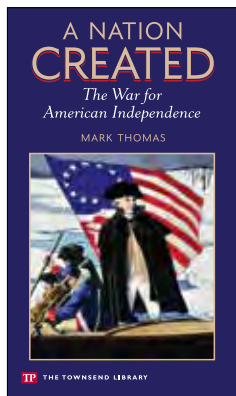
165 pages / ISBN 1-59194-186-5 / Lexile 1010L

AA

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." —Barack Obama

Barack Obama grew up in a time when change was just beginning to come to black people in the United States. He experienced an often difficult childhood, confusion over his own biracial identity, and frustration when trying to help the victims of poverty and hopelessness. But he never stopped believing that, in America, change for the better could happen.

A Dream Fulfilled: The Story of Barack Obama is about an inspirational man whose life shows us the value of hope, education, and hard work. Obama's journey—from his unusual youth to his travels to Kenya in search of his father to Harvard Law School and, finally, to the White House—proves that dreams can indeed be fulfilled.



A Nation Created: The War for American Independence

Mark Thomas

183 pages / ISBN 1-59194-245-4 / Lexile 1030L

HC

"These are the times that try men's souls." —Thomas Paine, 1776

When these words were written during the bitter winter of 1776, the souls of American soldiers were indeed being tested. Many were sick and starving. Without coats or shoes, soldiers endured freezing weather. Their bare feet left trails of blood in the snow. Still, the spirit of these Americans could not be broken.

As George Washington led his men against the British that winter, he claimed that this dedication was the ultimate in patience and obedience, but it went far beyond that. What drove these soldiers and many Americans was a vision of independence and freedom from the rule of kings. It was a dream of common people governing themselves and creating a new nation.

And, in the end, this vision would prove stronger than bullets and bitter winters. It would be powerful enough to topple the greatest military power on earth.

A Nation Divided: The American Civil War

Mark Thomas

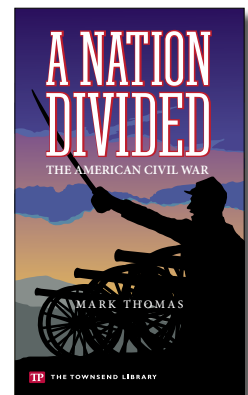
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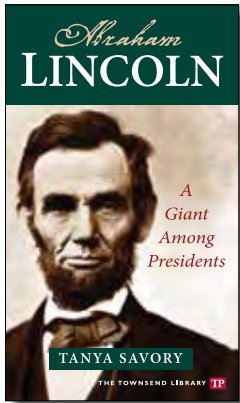
HC

"A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free." —Abraham Lincoln

When Lincoln spoke these words in 1858, a deadly storm was brewing in the United States. Many in the South no longer wanted to remain a part of the country. They wanted to form their own country, where slavery remained legal and where Northerners stayed out of Southerners' business.

In 1861, the storm hit. The "house" of the United States was split in half by a terrible war that would drag on for four years. Before the Civil War ended, more than half a million soldiers would die in what would be the conflict that has claimed the greatest number of American lives. But when the clouds of this war of brother against brother finally cleared, nearly four million African Americans had been freed from bondage—and the divided house was whole again.





Abraham Lincoln: A Giant Among Presidents

Tanya Savory

185 pages / ISBN 1-59194-180-6 / Lexile 940L

HC

"As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. . . . I am naturally anti-slavery. If slavery is not wrong, nothing is wrong." —Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln grew up with little more than a second-grade education. His father thought school was a waste of time and wanted young Abe to learn carpentry and farming instead. Even so, Lincoln developed a love of reading so great that he would often walk five miles just to borrow a book. In time, his reading would help to shape a sharp mind, a keen sense of humor, and a kind heart.

Lincoln carried these qualities with him from a dirt-floor cabin in Kentucky all the way to the White House. As President, he would fight to keep our country from breaking apart, and he would ultimately free 4,000,000 slaves. However, there would be a price to pay for these triumphs—a very high price, indeed.

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

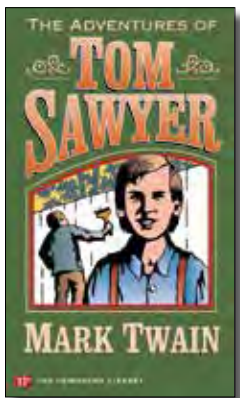
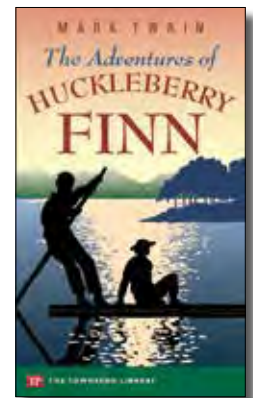
Mark Twain

181 pages / ISBN 1-59194-029-X / Lexile 720L

C2

Two runaways, the white boy Huck and the black man Jim, join forces. Huck has fled an abusive father. Jim has fled slavery. In their quest for freedom, Huck and Jim travel down the Mississippi River, encountering many dangers.

Will they escape oppression and abuse? Or will the powerful forces against them prove stronger than their brave defiance?



The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Mark Twain

180 pages / ISBN 1-59194-025-7 / Lexile 740L

C2

While hiding in a graveyard, Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn witness a murder. Except for the killer himself, only they know who committed the deed. Terrified of the killer, Tom and Huck take an oath of secrecy. But their consciences bother them when an innocent man is accused of the crime and jailed. Will Tom and Huck speak out to save the innocent man from hanging? The murderer, meanwhile, remains at large, filling their sleep with nightmares. A search for buried treasure puts Tom and Huck on the trail of thousands of dollars in gold coins but also puts them, once again, in the killer's path.

The Amazing Harry Houdini

Tanya Savory

199 pages / ISBN 1-59194-175-X / Lexile 900L

PS

Harry Houdini escaped from prison cells, swallowed needles, and made elephants disappear. How did he do such amazing tricks? Some people believed he was actually a wizard with secret powers. But Houdini knew his only "secret powers" were hard work and imagination.

This is the story of the poor boy who grew up to be the most famous magician in the world. He was fearless and determined to amaze his audiences, and there seemed to be no limit to the risks that The Great Houdini would take.



Animal Rescue

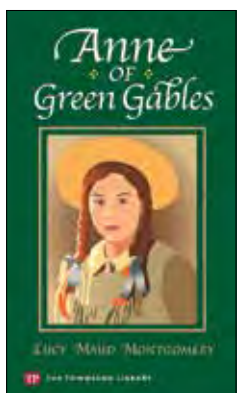
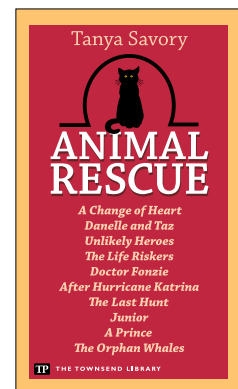
Tanya Savory

153 pages / ISBN 1-59194-107-5 / Lexile 840L

HA

When it comes to “animal rescue,” the rescuer is often a human rescuing an animal. But it can also involve an animal rescuing a human. This book tells true stories from both sides—amazing feats of courage, kindness, and love.

- Tossed out on the side of the road, Lucky was one unlucky cat until Jen adopted him. One stormy night, Lucky gets the chance to show his devotion when an escaped prisoner crashes through the front door and attacks Jen.
- A toothless old dog named “Poochie” puts herself in the direct path of a charging alligator in order to protect her friend.
- Three baby whales are the only survivors when thirty whales mysteriously beach themselves on a New England shore. Rescuers face endless challenges in their attempts to save these three orphans.



Anne of Green Gables

Lucy Maud Montgomery

269 pages / ISBN 1-59194-114-8 / Lexile 710L

C1

Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert need someone to help work their farm near the little village of Avonlea. So they decide to “take in” an orphan from a distant city. They ask for a strong, quiet, levelheaded boy. But instead, they are sent Anne Shirley—a strong-willed, talkative, redheaded girl with a quick temper, a wild imagination, and a mind of her own.

How will living in this quiet little village change Anne? And how will Anne change the life of the village?

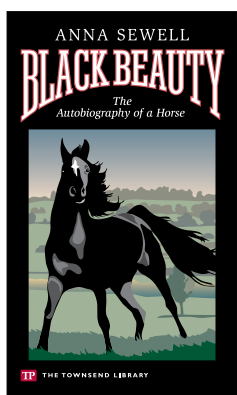
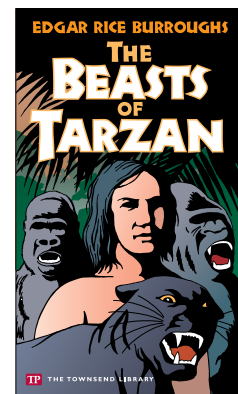
The Beasts of Tarzan

Edgar Rice Burroughs

217 pages / ISBN 1-59194-033-8 / Lexile 960L

C2

After Tarzan’s son is kidnapped, Tarzan and Jane are lured into a dangerous trap that separates them. In their desperate search for each other and for their son, they are drawn deep into the perilous African jungle, where the evil schemes of Tarzan’s enemies Rokoff and Paulvitch threaten them at every step. The ape-man must draw on all of his animal strength and all of his human intelligence—as well as the help of the beasts of the jungle—to try to reunite his family in safety.



Black Beauty

Anna Sewell

234 pages / ISBN 1-59194-046-X / Lexile 770L

C1

As a colt, Black Beauty lives happily with his mother on a farm. Then he is sold to a country gentleman whose family uses him as a riding and carriage horse. He is then passed on to other owners, some of whom are kind while others are negligent and cruel. At times he is whipped, forced to haul heavy loads, or otherwise abused. Throughout, Black Beauty desires considerate treatment, close companionship, and a permanent home. Will he find them?



Brother to Brother: Black Men Speak to Young Black Men

Beth Johnson

148 pages / ISBN 1-59194-178-4 / Lexile 890L



We asked ten African American men from a wide range of backgrounds this question: If you had a chance to speak to the young black men of America, what would you say?

The essays in *Brother to Brother* are their answers. In this book, you will read the frequently encouraging, sometimes angry, occasionally sad, often challenging, but always thoughtful words of these ten men, including:

- Kenyon Whittington, an abused and abandoned child who not only overcame his own harsh circumstances but now serves as a guide to others;
- Fluke Fluke, a one-time juvenile delinquent, later Marine Corps sergeant, and founder of an organization that turned one failing Los Angeles high school around;
- Joseph Marshall, Jr., whose success in touching the lives of San Francisco gang members has earned him an Oprah "Use Your Life" award;
- Elijah Anderson, a distinguished sociologist whose study of the black community is world-renowned;
- Joe Davis, a former junkie and drug dealer, became a mental health therapist who worked tirelessly to end the kind of senseless violence that put him in a wheelchair.

These men and others are waiting for you in the pages of *Brother to Brother*. They reach out to take you by the hand and say, "Sit down, my brother. Let's talk."

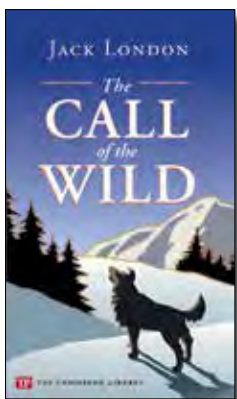
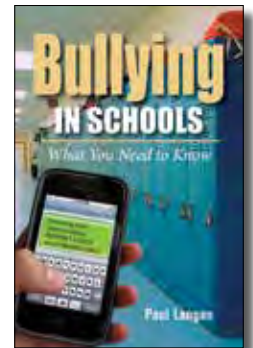
Bullying In Schools: What you Need to Know

Paul Langan

217 pages / ISBN 1-59194-249-7 / Lexile 960L



This powerful 75-page booklet features true stories, classroom activities, and hands-on strategies to combat bullying and cyberbullying. Respectful and empathetic, *Bullying in Schools* speaks to all students impacted by this problem: bullies, their targets, and bystanders alike.



The Call of the Wild

Jack London

137 pages / ISBN 1-59194-001-X / Lexile 990L



In the brutal Arctic, a dog learns the harsh laws of nature. After being kidnapped from his comfortable home, the great dog Buck is thrown into a world where the only law is the law of survival. Working as an Alaskan sled dog, the formerly pampered pet must learn to fight, steal, and even kill in order to live. Will Buck answer the call of the wild?

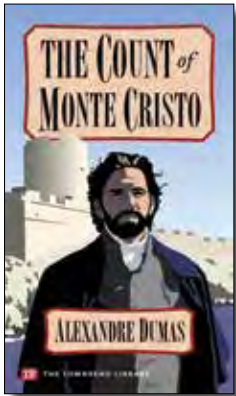
Captains Courageous

Rudyard Kipling

209 pages / ISBN 1-59194-084-2 / Lexile 850L

C1

The spoiled son of a millionaire, Harvey Cheyne is used to living a life of luxury. But when an accident at sea brings him to the deck of a Massachusetts fishing boat, he is suddenly thrown into a world he knows nothing about. Can he endure the back-breaking work of a fisherman? Will he ever see his parents again? Will he survive in a world where money does not matter, and laziness can lead to death on the high seas?



