

NOVEL APPROACH BOOKS – Sixth Grade

#	Title	Author	Grade	Special	Codes	Summary
56	Touching Spirit Bear	Mikaelsen, Ben	4-6	RL6.7;IL 5-8		Fifteen-year-old Cole, trying to avoid prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the Native American Circle Justice, and is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.
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.
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	5-6	RL5; IL 3-		When he goes to spend the summer with

		Downing		6		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.
15	King of Shadows	Cooper, Susan	6	RL7; IL 5-8		While in London as part of an all-boy acting company preparing to perform in a replica of the famous Globe Theatre, Nat Field finds himself transported back to 1599 and performing in the original theater under the tutelage of Shakespeare.
30	Maniac Magee	Spinelli, Jerry	6	RL5; IL 3-6	*	After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.
32	Reluctant God	Service, Pamela	6	RL7; IL 7+		While his brother prepares to mount the throne of Egypt as the next member of the Twelfth Dynasty, the teenage prince Ameni is sealed in a secret tomb in a state of suspended animation, to be revived four thousand years later.
14	Witness	Hesse, Karen	6	RL5; IL 5-8		A history-inspired novel, told in the voices of eleven characters, about two young girls, one Jewish and the other African-American, who come to the attention of the newly formed Ku Klux Klan in a small Vermont town in 1924.
19	Light in the Forest	Richter, Conrad	6	RL7; IL 5-8		After being raised as an Indian for eleven years following his capture at the age of four, John Butler is forcibly returned to his white parents but continues to long for the freedom of Indian life.
28	Wringer	Spinelli, Jerry	6	RL5; IL 5-8	*	As Palmer comes of age, he must either accept the violence of being a wringer at his town's annual Pigeon Day or find the courage to oppose it.
6	Yearling	Rawlings, Marjorie	6	RL11; IL 9+	TG	A young boy living in the Florida backwoods is forced to decide the fate of a fawn he has lovingly raised as a pet.
6	Secret Garden	Burnett, Frances	6	RL6; IL 5-9	TG	Ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.
16	Winter Room	Paulsen, Gary	6	RL5.4; IL 4-8	*	A young boy growing up on a northern Minnesota farm describes the scenes around him and recounts his old

						Norwegian uncle's tales of an almost mythological logging past.
16	Dogsong	Paulsen, Gary	6	RL7; IL 5-9	* TG	A fourteen-year-old Eskimo boy who feels assailed by the modernity of his life takes a 1400-mile journey by dog sled across ice, tundra, and mountains seeking his own "song" of himself.
15	Brian's Winter	Paulsen, Gary	6	RL6; IL 4-8	+ &	Companion book to: Hatchet and The river. Instead of being rescued from a plane crash, this story portrays what would have happened to Brian had he been forced to survive a winter in the wilderness with only his survival pack and hatchet.
6	Sign of the Chrysanthemum	Paterson, Katherine	6	RL5; IL 5-9	& TG	A teen-ager comes to know himself through contacts with social ills and political unrest while searching for his father in Japan's capital, centuries ago.
14	Wind Singer	Nicholson, William	6	RL6; IL 5-8	+ &	Kestrel & her twin brother follow an ancient map in quest of the legendary silver voice of the wind singer, to try to heal Amaranth & its people. (1st in trilogy -- Wind on Fire)
10	Lyddie	Paterson, Katherine	6	RL6; IL 5-8		Impoverished Vermont farm girl Lyddie Worthen is determined to gain her independence by becoming a factory worker in Lowell, Massachusetts, in the 1840s.
6	Jacob Have I Loved	Paterson, Katherine	6	RL5; IL 5-10	* TG	Feeling deprived all her life of schooling, friends, mother, and even her name by her twin sister, Louise finally begins to find her identity.
21	Upstairs Room	Reiss, Johanna	6	RL7; IL 6-12	* + TG	A Dutch Jewish girl describes the two-and-one-half years she spent in hiding in the upstairs bedroom of a farmer's house during World War II.
28	Ella Enchanted	Levine, Gail Carson	6	RL4; IL 3-6	*	In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.
9	Great Fire	Murphy, Jim	6	RL7; IL 5-8	*	Photographs and text, along with personal accounts of actual survivors tell the story of the great fire of 1871 in Chicago.
35	Wolf Rider: A Tale of Horror	Avi	6	RL6; IL 4-9		After receiving an apparent crank call from a man claiming to have committed murder, 15-year-old Andy finds his close relationship with his father crumbling as he struggles to make everyone believe him.
10	Moorchild	McGraw, Eloise Jarvis	6	RL7; IL 5-8	*	Feeling that she is neither fully human nor "Folk," a changeling learns her true identity and attempts to find the human

