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Example of a Reading Selection

1700L	DISCOURSE ON THE METHOD AND MEDITATIONS ON FIRST PHILOSOPHY	1690 Concerning Civil Government 1680 Critique of Judgement 1660 On Abraham Lincoln 1660 On the Law Which Has Regulated the Introcuton of New Species	To such a class of things pertains corporeal nature in general, and its extension, the figure of extended things, their quantity or magnitude and number, as also the place in which they are, the time which measures their duration, and so on. That is possibly why our reasoning is not unjust when we conclude from this that Physics, Astronomy, Medicine and all other sciences which have as their end the consideration of composite things, are very dubious and uncertain; but that Arithmetic, Geometry and other sciences of that kind which only treat of things that are very simple and very general, without taking great trouble to ascertain whether they are actually existent or not, contain some measure of certainty and an element of the indubitable. (Rene Descartes, author)
1600L	FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE METAPHYSICS OF MORALS	1570 Aeropagitica 1550 God, Idea of the Ancients 1530 Plutarch's Lives 1520 A Modest Proposal 1510 On Human Nature 1500 The Decameron	In fact, it is absolutely impossible to make out by experience with complete certainty a single case in which the maxim of an action, however right in itself, rested simply on moral grounds and on the conception of duty. Sometimes it happens that with the sharpest self-examination we can find nothing beside the moral principle of duty which could have been powerful enough to move us to this or that action and to so great a sacrifice; yet we cannot from this infer with certainty that it was not really some secret impulse of self-love, under the false appearance of duty, that was the actual determining cause of the will. (Immanuel Kant, author)
1500L	ON ANCIENT MEDICINE	1490 Ring of Bright Water 1450 Long Night of White Chickens 1450 Confessions of Nat Turner 1440 Legend of Sleepy Hollow 1410 One Hundred Years of Solitude 1410 Profiles in Courage	And as to him who had been accustomed to dinner, since, as soon as the body required food, and when the former meal was consumed, and he wanted refreshment, no new supply was furnished to it, he wastes and is consumed from want of food. For all the symptoms which I describe as befalling to this man I refer to want of food. And I also say that all men who, when in a state of health, remain for two or three days without food, experience the same unpleasant symptoms as those which I described in the case of him who had omitted to take dinner. (Hippocrates, author)
1400L	THE SCARLET LETTER	1380 Life in a Medieval Castle 1360 A Country Doctor 1350 Guns of August 1340 Nickel and Dime 1340 Hunchback of Notre Dame 1340 The Bluest Eye	But the point which drew all eyes, and, as it were, transfigured the wearer—so that both men and women who had been familiarly acquainted with Hester Prynne were now impressed as if they beheld her for the first time—was that SCARLET LETTER, so fantastically embroidered and illuminated upon her bosom. It had the effect of a spell, taking her out of the ordinary relations with humanity, and enclosing her in a sphere by herself. "She hath good skill at her needle, that's certain," remarked one of her female spectators; "but did ever a woman, before this brazen hussy, contrive such a way of showing it? Why, gossips, what is it but to laugh in the faces of our godly magistrates, and make a pride out of what they, worthy gentlemen, meant for a punishment?" (Nathaniel Hawthorne, author)
1300L	ARCTIC DREAMS	1270 A Gesture Life 1250 Lost World 1220 The Lost River 1220 The House Behind the Cedars 1210 Namesake: A Novel 1210 Rose Daughter	In that open rolling country without trees, I had the feeling, sometimes, that nothing was hidden. It was during those days that I went for walks along Hingnorak Ridge and started visiting ground-nesting birds, and developed the habit of bowing to them out of regard for what was wonderful and mysterious in their lives. The individual animals we watched tested their surroundings, tried things they had not done before, or that possibly no animal like them had ever done before- revealing their capacity for the new. The preservation of this capacity to adapt is one of the central mysteries of evolution. (Barry Lopez, author)