The Count of Monte Cristo

Alexandre Dumas

440 pages / ISBN 1-59194-216-0 / Lexile 780L

C2

Wrongly charged with treason, nineteen-year-old Edmond Dantes is secretly imprisoned in an ancient stone fortress on an island. Those dearest to him—his father and his fiancée—do not know his fate. Edmond vows that if he ever escapes, he will avenge himself on those who falsely accused him.

Will Edmond ever see his father again, marry his fiancée, and get his revenge? Or will he spend the rest of his life in prison, far away from those he loves?

Creatures That Can Kill You

Marie Noble

166 pages / ISBN 1-59194-268-3 / Lexile 960L

HA

In Africa, night after night, two young lions creep into a sleeping village. Screams shatter the stillness as the lions grab their human victims by the head and drag them off into the tall grasses. Soon the screams stop, and the sound of crunching bones drifts back to the village.

In South America, explorers jump back in horror as they come face to face with a huge spider. It is as wide across as a dinner plate, and it is feasting on a bird it has just caught.

Near a crowded beach in New Jersey, a massive great white shark lurks. Suddenly, there is a shriek, followed by frantic splashing. Within seconds, a pool of blood spreads across the water.

These are just a few of the terrifying stories you'll find in *Creatures That Can Kill You*. And not only are they terrifying—they're also true!



David Copperfield

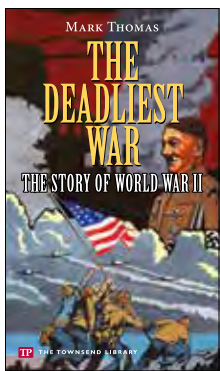
Charles Dickens

426 pages / ISBN 1-59194-091-5 / Lexile 740L

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When David Copperfield's widowed mother remarries, David suffers from his stepfather's abuse. At age 8, David is sent away to a harsh school where the principal routinely beats the students. David's circumstances become even worse when he is removed from school and, at age 10, forced to labor from morning to night in a London warehouse.

David then decides to take desperate action. He will run away to his great-aunt, who lives in Dover. Having never met her, David doesn't know whether she'll welcome him or reject him. With almost no money, no food, and inadequate clothing, he sets out on a journey that will change his life.



The Deadliest War: The Story of World War II

Mark Thomas

186 pages / ISBN 1-59194-228-4 / Lexile 1060L

HC

“Germany will either be a world power or will not be at all!” —Adolf Hitler

Even as a young man, Hitler was often angry. When things didn’t go his way, he always looked for someone to blame. After Germany was defeated in World War I, Hitler became determined to rebuild it into the most feared power on Earth. At the heart of Hitler’s determination was an evil plan to destroy those he blamed for Germany’s loss—the Jewish people.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the world, Japanese armies swept through China and the Pacific, taking over lands and terrorizing citizens of the conquered countries.

Before long, Japan and Germany joined forces, believing that nothing could bring them down. However, those who believed in freedom and justice also joined forces. Soon the world was in a war of unimaginable death and destruction. In the end, evil would be defeated.

Dracula

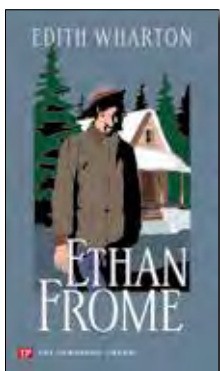
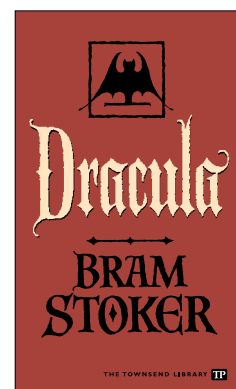
Bram Stoker

428 pages / ISBN 1-59194-003-6 / Lexile 800L

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The first and most terrifying of all vampire stories.

Jonathan Harker has a job to do. The young lawyer must go to the mysterious country of Transylvania to work for a man he knows as “the Count.” At first, Jonathan is excited by the chance to travel and meet new people. But after his arrival in Transylvania, he begins to wonder what’s going on. People act strangely upon hearing he is going to visit the Count. When Jonathan arrives at the Count’s dark, deserted castle, he too begins to feel afraid. Soon after meeting his host, Jonathan begins to feel trapped in a horrifying nightmare. Only this nightmare is real, and he can’t wake up. . .



Ethan Frome

Edith Wharton

118 pages / ISBN 1-59194-047-8 / Lexile 820L

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A struggling young farmer, Ethan Frome labors under the weight of a miserable marriage. His wife, Zeena, is cold, self-absorbed, and ailing. Zeena invites her cousin Mattie to come live at their farm and do the housework. Soon after her arrival, she and Ethan fall in love. Should they run away together, abandoning Zeena and the farm? The situation soon forces them to take action.

Everyday Heroes

Beth Johnson

148 pages / ISBN 0-944210-28-7 / Lexile 820L

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Meet a few of the people whose stories appear in *Everyday Heroes*:

- Rod Sutton was an angry, fatherless kid expelled from school at the age of thirteen for assaulting a teacher. Today he runs an innovative program that teaches high-risk youngsters to respect themselves and others.
- Yvonne Chavez was a teenage mother caught up in gang violence and an abusive marriage. Today she is an outstanding college student who intends to practice law.
- Elda Sara Morgan was an outcast in school, ignored or cruelly teased because of a disability. Today she is a teacher dedicated to finding the beauty and promise in each of her special-needs students.
- Joe Davis was a high-school dropout, a drug addict, and a mugger. Joe was a college graduate with a passionate mission to steer young people away from the path of self-destruction.



Facing Addiction: Three True Stories

Beth Johnson

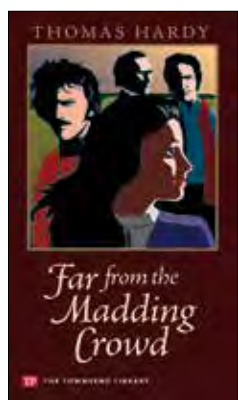
107 pages / ISBN 1-59194-058-3 / Lexile 840L

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It's easy to quit using drugs and alcohol. Just ask Gwen, Miguel, and John. They've done it dozen of times.

The hard part is not starting again.

These true stories describe three people's descent into addiction and their struggles to recover. Gritty and sad, painful and inspiring, these stories show both how low the human spirit can fall and how it can rise again, against all odds.



Far from the Madding Crowd

Thomas Hardy

272 pages / ISBN 1-59194-106-7 / Lexile 740L

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Bathsheba Everdene, just past twenty, inherits a prosperous farm in rural England. She says she does not want a husband, yet three men pursue her. Will she marry the dashing, handsome, yet self-indulgent Sergeant Troy? Or will she choose wealthy William Boldwood, who loves her passionately, but whom she does not care for? Or will her choice be the steady, reliable Gabriel Oak, once her equal, but now her hired hand?

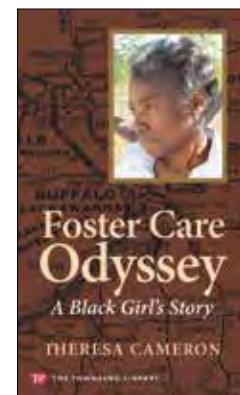
Foster Care Odyssey: A Black Girl's Story

Theresa Cameron

185 pages / ISBN 1-59194-098-2 / Lexile 880L

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The year is 1954. Abandoned by her teenage mother, a baby girl is left in the care of a charity in Buffalo, New York. The baby is black in a city and at a time where blacks and whites have little to do with one another; the charity is an overwhelmingly white organization. It is into this racially divided world that little Theresa Cameron is placed. In this shattering account of her eighteen years as a "ward of the state," Cameron takes us inside the life of a foster child. She shares with us her heartbreaking struggle to survive in a foster care system where children's welfare often seemed the lowest priority.



Frankenstein and The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

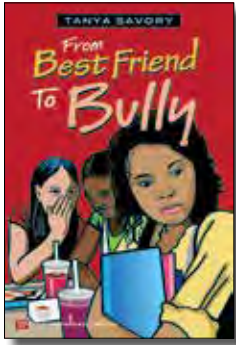
Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley / Robert Louis Stevenson

147 pages / ISBN 1-59194-052-4 / Lexile 760L

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Frankenstein Using parts from corpses, Victor Frankenstein creates a large, man-like creature. Rejected and abused by humans, the creature takes revenge by committing murder. Frankenstein then pursues the creature, determined to kill him or die in the attempt.

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde When Dr. Henry Jekyll begins to look ill and isolates himself from his friends, they fear for his life. A mysterious, evil man named Edward Hyde comes and goes in Jekyll's house. Why does Jekyll associate with Hyde and continually protect him? The truth proves astonishing.



From Best Friend to Bully

Tanya Savory

46 pages / ISBN 1-59194-272-1 / Lexile 560L

AB MG

Emily and Pam used to be best friends. But now things are different. Pam is calling Emily names and making fun of her in front of the entire class. "It sounds like your best friend is a bully," Emily's brother tells her.

The Gods of Mars

Edgar Rice Burroughs

247 pages / ISBN 1-59194-062-1 / Lexile 1010L

FS

Soldier and adventurer John Carter tells the story of how he returns to the planet Mars to be reunited with his love, the Martian princess Dejah Thoris. With his great friend Tars Tarkas, mighty Jeddak of Thark, Carter sets out in search of his princess. But Dejah Thoris has vanished. And Carter becomes trapped in the legendary Eden of Mars—from which none has ever escaped alive.



Great Expectations

Charles Dickens

384 pages / ISBN 1-59194-060-5 / Lexile 860L

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A young orphan boy, Pip, is preparing to become a blacksmith in rural England. Suddenly, a lawyer informs him that he is to be treated like a gentleman because he has "great expectations."

What does the lawyer mean? Will Pip come into a vast fortune one day? Will his new status enable him to marry the beautiful Estella, with whom he instantly falls in love? And who is his secret benefactor? Will Pip's prospects finally bring him happiness—or misery?

Great Moments in Sports

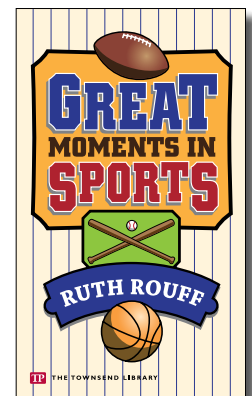
Ruth Rouff

135 pages / ISBN 1-59194-270-5 / Lexile 910L

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If you're a true sports fan, you'll love these exciting stories of great athletes and their deeds. The book includes such unforgettable events as these:

- In the face of death threats, Jackie Robinson hits, runs, and fields his way into the hearts of Dodger fans—while breaking Major League Baseball's color barrier.
- Rather than "float like a butterfly," Muhammad Ali leans back against the ropes and lets George Foreman pound him with everything he's got. Is Ali foolish—or crazy like a fox?
- It's the seventh game of the 1998 NBA Finals. With seconds left on the clock, superstar Michael Jordan makes an incredible steal—and then squares around for one final shot.



Great Stories of Suspense and Adventure

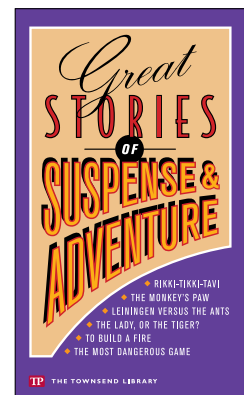
Various authors

182 pages / ISBN 1-59194-000-1 / Lexile 880L

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Here are a few of the spine-tingling experiences that await you:

- You'll visit a sun-baked garden in India, where silent death lurks in the tall grass.
- In the peaceful English countryside, you'll be given a gift too terrible for words.
- On a lush plantation in Brazil, you'll battle an army of tiny soldiers who turn a man into a skeleton in the blink of an eye.
- On trial for your life, your fate will hang in the hands of a friend who just might wish you dead.



Guadalupe Quintanilla: My Story (A Bilingual Book)

Beth Johnson Guadalupe Quintanilla

49 pages / ISBN 1-59194-269-1 / Lexile 570L

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Guadalupe Quintanilla was a happy little girl living with her grandparents in Mexico. She was smart and she loved learning.

But when the family moved to the United States, something awful happened. Teachers in Texas decided Guadalupe was stupid. They told her she couldn't succeed in school.

For years, Guadalupe believed what the teachers had told her. But then her own children started school. Teachers said that they, too, were not smart enough to learn.

