

NOVEL APPROACH BOOKS – Fifth Grade

#	Title	Author	Grade	Special	Codes	Summary
15	Among the Betrayed	Haddix, Margaret	4-6	RL4.5;IL 3-6	+ &	Sequel to Among the Impostors: Thirteen-year-old Nina is imprisoned by the Population Police, who give her the option of helping them identify illegal "third-born" children, or facing death.
32	Sparrow Hawk Red	Mikaelsen, Ben	4-6	RL5; IL 3-6	&	Thirteen-year-old Ricky, the Mexican American son of a former Drug Enforcement Agency man, tries to avenge his mother's murder by crossing over into Mexico to steal a high-tech radar plane from drug smugglers.
58	Among the Hidden	Haddix, Margaret	4-6	RL4.7;IL 4-6	+ &	In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.
14	Among the Barons	Haddix, Margaret Peterson	4-6	RL5.5;IL 3-6	&	Sequel to: Among the betrayed. In a future world of false identities, government lies, and death threats, Luke feels drawn to the younger brother of the boy whose name Luke has taken.
53	Rescue Josh McGuire	Mikaelsen, Ben	4-6	RL5; IL 3-6		When thirteen-year-old Josh runs away to the mountains of Montana with an orphaned bear cub destined for laboratory testing, they both must fight for their lives in a sudden snowstorm.
10	Petey	Mikaelsen, Ben	4-6	RL7; IL 5-8		In 1922 Petey, who has cerebral palsy, is misdiagnosed as an idiot and institutionalized; sixty years later, still in the institution, he befriends a boy and shares with him the joy of life.
59	Among the Impostors	Haddix, Margaret	4-6	RL5.2;IL 3-6	+ &	Sequel to Among the Hidden: Third-born Luke has been in hiding for the entire twelve years of his life, until he enters boarding school under an assumed name and is forced to face his fears.
18	Stranded	Mikaelsen, Ben	4-6	RL5; IL 3-6	&	Twelve-year-old Koby, who has lost a foot in an accident, sees a chance to prove her self-reliance to her parents when she tries to rescue two stranded pilot whales near her home in the Florida Keys.
37	Running Out of Time	Haddix, Margaret	5	RL6; IL 3-8		When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840 village, 13-yr-old Jessie discovers it is actually a 1995 tourist site under unseen observation by heartless scientists and it's up to Jessie to escape the village and save the lives of the dying children.
12	Johnny Tremain	Forbes, Esther	5	RL6; IL 4-8	* TG	After injuring his hand, a silversmith's apprentice in Boston becomes a

						messenger for the Sons of Liberty in the days before the American Revolution.
5	Gentleman Outlaw and Me -- Eli : a Story of the Old West	Hahn, Mary Downing	5	RL5; IL 3-6		In 1887 twelve-year-old Eliza, disguised as a boy and traveling towards Colorado in search of her missing father, falls in with a Gentleman Outlaw and joins him in his illegal schemes.
12	Battle for the Castle	Winthrop, Elizabeth	5	RL4; IL 3-7		Sequel to: The castle in the attic. Twelve-year-old William uses the magic token to return, through the toy castle in his attic, to the medieval land of Sir Simon, which is now menaced by a skeleton ship bearing a plague of ravenous rats.
36	Witch of Blackbird Pond	Speare, Elizabeth George	5	RL6; IL 5-9	* TG	A young girl's rebellion against bigotry culminates in a terrifying witch hunt and trial.
13	Don't Hurt Laurie!	Roberts, Willo Davis	5	RL5; IL 4-9		Laurie lives in fear of her mother's unpredictable rages and abuse. Can she escape and will anyone believe her story?
17	Daphne's Book	Hahn, Mary Downing	5	RL5; IL 4-8		As author Jessica and artist Daphne collaborate on a picture book for a seventh-grade English class contest, Jessica becomes aware of conditions in Daphne's home life that seem to threaten her health and safety.
30	Cay	Taylor, Theodore	5	RL5; IL 4-8	+ TG	Philip, an adolescent white boy who is blinded in a torpedo attack at sea during World War II, acquires a new type of vision, courage, and love when he is stranded on a tiny Caribbean island with Timothy, a kind, elderly black man.
12	Slave Dancer	Fox, Paula	5	RL6; IL 5-9	* TG	Kidnapped by the crew of an Africa bound ship, a thirteen-year-old boy discovers to his horror that he is on a slaver and his job is to play music for the exercise periods of the human cargo.
24	Across Five Aprils	Hunt, Irene	5	RL5; IL 5-9	* TG	Young Jethro Creighton grows from a boy to a man when he is left to take care of the family farm in Illinois during the difficult years of the Civil War.
17	Incredible Journey	Burnford, Sheila	5	RL7;IL 5-12	TG	A young Labrador Retriever, an old Bull Terrier and a Siamese cat undertake a 250-mile trek through the Canadian wilderness in order to return to their home.
27	Stepping on the Cracks	Hahn, Mary Downing	5	RL5.7;IL 3-6	+	In 1944, while her brother is overseas fighting in World War II, 11-year-old Margaret gets a new view of the school bully when she finds him hiding his own brother, an army deserter, and decides to help him.
13	Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Twain, Mark	5	RL7; IL 4-9	+ TG	The exploits of Tom, Huck, and friends in a small Midwestern river town.

