

Grade 7

Anne of Green Gables Montgomery, L.M

Summary: The story of Anne, an orphan who lives with her foster parents in Prince Edward Island, and the adventures she has growing up there.

Beardance Hobbs, Will

Summary: While accompanying an elderly rancher on a trip into the San Juan Mountains, Cloyd, a Ute Indian boy, tries to help two orphaned grizzly cubs survive the winter and, at the same time, completes his spirit mission.

Brian's winter Paulsen, Gary

Summary: Companion book to: Hatchet and The river.

Instead of being rescued from a plane crash, as in the author's book Hatchet, this story portrays what would have happened to Brian had he been forced to survive a winter in the wilderness with only his survival pack and hatchet.

Call of the wild, The London, Jack

Big burn Choyce, Lesley

Summary: Set in Canada's east coast, this novel focuses on how two teenagers deal with environmental pollution and its effects, both on wildlife and on humans. The characters show initiative as they fight bureaucracy to save their small town. This easily read novel lends itself to discussion about environmental issues, relationships and death. Teachers should note that coarse language is used occasionally.

Boys' own: (edited by) Wynne-Jones, Tim **an anthology of Canadian fiction for young readers**

Summary: An eclectic collection of Canadian short stories from A.D. 1000 through to present time. The genres range from realistic to historical to science fiction. Students will appreciate the humour used throughout the anthology. The short stories in this collection will appeal equally to both sexes.

Caged eagles Walters, Eric

Summary: Fourteen-year-old Tadashi Fukushima and his Japanese Canadian family are evacuated from their village near Prince Rupert, British Columbia, and held in an internment camp where he struggles to balance being Japanese enough and Canadian enough to get along with everyone.

Summary: The adventures of an unusual dog, part St. Bernard, part Scotch shepherd, forcibly taken to Alaska where he eventually becomes the leader of a wolf pack. **(46 copies/support material)**

Crash Spinelli, Jerry

Summary: Everybody knows Crash Coogan, seventh-grade football sensation. He's been mowing down everything in his path since the time he could walk - and Penn Webb, his dweeby, vegetable-eating neighbor, is his favorite target. After all, Webb's not just a nerd, he's a cheerleader too. Crash and his best buddy, Mike, can't think of anything more hilarious than making Webb's life miserable. But Crash starts to realize that Webb has something he may never gain, no matter how many touchdowns he scores. And when Mike takes a prank too far, maybe even for Crash, the football star has to choose which side he's really on.

Days of terror Smucker, Barbara

Summary: Peter Neufeld, a German-speaking Russian Mennonite boy is forced with his family and neighbors to emigrate from the revolution-torn Ukraine.

Dust Slade, Arthur

Summary: Strange things are happening in Horshoe. Matthew, Robert's seven-year-old brother, has vanished on a walk into town. The hens are frightened and their eggs are full of blood. Robert finds a broken jar out in the grass that echoes with the sad sound of a little girl's voice. And, most frighteningly of all, his parents seem lost in a comforting dream. Can Robert figure out what is going on?

Camp X Walters, Eric

Summary: One afternoon during a game of make-believe war, the boys stumble across what looks like a military base and find themselves being escorted home and ordered to stay away, but curiosity brings them back to Camp X. The boys become involved in the work of the top-secret spy camp and soon learn that everyone is under suspicion, including themselves.

Cool to be kind: Litwin, Val**random acts and how to commit them**

Summary: In August of 2002, four twenty-something friends in Canada packed a motor home and embarked upon a three-month nonprofit marathon known coast to coast as The Extreme Kindness Tour. Their mission: to commit as many random acts of kindness in as many communities as possible. This record documents their heartwarming stories of friendship and kindness and provides readers with ways to start their own kindness movements and get involved in their own communities. From mile zero to St. John's, The Extreme Kindness Tour staffed soup kitchens, broke horses, roofed houses, delivered flowers, sang songs, visited hospitals, raised funds, and staged rallies determined to make someone's day and encourage them to "pay it forward," connecting the world through kindness.

