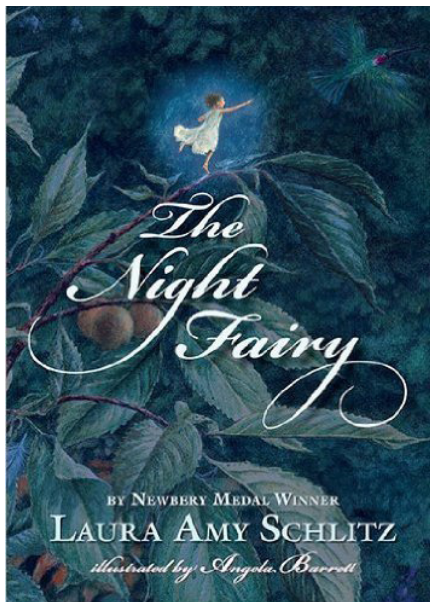


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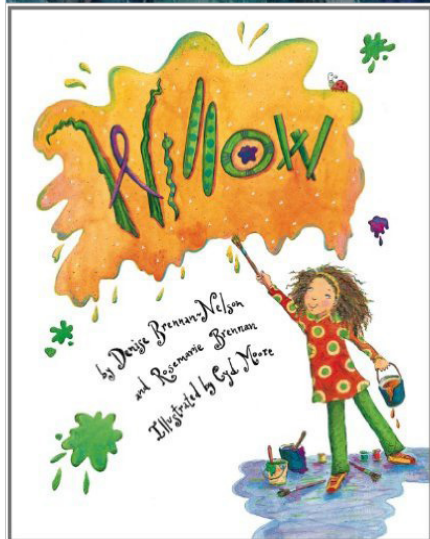
1. ***The Night Fairy*** - By Laura Amy Schlitz; illustrations by Angela Barrett

Wingless and alone, Flory the young fairy must learn to make it on her own while also learning the value of good friends.



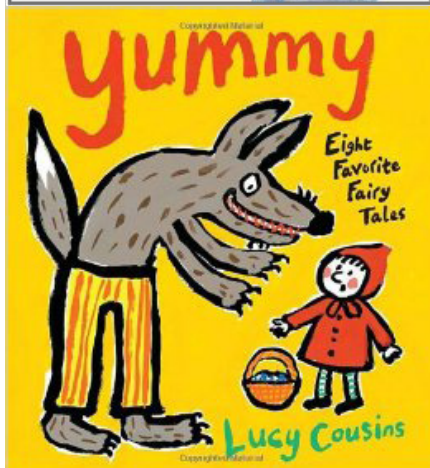
2. ***Willow*** - By Denise Brennan-Nelson and Rosemarie Brennan; illustrations by Cyd Moore

Miss Hawthorn's art class is very structured and leaves little room for mess. But one student, Willow, just can't keep her enthusiasm for artistic creativity bottled up which awakens something in her teacher



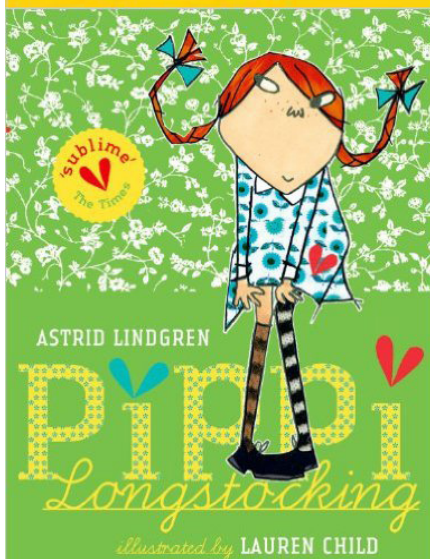
3. ***Yummy: Eight Favorite Fairy Tales*** - By Lucy Cousins

Beware — these fairy tales are not for the faint of heart! Maisy creator Lucy Cousins shifts gears to retell her favorites with vivid, rousing illustrations.



4. ***Pippi Longstocking*** - By Astrid Lindgren; illustrations by Lauren Child; translated by Tiina Nunnally

Pippi Longstocking is nine years old. She has just moved into Villa Villekulla where she lives all by herself with a horse, a monkey, and a big suitcase full of gold coins. The grown-ups in the village try to make Pippi behave in ways that they think a little girl should, but Pippi has other ideas!



For my over 10's:

1. ***The Magician's Elephant*** - By Kate DiCamillo; illustrations by Yoko Tanaka

When a fortuneteller's tent appears in the city of Baltese, orphan Peter Augustus Duchene knows the questions that he needs to ask: Does his sister still live? And if so, how can he find her? The fortuneteller's mysterious answer, an elephant! An elephant will lead him there!

