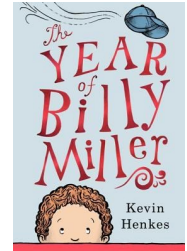


## Kate DiCamillo, National Ambassador Appearance “Our Stories, Our Community” Read-A-Like Titles

### GRADE 3

***The Year of Billy Miller***, Kevin Henkes

When Billy Miller has a mishap at the statue of the Jolly Green Giant at the end of summer vacation, he ends up with a big lump on his head. As the year goes by, though, Billy figures out how to navigate elementary school, how to appreciate his little sister and how to be a more grown up and responsible member of the family and a help to his busy working mom and stay-at-home dad.



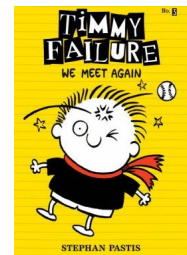
Other Titles: ***Fortunately, the Milk***, Neil Gaiman; ***Harriet the Spy***, Louise Fitzhugh

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### GRADE 4

***Timmy Failure: We Meet Again***, Stephen Pastis

His name is Failure. Timmy Failure. And his detective agency is on the verge of global domination. Global riches. Global fame. And yet the gods keep throwing him curveballs: for starters, academic probation. The coveted Miracle Report is the key to everything, including a good grade. It's dirty business. It's best you know nothing. But one thing is for sure: Timmy Failure will be triumphant again!



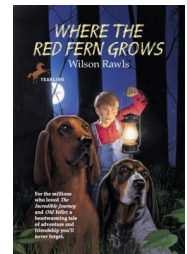
Other Titles: ***Stuart Little***, E.B. White; ***Spy Camp***, Stuart Gibbs; ***Ella Enchanted***, Gail Carson Levine

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### GRADE 5

***Where the Red Fern Grows***, Wilson Rawls

Billy, Old Dan and Little Ann are a loving threesome who ranged the dark hills and river bottoms of Cherokee country. Old Dan had the brawn, Little Ann had the brains and Billy the will to train them to be the finest hunting team in the valley. Glory and victory were coming to them, but sadness waited too in this exciting tale of love and adventure.



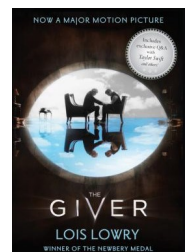
Other Titles: ***The Madman of Piney Woods***, Christopher Paul Curtis; ***Rain Reign***, Ann M. Martin; ***Big Nate: Say Good-Bye to Dork City***, Lincoln Pierce (Graphic Novel)

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### GRADE 6

***The Giver***, Lois Lowry

This haunting story centers on Jonas who lives in a seemingly ideal, if colorless, world of conformity and contentment. Not until he is given his life assignment as the Receiver of the Memory does he begin to understand the dark, complex secrets behind his fragile community.

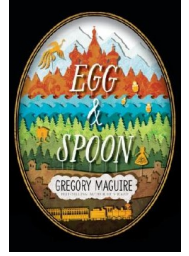


Other Titles: ***Fourteenth Goldfish***, Jennifer Holmes; ***The One and Only Ivan***, Katherine Applegate; ***The Lightning Thief***, Rick Riordan; ***The Night Gardener***, Jonathan Auxier

## CHALLENGE BOOKS

### **Egg & Spoon**, Gregory Maguire

Elena Rudina lives in the impoverished Russian countryside. Her father has been dead for years. One of her brothers has been conscripted into the Tsar's army, the other taken as a servant in the house of the local landowner. Her mother is dying, slowly, in their tiny cabin. And there is no food. But then a train arrives in the village, a train carrying untold wealth, a cornucopia of food, and a noble family destined to visit the Tsar in Saint Petersburg — a family that includes Ekaterina, a girl of Elena's age. When the two girls' lives collide, an adventure is set in motion, an escapade that includes mistaken identity, a monk locked in a tower, a prince traveling incognito, and Baba Yaga, witch of Russian folklore, in her ambulatory house perched on chicken legs.



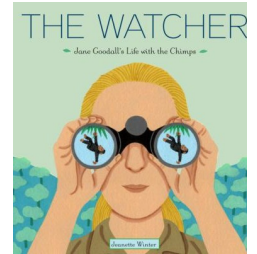
Other Titles: **Adventures of Huckleberry Finn**, Mark Twain; **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**, C.S. Lewis; **Lord of the Flies**, William Golding; **The Outsiders**, S.E. Hinton

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## NONFICTION

### **Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps**, Jeanette Winter

Follow Jane from her childhood in London watching a robin on her windowsill, to her years in the African forests of Gombe, Tanzania, invited by brilliant scientist Louis Leakey to observe chimps, to her worldwide crusade to save these primates who are now in danger of extinction and their habitat.



Other Titles: **Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream**, Tanya Lee Stone; **The Port Chicago 50**, Steve Sheinkin; **El Deafo**, Cece Bell

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Other Kate DiCamillo Titles: **The Magician's Elephant**, **The Tale of Despereaux**, **Because of Winn-Dixie**, **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane**, **The Tiger Rising**, **Leroy Ninker Saddles Up**, **Bink & Gollie** Series, **Mercy Watson** Series

