

Middle School Booklist by Bob Heal

Topic ID	Title	Author's (Last , First)	Name	Pages	Copyright Year.	Publisher	Notes
Biography	<i>A Day of Pleasure</i>	Singer	Isaac Bashevis	227	1969	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	Told in short chapters, this memoir is filled with vivid sketches of the social life of the Polish Jews.
Biography	<i>Amelia Earhart: Pioneer of the Sky</i>	Parlin	John	69	1962	Dell	One of Earhart's last quotes was "Women must try to do things as men have tried."
Biography	<i>America's Robert E. Lee</i>	Commager	Henry Steele	115	1951	Houghton Mifflin	Lee could be placed alongside Lincoln for his moral character.
Biography	<i>Bach</i>	Holst	Imogen	88	1965	Crowell	Bach was a great musician, composer, teacher and devout Luthern.
Biography	<i>Benjamin West and His Cat Grimalkin</i>	Henry	Marguerite	146	1947	Macmillan	West was the first great American painter.
Biography	<i>Clara Barton: Founder of the American Red Cross</i>	Sloate	Susan	119	1990	Fawcett	
Biography	<i>Columbus</i>	D'Aulaire	Ingri and Edgar Parin	59	1955	Dell	A well researched book about Columbus.
Biography	<i>Frederick Douglas: Voice of Freedom</i>	Weiner	Eric	107	1992	Dell	Douglas' life later affected many people like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Biography	<i>George Washington: The Man Who Would Not Be King</i>	Krensky Stephen	116	1991	Scholastic	George was a model political figure--a great role model in many ways.
Biography	<i>Homesick: My Own Story</i>	Fritz Jean	163	1982	G.P. Putnam and Sons	This book is filled with a ten-year-old child's recollections of early-twentieth-century China, who later became a great author.
Biography	<i>J.R.R. Tolkien; Master of Fantasy</i>	Collins David	102	1992	Lerner	Tolkien and C.S.Lewis were the greatest writers of fantasy in the 20th century.
Biography	<i>Jesse Owens: Champion Athlete</i>	Rennert Rick	152	1953	Chelsea	Jesse won 4 gold metals at the 1936 Olympics in front of a very upset Hitler. His moto-"Go the limit, past your limit."
Biography	<i>Jim Abbott: All-American Pitcher</i>	Reiser Howard	46	1993	Children's Press	He is one of only 15 men to go straight to the major league--skipping the minor league.
Biography	<i>Jim Thorpe: Olympic Shampion</i>	Van Riper, Jr. Guernsey	192	1956	Aladin	Illustrated by Gray Morrow. A Native American who was named the greatest all-around athlete of the half-century, in 1950.
Biography	<i>Lincoln: A photobiography</i>	Freedman Russell	150	1987	Clarion	The author brings out Lincoln's human side. Great photos and a sampling of Lincoln's writing
Biography	<i>Louis BrailleTheBoyWho InvintedBooks for the Blind</i>	Davidson Margaret	80	1971	Scholastic	An accident as a child left Louis Braille blind; then look what he did!
Biography	<i>Maria Tallchief</i>	Tobias Tobi	32	1970	Crowell	Illustrated by Michael Hampshire. Born in 1925 on an American Indian reservation, she later became a famous ballerina.

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Biography	<i>Martin Luther</i>	Syme Ronald	71	1953	Abington	One of the greatest achievements of this famous theologian was translating the Bible into German.
Biography	<i>Martin Luther King, Jr.: Dreams for a Nation</i>	Quayle Louise	120	1989	Fawcett	King paid the greatest price for his dream-death.
Biography	<i>Mother Teresa: Sister to the Poor</i>	Giff Patricia Reilly	58	1987	Puffin	Story of a nun who served the sick and suffering in India as an extension of the teachings of Jesus Christ.
Biography	<i>Mr. Revere and I</i>	Lawson Robert	152	1953	Little, Brown	The narrator of this wonderful biography is a "horse".
Biography	<i>Our Golda: The Story of Golda Meir</i>	Adler David A.	52	1984	Viking	A Russian-born Jew later fought for peace in the Middle East.
Biography	<i>Rachel Carson: Who Loved the Sea</i>	Latham Jean Lee	80	1973	Garrard	She became a great writer about the sea, and other topics.
Biography	<i>Squanto: First Friend to the Pilgrims</i>	Dubowski Cathy East	91	1990	Dell	Illustrated by Steven James Petruccio.
Biography	<i>The Story of My Life</i>	Keller Helen	159	1902	Scholastic	This is Helen Keller's autobiography written when she was a sophomore in college.
Biography	<i>Who Was That Masked Man, Anyway?</i>	Avi	170	1992	Orchard Books	From the Superman radio serial.

