

NOVEL APPROACH BOOKS – First Grade

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8	Gator Girls	Calmenson, Stephanie	1	RL2; IL K-3	+	When Allie the alligator learns that she will be going to camp without her best friend, Amy, the two girls try to get a whole summer's worth of activities into just a few days.
6	Borreguita and the Coyote	Aardema, Verna	1	RL4; IL K-3		A little lamb uses her clever wiles to keep a coyote from eating her up.
5	Owl Moon	Yolen, Jane	1	RL3; IL K-3		On a winter's night under a full moon, a father and daughter trek into the woods to see the Great Horned Owl. (Caldecott Medal/Honor Book)
5	Story of Ruby Bridges	Coles, Robert	1	RL5;IL K-3		For months six-year-old Ruby Bridges must confront the hostility of white parents when she becomes the first African American girl to integrate Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans in 1960.
9	Mr. Putter & Tabby Pick Pears	Rylant, Cynthia	1	RL1; IL K-3	+ &	When he gets too old to climb up the ladder, Mr. Putter and his cat Tabby figure out an ingenious way to pick pears for pear jelly.
6	New Brain for Igor, A	O'Connor, Teddy	1	RL2.0;ILK-3		A mad scientist's dim-witted assistant tries to force his master into giving him a bigger brain by stealing the scientist's fuzzy pink slippers.
6	Legend of the Bluebonnet	DePaola, Tomie	1	RL4;IL 3-6		A retelling of the Comanche Indian legend of how a little girl's sacrifice brought the flower called bluebonnet to Texas.
6	Dinorella: a Prehistoric Fairy Tale	Edwards, Pamela Duncan	1	RL2.5;ILK-3		In this story, loosely based on that of Cinderella but featuring dinosaurs, the Duke falls in love with Dinorella when she rescues him from the dreaded deinonychus at the Dinosaur Dance.
3	Ramona and Her Mother	Cleary, Beverly	1	RL4; IL 1-4	+ &	Ramona at 7 1/2 sometimes feels discriminated against by being the youngest in the family.
16	First Thanksgiving	Hayward, Linda	1	RL4; ILK-3		Describes how the first Thanksgiving celebration came to be.
12	Pinky & Rex and the Perfect Pumpkin	Howe, James	1	RL4; ILK-3	&	When Rex accompanies Pinky and his relatives on their traditional trip to pick and carve pumpkins, she feels left out because of the jealous behavior of Pinky's cousin Abby.
10	Dog That Pitched a No Hitter	Christopher, Matt	1	RL2; IL 1-3	+	Mike's telepathic dog Harry is able to send him secret signals about the opposing players on the baseball field, but Mike's weak pitching arm requires them to find another plan to save the game.

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7	Little Soup's Birthday	Peck, Robert Newton	1	RL2.7;IL1-4	+	Soup and Rob have planned a birthday party that looks like it might be ruined by a snowfall.
6	Elaine and the Flying Frog	Chang, Heidi	1	RL3; IL 1-4		Chinese American Elaine Chow feels like an outcast after moving to a small town in Iowa, until she shares a new friendship and a science project with a girl strongly interested in frogs.
11	More Stories Julian Tells	Cameron, Ann	1	RL2; IL 1-4	+ & TG	More episodes in the life of Julian including a bet with his best friend Gloria, a secret project, and what happens when his brother Huey decides to be Superboy.
10	Clues in the Woods	Parish, Peggy	1	RL2; IL 2-5	+ &	The three Roberts children solve the mystery of who is stealing the kitchen scraps.
8	Henry and Mudge and the Bedtime Thumps	Rylant, Cynthia	1	RL1;IL K-3	+ &	Henry worries about what will happen to his big dog Mudge during their visit to his grandmother's house in the country.
11	Henry and Mudge and the Happy Cat	Rylant, Cynthia	1	RL1;IL K-3	+ &	Henry's family takes in a stray cat, the ugliest cat they have ever seen, and an amazing relationship blossoms between it and their big dog Mudge.
9	Long Way to a New Land	Sandin, Joan	1	RL2; IL 1-3	+ & TG	Carl Erik journeys with his family from Sweden to America during the famine of 1868.
9	Long Way Westward	Sandin, Joan	1	RL3; IL 1-4	+ &	Relates the experiences of two young brothers and their family, immigrants from Sweden, from their arrival in New York through the journey to their new home in Minnesota.
12	My Robot Buddy	Slote, Alfred	1	RL3; IL 2-5	+	For his tenth birthday, Jack wants a robot so he'll have someone to play with.
12	My Trip to Alpha I	Slote, Alfred	1	RL3; IL 2-6	&	VOYA-CODE is the most sophisticated form of interplanetary travel but a young boy finds out it is not without dangers.
10	Anna, Grandpa, and the Big Storm	Stevens, Carla	1	RL2; IL 1-4		Anna's grandfather is bored with city life until he and Anna are stranded on the Third Avenue elevated subway train during the blizzard of 1888.
17	Lily and Miss Liberty	Stevens, Carla	1	RL3; IL 1-4	&	A little girl makes crowns and sells them to help raise money for the pedestal needed for mounting France's gift of the Statue of Liberty to this country.
7	Baby Wolf	Batten, Mary	1	RL2; IL K-3		Describes how a wolf pup grows through its first year with its siblings

