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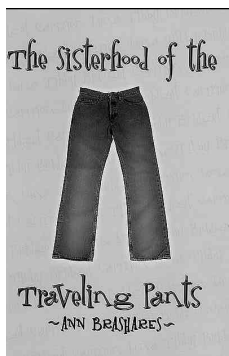
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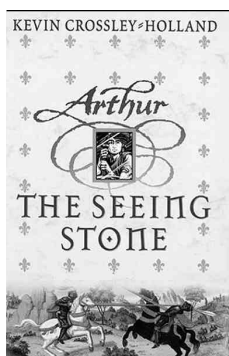


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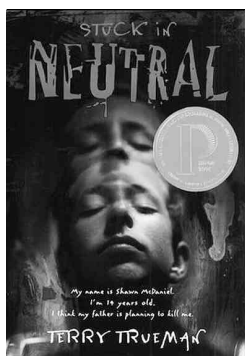
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**1 THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS**, by Ann Brashares (Delacorte, \$14.95, 0385729332) “Four 15-year-old girls have been best friends since their mothers took childbirth classes together. Now, for the first time since birth, they’ll all be separated ... but only geographically. They will keep each other in their hearts as they try to navigate this world on their own.”—**Crystal McKinney, Davis-Kidd Booksellers, Jackson, TN** Also a Listening Library Audio (0807205893)



**3 THE SEEING STONE**, by Kevin Crossley-Holland (Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic, \$17.95, 0439263263) “This Book One of *The Arthur Trilogy* tells of two Arthurs whose thrilling stories are woven together to form an unforgettable tale of medieval life. Crossley-Holland never disappoints!”—**Sue Carita, Toadstool Bookshop, Milford, NH** Also a Listening Library Audio (0807205389)

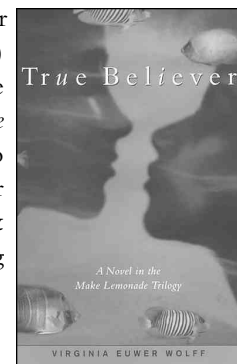


**5 STUCK IN NEUTRAL**, by Terry Trueman (Avon Tempest, \$6.95 paper, 0064472132) “You’ll never look at a disabled teenager the same way again. What constitutes a good quality of life and who should be entitled to it? This debut novel is all about going beyond one’s limitations.”—**Amy Nina Baum, Red Balloon Bookshop, St. Paul, MN**

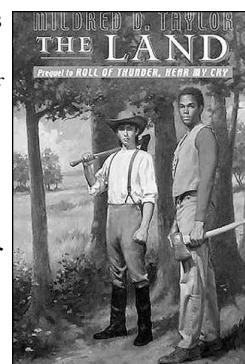
**2 THE MISFITS**, by James Howe (Atheneum, \$16, 0689839553) “This follows a group of four seventh-graders who call themselves the Gang of Five. When one of their members refuses to say the Pledge of Allegiance, they end up learning a lot about politics and what it means to not fit in and the power of being heard for who they are.”—**Hilary Berg, A Room of One’s Own Feminist Bookstore & Coffee House, Madison, WI**



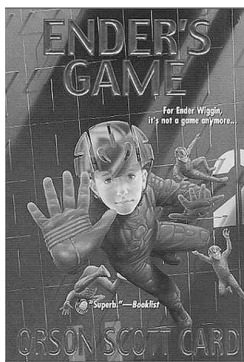
**4 TRUE BELIEVER**, by Virginia Euwer Wolff (Simon & Schuster, \$17, 0689828276) The 2001 National Book Award winner. “In the second book in the trilogy, begun in *Make Lemonade*, we follow LaVaughn’s struggles to escape the inner city at college. I can’t wait for the third book!”—**Susan Dexter, Politics & Prose, Washington, DC** Also a Listening Library Audio (0807206911)



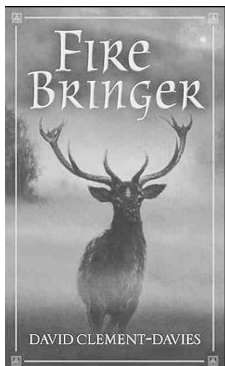
**6 THE LAND**, by Mildred Taylor (Phyllis Fogelman Books, \$17.99, 0803719507) The prequel to Newbery Medal winner *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*. “This is an amazing novel about growing up, taking chances, facing your fears, and about a young man taking extreme chances against all odds. A gripping story.”—**Jennifer Lavonier, Books of Wonder, New York, NY** Also a Listening Library Audio (0807206199)



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**7 ENDER'S GAME**, by Orson Scott Card (Starscape/Tor, \$5.99 paper, 0765342294) A new edition of a bookseller favorite; also a Hugo and Nebula Award winner. "Ender Wiggin is chosen to attend an exclusive battle school training the best young minds to fight in an upcoming alien invasion."—**Kathy Magruder, Lee Booksellers, Lincoln, NE**



**9 FIRE BRINGER**, by David Clement-Davies (Firebird, \$6.99 paper, 0142300608) "Both my 13-year-old son and I LOVE this book! Set in ancient Scotland and filled with mythology, fantasy, and mystery, it reminds me of *Redwall* and *Watership Down*. This is my 'Harry Potter pick' for this year; I enjoyed it that much."—**Suzanne Droppert, Liberty Bay Books, Poulsbo, WA**

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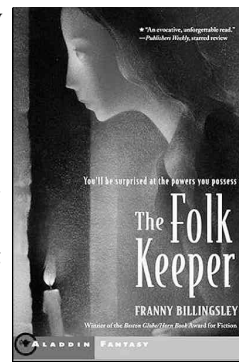
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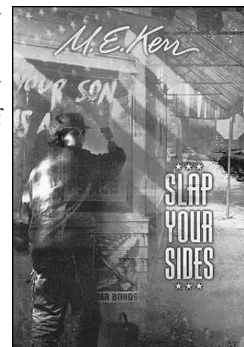
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**8 THE FOLK KEEPER**, by Franny Billingsley (Aladdin, \$4.95 paper, 0689844611) "This unique story tells the tale of an Irish orphan who disguises herself as a boy in order to be a Folk Keeper, one of the powerful creatures living underground capable of great destruction. A creepy and gripping book!"—**Alison Morris, Wellesley Booksmith, Wellesley, MA** Also a Listening Library Audio (0807282499)



**10 SLAP YOUR SIDES**, by M.E. Kerr (HarperCollins, \$15.95, 0060294817) "Amidst the rash of WWII novels for teens, here's one with a twist. Bud is not going off to war like the other town boys, but to a conscientious objector camp, as his family are Quakers. Can he hold on to his convictions while the nation goes to war?"—**Mary Brice, Tattered Cover, Denver, CO**



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