2. ***When You Reach Me*** - By Rebecca Stead

Miranda's life is starting to unravel. Her best friend, Sal, gets punched by a kid on the street for what seems like no reason, and he shuts Miranda out of his life. The key that Miranda's mum keeps hidden for emergencies is stolen. And then a mysterious note arrives: 'I am coming to save your friend's life, and my own. I ask two favours. First, you must write me a letter.'

3. ***The Beautiful Stories of Life: Six Greek Myths*** - Retold by Cynthia Rylant; illustrations by Carson Ellis

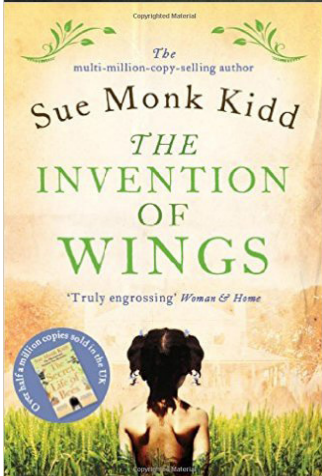
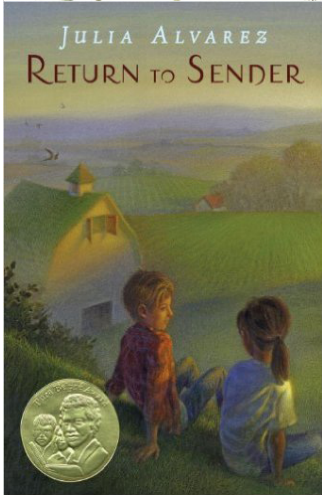
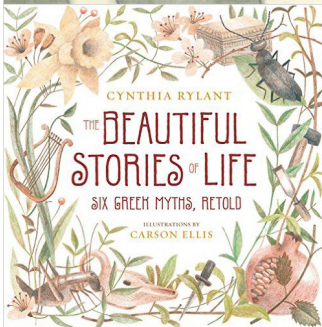
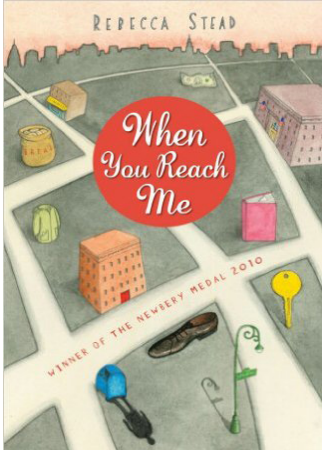
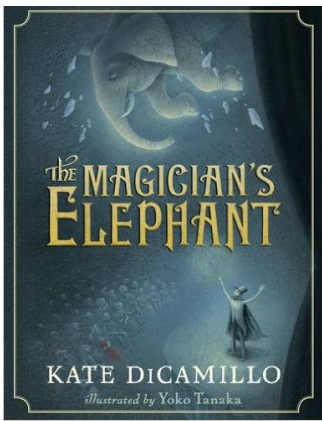
Newbery Medal-winner Cynthia Rylant retells her favorite stories from Greek mythology, breathing fresh life into the tales of Pandora, Persephone, Orpheus, Pygmalion, Narcissus, and Psyche.

4. ***Return to Sender*** - By Julia Alvarez

After Tyler's father is injured in a tractor accident, his family is forced to hire migrant Mexican workers to help save their Vermont farm from foreclosure.

5. ***The Invention of Wings*** - By Sue Monk Kidd

On Sarah's eleventh birthday, Hetty 'Handful' Grimké is taken from the slave quarters she shares with her mother, wrapped in lavender ribbons, and presented to Sarah as a gift. Sarah knows what she does next will unleash a world of trouble.





For the Parents:

1. ***A Lesson Before Dying*** - By Ernest J. Gaines

In a small Cajun community in the late 1940s, a young black man named Jefferson witnesses a liquor store shootout in which three men are killed. The only survivor, he is convicted of murder and sentenced to death.

2. ***A Million Little Pieces*** - By James Frey

James Frey wakes up on a plane, with no memory of the preceding two weeks. His face is cut and his body is covered with bruises. He has no wallet and no idea of his destination. He has abused alcohol and every drug he can lay his hands on for a decade - and he is aged only twenty-three.

3. ***Anna Karenina*** - By Leo Tolstoy

Anna Karenina is one of the most loved and memorable heroines of literature. Her overwhelming charm dominates a novel of unparalleled richness and density.

4. ***East of Eden*** - By John Steinbeck

Set in the rich farmland of the Salinas Valley, California, this powerful, often brutal novel, follows the intertwined destinies of two families - the Trasks and the Hamiltons - whose generations hopelessly re-enact the fall of Adam and Eve and the poisonous rivalry of Cain and Abel.

5. ***In a Different Key: The Story of Autism*** - By John Donvan and Caren Zucker

- This is a really great book that I urge you to read, (you will find the time don't worry; I am super busy too). I will be doing a post in the near future on demystifying autism.

