Intro to the World History, Year 2 of 2

Grade: 3-5 | Ages: 8-10

Instructor's Guide



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Includes the following resources for teaching all Sonlight C subjects: full Schedule; Teaching Helps; Geography and Timeline Activities; Study Guides for History and Read-Alouds (including

Discussion Questions and Vocabulary Development); full Answers and definitions. 3-hole punched and shrink wrapped.

Bible

Sing the Word: God Our Provider

The Harrow Family. Various musical styles, beautifully arranged for children's voices using orchestral and ethnic instruments. Includes all the Scripture verses in this year's Bible program. Audio CD and digital version included in HBL or ASP package.

Talking With Your Kids About Jesus

Talking with Your Kids about Jesus will give you the confidence you need to have the conversations that matter most in today's skeptical world. In a friendly, parentto-parent voice, Natasha Crain will walk you through essential topics on Jesus's identity, teachings, death, and resurrection.

The Discoverer's Bible for Early Readers

Provides the full text (Genesis to Revelation) of the New International Reader's Version® of the Bible.

History

Audio Memory® Geography Songs Kit (CD)

Troxel. Award-winning kit includes 62-minute, 23-song recording; (Consumable) workbook with lyrics, illustrations, tests, and 23 maps to label and color; and a 25" x 36" world wall map with memorization keys. Songs teach the names and locations of the continents, oceans, planets, 225 countries, and the states and provinces of Canada and the U.S. Includes famous landmarks. RA: 2-A.

Additional Workbook (Consumable) Additional Wall Map

Gladys Aylward: The Adventure of a Lifetime

Benge. A story built around the work of Gladys Aylward, an uneducated British housemaid who went to China via Russia in the midst of the Soviet-Chinese war in the early 20th Century. Wonderfully told. Pb. RA: 1-A; R: 5-8

Timeline Figures C

80 Timeline Figures on pre-gummed heavy card stock. Just cut them out, color, and stick them in your Timeline Book. Sonlight's Timeline Book, paired with program-specific Timeline Figures, makes creating your own timeline easy and delightful.

Window on the World

Spraggett/Johnstone. A wonderful introduction to 92 different, largely unevangelized, countries and peoples of the world-from Afghanistan to the Zulus. Each two-page spread includes a story, maps, interesting facts, fullcolor photos and illustrations, and suggested prayers. A treasure trove for developing a godly heart for the world!

5-Day program also includes▼ Leif the Lucky

Schiller. The story of Leif Ericson's discovery of North America. Very well done. Pb, illus. RA: K-6; R: 3-6

Good Queen Bess

Stanley & Vennema. The story of how Queen Elizabeth I came to rule England, and how she used her shrewd diplomacy, religious tolerance, and great love for her subjects to win the hearts of the people she ruled. Fabulous full-color paintings. Hb, illus. RA: 5-A; R: 8-A

Michelanaelo

Stanley. Account of Michelangelo's life and achievements, accompanied by full-color, full-page illustrations of some of his paintings and sculptures. A masterpiece. Pb, illus. RA: K-A; R: 3-A

Peter the Great

Stanley. Gorgeous, full-color biography of a great Russian tsar. Pb. illus. RA: K-A; R: 3-A

4-Day Read-Aloud/5-day History includes▼ With Two Hands

Davis. Eighteen glorious chapters of God at work in Ethiopia. Witch doctors transformed; the single person who could translate ends up in just the right place; two girls who pray daily for transformation for many years... and transformation happens. Marvelous. Pb. RA: K-A; R: 3-A

Read-Alouds

104 Poems of Whimsy and Wisdom

Lykosh. This delightful collection features outstanding poems in the English language: fun, thoughtful, interesting. Enjoy works by the superb artists Wordsworth and Whitman, Sandburg and Stevenson, and many others. Pb. RA: 2-4.

