

Acton Memorial Library Children's Department
5th Grade Suggested Reading

J Fic Altebrando

Altebrando, Tara

My Life in Dioramas (2015)

Kate Marino knows very well that home is where her heart is, and if she had any say in the matter, her heart would stay put in Big Red. The old, rambling farmhouse has withstood the test of time with her family, but now Kate's parents have decided to sell it from under her feet. The preventative solution: sabotage the realtor's tours with the help of best friends and a plan that has maximum stinkage potential. The back-up plan: hang on to at least a little bit of life at Big Red by creating shoebox dioramas of each room. But even with a full-scale assault, will her mission be a success? And if not, what will the diorama of Kate's future look like?

J Fic Anders

Anders, Lou

Frostborn (Book 1-2014)

Destined to take over his family farm in Norrøngard, Karn would rather play the board game Thrones and Bones, until half-human, half frost giantess Thianna appears and they set out on an adventure, chased by a dragon, undead warriors, an evil uncle, and more.

J Fic Anderson

Anderson, John D.

Ms Bixby's Last Day (2016)

Everyone knows there are different kinds of teachers. The boring ones, the mean ones, the ones who try too hard, the ones who stopped trying long ago. The ones you'll never remember, and the ones you want to forget. Ms. Bixby is none of these. She's the sort of teacher who makes you feel like school is somehow worthwhile. Who recognizes something in you that sometimes you don't even see in yourself. Who you never want to disappoint. What Ms. Bixby is, is one of a kind. Topher, Brand, and Steve know this better than anyone. And so when Ms. Bixby unexpectedly announces that she won't be able to finish the school year, they come up with a risky plan--more of a quest, really--to give Ms. Bixby the last day she deserves. Through the three very different stories they tell, we begin to understand what Ms. Bixby means to each of them--and what the three of them mean to each other.

J Fic Applegate

Applegate, Katherine

Crenshaw (2015)

Jackson and his family have fallen on hard times. There's no more money for rent. And not much for food, either. His parents, his little sister, and their dog may have to live in their minivan. Again. Crenshaw is a cat. He's large, he's outspoken, and he's imaginary. He has come back into Jackson's life to help him. But is an imaginary friend enough to save this family from losing everything?

J Fic Arnold

Arnold, Elana

The Question of Miracles (2015)

Unhappy about moving from sunny California to rainy Corvallis, Oregon, and grieving over the death of her best friend, sixth-grader Iris looks for a miracle and may find one in new friend Boris.

J Fic Averbeck

Averbeck, Jim

Jim Averbeck Presents A Hitch at the Fairmont(2014)

When his aunt is kidnapped, an eleven-year-old boy staying at San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel in 1956 tries to find her, with the help of Alfred Hitchcock.

J Fic Avi

Avi

Gold Rush Girl (2020)

Victoria Blaisdell longs for independence and adventure, and she yearns to accompany her father as he sails west in search of real gold! But it is 1848, and Tory isn't even allowed to go to school, much less travel all the way from Rhode Island to California. Determined to take control of her own destiny, Tory stows away on the ship.

J Fic Spratt

Spratt, R.A.

Friday Barnes, Girl Detective(Bk 1) (2016)

When Friday Barnes, girl genius, solves a bank robbery, she uses the reward money to send herself to Highcrest Academy, the most exclusive boarding school in the country--and discovers it's a hotbed of crime! Soon she's investigating everything from disappearing homework to the terrifying Yeti haunting the school swamp. But the biggest mystery yet is Ian Wainscott, the handsomest (and most arrogant) boy in school who inexplicably hates her.

J Fic Beasley

Beasley, Cassie

Tumble and Blue (2017)

When the red moon rises over the heart of the Okefenokee swamp, legend says that the mysterious golden gator Munch will grant good luck to the poor soul foolish enough to face him. But in 1817, when TWO fools reach him at the same time, the night's fate is split. With disastrous consequences for both . . . and their descendants. Half of the descendants have great fates, and the other half have terrible ones. Now, Tumble Wilson and Blue Montgomery are determined to fix their ancestors' mistakes and banish the bad luck that's followed them around for all of their lives.

J Fic Benjamin

Benjamin, Ali

The Thing About Jellyfish (2015)

After her best friend dies in a drowning accident, Suzy is convinced that the true cause of the tragedy must have been a rare jellyfish sting, things don't just happen for no reason. Retreating into a silent world of imagination, she crafts a plan to prove her theory--even if it means traveling the globe, alone. Suzy's achingly heartfelt journey explores life, death, the astonishing wonder of the universe...and the potential for love and hope right next door.

J Fic Bertman

Bertman, J. C.

Book Scavenger (Book 1-2015)

For twelve-year-old Emily, the best thing about moving to San Francisco is that it's the home city of her literary idol: Garrison Griswold, book publisher and creator of the online sensation Book Scavenger (a game where books are hidden in cities all over the country and clues to find them are revealed through puzzles). Upon her arrival, however, Emily learns that Griswold has been attacked and is now in a coma, and no one knows anything about the epic new game he had been poised to launch. Then Emily and her new friend James discover an odd book, which they come to believe is from Griswold himself, and might contain the only copy of his mysterious new game.

J Fic Bildner

Bildner, Phil

A Whole New Ballgame (Book 1-2015)

Rip and Red are best friends whose fifth-grade year is nothing like what they expected. They have a crazy new tattooed teacher named Mr. Acevedo, who doesn't believe in tests or homework and who likes off-the-wall projects, the more "off" the better. They also find themselves with a new basketball coach: Mr. Acevedo! But together these two make a great duo who know how to help each other--and find ways to make a difference--in the classroom and on the court.

J Fic Birdsall

Birdsall, Jeanne.

The Penderwicks in Spring (Book 4-2015)

As spring arrives on Gardam Street, there are surprises in store for each Penderwick, from neighbor Nick Geiger's expected return from the war to Batty's new dog-walking business, but her plans to use her profits to surprise her family on her eleventh birthday go astray. (Sequel to: The Penderwicks at Point Mouette)

J Fic Bosch

Bosch, Pseudonymous.

The Name of this Book is Secret (Book 1-2007)

Two eleven-year-old misfits try to solve the mystery of a dead magician and stop the evil Dr. L and Ms. Mauvais, who are searching for the secret of immortality.

J Fic Bradley

Bradley, Kimberly

The War I Finally Won (Bk 2) (2017)

When Ada's clubfoot is surgically fixed at last, she knows for certain that she's not what her mother said she was--damaged, deranged, crippled mentally as well as physically. She's not a daughter anymore, either. Who is she now? World War II rages on, and Ada and her brother, Jamie, move with their guardian, Susan, into a cottage with the iron-faced Lady Thorton and her daughter, Maggie. Life in the crowded home is tense. Then Ruth moves in. Ruth, a Jewish girl, from Germany . A German ? Could Ruth be a spy? As the fallout from war intensifies, calamity creeps closer, and life during wartime grows even more complicated. Who will Ada decide to be?

J Fic Brown

Brown, Gavin

Josh Baxter Levels Up (2016)

7th grade video game lover Josh Baxter is not afraid to level up and win at his new school! Josh Baxter is sick and tired of hitting the reset button. It's not easy being the new kid for the third time in two years. One mistake and now the middle school football star is out to get him. And Josh's sister keeps offering him lame advice about how to make friends, as if he needs her help finding allies! Josh knows that his best bet is to keep his head down and stay under the radar. If no one notices him, nothing can touch him, right?

