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Title: <i>The Arizona Kid</i>	Author: Ron Koertge	Comments:
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“Sixteen-year-old Billy comes to terms with his own values when he is sent to live with his gay uncle in Tucson and is introduced to the world of rodeo. He falls in love with an outspoken racehorse rider named Cara.”

Rating:0.....5.....10

Title: <i>Becoming Naomi León</i>	Author: Pam Muñoz Ryan	Comments:
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“When Naomi’s absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father.”

Rating:0.....5.....10

Title: <i>The Big Wander</i>	Author: Will Hobbs	Comments:
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“As he searches for his uncle through the rugged Southwest canyon country, fourteen-year-old Clay becomes involved with a group of Navajo Indians trying to save some of the last wild mustangs.”

Rating:0.....5.....10

Title: <i>Billy, the Kid</i>	Author: Theodore Taylor	Comments:
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“Young William Bonney is talked into committing his first train robbery, unaware that his cousin and best friend, Willie Monroe, is now sheriff of the nearest town, and that his fellow robbers are already wanted in four states.”

Rating:0.....5.....10



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Title: <i>Canyons</i>	Author: Gary Paulsen	Comments:
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“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.”

Rating:0.....5.....10

Title: <i>Charlotte</i>	Author: Helen Hughes Vick	Comments:
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“In the Arizona Territory in 1868, thirteen-year-old Charlotte, after escaping from a stagecoach being attacked by Indians, finds shelter and is befriended by an elderly Pima Indian woman who helps her gain a new sense of herself and her abilities to survive in a new land.”

Rating:0.....5.....10

Title: <i>Danger in the Desert</i>	Author: T.S. Fields	Comments:
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“Two brothers attempt to survive in the desert outside Scottsdale, Arizona, after they are abandoned there following a carjacking.”

Rating:0.....5.....10

Title: <i>Downriver</i>	Author: Will Hobbs	Comments:
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“Fifteen-year-old Jessie and the other rebellious teenage members of a wilderness survival school team abandon their adult leader, hijack his boats, and try to run the dangerous white water at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.”

Rating:0.....5.....10



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Title: <i>Esperanza Rising/ Esperanza renace</i>	Author: Pam Muñoz Ryan	Comments:
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“Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go 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.”

Rating:0.....5.....10

Title: <i>Finding Zola</i>	Author: Marianne Mitchell	Comments:
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“A thirteen-year-old girl investigates the disappearance of an older woman in this coming-of-age mystery.”

Rating:0.....5.....10

Title: <i>Firebug</i>	Author: Marianne Mitchell	Comments:
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“Haley Sparks is determined to uncover who is setting fires on her uncle’s ranch.”

Rating:0.....5.....10

Title: <i>Ghost Fever/ Mal de fantasma</i>	Author: Joe Hayes	Comments:
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“In the 1950s, fourteen-year-old Elena Padilla and her father move into a haunted house in Duston, Arizona, where only Elena can see and help the ghost of the young girl who died there.”

Rating:0.....5.....10



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Title: <i>Hole in the Sky</i>	Author: Pete Hautman	Comments:
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“In a future world ravaged by a mutant virus, sixteen-year-old Ceej and three other teenagers seek to save the Grand Canyon from being flooded, while trying to avoid capture by a band of renegade Survivors.”

Rating:0.....5.....10

Title: <i>The Hoover Dam</i>	Author: Lesley A. Dutemple	Comments:
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“The construction history Hoover Dam is presented.”

Rating:0.....5.....10

Title: <i>Josanie’s War: A Chiricahau Apache Novel</i>	Author: Karl H. Schlesier	Comments:
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Rating:0.....5.....10

Title: <i>Kokopelli’s Flute</i>	Author: Will Hobbs	Comments:
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“Thirteen-year-old Tepary discovers an old flute in a cliff dwelling in New Mexico, and through its power he learns about ancient Native American magic.”

Rating:0.....5.....10



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Title: <i>The Last Lobo</i>	Author: Roland Smith	Comments:
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“When Jake, a teenager, takes his grandfather on a visit to their Hopi tribal homeland in Arizona, he finds himself fighting to save an endangered Mexican wolf.”

Rating:0.....5.....10

Title: <i>The Last Snake Runner</i>	Author: Kimberley Griffiths Little	Comments:
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“Fourteen-year-old Kendall, half Anglo and half Acoma Indian, travels through time to sixteenth-century Acoma, New Mexico, where, in the midst of the invasion of Spanish conquistadors, he joins his Acoma ancestors to play his destined role as the last member of the Snake Clan. ”

Rating:0.....5.....10

Title: <i>The Maze</i>	Author: Will Hobbs	Comments:
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“Rick, a fourteen-year-old foster child, escapes from a juvenile detention facility near Las Vegas and travels to Canyonlands National Park in Utah where he meets a bird biologist working on a project to reintroduce condors to the wild.”

Rating:0.....5.....10

Title: <i>Navajo Long Walk: The Tragic Story of a Proud People’s Forced March from their Homeland</i>	Author/Illustrator: by Joseph Bruchac illustrated by Shonto Begay	Comments:
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This book depicts – in words and in paintings - the oppression of the Navajo at the hands of the cavalry – 1863-1867.

Rating:0.....5.....10



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Title: <i>Rio Grande Stories</i>	Author: Carolyn Meyer	Comments:
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“While preparing a book which highlights the people and traditions of the diverse culture found in Albuquerque, a group of seventh-graders discover interesting things about their city and families.”

Rating:0.....5.....10

Title: <i>River Thunder</i>	Author: Will Hobbs	Comments:
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“Despite some reservations, sixteen-year-old Jessie joins her companions from the previous year's adventure on the Colorado River for a legal rafting trip through the Grand Canyon.”

Rating:0.....5.....10

Title: <i>Runs with Horses</i>	Author: Brian Burks	Comments:
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“Sixteen years old in 1886, Runs With Horses trains to become a warrior with Geronimo's band of Apaches in the American Southwest.”

Rating:0.....5.....10

Title: <i>The Staircase</i>	Author: Ann Rinaldi	Comments:
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“In 1878, after her mother's death on the way West, thirteen-year-old Lizzy Enders is left by her father at a convent school in Sante Fe, where she must deal with being the only non-Catholic student and where she plays a part in what some consider a miracle.”

Rating:0.....5.....10



Book Pass for _____

Title: <i>Stargirl</i>	Author: Jerry Spinelli	Comments:
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“In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.”

Rating:0.....5.....10

Title: <i>A Sunburned Prayer</i>	Author: Mark Talbert	Comments:
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“As he makes a seventeen-mile pilgrimage to the Santuario de Chimayó that he hopes will save his beloved grandmother from cancer, eleven-year-old Mark is joined by a friendly dog that helps him keep going.”

Rating:0.....5.....10

Title: <i>Walker of Time</i>	Author: Helen Hughes Vick	Comments:
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“A fifteen-year-old Hopi boy and his freckled companion travel back 800 years to the world of the Sinagua culture, a group of people beset by drought and illness and in need of a leader. ”

Rating:0.....5.....10

Title: <i>Walker’s Journey Home</i>	Author: Helen Hughes Vick	Comments:
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“Still trapped in ancient times, fifteen-year-old Walker reluctantly accepts the responsibility of leading a group of Indians on a difficult and dangerous journey across the high desert country of northern Arizona to a new home on the Hopi mesas.”

Rating:0.....5.....10