About Average

Clements. Jordan Johnston is average. Feeling doomed to a life of mediocrity, she makes a goal: by the end of the year, she'll discover her great talent and find a way to become extraordinary. An astonishingly beautiful book, in which her little gifts and abilities become vitally important. Outstanding. Pb. RA: 1-A; R: 3-8

The Aesop for Children

Illustrated by Milo Winter. Handsome, full-color, oversize reprint of the 1919 classic. Includes 126 fables. Pb. RA: P-A; R: 3-8

Captain Nobody

Pitchford. After Newt's superstar brother ends up in a coma, Newt has little wish to do anything. But when he dons a makeshift superhero outfit for Halloween, he feels better. So he wears the costume for the rest of the week, and finds ways to help others around town. Will Newt be able to help the person he cares about most? Pb. RA: 1-A; R: 3-8

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The Cricket in Times Square

Selden. Newbery Honor. Chester, a cricket from Connecticut, moves into the Bellinis' Newspaper Stand in New York City. His escapades at first threaten to ruin the stand, but lead, ultimately, to the stand's greatest success. Fun! Pb. RA: 1-A; R: 3-A

The Door in the Wall

De Angeli. Newbery Medal-winning story of the crippled son of a medieval lord. Beautifully illustrated by the author. Pb. RA: 3-A; R: 4-A

The Little Riders

Shemin. Johanna and her grandparents, with the unexpected help of a German soldier, save the figurines of their town's church clock. Set in occupied Holland during World War II. Touching. Pb, illus. RA: 2-A; R: 4-A

The Penderwicks

Birdsall. National Book Award Winner. When the four Penderwick sisters go to New York for vacation, they stay on an estate and meet a pre-teen named Jeffrey. Sound dull? It is impossible to convey how truly charming this book is. (Sarita's daughter, a homeschooling mother herself, stayed up until 2am to finish it, she was so captivated.) Absolutely delightful. Pb. RA: 2-A; R: 3-A

Red Sails to Capri

Weil. Newbery Honor. The mountainous island of Capri has a mystery and it takes the innkeeper's son, Michele, and three foreigners to get to the bottom of it. A great read-aloud! Pb. RA: 2-A; R: 4-A

The School Story

Clements. Twelve-year-old Natalie Nelson writes a novel that her best friend, Zoe, thinks is good enough to be published. Natalie isn't so sure. The two set out to achieve the impossible: get the book published by a major publisher. Fascinating and realistic glimpse into the world of book publishing. Pb, illus. RA: 2-A; R: 4-A

Sticks Across the Chimney

Burglon. Richly layered with mystery and intrigue, the captivating story of two Danish children and their widowed mother struggling to survive on a dilapidated farm in rural Denmark in the 20th Century. The children's wit, compassion, and creativity help them and their pet duck survive. Charming. Pb. RA: 1-A; R: 3-8

Tales of Robin Hood

Allan. Eight action-packed tales recount the most exciting exploits of Robin Hood and his band of followers. Superb illustrations and fast-moving storytelling bring Sherwood Forest to life like never before. Pb, illus. RA: 2-A: R: 4-A

Tiger Boy

Perkins. When a tiger cub escapes from a nature reserve near Neel's island village, the rangers and villagers hurry to find her before the cub's anxious mother follows suit and endangers them all. But through his encounter with the cub, Neil learns that sometimes you have to take risks to preserve what you love. And sometimes you have to sacrifice the present for the chance to improve the future.

The Twenty-One Balloons

DuBois. An inventive teacher lands on Krakatoa days before the volcano blows. A Utopian tale. Great illustrations. Newbery Medalist. Pb. RA: 2-A; R: 4-8

White Stallion of Lipizza

Henry. Award-winning author tells the story of a young boy and his rigorous apprenticeship and training at Vienna's Spanish Court Riding school, home of the famous Lipizzan stallions. Pb, illus. **RA:** 1-A; **R:** 3-7

