

Summer Reading 2022



June 2022

Dear Families,

Reading for enjoyment during the summer is one of life's little pleasures for most of us. Our wish for your children is that they too look forward to reading those books that they didn't have time for during the school year. All students entering sixth, seventh, and eighth grade are expected to read **at least three books** over the summer. Although we recommend students use sticky notes or take notes to engage more deeply with their reading, there is no specific assignment to respond to the books.

While curating our lists, we try to choose books that are of high interest to students. The books also vary widely by reading level. If you feel that a book is not at an appropriate level, please help your child choose something else. You may want to read the books alongside your child so you can discuss them together. Some students may want to pair up with friends to read the same book together, too.

The following list is organized by genre. Each list includes a brief synopsis of the book, and some include links to book trailers or short video reviews.

You can check the [Dobbs Ferry Public Library](#) catalog to see if a book is available through the public library system. DFPL will be sponsoring a summer reading game this year for children ages 7-12. Please click [here](#) for more information. Students can also see if books are available online through [Sora](#).

Another option for children to continue learning over the summer is through the [Middle School Choice Board](#). The choice board is essentially a grid with a range of activities that gives students the opportunity to choose what they would like to learn and how they would like to show their learning. The board represents content and strategies from the whole school year, and is designed to be self-paced.

Happy reading!

Best wishes,

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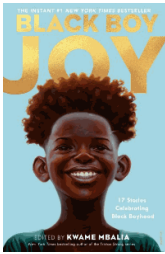
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Dobbs Ferry Middle School
Suggested Summer Reading for Seventh Grade
Summer 2022

Students are expected to read any three books this summer, although we hope you will choose to read all summer. Books may be chosen from the suggestions below, but you are not limited to this list. You do not need to write a response to what you have read over the summer, but there will be an assignment when you return to school in September. We do recommend that you use sticky notes or jot down notes in a response notebook as a way to record your thinking as you read.

Short Story Collection



Black Boy Joy: 17 Stories Celebrating Black Boyhood, edited by Kwame Mbalia

This collection of stories, comics, and poems about the power of joy and the wonders of Black boyhood includes work by B.B. Alston, Jerry Craft, Lamar Giles, Varian Johnson, and Jason Reynolds, and more. ★4 starred reviews



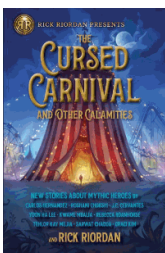
Flying Lessons & Other Stories, edited by Ellen Oh

From basketball dreams and family fiascos to first crushes and new neighborhoods, this anthology, written by award-winning children's authors, celebrates the uniqueness and universality in all of us. Features stories by Kwame Alexander, Soman Chainani, Matt de la Peña, Grace Lin, Walter Dean Myers, Jacqueline Woodson, and more. ★4 starred reviews



Once Upon an Eid: Stories of Hope and Joy by 15 Muslim Voices, edited by S.K. Ali and Aisha Saeed

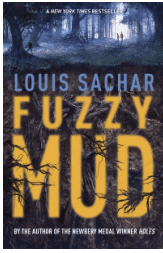
This collection showcases the most brilliant Muslim voices writing today, all about the most joyful holiday of the year: Eid! ★5 starred reviews



Cursed Carnival and Other Calamities: New Stories About Mythic Heroes, edited by Rick Riordan

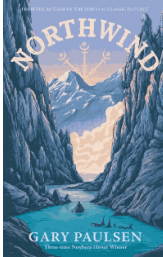
A collection of ten stories that remix myths for modern readers, by popular contemporary authors from the Rick Riordan Presents imprint, including J.C. Cervantes, Roshani Chokshi, Kwame Mbalia, and Rebecca Roanhorse.

Adventure



Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar

Two middle-grade kids take a shortcut home from school and discover what looks like fuzzy mud but is actually a substance with the potential to wreak havoc on the entire world. ★3 starred reviews



Northwind by Gary Paulsen

When sickness decimates his fishing village, an orphan named Leif flees north in a cedar canoe, journeying along a brutal but beautiful coastline.

