

**Thomas J. Lahey**  
**Suggested**  
**Reading List**

**TITLE**

**AUTHOR**

**Environmental/Social Action**

Miss Rumphius	Barbara Cooney
50 Simple Things Kids Can Do to Save the Earth	John Javna
The Kid's Guide to Social Action	Barbara Lewis

**Family**

Beans on the Roof	Betsy Byars
Julian	Ann Cameron
More Stories Julian Tells	Ann Cameron
Jenny Archer, Author	Ellen Conford
Seven Kisses in a Row	Patricia MacLachlan
The Skirt	Gary Soto
Dear Mr. Henshaw	Beverly Cleary
The Agony of Alice	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Pinballs	Betsy Byars

**Friendship**

The Beast in Ms. Rooney's Room	Patricia Reilly Giff
Horrible Harry in Room 2 B	Suzy Kline
Rosie and Michael	Judith Viorst
School's Out	Joanna Hurwitz
Class President	Joanna Hurwitz
Sideways Stories from a Wayside School	Louis Sachar
Thirteen Days to Sink a Sub	Jamie Gilson
Number the Stars	Lois Lowry
The Egypt Game	Zilpha Keatley Snyder

**Homelessness**

Fly Away Home	Eve Bunting
Sidewalk Story	Sharon Bell Mathis
Maniac Magee	Jerry Spinelli

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**Humor**

Aliens for Breakfast	Jonathon Etra
Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days	Stephen Manes
The Great Brain	John Fitzgerald

**Mysteries**

Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Monster Movie	David Alder
Is Anybody There?	Eve Bunting
The Powder Puff Puzzle	Patricia Reilly Giff
Nate the Great and the Musical Note	Marjorie Wenman Sharmat
Encyclopedia Brown	Donald Sobol
Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Disgusting Sneakers	Donal Sobol and Glen Andrews
The Boxcar Children	Gertrude C. Warner
Meg Mackintosh and the Mystery at Camp Creepy	Lucinda Landon
Harriet the Spy	Louise Fitzhugh
The Dark Stairs: A Herculean Jones Mystery	Betsy Byars
The Bodies in the Besseldorf Hotel	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Tuck Everlasting	Natalie Babbitt

**Multicultural**

Abuela	Arthur Dorros
Aunt Flossie's Hats	Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard
Family Pictures: Cuadros de Familia	Carmen Lomas Garza
Onion Tears	Diana Kidd
Felita	Nicholasa Mohr
Maniac Magee	Jerry Spinelli
Friendship and the Gold Cadillac	Mildred Taylor
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Mildred Taylor

**Poetry**

Anna Banana: 101 Jump Rope Rhymes	Joanna Cole
A Sky Full of Poems	Eve Merriam
Neighborhood Odes	Gary Soto

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**Science Fiction/Fantasy**

The Littles and the Lost Children	John Peterson
Locked in the Library	Marc Brown
Rats on the Range	James Marshall
My Teacher is an Alien	Bruce Coville
Aliens for Breakfast	Jonathan Etra and Stephanie Spinner
Owls in the Family	Farley Mowat
Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark	Alvin Schwartz
Catwings	Ursula Leguin
The Incredible Journey	Shelia Brunford
The Borrowers	Mary Norton
The Indian in the Cupboard	Lynn Reid Banks