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Seedfolks Teacher Guide

"Traces the migration of an Oklahoma Dust Bowl family to California and their subsequent hardships as migrant farm workers."--Amazon.com.

Literature Circles

This two-part writer's handbook will take your student from high school into college. Part 1 is a course in essays and arguments (helpful for debate, too) with topic-sentence outline models and much more. Part 2 is a traditional reference guide to grammar, style, and usage. You will find yourself using the Handbook almost daily for instruction, reference, and evaluation.

Holes

How to Read Literature Like a Professor Revised

A beloved classic that captures the powerful bond between man and man's best friend. Billy has long dreamt of owning not one, but two, dogs. So when he's finally able to save up enough money for two pups to call his own—Old Dan and Little Ann—he's ecstatic. It doesn't matter that times are tough; together they'll roam the hills of the Ozarks. Soon Billy and his

hounds become the finest hunting team in the valley. Stories of their great achievements spread throughout the region, and the combination of Old Dan's brawn, Little Ann's brains, and Billy's sheer will seems unbeatable. But tragedy awaits these determined hunters—now friends—and Billy learns that hope can grow out of despair, and that the seeds of the future can come from the scars of the past. Praise for *Where the Red Fern Grows* A Top 100 Children's Novel, School Library Journal's A Fuse #8 Production A Must-Read for Kids 9 to 14, NPR Winner of Multiple State Awards Over 7 million copies in print! "Very touching." —The New York Times Book Review "One of the great classics of children's literature . . . Any child who doesn't get to read this beloved and powerfully emotional book has missed out on an important piece of childhood for the last 40-plus years." —Common Sense Media "An exciting tale of love and adventure you'll never forget." —School Library Journal "A book of unadorned naturalness." —Kirkus Reviews "Written with so much feeling and sentiment that adults as well as children are drawn [in] with a passion." —Arizona Daily Star "It's a story about a young boy and his two hunting dogs and . . . I can't even go on without getting a little misty." —The Huffington Post "We tear up just thinking about it." —Time on the film adaptation

The Cricket in Times Square

A Wrinkle in Time is the winner of the 1963 Newbery Medal. It was a dark and stormy night—Meg Murry, her small brother Charles Wallace, and her mother had come down to the kitchen for a midnight snack when they were upset by the arrival of a most disturbing stranger. "Wild nights are my glory," the unearthly stranger told them. "I just got caught in a downdraft and blown off course. Let me sit down for a moment, and then I'll be on my way. Speaking of ways, by the way, there is such a thing as a tesseract." A tesseract (in case the reader doesn't know) is a wrinkle in time. To tell more would rob the reader of the enjoyment of Miss L'Engle's unusual book. *A Wrinkle in Time*, winner of the Newbery Medal in 1963, is the story of the adventures in space and time of Meg, Charles Wallace, and Calvin O'Keefe (athlete, student, and one of the most popular boys in high school). They are in search of Meg's father, a scientist who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government on the tesseract problem.

The Great Gatsby

On a warm afternoon in the fall of 1861 Carter Druse is on picket duty on top of a cliff overlooking a valley where five regiments of the Union army are resting. The enemy is near, and the Union force means to surprise them in the night unless "accident or vigilance" forewarns them. Druse had been sleeping but wakes to see a man on a horse surveying the activity in the valley below. He sights his rifle, but hesitates when the rider turns and seems to look straight at him. In a crisis of conscience, Druse questions where his duty lies. HarperPerennial Classics brings great works of literature to life in digital format, upholding the highest standards in ebook production and celebrating reading in all its forms. Look for more titles in