J Fic Butterworth

Butterworth, Jess

Running On The Roof Of The World (2018)

A story of adventure, survival, courage, and hope, set in the vivid Himalayan landscape of Tibet and India. Tash lives in Tibet, where as a practicing Buddhist she must follow many rules to avoid the wrath of the occupying Chinese soldiers. Life remains peaceful as long as Tash, her family, and their community hide their religion and don't mention its leader, the Dalai Lama. The quiet is ruptured when a man publicly sets himself on fire to protest the occupation. In the crackdown that follows, soldiers break into Tash's house and seize her parents.

J Fic Cheng Cheng, Jack *See You in the Cosmos(2017)*

11-year-old Alex Petroski loves space and rockets, his mom, his brother, and his dog Carl Sagan--named for his hero, the real-life astronomer. All he wants is to launch his golden iPod into space the way Carl Sagan (the man, not the dog) launched his Golden Record on the Voyager spacecraft in 1977. From Colorado to New Mexico, Las Vegas to L.A., Alex records a journey on his iPod to show other lifeforms what life on earth, his earth, is like. But his destination keeps changing. And the funny, lost, remarkable people he meets along the way can only partially prepare him for the secrets he'll uncover--from the truth about his long-dead dad to the fact that, for a kid with a troubled mom and a mostly not-around brother, he has way more family than he ever knew.

J Fic Cao Cao,Wenxuan *Bronze and Sunflower (2016)*

Sunflower is an only child, and when her father is sent to the rural Cadre School, she has to go with him. Her father is an established artist from the city and finds his new life of physical labor and endless meetings exhausting. Sunflower is lonely and longs to play with the local children in the village across the river. When her father tragically drowns, Sunflower is taken in by the poorest family in the village, a family with a son named Bronze. Until Sunflower joins his family, Bronze was an only child, too, and hasn't spoken a word since he was traumatized by a terrible fire. Bronze and Sunflower become inseparable, understanding each other as only the closest friends can.

J Fic Clark Clark, Henry *The Book that Proves Time Travel Happens (2016)*

The moment Ambrose Brody steps into a fortune-teller's tent, he is whisked into a quest that spans millennia with his best friend, an enigmatic carnival girl, and an unusual family heirloom that drops them into the middle of the nineteenth century! The year 1852 is a dangerous time for three non-white children, and they must work together to dodge slave-catchers and save ancestors from certain death--all while figuring out how to get back to the future.

J Fic Cleary Cleary, Beverly. *Dear Mr. Henshaw (Book 1-1983)*

In his letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world.

J Fic Collins Collins, Suzanne. *Gregor the Overlander (Book 1-2003)*

When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

J Fic Conway Conway, Nicole *Savage (Book 1-2017)*

Never send a hero to do a monster's job. Forty years have passed since Jaevind Broadfeather brought peace to Maldobar and Luntharda. But that fragile truce will be tested as darkness gathers on the horizon. The vicious armies of the Tibran Empire have crossed the far seas and are threatening to destroy Maldobar completely. Not even the dragonriders can match the Tibran war machines.

J Fic Creech Creech, Sharon. *The Boy on the Porch (2013)*

When a young couple finds a boy asleep on their porch, their lives take a surprising turn. Unable to speak, the boy Jacob can't explain his history. All John and Marta know is that they have been chosen to care for him. And, as their connection and friendship with Jacob grow, they embrace his exuberant spirit and talents. The three of them blossom into an unlikely family and begin to see the world in brand-new ways.

J Fic Currie Currie, Lindsay *The Peculiar Incident on Shady Street (2017)*

A girl unravels a centuries-old mystery after moving into a haunted house in this deliciously suspenseful mystery. Tessa Woodward isn't exactly thrilled to move to rainy, cold Chicago from her home in sunny Florida. But homesickness turns

to icy fear when unexplainable things start happening in her new house. Things like flickering lights, mysterious drawings appearing out of nowhere, and a crackling noise she can feel in her bones.

J Fic Cushman Cushman, Karen *Grayling's Song (2016)*

It's time for Grayling to be a hero. Her mother, a "wise woman"--a sort of witch--has been turned into a tree by evil forces. Tangles and toadstools! Lacking confidence after years of being called "Feeble Wits" by her mother, Grayling heads off dubiously into the wilds in search of help, where she finds a weather witch, an aromatic enchantress, a cheese soothsayer, a slyly foolish apprentice, and a shape-shifting mouse named Pook!

J Fic Dagg Dagg, C. E *Sweet Home Alaska (2016)*

It's 1934, and times are tough for their family. To make a fresh start, Trip's father signs up for President Roosevelt's Palmer Colony project, uprooting them from Wisconsin to become pioneers in Alaska. Their new home is a bit of a shock-it's a town still under construction in the middle of the wilderness, where the residents live in tents and share a community outhouse. But Trip's not about to let first impressions get in the way of this grand adventure.

J Fic Davies Davies, Jacqueline *Nothing But Trouble (2016)*

Odawahaka has always been too small for Maggie's big scientific ideas. Between her stuck-in-a-rut mom, her grumpy grandpop, and the lifetime supply of sludgy soda in the fridge, it's hard for Maggie to imagine a change. But when Lena moves in with her creative spirit and outrageous perspective, middle school takes off with a bang. Someone starts pulling the kind of pranks that send their rule-loving new principal into an uproar--complete with purple puffs of smoke, parachuting mice, and a scavenger hunt that leads to secret passageways.

J Fic DeStefano DeStefano, Lauren *The Peculiar Night of the Blue Heart (2016)*

Lionel is a wild boy, who doesn't much like to be around other people. He'd rather be a purring cat or a wolf stalking the woods. Marybeth is a nice girl. She doesn't need to be told to comb her hair or brush her teeth, and she's kind to everyone at the orphanage . . . Lionel most of all. Different though they are, Lionel and Marybeth are best friends in a world that has forgotten about them. So when a mysterious blue spirit possesses Marybeth-and starts to take control-they know they must stop it before the real Marybeth fades away forever.

J Fic DiCamillo DiCamillo, Kate *Raymie Nightingale (2016)*

Hoping that if she wins a local beauty pageant her father will come home, Raymie practices twirling a baton and performing good deeds as she is drawn into an unlikely friendship with a drama queen and a saboteur.

J Fic Durst Durst, Sarah Beth *The Girl who Could Not Dream (2015)*

Sophie loves the hidden shop below her parents' bookstore, where dreams are secretly bought and sold. When the dream shop is robbed and her parents go missing, Sophie must unravel the truth to save them. Together with her best friend--a wisecracking and fanatically loyal monster named Monster--she must decide whom to trust with her family's carefully guarded secrets. Who will help them, and who will betray them?

J Fic Eager Eagar, Lindsay *Hour of the Bees (2016)*

While her friends are spending their summers having pool parties and sleepovers, twelve-year-old Carolina -- Carol -- is spending hers in the middle of the New Mexico desert, helping her parents move the grandfather she's never met into a home for people with dementia. At first, Carol avoids prickly Grandpa Serge. But as the summer wears on and the heat bears down, Carol finds herself drawn to him, fascinated by the crazy stories he tells her about a healing tree, a green-glass lake, and the bees that will bring back the rain and end a hundred years of drought. As the thin line between magic and reality starts to blur, Carol must decide for herself what is possible.