Guadalupe knew the teachers were wrong. She knew her children could be successful. This story tells what she did about it.

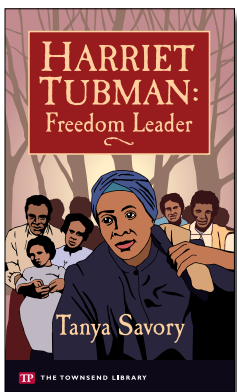
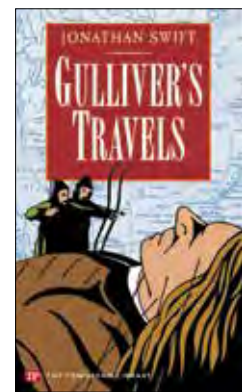
Gulliver's Travels

Jonathan Swift

262 pages / ISBN 1-59194-021-4 / Lexile 890L

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Sailing the world, Lemuel Gulliver makes startling discoveries: a country where the natives are no taller than six inches; a land of giants; and a nation ruled by horses, where people serve as the beasts of burden. He braves storms, pirates, cannibals, and hungry rats the size of German shepherds. When Gulliver eventually returns home, he faces no less difficult a challenge. He realizes that, as a result of his travels, he no longer feels the same about ordinary human beings.



Harriet Tubman: Freedom Leader

Tanya Savory

119 pages / ISBN 1-59194-101-6 / Lexile 840L

AA HC

"I grew up like a neglected weed—didn't know nothing about liberty, since I never had any. . . . I think slavery is the next thing to hell!"
—Harriet Tubman

Harriet Tubman was born into the hell of slavery. For many years she was beaten and treated like an animal. But then Harriet began having strange dreams and visions—she saw a star, hidden pathways, and a line that separated slavery from freedom. One day, Harriet would find out just what these dreams meant.

Harriet stood barely five feet tall and was unable to read or write. But she outsmarted slave catchers, outran bloodhounds, and gave hope to millions of slaves. From Maryland to Mississippi, slaves knew Harriet as "Moses"—the deliverer who would lead her people out of slavery.

Helen Keller: From Darkness to Light

Tanya Savory

122 pages / ISBN 978-1-59194-501-7 / Lexile 910L **PS**

When Helen Keller was just a year and a half old, a terrible illness destroyed both her hearing and her sight. Suddenly plunged into a dark, silent space, Helen could not learn or communicate with others. For six desperate years, she could not even form a complete thought.

However, thanks to an amazing teacher, Helen's mind and spirit were able to awaken and connect with those around her. Brilliant, warm, unafraid, and even rebellious, she became a world famous figure and brought a remarkable light to our world.



Hermanos En Armas (Spanish Version)

Paul Langan and Ben Alirez

152 pages / ISBN 1-59194-422-8 / Lexile 610L **LC**

Martin Luna's world is crumbling. A fight threatens to end his sophomore year at Bluford High School. But at home, things are even worse. Frankie, the most feared homeboy from his neighborhood, is hunting him. Alone and with time running out, Martin makes a desperate choice. Will it save or destroy him?

NOTE: This book is also available in an English version as *Brothers in Arms* (ISBN 1-59194-017-6)

The Hound of the Baskervilles

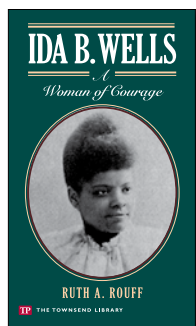
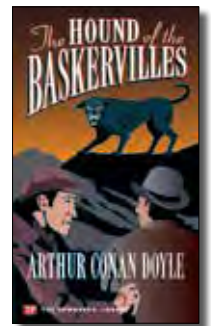
Arthur Conan Doyle

266 pages / ISBN 1-59194-064-8 / Lexile 980L **C2**

Sir Hugo Baskerville was an evil man. But his sins did not go unpunished. When he kidnapped the daughter of a neighboring farmer, a huge black hell-hound appeared and tore out his throat.

Centuries later, Sir Hugo's descendant, kindly old Sir Charles Baskerville, has died under mysterious circumstances on the grounds of his estate. There were no marks on the body, but at its side ... the footprints of a gigantic hound!

Now Sir Henry Baskerville has returned to England from America determined to take possession of Baskerville Hall. But will he be the next victim of the family curse? Not if Sherlock Holmes can help it!



Ida B. Wells: A Woman of Courage

Ruth A. Rouff

154 pages / ISBN 1-59194-218-7 / Lexile 930L **AA HC**

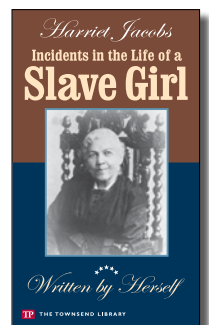
In 1892, thirty-year-old Ida B. Wells was a success. Born into slavery, she had risen to become co-owner of a Memphis newspaper. But when a white mob lynched a close friend, Ida's life changed forever. Before long, she was speaking out about the evils of lynching, and she encouraged blacks to leave Memphis. Some whites were outraged by her words. When she was out of town, they destroyed her newspaper office and threatened to kill her. But no threats could stop Ida from fighting for her people.

Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl

Harriet Jacobs

152 pages / ISBN 1-59194-026-5 / Lexile 740L **AA HC**

Born into slavery, Harriet Jacobs has no rights—not even the right to marry the man she loves. Instead, she is faced with the demands of a master who believes he is entitled not only to her labor, but to her body. Only great courage, wit, and determination will allow Harriet to preserve her self-respect—and someday win her freedom. This autobiography tells the true story of a remarkable woman.



It Couldn't Happen to Me: Three True Stories of Teenage Moms

Beth Johnson

98 pages / ISBN 1-59194-049-4 / Lexile 820L

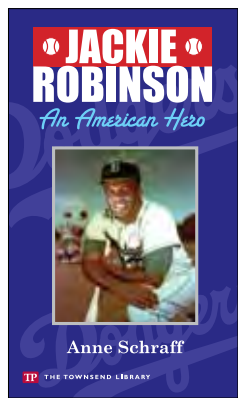


Johanna, Rasheedah, and Rachel are three unmarried teen moms who share their stories so that other young girls won't make the mistake of thinking, "It couldn't happen to me."

Johanna's boyfriend acted happy when he heard she was pregnant. But as her pregnancy progressed, she saw less and less of him. Soon after the baby's birth, he went to jail. How would she support a baby alone and without even a high school degree?

After Rasheedah's baby was born, all she could do was cry. She didn't know anything about babies. She didn't even dare touch this screaming, demanding stranger. Her depression grew as her dreams of college vanished into thin air.

Rachel wanted to be popular. Boys liked her. But she also wanted to save her reputation. When she discovered she was pregnant, she told a lie—one that would haunt her until her daughter was born.



Jackie Robinson: An American Hero

Anne Schraff

138 pages / ISBN 1-59194-102-4 / Lexile 1000L



When rookie first baseman Jackie Robinson took the field for the Brooklyn Dodgers on April 15, 1947, he was doing something that no black man had done in the 20th century: play major league baseball. There were many people who didn't want him there. In the days and weeks to come, fans would shower him with racist slurs. Opposing players spiked him, and death threats arrived in the mail. But through it all, Jackie Robinson knew that by defying the racists, he was opening up baseball to a long line of talented young men who would come after him, men who had been denied their chance before. He would be the man at the front of the line.

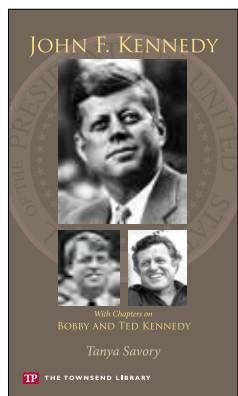
Jane Eyre

Charlotte Brönte

428 pages / ISBN 1-59194-009-5 / Lexile 690L



A poor, unwanted orphan, Jane Eyre seems destined to live a sad and ordinary life. But chance has brought her to Thornfield, home of Mr. Rochester, and secrets no one will explain. Who is the laughing woman in the third-floor room? What dark memories torment Mr. Rochester? Can a governess help the master of Thornfield Hall overcome the horror of his past? Or will that past haunt them both . . . forever?



John F. Kennedy with Chapters on Bobby and Ted Kennedy

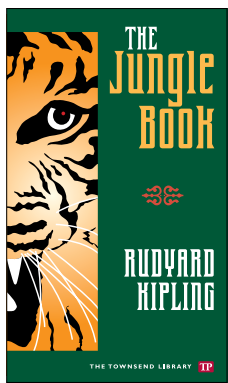
Tanya Savory

183 pages / ISBN 1-59194-217-9 / Lexile 1080L



John F. Kennedy grew up surrounded by wealth and privilege. He was given opportunities that most young people only dream of having. However, Kennedy learned quite young that money can't buy everything. He fought sickness and pain throughout his life, endured the death of a brother in World War II, and lost his favorite sister in a plane crash.

It was, perhaps, this balance of privilege and pain that made it possible for Kennedy to understand the "common links" that, in spite of our differences, all humans share. We all want to be treated fairly, to feel safe, to dream big dreams, and to feel proud of our country. When Kennedy became President, he made these links the heart of his work. And when he died, his brother Bobby, and then his brother Ted, carried on the work that John had begun.



The Jungle Book

Rudyard Kipling

122 pages / ISBN 1-59194-008-7 / Lexile 1020L



Born a man; raised by wolves. Where does Mowgli belong? A human baby is saved from the jaws of a hungry tiger. Mother and Father Wolf accept it as their own; the angry tiger, Shere Khan, swears he will have his revenge. His friends know the awful truth: the day will come when Mowgli will have to confront Shere Khan ... alone.

King Arthur and His Knights

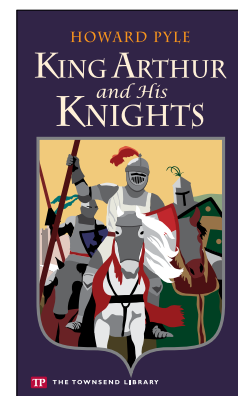
Howard Pyle

202 pages / ISBN 1-59194-074-5 / Lexile 770L



The characters are legendary: King Arthur, Lady Guinevere, the wizard Merlin, the sorceress Morgan le Fay, the knights of the Round Table. Their stories are rich in magic and intrigue.

In one adventure, Arthur will lose his life unless he can discover the answer to this riddle: What do women most desire? Arthur asks many people and receives many different answers. Some say that women chiefly desire wealth. Some say beauty. Some say the power to please others. Feeling that none of the answers is right, Arthur searches on. But time is running out.



La Vida Real: True Stories of Latino Students Today

Tanya Savory

120 pages / ISBN 1-59194-179-2 / Lexile 920L



Estimates are that more than 45 million Latino people live in the United States—and that number continues to grow every day. In *La Vida Real: True Stories of Latino Students Today*, a few of these people share their inspiring, touching, and sometimes difficult experiences of living in and growing up in, or moving to, the United States. Some of the people you will meet include:

- Angela, a gang girl and abuse survivor who refuses to give up and finally discovers what's most important in life.
- Diego, a high-school senior who must pull his family together when his schizophrenic father suddenly disappears.
- Yecenia, a determined young woman who goes from growing up in a garage to graduating from UCLA.

Lad: A Dog

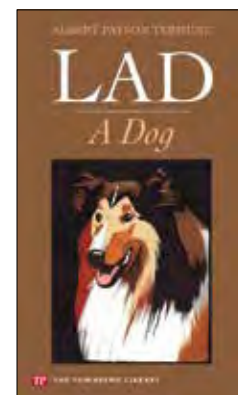
Albert Payson Terhune

281 pages / ISBN 1-59194-215-2 / Lexile 800L



Noble, gentle, loyal, patient, loving, wise, brave, and fair—Lad is “thoroughbred in body and soul.” This heroic collie never hesitates to protect others from danger—a raging bull, a poisonous snake, freezing waters, scorching flames, and greedy burglars that will stop at nothing to get what they want.

But what happens when Lad has to defend himself from his own kind and fight his fiercer, younger rivals—to the death?



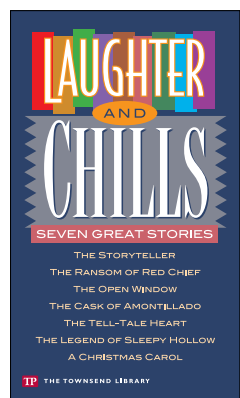
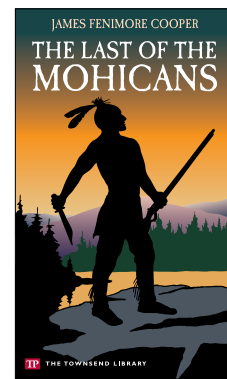
The Last of the Mohicans

James Fenimore Cooper

375 pages / ISBN 1-59194-032-X / Lexile 930L

C2

Young Major Heyward is assigned to escort Cora and Alice Munro through the dangerous frontier wilderness and deliver them safely to their father at Fort William Henry. But their guide, the evil Magua, leads the two women and their escorts into a trap. The frontiersman Hawkeye and his Mohican companions set out to rescue the kidnapped women, but the sly and clever Magua is the most murderous of enemies.