5-Day program also includes▼

Adventures of Sir Lancelot the Great Morris. Sir Lancelot serves the Great King Arthur as a

gallant Knight of the Round Table. He is a knight so fearless, so dashing, and so ... shiny and clean that to be rescued (or challenged!) by him is an honor. He is quite good at defending the helpless, protecting the weak, and jousting with strangers—as long as he has a nap that day. Literally laugh-out-loud funny. Pb. RA: K-8; R: 3-8

And the Word Came with Power

Shetler. The moving story of how God's Word transformed an entire people—as well as the woman whom He had sent to translate the Scriptures for them. Pb, photos. **RA:** 3-A; **R:** 4-A

The Minstrel in the Tower

Skurzinsky. Exciting tale of intrigue from the Middle Ages. Pb, Illus. RA: 1-6; R: 3-5

Strawberry Girl

Lenski. Newbery Medal-winning story of a proud, poor family who overcome nature and feuding neighbors to become strawberry farmers. Set in Florida in the early 1930s. Pb, illus. **RA:** 3-A; **R:** 4-8

Reader Options for Level C

Customize to your student's skill level online.

Grade 2 Readers

Grade 2 Readers Schedule/Study Guide

Choose 4- or 5-Day

Includes the appropriate 4- or 5-Day schedule and study guide.

Amelia Bedelia

Parish. What library would be complete without at least one book about this housemaid who takes everything too literally? Your children will love her! Pb, illus. **RA:** P-4; **R:** 2-4

The Beginner's Bible

Pulley. A wonderful way to start reading the Bible. Ninety-five stories from Scripture in easy-to-read language. Delightful illustrations. Large print. Hb. **RA:** K-3; **R:** 2-3

Frog and Toad All Year

Lobel. Five delightful stories of two wonderful friends. Pb, illus. **RA:** P-3; **R:** 2-3

Frog and Toad Are Friends

Lobel. Five more easy-to-read stories in this delightful series. Pb, illus. **RA:** P-3; **R:** 2-3

Frog and Toad Together

Lobel. Newbery Honor. Frog and Toad are back with more adventures. Pb, illus. **RA**: P-3; **R**: 2-3

Greg's Microscope

Selsam. An accurate, entertaining look at the wonders of nature as seen through a microscope. Pb, illus. **RA**: K-5; **R**: 2-4

Mouse Tales

Lobel. Delightful book about a father mouse who puts his offspring to bed by telling them each a "mouse tale." Pb, illus. **RA**: P-3; **R**: 2-3

Nate the Great

Sharmat. Great adventure of a boy detective and his dog. Written in a simple, "just the facts, ma'am" style. Two-color illustrations. Pb. **RA:** K-5; **R:** 2-4

Owl at Home

Lobel. Five funny stories about an owl. Why does he have bumps in the bed? Pb, illus. **RA**: P-3; **R**: 2-3

Pompeii: Buried Alive!

Kunhardt. Famous volcanic explosion captures an ancient Italian city in volcanic ash. Full color. Pb. RA: K-4; R: 2-4

Titanic: Lost and Found

Donnelly. The ship so big "even God can't sink it" is lost on its first voyage. Includes the story of the man who spearheaded the successful effort to find the ship's remains. Pb, illus. **RA:** K-4; **R:** 2-4

5-Day program also includes ▼ The Big Balloon Race

Coerr. A suspense-filled, true story of a small girl who helps her mother fly in a hot air balloon race in the 1880s. Pb, color illus. **RA**: K-4; **R**: 2-4

Daniel's Duck

Bulla. Daniel enters a carved duck in the county fair. He is hurt when people laugh at it, not realizing they are laughing in delight. Heartwarming. Pb, illus. **RA:** K-4; **R:** 2-4

The Fire Cat

Averill. A bad, bored cat finds that serving others is more fun than hurting them. Pb, illus. **RA:** P-3; **R:** 2-3

Hill of Fire

Lewis. Exciting, true story of a volcano that erupted in a Mexican farmer's field. Pb, illus. **RA:** K-4; **R:** 2-4

Surprises

Hopkins. ALA Notable. Thirty-eight poems that are sure to please. Pb, illus. **RA:** P-3; **R:** 2-3