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Contemporary Fiction	<i>A Dog on Barkham Street</i>	Stolz Mary	184	1960	HarperCollins	Illustrated by Leonard Shortall. Edward learns that love and respnsibility must go hand in hand.
Contemporary Fiction	<i>Blackwater</i>	Anderson Rachael	168	1995	H. Holt	Story about Self-Acceptence.
Contemporary Fiction	<i>Bridge to Terabithia</i>	Paterson Katherine	128	1977	Crowell	Illustrated by Donna Diamond. Two nonconformists create their own magical realm.
Contemporary Fiction	<i>Cracker Jackson</i>	Byers Betsy	146	1986	Puffin	An eleven-year-old boy tries to save his former babysitter from abuse by her husband.
Contemporary Fiction	<i>Dear Mr. Henshaw</i>	Cleary Beverly	134	1984	Dell	Illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky. Ten-year-old Leigh writes letters to his favorite author.
Contemporary Fiction	<i>Jacob Have I Loved</i>	Paterson Katherine	244	1980	Harper Trophy	A twin feels that her sister has deprived her of parental affection and schooling.
Contemporary Fiction	<i>Maniac Magee</i>	Spinelli Jerry	184	1990	Harper Trophy	A 12-year-old boy ends racial prejudice in a Pennsylvania town.
Contemporary Fiction	<i>On My Honor</i>	Bauer Marion Dane	90	1986	Dell	A strong person-against-self conflict results when a friend drowns in a river.
Contemporary Fiction	<i>Other Bells for Us to Ring</i>	Cormier Robert	136	1990	Dell	Illustrated by Deborah Kogan Ray. During WW II two girls become friends and then go through hard experiences.

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Contemporary Fiction	<i>Phoenix Rising</i>	Hesse Karen	182	1994	Holt	A thirteen-year-old boy learns about relationships and death.
Contemporary Fiction	<i>Thank You, Jackie Robinson</i>	Cohen Barbara	125	1974	Lothrop	Illustrated by Richard Cuffari. A shy Jewish boy and an older African-American follow their sports hero together.
Contemporary Fiction	<i>The Birchbark House</i>	Erdrich Louise	244	1999	HyperionBooks for Children	Omakayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojiba tribe lives through the joys of summer.
Contemporary Fiction	<i>The Diddakoi</i>	Godden Rumer	147	1972	Viking	Kizzy is a homeless "tinker". The story shows that social action should always be based on the respect for the individual.
Contemporary Fiction	<i>The Saturdays</i>	Enright Elizabeth	175	1941	Dell	The Melendy children are a refreshing example of how much fun can be had with just a little imagination.
Contemporary Fiction	<i>The Summer of the Swans</i>	Byers Betsy	142	1981	Puffin	A mentally disabled boy goes out in search of the swans.
Contemporary Fiction	<i>Walk Two Moons</i>	Creech Sharon	280	1994	HarperCollins	Secret Messages are used to develop the theme. Thirteen-year-old Sal is the main character.
Fables & Fairy Tales	<i>Gudgekin the Thistle Girl and Other Tales</i>	Gardner John	59	1976	Knopf	
Fables & Fairy Tales	<i>Pinocchio</i>	Collodi Carlo	206	1883	Schocken	In Geppetto's hands, a piece of wood that talks becomes a living marionette.