Laughter and Chills: Seven Great Stories

Various authors

167 pages / ISBN 1-59194-040-0 / Lexile 770L

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Get ready to chuckle and to shiver—sometimes both at once! Within these pages you'll encounter situations that are scary or amusing, but always unforgettable. Here are just three of them:

- When blundering kidnappers snatch a little boy, the hilarious events that follow will leave you wondering who the “victim” really is.
- Two old friends enter the gloomy wine cellar, its cold walls dripping with dampness. Only one of the friends will ever leave.
- Riding home from a late-night party, a timid schoolmaster is pursued by a terrifying man on horseback—a man with no head.

Learning to Live:

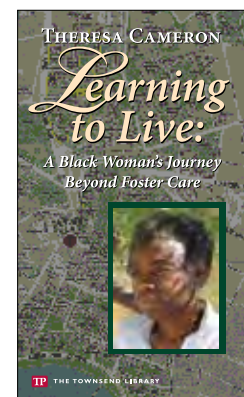
A Black Woman's Journey Beyond Foster Care

Theresa Cameron

170 pages / ISBN 1-59194-108-3 / Lexile 810L

AA

In her first book, *Foster Care Odyssey*, Theresa Cameron unforgettably described the 18 years she spent as a “ward of the state”—a black girl growing up under the control of a largely white charity in Buffalo, New York. In this sequel, Theresa tells of what happened after she “aged out” of the foster care system. Without family or community support, Theresa struggles to find her way through the maze of adult life, from college and employment to friendship and romance. Throughout it all, the one-time abandoned black baby grapples with questions of her own identity and place in an often inhospitable world.



Letters My Mother Never Read:

An Abandoned Child's Journey

Jerri Diane Sueck

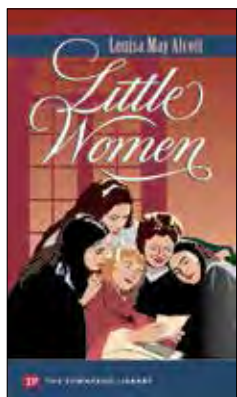
199 pages / ISBN 1-59194-036-2 / Lexile 870L

PS

“When her mother died in a fire, eight-year-old Jerri thought life couldn’t get worse.

She was wrong. Sent to live with people who didn’t want her, Jerri was powerless to stop her once-happy childhood from becoming a nightmare of cruelty and neglect. Only a stubborn belief in her own worth and a fierce will to live allowed her to reach adulthood physically and emotionally intact.

This is a book that will inspire not only those who have been orphans or foster children, but anyone who has known the pain of being unwanted.



Little Women

Louisa May Alcott

352 pages / ISBN 1-59194-113-X / Lexile 750L

C1

Four young women, with four very different dreams. Behind them lies a childhood of poverty and hardship—yet one that is enriched by a loving mother and supportive friends. Ahead lie obstacles—and opportunities—far greater than they ever imagined.

Will they learn to use their gifts wisely and well? Can they turn their challenges and fears into success and happiness?

And will they find the strength, courage, passion, and hope within themselves to make their dreams a reality?

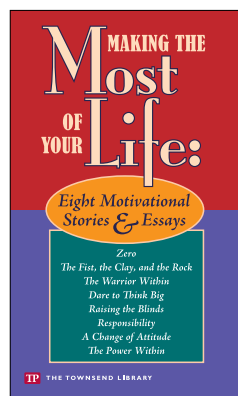
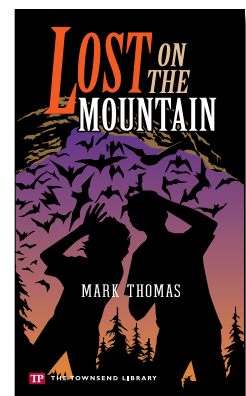
Lost on the Mountain

Mark Thomas

138 pages / ISBN 1-59194-305-1 / Lexile 780L

MG

Sam Brooks and his younger sister, Sara, have suddenly found themselves lost in a vast mountain wilderness. Sam, who just last week let two neighborhood bullies make a fool out of him, has to discover how to be brave if he and Sara are going to survive.



Making the Most of Your Life:

Eight Motivational Stories and Essays

Various authors

194 pages / ISBN 1-59194-090-7 / Lexile 870L

PS

SI

Read about real-life people who have faced real-life obstacles—maybe some of the same obstacles that stand between you and the achievement of your dreams. Despite their problems, all have found ways to motivate themselves to succeed.

Here are four of the people you'll meet in this book:

- Paul, who flunked out of college and into a minimum-wage job.
- Dawn, whose chaotic life was filled with violence, drinking, and drugs.
- Peggy, a college student clinging to a boyfriend who liked her best when she was failing.
- Grant, whose drunken accident on graduation night was an appropriate end to his high school career.

Maria Cardenas: My Story (A Bilingual Book)

Beth Johnson Maria Cardenas

58 pages / ISBN 1-59194-418-X / Lexile 710L

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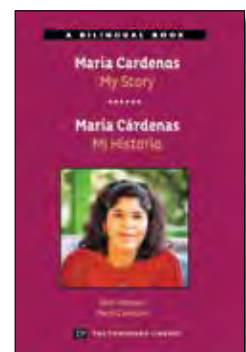
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As a little girl, María Cárdenas was a migrant worker, moving with her family from one filthy camp to another. When she was able to attend school, she sat frightened and silent in the back of the classroom.

At 17, Maria was a mother—abused, alone, and barely able to read.

Today Maria is an award-winning elementary teacher. Every day, her students learn from her that they, too, can succeed when the world might say success is impossible.

This is Maria's story.



The Mark of Zorro

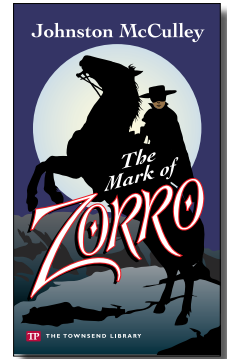
Johnston McCulley

311 pages / ISBN 1-59194-071-0 / Lexile 820L

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It is California in the early 1800s. A corrupt governor and his army abuse the helpless and cheat the poor.

Out of the dark night comes the bold Señor Zorro. This mysterious masked rider uses his sword and his whip to stand up to the forces of evil that stalk the countryside.



Martin Luther King Jr.: Warrior for Peace

Tanya Savory

170 pages / ISBN 1-59194-202-0 / Lexile 1060L

AA HC

The arc of history is long, but it bends toward justice. —Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. dedicated his life to bringing equal rights to African Americans through peaceful protest. Sometimes the cruelty of racists would test King's faith in the goodness of humankind.

However, King remained faithful to his dream of bringing equality to black people. In time, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s work changed the course of history.

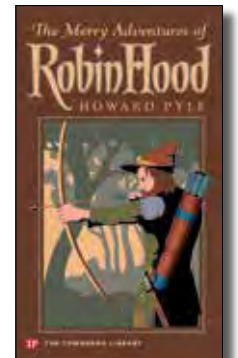
The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood

Howard Pyle

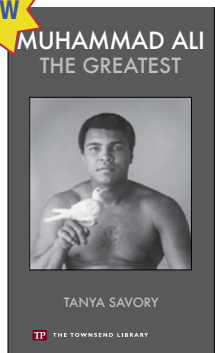
330 pages / ISBN 1-59194-043-5 / Lexile 900L

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Young Robin of Locksley doesn't have a worry in the world—until one day when a man working for the King shoots an arrow at him. Robin's aim is better, and he becomes an outlaw subject to capture and hanging. He attracts a hearty band of other outcasts who lead a merry existence but also seek to help the downtrodden.



NEW



Muhammad Ali: The Greatest

Tanya Savory

137 pages / ISBN 1-59194-502-4 / Lexile 900L

AA PS

In the 1950s, a young African American boy named Cassius Clay was told he couldn't enter restaurants, swim in pools, or even have a drink of water—all because of his skin color. A burning anger grew in the heart of the boy and then in the soul of the young man who would come to be known as Muhammad Ali.

Ali would find his release and his future in the sport of boxing. In turn, the fame boxing brought him allowed him to express his beliefs to the world.

My Antonia

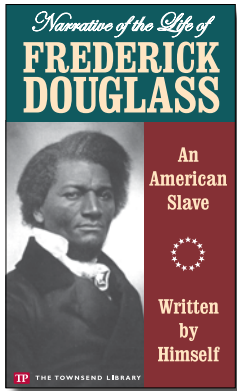
Willa Cather

346 pages / ISBN 1-59194-093-1 / Lexile 990L

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When orphaned, ten-year-old Jim Burden arrives in Nebraska to live on his grandparents' farm, he is overwhelmed by the Great Plains. When he meets nearby neighbors, foreigners who don't speak English, their high-spirited daughter, Antonia, is eager for Jim to teach her English. Will she help Jim adjust to his strange new surroundings?





Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass: An American Slave

Frederick Douglass

122 pages / ISBN 1-59194-019-2 / Lexile 920L



Frederick Douglass was born a slave, denied an education, and expected to work like a beast of the fields until the day he died. But his mind and spirit could not be imprisoned. As he secretly learned to read and write, Douglass looked ahead to the day he could escape the chains of slavery. Once free, he wrote this classic of American literature. It is a story that shocked the world with its firsthand account of the horror and brutality of slavery.

Nibbles and the Crazy Science Experiment

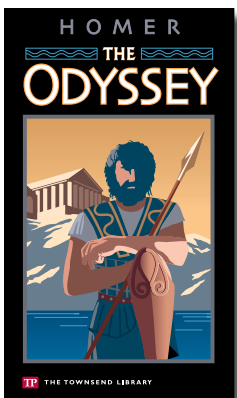
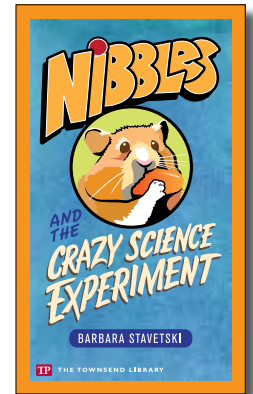
Barbara Stavetski

192 pages / ISBN 978-1-59194-433-1 / Lexile 550L



Buzzy Baxter really did it this time. His latest antics in science class have gone haywire. And now Nibbles, the fourth-grade class hamster, can talk! Fearing Nibbles will be taken away by researchers, Buzzy tries to hide the hamster's new talent. He gets help from his old friend, Jeff Woodhouse, and a new one, Cari Perez. But the wise-cracking, trouble-making, country-music-singing hamster has different plans...

Join Buzzy, Nibbles, and their crew as they try to dodge trouble—but end up in a whole heap of it!



The Odyssey

Homer

272 pages / ISBN 1-59194-042-7 / Lexile 830L



Meet Odysseus, the most admired man in his world. He's a crafty survivor, always plotting his next move. A fearsome opponent, deadly with bow, spear, and sword. A skilled liar who deceives friends, foes, and family. A cruel avenger who beheads a harmless priest as he begs for mercy.

In twenty years of hardship and adventure, he has defeated men, monsters, and gods. Now Odysseus must face one last challenge: a hundred skilled warriors determined to possess his wealth, his palace, and his wife.

Oliver Twist

Charles Dickens

390 pages / ISBN 1-59194-083-4 / Lexile 970L



Born in a workhouse, the orphan Oliver Twist is doomed to a life of misery and humiliation. He runs away to seek a better life, but falls in with some people who are up to no good. Will he resort to a life of crime to keep the only friends he has ever known? And who is the lurking stranger who seems to wish him ill? With every step he takes on the dangerous streets of London, the odds against Oliver increase.



Pollyanna

Eleanor H. Porter

208 pages / ISBN 1-59194-112-1 / Lexile 580L

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Pollyanna has learned from her father how to keep a positive attitude—even in the face of disappointment and loss. But what will happen when this cheerful girl faces a tragedy that may break her optimistic spirit?



The Power of Determination

John Langan, Editor

140 pages / ISBN 1-59194-503-1 / Lexile 910L

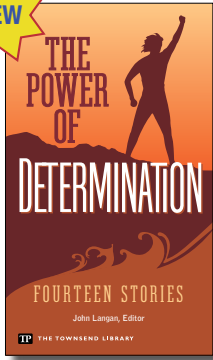
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This collection tells the stories of fourteen people who carry the following belief in their hearts: "I have taken charge of my life. I am determined to do what is needed to grow and succeed in this world. In the face of obstacles, I will persist. When I get knocked down, I'll get back up."

