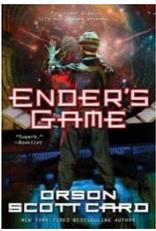
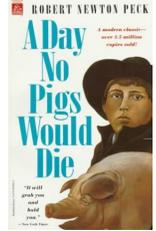
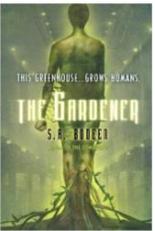
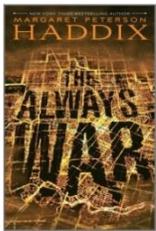
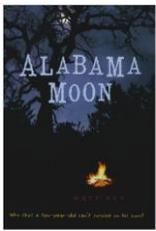


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*Mr. Andrews' Top Picks*



**Alabama Moon by Watt Key**

For as long as ten-year-old Moon can remember, he has lived in the forest in a shelter with his father. They keep to themselves; their only contact with other human beings is an occasional trip to the nearest general store. When Moon's father dies, Moon follows his father's last instructions: travel to Alaska to find others like themselves. But Moon is soon entangled in an outside world he has never known.

**The Always War by Margaret Peterson Haddix**

In a war-torn future United States, fifteen-year-old Tessa and her friends, Gideon and Dek, enter enemy territory and discover the shocking truth about a war that began more than seventy-five years earlier.

**Click by David Almond, et al**

When Maggie and Jason's grandfather, photo-journalist George "Gee" Keane dies, he leaves them simple gifts that turn out to be windows into his fascinating and complicated life. Each chapter deals with a different character. They can be read as stand-alone short stories but the whole story is revealed when they are read together.

**The Gardener by S.A. Bodeen**

Mason isn't supposed to know about the greenhouse – but he does. He isn't supposed to meet the beautiful girl who doesn't need food or water to survive – but he has. Now, Mason is on the run with the girl. And the Gardener, the mysterious mastermind of an institution that grows humans, wants them both – dead or alive.

**The Compound by S.A. Bodeen**

Nine-year-old Eli, his sisters and parents move into the Compound, an expansive underground bunker built by Eli's billionaire father as a refuge from nuclear attack. Waiting for the outside environment to be safe to reenter, fifteen-year-old Eli is starting to have doubts about his father's motives, explanations and sanity. Can Eli trust his father?

**A Day No Pigs Would Die by Robert Newton Peck**

When young Rob Peck saves a neighbor's cow, the neighbor gives him a pig as a reward. Pinky is Rob's constant companion as he juggles backbreaking farm work with schooling that is so important to his father. Pinky is a pet and a friend, but on a farm, every animal must have its use. Will the support of a loving family and the plainspoken Shaker teachings of his father, Haven, be enough to see Rob through on the day no pigs would die?

**Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card**

One of the greatest science fiction novels ever! After the earth is twice attacked by aliens, the world government begins breeding military geniuses, one of whom is Ender Wiggin.

**Clockwork Three by Matthew Kirby**

As mysterious circumstances bring Giuseppe, Frederick and Hannah together, their lives soon interlock like the turning gears in a clock and they realize that each one holds a key to solving the others' mysteries.

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*Mr. Andrews' Top Picks continued*

**The Fourth Stall – Part 1 & 2**

**by Chris Rylander**

Packed with action, suspense and memorable characters, this witty school story is perfect for fans of page-turning adventures. Got a problem? Head upstairs to Mac's office located in the fourth bathroom stall – and he and his best friend will solve it for a small fee. These sixth-grade problem solvers have always been able to fix anything, but they might have finally met their match in Staples, the legendary teenage bully.

**The Maze Runner by James Dashner**

Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up in an elevator with no memory except for his first name. He's arrived in "the glade," an area surrounded by stone walls that open to a maze every morning. With him in the glade are about 60 boys, all searching for an escape route. And then a girl appears with a message, and things begin to change.

**Story Time by Edward Bloor**

George and Kate are promised the finest education when they transfer to the Whittaker Magnet School. It boasts the highest test score in the nation. But at what price? Their school's curriculum is focused on beating standardized tests: classes are held in dreary windowless rooms and students are force-fed noxious protein shakes to improve their test performance. Worst of all, there seems to be a demon loose in the building – one whose murderous work has only just begun.

