

## Children's Literature PreK-8

### **20,000 Leagues Under the Sea**

010278 VH, DV  
IJS 91 min CA 1996 Facets  
Multimedia

In this underwater adventure based on the novel by Jules Verne, renowned marine biologist, Henry Aronnax (Richard Crenna) is commissioned by the U.S. Navy to investigate a rash of attacks on its military vessels. The mysterious sea creature sinking warships is actually an underwater seacraft - the Nautilus. When their ship is violently struck, Professor Aronnax, his daughter Sophie (Julie Cox) and whaler Ned Land (Paul Gross) are thrown overboard and captured. The Nautilus's evil captain Nemo (Ben Cross) promises the three captives freedom within his submarine, but at the price of never again returning to their world. They reluctantly accept his offer and plunging into the ocean's dark, uncharted depths, their lives constantly threatened by man-eating sharks and monstrous sea beasts. However, the three captives find out that the greatest danger is not outside the ship but inside it.

Stories; Children's Literature  
PreK-8; Feature films

### **The Addams Family**

012228 DV  
IJS 99 min CA 1991 Amazon.com  
Gomez (Raul Julia) and Morticia (Anjelica Huston) from the Addams family plan a celebration to wake the dead when long-lost Uncle Fester (Christopher Lloyd) reappears after twenty-five years in the Bermuda triangle. But "Thing" points out to Wednesday (Christina Ricci) in her electric chair, Fester's uncommonly "normal" behavior. Could this Fester be a fake, part of an evil scheme to raid the Addams fortune?

Stories; Children's Literature PreK-8; Feature films; Humor & Satire

### **Alice in Wonderland (Disney)**

010068 DV  
PI 75 min CA 1951 World of  
Reading

*Walt Disney Classic Series* - This Disney animated classic based on the book by Lewis Carroll begins when daydreaming Alice encounters a White Rabbit who is frantically running late. She chases him and falls into the magical world of Wonderland with its kaleidoscope of characters including Tweedledee and Tweedledum, the Cheshire Cat and the manic Mad Hatter, who invites her to a memorable tea party. Alice meets the Queen of Hearts and her enchanted deck of playing cards. Tricked into a curious game of croquet, Alice ends up on trial but finds an escape from this whimsical place. Rated G. DVD in English and Spanish; with English subtitles.

Children's Literature PreK-8;  
Foreign Language: Spanish;  
Stories; Feature films

### **Animal Farm (TNT)**

005178 VH, DV  
JSA 91 min CA 1999 Facets, Inc  
Made-for-television live-action version of George Orwell's classic about social injustice, political oppression, and greed resulting in a revolution by the oppressed. Set in the beautiful Irish countryside and populated with a wide variety of barnyard animals. Jim Henson's Creature Shop uses computerized technology to animate the protagonists.

Humor & Satire; Orwell, George;  
Allegories; Children's Literature  
PreK-8; English literature; Stories

### **Authors Up-Close: Favorite Authors and Illustrators in Their Studios**

011240 VH  
PI 23 min 2003 Book Vine for  
Children

Visits to three authors/illustrators. The first is to Vera B. Williams, author of "More, More, More Said the Baby." She reads from her book "Amber Was Brave, Essie Was Smart." The second visit is to Denise Fleming, author of "In the Small, Small Pond." She demonstrates her pulp-painting technique. The third visit is to Barbara Joosse, author of "Mama, Do You Love Me?" The programs are designed for author study and story time and use a variety of media to give educators and students insights into the lives and work of authors and illustrators of books for children. The film clips are edited to five minutes to meet educators' needs. Additional resources at [www.TeachingBooks.net/AutorResources/](http://www.TeachingBooks.net/AutorResources/)

Stories; Art & Artists; Children's  
Literature PreK-8; Authors & their  
Writings

### **Balto**

011479 VH, DV  
PI 78 min CA 1992 Library Video  
Company

Balto, a sled dog in Alaska, is an outcast, being part husky, part wolf. His only friends are Boris, the Russian snow goose, the polar bear cubs Muk and Luk and the husky, Jenna. When a serious diphtheria epidemic spreads among the town's children, Balto proves his noble spirit by making an arduous journey during a fierce arctic blizzard to bring life-saving medicine. Animated movie with voices of Kevin Bacon, Bridget Fonda, Bob Hoskins and Phil Collins. Rated G.

Stories; Feature films; Children's  
Literature PreK-8

### **Beatrix Potter : Artist, Storyteller and Countrywoman**

012836 DV  
IJSA 58 min 1993 Weston Woods  
A documentary film about the life of the remarkable author and illustrator of "The Tale of Peter Rabbit," full of examples of her exquisite water colors, rare family portraits taken by her father and photographs of the countryside that she loved. ([B])

Women artists--Great Britain--  
Biography; Stories; Children's  
stories--Authorship; Animal painting  
and illustration; Potter, Beatrix,--  
1866-1943; Lake District  
(England)--Biography; Authors &  
their Writings; Country life--  
England--Lake District; Children's  
stories--Illustrations; Women  
authors, English--Biography;  
Children's Literature PreK-8;  
Language arts (Elementary);  
Illustrators, English--Biography

### **The Big Friendly Giant**

000108 VH  
PIJ 95 min 1990 Library Video  
Company

This animated feature is based on Roald Dahl's delightful story of Sophie, a young girl, and the 25-foot tall BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who rescue the dreams of the children of England.