The inspiring stories will increase your own resolve to pursue your dreams and live a proud and determined life.



The Power of Love

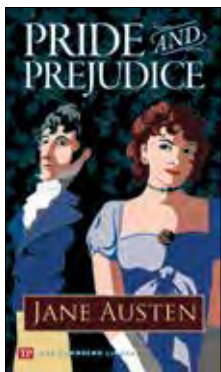
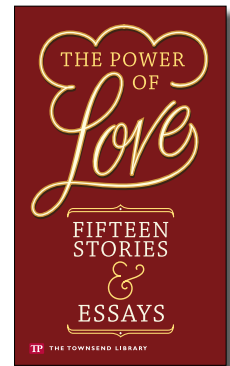
Various authors

124 pages / ISBN 1-59194-456-2 / Lexile 1060L

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It can't be seen, heard, touched, or tasted. You can't measure it, weigh it, buy it, or package it. And yet who would deny that love is the most powerful force on earth? It makes us do crazy, wonderful things. It breaks our hearts, humbles us, lifts us up, and fills us with unspeakable joy.

In this collection of essays, you'll read about love in a few of its many guises: romantic love, parental love, family love; the love of a teacher for her students, of a dog for its human, of strangers thrown together for a brief encounter.



Pride and Prejudice

Jane Austen

406 pages / ISBN 1-59194-067-2 / Lexile 920L

C1

The five Bennet girls need husbands. And now a rich, handsome bachelor has moved in next door. He falls in love with Jane, the oldest Bennet girl. Everything goes well—for a while. Then the handsome bachelor's proud best friend, Mr. Darcy, ruins everything.

Elizabeth Bennet has never hated anyone as much as she hates Mr. Darcy. How could she ever forgive the man who has ruined her sister's happiness? She knows everything she needs to know about him. He is proud, hateful, conceited, and horrid—and he wants to marry *her*.

The Prince and the Pauper

Mark Twain

232 pages / ISBN 1-59194-015-X / Lexile 840L

C2

Young Tom is a pauper, doomed to wander the streets begging for crusts. Edward is the Prince of Wales, heir to the throne of England. One day a twist of fate brings them together . . . and switches their identities!





A Princess of Mars

Edgar Rice Burroughs

240 pages / ISBN 1-59194-061-3 / Lexile 1230L

FS

John Carter of Virginia—soldier, adventurer, swordsman, and perfect Southern gentleman—has been transported to the planet Mars. There he finds a wondrous world of fierce green giants, strange animals, unearthly adventure, and the beautiful Dejah Thoris, a captive princess. Can Carter adapt to this strange new environment? Can he save Dejah Thoris from a terrible death and return her to her people? And can love survive between an Earthling and a princess of Mars?

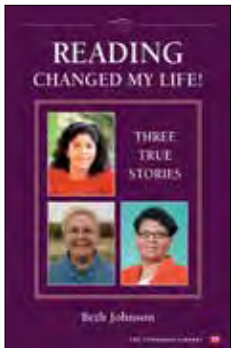
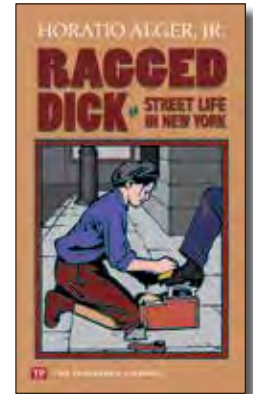
Ragged Dick

Horatio Alger, Jr.

186 pages / ISBN 1-59194-080-X / Lexile 660L

C1

Fourteen-year-old Dick Hunter lives on the streets of New York in the 1860s. His parents are dead, and he has been on his own since the age of seven. He shines shoes to earn a living. He sleeps in boxes. He jokes about having a mansion on Fifth Avenue and about owning shares of Erie Railroad stock. But he cannot imagine ever being more than a bootblack who spends every cent he earns and lives hand-to-mouth—until by chance he meets Frank Whitney.



Reading Changed My Life! Three True Stories

Beth Johnson

94 pages / ISBN 1-59194-012-5 / Lexile 830L

PS SI

After a lifetime of abuse, Maria Cárdenas was finally living in peace with her daughter. But soon, that little girl would be able to read better than her mother. What could Maria do?

School was a nightmare for Daisy Russell. She couldn't wait to get away from a place where she felt stupid and worthless. But once she dropped out, she discovered a burning desire to learn to read. Was it too late?

As a child, Julia Burney escaped from the poverty and violence of her home into a world of books. As an adult, she saw children growing up without that escape available to them. How could she help?

In *Reading Changed My Life!* you'll learn what happened to Maria, Daisy, and Julia. They are three courageous women whose stories will touch and inspire you.

This book is also available in a Spanish version—*iLeer Cambió Mi Vida!* ISBN 978-1-59194-271-9

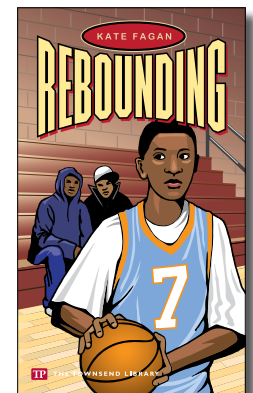
Rebounding

Kate Fagan

156 pages / ISBN 1-59194-247-0 / Lexile 730L

MG

Max Vernon is at a crossroads. After years of playing basketball, he has started trading the courts of Philadelphia for its streets. He tries holding onto his basketball dream but is soon faced with a series of life-changing decisions. Should he run the streets and make money with Raul and Theo? Or should he keep playing basketball even though he feels like a failure? What Max doesn't realize is how much these decisions will affect everything—and everyone—around him.



The Red Badge of Courage

Stephen Crane

119 pages / ISBN 1-59194-050-8 / Lexile 680L

C2

Against the wishes of his widowed mother, young Henry Fleming enlists to fight for the Union in the Civil War. As he first travels from his New York farm to Washington, D.C. and then to a winter campsite in Virginia, he romanticizes battle and anticipates gaining glory. However, when Henry finally sees combat, he is terrified and horrified. He reacts in varying ways to war's intense psychological and physical stress. Largely, he has lost control over his own fate. Will he survive?



The Return of Tarzan

Edgar Rice Burroughs

298 pages / ISBN 1-59194-020-6 / Lexile 930L

C2

Tarzan loves Jane, but she has promised to marry another. Heartsick and lonely, Tarzan sails to Paris to learn the ways of civilization from his friend D'Arnot. On board ship—and later in the cafés and streets of Paris—he learns that the jungle is not the only place where savage beasts dwell. Before setting foot on French soil, Tarzan is caught up in a whirlwind of blackmail, attempted murder, kidnapping, and the intrigues of desperate men and beautiful women. When a secret mission takes him back to Africa, he struggles with a decision: Can he stay in the world of the woman he has loved and lost? Or does destiny call him back to his original African home?

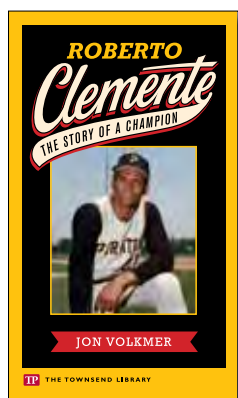
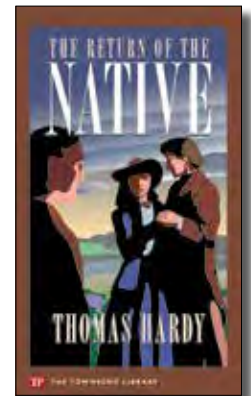
The Return of the Native

Thomas Hardy

138 pages / ISBN 1-59194-044-3 / Lexile 550L

C2

Clym Yeobright is the “native” who returns to Egdon Heath from his studies in Paris. Clym is soon caught up in a troubled relationship with Eustacia Vye, a darkly complicated young woman who hopes to escape her dreary existence on the Heath for an exciting life in Paris. Several other characters as well are soon caught up in a web of deceit, misunderstanding, and misfortune, and the reader wonders which of them will manage to find happiness.



Roberto Clemente: The Story of a Champion

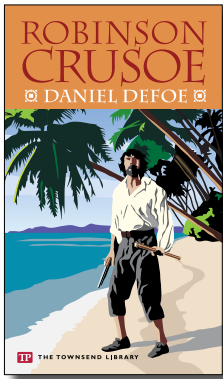
Jon Volkmer

135 pages / ISBN 1-59194-103-2 / Lexile 870L

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Roberto Clemente's passion for baseball took him from the sugar cane fields of Puerto Rico to two World Series championships with the Pittsburgh Pirates. He was baseball's first Latino superstar and among the best that ever played the game. But he was much more than that. His passion carried over outside the ballpark, where he fought prejudice, helped the poor and sick, and dreamed of a Sport City to help Puerto Rican youth overcome drugs and gangs.

He was just 38 when he died in a plane taking supplies to victims of an earthquake. No one will ever forget the passion, the excellence, and the character of Roberto Clemente. He was a true American hero.



Robinson Crusoe

Daniel Defoe

248 pages / ISBN 1-59194-068-0 / Lexile 920L

C1

Robinson Crusoe could have had a comfortable life in his native England. But the call of the sea and his hunger for adventure were too strong. As the sole survivor of a tragic shipwreck, he ends up a lonely castaway on a deserted island. After years of praying for human company, his prayers are answered—by the arrival of a group of cannibals. Crusoe's story is the classic tale of a man coming to terms with nature and his own rebellious spirit.

Rod Sutton: My Story

Beth Johnson Rod Sutton

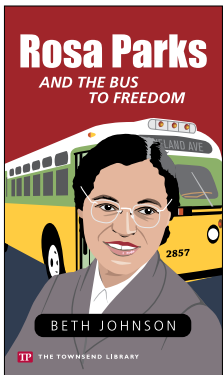
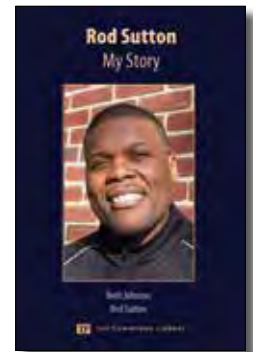
28 pages / ISBN 1-59194-419-8 / Lexile 670L

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PS

Rod Sutton grew up knowing that he could be scary. As a big black kid trying to survive on the mean streets of Newark, New Jersey, he used that ability to his advantage. By the time he entered middle school, he had been suspended 52 times. Rod had another side to him—a caring, intelligent, thoughtful side. But as high school came along, the reputation he had worked so hard to build threatened to destroy any chance he had of a future.

Then help came along from an unexpected source. And Rod's life went in a direction he could hardly have imagined.



Rosa Parks and the Bus to Freedom

Beth Johnson

170 pages / ISBN 1-59194-288-8 / Lexile 820L

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On a December day in 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress in Montgomery, Alabama, refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man. She was arrested, jailed, and tried for the crime of breaking the laws of segregation.

Rosa's action led to the famous Montgomery bus boycott, a year-long act of protest that focused the attention of the world on the struggle of black Americans to gain their civil rights. It also brought a young pastor named Martin Luther King Jr. into the national spotlight. It led to a Supreme Court decision that changed America's history.

For decades, black Americans had put up with the evils of segregation. They had endured the humiliation of "Whites Only" facilities. They had used "Colored" entrances. They had dealt with separate "White" and "Negro" drinking fountains. And they had taken seats in the back of the bus.

What, then, led a quiet 42-year-old woman to say, "No more"? This story explores how Rosa Parks's life prepared her for the moment she would become a true American hero.

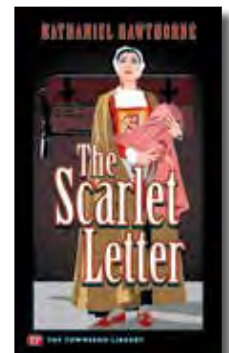
The Scarlet Letter

Nathaniel Hawthorne

202 pages / ISBN 1-59194-072-9 / Lexile 940L

C2

The year is 1640. Hester Prynne is a young widow living in the Puritan settlement of Boston. Two years after her arrival in the New World, she has a child. Who is the father of Hester's strange, elf-like daughter? Was Hester's husband really lost at sea? Is the minister really a "miracle of holiness"? Is the misshapen old doctor really an agent of evil? As the line between the real and the imaginary blurs, Hawthorne's dark tale of hidden sin reveals the price that the human heart must pay for secret shame and guilt.



