

# Books Every Sixth Grader Should Know

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Avi. **S. O. R. Losers** (J AVI)

Each member of the South Orange River seventh grade soccer team has qualities of excellence, but not on the soccer field.

Bauer, Joan. **Squashed** (YA BAU)

As a 16-year-old pursues her two goals—growing the biggest pumpkin in Iowa and losing 20 pounds herself—she strengthens her relationship with her father and meets a young man with interests similar to her own.

Brittain, Bill. **Who Knew There'd Be Ghosts?** (J BRI)

Three spunky youngsters join forces with two lively ghosts to save a historic mansion from being destroyed by a crooked antique dealer.

Burnett, Frances. **Little Princess** (J BUR)

Sara Crewe, a pupil at Miss Minchin's London school, is left in poverty when her father dies, but then rescued by a mysterious benefactor.

Byars, Betsy. **The Burning Questions of Bingo Brown** (J BYA)

A boy is puzzled by the comic and confusing questions of youth and worried by disturbing insights into adult conflicts.

Cooper, Susan. **The Dark Is Rising** (J COO)

On his 11th birthday Will Stanton discovers that he is the last of the Old Ones, destined to seek the six magical Signs that will enable the Old Ones to triumph over the evil forces of the Dark.

Haddix, Margaret. **Among the Hidden** (J HAD)

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his 12 years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.

Hamilton, Virginia. **The House of Dies Drear** (J HAM)

A black family tries to unravel the secrets of their new home which was once a stop on the Underground Railroad.

Holt, Kimberly. **My Louisiana Sky** (J HOL)

Growing up in Saitter, Louisiana, in the 1950s, 12-year-old Tiger Ann struggles with her feelings about her stern, but loving grandmother, her mentally slow parents, and her good friend and neighbor, Jesse.

Jacques, Brian. **Redwall** (YA JAC)

When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.

Konigsburg, E. L. **The View From Saturday** (J KON)

Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.

Levine, Gail. **Ella Enchanted** (J LEV)

In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order that she's given.

Lynch, Chris. **Slot Machine** (J MACG)

When overweight 13-year-old Elvin Bishop is sent to camp at St. Paul's Seminary Retreat Center, he and his two best friends are forced to try various sports in order to find out where they belong.

McGraw, Eloise. **The Moorchild** (J MACG)

Feeling that she is neither fully human nor "Folk," a changeling learns her true identity and attempts to find the human child whose place she had been given.

Naylor, Phyllis. **Outrageously Alice** (J NAY)

Alice is in eighth grade, and, while she wants her life to be exciting and outrageous, she also wants to feel protected and safe.

O'Brien, Robert. **Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh** (J OBR)

Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise and long lived.

Paulsen, Gary. **The Monument** (YA PAU)

Thirteen-year-old Rocky, self-conscious about the braces on her leg, has her life changed by the remarkable artist who comes to her small Kansas town to design a war memorial.

Raskin, Ellen. **The Westing Game** (J RAS)

The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

Rawls, Wilson. **Where the Red Fern Grows** (J RAW)

In the dark hills and river bottoms of Cherokee country, Billy trains his two dogs to be the finest hunting team in the valley, proving their loyalty and bravery in the face of danger.

Roberts, Willo Davis. **The View From the Cherry Tree** (J ROB)

Rob admits having seen a murder, but no one believes him—except the murderer.

Rowling, J. K. **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** (J ROW)

Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Wizards and Witches.

Sachar, Louis. **Holes** (YA SAC)

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

Tate, Eleanora. **The Secret of Gumbo Grove** (J TAT)

While helping restore the cemetery of the old Baptist church, 11-year-old Raisin solves the mystery surrounding the founding of her home town and gains pride in her family's past.

Taylor, Theodore. **Timothy of the Cay** (J TAY)

Having survived being blinded and shipwrecked on a tiny Caribbean island with the old black man Timothy, 12-year-old white boy Phillip is rescued and hopes to regain his sight with an operation. Alternate chapters follow the life of Timothy from his days as a young cabin boy.

Voigt, Cynthia. **Dacey's Song** (J or YA VOI)

Now that the four abandoned Tillerman children are settled in with their grandmother, Dacey finds that their new beginnings require love, trust, humor, and courage.

Wolff, Virginia Euwer. **Bat 6** (J WOL)

In small town, post-World War II Oregon, 21 sixth grade girls recount the story of an annual softball game, during which one girl's bigotry comes to the surface.

Wood, June Rae. **The Man Who Loved Clowns** (J WOO)

Thirteen-year-old Delrita, whose unhappy life has caused her to hide from the world, loves her uncle Punky but sometimes feels ashamed of his behavior because he has Down syndrome.