★4 starred reviews

Book Trailer:

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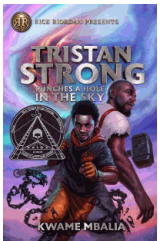


The Serpent's Secret by Sayantani DasGupta

Up until her twelfth birthday, Kiranmala considered herself an ordinary sixth-grader but then her parents disappear and a drooling rakkhosh demon shows up in her kitchen. Soon she is swept into another dimension. (Other books in series: *Game of Stars*, *The Chaos Curse*) ★2 starred reviews

Book trailer:

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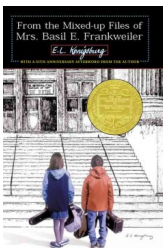


Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia

An epic adventure set in a richly imaged world populated with African American folk heroes and West African gods. Seventh-grader Tristan Strong tumbles into the MidPass and, with allies John Henry and Brer Rabbit, must entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding and seal the hole Tristan accidentally ripped in the sky. (Sequel: *Tristan Strong Destroys the World*)

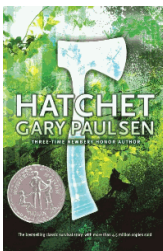
★5 starred reviews

Classics



From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg

Having run away with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, twelve-year-old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home and to become a changed person and a heroine to herself. 🏆 Newbery Medal



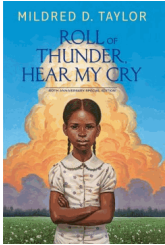
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce. (Other books in series: *The River*, *Brian's Winter*, *Brian's Return*, and *Brian's Hunt*) 🏆 Newbery Honor



Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

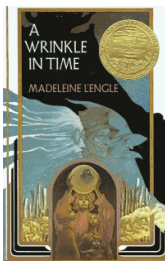
This book chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young ladies in nineteenth-century New England. (Other books in series: *Good Wives*, *Little Men*, *Aunt Jo's Scrap-Bag*, and *Jo's Boys*)



Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

An African-American family living in Mississippi during the Depression of the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand. (Other books in series: *Song of the Trees*, *Mississippi Bridge*, *Let the Circle Be Unbroken*, *The Friendship*, *The Road to Memphis*, *The Gold Cadillac*, and *All the Days Past, All the Days to Come*)

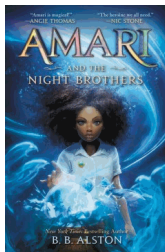
🏆 Newbery Medal



A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Three extraterrestrial beings take Meg and her friends to another world. (Other books in series: *A Wind in the Door*, *A Swiftly Tilting Planet*, *Many Waters*, and *An Acceptable Time*) 🏆 Newbery Medal

Fantasy



Amari and the Night Brothers by B.B. Alston

Thirteen-year-old Amari gets an invitation from her missing brother to join the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs and join in the fight against an evil magician.

★4 starred reviews

Book Trailer:

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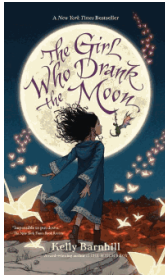
Ghosts by Raina Telgemeier

Catrina and her family have moved to the coast of Northern California for the sake of her little sister, Maya, who has cystic fibrosis. Cat is even less happy about the move when she is told that her new town is inhabited by ghosts.

★4 starred reviews

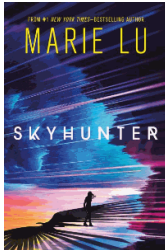
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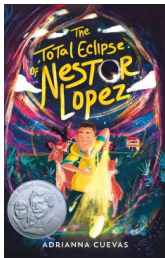
The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhouse

An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her. ★6 starred reviews 🏆 Newbery Medal



Skyhunter by Marie Lu

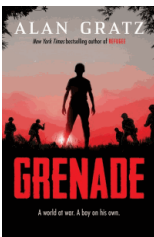
Talin is a Striker, a member of an elite fighting force that stands as the last defense for Mara, the only free nation in the world, but when a mysterious prisoner is brought from the front to Mara's capital, Talin senses there is more to him than meets the eye. (Sequel: *Steelstriker*)



The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez by Adrianna Cuevas

When Nestor and his mother move to a new town to live with his grandmother after his dad's latest deployment, Nestor plans to lay low. He definitely doesn't want anyone to find out his deepest secret: that he can talk to animals. But when the animals in his new town start disappearing, Nestor's grandmother becomes the prime suspect, and Nestor must investigate. 🏆 Pura Belpré Author Award

Historical Fiction

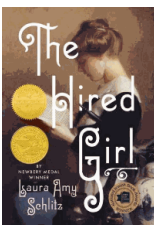


Grenade by Alan Gratz

On April 1, 1945, fourteen-year-old native Okinawan Hideki, drafted into the Blood and Iron Student Corps, is handed two grenades and told to go kill American soldiers. Hideki does not want to kill anyone, he just wants to find his family. Hideki's struggle across the island will finally bring him face-to-face with Ray, a marine in his very first battle--and the choice he makes will change Hideki's life forever. ★2 starred reviews