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DIY Study Guide: Ben Hur

Inferring, questioning, determining importance. It's not easy to explain these abstract reading strategies to elementary readers, yet knowing how they work and how to use them is an important first step to connecting with texts. Fortunately Tanny McGregor has developed visual, tangible, everyday lessons that make abstract thinking concrete and that can help every child in your classroom make more effective use of reading comprehension strategies. Comprehension Connections is a guide to developing children's ability to fully understand texts by making the comprehension process achievable, accessible, and incremental. McGregor's approach sequences stages of learning for each strategy that take students from a fun object lesson to a nuanced and lasting understanding. Her lessons build bridges between the concrete and the abstract by incorporating writing, discussion, song, art, and movement into a web of creative connections that reinforce each strategy on a variety of levels. All the while Comprehension Connections offers an inside look at the dynamic of McGregor's teaching, showing you how her ideas look in action, and including the language she uses and that she encourages her students to use as they build their facility with: schema inferring questioning determining importance visualizing synthesizing. Many students struggle to understand what it is they are supposed to do as they learn to read strategically. Help them make connections to the ideas behind reading and watch as your readers go deeper into texts than ever before. Book study groups and professional learning communities, click here to save 15% when you order 15 copies of Comprehension Connections. Save \$43.88!

Tangerine

This beloved book by E. B. White, author of *Stuart Little* and *The Trumpet of the Swan*, is a classic of children's literature that is "just about perfect." Illustrations in this ebook appear in vibrant full color on a full-color device and in rich black-and-white on all other devices. Some Pig. Humble. Radiant. These are the words in Charlotte's Web, high up in Zuckerman's barn. Charlotte's spiderweb tells of her feelings for a little pig named Wilbur, who simply wants a friend. They also express the love of a girl named Fern, who saved Wilbur's life when he was born the runt of his litter. E. B. White's Newbery Honor Book is a tender novel of friendship, love, life, and death that will continue to be enjoyed by generations to come. It contains illustrations by Garth Williams, the acclaimed illustrator of E. B. White's *Stuart Little* and Laura Ingalls Wilder's *Little House* series, among many other books.

Magic Tree House Series: An Instructional Guide for Literature

From the author of the beloved classic *Where the Red Fern Grows* comes a timeless adventure about a boy who discovers a tree full of monkeys. The last thing fourteen-year-old Jay Berry Lee expects to find while trekking through the Ozark Mountains of Oklahoma is a tree full of monkeys. But then Jay learns from his grandpa that the monkeys have escaped from a traveling circus, and there's a big reward for the person who finds and returns them. His family could really use the money, so Jay sets off, determined to catch them. But by the end of the summer, Jay will have learned a lot more than he bargained for—and not just about monkeys. From the beloved author of *Where the Red Fern Grows* comes another memorable adventure novel filled with heart, humor, and excitement. Honors and Praise for Wilson Rawls' *Where the Red Fern Grows*: A School Library Journal Top 100 Children's Novel An NPR Must-Read for Kids Ages 9 to 14 Winner of 4 State Awards Over 7 million copies in print! "A rewarding book . . . [with] careful, precise observation, all of it rightly phrased." —The New York Times Book Review "One of the great classics of children's literature . . . Any child who doesn't get to read this beloved and powerfully emotional book has missed out on an important piece of childhood for the last 40-plus years." —Common Sense Media "An exciting tale of love and adventure you'll never forget." —School Library Journal

A Horseman In The Sky

Winner of the Asian / Pacific American Award for Children's Literature! * "Many readers will recognize themselves or their neighbors in these pages." -- Kirkus Reviews, starred review Mia Tang has a lot of secrets. Number 1: She lives in a motel, not a big house. Every day, while her immigrant parents clean the rooms, ten-year-old Mia manages the front desk of the Calivista Motel and tends to its guests. Number 2: Her parents hide immigrants. And if the mean motel owner, Mr. Yao, finds out they've been letting them stay in the empty rooms for free, the Tangs will be doomed. Number 3: She wants to be a writer. But how can she when her mom thinks she should stick to math because English is not her first language? It will take all of Mia's courage, kindness, and hard work to get through this year. Will she be able to hold on to her job, help the immigrants and guests, escape Mr. Yao, and go for her dreams?