						child whose place she had been given.
14	Belle Prater's Boy	White, Ruth	6	RL5; IL 5-8	*	When Woodrow's mother suddenly disappears, he moves to his grandparents' home in a small Virginia town where he befriends his cousin and together they find the strength to face the terrible losses and fears in their lives.
15	Slaves of Mastery : An Adventure	Nicholson, William	6	RL5.9;IL 5-8	&	Sequel to Wind Singer: Fifteen-year-old Bowman uses his newly-discovered powers to join with his twin sister Kestrel in an attempt to liberate their people from the "beautiful but cruel" civilization which has enslaved them.
12	Golden Goblet	McGraw, Eloise Jarvis	6	RL4.0;IL5-8	*	A young Egyptian boy struggles to reveal a hideous crime and reshape his own destiny.
6	Pearl	Steinbeck, John	6	RL5; IL 6+	TG	Kino, a poor Mexican pearl-diver, believes he has received the answer to his prayers when he finds a great pearl worth a fortune, but tragedy soon follows.
5	Dacey's Song	Voigt, Cynthia	6	RL5; IL 5-8	* &	Sequel to: Homecoming. Now that the four abandoned Tillerman children are settled in with their grandmother, Dacey finds that their new beginnings require love, trust, humor, and courage.
19	Hobbit	Tolkien, J. R. R.	6	RL6; IL 6+	+ &TG	The adventures of the well-to-do hobbit, Bilbo Baggins, who lived happily in his comfortable home until a wandering wizard granted his wish.
15	Devil's Arithmetic	Yolen, Jane	6	RL5; IL 5-8		Hannah resents the traditions of her Jewish heritage until time travel places her in the middle of a small Jewish village in Nazi-occupied Poland.
14	Z for Zachariah	O'Brien, Robert C.	6	RL7; IL 6-12	TG	After living alone for a year, believing herself to be the only survivor of a nuclear holocaust, 16-yr-old Ann makes a startling discovery--a scientist has also survived--but this pleasant surprise very quickly turns sinister.
10	Scorpions	Myers, Walter Dean	6	RL6; IL 5-8	*	After reluctantly taking on the leadership of the Harlem gang, the Scorpions, Jamal finds that his enemies treat him with respect when he acquires a gun--until a tragedy occurs.
15	Let the Circle Be Unbroken	Taylor, Mildred	6	RL6;IL 6-12	+ TG	Sequel to: Roll of thunder, hear my cry. Four black children growing up in rural Mississippi during the Depression experience racial antagonisms and hard times, but learn from their parents the pride and self-respect they need.
29	Holes	Sachar, Louis	6	RL6 ; IL 6-	* +	Stanley Yelnats begins a journey of self-

				9		discovery when he is sent to a juvenile detention center in Texas and suspects the motives of a warden who forces him and the other boys to dig five-foot-deep holes as punishment.
6	Treasure Island	Stevenson, Robert Louis	6	RL6; IL 5+	TG	While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map that leads to a pirate fortune as well as great danger.
15	Out of the Dust	Hesse, Karen	6	RL5; IL 3-6	*	In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.
20	Phoenix Rising	Hesse, Karen	6	RL5; IL 5-8		Thirteen-year-old Nyle learns about relationships and death when fifteen-year-old Ezra, who was exposed to radiation leaked from a nearby nuclear plant, comes to stay at her grandmother's Vermont farmhouse.
45	View from Saturday	Konigsburg, E. L.	6	RL6; IL 5-9	*	Noah, Nadia, Ethan, and Julian, chosen by Mrs. Olinski as the sixth-grade Academic Bowl team, share the secrets of their remarkable success,
20	Night Journey	Lasky, Kathryn	6	RL6; IL 5-9		A young girl ignores her parents' wishes and persuades her great-grandmother to relate the story of her escape from czarist Russia.
29	Wizard of Earthsea	LeGuin, Ursula	6	RL7; IL 6-12	+ TG	A boy grows to manhood while attempting to subdue the evil he unleashed on the world as an apprentice to the master wizard.
19	Wild Children	Holman, Felice	6	RL7; IL 5-9		Young people are homeless and desperate after the Russian revolution.
6	Incident at Hawk's Hill	Eckert, Allan W.	6	RL6; IL 5-8	* + &	A shy, lonely six-year-old wanders into the Canadian prairie and spends a summer under the protection of a badger.
30	Greek Gods	Evslin, Bernard	6	RL7; IL 6-9	TG	A collection of classic legends of the Greek gods.
13	Randall's Wall	Fenner, Carol	6	RL5; IL 3-7		A 5th-grade boy has built a wall of defense to protect himself from the pain of human relationships--a wall which begins to crumble when a dynamic and compassionate classmate decides to interfere in his life.
17	North to Freedom	Holm, Anne	6	RL5; IL 4-7	TG	A young boy escapes from a political prison and secretly travels to Denmark, learning to trust and respond to people along the way.
14	Playing Beatie Bow	Park, Ruth	6	RL6; IL 4-		A lonely Australian girl from a divided

