Booraem, Ellen. Small Persons with Wings (They Hate to Be Called Fairies) (2011)

When Mellie Turpin's grandfather dies and leaves her family his run-down inn and bar, she learns that for generations her family members have been fairy guardians, and now that the fairies want an important ring returned, the Turpins become involved in a series of magical adventures as they try to locate the missing ring.


Pino and his father, Gepetto, face grave danger when they are forced to go on the run after villagers learn that a puppet made by Pino to represent Gepetto’s dead wife can move as Pino, himself, did before becoming a real boy.

Choldenko, Gennifer. No Passengers Beyond This Point (2011)

With their house in foreclosure, sisters India and Mouse and brother Finn are sent to stay with an uncle in Colorado until their mother can join them, but when the plane lands, the children are welcomed by cheering crowds to a strange place where each of them has a perfect house and a clock that is ticking down the time.
Gantos, Jack. Dead End in Norvelt (2011)
In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore involving the newly dead, molten wax, twisted promises, Girl Scout cookies, underage driving, lessons from history, typewriting, and countless bloody noses.

Gibbs, Stuart. Spy Camp (2013)
As almost thirteen-year-old Ben, a student at the CIA's academy for future intelligence agents, prepares to go to spy summer camp, he receives a death threat from the evil organization SPYDER.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. Caught (2013)

Johnson, Peter. The Amazing Adventures of John Smith, Jr.
AKA Houdini (2012)
Thirteen-year-old John "Houdini" Smith tries to write a book about what is happening in his life, from his parents’ worries about money and his brother in Iraq, to his new understandings of people while he and his friends rake lawns in their East Side Providence, Rhode Island neighborhood.

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.


When her baby brother is kidnapped by crows, seventh-grader Prue McKeel ventures into the forbidden Impassable Wilderness—a dangerous and magical forest at the edge of Portland, Oregon—and soon finds herself involved in a war among the various inhabitants.

**O’Connor, Sheila. *Sparrow Road* (2011)**

Twelve-year-old Raine spends the summer at a mysterious artists colony and discovers a secret about her past.

**Palacio, R.J. *Wonder* (2012)**

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.
Reinhardt, Dana. **The Summer I Learned to Fly** (2011)

Thirteen-year-old Drew starts the summer of 1986 helping in her mother’s cheese shop and dreaming about co-worker Nick, but when her widowed mother begins dating, Drew’s father’s book of lists, her pet rat, and Emmett, a boy on a quest, help her cope.

Soup, Cuthbert. **No Other Story** (2012)

When Mr. Cheeseman and his three "smart, polite, and relatively odor-free" children journey to the not-so-distant past, they meet something utterly surprising—the alternate versions of themselves.

Sylvester, Kevin. **Neil Flambe and the Marco Polo Murders** (2012)

Fourteen-year-old chef and budding detective Neil Flambe helps the police in their investigation of the murders of some of the best chefs in town, a puzzle that seems to have something to do with a mysterious smell and Marco Polo.

Turnage, Sheila. **Three Times Lucky** (2012)

Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a café and co-parent of Mo with his cook, Miss Lana, seems implicated in a murder.

Presents fourteen short stories from award-winning authors based on the illustrations in Chris Van Allsburg’s *The Mysteries of Harris Burdick*.


Twelve-year-olds Duncan Dorfman, April Blunt, and Nate Saviano meet at the Youth Scrabble Tournament where, although each has a different reason for attending and for needing to win, they realize that something more important is at stake than the grand prize.


Shows young readers how a citizen scientist learns about butterflies, birds, frogs, and ladybugs.


Looks at the Panamanian golden frog, the national symbol of Panama, which has been vanishing due to a fungus infection, and follows a team of scientists working to save these frogs and protect frog populations worldwide.


Find out what drove R & B’s earliest performers to stand up and sing. Follow the music’s path from gospel choirs to wild funk bands. And learn more about legends such as James Brown, Aretha Franklin, Michael Jackson, and Beyoncé.
O’Connell, Caitlin and Jackson, Donna M. The Elephant Scientist (2011)

Journey to the Namibian desert with Caitlin O’Connell, an American scientist, and witness one of nature’s largest, most complex, and most intelligent mammals living today on this earth.


Born into the Northern Paiute tribe of Nevada in 1844, Sarah Winnemucca straddled two cultures: the traditional life of her people, and the modern ways of her grandfather’s white friends.


Revolutionary War spy, Nathan Hale, tells a hangman and British officer the story of the Donner Party, a doomed wagon train traveling from Illinois to California in 1846.

Kibuishi, Kazu. Amulet: The Last Council (2011)

Emily and her friends think they’ll find the help they need in Cielis, but something isn’t right. Streets that were once busy are deserted, and the townspeople who are left live in crippling fear. Emily is escorted to the Academy where she’s expected to compete for a spot on the Guardian Council, the most powerful Stonekeepers. But as the number of competitors gets smaller and smaller, a terrible secret is slowly uncovered--a secret that, if left buried, means certain destruction of everything Emily fights for.

Liu, Na and Andres Martinez. Little White Duck: A Childhood in China (2012)

A young girl describes her experiences growing up in China, beginning with the death of Chairman Mao in 1976.

When cardboard creatures come magically to life, a boy must save his town from disaster.