The Sword in the Tree

Bulla. Lord Weldon's son and wife, displaced by a wicked uncle, appeal to King Arthur's Knights of the Round Table to see justice done in this winsome recreation of the days of yore. Exciting! Pb, illus. **RA**:K-6; **R**:2-6

Wagon Wheels

Brenner. A black family moves west after being freed in the Civil War. Full of love, courage and drama. Color. Pb. **RA**: K-4; **R**: 2-4

Grade 3 Readers

Grade 3 Readers Schedule/Study Guide

Choose 4- or 5-Day

Includes the appropriate 4- or 5-Day schedule and study guide.

The Chalk Box Kid

Bulla. When nine-year-old Gregory moves to a new town he has a hard time adjusting to a new neighborhood and a new school. But when he discovers an abandoned chalk factory, he has a place of his own where he can create whatever he wants. Pb, illus. **RA**: K-5; **R**: 2-4

Clara and the Bookwagon

Levinson. The story of a little girl who wants to learn how to read more than anything—and her father who thinks there is no time to read on the farm. Pb, illus. **RA**: K-4; **R**: 2-4

Cora Frear

Goodman. Cora loves to ride in a horse and buggy with her dad. But one day they see a prairie fire approaching and know that their horses can't outrun it. They're trapped! How will they survive? Pb, illus. **RA:** K-5; **R:** 2-5

The House on Walenska Street

Herman. A warm and touching story about a Russian Jewish family who have lost their father and want to emigrate to America. Set just before World War I and the Russian Revolution. Wonderful historical fiction. Pb, illus. RA: K-A; R: 3-A

Jake Drake: Bully Buster

Clements. Jake is a nice kid with one big problem: he always gets picked on by bullies. Can he use his brains to figure out a way to solve this problem and rid his school of bullies? Pb. illus. **RA**: K-4; **R**: 2-4

Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie

Roop. When Papa has to sail to town and Mama is sick in bed, it is up to young Abbie to make sure the lighthouse stays lit so that all the ships are safe. True story. Pb, illus. RA: 1-5; R: 2-5

The Last Little Cat

DeJong. The last cat of the litter was a runt. This is the story of how he found a home. And not just *a* home, but the perfect home. A delightful, simple tale. Pb, illus. **RA:** K-8; **R:** 3-8

The Littles

Peterson. A simple story about a family of mice-sized people who must survive in a world "giants" through quick wits and kindness. Fun! Pb, illus. **RA**: P-A; **R**: 3-7

The Long Way to a New Land

Sandin. Things are bad for Carl Erik and his family in Sweden, where they face starvation. So they decide to emigrate to America for a better life. But before they can get there they have to leave everything and endure a journey over land and sea. Pb, illus. **RA:** K-4; **R:** 2-4

The Long Way Westward

Sandin. Now that Carl Erik and his family have made it to America, they have to travel across the country to find their new home. And on the way they discover many surprises about this new land. Pb, illus. RA: K-4; R: 2-4

The Paint Brush Kid

Bulla. It's summertime and Gregory doesn't know what to do. Then he and his friends get an idea that they can paint Uncle Pancho's house with stories of his life in Mexico. Heartwarming. Pb, illus. **RA**: K-4; **R**: 2-4

Prairie School

Avi. Noah is a hard-working 9-year-old boy on the Colorado prairie. When Aunt Dora arrives to teach him school, Noah doesn't think he needs it. But he discovers that what Aunt Dora has to teach really is actually very worthwhile. Pb, illus. **RA:** 1-4; **R:** 2-4

A Question of Yams

Repp. Kuri's father plants their yams in the name of Jesus Christ, though the Head Men of their village insist that they should be planted with reverence for the spirits. Will Kuri's family be punished? Is Jesus stronger than the spirits? Great story from Papua New Guinea. Pb, illus. RA: K-A; R: 3-4