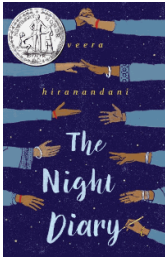
[Author speaking about the book:](#)

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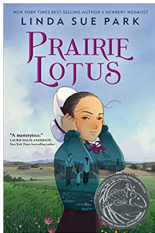
The Hired Girl by Laura Amy Schlitz

Fourteen-year-old Joan Skraggs, just like the heroines in her beloved novels, yearns for real life and true love. But what hope is there for adventure, beauty, or art on a hardscrabble farm in Pennsylvania where the work never ends? Over the summer of 1911, Joan pours her heart out into her diary as she seeks a new, better life for herself--because maybe, just maybe, a hired girl cleaning and cooking for six dollars a week can become what a farm girl could only dream of--a woman with a future. ★2 starred reviews 🏆 Sydney Taylor Book Award



The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani

Shy twelve-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her deceased Muslim mother in the pages of her diary. ★4 starred reviews 🏷️ Newbery Honor Book



Prairie Lotus by Linda Sue Park

In Dakota Territory in the 1880s, half-Chinese Hanna and her white father face racism and resistance to change as they try to make a home for themselves. Includes author's note. ★5 starred reviews 🏷️ Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature Honor book

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Show Me a Sign by Ann Clare LeZotte

It is 1805 and Mary Lambert has always felt safe among the deaf community of Chilmark on Martha's Vineyard where practically everyone communicates in a shared sign language. Recent events have shattered Mary's life: her brother George has died, land disputes between English settlers and the Wampanoag are becoming increasingly bitter, and a "scientist" comes to town to study the origins of the island's widespread deafness—and Mary doesn't trust him. ★5 starred reviews 🏷️ Schneider Family Book Award

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Horror

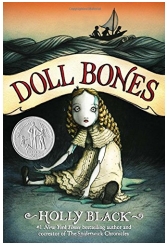


Bloom by Kenneth Oppel

The invasion begins-- with rain. Rain that carries seeds. Seeds that sprout--overnight, everywhere. These new plants take over crop fields, twine up houses, and burrow below streets. They bloom--and release toxic pollen. They bloom--and form Venus flytrap-like pods that swallow animals and people. Three kids on a remote island seem immune to the toxic plants. They each have strange allergies--and yet not to these plants. What's their secret? Can they somehow be the key to beating back this invasion? (Other books in series: *Hatch, Thrive*) ★1 starred review

Video book review:

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Doll Bones by Holly Black

Zach, Alice, and Poppy, friends from a Pennsylvania middle school who have long enjoyed acting out imaginary adventures with dolls and action figures, embark on a real-life quest to Ohio to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl. ★6 starred reviews 🏆 Newbery Honor

Book trailer:

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The Night Gardener by Jonathan Auxier

Irish orphans Molly, fourteen, and Kip, ten, travel to England to work as servants in a crumbling manor house where nothing is quite what it seems to be. Soon the siblings are confronted by a mysterious stranger and secrets of the cursed house. ★4 starred reviews



Ophie's Ghost by Justina Ireland

Discovering her ability to see ghosts when a cruel act ends her father's life and forces her to move in with relatives in 1920s Pittsburgh, young Ophelia forges a helpful bond with a spirit whose own life ended suddenly and unjustly.

★3 starred reviews



Small Spaces by Katherine Arden

After eleven-year-old Ollie's school bus mysteriously breaks down on a field trip, she has to take a trip through scary woods, and must use all of her wits to survive. (Other books in series: *Dead Voices*, *Dark Waters*) ★3 starred reviews

Humor

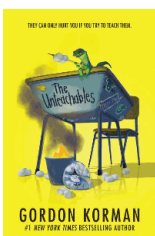


To Night Owl from Dogfish by Holly Goldberg Sloan and Meg Wolitzer

Unhappy about being sent to the same summer camp after their fathers start dating, Bett and Avery, eleven, eventually begin scheming to get the couple back together after a break-up. Told entirely through emails. ★1 starred review

Book trailer:

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The Unteachables by Gordon Korman

The Unteachables are a wayward medley of characters: Parker the dyslexic farm boy; Aldo, who is perpetually angry; Elaine (rhymes with pain); Barnstorm the jock; Rahim the sleep-deprived artist; and Mateo, lost in fantasy worlds. Plus Kiana, who isn't even registered with the school. Not to mention their teacher, who remains in disgrace after a 25-year-old cheating scandal and is just killing

time, waiting to take early retirement. Are they really incorrigible, or is it possible they are just misunderstood?