J Fic Erskine Erskine, Kathryn *The Badger Knight (2014)*

In England in 1346 Adrian has three problems: he is small for his twelve years, he is an albino, so people are suspicious of him, and his father wants him to be a scribe, while he wants to be an archer--but when he runs away to join his friend in the fight against the invading Scots, he learns that war can be a lot more complicated than he imagined.

J Fic Frazier Frazier, Angie. *The Mastermind Plot (Book 2-2012)*

In 1904, eleven-year-old Suzanna is delighted with her grandmother's invitation to spend time in Boston and thrilled to help her famous uncle investigate a series of arsons, but she's much less pleased to be enrolled in Miss Lydia Doucette's Academy for Young Ladies.

J Fic Frost

Frost, Helen.

When My Sister Started Kissing (2017)

Claire and Abi have always loved their summers at the lake house, but this year, everything's different. Dad and Pam, their stepmom, are expecting a new baby, and they've cleared out all of Mom's belongings to make room. And last summer, Abi was looking at boys, but this summer, boys are looking back at her. While Abi sneaks around, Claire is left behind to make excuses and cover up for her. Claire doesn't want her family to change, but there doesn't seem to be a way of stopping it. By the end of their time at the house, the two sisters have learned that growing up doesn't have to mean their family growing apart.

J Fic Funke

Funke, Cornelia

Ghost Knight (2012)

Relocating to a new boarding school only to be confronted by a group of vengeful ghosts, Jon and his friend, Ella, team up to uncover a centuries-old murder and summon the ghost of a medieval knight who they are not sure can be trusted.

J Fic Gannon

Gannon, Nicholas

The Doldrums (2015)

Archer B. Helmsley wants an adventure. No, he needs an adventure. His grandparents were famous explorers . . . until they got stuck on an iceberg. Now Archer's mother barely lets him out of the house. As if that would stop a true Helmsley. Archer enlists Adelaide--the girl who, according to rumor, lost her leg to a crocodile--and Oliver--the boy next door--to help him rescue his grandparents.

J Fic George

George, Jessica Day

Tuesdays at the Castle (Book 1-2011)

Eleven-year-old Princess Celie lives with her parents, the king and queen, and her brothers and sister at Castle Glower, which adds rooms or stairways or secret passageways almost every Tuesday, and when the king and queen are ambushed while travelling, it is up to Celie--the castle's favorite--with her secret knowledge of its never-ending twists and turns, to protect their home and save their kingdom.

J Fic Gibbs

Gibbs, Stuart.

Belly Up (Book 1 Funjungle series-2010)

Twelve-year-old Teddy investigates when a popular Texas zoo's star attraction, Henry the hippopotamus, is murdered.

J Fic Giff

Giff, Patricia, Reilly.

Willow Run (2005)

During World War II, after moving with her parents to Willow Run, Michigan, when her father gets a job in the B-24 bomber-building factory, eleven-year-old Meggie learns about different kinds of bravery from all of the people around her.

J Fic Gipson

Gipson, Fred.

Old Yeller (2001, c1956)

Travis is left to care for the farm when his father leaves on a cattle drive. He copes with many hardships with the help of his big, yellow dog, Old Yeller.

J Fic Graff

Graff, Lisa

Lost in the Sun (2013)

Everyone says that middle school is awful, but Trent knows nothing could be worse than the year he had in fifth grade, when a freak accident on Cedar Lake left one kid dead, and Trent with a brain full of terrible thoughts he can't get rid of. Trent's pretty positive the entire disaster was his fault, so for him middle school feels like a fresh start, a chance to prove to everyone that he's not the horrible screw-up they seem to think he is. If only Trent could make that fresh start happen. It isn't until Trent gets caught up in the whirlwind that is Fallon Little--the girl with the mysterious scar across her face--that things begin to change.

J Fic Griffin

Griffin, Paul

Saving Marty (2018)

Eleven-year-old Lorenzo Ventura knows heroes are rare--like his father, who died in the war, or his friend Paloma Lee, who fearlessly pursues her dream of being a famous musician. Renzo would never describe himself as a hero, but his chance comes when he adopts Marty, a runt piglet. Marty is extraordinary--he thinks he's a dog and acts like one too--and his bond with Renzo is truly one of a kind. At first, the family farm seems like the perfect home for Marty, but as he approaches 350 pounds, it becomes harder for Renzo to convince his mom that a giant pig makes a good pet. So when

Marty causes a dangerous (and expensive) accident, Renzo knows Marty's time is up.

J Fic Gutman Gutman, Dan. *Mission Unstoppable (Book 1-2011)*

The most exciting road trip in history begins! In this action-packed nadventure, twelve-year-old twins Coke and Pepsi McDonald embark on a family vacation you'll have to read to believe. The Genius Files is a one-of-a-kind mix of geography and fun. As Coke and Pepsi dodge nefarious villains from the Pez museum in California all the way to the Infinity Room in Wisconsin, black-and-white photographs and maps put young readers right into the action.

J Fic Haddix Haddix, Margaret. *Under Their Skin (Book 1-2016)*

Nick and Eryn's mom is getting remarried, and the twelve-year-old twins are skeptical when she tells them their lives won't change much. Well, yes, they will have to move. And they will have a new stepfather, stepbrother, and stepsister. But Mom tells them not to worry. They won't ever have to meet their stepsiblings. This news puzzles Nick and Eryn, so the twins set out on a mission to find out who these kids are--and why they're being kept hidden.

J Fic Hahn Hahn, Mary Downing. *Took: a Ghost Story (2015)*

Thirteen-year-old Daniel Anderson doesn't believe Brody Mason's crazy stories about the ghost witch who lives up on Brewster's Hill with Bloody Bones, her man-eating razorback hog. He figures Brody's probably just trying to scare him since he's the new kid . . . a "stuck-up snot" from Connecticut. But Daniel's seven-year-old sister Erica has become more and more withdrawn, talking to her lookalike doll. When she disappears into the woods one day, he knows something is terribly wrong. Did the witch strike?

J Fic Hale Hale, Shannon. *Princess Academy (Book 1 in series-2005)*

While attending a strict academy for potential princesses with the other girls from her mountain village, fourteen-year-old Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland.

J Fic Harris Harris, Teresa, E. *The Perfect Place (2014)*

Treasure's dad has disappeared and her mom sets out to track him down, leaving twelve-year-old Treasure and her little sister, Tiffany, in small-town Virginia with their eccentric, dictatorial Great-Aunt Grace. GAG (as the girls refer to her) is a terrible cook, she sets off Treasure's asthma with her cat and her chain smoking, and her neighbors suspect her in the recent jewel thefts. As the hope of finding their dad fades, the girls and their great-aunt begin to understand and accommodate one another.

J Fic Hawkins Hawkins, Rachel *Ruby & Olivia (2017)*

Ruby is bold and opinionated, while Olivia has always been respectful and well behaved. But Olivia's good-girl image is tarnished when she takes the fall for her twin sister's misdeed. And now Olivia is stuck with Ruby all summer--at a community service day camp for troublemakers. To kick off the spirit of service, the campers are tasked with cataloging the contents of Live Oaks, a historic mansion in their town. It isn't long until little tricks--like mysterious music playing, doors slamming, and shadows rising--start to spook the girls. They soon realize that this empty mansion might not be uninhabited after all.