Dovey Coe Dowell, Frances O'Roark **Summary:** When accused of murder in her North Carolina mountain town in 1928, Dovey Coe, a strong-willed twelve-year-old girl, comes to a new understanding of others, including her deaf brother. **Teachers should note that although the protagonist is only twelve, the theme in this book is suitable for mature adolescent readers

Ella enchanted Levine, Gail Carson

Summary: Ella of Frell was the unfortunate recipient of a foolish fairy's "gift" of obedience. Ella must obey any order given to her. But strong-willed Ella does not tamely accept her fate. Against a bold backdrop of princes, ogres, giants, wicked stepsisters, and fairy godmothers, Ella goes on a quest to break the curse – once and for all.

Friends for life Barry, James

Summary: A combination of selections about the world of animals.

Green Gables detectives Wilson, Eric

Summary: While visiting the famous farmhouse known as Green Gables, Liz Austen and her friends are swept up in baffling events that lead from an ancient cemetery to a haunted church, and then a heart-stopping showdown in a deserted lighthouse as fog swirls across Prince Edward Island.

Half-pipe kid, The Acheson, Alison

Summary: Oglivie Kidd rides freestyle bike on his backyard half-pipe with his best buddies. Roland's a straight-A genius and Couch is a fanatical jock who's failing English. Then Og enters a poetry contest on a dare and wins. Roland thinks it's great. Couch hates poetry. Og tries to stop writing. By Tony Jones, the world's best freestyler, is coming to town. What's he going to think about a bike freak who's also a poet?

Hatchet Paulsen, Gary

Summary: Sequel: The river.

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

Explore the unknown Siamon, Sharon
(Nelson mini-anthologies)

Summary: Explore the secrets and mysteries of our world. You'll discover a long-forgotten Egyptian tomb, descend to the bottom of the ocean, and dig for buried treasure in Nova Scotia.

Girls' own: (edited by) Ellis, Sarah
an anthology of Canadian fiction for young readers

Summary: A collection of thirteen short stories written by Canadian authors containing a variety of themes and genres that will appeal to both genders.

Inuk Mountie adventure Wilson, Eric

Summary: What is the sinister conspiracy code-named CanSell, and how does it threaten Canada? Is the nation's handsome Prime Minister really what he seems? The truth is on a micro-cassette that Tom Austen must somehow find before a crucial vote by Canadians on the future of the country.

Jacob have I loved Paterson, Katherine

Summary: Feeling deprived all her life of schooling, friends, mother, and even her name by her twin sister, Louise finally begins to find her identity.

Log jam Hughes, Monica

Summary: Isaac Manyfeathers has escaped from a detention centre and is on the run. Denying himself food and drink, his mission is twofold: to cut through the forest and reach his grandmother's home, and to seek his spirit guide. Lenora is running too. Life with her new step-family is less than idyllic and now their camping trip has turned sour. In a rash move to prove herself, she inadvertently places her life in danger. While the search for each of them builds, the two teens are drawn together. Whether or not they are safer is questionable in this psychological tale of suspense set in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies.

Midwife's Apprentice, The Cushman, Karen

Summary: In medieval England, a nameless, homeless girl is taken in by a harp-tempered midwife, and in spite of obstacles and hardship, eventually gains the three things she most wants: a full belly, a contented heart, and a place in this world.

Looking for X Ellis, Deborah

Summary: Smart and independent, 11-year-old Khyber lives with her mom, Tammy, a former stripper, and her autistic twin brothers in a poor Toronto neighborhood. Though she doesn't have a lot in common with her classmates, Khyber does have wonderfully eccentric friends: Valerie, Toronto's meanest waitress, and X, a homeless woman in hiding from the secret police. Despite having to deal with pompous social workers who make her mother cry and ignorant kids who make remarks about her brothers, Khyber manages to enjoy herself, poring over atlases, planning exotic journeys, and taking peanut butter sandwiches to X. But when Tammy decides to move her sons to a group home for proper care, Khyber's world starts to crumble. She fights with her mom and then gets expelled from school. To make matters worse, X suddenly disappears. Khyber sets out to find her in a wild all-night odyssey of self-discovery.

Hydrofoil mystery, The Walters, Eric

Summary: William thinks he has a summer of mischief ahead of him until he discovers that his mother has arranged for him to spend the season working with an inventor by the name of Alexander Graham Bell. In a Nova Scotia outpost, Bell and his crew are at work on his latest invention -- a hydrofoil boat that will help the Allies defend the coast from the German danger. But there's a deadly menace hovering over the project and, suddenly, William finds his "boring" summer job transformed into an action-packed race to solve the terrifying mystery.