**Trapped by Michael Northrop**

Seven high school students are stranded at their New England high school during a week-long blizzard that shuts down the power and heat and leaves them wondering if they will survive.

**Unwind by Neal Shusterman**

In a future world where those between the ages of 13 and 18 can have their lives "unwound" and their body parts harvested for use by others, three teens go to extreme lengths to uphold their beliefs and save their own lives.

**Unwholly by Neal Shusterman**

The sequel to Unwind finds Connor, Lev and Risa – who exposed the practice of "harvesting" troublesome teens for their body parts – involved with Cam, a young man made completely of other teen's body parts.

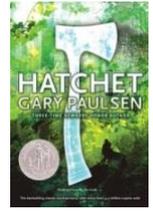
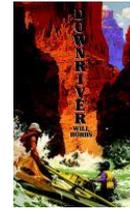
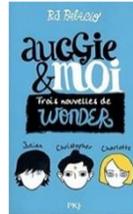
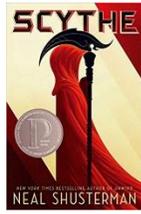
**Wonder by R.J. Palacio**

Ten-year-old Auggie, born with extreme facial abnormalities, must struggle with the taunting and fear of classmates as he enters a private school in Manhattan in an attempt to live a normal life.

**Variant by Robison Wells**

After years in foster homes, seventeen-year-old Benson Fisher applies to New Mexico's Maxfield Academy in hopes of securing a brighter future, but instead he finds that the school is a prison and no one is what he or she seems.

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**Dry by Neal Shusterman**

In California, a drought, or the Tap-Out, has been going on for so long that water runs out and the tap runs dry. Neighborhoods begin fighting each other for water and turn into warzones. Alyssa is forced to make difficult decisions for herself and her brother when her parents don't return and their lives are threatened.

**Scythe by Neal Shusterman**

In a world where hunger, disease, war, and misery no longer exist, scythes now have to keep the population under control. Two teenagers, Citra and Rowan, are selected to train to be scythes. While knowing that the consequence of not mastering the "art" of taking life means losing their own, they must train to be scythes, a job that neither wants.

1: *Scythe*, 2: *Thunder Head*, 3: *The Toll*

**Mrs. Strong Recommends:**

**The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart**

Coyote and her dad, Rodeo, have been living on the road in an old school bus for five years. They started traveling after Coyote's mom and two sisters died in a car crash. Coyote creates a plan to have her dad drive 3,600 miles back home in just four days, without him realizing it to, help save her old neighborhood's park, where she buried a memory box with her mom and sisters. On their journey, Coyote and her dad meet some misfit travelers. It's a difficult journey, but Coyote realizes that with friends, she may turn her "once upon a time" into a "happily ever after."

**Additional Recommendations:**

**Auggie & Me: Three Wonder Stories by R.J. Palacio**

Some of the characters in Palacio's *Wonder* return to tell Auggie's story through the points of view of Julian, Christopher, and Charlotte.

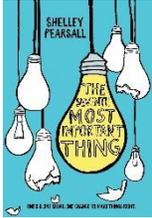
**Downriver by Will Hobbs**

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.

**Hatchet by Gary Paulsen**

Thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson is on his way to visit his father when the single engine plane in which he is flying crashes. Suddenly, Brian finds himself alone in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but his clothing, a tattered windbreaker, and the hatchet his mother has given him as a present -- and the dreadful secret that has been tearing him apart ever since his parents' divorce. But now Brian has no time for anger, self-pity, or despair -- it will take all his know-how and determination, and more courage than he knew he possessed, to survive.

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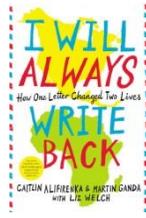


**The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pears**

A crime, a Junk Man and 120 hours of community service that isn't what it seems.

**I Will Always Write Back by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda**

It started as an assignment. Everyone in Caitlin's class wrote to an unknown student somewhere in a distant place.



**The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives by Dashka Slater**

Sasha and Richard were high school students in Oakland, California in 2013, but they lived very different lives. Sasha was white, middle-class, and attended a private school. Richard was black, lived in a crime-filled neighborhood, and attended public school. They spent 8 minutes together on the 57 bus each day. Their lives changed forever when a dare left Sasha badly burned and Richard was charged with multiple hate crimes and faced life imprisonment.