1200L	WAR AND PEACE	1180 Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time 1120 Hero and the Crown 1120 Silk and Insight: A Novel 1120 Children of the Dust Bowl 1120 The Secret Diary of Anne Boleyn 1110 Angela's Ashes	Pierre had been educated abroad, and this reception at Anna Pavlovna's was the first he had attended in Russia. He knew that all the intellectual lights of Petersburg were gathered there and, like a child in a toyshop, did not know which way to look, afraid of missing any clever conversation that was to be heard. Seeing the self-confident and refined expression on the faces of those present he was always expecting to hear something very profound. At last he came up to Morio. Here the conversation seemed interesting and he stood waiting for an opportunity to express his own views, as young people are fond of doing. (Leo Tolstoy, author)
1100L	BEEKEEPER'S APPRENTICE: A NOVEL	1070 Dear Zoc 1050 Heroes 1030 Rimwalkers 1020 Hatchet 1010 Walk to Remember 1000 Freak the Mighty	"I should have thought it obvious," I said impatiently, though even at that age I was aware that such things were not obvious to the majority of people. "I see paint on your pocket handkerchief, and traces on your fingers where you wiped it away. The only reason to mark bees that I can think of is to enable one to follow them to their hive. You are either interested in gathering honey or in the bees themselves, and it is not the time of year to harvest honey. Three months ago we had an unusual cold spell that killed many hives." (Laurie R. King, author)
1000L	THE AGUERO SISTERS	960 Stay! Keeper's Story 950 Rakkety Tam 950 The Ropemaker 940 Picking up the Pieces 920 A Single Shard 910 How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning	When silence surrounds her, the temptation to remember is too great. During her lunch break, Constanica steps out onto Third Avenue. The air rings with the competing voices of a dozen vendors selling pretzels, chestnuts, earmuffs, knockoff watches, and wooden carvings from Senegal. Around her, women march purposefully in sneakers and fur coats. The city's sidewalks are savage to high-heeled feet, but Constanica rejects the modern ethos of comfort before style. If she doesn't look good, it hurts her a lot more than a mere pair of heels. Her daughter, Isabel, doesn't understand this. (Cristina Garcia, author)
900L	LISTENING FOR LIONS	890 Shiloh 850 Donuthead 850 Sammy Keyes and the Sisters of Mercy 830 Becoming Naomi Leon 810 Summer of the Monkeys 800 Strega Nona	Kanoro said, "You should not have made the trip alone through the bush. I will go back with you." When he had pulled the thorns from my legs and bandaged my blistered heels, he took up Father's rifle, holding it proudly, and together we retraced my steps with no adventure except for a porcupine that sent up its quills at the sight of us and then waddled away. When the Pritchard house came into view, Kanoro stopped abruptly, as if the house might cast an evil spell on him. "Rachel, you are like my own child. How can I let you go into that place? The people in there are like buzzards. They will peck at you until nothing is left." (Gloria Whelan, author)
800L	CAN'T YOU MAKE THEM BEHAVE, KING GEORGE	790 Night of the Twisters 770 Chasing Vermeer 750 Lou Gehrig: The Luckiest Man 720 Red-Dirt Jessie 710 A Dog Called Kitty 710 Jingle Dancer	After the Battle of Lexington and the Battle of Bunker Hill, King George said he felt wrong as a lion. People would soon see, he said, that Americans would back down, meek as lambs. Instead, on July 4, 1776, Americans declared their independence. Naturally King George was annoyed. But he wasn't worried. How could children, however rebellious, succeed against a firm father? How could a few colonies hold out against a powerful empire? He'd just send a few more regiments over and then watch the Americans come around! It never occurred to George the Third that he might not be right. "I wish nothing but good," he once said, "therefore everyone who does not agree with me is a traitor or a scoundrel." (Jean Fritz, author)
700L	BUNNICULA: A RABBIT TALE OF MYSTERY	690 Drita, My Homegirl 680 Million Dollar Shot 670 Number the Stars 660 Holes 630 Thunder Cake 610 Because of Winn Dixie	"Of course he bites vegetables. All rabbits bite vegetables." "He bites them, Harold, but he does not eat them. That tomato was all white. What does that mean?" "It means that he paints vegetables?" I ventured. "It means he bites vegetables to make a hole in them, and then he sucks out all the juices." "But what about all the lettuce and carrots that Toby has been feeding him in his cage?" "Ah ha. What indeed!" Chester said. "Look at this!" Whereupon, he stuck his paw under the chair cushion and brought out with a flourish an assortment of strange white objects. Some of them looked like unironed handkerchiefs, and the others well, the others didn't look like anything I'd ever seen before. (Deborah and James Howe, authors) © 1979 by James Howe. Reprinted by permission of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Division. All rights reserved.