17	Number the Stars	Lowry, Lois	5	RL5; IL 4-7	* TG	In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.
17	Black Pearl	O'Dell, Scott	5	RL5;IL 5-12	* TG	In claiming as his own the magnificent black pearl he finds, a sixteen-year-old youth enrages the sea devil who legend says is its owner.
26	Island of the Blue Dolphin	O'Dell, Scott	5	RL5; IL 4-7	* + TG	Records the courage and self-reliance of an Indian girl who lived alone for eighteen years on an isolated island off the California coast when her tribe emigrated and she was left behind.
15	Perloo the Bold	Avi	5	RL6; IL 3-6		Perloo, a peaceful scholar who has been chosen to succeed Jolaine as leader of the furry underground people called the Montmers, finds himself in danger when Jolaine dies and her evil son seizes control of the burrow.
12	Sing Down the Moon	O'Dell, Scott	5	RL5; IL 5-7	* TG	A young Navajo girl recounts the events of 1864 when her tribe was forced to march to Fort Sumner as prisoners of the white soldiers.
11	Fighting Ground	Avi	5	RL5; IL 4-7	TG	Thirteen-year-old Jonathan goes off to fight in the Revolutionary War and discovers the real war is being fought within himself.
9	Park's Quest	Paterson, Katherine	5	RL6;IL 5-10		Eleven-year-old Park makes some startling discoveries when he travels to his grandfather's farm in Virginia to learn about his father who died in the Vietnam War.
7	Canyons	Paulsen, Gary	5	RL5; IL 5-7	TG	Finding a skull on a camping trip in the canyons outside El Paso, Texas, Brennan becomes involved with the fate of a young Apache Indian who lived in the late 1800s.
23	Hatchet	Paulsen, Gary	5	RL6; IL 5-9	* + & TG	After a plane crash, 13-year-old Brian spends 54 days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.
17	White Mountains	Christopher, John	5	RL5; IL 5-1	+ & TG	Sequel to "When the Tripods Came": Will Parker and his companions make a perilous journey toward an outpost of freedom where they hope to escape from the Tripods, the 3-legged machines that control Earth.
22	Double Life of Pocahontas	Fritz, Jean	5	RL5; IL 4-7	TG	A biography of the famous American Indian princess, emphasizing her life-long adulation of John Smith and the roles she

						played in two very different cultures.
7	Library Card	Spinelli, Jerry	5	RL5.8;IL3-6		Collection of four stories in which the lives of four young people in different circumstances are changed by their encounters with books.
39	Egypt Game	Snyder, Zilpha Keatley	5	RL6; IL 5-7	* + TG	A group of children, entranced with Egypt, play their own Egypt game, are visited by a secret oracle, become involved in a murder, and befriend the Professor before they move on to new interests, such as Gypsies.
10	One Hundredth Thing About Caroline	Lowry, Lois	5	RL5; IL 4-9	+	When their mother starts to date the mystery man on the 5th floor who has been instructed to "eliminate the children" by the 1st of May, 11-yr-old Caroline & her older brother figure they're targeted to be the victims of a savage crime.
13	Jump Ship to Freedom	Collier, James	5	RL5; IL 5-9	TG	By rights young Daniel Arabus and his mother, slaves in Captain Iver's house in Stratford, Conn., should be free. But the Captain refuses to honor their agreement and instead sells Daniel on board a ship to the West Indies.
11	Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad	Petry, Ann	5	RL7;IL 6-IU	TG	A biography of the famous woman who worked to free her people on the Underground Railroad.
13	Pedro's Journal	Conrad, Pam	5	RL4; IL 3-6		The cabin boy on the "Santa Maria" keeps a diary which records his experiences when he sails with Columbus on his first voyage to the New World in 1492.
12	Summer of the Monkeys	Rawls, Wilson	5	RL5; IL 4-9	TG	In the late 1800's, a fourteen-year-old Ozark mountain boy spends the summer trying to recapture monkeys escaped from a traveling circus.
10	Where the Red Fern Grows	Rawls, Wilson	5	RL6; IL 5-8		The adventures of a ten-year-old boy and the two dogs he bought with money he had earned.
14	Shades of Gray	Reeder, Carolyn	5	RL5; IL 5-9	TG	At the end of the Civil War, 12-year-old Will, having lost his immediate family, leaves his city home to live in the Virginia countryside with his aunt and the uncle he considers a traitor because he refused to take part in the war.
11	Ghost of Thomas Kempe	Lively, Penelope	5	RL7; IL 4-7	TG	The ghost of a seventeenth-century sorcerer emerges as a poltergeist and attempts to make young James his apprentice.
12	Afternoon of the Elves	Lisle, Janet Taylor	5	RL5; IL 3-6	*	As Hillary works in the miniature village, allegedly built by elves, in Sara-Kate's backyard, she becomes more and more curious about Sara-Kate's real life inside her big, gloomy house with her