Mtel English 07 Teacher Certification Study Guide Test Prep

After Chester lands, in the Times Square subway station, he makes himself comfortable in a nearby newsstand. There, he has the good fortune to make three new friends: Mario, a little boy whose parents run the falling newsstand, Tucker, a fast-talking Broadway mouse, and Tucker's sidekick, Harry the Cat. The escapades of these four friends in bustling New York City makes for lively listening and humorous entertainment. And somehow, they manage to bring a taste of success to the nearly bankrupt newsstand. Join Chester Cricket and his friends in this classic children's book by George Selden, with illustrations by Garth Williams. *The Cricket in Times Square* is a 1961 Newbery Honor Book.

The Outsiders

A Study Guide, Reading Journal, and Annotation Guide for Ben Hur which features over 110 pages of guided activities, diagrams, visual organizers, note-taking exercises, and essential questions! DIY Study Guides are the ultimate way to LEARN, MASTER, and ENJOY reading a new book and conquering difficult material! This book also doubles as a classroom guide and activity book for students and teachers. This study guide for Ben Hur is up to date with Next Generation, 21st Century, and Common Core skill requirements and features sections aimed at citing evidence from the text. It is the perfect companion to introducing literature in any classroom, practicing strong reading skills, and guiding your journey through the book! Master the material and ace any assignment with this innovative study guide series. This book is perfect for both students and teachers, as it produces true mastery of content knowledge and book details. Other study guides for Ben Hur simply give basic details of the novel, meaning that students read over material without digesting or learning it. Other study guides take complex themes, concepts, and information and just regurgitate it to readers. But, this Study Guide for Ben Hur is different. Using the original text as a guide, you will learn to cite evidence from the text in order to complete and reflect on your reading. Readers will self-generate additional notes within the structure provided by this Study Guide. Designed by a veteran educator, this study guide for Ben Hur GUIDES the learner to discovering the answers for themselves, creating a fully detailed study guide in the user's own words. Filled with guided reading activities, students are able to fill this guidebook with their own information. If you read it, write it, and reflect on it, you will learn it! Teachers: Besides being a great lesson plan or activity resource, you can also purchase a set of these books (or one book and make copies) for your entire class. It makes the perfect guided reading activity for Ben Hur and will teach students how to internalize the reading, note taking, and learning process that advanced readers naturally perform. These make the perfect workbook to keep your class engaged and learning!

The Pioneers

"Fans of R.J. Palacio's Wonder will appreciate this feel-good story of friendship and unconventional smarts." --Kirkus Reviews Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to ask for help; after all, how can you cure dumb? However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker. With his help, Ally learns not to be so hard on herself and that dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of. As her confidence grows, Ally feels free to be herself and the world starts opening up with possibilities. She discovers that there's a lot more to her--and to everyone--than a label, and that great minds don't always think alike. The author of the beloved One for the Murphys gives readers an emotionally-charged, uplifting novel that will speak to anyone who's ever thought there was something wrong with them because they didn't fit in. This paperback edition includes The Sketchbook of Impossible Things and discussion

questions. A New York Times Bestseller! * "Unforgettable and uplifting."--School Library Connection, starred review * "Offering hope to those who struggle academically and demonstrating that a disability does not equal stupidity, this is as unique as its heroine."--Booklist, starred review * "Mullaly Hunt again paints a nuanced portrayal of a sensitive, smart girl struggling with circumstances beyond her control." --School Library Journal, starred review

A Dark Brown Dog

Reproducible study guide to accompany the novel: in chapter-by-chapter format includes vocabulary, comprehension questions, writing activities, cross-curricula connections, graphic organizers and more.

The Grapes of Wrath, by John Steinbeck

Designed for beginning English teachers, this detailed guide from XAMonline includes the core competencies and skills found on the MTEL English certification exam for the sub-areas of Literature and Language; Rhetoric and Composition; Reading Theory; Research and Instruction; and Integration of Knowledge and Understanding. Master key concepts and reinforce your skills with the practice test section, which offers 125 sample questions with comprehensive answer rationales.