600L	COYOTE AUTUMN	570 Flight 570 Library Lil 560 Henry and Mudge in the Sparkle Days 540 Daisy Comes Home 520 Secret Identity 510 Officer Buckle and Gloria	When we walked in, Casey was sitting in his high chair and Mama was doing the dishes. Casey was a total mess. How he could eat cereal and get it and milk in his hair and all over his face well, it was unbelievable. He held out his arms and grunted. No way was I picking up that kid. I didn't even want to look at him until Mama cleaned off the mess. I brushed past, found the remote, and plopped down on the couch. Even at ten thirty, there was nothing on TV. We headed outside. (Bill Wallace, author)
500L	JUDY MOODY SAVES THE WORLD	470 Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing 460 First Flight: The Story of Tom Tate and the Wright Brothers 450 Arthur's Tooth 450 Fly Away Home 420 Crazy Horse's Vision 420 Fancy Nancy	Judy snapped open her doctor kit. Where was that box of Crazy Strips? She lifted out the tiny hammer for testing reflexes. "Hey, can I try that?" asked Stink, coming into Judy's room. "Stink, didn't you ever hear of going knock, knock?" "Sure," said Stink. "Who's there?" "Not the joke," said Judy. "The thing a little brother is supposed to do before entering a big sister's room." "You mean I have to tell a joke just to come in your room?" asked Stink. (Megan McDonald, author)
400L	FROG AND TOAD ARE FRIENDS	380 Down Girl & Sit: Smarter Than Squirrels 380 Magic School Bus Gets Ants in Its Pants: A Book About Ants 370 Lions At Lunchtime 360 Kitten's First Full Moon 340 Junie B. Jones Has a Monster Under Her Bed 340 The Doorbell Rang	"That button is thin. My button was thick." Toad put the thin button in his pocket. He was very angry. He jumped up and down and screamed, "The whole world is covered with buttons, and not one of them is mine!" Toad ran home and slammed the door. There, on the floor, he saw his white, four-holed, big, round, thick button. "Oh," said Toad. "It was here all the time. What a lot of trouble I have made for Frog." Toad took all of the buttons out of his pocket. He took his sewing box down from the shelf. Toad sewed the buttons all over his jacket. The next day Toad gave his jacket to Frog. Frog thought it was beautiful. He put it on and jumped for joy. (Arnold Lobel, author) © 1970 by Arnold Lobel. Reprinted by permission of HarperCollins Publishers, Inc. All rights reserved.
300L	MEET THE BOXCAR CHILDREN	290 Let's Go, Froggy 290 Boat Book 270 Cow That Went Oink 250 Mouse Paint 240 Dinosaurs Before Dark 240 Quick as a Cricket	He saw eyes watching him "Was it a bear? No, it was a dog! The dog held up a hurt paw. Jessie gently pulled out a thorn. The dog thumped his tail. "His name is Watch," said Benny. Benny spotted a trash dump. "Look at all the great things people threw away," he said. (Gertrude Chandler Warner, author)
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