Stories; Dahl, Roald; Children's  
Literature PreK-8

### **Bridge to Terabithia**

004650 VH  
IJ 58 min 1985

Based on Katherine Paterson's novel, Jesse Aarons, a shy fifth-grader who dreams of becoming an Olympic runner and escaping the loneliness of his family farm, meets Leslie, a new neighbor and a tomboy. Leslie becomes a good friend, and Jesse and she create a fantasy world near their homes. Her accidental death causes Jesse to blame himself as he must learn to deal with the loss of someone close.

Children's Literature PreK-8; Death  
& Dying; American Literature;  
Stories; Human Relations;  
Adolescence

### **Bridge to Terabithia**

012952 DV  
IJ 90 min 2007 Disney Educational  
Tired of being bullied at school and neglected at home, Jess Aarons and Leslie Burke escape into the woods, where Leslie opens Jess's mind to the kingdom of Terabithia. It's a secret land where they reign supreme among the giants, ogres and other fantastical creatures they create. As their imaginations soar and their friendship deepens, they discover how to fight the forces of darkness, even the forces of death. ([FIC])

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Foreign Language: Spanish;  
Feature films—United States;  
Friendship—Drama; Spanish  
language materials—Bilingual;  
Death—Drama; French language  
materials—Bilingual; Grief in  
children—Drama; Language arts  
(Elementary); Foreign Language:  
French; Feature films; Children's  
Literature PreK-8; Children's  
literature—Film and video  
adaptations

### Charlotte's Web

002777 VH

PIJ 94 min 1972

E. B. White's marvelous story of Charlotte, the spider, who befriends and comforts Wilbur, the pig, is animated here, and with the voices of Debbie Reynolds, Agnes Morehead, Paul Lynde, and Henry Gibson. It is a tale about friendship and loyalty, and about the continuation of life after death through the next generation.

Feature films; Stories; American Literature; White, E(lwyn) B(rooks); Children's Literature PreK-8; Death & Dying

### Charlotte's Web

012689 DV

PI 96 min CA 2006 Amazon.com

Fern is a young farm girl who rescues the runt, Wilbur. Wilbur the pig is saved from certain death and Fern visits him every day at her Uncle Homer's farm. But it's Wilbur's friendship with Charlotte the spider that ultimately saves him from the "smoke house." Charlotte's talent for weaving praiseworthy words about Wilbur into her web turns the Zuckerman farm into a tourist attraction. ([FIC])

Spiders—Drama; Praise—Drama; Human-animal relationships—Drama; Spider webs—Drama; Language arts (Elementary); Friendship—Drama; Children's Literature PreK-8; Feature films; Piglets—Drama

### Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

011848 DV

IJS 145 min CA 1968 Amazon.com

Eccentric inventor Caractacus Potts (Dick van Dyke) creates an extraordinary car called Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. It not only drives, but also flies and floats, as it leads him, his two children and his lady friend Truly Scrumptious (Sally Ann Howes), into a magical world of pirates, castles and endless adventures. Musical family film with clever "Oscar"-nominated tunes and enchanting storyline. Based on the story by Ian Flemings; screenplay by Roald Dahl, produced by Albert R. Broccoli. DVD with sing-along feature. Rated G.

Stories; Dahl, Roald; Feature films; Musicals; Music & Musicians; Children's Literature PreK-8

### Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

012022 DV

IJS 135 min 2005 Amazon.com

Four siblings find the world of Narnia through a magical wardrobe while playing a game of hide-and-seek at the estate of a mysterious professor, where they were sent for protection during World War II. The land, inhabited by strange creatures, has been turned into eternal winter by an evil witch. Aided by a wise lion, the children help free Narnia from the witch's powers. Multiple Award-winning feature film based on the adventure story by C. S. Lewis. DVD with special features; English, French language; French, Spanish subtitles. Rated PG.

Feature films; Children's Literature PreK-8; Stories; Foreign Language: French

### Creative Reading & Writing w/ Roald Dahl

For descriptions see individual titles:

Humor, Horror, Thrills & Chills  
[010540]

### Cricket in Times Square

005028 VH

PI 30 min 1973

This animated story, based on the book by George Selden, is about Chester, a country cricket who makes beautiful violin music by rubbing his wings together. When he arrives in New York City he is befriended by Tucker the mouse and Harry the cat as he helps some human friends.

New York Theme; Stories; New York City & State; Children's Literature PreK-8

### Danny: Champion of the World

011800 VH

IJ 85 min 1989 Library Video Company

Based on the novel by Roald Dahl this film, a wonderful adaptation of the book, is about Mr. Smith, a widowed father and his son, Danny who team up to defend their land against Mr. Hazell, a greedy businessman trying to buy up their beloved property. To get what he wants, Hazell sets out to make their lives miserable, but with the help of Hazell's pheasants, the father and son team turn the tables on the greedy man and save their little paradise. With Jeremy Irons, Robbie Coltrane and Samuel Irons.

Children's Literature PreK-8; Human Relations; Stories; Feature films

### Dear America

For descriptions see individual titles:

Standing in the Light [009161]

### Dr. Seuss Collection: 10 Timeless Classics

012524 DV

PI 200 min Phoenix Learning Grp

Two-disc set with these timeless Dr. Seuss classics: The Zax, 5 min.; The Sneetches, 13 min.; Green Eggs and Ham, 9 min.; Halloween is Grinch Night, 25 min.; The Grinch Grinches the Cat in the Hat, 25 min.; The Hooper-Bloob Highway, 25 min.; Dr. Seuss on the Loose, 30 min.; The Cat in the Hat, 26 min.; The Lorax, 25 min.; Pontoffel Pock, 25 min.