Summer of the Monkeys

Use this guide to familiarize students with this well-known novel and encourage them to connect the story with actual events and issues from the 1920s by completing fun, challenging activities and lessons. Readers will enjoy analyzing this complex literary piece and revel in the life lessons they take away from it. Analyzing story elements in multiple ways, close reading and text-based vocabulary practice, and determining meaning through text-dependent questions are just a few of the many skills students will walk away with after interacting with the rigorous and appealing cross-curricular lessons and activities in this resource. Written to support the Common Core, each activity and lesson work in conjunction with the text to teach students how to analyze and comprehend rich, complex literature.

Comprehension Connections

Sparkling new illustrations refresh this Thanksgiving classic based on the true experience of a member of Barbara Cohen's family. The touching story tells how recent immigrant Molly leads her third-grade class to discover that it takes all kinds of pilgrims to make a Thanksgiving. Originally published in 1983, Molly's Pilgrim inspired the 1986 Academy Award winning

live-action short film.

The Odyssey: An Instructional Guide for Literature

Zack has no idea that he is trapped. For twelve years he has lived in a safe society that has cut itself off from the rest of the planet. A century before Zack was born his community secluded itself by building a thirty-foot wall of mortar and stone. No windows or doors led to the outside world. No one entered; no one exited. Young Zack is completely content in his community until he is enlightened by a soon to be expelled criminal. The lawbreaker treats his day of punishment as if it is his ticket to independence. Zack had never thought about visiting the world outside Magnus Kir, but after a series of events including a run-in with the king, he finally gets his chance. Magnus Kir is the tale of his hesitant escape.

Holes

By the New York Times bestselling author of *The Bone Clocks* | Shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize A postmodern visionary and one of the leading voices in twenty-first-century fiction, David Mitchell combines flat-out adventure, a Nabokovian love of puzzles, a keen eye for character, and a taste for mind-bending, philosophical and scientific speculation in the tradition of Umberto Eco, Haruki Murakami, and Philip K. Dick. The result is brilliantly original fiction as profound as it is playful. In this groundbreaking novel, an influential favorite among a new generation of writers, Mitchell explores with daring artistry fundamental questions of reality and identity. *Cloud Atlas* begins in 1850 with Adam Ewing, an American notary voyaging from the Chatham Isles to his home in California. Along the way, Ewing is befriended by a physician, Dr. Goose, who begins to treat him for a rare species of brain parasite. . . . Abruptly, the action jumps to Belgium in 1931, where Robert Frobisher, a disinherited bisexual composer, contrives his way into the household of an infirm maestro who has a beguiling wife and a nubile daughter. . . . From there we jump to the West Coast in the 1970s and a troubled reporter named Luisa Rey, who stumbles upon a web of corporate greed and murder that threatens to claim her life. . . . And onward, with dazzling virtuosity, to an inglorious present-day England; to a Korean superstate of the near future where neocapitalism has run amok; and, finally, to a postapocalyptic Iron Age Hawaii in the last days of history. But the story doesn't end even there. The narrative then boomerangs back through centuries and space, returning by the same route, in reverse, to its starting point. Along the way, Mitchell reveals how his disparate characters connect, how their fates intertwine, and how their souls drift across time like clouds across the sky. As wild as a videogame, as mysterious as a Zen koan, *Cloud Atlas* is an unforgettable tour de force that, like its incomparable author, has transcended its cult classic status to become a worldwide phenomenon. Praise for *Cloud Atlas* “[David] Mitchell is, clearly, a genius. He writes as though at the helm of some perpetual dream machine, can evidently do anything, and his ambition is written in magma across this novel’s every page.”—The New York Times Book Review “One of those how-the-holy-hell-did-he-do-it? modern classics that no doubt