Possibles Nelson, Vaunda M.

Summary: Following the death of her father, a twelve-year-old girl takes a summer job instead of going to camp with a friend as planned.

Question of loyalty Greenwood, Barbara

Summary: Finding the wounded rebel in the barn was just the beginning of Deborah's troubles. If she was caught hiding Dan, her family would be branded as traitors and their barn burned. If she turned him over to the sheriff, he would be hanged. Deborah is torn between a father she's always trusted to be right, and the wounded boy who has begged for her help.

Summer of discovery Wilson, Eric

Summary: Ian Danoff is at summer camp for the first time. He's not used to strange people and places, but that's only the beginning of his problems. Are there ghosts haunting the abandoned buildings down by the lake? And why does Ian's counselor keep disappearing in the dark of night? What is the mystery of Camp Easter Seal?)

Personal best Barry, James

(Nelson mini-anthologies)

Summary: What's your favorite sport? Running, cycling, swimming, gymnastics, soccer, horse-riding, canoeing - you'll find all these and more in Personal Best.

Run Walters, Eric

Summary: This first book for young readers about Terry Fox and the Marathon of Hope, written by one of Canada's best-known writers for young adults, is a blending of fact and fiction, fully endorsed by The Terry Fox Foundation. In his trademark page-turning style, Eric Walters tells the story of Winston MacDonald. In trouble again after a suspension from school and a runaway attempt, Winston is sent to spend time with his father, a journalist who is heading to Nova Scotia to cover a human-interest story about a man trying to run across the country. When Winston meets Terry Fox and his best friend, Doug, he's impressed by their determination to achieve what seems like an impossible goal. But will their inspiring story be enough to make Winston change his ways?

Small steps: the year I got Polio Kehret, Peg

Summary: The author describes her battle against polio when she was thirteen and her efforts to overcome its debilitating effects.

River, The Paulsen, Gary

Summary: Sequel to Hatchet.

Because of his success surviving alone in the wilderness for fifty-four days, fifteen-year-old Brian, profoundly changed by his time in the wild, is asked to undergo a similar experience to help scientists learn more about the psychology of survival.

Thief, The Turner, Megan Whalen Gr. 7 c1998

Summary: Gen flaunts his ingenuity as a thief and relishes the adventure which takes him to a remote temple of the gods where he will attempt to steal a precious stone.

Tuesday Café, The Trembath, Don

Summary: Harper Winslow has some problems. His parents don't seem to understand what is going on in his life at all. He's not doing well at school. And a juvenile court judge has just ordered him to write a 2000-word essay on how he's going to turn his life around. Now his mother has enrolled him in a writing class called The Tuesday Cafe, but it's not quite what she expected.

Wrinkle in time, A L'Engle, Madeleine

Summary: Meg's father had been experimenting with this fifth dimension of time travel when he mysteriously disappeared. Now the time has come for Meg, her friend Calvin, and Charles Wallace to rescue him. But can they outwit and overpower the forces of evil they will encounter on their heart-stopping journey through space?

**Touch the Earth James, Barry
(Nelson mini-anthologies)**

Summary: Touch the earth - and let it touch you. From India to Africa to North America, environmentalists and ordinary people are finding ways to help the environment. You'll meet some of them in this book.

Winter people, The Bruchac, Joseph

Summary: As the French and Indian War rages in October of 1759, Saxso, a fourteen-year-old Abenaki boy, pursues the English rangers who have attacked his village and taken his mother and sisters hostage.

Tunnels of treachery Bishop, Mary Harelkin **Summary:** Another visit to Moose Jaw's scary underground is the last thing Andrea wants. But when her friends disappear into the tunnels, she and her brother Tony have no choice but to rescue them. To succeed, they must defeat the cruel Mean-Eyed Max and his gang. And Andrea must find a way to bring everyone back safely, or they might all be lost forever beneath the streets of 1920s Moose Jaw.

Tunnels of tyranny Bishop, Mary Harelkin

Summary: Andrea and her brother Tony travel back in time to find something Grandpa Vance desperately needs. His life may depend on it. But first they must face a new enemy -- ghastly men in white robes who want to turn Moose Jaw into a world of hatred and terror. Can Andrea and Tony defeat them and return to the present before it's too late?