Riding the Pony Express

Bulla. Dick Park is the son of a Pony Express rider, Katy Kelly is the daughter of a way station master, and Little Bear is an Indian boy who lives nearby. How the three friends keep the mail moving is just part of this fast-moving tale about the great experiment in transcontinental communication. Pb, illus. **RA**: K-4; **R**: 2-4

The Secret Valley

Bulla. What do you do when you've left your home in Missouri to prospect for gold in California...but when you arrive, there is no gold to be found? The Davis family has to face this disappointment and decide where true wealth and happiness may be found Pb, illus. **RA:** K-4; **R:** 2-4

Third Grade Detectives #1 and #2

Stanley. This book has two mysteries: The Clue of the Left-Hand Envelope and The Puzzle of the Pretty Pink Handkerchief. In the first mystery, someone sent Amber a secret-admirer letter, and Noelle and Todd want to find out who did it. In the second, Todd uses clues to find out which one of his schoolmates has been in his tree house. Pb, illus. RA: K-3; R: 1-4

Viking Adventure

Bulla. Sigurd, a Viking boy, cannot see the value of learning to read and write. All he can think of is adventure. But then he has an adventure that he cannot help but tell. And to do that, he decides, he must learn to write. A fine story for young readers. Pb, illus. **RA**: K-5; **R**: 2-5

5-Day program also includes ▼ Third Grade Detectives #4

Stanley. A thief is in town, and it's up to the Third Grade Detectives to solve the case before everyone in class loses their stuff! Pb. Illus. **RA**: K-3; **R**: 1-4

Third Grade Detectives #10

Stanley. When a valuable 15th Century statue of Joan of Arc is destroyed at the local art museum, it looks like a case for the Third Grade Detectives! Who would do it, and why? Pb, illus. **RA:** K-3; **R:** 1-4

Tippy Lemmey

McKissack. Leandra, Paul, and Jeannie are three kids with one big problem: Tippy Lemmey. Tippy is a neighborhood dog who chases them, barks at them, and snaps at their heels. He is their number one enemy. But then one day they realize that he might not be so bad after all. Pb, illus. **RA:** K-2; **R:** 2-3

Tornado

Byars. Farmer Pete sits with a group as they wait for an oncoming storm to pass, and tells stories of his childhood dog, Tornado. This beautiful story captures the love between a boy and his dog. Pb, illus. **RA:** 2-3 **R:** K-2

Grade 4 Readers

Grade 4 Readers Schedule/Study Guide Choose 4- or 5-Day

Includes the 5-day schedule and Study Guide.

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library

Grabenstein. Readers can have fun solving clues and answering riddles while learning how to navigate the Dewey Decimal system. There is even one puzzle hidden for you to find. Pb, **R:** 3-7

The Children of Noisy Village

Lindgren. Journey through a year of traditions and fun with this timeless story of six children on three neighboring country farms in Sweden. (I think the chapter with bologna sausage is one of the most laugh-out-loud funny moments in all literature.) Pb. **RA**: K-A; **R**: 3-A

Emily's Runaway Imagination

Cleary. A charming story about a loveable girl in smalltown Oregon in the mid-1920s whose creative ideas place her in humorous and sometimes mildly embarrassing situations. A good book on which to base discussions about social changes and cultural developments over the past 70 years. Pb, illus. **RA**: K-A; **R**: 3-7

Encyclopedia Brown

Sobol. A thoroughly likable boy detective uses his encyclopedic knowledge and unerring deductive abilities to solve ten mysteries. Can you beat him at his game? If not, you'll find the answers in the book! Enjoyable challenge. Pb. **RA**: 2-6; **R**: 3-6

Frindle

Clements. Fifth grader Nick Allen decides to test his Language Arts teacher's commitment to dictionaries by creating a new word—frindle. The ensuing battle of wills provides a delightful backdrop for a young person's introduction to the fascinating world of words. Pb, illus. **RA**: 2-A; **R**: 5-9

