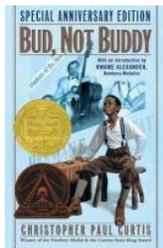

The Ugly Duckling Reading List
Finding your place in the world



Out of My Mind. [Draper, Sharon M. \(Sharon Mills\)](#) Atheneum Books for Young Readers 2010

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.



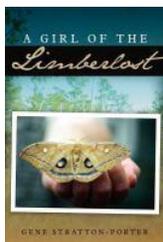
Bud, Not Buddy. [Curtis, Christopher Paul.](#) Delacorte Press 1999

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.



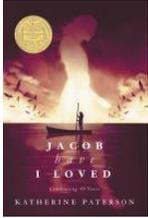
A Little Princess. [Burnett, Frances Hodgson.](#) Harper Festival 1985

Sara Crewe, a pupil at Miss Minchin's London School, is left in poverty when her father dies, but is later rescued by a mysterious benefactor.



A Girl of the Limberlost. [Stratton-Porter, Gene.](#) 2012

Deeply wounded by her embittered mother's lack of sympathy for her aspirations, Elnora finds comfort in the nearby Limberlost Swamp, whose beauty and rich abundance provide her with the means to better her life.



Jacob Have I Loved. [Paterson, Katherine.](#) Harper Trophy 1990

Having felt deprived all her life of schooling, friends, mother, and even her name by her twin sister, Louise finally begins to find her identity.



James and the Giant Peach. [Dahl, Roald.](#) Knopf 1989

Wonderful adventures abound after James escapes from his fearful aunts by rolling away inside a giant peach.



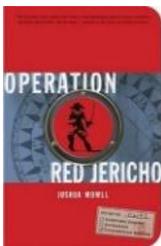
The One and Only Ivan. [Applegate, Katherine.](#) Harper 2012

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.



Every Shiny Thing. [Morrison, Laurie.](#) Amulet Books 2018

Seventh-grader Lauren begins stealing to help children who, like her brother, are on the autism spectrum, and Sierra, in foster care in Lauren's neighborhood, fears she will enable Lauren's lawbreaking. Told half in prose, half in verse.



The Guild of Specialists Trilogy. [Mowll, Joshua.](#) Walker Books 2006

The posthumous papers of Rebecca MacKenzie document her adventures, along with her brother Doug, in 1920's China as the teenage siblings are sent to live aboard their uncle's ship where they become involved in the dangerous activities of a mysterious secret society called the Honorable Guild of Specialists.