J Fic Hernandez Hernandez, Carlos A. *Sal & Gabi Break the Universe (2019)*

What would you do if you had the power to reach through time and space and retrieve anything you want, including your mother, who is no longer living (in this universe, anyway)? How did a raw chicken get inside Yasmany's locker? When Sal Vidon meets Gabi Real for the first time, it isn't under the best of circumstances. Sal is in the principal's office for the third time in three days, and it's still the first week of school.

J Fic Hiaasen Hiaasen, Carl. *Squirm (2018)*

Some facts about Billy Dickens: * He once saw a biker swerve across the road in order to run over a snake. * Later, that motorcycle somehow ended up at the bottom of a canal. * Billy isn't the type to let things go.

J Fic Hunt Hunt, Lynda Mullaly *Fish in a Tree (2015)*

Everybody is smart in different ways. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its life believing it is stupid. Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide

her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to ask for help; after all, how can you cure dumb? However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker.

J Fic Imfeld Imfeld, Robert *A Guide to the Other Side (Book 1 2016)*

Thirteen-year-old Baylor Bosco does not like ghosts, but as a medium he sees them--including his twin sister Kristina--everywhere but Kristina disappears after a strange ghost shows up and Baylor must try to find her on his own.

J Fic Jinks Jinks, Catherine. *The Paradise Trap (2012)*

Eleven-year-old Marcus is spending a week at the beach with his mother in a tiny old travel trailer, but boredom turns to terror when a new friend discovers a cellar that has magical doors through which people keep disappearing.

J Fic Kadarusman Kadarusman, Michelle *The Theory of Hummingbirds (2017)*

"Hummingbirds and angels don't need two good feet. They have wings." That's what Alba's mother always says. Of course, Alba doesn't have wings or two good feet: she has Cleo. Cleo is the name Alba has given to her left foot, which was born twisted in the wrong direction. When she points this out, though, her mother just smiles like the world has some surprise in store she doesn't know about yet. Well, Alba has her own surprise planned. After one final surgery and one final cast, Cleo is almost ready to meet the world straight on--just in time to run in the sixth grade cross-country race. Unfortunately Alba's best friend Levi thinks there's no way she can pull it off.

J Fic Khan Khan, Hena *Amina's Voice (2017)*

Amina has never been comfortable in the spotlight. She is happy just hanging out with her best friend, Soojin. Except now that she's in middle school everything feels different. Soojin is suddenly hanging out with Emily, one of the "cool" girls in the class, and even talking about changing her name to something more "American." Does Amina need to start changing too? Or hiding who she is to fit in? While Amina grapples with these questions, she is devastated when her local mosque is vandalized.

J Fic Kelkar Kelkar, Supriya *Ahimsa (2017)*

In 1942, when Mahatma Gandhi asks Indians to give one family member to the freedom movement, ten-year-old Anjali is devastated to think of her father risking his life for the freedom struggle. But it turns out he isn't the one joining. Anjali's mother is. First the family must trade in their fine foreign-made clothes for homespun cotton, so Anjali has to give up her prettiest belongings. Then her mother decides to reach out to the Dalit community, the "untouchables" of society. Anjali is forced to get over her past prejudices as her family becomes increasingly involved in the movement. When Anjali's mother is jailed, Anjali must step out of her comfort zone to take over her mother's work, ensuring that her little part of the independence movement is completed.

J Fic Korman Korman, Gordan *Jackpot (Book 6-2014)*

Griggin Bing and his friends are trying to locate Mr. Fielder's missing thirty million dollar lottery ticket, and thwart the local bully, Darren Vader, who wants to find it for himself--and Mr. Bing's latest invention may help.

J Fic Lai Lai, Thanhha. *Listen Slowly (2015)*

Assisting her grandmother's investigation of her grandfather's fate during the Vietnam War, Mai struggles to adapt to an unfamiliar culture while redefining her sense of family.

J Fic L'Engle L'Engle, Madeleine. *A Wrinkle in Time (Book 1-1962)*

Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government

J Fic Lord Lord, Cynthia *Half A Chance (2014)*

Lucy, with her mother and her photographer father, has just moved to a small rural community in New Hampshire, and with her new friend Nate she plans to spend the summer taking photos for a contest, but pictures sometimes reveal more than people are willing to see.

J Fic Mackey Mackey, Heather *Dreamwood (2014)*

Lucy Darrington has no choice but to run away from boarding school. Her father, an expert on the supernatural, has been

away for "too" long while doing research in Saarthé, a remote territory in the Pacific Northwest populated by towering redwoods, timber barons, and the Lupine people. But upon arriving, she learns her father is missing: Rumor has it he's gone in search of dreamwood, a rare tree with magical properties that just might hold the cure for the blight that's ravaging the forests of Saarthé. Determined to find her father (and possibly save Saarthé), Lucy and her vexingly stubborn friend Pete follow William Darrington's trail to the deadly woods on Devil's Thumb.

J Fic MacLachlan MacLachlan, Patricia. *Dream Within a Dream (2019)*

When Louisa is sent to stay with her grandparents for the summer, she's not looking forward to it. While her brother is determined to find a way to stay on Deer Island forever, Louisa would rather be off having adventures with their globetrotting ornithographer parents. She's a writer, and there's nothing on all of Deer Island to write about--right? Louisa quickly discovers that small doesn't necessarily mean quiet, and the island has plenty of scope for the imagination.

J Fic Martin Martin, Ann M. *Rain Reign (2014)*

Struggling with Asperger's, Rose shares a bond with her beloved dog, but when the dog goes missing during a storm, Rose is forced to confront the limits of her comfort levels, even if it means leaving her routines in order to search for her pet.

J Fic Margolis Margolis, Leslie. *We Are Party People (2017)*

Shy and quiet, Pixie does everything she can to fade into the background. All she wants is to survive middle school without being noticed. Meanwhile, her parents own the best party-planning business in town. They thrive on attention, love being experts in fun, and throw themselves into party personas, dressing as pirates, princes, mermaids, and more. When her mom leaves town indefinitely and her new friend Sophie decides to run for class president, Pixie finds herself way too close to the spotlight. How far is she willing to go to help the people she loves?

J Fic McGee McGee, Ron. *Ryan Quinn and the Lion's Claw (Bk 2-2017)*

Ryan Quinn has never been a normal kid, and after everything that happened in Andakar, he's about as far away from normal as could be. His parents want him to forget all about his death-defying escape, his role in the Emergency Rescue Committee, and the fact that they've been keeping secrets from him his whole life. But forgetting just isn't an option for Ryan--not when there's a traitor in the ERC who's looking to ruin Ryan's parents and expose the whole organization.

J Fic McIntosh McIntosh, Fiona. *The Whisperer (2015)*

Griff is a poor carnival worker who does the heavy lifting while the malevolent ringmaster orders him about. But there's something special about Griff: he can hear the thoughts of everyone around him. And one day, he begins to connect with Lute's mind, even though they've never met and are miles apart. When Lute must run for his very life, Griff may be the only one who can help him.

