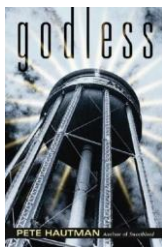


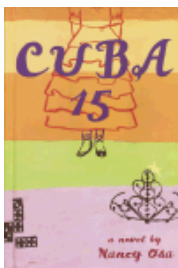
Great First Lines

(Ages 12-18)



Godless

By Pete Hautman
"Getting punched in the face is a singular experience."



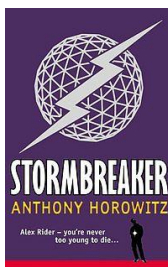
Cuba 15

By Nancy Osa
"What can be funny about having to stand up in front of everyone you know, in a ruffly dress the color of Pepto-Bismol, and proclaim your womanhood?"



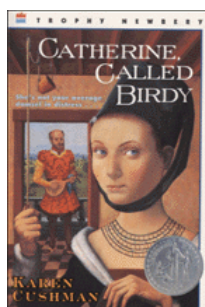
The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big Round Things

By Carolyn Mackler
"Froggy Welsh the Fourth is trying to get up my shirt."



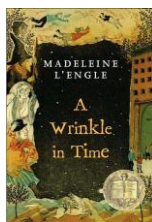
Stormbreaker

By Anthony Horowitz
"When the doorbell rings at three in the morning, it's never good news."



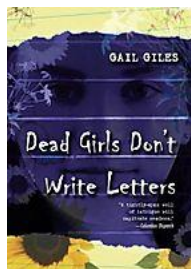
Catherine, Called Birdy

By Karen Cushman
"12th Day of September [1290] I am commanded to write an account of my days: I am bit by fleas and plagued by family. That is all there is to say."



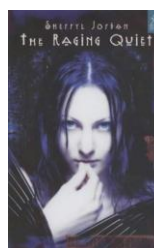
A Wrinkle in Time

By Madeleine L'Engle
"It was a dark and stormy night."



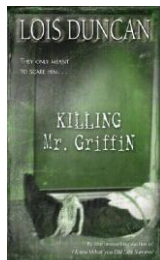
Dead Girls Don't Write Letters

By Gail Giles
"Things had been getting a little better until I got a letter from my dead sister. That more or less ruined my day."



The Raging Quiet

By Sherryl Jordan
"The afternoon Marnie came to Torcurra, the villagers were whipping the devils out of a mad boy."



Killing Mr. Griffin

By Lois Duncan
"It was a wild, windy, southwestern spring when the idea of killing occurred to them."



Dreamland

By Sarah Dessen
"My sister Cass ran away the morning of my sixteenth birthday. She left my present, wrapped and sitting outside my bedroom door, and stuck a note for my parents under the coffee-maker. None of us heard her leave."