Henry and Ribsy

Cleary. Beloved adventures of an all-American average boy and his dog. Set about 1950. Pb, illus. **RA:** 1-A; **R:** 3-6

A Llama in the Family

Hurwitz. Adam has had his heart set on getting a mountain bike. When his mother buys a llama to start a Vermont Trekking company instead, Adam discovers that his dreams may be too small. Heartwarming, humorous, and positive. Hb, illus. **RA**: K-A; **R**: 4-8

Lumber Camp Library

Kinsey-Warnock. When Ruby's beloved father dies in a logging accident, she must leave school—and her dream of teaching—to care for her 10 siblings. A gentle, poignant story about growing up in the early 1900s. Pb, illus. RA:

K-A; R: 4-8 Marco Polo

Graves. Illustrations and readable text provide a fascinating introduction to one of the world's great explorers, a man who befriended one of history's great leaders: Kublai Khan. Hb. **RA:** 1-7; **R:** 3-7

McBroom's Wonderful One-Acre Farm

Fleischman. Three tall tales by a Newbery awardwinning author. Will tickle your children's funny bone. Pb, illus. **RA:** 3-A; **R:** 3-6

Misty of Chincoteague

Henry. Newbery Honor. The story of an "uncatchable" mare named Phantom and her colt, Misty. Engaging. Pb, illus. **RA:** 1-A; **R:** 3-8

More Stories from Grandma's Attic

Richardson. Sixteen inspiring stories of a childhood in the Midwest shortly after the Civil War. Pb, illus. **RA:** K-A; **R:** 3-7

Mustang: Wild Spirit of the West

Henry. True story of "Wild Horse Annie" who fought to protect the wild mustangs of the western United States from ruthless slaughter and extinction. Pb. **RA:** 1-A; **R:** 3-8

Ralph S. Mouse

Cleary. Fed up with life at the Mountain View Inn, Ralph persuades his friend Ryan to take him to school. Wise Miss K uses his presence as motivation to do a study on mice—and Ralph himself learns a thing or two. Funny! Pb, illus. **RA:** K-7; **R:** 3-7

Socks

Cleary. Socks, a beloved, pampered cat is the center of his human family's universe—until he is displaced by a new baby. Can he ever regain his position? Pb, illus. **RA:** K-A; **R:** 4-7

The Toothpaste Millionaire

Merrill. A resourceful and scrupulously honest 12-yearold makes a million dollars—and helps a lot of other people—by selling toothpaste at no more than 15¢ a tube. Delightful introduction to business. Pb, illus. **RA:** K-A; **R:** 3-8

The Whipping Boy

Fleischman. Newbery Medal. A prince has to learn the hard way what makes for true character. He'd never learned, since his "whipping boy" had taken all the punishment for him whenever he failed to do what was right. Delightfully thought provoking. Pb, illus. **RA:** 1-A; **R:** 3-8

5-Day program also includes ▼ "B" is for Betsy

Haywood. A 6-year-old goes to school and experiences everyday adventures. Delightful period piece. Pb, illus. RA: K-4; R: 3-4

Betsy & Tacy Go Over the Big Hill

Lovelace. Set in early 20th Century Minnesota, three girls discover that "different culture" doesn't mean "stupid" or "evil." They also come to appreciate their own heritage all the more. Pb, illus. **RA:** 1-6; **R:** 3-6

Ginger Pye

Estes. Newbery Medalist. A tale of intrigue about an exceptionally intelligent dog and his devoted owners. Pb. RA: 2-A; R: 3-A

The King's Equal

Patterson. An arrogant young king sets out to find a queen as beautiful, intelligent and wealthy as he is. Will he mature along the way? Simply told and marvelous. Pb. RA: K-A; R: 3-A

Grade 5 Readers

Grade 5 Readers Schedule/Study Guide

Choose 4- or 5-Day

Includes the 5-day schedule and Study Guide.

