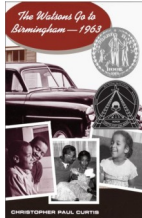
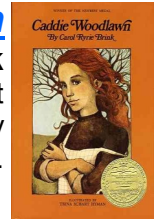


# If You Liked Tom, Try a Few of His Friends...

## Other Books for Teens Participating in Orem Library's The Big Read

### [Caddie Woodlawn](#) by Carol Ryrie Brink

Caddie is a Wisconsin farm girl living just before the Civil War. With a tomboy streak that leads her to learn to plough rather than sew, Caddie's story illustrates the difficulties and the joys of a hard scrabble life on a frontier farm.



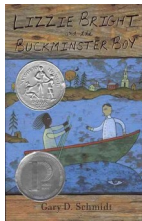
### [The Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963](#)

by Christopher Paul Curtis

Ten-year-old Kenny Watson narrates this poignant story of family love and racial strife through a child's perspective. Curtis tells the story of the Watson family's memorable summer in Birmingham, Alabama. Leaving Flint in the hopes of straightening out older brother Byron, Curtis creates a wholly believable childlike view of the world with humor and poignancy.

### [A Long Way From Chicago](#) by Richard Peck

Every summer from 1929 to 1935, Joey and his sister leave Chicago to spend some time with their raucous, rebellious grandma in her small Illinois town. In eight stories recalled by the elderly Joey, Peck captures the flavor of small town life. Grandma plots outlandish schemes to outwit the colorful characters in her town (she being, perhaps, the most colorful of them all), and the resulting stories are full of humor and tall tales.



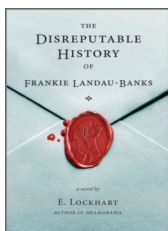
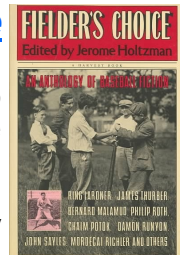
### [Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy](#)

by Gary Schmidt

In 1911, Turner Buckminster III has just moved with his parents from Boston to tiny Phippsburg, Maine. An outsider, Turner is pretty miserable until he meets Lizzie Bright, a smart and lively teenager from Malaga Island. But there are difficult times ahead for the residents of the impoverished island. The white community of Phippsburg needs an economic boost, and they don't think the poor, mostly black island community will help their burgeoning tourism business. Schmidt's novel of growing up is poignant and sad and filled with the kinds of discovery that move a child into adulthood.

### [Fielder's Choice](#) by Rick Norman

Andrew Jackson Fielder has a heck of an arm and an uncanny ability to get himself into some serious scrapes. After he walks home the winning run in the 1941 pennant race against the Yankees, "Gooseball" seeks solace and anonymity by joining the Air Force. He finds himself in extraordinary circumstances when his plane is shot down and he's taken to a Japanese POW camp. Told in Gooseball's awkwardly charming and funny voice, this small-town kid's coming of age is an entertaining and enlightening read.



### [The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks](#)

by E. Lockhart

And you thought Tom and Huck were good pranksters. They have nothing on Frankie Landau-Banks. After being the ugly duckling for most of her life, Frankie emerges as a swan and catches the eye of the hottest senior at her elite boarding school. But Frankie's more than just a pretty girl; she's smart, too, and before long she's anonymously pulling the strings that direct the elaborate pranks of the Bassett Hounds, the all-male secret society her boyfriend is supposed to be leading. Funny, smart, and realistic about the joys and sorrows of being a bright, powerful girl.