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Fables & Fairy Tales	<i>The Cat Who Went to Heaven</i>	Coatsworth Elizabeth	64	1958	Aladdin	
Fables & Fairy Tales	<i>The Cuckoo Clock</i>	Stolz Mary	86	1987	Godine	Ula the clockmaker makes clock that comes alive.
Fables & Fairy Tales	<i>The Light Princess</i>	MacDonald George	120	1977	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	
Fables & Fairy Tales	<i>The Little Prince</i>	de Saint-Exupery Antoine	96	1943	Harcourt Brace Jovanovich	...translated from the French
Fables & Fairy Tales	<i>The Shadowmaker</i>	Hansen Ron	66	1987	HarperCollins	A cunning little girl named Drizzle rescues her town from the beblam created by the mysterious.....
Fantasy & Science Fiction	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>	L'Engle Madeleine	211	1962	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	A search leads across the galaxy into combat with an evil darkness that threatens the cosmos.
Fantasy & Science Fiction	<i>At the Back of the North Wind</i>	MacDonald George	307	1871	Godine	Illustrated by Lauren A. Mills. In an allegorical story, a poor boy travels to the back of the North Wind.
Fantasy & Science Fiction	<i>Charlotte's Web</i>	White E.B.	184	1952	HarperCollins	Illustrated by Garth Williams. Charlotte, with the help of Templeton the rat, saves Wilbur's life and creates a legend.
Fantasy & Science Fiction	<i>Elisabeth and the Water Troll</i>	Wangerin Walter	64	1991	HarperCollins	Illustrated by Deborah Healy. Hope can always be found, even when there is death and loss.

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Fantasy & Science Fiction	<i>Gulliver's Travels</i>	Swift Jonathan	96	1726	William Morrow	Illustrated by David Small. Story about Gulliver's adventures with strange beings in mysterious lands.
Fantasy & Science Fiction	<i>Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH (N)</i>	O'Brien Robert	232	1971	Atheneum	A group of superior rats escape from a laboratory.
Fantasy & Science Fiction	<i>Pilgrim's Progress</i>	Bunyan John	120	1678	Lippincott	Illustrated by Robert Lawson. One of the most read books for generations. Retold by Mary Godolphin--easier to read.
Fantasy & Science Fiction	<i>The Borrowers</i>	Norton Mary	200	1953	Harcourt Brace Jovanovich	Three little people survive by borrowing things from the human household above.
Fantasy & Science Fiction	<i>The Chronicles of Narnia (7 books)</i>	Lewis C. S.		1950	Macmillan	Illustrated by Pauline Baynes. If you don't read any others -- READ THESE BOOKS.
Fantasy & Science Fiction	<i>The Curse of the Blue Figurine</i>	Bellairs John	200	1983	Dial Books for Young Readers	A very good scary novel.
Fantasy & Science Fiction	<i>The Gammage Cup</i>	Kendall Carol	221	1959	Harcourte Brace Jovanovich	Illustrated by Erik Blegvad. Authentic unity comes from selfless service, not conformity.
Fantasy & Science Fiction	<i>The Golden Key</i>	MacDonald George	86	1867	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	Illustrated by Maurice Sendak. This story is an allegory of life; one of the best fantasy stories written.
Fantasy & Science Fiction	<i>The Hobbit</i>	Tolkien J.R.R.	317	1937	Houghton Mifflin	Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit, joins forces with dwarfs in a quest to overthrow the evil dragon.

