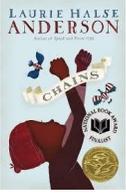
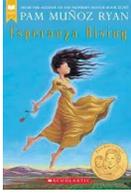
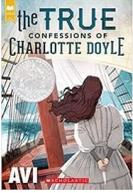
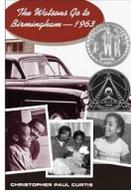
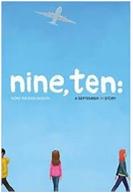
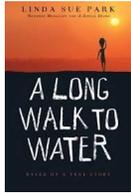
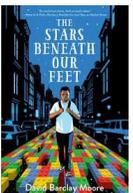
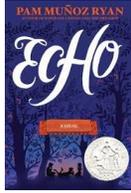


The Storytelling Guild's Winter 2020 picks for Grades 4 to 6

HISTORICAL FICTION

 <p><u>Chains</u> series (2008) Laurie Halse Anderson</p> <p>After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War. The plot contains graphic descriptions of violence.</p> <p>Lexile 780, Reading Level 5.2</p>	 <p><u>Esperanza Rising</u> (2000) Pam Muñoz Ryan</p> <p>Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to work in the labor camps of Southern California on the eve of the Great Depression.</p> <p>Lexile 750, Reading Level 5.3</p>
 <p><u>The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</u> (1999) Avi</p> <p>As the only passenger, and the only female, on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, thirteen-year-old Charlotte finds herself caught between a murderous captain and a mutinous crew.</p> <p>Lexile 740, Reading Level 5.3</p>	 <p><u>The Watsons Go to Birmingham</u> (1963) Christopher Curtis</p> <p>The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they visit Grandma Sands in Alabama in the summer of 1963.</p> <p>Lexile 920, Reading Level 5.0</p>
 <p><u>Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story</u> (2016) Nora Raleigh</p> <p>Four children living in different parts of the country and in different circumstances find their lives intersecting as the events of September 11, 2001, unfold.</p> <p>Lexile 750, Reading Level 4.9</p>	 <p><u>Number the Stars</u> (1989) Lois Lowry</p> <p>In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.</p> <p>Lexile 270, Reading Level 4.5</p>
 <p><u>Front Desk</u> (2018) Kelly Yang</p> <p>Ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents are recent immigrants from China and desperate for work and money. When they take a job managing a rundown motel in Southern California, Mia works the front desk and tries to cope with demanding customers.</p> <p>Lexile 640, Reading Level 4.5</p>	 <p><u>A Long Walk to Water</u> (2009) Linda Sue Park</p> <p>Eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family when the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, and he must walk with other Dinka tribe members in search of a safe haven.</p> <p>Lexile 720, Reading Level 5.2</p>
 <p><u>The Stars Beneath Our Feet</u> (2017) David Barclay Moore</p> <p>It's Christmas Eve in Harlem, but 12-year-old Lolly and his mom are not celebrating. They are still reeling from his older brother's death in a gang-related shooting a few months earlier.</p> <p>Lexile 650, Reading Level 4.4</p>	 <p><u>Echo</u> (2015) Pam Muñoz Ryan</p> <p>Otto becomes entwined in a puzzling quest, involving a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica. Decades later, 3 children are caught up in the same thread of destiny.</p> <p>Lexile 680, Reading Level 4.9</p>