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						and other members of its pack.
11	Trouble for Lucy	Stevens, Carla	1	RL3; IL 1-5	&	As she and her family travel the Oregon Trail in 1843, Lucy's puppies persist in creating trouble.
16	Shoeshine Girl	Bulla, Clyde Robert	1	RL2.2;IL1-4		Determined to earn some money, ten-year-old Sarah Ida gets a job at a shoe shine stand and learns a great many things besides shining shoes.
12	Wagon Wheels	Brenner, Barbara	1	RL2; IL K-3	TG	Shortly after the Civil War, a black family travels to Kansas to take advantage of the free land offered through the Homestead Act.
19	Boxcar Children	Warner, Gertrude	1	RL3; IL 2-5	+ TG	Four orphaned children, afraid to go live with their grandfather, set up housekeeping in an abandoned boxcar and are doing fine until one of them becomes ill.
10	Stories Julian Tells	Cameron, Ann	1	RL3; IL 1-4	+ &	Relates episodes in seven-year-old Julian's life which include getting into trouble with his younger brother Huey, planting a garden, what he did to try to grow taller, losing a tooth, and finding a new friend.
12	Clara and the Book Wagon	Levinson, Nancy	1	RL2; IL 1-3		Clara's dream of enriching her rough life on the family farm is fulfilled when a horse-drawn book wagon visits with the country's first traveling library.
12	My Father's Dragon	Gannett, Ruth	1	RL3; IL 2-5	* + TG	A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river on Wild Island.
12	Prairie School	Avi	1	RL3.4;IL3-6		In 1880, Noah's aunt teaches him how to read as they explore the Colorado prairie together, as Noah pushes Aunt Dora in her wheelchair.
17	Half Magic	Eager, Edward	1	RL4; IL 3-6	+ &	Sequel: Magic by the Lake. Faced with a dull summer in the city, Jane, Mark, Katharine, and Martha find themselves involved in a series of extraordinary adventures after Jane discovers a coin that seems to grant wishes.
0	Junie B. Jones has a Monster Under her Bed	Park, Barbara	1	RL2.2;IL K-3		After hearing from a classmate at kindergarten that people have monsters under their beds, Junie B. Jones is afraid to go to sleep that night.
0	Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express	Coerr, Eleanor	1	RL2.5;IL K-3		16-year-old Bill finds adventure and encounters dangers when he becomes a rider for the Pony Express. *(Owned by Lynn Foy)
0	Big Balloon	Coerr,	1	RL2.9;IL		Ariel almost causes her famous mother

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	Race	Eleanor		K-3		to lose a balloon race and then helps her win it. *(Owned by Lynn Foy)
0	Dragons of Blue-land	Gannett, Ruth Stiles	1	RL4.6;IL 3-6		Elmer must come once again to the aid of his flying baby dragon when men discover its retreat and begin to hunt it. *(Owned by Lynn Foy)
0	Elmer and the Dragon	Gannett, Ruth Stiles	1	RL4.7;IL 3-6	&	Sequel to "My Father's Dragon.": Elmer & a flying dragon land on an unusual island & help canaries uncover a treasure. *(Owned by Lynn Foy)
10	First Day of School	Johnston, Tony	1	RL1; IL 1-2		Experiences of a first-grader on his first day of school.
31	Key to the Treasure	Parish, Peggy	1	RL2; IL 2-5	+ &	Three youngsters use a code to retrieve a treasure hidden on their grandfather's farm.
5	Andy and the Lion	Daugherty, James	1	RL3; IL K-3		In this retelling of Androcles and the Lion, Andy meets a lion on the way to school and wins his friendship for life by removing a thorn from his paw. (Caldecott Medal/Honor Book)
12	Socks	Cleary, Beverly	1	RL4; IL 2-5	TG	The happy home life of Socks, the cat, is disrupted by the addition of a new baby to the household.
13	Courage of Sarah Noble	Dalgliesh, Alice	1	RL3; IL 2-5	* TG	Remembering her mother's words, an eight-year-old girl finds courage to go alone with her father to build a new home in the Connecticut wilderness and to stay with the Indians when her father goes back to bring the rest of the family.
15	Cinderella at the Ball	Hillert, Margaret	1	RL1; IL K-3		An easy-to-read retelling of how Cinderella finds a way to the ball and meets her prince.
6	Henry and Mudge Take the Big Test	Rylant, Cynthia	1	RLK-3; IL 2	+ &	After eight weeks at Papp's Dog School, Henry's dog Mudge earns a certificate and lots of liver treats.
12	Josefina Story Quilt	Coerr, Eleanor	1	RL2; IL K-3	TG	While traveling west with her family in 1850, a young girl makes a patchwork quilt chronicling the experiences of the journey and reserves a special patch for her pet hen Josefina.
11	Scrawny the Classroom Duck	Clymer, Susan	1	RL3; IL 1-4		Scrawny follows John around as if he's his mother.
9	There's a Frog in My Sleeping Bag	Clymer, Susan	1	RL5; IL 3-6		Janna, a third-grader in Mr. Jenkins's class, tries to solve the mystery of who is playing pranks at Camp Buffalo.
0	Haunted House	Parish, Peggy	1	RL2; IL K-3		Sequel to "Clues in the Woods": Liza, Bill, and Jed are uneasy when they learn their parents have bought a house that is supposed to be haunted.

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10	Ghost of Popcorn Hill	Wright, Betty Ren	1-2	RL3.5;IL2-6		Martin and Peter acquire a mischievous new dog and two lonely ghosts.