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Fantasy & Science Fiction	<i>The Indian in the Cupboard</i>	Banks Lynne Reid	182	1983	Avon	An exciting story that is alive with magic. One of the BEST OF RECENT children's fiction books.
Fantasy & Science Fiction	<i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i>	Juster Norton	256	1961	Randon House	Illustrated by Jules Feiffer. Milo enters a tollbooth and finds himself in the Kingdom of Wisdom.
Fantasy & Science Fiction	<i>The Princess and the Goblin</i>	MacDonald George	208	1871	William Morrow	Illustrated by Jesse Wilcox Smith. Princess Irene discovers her fairy godmother spinning magical thread.
Fantasy & Science Fiction	<i>The Reluctant Dragon</i>	Grahame Kenneth		1898	Holiday House	Illustrated by Ernest H. Shepard. This whimsical tale reminds us that it is not always wise to judge by appearances.
Fantasy & Science Fiction	<i>The Wind in the Willows</i>	Grahame Kenneth	259	1908	Aladdin	Illustrated by Ernest H. Shepard. Mole, Water-Rat, and Toad have a series of adventures. A MUST READ!
Fantasy & Science Fiction	<i>Tom's Midnight Garden</i>	Pearce Philippa	229	1958	Harper Trophy	Illustrated by Susan Einzig. A story regarded as one of the masterpieces of children's literature. A MUST READ!
Fantasy & Science Fiction	<i>Tuck Everlasting</i>	Babbitt Natalie	139	1975	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	This fantasy story is about everlasting life.
Fantasy & Science Fiction	<i>Westmark</i>	Alexander Lloyd	192	1982	Dell	Moral dilemmas and adventure combine to give this story of good vs. evil.
Historical Fiction	<i>A Gathering of Days</i>	Blos Joan W.	144	1990	Aladdin	This story tells a thirteen-year-old girl's experience on a farm--and her acceptance of her father's new wife.

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Historical Fiction	<i>Adam of the Road</i>	Gray	Elizabeth	1942	Puffin	Illustrated by Robert Lawson. Story of a boy in medieval England and his journey to manhood.	
Historical Fiction	<i>All-of-a-Kind Family</i>	Taylor	Sydney	189	1951	Dell	Illustrated by Helen John. Daily life in a Jewish community of five girls.
Historical Fiction	<i>Black Beauty</i>	Sewell	Anna	1877	Simon & Schuster	Illustrated by John Spiers. A Classic.	
Historical Fiction	<i>Blue Willow</i>	Gates	Doris	176	1940	Puffin	Illustrated by Paul Lantz. A family during the Depression.
Historical Fiction	<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i>	Curtis	Christopher	245	1999	Delacorte Press	The story of ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy, living in Michigan during the Great Depression
Historical Fiction	<i>Caddie Woodlawn</i>	Brink	Carol Ryrie	275	1935	Aladdin	Illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman. Twelve-year-old Caddie lives with her family on the Wisconsin frontier in 1864.
Historical Fiction	<i>Catherine Called Birdy</i>	Cushman	Karen	169	1994	Clarion	Catherine writes a diary in 1290, including her struggle to marry the man of HER choice.
Historical Fiction	<i>Dragonwings</i>	Yep	Laurence	248	1975	Harper Trophy	In 1903, eight-year-old Chinese boy helps his father build a flying machine.
Historical Fiction	<i>Hans Brinker, or The Silver Skates</i>	Dodge	Mary Baker	320	1858	Dell	The story of how Hans and Gretel Brinker compete for the silver skates. One of the best-loved stories of all time.

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Historical Fiction	<i>I, Juan de Pareja</i>	de Trevino	Elizabeth Borton	180	1965	Farrar, Strause and Giroux	A slave becomes the assistant of one of the greatest painters in the 17th century--Velazquez.
Historical Fiction	<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i>	O'Dell	Scott	181	1961	Houghton Mifflin	Illustrated by Ted Levin. A 12-year-old native American girl survives for eighteen years before a ship takes her to the Calif.mainland.
Historical Fiction	<i>Johnny Tremain</i>	Forbes	Ester	256	1944	Houghton Mifflin	The story of a young silversmith's apprentice and his initiation into manhood.
Historical Fiction	<i>King of the Wind</i>	Henry	Marguerite	174	1948	Aladdin	Illustrated by Wesley Dennis. The story of the great Godolphin Arabian who was the ancestor of Man O'War.
Historical Fiction	<i>Little Women</i>	Alcott	Louisa	303	1868	Puffin	This classic story tells about a loving family.
Historical Fiction	<i>Nightjohn</i>	Paulsen	Gary	92	1993	Delacorte Press	Twelve-year-old boy lives a brutal life as a slave.
Historical Fiction	<i>Number the Stars</i>	Lowry	Lois	137	1989	Houghton Mifflin	A ten-year-old helps her Jewish friend escape the Nazis.
Historical Fiction	<i>Perilous Pilgrimage</i>	Treece	Henry	158	1959	Criterion	Stephen leads the Children's Crusade and learns that prejudice based on skin color is always evil.
Historical Fiction	<i>Prairie Songs</i>	Conrad	Pam	167	1985	Harper Trophy	Illustrated by Darryl Zudeck. A brother and sister experience that loniliness is the greatest enemy, not Indians, in pioneer life.