Children's Literature PreK-8; Seuss, Dr; Stories

### Flubber

009394 VH

IJ 94 min CA 1998 Zenger Video

Brilliant but befuddled Professor Philip Brainard (Robin Williams) is on the brink of inventing a revolutionary energy source and missing his wedding to his fiancée for the 3rd time. When he experiments with his own big bang theory, a miraculous elastic goo "Flubber" emerges. He soon discovers that Flubber, applied to anything, enables it to bounce super high and fast. In the end the question is whether Flubber is goo enough to win his fiancée back and save her company from its financial problems.

Children's Literature PreK-8; Feature films; Stories; Chemistry

### From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler (1978)

002368 VH

IJ 30 min 1978 ESEA Title VI

Based on the book by E. L. Konigsburg, the film follows the adventures of Claudia Kincaid and her brother, Jamie, who run away from home to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. There, Claudia sees a sculpture of an angel which the Museum curators believe might be the work of Michelangelo, although so far they have no positive authentication. Claudia sets her heart on learning the truth of the matter. After an exciting week during which the children manage to evade museum guards and make their temporary home at the Museum, their search for information about the stone angel takes them to the home of the previous owner, Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, where they discover the truth, and afterwards find their way safely home again.

Stories; Konigsburg, E(laine) L(obl); New York City & State; Children's Literature PreK-8; Art & Artists; New York Theme

### From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler (1995)

001091 VH, DV

PIJ 92 min 1995 Library Video Company

Based on the Newberry Award-winning book by E. L. Konigsburg, this video is updated and longer than the 1978 film that starred Ingrid Bergman.

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It is still the story of Claudia Kincaid and her brother Jamie who run away from home to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City and, once there, fall in love with a statue the provenance of which is still in question. They elude guards and other grown-ups and solve the mystery by tracking down Mrs. Frankweiler (Lauren Bacall), last owner of the statue, and delving in her confused files.

Children's Literature PreK-8; New York Theme; Konigsburg, E(laine) L(obl); New York City & State; Art & Artists; Stories

### The Gardener

005020 VH

P 11 min 1998

From the book by Sarah Stewart, illustrated by David Small, this iconographic video is told in epistolary form by Lydia Grace Finch, who must move from her home in the country to the city to live with her dour Uncle Jim when her father loses his job during the Great Depression. While helping in Uncle Jim's bakery, Lydia Grace finds a way to use her love of gardening to create a special place that will make her uncle smile.

Language arts; Children's Literature PreK-8; Stories

### Get A Clue!

005030 VH

PI 95 min 1997

Based on the Newberry Award-winning novel "The Westing Game" by Ellen Raskin, this is about what happens when Turtle Wexler's family moves next door to a haunted mansion. On a dare, she sneaks into the house, finds a crime scene, and proceeds to gather evidence with her partner Chris to cash in on a \$20 million reward. Clearly, this adaptation takes many liberties with Raskin's clever, complicated story, including eliminating some of the characters, combining others, and changing sites.

Children's Literature PreK-8; American Literature; Stories

### \*The Gift of the Magi

IJS 20 min 2001 Library Video Company

A husband and wife sacrifice treasured possessions in order to buy each other Christmas presents. Based on the short story by O. Henry. (also on VHS video, MC #3294);

Christmas—Drama; American literature—Film and video adaptations; Holidays: December; Stories; American Literature; Christmas—Fiction; Short Stories; O. Henry

### Harriet the Spy

000079 VH

PI 102 min 1996 Library Video Company

11-year old Harriet, dreaming of becoming a writer, keeps a notebooks with her observations of on her classmates and neighbors. When her friends find out and are angry with her, she learns some important life lessons, with the help of her nanny and best friend, played by Rosie O'Donnell. Rated PG.

Adolescence; Feature films; Children's Literature PreK-8; Fitzhugh, Louise; Stories; American Literature

### Howl's Moving Castle

012063 DV

PI 119 min 2004 Amazon.com

A love story between an 18-year-old girl named Sofi, cursed by a witch into an old woman's body, and a magician named Hauru. Under the curse, Sofi sets out to seek her fortune, which takes her to Hauru's strange moving castle. In the castle, Sophie meets Hauru's fire demon, named Karishifā. Seeing that she is under a curse, the demon makes a deal with Sophie—if she breaks the contract he is under with Hauru, then Karushifā will lift the curse that Sophie is under, and she will return to her 18-year-old shape. Richly detailed animated story based on the novel by Diana Wynne Jones; screenplay and directed by Hayao Miyazaki. With the voices of Jean Simons, Lauren Bacall, Blythe Danner, Billy Crystal. Special features on the DVD include: Hayao Miyazaki visits Pixar Animation Studios with Pixar director John Lasseter; complete storyboards set to the movie soundtrack. Choice of English, French, Japanese language. Rated PG.

Children's Literature PreK-8; Stories; Feature films; Foreign Language: Japanese; Foreign Language: French

### Humor, Horror, Thrills & Chills

010540 VH, DV

PI 15 min 2003 New Dimension Media

*Creative Reading & Writing w/Roald Dahl Series* - The program explores the elements of Roald Dahl's characters through interviews with the author, readings from his books, animated scenes from his plots, and captioned demonstrations of his various writing devices. It examines his four rules of writing: make your readers laugh, make your readers squirm, enthrall your readers, and excite your readers. The series presents his strong production values, using a variety of visual and media techniques, imaginative captions, visits to places and characters in his works, and humor to enhance and explain the feelings admired in his writing. Perfect for the time around Halloween.