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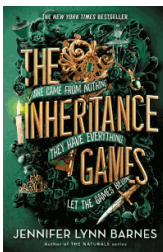
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Mystery



I Am Princess X by Cherie Priest

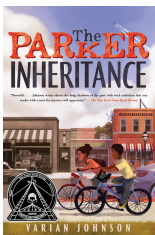
Years after writing stories about a superheroine character she created with a best friend who died in a tragic car accident, sixteen-year-old May is shocked to see stickers, patches and graffiti images of the superheroine appearing all over town. ★3 starred reviews



The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

A Connecticut teenager inherits vast wealth and an estate from the richest man in Texas, but she must also live with his surviving family and solve a series of puzzles to discover how she earned her inheritance.

★2 starred reviews



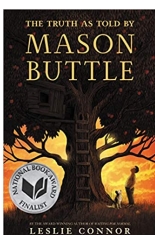
The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson

Twelve-year-old Candice Miller is spending the summer in Lambert, South Carolina, in the old house that belonged to her grandmother, who died after being dismissed as city manager for having the city tennis courts dug up looking for buried treasure. When she finds the letter that sent her grandmother on the treasure hunt, Candice finds herself caught up in the mystery and, with the help of a new friend, she sets out to find the inheritance, exonerate her grandmother, and expose an injustice.

★5 starred reviews 🏆 Coretta Scott King Author Honor

Author speaking about the book:

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The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor

Mason Buttle is the biggest, sweatiest kid in his grade, and everyone knows he can barely read or write. Mason's learning disabilities are compounded by grief. Fifteen months ago, Mason's best friend, Benny, turned up dead in the Buttle family's orchard. An investigation drags on, and Mason can't understand why Lieutenant Baird won't believe what Mason has told him about that day. Mason's new friend, tiny Calvin Chumsky, goes missing, Mason finds himself in trouble again. ★3 starred reviews 🏆 Schneider Family Book Award

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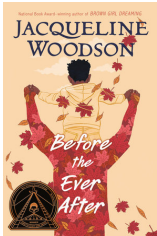
Realistic Fiction



Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed

In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family. (Sequel: *Omar Rising*)

★4 starred reviews



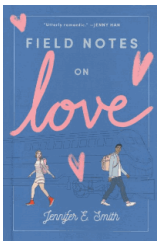
Before the Ever After by Jacqueline Woodson

ZJ's friends Ollie, Darry and Daniel help him cope when his father, a beloved professional football player, suffers severe headaches and memory loss that spell the end of his career. Novel in verse. ★5 starred reviews 🏳️‍🌈 Coretta Scott King Author Honor



The Best Man by Richard Peck

Archer Magill has spent grade school with one eye out in search of role models. Three of the best are his grandpa, the great architect; his dad, the great vintage car customizer; and his uncle Paul, who is just plain great. Along the way he finds a fourth—Mr. McLeod, the first male teacher in the history of Archer's school. ★6 starred reviews



Field Notes on Love by Jennifer E. Smith

Two teens, Hugo and Mae, are strangers until they share a cross-country train trip that teaches them about love, each other, and the futures they can build for themselves. ★1 starred review

Book trailer:

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Just Like That by Gary D. Schmidt

Following the death of her closest friend in summer 1968, Meryl Lee Kowalski goes off to St. Elene's Preparatory Academy for Girls, where she struggles to navigate the venerable boarding school's traditions and a social structure heavily weighted toward students from wealthy backgrounds. In a parallel story, Matt Coffin has wound up on the Maine coast near St. Elene's with a pillowcase full of money lifted from the leader of a criminal gang, fearing the gang's relentless, destructive pursuit. Both young people gradually dispel their loneliness, finding a way to be hopeful and also finding each other. ★4 starred reviews

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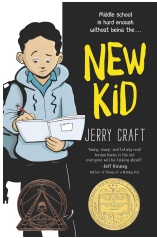
King and the Dragonflies by Kacen Callender

In a small but turbulent Louisiana town, one boy's grief takes him beyond the bayous of his backyard, to learn that there is no right way to be yourself.