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Historical Fiction	<i>Sarah, Plain and Tall</i>	MacLachlan Patricia	58	1987	Harper Trophy	A frontier family longs for a mother.
Historical Fiction	<i>Shades of Gray</i>	Reeder Carolyn	165	1991	Avon	Set in the Civil War, a boy encounters pacifism.
Historical Fiction	<i>Smith</i>	Garfield Leon	192	1967	Dell	A great mystery novel packed with adventure and unforgettable characters in 18th century England.
Historical Fiction	<i>Souder</i>	Armstrong William H.	116	1969	HarperCollins	An African American sharecropper's family experiences prejudice.
Historical Fiction	<i>Steal Away</i>	Armstrong Jennifer	206	1992	Orchard Books	
Historical Fiction	<i>The Burning Room</i>	Fleischman Paul	101	1991	HarperCollins	Family life on the Ohio frontier during the Depression follows the activities in a room set aside for births and deaths.
Historical Fiction	<i>The Door in the Wall</i>	de Angeli Marguerite	120	1949	Dell	Robin is going to become a knight like his father..but something happens to him first.
Historical Fiction	<i>The House of Sixty Fathers</i>	DeJong Meindert	189	1956	Harper Trophy	Illustrated by Maurice Sendak. Story of the Japanese invasion of China in WW II and a little boy who is separated from his parents.
Historical Fiction	<i>The Little House in the Big Woods</i>	Wilder Laura Ingalls	238	1932	HarperCollins	Illustrated by Garth Williams

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Historical Fiction	<i>The Red Pony</i>	Steinbeck John	131	1945	Viking	A classic story of a boy's initiation into manhood. Jody has to learn self-reliance and responsibility.
Historical Fiction	<i>The Secret Garden</i>	Burnett Frances Hodgson	240	1911	Viking	A garden, not seen for 10 years, works its magic spell on a lonely girl, a sick boy, and an unhappy father.
Historical Fiction	<i>The Sign of the Beaver</i>	Speare Elizabeth	135	1983	Houghton Mifflin	A boy survives in a frontier cabin after an Indian friend teaches him survival techniques.
Historical Fiction	<i>The Singing Tree</i>	Seredy Kate	247	1939	Puffin	Inspiring story of one Hungarian family's determination to remain true to its farming and cultural heritage, despite onset of WW I.
Historical Fiction	<i>The Slave Dancer</i>	Fox Paula	127	1975	Dell	In 1840, a fife player witnesses the misery of the slave trade.
Historical Fiction	<i>The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</i>	Avi	232	1990	Avon	A girl is accused of murder when she sails on a sailing ship ...she learns that all men are created equal--no matter what color.
Historical Fiction	<i>The Trumpeter of Krakow</i>	Kelly Eric	239	1928	Collier	A young boy's admiration for the bravery of a long-dead youth causes him to remain loyal to Poland.
Historical Fiction	<i>The Writing on the Hearth</i>	Harnett Cynthia	318	1971	Viking	Illus'd by Gareth Floyd.Young Stephen has to choose between his own ambition and loyalty to the crown in 14th century England.