Dahl, Roald; Authors & their Writings; Holidays: November; Writing; Children's Literature PreK-8; Stories; Language arts

### The Indian in the Cupboard

000950 VH

IJ 98 min 1995 Movies Unlimited

Based upon the modern classic children's novel by Lynn Reid Banks, the film tells of Omri's experience when a small plastic Indian figure comes to life after spending time in a magic cupboard.

Children's Literature PreK-8; Stories; Feature films

### Jacob Have I Loved

005024 VH

IJ 60 min 1989

Based on the award-winning novel by Katherine Paterson, this is the story of sixteen-year old Louise, played by Bridget Fonda, who dreams of leaving her isolated Chesapeake Bay fishing town as well as the shadow of her beautiful, talented twin sister. She is able to find her own place in the world with the help of a special friendship and the birth of a new set of twins.

American Literature; Adolescence; Stories; Human Relations; Children's Literature PreK-8

### James and the Giant Peach

001267 VH

PIJ 79 min 1997 Movies Unlimited

Based broadly on the book of Roald Dahl, this film tells of James, much put upon by his aunts, who escapes into a giant peach and has adventures with anthropomorphic insects and others. Lane Smith's charming designs are integrated into live-action segments.

Children's Literature PreK-8; Feature films; Stories

### Jumanji

000080 VH, DV

PIJ 104 min CA 1995 Library Video Company

Chris van Allsburg's book concerns two jaded children who find a board game in the park and play it, despite warnings about the dire consequences (the jungle animals that invade their home). Robin Williams stars in this adaptation in which a young player, Alan, is transported into the untamed jungles of Jumanji where he stays for 26 years until two children, playing the game, finally free him from the game's spell, and the grown Alan tries to outwit the game's powerful forces. Exciting special effects, humor and magic. Rated PG.

Stories; Award - Caldecott Winner; Children's Literature PreK-8; Feature films; Van Allsburg, Chris; American Literature

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### **A Kid in King Arthur's Court**

009097 VH  
PI 90 min CA 1996 Library Video Company

When a little-leaguer lets his team down an earthquake sends him through a magical time rift to King Arthur's court. It is up to the kid to save the kingdom and he must find a way to conquer his fears. This Disney film is the hilarious updating of Mark Twain's timeless "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court". Rated PG.

Stories; Feature films; Children's Literature PreK-8; Twain, Mark; Humor & Satire

### **Kristen's Fairy House**

005021 VH, DV  
PI 40 min 1997 Light-Beams Publishing

Kristen vacations on a Maine island off the New England coast with her aunt Tracy, an artist. Tracy is creating a picture book about "fairy houses" built in the woods using natural but non-living materials by visiting children. When Kristen checks the house, she finds at first that is has attracted the local animals, not fairies. As they share an adventure Kristen becomes the heroine of her own story. Live action.

Kane, Tracy L.—Film and video adaptations; Language arts (Elementary); Children's Literature PreK-8; Animals—Drama; Fairies—Drama; Stories

### **\*The Last Leaf**

IJS 23 min 2001 Library Video Company

Features a video adaptation of an O. Henry short story. A young artist, bedridden with pneumonia believes that she will die the instant the last leaf has fallen from the vine outside her bedroom window. Her survival hinges on the willingness of one unlikely individual to risk everything in a secret, last minute attempt to rid her of her morbid fixation.

American Literature; Short Stories; American literature—Film and video adaptations; O. Henry; Death & Dying; Death—Drama; Stories

### **The Legend of Sleepy Hollow (Rabbit Ears)**

000856 VH, DV  
PI 30 min 1988 Library Video Company

*Rabbit Ears Storybook Classics Series* - Washington Irving's classic story pits the new schoolmaster, Ichabod Crane, against the local hero and bully, Brom Bones, in the Hudson Valley communities near Catskill. Glenn Close narrates, and Robert Van Nutt illustrates, this entertaining version of the droll tale of romantic rivalry climaxed with the appearance of one of the great, legendary ghosts: The Headless Horseman.

Irving, Washington; Legends; Children's Literature PreK-8; Stories

### **Letter on Light Blue Stationery**

005023 VH  
PI 22 min 1989

Based on the books by Joy Berry, this animated video tells of Pamela, asked to write a sympathy letter to the family of a classmate who has died. At first she can think of nothing to write about this "ordinary" girl but, after talking to other children, she learns that everyone has special qualities, and she learns a lesson about herself. Children are encouraged to value themselves and appreciate others.

Guidance; Stories; Children's Literature PreK-8

### **Linnea in Monet's Garden**

000923 VH, DV  
PI 30 min 1993 ArtsAmerica, Inc

Lena Anderson and Christina Bjork wrote and directed this full animation version of their book by the same title about a little Swedish girl's fascination with Impressionist Claude Monet's paintings. Linnea and her elderly friend Mr. Bloom set off to Paris and then to Monet's garden in Giverny, where they discover the real places which served as inspiration for their favorite paintings, and the viewer watches as the paintings and the garden "come to life" in live action.