				8		family is transported back to the 1880's and an immigrant family from the Orkney Islands.
32	Midwife's Apprentice	Cushman, Karen	6	RL6; IL 6+	* & TG	In medieval England, a nameless, homeless girl is taken in by a sharp-tempered midwife, and in spite of obstacles and hardship, eventually gains the three things she most wants: a full belly, a contented heart, and a place in this world.
33	Catherine Called Birdie	Cushman, Karen	6	RL6; IL 6+	*	The daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off.
25	Walk Two Moons	Creech, Sharon	6	RL5; IL 5-8	*	After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.
31	Door in the Wall	DeAngeli, Marguerite	6	RL5; IL 4-8	* TG	A crippled boy in 14th century England proves his courage and earns recognition from the king.
15	Dark Is Rising	Cooper, Susan	6	RL6; IL 5+	* +	On his eleventh birthday Will Stanton discovers that he is the last of the Old Ones, destined to seek the six magical Signs that will enable the Old Ones to triumph over the evil forces of the Dark.
6	Old Man and the Sea	Hemingway, Ernest	6	RL8; IL 6+	TG	An old fisherman battles the sea and sharks to bring home the giant marlin he caught.
30	Endless Steppe	Hautzig, Esther	6	RL7; IL 5-10	TG	During World War II, when she was eleven, the author and her family were arrested in Poland by the Russians and exiled to Siberia. She recounts here the trials of the following five years spent on the harsh Asian steppe.
6	Mythology	Hamilton, Edith	6	RL11; IL 9+	TG	A collection of Greek, Roman, and Norse myths retold by the author.
12	Beauty : a retelling of the story of Beauty & the beast	McKinley, Robin	6	RL7; IL 6+	TG	Kind Beauty grows to love the Beast at whose castle she is compelled to stay and through her love releases him from the spell which had turned him from a handsome prince into an ugly beast.
15	Summer of My German Soldier	Greene, Bette	6	RL7; IL 5-8	+	Sheltering an escaped German prisoner of war is the beginning of some shattering experiences for a twelve-year-old Jewish girl in Arkansas.
26	Esperanza Rising	Ryan, Pam Munoz	6	RL6; IL 5-8		Esperanza & her mother leave a life of wealth in Mexico to work in the labor camps of Southern California where

						they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.
15	Firesong : An Adventure	Nicholson, William	6	RL6.8;IL 5-8	&	Sequel to Slaves of Mastery: Twins Bowman and Kestrel set out on a journey with their mother, a prophetess, to seek the promise land, and along the way, they face many dangers, enemies, and temptations.
18	Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl	Frank, Anne	6	RL8; IL 6+	TG	The journal of a Jewish girl in her early teens describing both the joys and torments of daily life, as well as typical adolescent thoughts, throughout two years spent in hiding with her family during the Nazi occupation of Holland.
30	Lily's Crossing	Giff, Patricia Reilly	6	RL5; IL 3-6	*	During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.
20	Watership Down	Adams, Richard	6	RL9; IL 6+	TG	Chronicles the adventures of a group of rabbits searching for a safe place to establish a new warren where they can live in peace.
7	Belle Teal	Martin, Ann	6	RL5.0;IL5-8		Belle Teal Harper's entrance into 5th-grade in the early 1960s brings changes and challenges as her Gran's memory slips, her mom spends long hours away at work, and her class gets two new students, including an African-American boy.
12	Case of the Baker Street Irregular	Newman, Robert	6	RL5; IL 4-9	+	When Andrew's guardian is kidnapped, he seeks help from Sherlock Holmes.
10	Julie of the Wolves	George, Jean	6	RL6; IL 6+	* + TG	Escaping from an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl gets lost on the Alaskan tundra and is befriended by a wolf pack.
16	Cow-Tail Switch and Other West African Stories	Courlander, Harold	6	RL5; IL 4-7	*	Ashanti stories from Africa depicting the origins of folk sayings and customs, animal trickery, and clever (and not so clever) people.