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Historical Fiction	<i>Twenty and Ten</i>	Bishop Claire Huchet	76	1952	Puffin	Twenty French schoolchildren hide ten Jewish children from the Nazis.
Historical Fiction	<i>Under the Hawthorn Tree</i>	Conlon-McKenna Marita	124	1992	Puffin	Three Irish children survive the 19th century famine.
Holidays & Religious Days	<i>A Christmas Carol</i>	Dickens Charles	118	1843	Holiday House	Illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman
Holidays & Religious Days	<i>Angels and Other Strangers</i>	Paterson Katherine	118	1979	Harper Trophy	A collection of fictional stories about ordinary people
Holidays & Religious Days	<i>The Bells of Christmas</i>	Hamilton Virginia	59	1989	Harcourte Brace Jovanovich	Illustrated by Lambert Davis. A story of two African American families in 1890 written by the best in this area.
Holidays & Religious Days	<i>The Gift of the Maji</i>	Henry O.		1906	Picture Book Studio	Illustrated by Lisbeth Zwerger
Myths, Legends, and Folk Tales	<i>Canterbury Tales</i>	Chaucer Geoffrey	84	1988	Lothrop	Chaucer's tales are adapted to younger readers. RETOLD by Barbara Cohen.
Myths, Legends, and Folk Tales	<i>Crow and Weasel</i>	Lopez Barry	63	1990	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	Illustrated by Tom Pohrt
Myths, Legends, and Folk Tales	<i>Cupid and Psyche: A Love Story</i>	Barth Edna	64	1976	Clarion	

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Myths, Legends, and Folk Tales	<i>D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths</i>	D'Aulaire	Ingri and Edgar Parin	192	1962	Doubleday	
Myths, Legends, and Folk Tales	<i>Dick Wittington and His Cat</i>	Moore	Eva	61	1974	Clarion	Illustrated by Kurt Werth
Myths, Legends, and Folk Tales	<i>Dragon Slayer: The Story of Beowulf</i>	Sutcliff	Rosemary	108	1996	Puffin	Illustrated by Charles Keeping
Myths, Legends, and Folk Tales	<i>Heather and Broom: Tales of the Scottish Highlands</i>	Leodhas	Sorche Nic	128	1960	Henry Holt	
Myths, Legends, and Folk Tales	<i>Island of the Mighty: Stories of Old Britain</i>	Middleton	Haydn	80	1987	Oxford	Illustrated by Anthea Toorchen
Myths, Legends, and Folk Tales	<i>Merlin Dreams</i>	Dickinson	Peter	167	1988	Delacorts	Illustrated by Alan Lee
Myths, Legends, and Folk Tales	<i>Stories for Children</i>	Singer	Isaac Bashevis	338	1962	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	
Myths, Legends, and Folk Tales	<i>Tales from Silver Lands</i>	Finger	Charles	225	1924	Doubleday	Illustrated by Paul Honore
Myths, Legends, and Folk Tales	<i>The Adventures of Robin Hood</i>	Green	Roger Lancelyn	256	1956	Puffin	Illustrated by Arthur Hall

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Myths, Legends, and Folk Tales	<i>The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales</i>	Hamilton Virginia	178	1985	Knopf	Illustrated by Leo and Diane Dillon
Myths, Legends, and Folk Tales	<i>The Truthful Harp</i>	Alexander Lloyd		1967	Henry Holt	Illustrated by Evaline Ness
Sacred Tests	<i>In the Beginning: Creation Stories</i>	Hamilton Virginia	176	1988	Harcourt Brace Jovanovich	Illustrated by Barry Moser. Twenty-five ancient and contemporary creation myths from around the world
Sacred Tests	<i>The Book of Adam to Moses</i>	Segal Lore	115	1987	Knopf	Illustrated by Leonard Baskin. Taken from the Bible--the best-seller list for over two thousand years.
Sacred Tests	<i>The Message: The N.T. in Contemporary English</i>	Peterson Eugene H.	544	1993	NavPress	Peterson said the New Testament writings were done in the street language of that day. He brings this over into today's English.

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