Stories; Children's Literature PreK-8; Art & Artists; France

### **The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe**

009035 VH  
PIJ 174 min 1988 Library Video Company

Based on the book by C.S. Lewis, this video follows the adventures of Lucy, Peter, Susan and Edmund, four children exiled from London to a large country house during the Blitz, when Lucy finds the magical kingdom of Narnia after hiding in a large wardrobe. The children join the inhabitants of Narnia in battling the White Witch, who keeps Narnia in a constant state of winter, and Aslan, the lion king, who leads the fight against her.

Children's Literature PreK-8; Stories; English literature

### **Little Prince, The (Animated)**

009411 VH  
PI 27 min 1987 Library Video Company

This enchanting French classic was written by Antoine de Saint-Exupery. The Little Prince lived on a tiny planet watching over his three volcanoes and tending a single rose of great beauty. Because of a painful misunderstanding with his beloved rose, he left the planet in search of "matters of consequence." Eventually his travels took him to Earth where he made friends with a fox. The fox

taught him that "it is only with the heart that one sees rightly, what is essential is invisible to the eye." The Little Prince concluded that we are too bogged down in trivia. Instead we should concentrate on "matters of consequence" such as laughter, sunsets, roses and friendship. Clay animation; produced and directed by Will Vinton and narrated by Cliff Robertson.

French Literature; Children's Literature PreK-8; Stories

### **Little Prince, The (Paramount Pictures)**

009412 VH  
PI 88 min 1974 Library Video Company

Antoine de Saint-Exupery's classic fable of innocence and discovery takes place on the Saharan sand where a desert-stranded pilot (Richard Kiley) and the Little Prince - a wandering child from a faraway place - meet. Together they share encounters that amuse, charm and touch the heart. They encounter a fox (Gene Wilder), who shares his wisdom with the two. They also talk about a very special rose and witness the wily dance of a snake (Bob Fosse). Through these encounters the Little Prince learns the importance of life on earth. With songs by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe.

Stories; Feature films; French Literature; Children's Literature PreK-8

### **Little Women**

001695 VH  
IJ 119 min 1933 rental from Facets  
This updated version of the family classic from the book by Louisa May Alcott stars Winona Ryder (in an Oscar-nominated role) as the spirited Jo and Susan Sarandon as Marmee. With an all-star cast, critics called this "an affectionate, superbly acted film". Rated PG.

American Literature; Feature films; Stories; Children's Literature PreK-8; Alcott, Louisa May

### **Lost in the Woods: The Movie**

012120 DV  
P 40 min CA 2006 Amazon.com  
Based on the award-winning children's book by Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick. A little fawn is sleeping alone in the woods, apparently lost. Other animals gather around it. They discover the magic of spring and learn the truth about the little fawn. Tale of trust, patience and waiting for your time. Combination of live video and photography from the book.

Seasons; Stories; Children's Literature PreK-8

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### Matilda

000076 VH, DV  
PI 99 min 1996 Library Video Company

Cinematic rendering about a precocious girl, Matilda who is loathed by her parents for her acquired exotic tastes particularly reading. However she goes to school under the tutelage of the evil Agatha Trunchbull who has monstrous streak, tormenting pupils. On the other hand is Ms Honey who is caring. Matilda, a smart but misunderstood little girl, applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the headmistress and bring back her wonderful teacher.

Children's Literature PreK-8;  
American Literature; Stories;  
Feature films; Dahl, Roald

### Merlin & the Dragons

010299 DV  
PI 52 min 1991 Wiz

*Stories to Remember Series* - Young Arthur does not understand why pulling a sword from a stone qualifies him for kingship. Old Merlin tells him a story about fighting dragons, clashing armies, and a young boy's prophetic dreams, inspiring young Arthur with the confidence he will need to become a great king. Animated story narrated by Kevin Kline; written by Jane Yolen. DVD includes bonus commentary by the author. In English, Spanish, French, German, Italian and other languages.

Mythology; Foreign Language: French; Foreign Language: Mandarin; Stories; Foreign Language: Italian; Foreign Language: Spanish; Children's Literature PreK-8; Foreign Language: German; Legends

### MGM presents Midnite movies

*For descriptions see individual titles:*  
The Pit and the Pendulum [011818]

### Molly's Pilgrim

004620 VH, 16, DV  
I 24 min 1985 ECIA Chapter 2

Based on the book of the same name by Barbara Cohen, the film tells of a young Russian Jewish girl who has emigrated to America with her parents to escape religious persecution. Her classmates make fun of her clothing and speech, and Molly is lonely and unhappy. When Thanksgiving comes, the class is asked to create dolls based on a Thanksgiving character. Molly longs to have her doll like the others, so she will be considered a "real American" like the other children. The doll does not look like the others at all, but though it is different, it teaches all the children about the reasons for Thanksgiving.

Holidays: November; Children's Literature PreK-8; Stories

### My Antonia

012690 VH  
IJS 92 min 1994 Amazon.com

Features a video adaptation of a Willa Cather novel set in Nebraska in the 1890's. Follows the heartwarming romance of two teenagers and the conflict caused by their different backgrounds. (813/52)

Children's Literature PreK-8;  
Farmers' spouses-Nebraska-Drama; Frontier and pioneer life-Nebraska-Drama; Language arts (Secondary); Stories; Women pioneers-Nebraska-Drama; Farm life-Nebraska-Drama; Feature films; Women-Nebraska-Drama

### \*O. Henry: A Life in Stories

IJS 42 min 2001 Library Video Company

William Sydney Porter was born in Greensboro, North Carolina in 1862. In his colorful lifetime, he would become a pharmacist, a bank teller, a bookkeeper, a clerk, an illustrator, a draftsman, a newspaperman, an editor, reporter, columnist, a cartoonist, and one of America's favorite authors.