J Fic Meloy Meloy, Colin *The Whiz Mob and the Grenadine Kid (2017)*

It is an ordinary Tuesday morning in April when bored, lonely Charlie Fisher witnesses something incredible. Right before his eyes, in a busy square in Marseille, a group of pickpockets pulls off an amazing robbery. This is the most thrilling thing that's happened to him since he came to France with his father, an American diplomat. So instead of reporting the thieves, Charlie defends one of their cannons, Amir, to the police, under one condition: he teach Charlie the tricks of the trade. What starts off as a lesson on pinches, kicks, and chumps soon turns into an invitation for Charlie to join the secret world of the whiz mob, an international band of child thieves who trained at the mysterious School of Seven Bells.

J Fic Myracle Myracle, Lauren *Wishing Day (Book 1-2016)*

On the third night of the third month after a girl's thirteenth birthday, every girl in the town of Willow Hill makes three wishes. The first wish is an impossible wish. The second is a wish she can make come true herself. And the third is the deepest wish of her secret heart. Natasha is the oldest child in a family steeped in magic, though she's not sure she believes in it. She's full to bursting with wishes, however. She misses her mother, who disappeared nearly eight long years ago. She has a crush on one of the cutest boys in her class, and she thinks maybe it would be nice if her very first kiss came from him. And amid the chaos of a house full of sisters, aunts, and a father lost in grief, she aches to simply be . . .

noticed. So Natasha goes to the willow tree at the top of the hill on her Wishing Day, and she makes three wishes. What unfolds is beyond anything she could have imagined.

J Fic Nesbit Nesbit, Edith. *Five Children and It (1902)*

When four brothers and sisters discover a Psammead, or sand-fairy, in the gravel pit near the country house where they are staying, they have no way of knowing all the adventures its wish-granting will bring them.

J Fic O'Brien O'Brien, Robert C. *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH (1971)*

Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise and long lived.

J Fic O'Dell O'Dell, Scott. *Island of the Blue Dolphins (1960)*

Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island off the coast of California, a young Indian girl spends 18 years, not only merely surviving through her enormous courage & self-reliance, but also finding a simple happiness in her solitary life.

J Fic Oliver Oliver, Lauren. *The Shrunk Head (Book 1-2015)*

Blessed with extraordinary abilities, orphans Philippa, Sam, and Thomas have grown up happily in Dumfrey's Dime Museum of Freaks, Oddities, and Wonders. But when a fourth child, Max, a knife-thrower, joins the group, it sets off an unforgettable chain of events. When the museum's Amazonian shrunken head is stolen, the four are determined to get it back. But their search leads them to a series of murders and an explosive secret about their pasts.

J Fic Oppel Oppel, Kenneth *The Nest (2015)*

For some kids summer is a sun-soaked season of fun. But for Steve, it's just another season of worries. Worries about his sick newborn baby brother who is fighting to survive, worries about his parents who are struggling to cope, even worries about the wasp's nest looming ominously from the eaves. So when a mysterious wasp queen invades his dreams, offering to "fix" the baby, Steve thinks his prayers have been answered. All he has to do is say "Yes." But "yes" is a powerful word. It is also a dangerous one. And once it is uttered, can it be taken back?

J Fic Orr Orr, Wendy. *Dragonfly Song (2017)*

Wendy Orr, the author of Nim's Island, introduces a resourceful and resilient heroine for slightly older readers. Inspired by an archeological trip to the island of Crete, where frescoes show figures leaping over the backs of bulls, Orr weaves an intriguing mythological portrayal of the Bronze Age Minoan civilization. Lyrically written and refreshingly unpredictable, *Dragonfly Song* suggests a fascinating origin for the legend of the Minotaur and his dark tribute.

J Fic Pennypacker Pennypacker, Sara *Pax (2016)*

Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a kit. But one day, the unimaginable happens: Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild. At his grandfather's house, three hundred miles away from home, Peter knows he isn't where he should be--with Pax. He strikes out on his own despite the encroaching war, spurred by love, loyalty, and grief, to be reunited with his fox. Meanwhile Pax, steadfastly waiting for his boy, embarks on adventures and discoveries of his own. . . .

J Fic Pinkney Pinkney, Andrea Davis *The Red Pencil (2014)*

After her tribal village is attacked by militants, Amira, a young Sudanese girl, must flee to safety at a refugee camp, where she finds hope and the chance to pursue an education in the form of a single red pencil and the friendship and encouragement of a wise elder.

J Fic Pla Pla, Sally *The Someday Birds (2017)*

Charlie's perfectly ordinary life has been unraveling ever since his war journalist father was injured in Afghanistan. When his father heads from California to Virginia for medical treatment, Charlie reluctantly travels cross-country with his boy-crazy sister, unruly brothers, and a mysterious new family friend. He decides that if he can spot all the birds that he and his father were hoping to see someday along the way, then everything might just turn out okay.

J Fic Reynolds Reynolds, Jason *As Brave As You (2016)*

When two brothers decide to prove how brave they are, everything backfires--literally. Genie's summer is full of surprises.

The first is that he and his big brother, Ernie, are leaving Brooklyn for the very first time to spend the summer with their grandparents all the way in Virginia--in the COUNTRY! The second surprise comes when Genie figures out that their grandfather is blind.

J Fic Reynolds Reynolds, Jason *Patina (2017)*

Ghost. Lu. Patina. Sunny. Four kids from wildly different backgrounds with personalities that are explosive when they clash. But they are also four kids chosen for an elite middle school track team--a team that could qualify them for the Junior Olympics if they can get their acts together. They all have a lot to lose, but they also have a lot to prove, not only to each other, but to themselves.

J Fic Riley Riley, James *Story Thieves (Book 1-2015)*

Life is boring when you live in the real world, instead of starring in your own book series. Owen knows that better than anyone, what with the real world's homework and chores. But everything changes the day Owen sees the impossible happen--his classmate Bethany climb out of a book in the library. It turns out Bethany's half-fictional and has been searching every book she can find for her missing father, a fictional character. Bethany can't let anyone else learn her secret, so Owen makes her a deal: All she has to do is take him into a book in Owen's favorite Kiel Gnomes series, and he'll never say a word.

J Fic Riordan Riordan, Rick. *The Red Pyramid (Book 1- 2010)*

After their father's research experiment at the British Museum unleashes the Egyptian god Set, Carter and Sadie Kane embark on a dangerous journey across the globe--a quest which brings them ever closer to the truth about their family, and their links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs.

J Fic Rossell Rossell, Judith *Withering-by-Sea (Bk 1)(2016)*

High on a cliff above the gloomy Victorian town of Withering-by-Sea stands the Hotel Majestic. Inside the walls of the damp, dull hotel, eleven-year-old orphan Stella Montgomery leads a miserable life with her three dreadful aunts. Stella dreams of adventuring on the Amazon--or anyplace, really, as long as it isn't this dreary town where nothing ever happens. Then one night Stella sees something she shouldn't have. Soon she finds herself on the run from terrifying Professor Stark and his gang of thugs. But how can one young girl outwit an evil magician, much less rescue his poor, mistreated assistant?

