

Check Your Kid Lit IQ

Can you name the children's books that begin with these lines? (How about the authors?)

1. "Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents." _____
2. "Where's Papa going with that ax?" _____
3. "Mr. and Mrs. Dursley, of number four, Privet Drive, were proud to say that they were perfectly normal, thank you very much." _____
4. "When Mary Lennox was sent to Misselthwaite Manor to live with her uncle, everyone said she was the most disagreeable child ever seen." _____
5. "Alice was beginning to get very tired of sitting by her sister on the bank, and of having nothing to do; once or twice she had peeped into the book her sister was reading, but it had no pictures or conversations in it, 'and what is the use of a book,' thought Alice, 'without pictures or conversation?'" _____
6. "A long time ago, when all the grandfathers and grandmothers of today were little boys and little girls or very small babies, or perhaps not even born, Pa and Ma and Mary and Laura and baby Carrie left their little house in the Big Woods of Wisconsin." _____
7. "Here is Edward Bear, coming downstairs now, bump, bump, bump, on the back of his head, behind Christopher Robin." _____
8. "All children, except one, grow up." _____
9. "Here we go again. We were all standing in line waiting for breakfast when one of the caseworkers came in and tap-tap-tapped down the line." _____
10. "There is no lake at Camp Green Lake." _____
11. "Mrs. Eva Olinski always gave good answers." _____
12. "It was almost December, and Jonas was beginning to be frightened." _____
13. "It was a dark and stormy night." _____

Bonus: Which books won the Newbery Award or were Newbery Honor books?
Which books are about gifted children?

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Answers to First Lines:

1. *Little Women* Louisa May Alcott
2. *Charlotte's Web* E. B. White
3. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* J. K. Rowling
4. *The Secret Garden* Frances Hodgson Burdett
5. *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* Lewis Carroll
6. *Little House on the Prairie* Laura Ingalls Wilder
7. *Winnie-the Pooh* A. A. Milne
8. *Peter Pan* J. M. Barrie
9. *Bud, Not Buddy* Christopher Paul Curtis
10. *Holes* Louis Sachar
11. *The View from Saturday* E. L. Konigsburg
12. *The Giver* Lois Lowry
13. *A Wrinkle in Time* Madeleine L'Engle