is—and should be—read by any student of contemporary literature.”—Dave Eggers “Wildly entertaining . . . a head rush, both action-packed and chillingly ruminative.”—People “The novel as series of nested dolls or Chinese boxes, a puzzle-book, and yet—not just dazzling, amusing, or clever but heartbreaking and passionate, too. I’ve never read anything quite like it, and I’m grateful to have lived, for a while, in all its many worlds.”—Michael Chabon “Cloud Atlas ought to make [Mitchell] famous on both sides of the Atlantic as a writer whose fearlessness is matched by his talent.”—The Washington Post Book World “Thrilling . . . One of the biggest joys in Cloud Atlas is watching Mitchell sashay from genre to genre without a hitch in his dance step.”—Boston Sunday Globe “Grand and elaborate . . . [Mitchell] creates a world and language at once foreign and strange, yet strikingly familiar and intimate.”—Los Angeles Times From the Hardcover edition.

Excellence in Literature Handbook for Writers

A guide to launching and managing literature circles offers strategies, tools, structures, and stories and includes new models and procedures for primary, middle, and high school grades.

Inside Stories

Stephen Crane wrote a comprehensive description of his dog and its experience of being taken in by a Little boy. A Dark Brown Dog were published in March 1901. The story was an allegory about the Jim Crow South during Reconstruction. The dog represents emancipated slaves.

Fish in a Tree

Newbery Medal Winner * Teachers’ Top 100 Books for Children * ALA Notable Children’s Book Beverly Cleary’s timeless Newbery Medal-winning book explores difficult topics like divorce, insecurity, and bullying through the thoughts and emotions of a sixth-grade boy as he writes to his favorite author, Boyd Henshaw. After his parents separate, Leigh Botts moves to a new town with his mother. Struggling to make friends and deal with his anger toward his absent father, Leigh loses himself in a class assignment in which he must write to his favorite author. When Mr. Henshaw responds, the two form an unexpected friendship that will change Leigh’s life forever. From the beloved author of the Henry Huggins, Ramona Quimby, and Ralph S. Mouse series comes an epistolary novel about how to navigate and heal from life’s growing pains.

Hamilton: An American Musical: An Instructional Guide for Literature

Hamilton: An American Musical will engage fourth through twelfth grade students and help build their literacy and

comprehension skills. Students will learn how to analyze story elements, develop vocabulary, and use critical-thinking skills as they practice close reading and text-dependent questions. A rubric, activities, and cross-curricular questions are included in this classroom and standards-based resource for teachers.

If You Give . . . Series Guide: An Instructional Guide for Literature

Encourage students to make connections in history concerning social classes and divisions in societies while becoming familiar with this well-known novel by completing fun, challenging activities and lessons provided in this instructional guide for literature. These appealing and rigorous cross-curricular lessons and activities work in conjunction with the text to teach students how to analyze and comprehend rich, complex literature. Everything you need is packed into this guide that is the perfect tool to teach students how to analyze story elements in multiple ways, practice close reading and text-based vocabulary, determine meaning through text-dependent questions, and more. This is the perfect way to add rigor to your students' explorations of rich, complex literature.

Cloud Atlas

In 1743, thirteen-year-old Marguerite Ledoux travels to Maine as the indentured servant of a family that regards her as little better than the Indians that threaten them, but her strength, quick thinking and courage surprise them all.

Magnus Kir

Literature analysis made easy. Build your students' confidence in their language abilities and help them develop the skills needed to critique their chosen work: putting it into context, understanding the themes and narrative technique, as well as specialist terminology. Breaking down each scene, character and theme in *L'Étranger*, this accessible guide will enable your students to understand the historical and social context of the novel and give them the critical and language skills needed to write a successful essay. - Strengthen language skills with relevant grammar, vocab and writing exercises throughout - Aim for top marks by building a bank of textual examples and quotes to enhance exam response - Build confidence with knowledge-check questions at the end of every chapter - Revise effectively with pages of essential vocabulary and key mind maps throughout - Feel prepared for exams with advice on how to write an essay, plus sample essay questions, two levels of model answers and examiner commentary

Modern Languages Study Guides: L'Étranger

The Magic Tree House Series: An Instructional Guide for Literature e-Book provides lesson plans and activities designed specifically for the Magic Tree House series. This valuable resource guides teachers with ways to add rigor with complex literature. Text-dependent questions help students analyze the series with higher-order thinking skills, with lessons focused on story elements and vocabulary. Close reading activities encourages students to use textual evidence as they revisit passages to respond more critically. With various methods of assessing comprehension, this instructional guide offers strategies for cross-curricular activities as students build a deeper understanding of this magical series.