Scary Medical Stories

Marie Noble

134 pages / ISBN 1-59194-292-6 / Lexile 920L

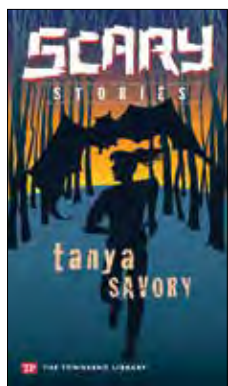
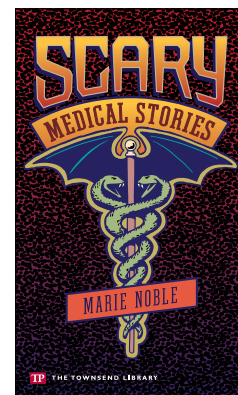
HA

Many years ago in Europe, people believed that an evil spirit was sweeping across the land. It killed people by the thousands. The deaths were agonizing and gruesome. Before long, the only sounds in the streets were the tolling of funeral bells and the wheels of carts carrying away the dead.

Centuries later, several children in a small village in Peru became so frantic that they had to be tied to their beds. Some screamed in terror, while others foamed at the mouth. All of them had one thing in common: They had been bitten by vampire bats.

After a woman lost her ability to speak, tests revealed a dark spot in her brain. The good news? The spot was not a tumor. The bad news? The spot was a tapeworm, living in her brain.

These and other true stories of medical mysteries and terrors await you.



Scary Stories

Tanya Savory

192 pages / ISBN 1-59194-457-0 / Lexile 550L

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A curse in an old cemetery can't hurt anyone—or can it?

A voice on the telephone isn't from beyond the grave—or is it?

A child's illness couldn't be caused by a vampire—or could it?

Welcome, dear reader! Are you ready to shiver and quiver, to shudder and shake? Is the door locked? Are the lights on brightly? Do you dare explore a world of terror? Then, please, do come in. Pick up this book. Turn the pages. Just don't say you weren't warned.

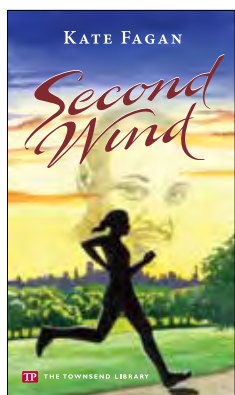
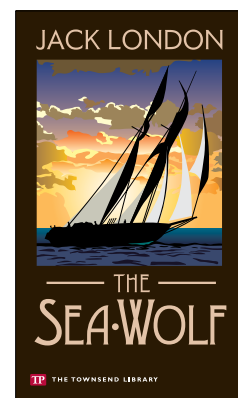
The Sea-Wolf

Jack London

313 pages / ISBN 1-59194-111-3 / Lexile 880L

C2

As a frail young scholar, Humphrey Van Weyden knows nothing of physical labor. But when an accident at sea leaves him stranded on a seal-hunting ship controlled by the strong, brutal Wolf Larsen, Humphrey is suddenly forced into the backbreaking life of a sailor. For a time, he seems to be learning the ropes and making progress. But as Larsen becomes more and more violent with his crew, Humphrey realizes that he must escape from the clutches of this madman if he wants to stay alive. Can he gain the strength and knowledge he needs to master the wild ocean on his own before it's too late?



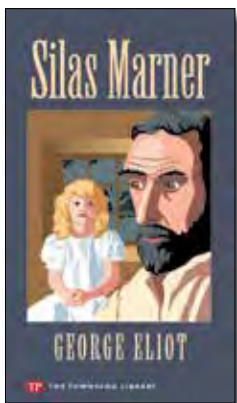
Second Wind

Kate Fagan

155 pages / ISBN 1-59194-293-4 / Lexile 780L

MG

Deena Jackson's world has come crashing down. Just before her senior year of high school, her father is diagnosed with cancer. Deena has always been a shy, quiet girl, unnoticed by her high school classmates. But something changes as she watches her dad struggle. She puts on a pair of sneakers her dad had gotten her the year before and she goes outside to run. Then, aided by her dad's belief in her, Deena sets out to make the high school cross-country team. What she doesn't know is how difficult, and how inspiring, her journey of self-discovery will become.



Silas Marner

George Eliot

279 pages / ISBN 1-59194-048-6 / Lexile 1130L

C1

A stranger with a troubled past, Silas Marner is new to the town of Raveloe. He cares only for money, which he makes by weaving cloth. Totally alone, shunned by everyone in town, Silas's only comfort is his pile of gold.

But when the gold is stolen, Silas's world turns upside down. And little does he know that the crime is only one in a chain of events that will change his life forever.

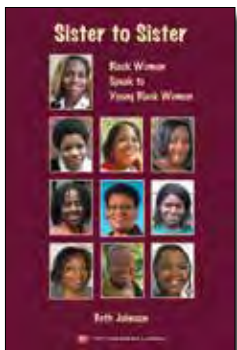
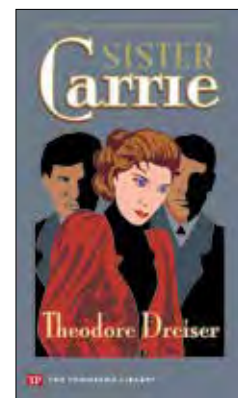
Sister Carrie

Theodore Dreiser

407 pages / ISBN 1-59194-011-7 / Lexile 620L

C1

Eighteen-year-old Carrie is drawn to the glamour, wealth, and excitement of Chicago. But to be part of this glittering world, she will need much more money than she can even imagine. The only jobs she can find offer harsh conditions and little pay. Finally, inexperienced and desperate, she allows the smooth-talking salesman Charles Drouet to buy her meals and pretty clothes. Will Carrie ever find true happiness? And how much will she have to give up to get what she wants?



Sister to Sister:

Black Women Speak to Young Black Women

Beth Johnson

122 pages / ISBN 1-59194-204-7 / Lexile 900L

AA PS

Big sisters are treasures in our lives. As you read through the pages of *Sister to Sister*, you will find a whole book full of such treasures—warm, wise, and loving “big sisters” who are reaching out to you. Here are a few of the ten women you will meet in the book:

- Jean Sutton, now a successful executive, who writes about what her father's death and family's poverty taught her about hard work, men, and marriage;
- Julia Burney-Witherspoon, a recipient of an Oprah Winfrey "Use Your Life" award, who pulls no punches as she talks about what mothers owe their children;
- Lina Buffington, a super-achiever whose confident exterior hid a painful inner secret.

These “sisters” and others have opened their hearts and lives to you. They invite you to sit with them, laugh and cry with them, and reflect on your own journey.

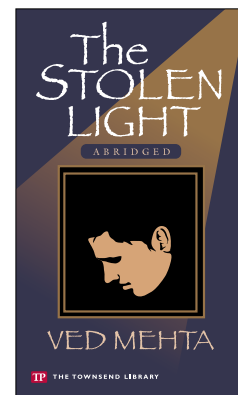
The Stolen Light

Ved Mehta

410 pages / ISBN 1-59194-095-8 / Lexile 1020L

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The Stolen Light is the real-life story of Ved Mehta, a young man attending college in California in the 1950s. The college years are a challenging time in anyone's life, but Mehta faced particular difficulties. He was an Indian in the United States, a Hindu in a Christian environment, a dark-skinned man surrounded by white people, and he was blind. With compelling honesty and touches of humor, Mehta describes his struggles to live an ordinary college life—dating, riding a bicycle, keeping up with his studies—while dealing with extraordinary obstacles. (Mehta's story has been abridged with the author's approval.)



The Story of Blima: A Holocaust Survivor

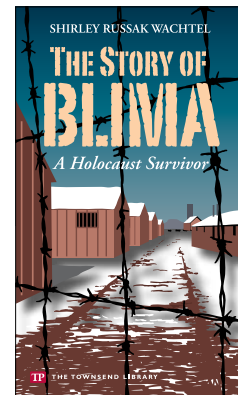
Shirley Russak Wachtel

133 pages / ISBN 1-59194-051-6 / Lexile 970L



In 1941, Blima Weisstuch was a young Jewish woman going about her life in a city in Poland. She paid no heed to the stories about a man named Adolf Hitler, his Nazi Party, and their plan for a world that did not include Jews.

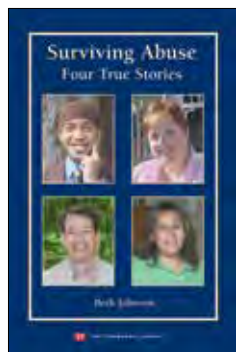
But almost overnight her ordinary life was gone, replaced by a nightmare world of terror and death. Millions of people disappeared into the horror of the Holocaust. But Blima's story survives. It is told here by her daughter, Shirley Russak Wachtel.



Surviving Abuse: Four True Stories

Beth Johnson

135 pages / ISBN 1-59194-057-5 / Lexile 840L



"Abuse" is an ugly word. And to many people, abuse is an ugly reality of life. This book tells the stories of two men and two women whose lives have been painfully marked by abuse, whether physical, emotional, or sexual.

The things that Kenyon, Dawn, Ryan, and Eunice experienced could have destroyed them inside. But that's not what happened. Read *Surviving Abuse* to learn how people can grow strong and healthy even after suffering at the hands of others.

Swamp Curse

Tanya Savory

166 pages / ISBN 1-59194-294-2 / Lexile 660L



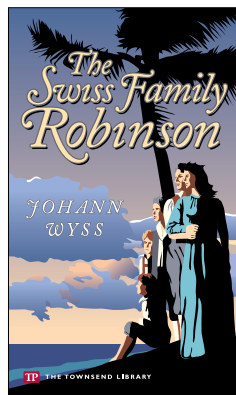
For the first two weeks of their summer vacation, Carter and his sister Christine are visiting their great aunt, who lives right next to a big, buggy swamp. One night, Carter is awakened by creepy laughter coming from the swamp, and he and his sister learn about a deadly swamp curse. Soon, the curse begins drawing them deep into the swamp—and even deeper into danger!



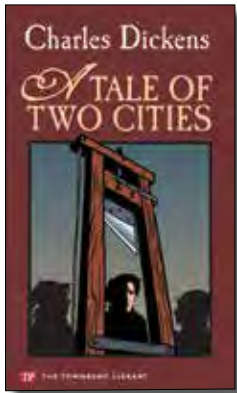
The Swiss Family Robinson

Johann Wyss

352 pages / ISBN 1-59194-056-7 / Lexile 830L



The Robinsons leave their home in Switzerland planning to settle half a world away. But things do not turn out as they had expected. The sole survivors of a terrible shipwreck, they wash ashore to learn that the danger has only begun. Their new world will test their courage, cleverness, endurance, and faith as they struggle to survive and create a civilization of their own in the wilderness.



A Tale of Two Cities

Charles Dickens

362 pages / ISBN 1-59194-034-6 / Lexile 790L

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“It was the best of times; it was the worst of times . . .”

The year is 1789. In London, Lucie Darnay lives quietly with her father, who is a former prisoner, and her husband and child. In Paris, the bloody French Revolution is about to begin.

How will the uprisings in faraway France affect Lucie and those she loves? What dreadful secrets from the distant past threaten their security, even their lives? When “the best of times” becomes “the worst of times” and violence is everywhere, who must die . . . and who will survive?

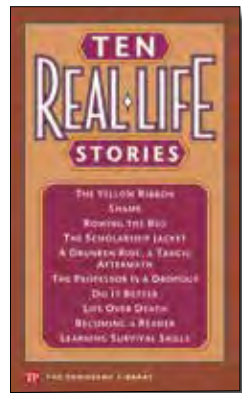
Tarzan of the Apes

Edgar Rice Burroughs

311 pages / ISBN 1-59194-010-9 / Lexile 1000L

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Without his animal strength and human intelligence, Tarzan of the Apes would many times have been a dead man. Orphaned in infancy, Tarzan is adopted by a female ape who has just lost her own baby. Against all odds, he survives and learns the ways of the great apes. But Tarzan is different from the apes, and he knows this more with each passing day. Then he comes face-to-face with a beautiful woman named Jane, and, more than ever, he wonders just who the real Tarzan is.



Ten Real-Life Stories

Various authors

143 pages / ISBN 1-59194-059-1 / Lexile 920L

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As you read *Ten Real-Life Stories*, you will meet a fascinating variety of people. The one thing they have in common is they are real. So are their stories.

Here are a few of the people you will learn about:

- Richard, a little boy who “invented” a father to hide his embarrassment.
- Paul, so afraid of bullying that he betrayed a friend at school.
- Lupe, a “retarded” girl who wasn’t.
- Ben, whose mother would not allow him to fail.
- Marvel, who fooled everyone into believing she could read.

Timeless Tales of Heroes, Villains, Victims and Fools

Various authors

135 pages / ISBN 1-59194-210-1 / Lexile 750L

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What would you do if . . .

- your enemy offered you a gift?
- you realized you could get ahead by hurting others?
- you bragged about something—and then had to prove it?
- you were the best—until someone else proved to be better?
- telling the truth could cost you your life?
- you had to choose between an unremarkable life and a glorious death?