★5 starred reviews 🏳️ Coretta Scott King Author Honor & National Book Award for Young People's Literature

Author speaking about the book:

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New Kid by Jerry Craft

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. Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds--and not really fitting into either one. Graphic novel. (Sequel: *Class Act*) ★4 starred reviews 🏳️ Newbery Medal & Coretta Scott King Author Award

Author speaking about the book:

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Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga

When things in her hometown in Syria become volatile, Jude and her mother are sent to live in Cincinnati with relatives. The American movies Jude has always loved haven't prepared her for starting school in the US. But this life also brings unexpected surprises--new friends, a whole new family, and a school musical that Jude just might try out for. Maybe America, too, is a place where Jude can be seen as she really is. Novel in verse. ★5 starred reviews 🏳️ Newbery Honor

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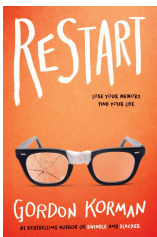
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The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart

Twelve-year-old Coyote and her father rush to Poplin Springs, Washington, in their old school bus to save a memory box buried in a park that will soon be demolished. ★1 starred review

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Restart by Gordon Korman

Chase does not remember falling off the roof, in fact he does not remember anything about himself, and when he gets back to middle school he begins to learn who he was through the reactions of the other kids--trouble is, he really is not sure he likes the Chase that is being revealed. ★2 starred reviews

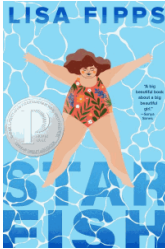
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The Stars Beneath Our Feet by David Barclay Moore

A boy tries to steer a safe path through the projects in Harlem in the wake of his brother's death. ★5 starred reviews



Starfish by Lisa Fipps

Bullied and shamed her whole life for being fat, twelve-year-old Ellie finally gains the confidence to stand up for herself, with the help of some wonderful new allies. Novel in verse. ★4 starred reviews



Wink by Rob Harrell

After being diagnosed with a rare eye cancer, twelve-year-old Ross discovers how music, art, and true friends can help him survive both treatment and middle school. ★4 starred reviews

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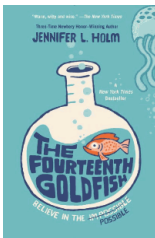
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Science Fiction



Dragon Pearl by Yoon Ha Lee

Min, a thirteen-year-old girl with fox-magic, stows away on a battle cruiser and impersonates a cadet in order to solve the mystery of what happened to her older brother in the Thousand World Space Forces. ★3 starred reviews



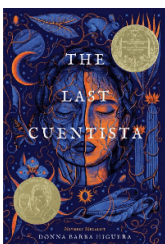
The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer L. Holm

Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging, and consequently has turned into a teenager--which makes for complicated relationships when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter.

★3 starred reviews

Author speaking about the book:

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The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera

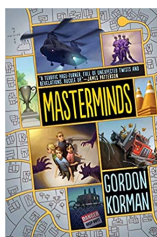
Petra Pena wanted nothing more than to be a storyteller, like her abuelita. But Petra's world is ending. Earth has been destroyed by a comet, and only a few hundred scientists and their children - among them Petra and her family - have been chosen to journey to a new planet. Hundreds of years later, Petra wakes to this new planet - and the discovery that she is the only person who remembers Earth. A sinister Collective has taken over the ship during its journey, bent on

erasing the sins of humanity's past. They have systematically purged the memories of all aboard - or purged them altogether. Petra alone now carries the stories of our past, and with them, any hope for our future. Can she make them live again?

★3 starred reviews 🏳️ Newbery Medal & Pura Belpré Author Award

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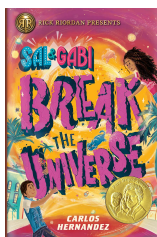


Masterminds by Gordon Korman

Eli Frieden has never left Serenity, New Mexico...why would he ever want to?

Then one day, he bikes to the edge of the city limits and something so unexpected happens, it changes everything. Eli convinces his friends to help him investigate, and soon it becomes clear that nothing is as it seems in Serenity.

(Other books in series: *Criminal Destiny*; *Payback*) ★2 starred reviews



Sal and Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Hernandez

In order to heal after his mother's death, thirteen-year-old Sal learns to reach into time and space to retrieve things--and people--from other universes.

(Sequel: *Sal and Gabi Fix the Universe*) ★4 starred reviews 🏳️ Pura Belpré Author Winner

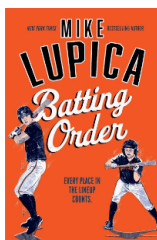


Warcross by Marie Lu

When teenage coder Emika Chen hacks her way into the opening tournament of the Warcross Championships, she glitches herself into the game as well as a sinister plot with major consequences for the entire Warcross empire.