Molly's Pilgrim

Paul Fisher sees the world from behind glasses so thick he looks like a bug-eyed alien. But he's not so blind that he can't see there are some very unusual things about his family's new home in Tangerine County, Florida. Where else does a sinkhole swallow the local school, fire burn underground for years, and lightning strike at the same time every day? The chaos is compounded by constant harassment from his football-star brother, and adjusting to life in Tangerine isn't easy for Paul—until he joins the soccer team at his middle school. With the help of his new teammates, Paul begins to discover what lies beneath the surface of his strange new hometown. And he also gains the courage to face up to some secrets his family has been keeping from him for far too long. In Tangerine, it seems, anything is possible.

A Wrinkle in Time

This new college preparatory literary series from B&H Publishers provides parent educators and Christian schools with educationally sound, rigorous literature courses. Students will learn: to think critically about their world and their participation in it; to write their thoughts, primarily through essays; to articulate their thoughts through small group discussions with peers, family, broader communities, and through occasional formal speeches; to enhance vocabulary through reading and studying quality literature; to converse about the major worldviews of authors of literature, past and present; and to develop and refine their own worldviews through participating in biblical application and Christian principles in weekly studies.

Charlotte's Web

Explore a mythical world and encourage students to analyze various story elements through the fun, challenging activities and lessons provided in this instructional guide for literature. This guide is the perfect tool to aid students in analyzing and comprehending this timeless story. Appealing and challenging cross-curricular lessons and activities incorporate research-based literacy skills to help students become thorough readers. These lessons and activities work in conjunction with the

text to teach students how to analyze and comprehend story elements in multiple ways, practice close reading and text-based vocabulary, determine meaning through text-dependent questions, and much more.

Front Desk

Educational title for gifted and advanced learners.

Chasing Vermeer (Scholastic Gold)

The spirit of exploration and adventure spurred Americans ever westward. These are the daring men and women known as.

Across Five Aprils

Winner of the Newbery Medal and the National Book Award! This #1 New York Times bestselling, modern classic in which boys are forced to dig holes day in and day out is now available with a splashy new look. Stanley Yelnats is under a curse. A curse that began with his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather and has since followed generations of Yelnatses. Now Stanley has been unjustly sent to a boys' detention center, Camp Green Lake, where the boys build character by spending all day, every day digging holes exactly five feet wide and five feet deep. There is no lake at Camp Green Lake. But there are an awful lot of holes. It doesn't take long for Stanley to realize there's more than character improvement going on at Camp Green Lake. The boys are digging holes because the warden is looking for something. But what could be buried under a dried-up lake? Stanley tries to dig up the truth in this inventive and darkly humorous tale of crime and punishment—and redemption. Includes a double bonus: an excerpt from *Small Steps*, the follow-up to *Holes*, as well as an excerpt from Louis Sachar's new middle-grade novel, *Fuzzy Mud*. "A smart jigsaw puzzle of a novel." --The New York Times WINNER OF THE BOSTON GLOBE-HORN BOOK AWARD A NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW NOTABLE CHILDREN'S BOOK SELECTED FOR NUMEROUS BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR AND ALA HONORS

Dear Mr. Henshaw

Would you give a mouse a cookie, a moose a muffin, or even a pig a pancake? This instructional guide for literature covers five different "If You Give..." books, and students will enjoy completing the fun, challenging activities and lessons as they learn to analyze each story. These rigorous, cross-curricular lessons and activities work in conjunction with the text to teach students how to comprehend complex literature and help them understand the significance of each story. This resource is packed with tools to teach students how to analyze story elements in multiple ways, practice close reading and text-based

vocabulary, determine meaning through text-dependent questions, and more. This is the perfect way to add rigor to your students' explorations of beginning literature.