These timeless tales show what ordinary—and extraordinary—people do when given the chance to act as heroes, villains, victims, or fools.



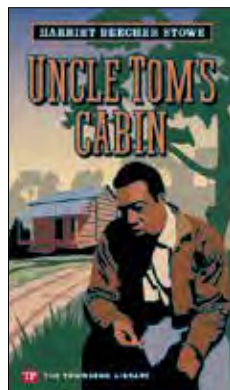
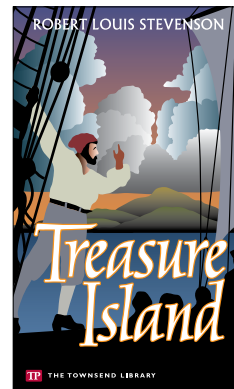
Treasure Island

Robert Louis Stevenson

248 pages / ISBN 1-59194-038-9 / Lexile 760L

C2

When a mysterious stranger with a scar on his cheek dies, young Jim Hawkins ends up with a mysterious map of an island. He imagines that he is off to a wonderful sea adventure that will lead to a huge treasure. But his dream turns out to include greed, mutiny, and murder.



Uncle Tom's Cabin

Harriet Beecher Stowe

119 pages / ISBN 1-59194-055-9 / Lexile 660L

C2

With her young son in her arms, Eliza flees the Kentucky farm where she's been a slave.

Enslaved on a farm nearby, her husband George also flees. Hoping to be reunited, Eliza and George seek to reach the free state of Ohio and then Canada. The dangers they face are life-threatening.

Another slave, Tom, is torn from his wife and children and his home. He is sold to a slave trader who takes him south. Tom doesn't know whether his next owner will be relatively kind or cruel—or whether he'll ever see his family again.

Unexpected Blessings:

Finding Hope and Healing in the Face of Illness

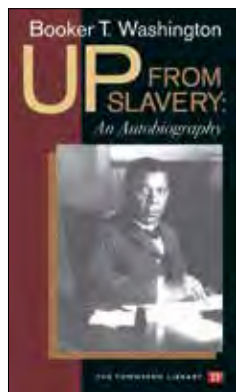
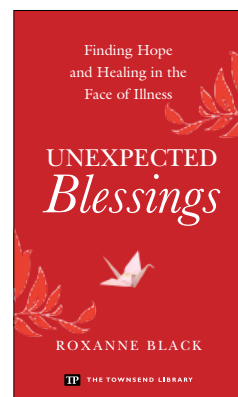
Roxanne Black

224 pages / ISBN 1-59194-238-1 / Lexile 1060L

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Roxanne Black is the founder and executive director of Friends' Health Connection an internationally recognized organization that brings together people with similar illnesses or conditions. She lives with her husband, Leo, and their daughter in New Jersey.

In her book, Roxanne Black reminds us of the courage we all possess, and the hidden, unexpected blessings that lie beyond the hurdles in life.



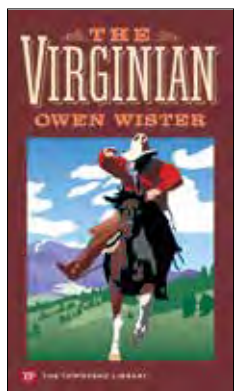
Up from Slavery: An Autobiography

Booker T. Washington

185 pages / ISBN 1-59194-031-1 / Lexile 1010L

AA HC

Born into slavery, Booker T. Washington is freed when he is nine years old. To help support his family, he then works as a salt packer, coal miner, and house servant. All the while, he longs to become educated and to educate others. Poverty, racism, and other obstacles stand in his way. Will he overcome them all, or will the many barriers prove stronger than his unwavering determination?



The Virginian

Owen Wister

407 pages / ISBN 1-59194-065-6 / Lexile 690L

C2

It started over a poker game. Trampas cursed the Virginian, and the Virginian told him off in public. Months later, Trampas's hand moved for his pistol when the Virginian made him apologize for some rude remarks about a woman. Years later, the Virginian forced Trampas to hide out, suspected of cattle rustling and murder.

Now, with the Virginian about to marry the woman he defended, Trampas has shown up, seeking revenge. With his pride on the line and his anger fueled by whiskey, Trampas will not back down. Neither will the Virginian. This time, bullets will fly, and someone will die.

Voces Latinas:

Hispanic Adults Speak to Hispanic Young People

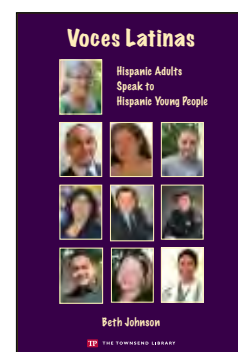
Beth Johnson

145 pages / ISBN 1-59194-225-X / Lexile 790L

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To be Hispanic in the U.S. today is to be part of the most rapidly growing group in the country. As Latinos become more visible in every aspect of society, it is more important than ever before that they share their stories—tales that add richness and dimension to the larger American story. In this book, ten men and women describe their life journeys: where they have come from, where they are now, and where they are going. In doing so, they give an extraordinary glimpse into the hearts and minds of today's Latino-Americans.



The War of the Worlds

H.G. Wells

216 pages / ISBN 1-59194-075-3 / Lexile 1040L

FS

In the night sky over a peaceful English village, the red planet hangs low on the horizon. Mysterious flares are sighted on the Martian surface—what could they mean?

Then strange metal cylinders begin dropping on English soil.

And then death emerges from those cylinders.

Earth is under attack from an enemy it never knew existed!

The Warlord of Mars

Edgar Rice Burroughs

199 pages / ISBN 1-59194-063-X / Lexile 1100L

FS

For six long Martian months, John Carter has haunted the terrifying Temple of the Sun. Inside the walls of this mysterious revolving tower is his beloved wife, Dejah Thoris, the beautiful princess of Barsoom. Worse yet, she is trapped there with the lovely but wicked Phaidor, who has sworn to make John Carter her own—even if it means murder. How can Carter gain access to the Temple, whose doors swing open only once a year? And when he does find his way inside, will he find Dejah Thoris's welcoming embrace—or her corpse?



The Bluford Series

The Bluford Series is a collection of 21 high-interest novels that have captivated teens throughout the country.

Set in fictional Bluford High, a tough but nurturing inner-city high school, the novels speak to the interests, struggles, and concerns of today's 5th–10th graders. The protagonists are predominantly African American and Latino teens navigating the intense transition between childhood and adulthood. Many confront serious challenges in their families, relationships, classrooms, and communities.

A popular choice for school- and city-wide reading initiatives, the series has been widely recommended in the *Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy* (JAAL) and praised in *School Library Journal* and *Kirkus Reviews*. In addition, Bluford novels have been repeatedly endorsed by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA). More than 11 million Bluford novels are in print, with more on the way!

Lost and Found	Blood Is Thicker	Schooled
A Matter of Trust	Brothers in Arms	Breaking Point
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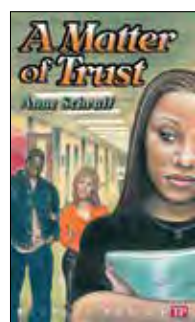
Lost and Found

Anne Schraff

133 pages / ISBN 0-944210-02-3 / Lexile 760L

BL

Darcy Wills is in big trouble, and she does not know where to turn for help. First there was the mysterious stranger who started following her. Then there was the threatening note left on her desk at Bluford High School. And now her sister has disappeared. Forced into a desperate race against time, Darcy must take action to save her sister—and her fragile family—before it is too late.



A Matter of Trust

Anne Schraff

125 pages / ISBN 0-944210-03-1 / Lexile 750L

BL

In grade school, Darcy Wills and Brisana Meeks were friends. But all that changed at Bluford High when Darcy started hanging with “the zeros”—a group of students Brisana despises. Now the former friends are bitter rivals, and the tension between them is getting worse. For a while, Darcy tries to stay calm, ignoring her old friend’s daily taunts. But when she learns that Brisana is after her boyfriend, Hakeem Randall, Darcy knows she must do something. But what?

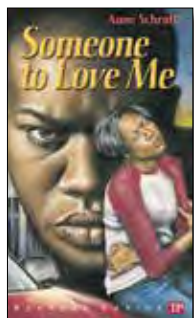
Secrets in the Shadows

Anne Schraff

126 pages / ISBN 0-944210-05-8 / Lexile 750L

BL

Roylin Bailey is living a nightmare—and it's all his fault. It started when the new student, Korie Archer, arrived in his history class. She was the most beautiful girl he had ever seen, and unlike most people at Bluford High, she seemed to like him. But when Roylin tried to impress her, he made a terrible mistake. Now one of his friends is gone, and someone is out to destroy him. Caught in a tightening web of lies and threats, Roylin is desperate for a way out.



Someone to Love Me

Anne Schraff

162 pages / ISBN 0-944210-06-6 / Lexile 700L

BL

At first, Bobby Wallace was everything Cindy Gibson hoped for: friendly, mature, and handsome—the perfect escape from her troubles. But when he starts behaving strangely, Cindy gets scared. Hiding her fears from her friends and her distracted mother, Cindy soon finds herself in the worst trouble of her life.

The Bully

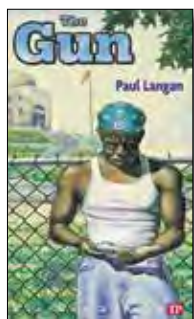
Paul Langan

190 pages / ISBN 0-944210-00-7 / Lexile 700L

BL

AB

A new life. A new school. A new bully. That's what Darrell Mercer faces when he and his mother move from Philadelphia to California. After spending months living in fear, Darrell is faced with a big decision. He can either keep on running from this bully—or find some way to fight back.



The Gun

Paul Langan

123 pages / ISBN 0-944210-04-X / Lexile 730L

BL

Tyray Hobbs wants revenge. Weeks ago he was one of the most feared students in Bluford High. But then Darrell Mercer publicly humiliated him, and Tyray lost his reputation. To get it back, he must take down Darrell. But how?

With a broken hand, a troubled family, and no friends in sight, Tyray's options are limited. And when the kids he once bullied start threatening him, his world completely unravels. Desperate to settle the score and regain respect, Tyray sees only one solution to his problems: a gun.

Until We Meet Again

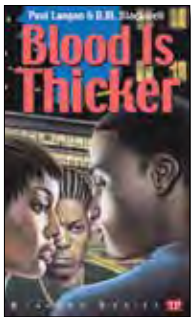
Anne Schraff

144 pages / ISBN 0-944210-07-4 / Lexile 740L

BL

The summer was supposed to be different. With the school year over, Darcy Wills looked forward to the best time of her life. But her plans are shattered by a series of unexpected events. First, horrible news threatens to rip her boyfriend Hakeem away. And then someone new enters her life, leaving Darcy in a world of confusion. Before the summer ends, Darcy makes choices that profoundly change her, and a beloved piece of her world is lost forever.





Blood Is Thicker

Paul Langan and D.M. Blackwell

156 pages / ISBN 1-59194-016-8 / Lexile 730L

BL

Hakeem Randall can't take it. First he learns his father is sick and his parents can no longer afford their home. Then he must leave his friends at Bluford High and move to his uncle's house in faraway Detroit. Things get worse when Hakeem is forced to share a bedroom with his moody cousin, Savon. Once childhood friends, the two quickly become enemies. Now they're ready to go to war, and the outcome promises to change their lives forever.

Brothers in Arms

Paul Langan and Ben Alirez

152 pages / ISBN 1-59194-017-6 / Lexile 610L

BL

LC

Martin Luna's world is crumbling. A fight threatens to end his sophomore year at Bluford High School. But at home, things are even worse. Frankie, the most feared homeboy from his neighborhood, is hunting him. Alone and with time running out, Martin makes a desperate choice. Will it save or destroy him?

NOTE: This book is also available in a Spanish version as *Hermanos en Armas*. ISBN 1-59194-422-5



The Fallen

Paul Langan

133 pages / ISBN 1-59194-066-4 / Lexile 640L

BL

LC

Martin Luna is in deep trouble. And there is no easy way out.

Just months ago, a horrible tragedy took his little brother, and now it threatens to take him too. On one side are his desperate mother, a friendly teacher at Bluford High School, and a pretty girl named Vicky. On the other are his homeboys, his old neighborhood, and his hunger for revenge. Torn between the two, Martin stands at a crossroads, with his life hanging in the balance.

Which way will he go?