American Literature; Short Stories; American literature-Film and video adaptations; O. Henry; Stories; Biography; Authors, American-19th century-Biography

### Oliver Twist (Alec Guinness)

012019 DV

IJS 116 min CA 1951 Amazon.com  
Based on the Charles Dickens novel this film is about an orphan boy who runs away from a workhouse and meets a pickpocket on the streets of London. He becomes den of thieves in a household of young boys who are trained to steal for their master. The boys thieving activities lead to murder and community outrage as they are hunted down. This version of Oliver Twist is topped by Alec Guinness's remarkable (and slightly controversial) performance as Fagin, the old mentor to the gang of boy thieves. David Lean directed this film, which has a nightmarish quality, fitting its bleak, industrial setting. Restored version by Criterion from the 35mm fine grain master. In black & white.

Dickens, Charles; Children's Literature PreK-8; Feature films; English literature

### Oliver Twist (Ben Kingsley)

011930 DV

JS 130 min CA 2005 Amazon.com  
Feature film based on the classic story by Charles Dickens. Young orphan Oliver Twist (Barney Clark) is forced to live in a workhouse lorded over by the awful Mr. Bumble, who cheats the boys of their meager rations. Oliver escapes to the streets of London and is lured into a world of crime by the sinister Fagin (Ben Kingsley), who is the mastermind of a gang of pint-sized pickpockets. The rescue by the kindly Mr. Brownlow is the beginning of a

better life for Oliver. Directed by Roman Polanski. DVD with special features; in English, French language and subtitles.

Stories; Feature films; English literature; Dickens, Charles; Children's Literature PreK-8; Foreign Language: French

### Oliver Twist (Irving Pichel)

002894 VH  
IJS 71 min 1933 Sunburst

In this early version of Dickens' classic, Oliver is played by Dickie Moore, and Fagin by Irving Pichel.

Feature films; English literature; Children's Literature PreK-8; Dickens, Charles

### Peter Rabbit Collection

*For descriptions see individual titles:*  
The Tale of Pigling Bland [011972]  
The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies and Mrs. Tittlemouse [011971]

### \*The Pit and the Pendulum

JSA 80 min CA 1961 Amazon.com  
*MGM presents Midnite movies Series* - THE PIT AND THE PENDULUM: A young man's search for the truth of his sister's death uncovers a bizarre and ghastly secret.

Brothers and sisters-Drama; Torture-Drama; French language materials-Bilingual; Authors & their Writings; Video recordings for the hearing impaired; Stories; Feature films; Foreign Language: French; Short Stories; American literature-Study and teaching; Poe, Edgar Allan,-1809-1849-Film and video adaptations

### Rabbit Ears Storybook Classics

*For descriptions see individual titles:*  
The Legend of Sleepy Hollow (Rabbit Ears) [000856]

### Sarah Plain & Tall

005025 VH, DV  
PIJSA 98 min 1990

Based on the Patricia MacLachlan novel, this Hallmark Hall of Fame video takes place in 1910 when New Englander Sarah Wheaton (Glenn Close) answers an ad for a mail-order bride for a Kansas farmer (Christopher Walken), a widower raising two children. Eventually, Sarah is able to help them all get over their painful past and open their hearts to her, as they once again become a family. The DVD version includes additional features.

Feature films; American Literature; Stories; United States-Geography; Children's Literature PreK-8

## Children's Literature PreK-8

### The Secret of NIMH

005026 VH, DV  
PI 83 min CA 1982 Amazon.com  
Based on Robert C. O'Brien's award-winning novel, "Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of N.I.M.H.," this animated video tells the story of the timid mouse who becomes a heroine by saving her family's home from the farmer's plow with the help of a crow, an owl, and some very smart rats. A timeless tale of love, courage and determination. Followed up by "The Secret of NIMH 2: Timmy to the Rescue" (009414).

Feature films; Children's Literature PreK-8; Stories

### The Secret of NIMH 2: Timmy to the Rescue

009414 VH, DV  
PI 70 min CA 1998 Library Video Company  
In Thorn Valley the mice-folk have everything they could possibly need but a hero. So they call upon Timmy Brisby who once saved them from an evil place called NIMH. But first Timmy has to go through Hero Training 101. He masters snake patrol and more and must put his new skills to the test when he has to rescue young mouse Jenny's parents from NIMH. Timmy is up to the challenge and proves, that no matter one's size, anyone can be a hero. Animated movie, featuring original songs. Follow-up to "The Secret of NIMH" (005026).

Children's Literature PreK-8;  
Feature films; Stories

### Shakespeare: The Animated Tales (1)

P09602 DV

### Shakespeare: The Animated Tales (2)

P09603 DV

### Shakespeare: The Animated Tales (3)

P09604 DV

### Shakespeare: The Animated Tales (4)

P09605 DV

### Sheep Crossing

005022 VH  
PI 30 min 1996  
This program explores the world of sheep and wool. It includes an introduction to a newborn lamb, border collies at work and play, a contest where children bring wool from "sheep to shawl," visits to custom spinners where yarn is made, and families bringing sheep to a fair.