Class Clown

A thoroughly revised and updated edition of Thomas C. Foster's classic guide—a lively and entertaining introduction to literature and literary basics, including symbols, themes, and contexts—that shows you how to make your everyday reading experience more rewarding and enjoyable. While many books can be enjoyed for their basic stories, there are often deeper literary meanings interwoven in these texts. *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* helps us to discover those hidden truths by looking at literature with the eyes—and the literary codes—of the ultimate professional reader: the college professor. What does it mean when a literary hero travels along a dusty road? When he hands a drink to his companion? When he's drenched in a sudden rain shower? Ranging from major themes to literary models, narrative devices, and form, Thomas C. Foster provides us with a broad overview of literature—a world where a road leads to a quest, a shared meal may signify a communion, and rain, whether cleansing or destructive, is never just a shower—and shows us how to make our reading experience more enriching, satisfying, and fun. This revised edition includes new chapters, a new preface, and a new epilogue, and incorporates updated teaching points that Foster has developed over the past decade.

Because of Mister Terupt

The unforgettable story of young Jethro Creighton who comes of age during the turbulent years of the Civil War. "An intriguing and beautifully written book, a prize to those who take the time to read it, whatever their ages."—*The New York Times* "This is a beautifully written book, filled with bloodshed, hate, and tears, but also with love, loyalty, and compassion, with unforgettable characters, and with ideas and implications that have meaning for young people today."—*Chicago Tribune* "A powerfully moving story about the Creighton family of Southern Illinois and their personal struggles in the War Between the States."—*Chicago Daily News* "Drawing from family records and from stories told by her grandfather, the author has, in an uncommonly fine narrative, created living characters and vividly reconstructed a crucial period of history."—*ALA Booklist* "An impressive book both as a historically authenticated Civil War novel and as a beautifully written family story. The realistic treatment of the intricate emotional conflicts within a border-state family is superb. The details of battles and campaigns are deftly integrated into letters and conversations, and the characters are completely convincing."—*University of Chicago Center for Children's Books* From the Paperback edition.

Where the Red Fern Grows

Lucas Cott, the most obstreperous boy in the third grade, finds it very hard to turn over a new leaf when he decides to become the perfect student.

A Year Down Yonder

Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by "rookie teacher" Mr. Terupt.

American Literature Student

Chasing Vermeer joins the Scholastic Gold line, which features award-winning and beloved novels. Includes exclusive bonus content! When a book of unexplainable occurrences brings Petra and Calder together, strange things start to happen: Seemingly unrelated events connect; an eccentric old woman seeks their company; an invaluable Vermeer painting disappears. Before they know it, the two find themselves at the center of an international art scandal, where no one is spared from suspicion. As Petra and Calder are drawn clue by clue into a mysterious labyrinth, they must draw on their powers of intuition, their problem solving skills, and their knowledge of Vermeer. Can they decipher a crime that has stumped even the FBI?

Calico Bush

A Newbery Medal Winner Richard Peck's Newbery Medal-winning sequel to *A Long Way from Chicago* Mary Alice's childhood summers in Grandma Dowdel's sleepy Illinois town were packed with enough drama to fill the double bill of any picture show. But now she is fifteen, and faces a whole long year with Grandma, a woman well known for shaking up her neighbors- and everyone else! All Mary Alice can know for certain is this: when trying to predict how life with Grandma might turn out . . . better not. This wry, delightful sequel to the Newbery Honor Book *A Long Way from Chicago* has already taken its place among the classics of children's literature. "Hilarious and poignant." —Publishers Weekly, starred review A Newbery Medal Winner A New York Times Bestseller An ALA Notable Book An ALA Best Book for Young Adults A Booklist Best Book of the Year A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year From the Trade Paperback edition.

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