J Fic Rundell Rundell, Katherine *Cartwheeling in Thunderstorms (2014)*

Even a life on the untamed plains of Africa can't prepare Wilhelmina for the wilds of an English boarding school. Wilhelmina Silver's world is golden. Living half-wild on an African farm with her horse, her monkey, and her best friend, every day is beautiful. But when her home is sold and Will is sent away to boarding school in England, the world becomes impossibly difficult. Lions and hyenas are nothing compared to packs of vicious schoolgirls. Where can a girl run to in London?

J Fic Ryan Ryan Carrie *The Map to Everywhere (Book 1-2014)*

Twelve-year-old Fin, a master thief from the pirate world of Khaznot Quay, and Marrill, also twelve, of Arizona, cross paths in the magical world of the Pirate Stream while on a quest for a mysterious map.

J Fic Salamon Salamon, Julie *Mutt's Promise (2016)*

Luna is a farm puppy who loves to dance, and she has only known a happy, serene life surrounded by her mother, Mutt, and her siblings, and she's scared for by Gilberto, the son of farm workers. But now Gilberto and his parents have moved on, and Mr. Thomas the farmer doesn't feel he can take care of a whole family of dogs. He finds new homes for the puppies, not realizing that the man who took Luna and her brother does not have their best interests at heart. Luna and Chief, hungry and scared, are trapped in the smelly barn of a puppy mill--until they take matters into their own paws and find a way to escape. But can Luna and Chief find their way home?

J Fic Sands Sands Kevin *Mark of the Plague (Book 2-2016)*

The Black Death has returned to London, spreading disease and fear through town. A mysterious prophet predicts the city's ultimate doom--until an unknown apothecary arrives with a cure that actually works. Christopher's Blackthorn shop

is chosen to prepare the remedy. But when an assassin threatens the apothecary's life, Christopher and his faithful friend Tom are back to hunting down the truth, risking their lives to untangle the heart of a dark conspiracy.

J Fic Schmidt Schmidt, Gary *Pay Attention, Carter Jones (2019)*

Carter Jones is astonished early one morning when he finds a real English butler, bowler hat and all, on the doorstep--one who stays to help the Jones family, which is a little bit broken. In addition to figuring out middle school, Carter has to adjust to the unwelcome presence of this new know-it-all adult in his life and navigate the butler's notions of decorum.

J Fic Shang Shang, Wendy Wan-Long *The Way Home Looks Now (2015)*

In 1972, after his older brother is killed in a car crash, Peter Lee's mother is paralyzed by grief and his traditional Chinese father seems emotionally frozen--but Peter hopes that if he joins a Little League team in Pittsburgh he can reawaken the passion for baseball that all the members of his family used to share and bring them back to life.

J Fic Smith Smith, Lane *Return to Augie Hobble (2015)*

New Mexico middle-schooler Augie Hobble grapples with adolescence, paranormal mysteries, an overdue Creative Arts project, and heartbreaking loss while working in his father's theme park, Fairy Tale Place.

J Fic Smith Smith, Sherri *The Toymaker's Apprentice (2015)*

Stefan Drosselmeyer is a reluctant apprentice to his toymaker father until the day his world is turned upside down. His father is kidnapped and Stefan is enlisted by his mysterious cousin, Christian Drosselmeyer, to find a mythical nut to save a princess who has been turned into a wooden doll. Embarking on a wild adventure through Germany, Stefan must save Boldavia's princess and his own father from the fanatical Mouse Queen and her seven-headed Mouse Prince, both of whom have sworn to destroy the Drosselmeyer family.

J Fic Snyder Snyder, Laurel *My Jasper June (2019)*

The school year is over, and it is summer in Atlanta. But Leah feels. . . lost. She has been this way since one terrible afternoon a year ago, when everything changed. Since that day, her parents have become distant, her friends have fallen away, and Leah's been adrift and alone. Then she meets Jasper, a girl unlike anyone she has ever known. There's something mysterious about Jasper, almost magical. And Jasper, Leah discovers, is also lost.

J Fic Spradlin Spradlin, Michael *Into The Killing Seas (2015)*

Stranded in the war torn Pacific, Patrick and his younger brother Teddy are finally homeward-bound. They've stowed away on one of the US Navy's finest ships, and now they just need to stay hidden. But Japanese torpedoes rip their dream apart. And the sinking ship isn't the worst of it. Patrick and Teddy can handle hunger and dehydration as they float in the water and wait to be rescued.

J Fic Spratt Spratt, R.A. *Friday Barnes, Girl Detective (2016)*

Imagine if Sherlock Holmes was an eleven-year-old girl! When Friday Barnes, girl genius, solves a bank robbery, she uses the reward money to send herself to Highcrest Academy, the most exclusive boarding school in the country--and discovers it's a hotbed of crime! Soon she's investigating everything from disappearing homework to the terrifying Yeti haunting the school swamp. But the biggest mystery yet is Ian Wainscott, the handsomest (and most arrogant) boy in school who inexplicably hates her.

J Fic Stevens Stevens, Robin *Murder is Bad Manners (Book 1-2015)*

At an English boarding school in the 1930s, crime-solving friends Hazel Wong and Daisy Wells struggle to find an exciting mystery to investigate and hit pay-dirt when Hazel discovers the dead body of Miss Bell, the science teacher.

J Fic Stratford Stratford, Jordan *The Case of the Missing Moonstone (Book 1-2015)*

Mary Godwin, age fourteen, is a romantic. Adventurous, astute, and kind, Mary is to become Ada's first true friend. And together, the girls conspire to form the Wollstonecraft Detective Agency--a secret constabulary for the apprehension of clever criminals. Their first case involves a stolen heirloom, a false confession, and an array of fishy suspects. But it's no match for the deductive powers and bold hearts of Ada and Mary.

J Fic Teagan Teagan, Erin *The Friendship Experiment (2016)*

Future scientist Madeline Little is dreading the start of middle school. Nothing has been right since her grandfather died and her best friend changed schools. Maddie would rather help her father in his research lab or write Standard Operating Procedures in her lab notebook than hang out with a bunch of kids who aren't even her friends. Despite Maddie's reluctance, some new friends start coming her way--until they discover what she's written in that secret notebook. And that's just part of the trouble. Can this future scientific genius find the formula for straightening out her life?

J Fic Thompson Thompson, Lisa *The Goldfish Boy (2017)*

Matthew Corbin suffers from severe obsessive-compulsive disorder. He hasn't been to school in weeks. His hands are cracked and bleeding from cleaning. He refuses to leave his bedroom. To pass the time, he observes his neighbors from his bedroom window, making mundane notes about their habits as they bustle about the cul-de-sac. When a toddler staying next door goes missing, it becomes apparent that Matthew was the last person to see him alive. Suddenly, Matthew finds himself at the center of a high-stakes mystery, and every one of his neighbors is a suspect. Matthew is the key to figuring out what happened and potentially saving a child's life...

J Fic Thomson Thomson, Sarah *Secrets of the Seven: the Eureka Key (2016-Book 1)*

When middle school puzzle master Sam and history wiz Martina win a contest for a summer trip across the US, they discover they've been drafted into something vastly more extraordinary. Joining another kid on the trip, Theo, a descendant of George Washington himself, they must follow clues to find seven keys left behind by the Founding Fathers. Together the keys unlock Benjamin Franklin's greatest invention--a secret weapon intended to defend the country.