Children's Literature PreK-8;  
Animals-Habitats & Behavior;  
Stories

### Shiloh

010535 VH  
IJS 93 min CA 1997 Library Video Company  
An inspirational story of a boy's love for a dog, based on the Newberry Award-winning book by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. Shiloh, an adorable beagle, runs away from his neglectful and abusive owner and is found by a boy named Marty. Marty knows that Shiloh belongs to his neighbor who is known to abuse his dogs and is determined to save the dog from more neglect. Against the wishes of the dog's owner and his own father, Marty risks everything to make the dog his own and learns some hard lessons about honor and honesty. The film provides a thoughtful lesson in weighing right and wrong.

Stories; Children's Literature PreK-8; Feature films; Guidance

### Shiloh 2 (Shiloh Season)

010536 VH  
IJS 96 min CA 1999 Library Video Company  
The sequel to "Shiloh" (MC# 10535) based on the book "Shiloh Season" from Phyllis Reynolds Naylor's Newbery Award-winning book trilogy. Marty, a seventh-grader, has had run-ins with his neighbor Judd, who mistreats his dogs but with whom he struck a deal to keep Shiloh, a beagle. Judd seems bent on making the boy and his family pay in more ways than one for keeping the dog. With the guidance of his father and Doc Wallace, a family friend, Marty confronts the troubles responsibly and exercises courage and compassion to turn Judd into a friend. All learn a lesson from Shiloh, who heroically saves the life of the man who mistreated him. Rated PG.

Human Relations; Children's Literature PreK-8; Stories;  
Guidance; Feature films

### Skylark

011434 VH  
IJS 98 min CA 1993 Library Video Company  
Based on the book by Patricia MacLachlan, in this sequel to "Sarah Plain and Tall" Sarah (Glenn Close) and Jacob (Christopher Walken) are forging a life together in the Kansas prairie when drought ravages the land. Crops fail, friends leave and the simple fabric of their lives is torn apart by the struggle to survive. When a fire threatens their home and their lives, Sarah and Jacob are forced to make a difficult decision. Rated G

Feature films; Stories; Children's Literature PreK-8

### The Snow Queen & The Wild Swans

012939 DV  
PI 30 min 1992 Kids First  
*Stories to Remember Series* - Two award-winning animated productions based on fairy tales by Hans Christian Andersen. THE SNOW QUEEN: Story of a young girl's quest to rescue her playmate from the icy palace of the Snow Queen. Music composed and performed by Jason Miles. THE WILD SWANS: Eleven brothers who have been turned into swans by their evil stepmother are saved by their beautiful sister under difficult circumstances. Music composed and performed by Rob Hyman and Eric Bazilian. (398.2)

Foreign Language: Spanish; Fairy tales, Danish; Children's Literature PreK-8; Children's literature-Film and video adaptations; Stories; Children's stories; Language arts (Elementary)

### Something From Nothing

012119 DV  
P 23 min 1999 KOL-AMI  
In this retelling of a traditional Jewish folktale Joseph's baby blanket is transformed into even smaller items as he grows until there is nothing left - but then Joseph has an idea. Animated story based on the best-selling book by Phoebe Gilman.

Language arts (Elementary);  
Stories; Children's Literature PreK-8

### Standing in the Light

009161 VH  
PI 30 min 1999  
*Dear America Series* - The captive story of Catharine Carey Logan, Delaware Valley, Pennsylvania, 1763; by Mary Pope Osborne. Caty has always lived a quiet life with her Quaker family. But one day Caty's world is changed forever. The Lenape Indians, who have been viciously attacked by white settlers, retaliate by kidnapping Caty and her brother. Terrified and angry, Caty rejects the Lenape family that tries to raise her as their own. A handsome warrior named Snow Hunter teaches Caty to respect Lenape traditions and captures her heart. Now caught between two worlds, Caty wonders if she will ever be able to return to her old life. From the award-winning book series, inspired by the diaries of real girls.

Children's Literature PreK-8; United States-Stories; United States-History-1600-1775, Colonial Period; Indians of the Americas-Stories; Stories

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### Stone Fox

009749 VH  
IJ 96 min 1987 Library Video Company

It's 1905 and 12-year-old Willy, his beloved Grampa and dog Morgan have been running their Wyoming cattle ranch since the death of Willy's parents. When the plains are hit by a hard winter, Grampa suffers a debilitating stroke. Willy is left alone to save the ranch and herd. Doc Smith befriends Willy while treating Grampa, but even she and the other townsfolk cannot help save the ranch. Willy's only chance for a better life is to enter a grueling dogsled race. The prize is \$ 500! Willy and Morgan board a sled only to find their dogsled competition is the formidable Stone Fox, the undefeated legend of the racing circuit. Can Willy beat the odds and win back the ranch for his Grampa? An endearing movie through heartbreak and adventure. Based on the award-winning book by John Reynolds Gardiner.

Children's Literature PreK-8;  
Feature films; American Literature

### Stories to Remember

For descriptions see individual titles:  
Merlin & the Dragons [010299]  
The Snow Queen & The Wild Swans [012939]

### The Summer of the Swans

005029 VH  
PI 45 min 1998

Based on the Betsy Byars novel, this is the story of Sara who does not take the responsibility for watching her younger brother Charlie until he disappears in the woods, far from home. While searching for him, she meets Joe, who has always liked her and helps her learn an important lesson about thinking of others.