All of the Above

Pearsall. Based on a true story, All of the Above is the delightful and suspenseful story of four inner city students and their quest to build the world's largest tetrahedron. Filled with unexpected humor, poignant characters, and quiet brilliance, All of the Above is a surprising gem. Pb

The Candymakers

Mass. In this pure fun mystery, four children compete in the national candymaking competition of a lifetime. The contestants face off in a battle of wits and sugar, but soon find themselves in a mystery bigger than they imagined! A thrilling page-turner that delights with surprises, suspense, teamwork and friendship. Pb

The Doughnut Fix

Janowitz. Tristan is not gifted and talented like his sister Jeanine, and that's fine with him. But when the family moves to a middle of nowhere town, he determines to make and eat chocolate cream doughnuts. He has to get the recipe, make the doughnuts, and figure out how to run a doughnut stand business. Delightful and heart-warming to see how the town rallies around him. Pb

The Losers Club

Clements. Sixth grader Alec can't put a good book down. So when Principal Vance lays down the law; pay attention in class, or else; Alec takes action. He can't lose all his reading time, so he starts a club. Pb

The Not So Boring Letters of Private Nobody

Landis. A trio of seventh graders become one another's first friends as they discover the secrets of a Civil War soldier. Twelve-year-old Oliver Prichard is obsessed with the Civil War. There's a mystery buried in his past, and Oliver knows he can figure it out. Pb

One Crazy Summer

Williams-Garcia. In this Newbery Honor novel, New York Times bestselling author Rita Williams-Garcia tells the story of three sisters who travel to Oakland, California, in 1968 to meet the mother who abandoned them. This moving, funny novel won the Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction and the Coretta Scott King Award and was a National Book Award Finalist.

Restart

Korman. When football player Chase gets amnesia, he returns to school with a new personality. He had been a bully. Can he navigate his way to a new life, new interests, and new relationships?

Rules

Lord. Twelve-year-old Catherine just wants a normal life. Which is near impossible when you have a brother with autism and a family that revolves around his disability. She's spent years trying to teach David the rules from "a peach is not a funny-looking apple" to "keep your pants on in public" Pb.

Song for a Whale

Kelly. The Schneider Family Book Award-winning story of a deaf girl's connection to a whale whose song can't be heard by his species, and the journey she takes to help him. Pb

The Squire's Tale

Morris. Growing up an orphan in an isolated cottage in the woods, young Terence never expected much adventure. But upon the arrival of Gawain, his life takes a surprising turn. Gawain is destined to become one of the most famous knights of the Round Table. Filled with rapiersharp wit, jousting jocularity, and chuckleheaded knights, this is King Arthur's court as never before experienced. Part of the Squire's Tales series.

Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer

Grisham. In the small city of Strattenburg, there are many lawyers, and though he's only 13 years old, Theo Boone thinks he's one of them. Pb.

Where in the World?

French. Ari is an 11-year-old boy with a gift for music. By translating his early travels around Europe with his mother into pieces of music, Ari grows to realize that life is composed of many kinds of journeys, and accepting those journeys is part of finding your place in the world. Through changes and losses, the boy learns to honor the present, as well as memories of the past, through his music. Pb

The Wonderous World of Violet Barnaby

Lundquist. Eighteen months after a girl's mother died of cancer, her dad quickly marries the meanest teacher in school, and Violet acquires two step-siblings.

5-Day program also includes ▼ Once Upon a Marigold

Ferris. Christian was clueless when he started spying on the royal family through his telescope. (He lives in a cave with a troll for a dad, after all.) If Dad had only warned him about all that mind-boggling love stuff, and now he's fallen for the princess ...

The Puzzling World of Winston Breen

Berlin. Winston Breen loves puzzles, and he finds them everywhere-books, newspapers, even pizzas. So when Winston and his sister find some strange puzzle pieces in an antique box, it's only natural that Winston try to find out where the box came from and what the words on the puzzle pieces might mean. Pb

A Rat's Tale

Seidler. As Montague stumbles into this wider, bewildering world, he longs to help ratdom (and impress Isabel). But how much can one rat really do, especially when he's an outcast? Pb