11 Birthdays
By Wendy Mass
267 pages
After celebrating their first nine same-day birthdays together, Amanda and Leo, having fallen out on their tenth and not speaking to each other for the last year, prepare to celebrate their eleventh birthday separately but peculiar things begin to happen as the day of their birthday begins to repeat itself over and over again.

The Bad Beginning
By Lemony Snicket
162 pages
After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that the distant relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune.

The Cabinet of Wonders
By Marie Rutkoski
258 pages
Twelve-year-old Petra, accompanied by her magical tin spider, goes to Prague hoping to retrieve the enchanted eyes the Prince of Bohemia took from her father, and is aided in her quest by a Roma boy and his sister.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
By Roald Dahl
155 pages
Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way.

The Emerald Atlas
By John Stephens
417 pages
Kate, Michael, and Emma have passed from one orphanage to another in the ten years since their parents disappeared to protect them, but now they learn that they have special powers, a prophesied quest to find a magical book, and a fearsome enemy.

The False Prince
By Jennifer Nielsen
342 pages
In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.

Fortunately, the Milk
By Neil Gaiman
101 pages
While picking up milk for his children's cereal, a father is abducted by aliens and finds himself on a wild adventure through time and space.

Gregor the Overlander
By Suzanne Collins
311 pages
When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving humans, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

In a Blink
By Kiki Thorpe
118 pages
When four friends are whisked out of their ordinary lives to Never Land, home to fairies and mermaids, Queen Clarion and Tinker Bell have to figure out a way for them to get home.

Into the Wild
By Erin Hunter
272 pages
Rusty, a bored house kitten, is apprenticed by the ThunderClan and must struggle to fit in when the group of feral cats is threatened by the enemy ShadowClan.

Janitors
By Tyler Whitesides
300 pages
A sixth grader stumbles upon a secret that threatens to turn schoolchildren everywhere into mindless automatons.

Kingdom Keepers: Disney After Dark
By Ridley Pearson
324 pages
Finn Whitman and his fellow DHIs, teenagers chosen to serve as actors for
a new technology, investigate strange occurrences at Disney theme park attractions, racing to uncover a supernatural force that could destroy the world.

*The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell*  
By Chris Colfer  
438 pages  
Through the powers of a book of stories, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about.

*The Littles Go Exploring*  
By John Peterson  
94 pages  
Years ago, Grandpa Little set off to explore and was never seen again and the mystery of his disappearance was never solved. But now, Lucy and Tom have stumbled across a secret room where Grandpa kept many papers and maps. The family packs up and heads upstream. But when their odyssey is over, will the Littles know any more about what happened to Grandpa Little?

*Magyk*  
By Angie Sage  
564 pages  
After learning that she is the Princess, Jenna is whisked from her home and carried toward safety by the Extraordinary Wizard, her father and brother, and a young guard—pursued by agents of those who killed her mother ten years earlier.

*The Search for WondLa*  
By Tony DiTerlizzi  
477 pages  
Living in isolation with a robot on what appears to be an alien world populated with bizarre life forms, a twelve-year-old human girl called Eva Nine sets out on a journey to find others like her. Features “augmented reality” pages, in which readers with a webcam can access additional information about Eva Nine's world.

*A Tangle of Knots*  
By Lisa Graff  
230 pages  
Destiny leads 11-year-old Cady to a peanut butter factory, a family of children searching for their own Talents, and a Talent Thief who will alter her life forever.

*The Tale of Despereaux*  
By Kate DiCamillo  
267 pages  
The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.