Adolescence; American Literature;  
Children's Literature PreK-8;  
Stories

### \*The Tale of Pigling Bland

PI 26 min 1993 Amazon.com

*Peter Rabbit Collection Series - Pigling Bland and Pig-wig must escape the clutches of Mr. Piperson before he can turn them into next season's bacon in this charming tale of a lovable pig who saves the day and gets his wish. Based on the original Peter Rabbit Books by Beatrix Potter. Produced in association with the BBC.*

Potter, Beatrix, -1866-1943;  
Children's stories; Children's Literature PreK-8; Children's stories—Film and video adaptations; Stories

### \*The Tale of the Flopsy Bunnies and Mrs. Tittlemouse

PI 26 min 1993 Amazon.com

*Peter Rabbit Collection Series - Benjamin Bunny has married his Cousin Flopsy, but their six little Flopsy Bunnies get into all kinds of trouble. Based on the original Peter Rabbit Books by Beatrix Potter. Produced in association with the BBC.*

Potter, Beatrix, -1866-1943;  
Children's stories; Children's Literature PreK-8; Children's stories—Film and video adaptations; Stories

### Thank You, Sarah: The Women Who Saved Thanksgiving

012229 DV  
PI 12 min 2002 Library Video Company

This animated program tells the true story of Sarah Hale and her decades-long campaign to secure Thanksgiving's status as a national holiday in the United States. Based on the book by Laurie Halse Anderson, the program features an introduction by the author. The story follows lady editor Sarah Hale as she works on a one-woman, letter-writing campaign to save Thanksgiving, spanning four decades, the Civil War and five U.S. presidents. Illustrated by Matt Faulkner.

Holidays: November; Children's Literature PreK-8; Stories; United States—History

### Tom & Huck

004894 VH  
PIJ 92 min 1995

Based on Mark Twain's novel "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," this feature film focuses on the friendship and mischief of Tom and his friend Huck Finn and includes a treasure hunt, a haunted house, a courtroom drama, a chase in a cave, and the inevitable lesson for Tom about supporting a friend in trouble.

Twain, Mark; American Literature;  
Stories; Feature films; Children's Literature PreK-8

### A Tree Grows in Brooklyn

009101 VH  
JS 128 min 1945 Library Video Company

Based on Betty Smith's classic novel about life in turn of the century in Brooklyn. A sensitive, touching study of struggle, hardship and growing up. The story centers on young Francis Nolan, whose father, Jimmy, is a silver-tongued charmer who dazzles Francie with his fantastic dreams. Because of Jimmy's irresponsibility and heavy drinking, it falls to his wife, Katie, to hold the family together. Francie, not understanding the conflict between them, resents her mother, until the loss of one life, and the beginning of another, opens Frankie's eyes. Black and white. Not rated.

Stories; Children's Literature PreK-8; Feature films

### Tuck Everlasting

010215 VH, DV  
IJ 90 min CA 2002 Facets Multimedia

An enchanting adventure about one girl's magical summer based on the book by Natalie Babbitt. Young Winnie Foster, stifled by the formality of her proper life and domineering mother, escapes into the woods only to get lost. Soon she happens upon Jesse Tuck, a boy full of life and adventure who's unlike anyone she has ever met, and falls in love. The Tucks, a kind and generous family, have a powerful secret, a spring that holds the magic of everlasting life. Winnie must chose to live a life as she knows it or drink from the spring. With Alexis Bledel, Ben Kingsley, Sissy Spacek, Jonathan Jackson and William Hurt. Rated PG. DVD with special features incl. "A Visit With Natalie Babbitt." In English language; English, French and Spanish subtitles.

Foreign Language: French;  
Children's Literature PreK-8;  
Stories; Feature films; Foreign Language: Spanish; Authors & their Writings

### A Visit with Tomie dePaola

001338 VH  
PIJS 25 min 1996 Putnam Publishing

Tomie dePaola is an artist who writes and illustrates children's books as well as creates fine art which he exhibits and sells. In this video, he takes the viewer on a tour of his home and his studio, showing how he creates his work and discussing some of his beliefs about art and life. Clips from home movies of his youth are included.

dePaola, Tomie; Children's Literature PreK-8; Language arts; Stories; Authors & their Writings; Art & Artists

### Walt Disney Classic

For descriptions see individual titles:  
Alice in Wonderland (Disney) [010068]

### Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory (Gene Wilder)

009315 VH, DV  
PI 115 min CA 1971 Facets Multimedia

When they find prized "Golden Tickets" inside their Wonka candy bars, five lucky children win a behind the scenes glimpse of the legendary candy factory run by the mysterious Willy Wonka (Gene Wilder). Now, on a whirlwind tour of Willy's incredible, edible creations, where disobedient children receive the ultimate punishment, one very special boy will discover the sweetest secret of all, a generous, loving heart. A documentary follows the film featuring

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interviews with the actors and revealing production secrets.

Foreign Language: Spanish;  
Children's Literature PreK-8;  
Foreign Language: French; Foreign  
Language: Portuguese; Feature  
films; Stories

### **Wind in the Willows**

011970 DV

IJ 78 min 1983 Amazon.com

Film adaptation of Kenneth's Grahame's adventurous tales of Mole, Rat, Badger and Toad featuring eye-catching animation and dialogue directly from the pages of the beloved children's book. DVD includes an interview with the producer Brian Cosgrove, a Toad's Road Trivia Game and other special features.

Children's Literature PreK-8;  
Stories; Feature films

### **The Wizard of Oz**

000078 VH, DV

PI 119 min 1939 Library Video  
Company

This is the 50th anniversary, digitally mastered release of the classic tale of a young girl's fantastical trip to the magical land of Oz.

Baum, L.Frank; Stories; Foreign  
Language: French; Feature films;  
Children's Literature PreK-8