J Fic Townsend Townsend, Jessica *Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow Bk1 (2017)*

A breathtaking, enchanting new series by debut author Jessica Townsend, about a cursed girl who escapes death and finds herself in a magical world--but is then tested beyond her wildest imagination Morrigan Crow is cursed. Having been born on Eventide, the unluckiest day for any child to be born, she's blamed for all local misfortunes, from hailstorms to heart attacks--and, worst of all, the curse means that Morrigan is doomed to die at midnight on her eleventh birthday.

J Fic Tucker Tucker, Laura *All the Greys on Greene Street (2019)*

12-year-old Olympia is an artist--and in her neighborhood, that's normal. Her dad and his business partner Apollo bring antique paintings back to life, while her mother makes intricate sculptures in a corner of their loft, leaving Ollie to roam the streets of New York with her best friends Richard and Alex, drawing everything that catches her eye. Then everything falls apart. Ollie's dad disappears in the middle of the night, leaving her only a cryptic note and instructions to destroy it.

J Fic Ursu Ursu, Anne *The Lost Girl (2019)*

When you're an identical twin, your story always starts with someone else. For Iris, that means her story starts with Lark. Iris has always been the grounded, capable, and rational one; Lark has been inventive, dreamy, and brilliant--and from their first moments in the world together, they've never left each other's side. Everyone around them realized early on what the two sisters already knew: they had better outcomes when they were together.

J Fic Voigt Voigt, Cynthia *Mister Max : Book of Secrets (Book 1-2014)*

Max Starling's reputation for problem-solving has been spreading--and now even the mayor wants his help. Someone is breaking windows and setting fires in the old city, but the shopkeepers won't say a word about the culprits. Why are they keeping these thugs' secrets? When the mayor begs for help, Max agrees to take the case, putting himself in grave danger.

J Fic Walden Walden, Mark. *H.I.V.E: Higher-Institute-of-Villainous-Education (Bk 1-2007)*

Swept away to a hidden academy for training budding evil geniuses, Otto, a brilliant orphan, Wing, a sensitive warrior, Laura, a shy computer specialist, and Shelby, an infamous jewel thief, plot to beat the odds and escape the prison known as H.I.V.E.

J Fic Watkins Watkins, Steve *Sink or Swim (2017)*

Inspired by the true story of the youngest boy who served in World War II, Steve Watkins weaves a story of courage in the face of danger and hope in the face of defeat. It's been a month since the bombing of Pearl Harbor. America is

officially at war with Germany and Japan, and everyone wants to do their part

J Fic Wells Wells, Marcia *Eddie Red Undercover: (Book 1 2014)*

6th grader Edmund Xavier Lonnot, codename "Eddie Red," has a photographic memory and talent for drawing anything he sees. When the NYPD is stumped by a mastermind art thief, Eddie becomes the secret weapon to solve the case.

J Fic Welsh Welsh, M. L. *Mistress of the Storm (Book 1-2012)*

After a stranger gives an ancient book to unpopular, twelve-year-old Verity Gallant, she and her new-found friends, Henry and Martha, uncover secrets stirring in the harbor town of Wellow and use them to face a powerful, vengeful witch.

J Fic White White, J.A. *A Path Begins (Thickey- Book 1-2014)*

When Kara Westfall was five years old, her mother was convicted of the worst of all crimes: witchcraft. Years later, Kara and her little brother, Taff, are still shunned by the people of their village, who believe that nothing is more evil than magic...except, perhaps, the mysterious forest that covers nearly the entire island. It has many names, this place. Sometimes it is called the Dark Wood, or Sordyr's Realm. But mostly it's called the Thickety. The villagers live in fear of the Thickety and the terrible creatures that live there. But when an unusual bird lures Kara into the forbidden forest, she discovers a strange book with unspeakable powers. A book that might have belonged to her mother. And that is just the beginning of the story.

J Fic Young Young, Karen R. *Hundred Percent (2016)*

Christine Gouda, called Tink, and her best friend Jackie are entering sixth grade, and suddenly everything seems awkward and just plain wrong--boys are behaving differently, clothes do not fit the way they should, long term friendships suddenly seem tenuous, and most of all she needs a new nickname because "Tink" just does not fit anymore.

J Fic Zobo Zobo, Ibi Aanu *My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich (2019)*

In the summer of 1984, 12-year-old Ebony-Grace Norfleet makes the trip from Huntsville, Alabama, to Harlem, where she'll spend a few weeks with her father while her mother deals with some trouble that's arisen for Ebony-Grace's beloved grandfather, Jeremiah. In the summer of 1984, 12-year-old Ebony-Grace Norfleet makes the trip from Huntsville, Alabama, to Harlem, where she'll spend a few weeks with her father while her mother deals with some trouble that's arisen for Ebony-Grace's beloved grandfather, Jeremiah.

GRAPHIC

J Graphic Andrews Andrews, Ryan *This Was Our Pact (2018)*

It's the night of the annual Autumn Equinox Festival, when the town gathers to float paper lanterns down the river. Legend has it that after drifting out of sight, they'll soar off to the Milky Way and turn into brilliant stars. This year, Ben and his classmates are determined to find out where those lanterns really go, and they made a pact with two simple rules: No one turns for home. No one looks back. The plan is to follow the river on their bikes for as long as it takes to learn the truth, but it isn't long before the pact is broken by all except for Ben and (much to Ben's disappointment) Nathaniel, the one kid who just doesn't seem to fit in. Together, Nathaniel and Ben will travel down a winding road full of magic, wonder, and unexpected friendship.

J Graphic Chamblain Chamblain, Joris *Cici's Journal (2017)*

Cici dreams of being a novelist. Her favorite subject: people, especially adults. She's been watching them and taking notes. Everybody has one special secret, Cici figures, and if you want to write about people, you need to understand what's hiding inside them. But now she's discovered something truly strange: an old man who disappears into the forest every Sunday with huge pots of paint in all sorts of colors. What is he up to? Why does he look so sad when he comes back?

J Graphic Craft Craft, Jerry *New Kid (2019)*

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds--and not really fitting into

either one.

J Graphic Hale

Hale, Nathan

Big Bad Ironclad (Book 1-2012)

Big Bad Ironclad! covers the history of the amazing ironclad steam warships used in the Civil War. From the ship's inventor, who had a history of blowing things up and only 100 days to complete his project, to the mischievous William Cushing, who pranked his way through the whole war, this book is filled with surprisingly true facts and funny, brave characters that modern readers will easily relate to.

J Graphic Jamieson

Jamieson, Victoria

All's Faire in Middle School (2017)

Eleven-year-old Imogene (Impy) has grown up with two parents working at the Renaissance Faire, and she's eager to begin her own training as a squire. First, though, she'll need to prove her bravery. But it's not easy to act like a noble knight-in-training in middle school. Impy falls in with a group of girls who seem really nice (until they don't) and starts to be embarrassed of her thrift shop apparel, her family's unusual lifestyle, and their small, messy apartment. Impy has always thought of herself as a heroic knight, but when she does something really mean in order to fit in, she begins to wonder whether she might be more of a dragon after all.

