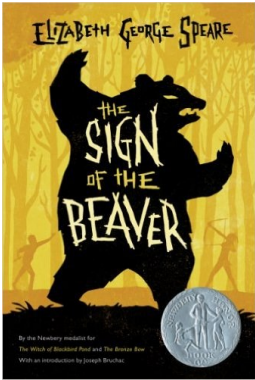


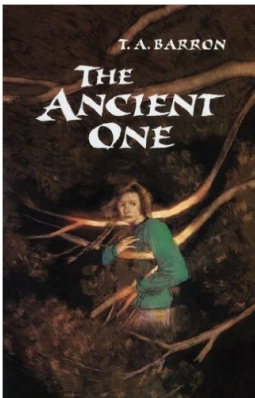
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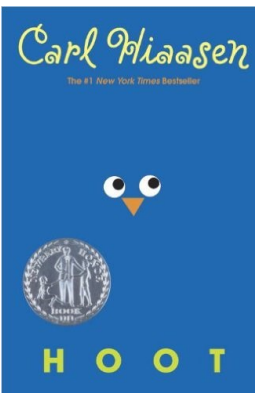
### The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare

Although he faces responsibility bravely, thirteen-year-old Matt is more than a little apprehensive when his father leaves him alone to guard their new cabin in the wilderness. When a renegade white stranger steals his gun, Matt realizes he has no way to shoot game or to protect himself. When Matt meets Attean, a boy in the Beaver clan, he begins to better understand their way of life and their growing problem in adapting to the white man and the changing frontier.



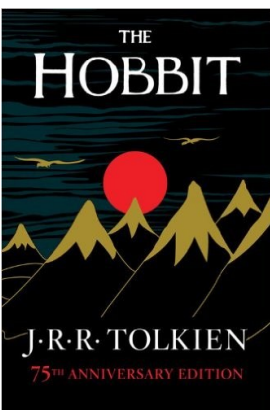
### The Ancient One by T.A. Barron

When Kate travels to Blade, Oregon, for a quiet week at Aunt Melanie's cottage, her plans are dashed by the discovery of a grove of giant redwood trees in nearby Lost Crater. Long a source of deep mystery, the crater is now a source of conflict, pitting those who see it as the dying mill town's last hope against those who see it as a rare sanctuary that should be protected. In this extraordinary quest, combining high adventure and heroic drama, a girl discovers that all living things are connected in ways she never expected, and that true friendship can reach across cultures, and even across



### Hoot by Carl Hiaason

In his first novel for a younger audience, Carl Hiaason plunges readers right into the middle of an ecological mystery, made up of endangered miniature owls, the Mother Paula's All-American Pancake House scheduled to be built over their burrows, and the owls' unlikely allies--three middle school kids determined to beat the adult system.



### The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

While the Middle Earth seems far away, Bilbo Baggins' inner struggle to find courage and strength and join the Company on their adventure tells the most common of all human tales: the call to go beyond one's comfort zone, to join others in the pursuit of the good. Environmental themes include a rejection of technocratic industrialization of society, an understanding of authority promoting the common good, and a view of the purpose of goods and natural resources existing for the benefit of all.