Summer of Secrets

Paul Langan

142 pages / ISBN 1-59194-018-4 / Lexile 710L

BL

Darcy Wills needs help. A frightening ordeal at the end of the school year has turned her world upside down. And her parents, distracted by problems at home, don't seem to notice her troubles. With her ex-boyfriend miles away in Detroit and her beloved grandmother gone, Darcy is more alone than ever. Unable to deny the painful truth she's been hiding, Darcy turns to her remaining friends only to discover one of them has an even bigger secret. Now, forced into a crisis beyond her control, Darcy must take a stand for herself—and for her friend.

Only one thing is certain: when the dust settles, Darcy will never be the same.



Shattered

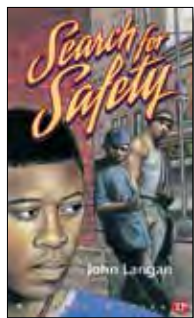
Paul Langan

123 pages / ISBN 1-59194-069-9 / Lexile 670L

BL

Darcy Wills is desperate.

A painful secret is ruining her closest friendships at Bluford High School. And an even deeper lie is tearing her family apart. Unwilling to lose the people she loves, Darcy must confront her past—and the truth. What she discovers will change her world forever.



Search for Safety

John Langan

128 pages / ISBN 1-59194-070-2 / Lexile 650L

BL

There is no escape for Ben McKee. For weeks, he's covered the bruises on his body. He's even lied to his teachers and new friends at Bluford High School. But the trouble in Ben's house isn't going away. And if he doesn't act soon, it could swallow him and his mother forever.

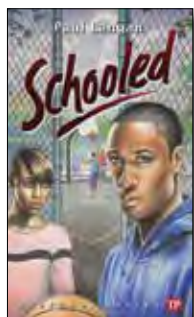
No Way Out

Peggy Kern

144 pages / ISBN 1-59194-176-8 / Lexile 580L

BL

Bluford High freshman Harold Davis is trapped. Medical bills for his sick grandmother are piling up, and a social worker has threatened to put him in a foster home. Desperate for money, he reluctantly agrees to work for Londell James, a neighborhood drug dealer. The choice leads him into a world of dangerous streets where no one is safe. Will Harold escape the violence that surrounds him, or will he become its next victim?



Schooled

Paul Langan

144 pages / ISBN 1-59194-177-6 / Lexile 730L

BL

There's no backing down for Lionel Shephard. With a dream of joining the NBA, all he wants to do at Bluford High is play basketball. But everyone's trying to stop him. His father thinks basketball is a waste of time; his teachers don't know he can barely read and threaten to fail him; and his dropout friend Jamar wants him to quit school. Unsure where to turn, Lionel must make a choice. Will he pursue his dream—or get caught in a nightmare?

Breaking Point

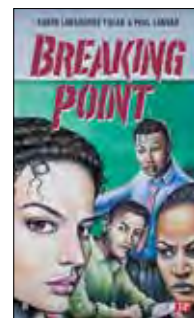
Karyn Langhorne Folan and Paul Langan

150 pages / ISBN 1-59194-232-2 / Lexile 600L

BL

LC

Vicky Fallon can't take it. Her father has lost his job. Her parents are constantly fighting, and her troubled little brother is out of control. Once an honor student, Vicky is quickly falling behind in her classes at Bluford High. Now her teachers, friends, and new boyfriend, Martin Luna, want answers. Pressured from all sides, Vicky knows something is about to snap. But the explosion that hits her home is worse than anything she could imagine.





The Test

Peggy Kern

139 pages / ISBN 1-59194-234-9 / Lexile 570L

BL

Liselle Mason is in trouble. For weeks, she ignored the changes in her body and tried to forget her brief relationship with Oscar Price, her moody classmate at Bluford High. But when Liselle's clothes stop fitting, and her brother notices her growing belly, she panics. A pregnancy test confirms her biggest fears. Unwilling to admit the truth, Liselle suddenly faces a world with no easy answers. Where will she turn? Who will she tell? What will she do?

Pretty Ugly

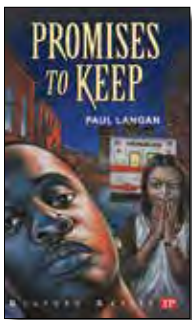
Karyn Langhorne Folan

171 pages / ISBN 1-59194-233-0 / Lexile 630L

BL

AB

Jamee Wills never expected Vanessa Pierce and her friends to go this far. The trouble starts at cheerleading practice when Vanessa begins teasing Angel McAllister, a shy new girl at Bluford High. When the insults turn nasty, Jamee tries to stop them. She wins Angel's friendship but makes many enemies. Now Jamee is a target, and someone is texting lies and pictures of her all over school. Unwilling to tell her family or snitch on her fellow cheerleaders, Jamee is cornered. Will her next move solve her problems—or make them worse?



Promises to Keep

Paul Langan

151 pages / ISBN 1-59194-303-5 / Lexile 600L

BL

No one likes Tyray Hobbs. Once a feared bully, he's become an outcast. At Bluford High, his peers taunt him for how he treated them. At home, his parents punish him for the trouble he's caused. Unable to escape his reputation or his past, Tyray is desperate. And when an unlikely friendship develops, he clings to it like a lifeline. Now that connection is threatened, and Tyray faces his toughest decision yet. Will his next move lead him to ruin or redemption—or both?

Survivor

Paul Langan

138 pages / ISBN 1-59194-304-3 / Lexile 700L

BL

Tarah Carson has hidden the secret for years. No one—not her mother, her friends at Bluford High, or even her boyfriend, Cooper Hodden—knows what her uncle did to her years ago. Tarah hoped to keep it that way. But an upcoming reunion is forcing Tarah's past into the present. And Uncle Rudy, the man who scarred her for life, is returning. Haunted by memories, Tarah plans to avoid him at all costs. But when her decision threatens to cause even more suffering in her family, she must face her past and biggest fear—alone.



Girls Like Me

Tanya Savory

136 pages / ISBN 1-59194-470-8 / Lexile 570L

BL

AB

Angel McAllister's worst nightmare has come true. Her best friend, Sharice Bell, has discovered her most intimate secret. And a new enemy, LaDonna Burns, is on the warpath. Gossip and rumors are spreading through school like wildfire, and Angel's classmates are turning on her. Can she bury the secret and put out the flames? Or will Angel face the truth—and its life-changing consequences?

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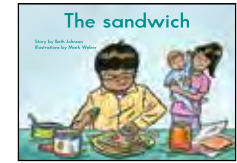
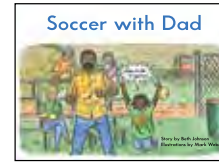
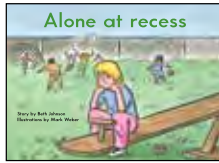
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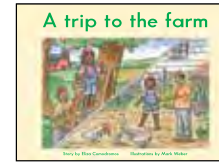
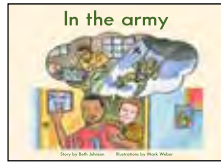
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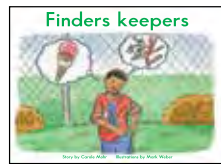


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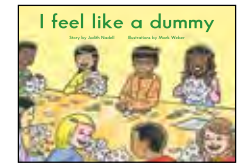
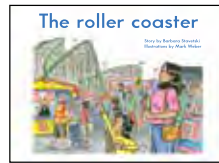
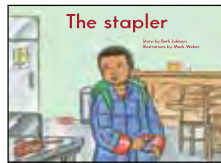
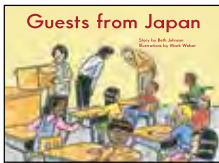
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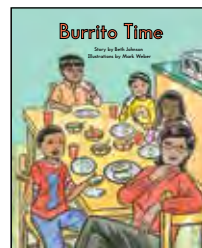
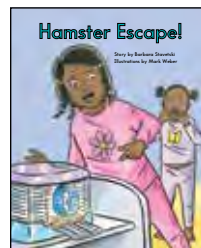
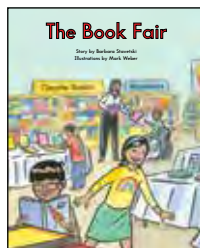
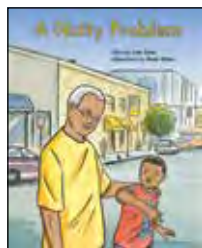
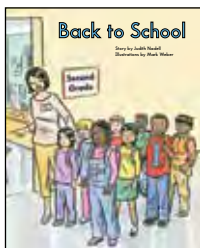
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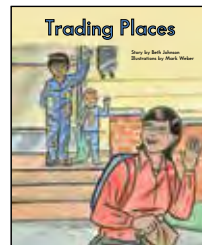
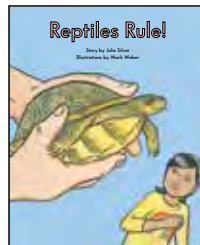
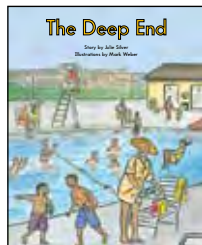
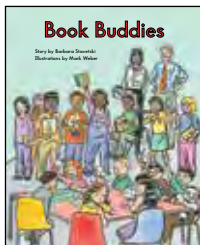
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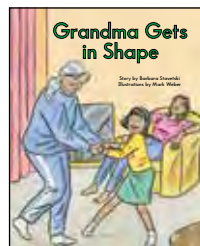
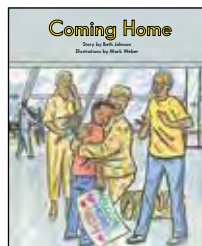
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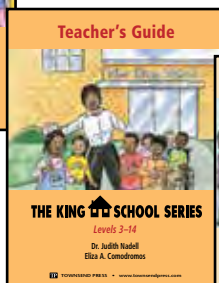
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The 85 carefully leveled books in the *King School Series* feature storylines, sentence structure, and formatting that advance incrementally over the course of the series. The easy-to-master, lower-level books offer new or struggling readers the success they need to persevere; the more demanding, higher-level books offer strong readers the challenge they need to develop more advanced skills. Below is additional information about the Series' leveling criteria.

Kindergarten / Very Early Emergent

Level 1 word count range: 21–35

Level 2 word count range: 36–50

- Stories with very simple structure, all about everyday childhood experiences
- Very large font
- Very short, simple sentences, all one line in length
- Generally one line on a page
- Lots of space between words and lines
- Very strong text-illustration match
- Patterned, predictable text, with repetitions and refrains
- Predominance of high-frequency words
- Few new words, always cued by illustrations

Early First Grade / Early Emergent

Level 3 word count range: 51–65

Level 4 word count range: 66–80

Level 5 word count range: 81–95

Level 6 word count range: 96–110

- Stories with simple structure, most about everyday childhood experiences
- Large font
- Short, simple sentences, most one line in length
- Few lines on a page
- Ample space between words and lines
- Very strong text-illustration match
- Much patterned, predictable text; many repetitions and refrains
- Predominance of high-frequency words
- Few new words, repeated and almost always cued by illustrations

Correlation Chart

The graphic below shows the approximate relationship between levels in *The King School Series* and grade/developmental levels. Because the Series' levels have been designed to match the indicated grade/developmental levels, you'll find it's easy to integrate the *King School* books into your classroom activities.

Levels in THE KING SCHOOL SERIES

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Level 12	
Level 13	Early/Mid/ Late Second Grade
Level 14	
Level 15–16	
Level 17–18	
Level 19–20	

Mid First Grade / Emergent

Level 7 word count range: 111–125

Level 8 word count range: 126–140

Level 9 word count range: 141–155

Level 10 word count range: 156–170

- More complex story structure; some stories about unfamiliar subjects
- Font slightly reduced in size
- Sentences slightly longer and more complex
- More lines on a page
- Slightly reduced space between words and lines
- Strong text-illustration match but not as pronounced
- Some patterned, predictable text; some repetitions and refrains
- Still many high-frequency words
- More new words, generally repeated and generally cued by illustrations

Late First Grade / Early Fluent

Level 11 word count range: 171–185

Level 12 word count range: 186–200

Level 13 word count range: 201–215

Level 14 word count range: 216–230

- Considerably more complex story structure; more stories about unfamiliar subjects
- Font reduced in size a bit more
- Sentences longer and more complex; some have introductory word groups
- More lines on a page
- Space between words and lines reduced more
- Moderate to low text-illustration match
- Much less patterned, predictable text; few repetitions and refrains
- Still many high-frequency words
- Many more new words, generally repeated and sometimes cued by illustrations

Early-Mid-Late Second Grade

Level 15–16 word count range: 231–380

Level 17–18 word count range: 381–530

Level 19–20 word count range: 531–680

- Complex story structure; including stories about unfamiliar subjects
- Lower text-illustration match
- Slightly decreased font size
- Longer, more complex sentences
- Lines wrap continuously
- In later books, paragraphs indented
- In later books, chapter breaks
- High-level vocabulary words repeated in story

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