J Graphic Napoli

Napoli, Donna Jo

Fish Girl (2019)

A young mermaid, called Fish Girl, in a boardwalk aquarium has a chance encounter with an ordinary girl. Their growing friendship inspires Fish Girl's longing for freedom, independence, and a life beyond the aquarium tank. Sparkling with humor and brilliantly visualized, Fish Girl's story will resonate with every young person facing the challenges and rewards of growing up.

NONFICTION

J 158.1 A376

Kwame, Alexander

The Playbook: 52 rules to aim, shoot and score in the game of life (2017)

The Playbook is intended to provide inspiration on the court of life. Each rule contains wisdom from inspiring athletes and role models such as Nelson Mandela, Serena Williams, LeBron James, Carli Lloyd, Steph Curry and Michelle Obama. Kwame Alexander also provides his own poetic and uplifting words, as he shares stories of overcoming obstacles and winning games in this motivational and inspirational book just right for graduates of any age and anyone needing a little encouragement.

J 292.08 N216

Napoli, Donna Jo.

Treasury of Greek Mythology (2013)

Presents illustrated retellings of classic Greek myths, sharing the stories of Zeus, Aphrodite, Apollo, Athena, Helen of Troy, Perseus, and Medusa, with sidebars for each god, goddess, hero, and monster that link the tales to constellations, history, geography, and culture, and including profiles, a family tree, and other resources.

J 303.49 S396

Schutten Jan Paul

Hello From 2030: The Science of the Future and You (2014)

Will the future be what we think, or will our predictions be laughably wrong? Get a glimpse of what's coming-and how we know-in this firsthand look at futurology, the science of predicting the future. What will the future look like? From "living" homes to computers as thin as paper to cars that drive themselves, you'll get a peek at what's coming just around the corner.

J 323.4 B857

Brimmer, Larry

Twelve Days in May: Freedom Ride 1961 (2017)

On May 4, 1961, a group of thirteen black and white civil rights activists launched the Freedom Ride, aiming to challenge the practice of segregation on buses and at bus terminal facilities in the South. The thirteen Freedom Riders intended to test the laws and draw attention to the lack of enforcement with their peaceful protest. As the Riders traveled deeper into the South, they encountered increasing violence and opposition.

J 323.4 R896

Rubin, Susan Goldman

Freedom Summer: The 1964 Struggle for Civil Rights in Mississippi (2014)

An award-winning author offers a riveting account of the civil rights crusade in Mississippi 50 years ago that brought on shocking violence and the beginning of a new political order.

J 551. W136 Wagstaffe, Johanna *Fault Lines (2017)*

Earthquakes are a terrifying yet fascinating force of nature. Seismologist Johanna Wagstaffe takes you through her own journey of understanding the earth beneath our feet. Along the way you'll learn the science behind what makes the earth rumble and hear from kids around the world who have experienced the wonder, and terror, of an earthquake.

J 569.6 S634 Sloan, Christopher. *Baby Mammoth Mummy: Frozen in Time (2011)*

Tells the story of the discovery of Lyuba, a perfectly preserved baby mammoth discovered along a river in Siberia 31,000 years after her birth, and offers a glimpse into her prehistoric world.

J 591.57 J68 Johnson, Rebecca *Masters of Disguise (2016)*

"In the animal kingdom, survival is the name of the game--and not everything is as it seems. Learn more about the animals that use tricks beyond your wildest imagination to stay safe--and stay alive!"

J 599.4 M346 Markle, Sandra *The Case of the Vanishing Little Brown Bats (2015)*

Recently large populations of little brown bats have been dying off. Is a virus killing them? Could climate change or pesticides be the cause? Follow the scientists working to save the little brown bats in this real-life science mystery.

J 623.45 G624 Goldsmith, Connie *Bombs Over Bikini: The World's First Nuclear Disaster (2014)*

Discusses the world's first nuclear disaster when nuclear bomb testing sent a toxic cloud of radiation over Rongelap Atoll and other nearby inhabited islands causing burns, cancers, birth defects, and other medical tragedies.

J 626.43 C321 Carson, M.K., *Mission to Pluto: the first visit to an ice dwarf...(2017)*

In July of 2015 a robotic spacecraft reached Pluto after a nine-and-half-year journey. New Horizons is the first spacecraft mission to Pluto and revealed its five moons as never before seen. Images from the mission show a reddish surface covered in ice-water mountains, moving glaciers, and hints of possible ice volcanoes and an underground ocean. Pluto is geologically alive and changing!

J 822.33E Sutcliffe, Jane *Will's Words: How William Shakespeare changed the way you talk (2016)*

When Jane Sutcliffe sets out to write a book about William Shakespeare and the Globe Theatre, in her own words, she runs into a problem: Will's words keep popping up all over the place! What's an author to do? After all, Will is responsible for such familiar phrases as "what's done is done" and "too much of a good thing." He even helped turn "household words" into household words. But, Jane embraces her dilemma, writing about Shakespeare, his plays, and his famous phrases with glee. After all, what better words are there to use to write about the greatest writer in the English language than his very own? As readers will discover, "the long and the short of it" is this: Will changed the English language forever.

J 940.541 L674 Lewis, Patrick *Harlem Hellfighters (2014)*

They went by many names, but the world came to know them best as the Harlem Hellfighters. Two thousand strong, these black Americans from New York picked up brass instruments--under the leadership of famed bandleader and lieutenant James Reese Europe--to take the musical sound of Harlem into the heart of war.

J 940.544 N625 Nicholson, D.M. *The School the Aztec Eagles Built : a tribute to Mexico's WW II Air Fighters (2016)*

On May 13, 1942, a German U-boat torpedoed two unarmed Mexican oil tankers off the Gulf Coast, forcing Mexico to enter World War II. With the help of United States President Roosevelt, Mexican President Camacho arranged to send one Air Force squadron to fight in the war. Thirty-eight of Mexico's top pilots, and about two hundred sixty additional military crew, were carefully selected to form the 201st Air Force Squadron, also known as the Aztec Eagles. The squadron was the first unit in history to leave Mexico on a fighting mission. To mark this historic event, President

Camacho asked the men if they had any last minute requests before they went to war. Sergeant Angel Bocanegra, a former teacher and now squadron ground crewmember, stepped forward and made a request. He asked that a school be built in his small town, Tepoztlan. This is the exciting account of how a Mexican Air Force squadron and an unknown schoolteacher made their mark in history.

J 940.545 H797 Hopkins, Deborah *Dive!: World War II Stories of Sailors & Submarines in the Pacific (2016)*

A vivid portrait of the deadly battles that raged in the Pacific during WWII and the remarkable courage of the sailors who fought them. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the US entered World War II in December 1941 with only 44 Naval submarines - many of them dating from the 1920s. With the Pacific battleship fleet decimated after Pearl Harbor, it was up to the feisty and heroic sailors aboard the US submarines to stop the Japanese invasion across the Pacific.

J Biography 920 M528 Meltzer, Brad *Heroes For My Daughter (2013)*
The book perfect for children, parents, teachers, and anyone looking for inspiration. The sixty featured figures represent the spectacular potential we all have within us to change the world. The format allows for reading straight through or at your own pace, and includes photos, quotes, brief biographies, and vignettes that highlight the single moment that made each person great. The wonderfully diverse heroes included in the book are women, men, historical, contemporary, athletes, actors, inventors, politicians, and so many more.

J Biography 920 M528 Meltzer, Brad *Heroes For My Son (2016)*
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