						mysterious, silent mother.
18	True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	Avi	5	RL6; IL 5-7	* TG	Thirteen-year-old Charlotte Doyle, the only passenger on a voyage from England to America in 1832, must take serious matters into her own hands when she learns that the captain is murderous.
17	Words By Heart	Sebestyen, Ouida	5	RL6; IL 5-12	TG	A young black girl struggles to fulfill her papa's dream of a better future for their family in the southwestern town where, in 1910, they are the only blacks.
17	Book of Three	Alexander, Lloyd	5	RL7; IL 4-8	+	Book One of The chronicles of Prydain : Taran, the Assistant Pig Keeper in the mythical kingdom of Prydain, sets out with the warrior Gwydion to save his country from evil.
11	Save Queen of Sheba	Moeri, Louise	5	RL6;IL 5-12		After miraculously surviving a Sioux Indian raid on the trail to Oregon, a brother and sister set out with few provisions to find the rest of the settlers.
5	Lincoln: A Photo Biography	Freedman, Russell	5-6	RL5; IL 3-8	*	Photographs and text trace the life of the Civil War President.
10	Monkey Island	Fox, Paula	5-6	RL6; IL 4-8		Forced to live on the streets of New York after his mother disappears from their hotel room, eleven-year-old Clay is befriended by two men who help him survive.
22	One-Eyed Cat	Fox, Paula	5-6	RL6; IL 5-9	* & TG	An eleven-year-old shoots a stray cat with his new air rifle, subsequently suffers from guilt, and eventually assumes responsibility for it.
10	Twin in the Tavern	Wallace, Barbara	5-6	RL5; IL 3-6		A young orphan, afraid of being sent to the workhouse, finds himself at the mercy of the unsavory owner of a tavern in Alexandria, Virginia, while he tries to solve the mystery surrounding his past and a missing twin.
10	Fear Place	Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	5-6	RL5; IL 3-6		When he and his older brother Gordon are left camping alone in the Rocky Mountains, twelve-year-old Doug faces his fear of heights and his feelings about Gordon--with the help of a cougar.
15	Westing Game	Raskin, Ellen	5-6	RL5; IL 4-9	*	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.
23	View from the Cherry Tree	Roberts, Willo Davis	5-6	RL5; IL 3-6		Rob admits having seen a murder, but no one believes him--except the murderer.
36	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Taylor, Mildred	5-6	RL5; IL 5-9	* + TG	Sequel: Let the circle be unbroken. An African-American family living in Mississippi during the Depression of the 1930s is faced with prejudice and

						discrimination which its children do not understand
8	Dollhouse Murders	Wright, Betty Ren	5-6	RL5; IL 3-6		A dollhouse filled with a ghostly light in the middle of the night and dolls that have moved from where she last left them lead Amy and her retarded sister to unravel the mystery surrounding grisly murders that took place years ago.
11	Redwall	Jacques, Brian	5-6	RL7; IL 5-8	+ &	Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior to defeat the enemies of Redwall Abbey.
25	Red Midnight	Mikaelsen, Ben	5-6	RL4.1;IL 5-8		After soldiers kill his family, twelve-year-old Santiago and his four-year-old sister flee Guatemala in a kayak and try to reach the United States.
10	Time for Andrew	Hahn, Mary Downing	5-6	RL5; IL 3-6		When he goes to spend the summer with his great-aunt in the family's old house, eleven-year-old Drew is drawn eighty years into the past to trade places with his great-great-uncle who is dying of diphtheria.
25	Wait Till Helen Comes	Hahn, Mary Downing	5-6	RL5; IL 3-6	&	Molly and Michael dislike their spooky new stepsister, Heather, but realize that they must try to save her when she seems ready to follow a ghost child to her doom.