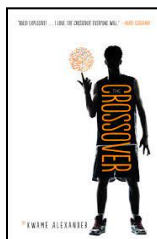
(Sequel: *Wildcard*) ★3 starred reviews

Sports Fiction



Batting Order by Mike Lupica

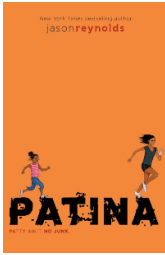
Twelve-year-old Matt Baker is the best all-rounder on his baseball team, but can he help Big Ben Roberson improve his hitting and stand up to his father?



The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health. Novel in verse.

★6 starred reviews 🏳️ Newbery Medal & Coretta Scott King Author Honor



Patina by Jason Reynolds

A newbie to the track team, Patina 'Patty' Jones must learn to rely on her family and teammates as she tries to outrun her personal demons. (Other books in series: *Ghost*, *Sunny*, *Lu*)

★5 starred reviews

Informational Texts/Biographies/Memoirs



Becoming RBG: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Journey to Justice by Debbie Levy
Supreme Court justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was a modern feminist icon--a leader in the fight for equal treatment of girls and women in the workplace and in society. She blazed trails to the peaks of the male-centric worlds of education and law, where women had rarely risen before. Graphic format.

Book trailer:

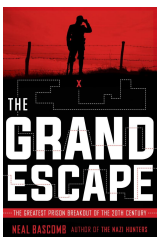
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Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown by Steve Sheinkin

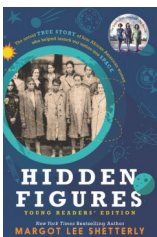
As World War II comes to a close, the United States and the Soviet Union emerge as the two world superpowers. After the United States shows its hand with the atomic bomb in Hiroshima, the Soviets refuse to be left behind. With communism sweeping the globe, the two nations begin a neck-and-neck competition to build even more destructive bombs and conquer the Space Race. In their battle for dominance, spy planes fly above, armed submarines swim deep below, and undercover agents meet in the dead of night. The decades-long showdown culminates in the Cuban Missile Crisis, the world's close call with the third-and final-world war.

★3 starred reviews 🏆 Robert F. Silbert Informational Book Honor



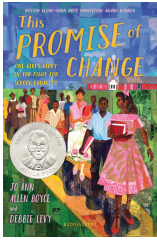
The Grand Escape: The Greatest Prison Breakout of the 20th Century by Neal Bascomb

The story of a group of Allied POWs in WWI who dared to escape from Germany's most notorious prison camp. ★3 starred reviews



Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly (Young Readers' Edition)

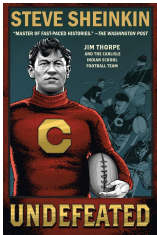
Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as "human computers" used pencils, slide rules, and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space. ★3 starred reviews



This Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality

by Jo Ann Allen Boyce

In 1956, one year before troops escorted the Little Rock Nine into Central High School, Jo Ann Allen was one of twelve students who broke the color barrier and integrated Clinton High School in Tennessee. This is the heartbreaking and relatable story of her four months into the national spotlight and as a trailblazer in history. ★5 starred reviews 🏳️ Robert F. Silbert Informational Book Honor



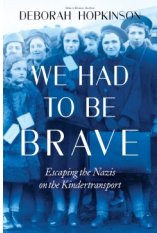
Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian High School Football Team

by Steve Sheinkin

Before they became legends, Jim Thorpe and Pop Warner met at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania, where they forged one of the winningest teams in American football history. ★5 starred reviews

Author speaking about the book:

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We Had to Be Brave by Deborah Hopkinson

Looks at the role of the Kindertransport during World War II, a rescue effort that sent children to other countries in order to escape the Nazis. Includes first-person accounts by survivors and rescuers. ★1 starred review



When Stars Are Scattered by Omar Mohamed and Victoria Jamieson

Omar and his younger brother Hassan live in a refugee camp. When an opportunity for Omar to get an education comes along, he must decide between going to school every day or caring for his nonverbal brother in this intimate and touching portrayal of family and daily life in a refugee camp. Graphic format.

★6 starred reviews 🏳️ Schneider Family Book Honor

Book trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=111ztD-2QaU>

Starred Reviews are from the following publications:

Booklist

Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

Horn Book Guide

Horn Book Magazine

Kirkus

Publisher's Weekly

School Library Connection

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Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA)