

Woodward Academy
Rising 6th Graders
2019 Summer Reading Packet



Dear Students and Parents,

Summer is a wonderful time to read for pleasure and enrichment. This summer all rising 6th graders must read **at least three books**. In addition, students need to complete the **Summer Reading Record** and the **Study Guide** for *Flush* included in this packet.

Required Reading:

1. Required Novel: *Flush* by Carl Hiaasen

The required novel provides an opportunity for sixth graders to share a common reading experience and serves as a jumping off point for classroom activities at the beginning of the school year. A discussion guide for *Flush* is included in this packet.

2. One Title from the "Read a Faculty Favorite!" List

All students should select one title to read from the attached "Read a Faculty Favorite!" list.

3. Additional Reading: At Least One Other Book of Choice

The third required book, and any other books, may be the student's choice. A suggested title list is included in this packet as one possible source of reading guidance in selecting additional books to explore beyond the required titles. Award-winning and "too good to miss" titles are included to appeal to the broad range of interests, maturity levels, and reading abilities of our students, with suggestions coming from students, teachers, and librarians.

Summer Reading Record: Students should complete the Summer Reading Record (Part 1 and 2) in this packet. A completed record, including a parent signature, should be returned to the reading teacher on the first Friday after the beginning of school.

We hope that summer reading brings students many hours of enjoyment and encourages the life-long love of reading. So pack an extra book wherever you travel this summer and enjoy your summer READING!

Happy Reading,

Your Reading Teachers and Librarians

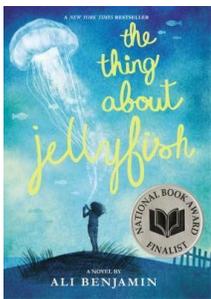
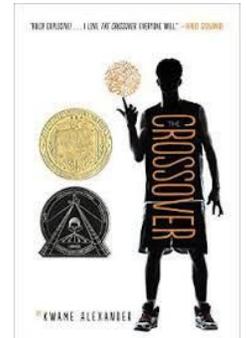
**Woodward Academy 2019
"Read a Faculty Favorite!"
Sixth Grade Selection List**



All students must select one title to read from the list below.

Alexander, Kwame; *The Crossover*

Twelve-year-old narrator Josh Bell uses the rhythms of a poetry jam to emulate the "moving & grooving/popping and rocking" of life on the basketball court with his twin brother J.B. The boys wrestle with the highs and lows of middle school life as their beloved dad's health declines.

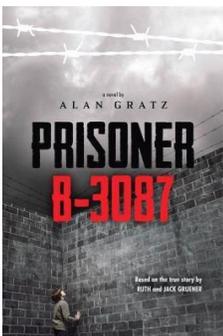
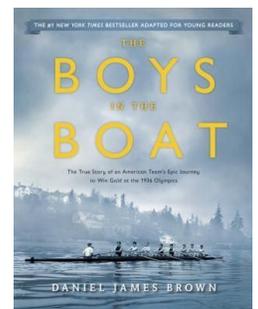


Benjamin, Ali; *The Thing About Jellyfish*

Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death.

**Brown, Daniel James; *The Boys in the Boat: The True Story of an American Team's Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics*
(Young Readers Edition adapted by Gregory Mone)**

The astonishing tale of nine working-class boys from the American West who at the 1936 Olympics showed the world what true grit really meant. With rowers who were the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew was never expected to defeat the elite East Coast teams, yet they did, going on to shock the world by challenging the German boat rowing for Adolf Hitler.

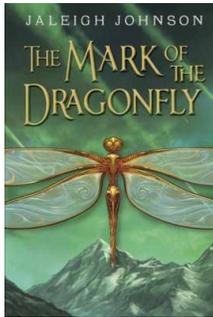
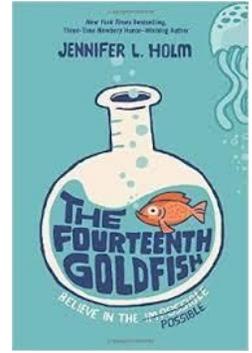


Gratz, Alan; *Prisoner B-3087*

Based on the life of Jack Gruener, this book relates his story of survival from the Nazi occupation of Krakow, when he was eleven, through a succession of concentration camps, to the final liberation of Dachau.

Holm, Jennifer L.; *The Fourteenth Goldfish*

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.

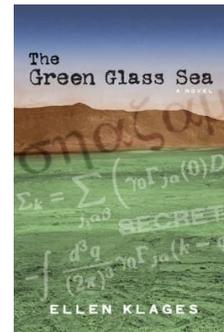


Johnson, Jaleigh; *The Mark of the Dragonfly*

Since her father's death in a factory in the Dragonfly territories, thirteen-year-old Piper has eked out a living as a scrapper in Merrow Kingdom, but the arrival of a mysterious girl sends her on a dangerous journey to distant lands.

Klages, Ellen; *The Green Glass Sea*

While her father works on the Manhattan Project, eleven-year-old and outcast Dewey Kerrigan lives in Los Alamos Camp, and friends with Suze, another young girl who is shunned by her peers.



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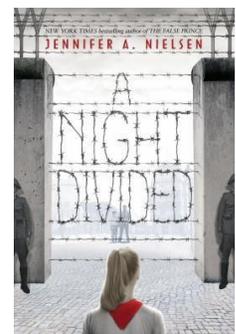


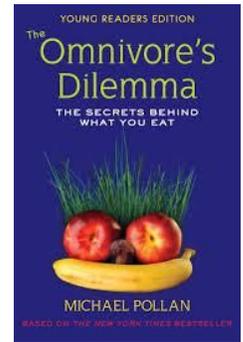
MacHale, D. J.; *SYLO*

When everyone is quarantined on a once-peaceful island off the coast of Maine, Tucker questions a secret branch of the military claiming that a deadly virus has infected the residents.

Nielsen, Jennifer A.; *A Night Divided*

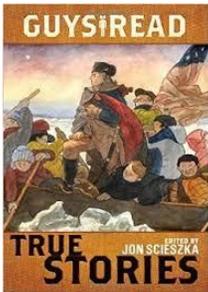
When the Berlin Wall went up, Gerta, her mother, and her brother Fritz were trapped on the eastern side where they were living, while her father, and her other brother Dominic were in the West--four years later, now twelve, Gerta sees her father on a viewing platform on the western side and realizes he wants her to risk her life trying to tunnel to freedom.





Pollan, Michael; *The Omnivore's Dilemma: The Secrets Behind What You Eat.* (Young Reader Edition- adapted by Richie Chevat)

In a smart, compelling format with updated facts, plenty of photos, graphs, and visuals, this book encourages kids to consider the personal and global health implications of their food choices.

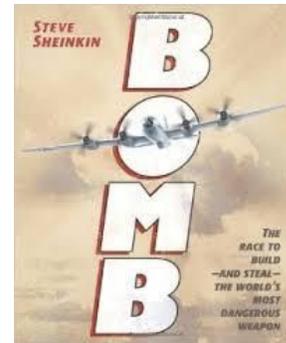


Scieszka, Jon; *Guys Read: True Stories*

A collection of non-fiction short stories edited by Jon Scieszka and written by award-winning writers. The ten stories are said by the publisher to be: “100% amazing, 100% adventurous, 00% unbelievable--- 100% true.”

Sheinkin Steve; *Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the Most Dangerous Weapon*

Examines the history of the atomic bomb, discussing the the behavior of uranium when placed next to radioactive race to build a bomb, and the impact of the weapon on societies world.



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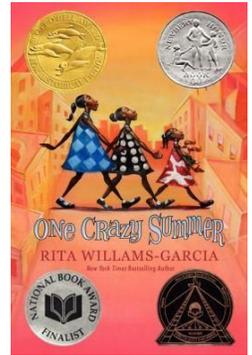


Spinelli, Jerry; *Stargirl*

Stargirl, a teen who animates quiet Mica High with her colorful personality, suddenly finds herself shunned for her refusal to conform.

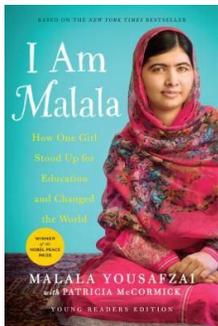
Williams-Garcia, Rita; *One Crazy Summer*

In the summer of 1968, after traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.



Woodson, Jacqueline; *Brown Girl Dreaming*

Jacqueline Woodson shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up during the 60's in the North and South.



**Yousafzai, Malala; *I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World*
(Young Readers Edition with Patricia McCormick)**

Malala Yousafzai's describes her fight for education for girls under Taliban rule, the support she received from her parents to pursue an education, and how the Taliban retaliated against her by trying to kill her.



**Woodward Academy 2019
Summer Reading Record-
Part 1**

Name: _____

Complete this reading record and log, have a parent sign it, and bring it to your reading class in August!

1. Required Novel:

Title – *Flush*

Rating: ☆☆☆☆☆

Date Completed- _____

2. “Read a Faculty Favorite!” Title Choice:

Title - _____

Author - _____

Date Completed- _____

Rating: ☆☆☆☆☆

3. Free Choice:

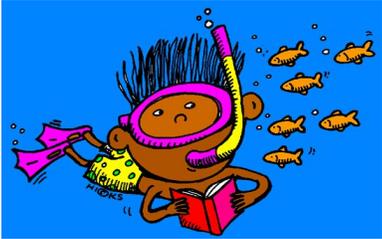
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Rating: ☆☆☆☆☆

Parent Signature _____ Date _____



Woodward Academy 2019 Summer Reading Record- Part 2

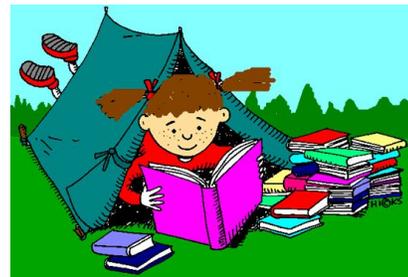
Record additional titles you read just for fun this summer on this reading log:

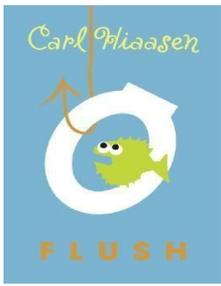
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Have a great summer.....

Happy READING!





Study Guide for *Flush* by Carl Hiaasen
Required Reading for all Rising 6th Graders

Complete the following study guide as you read *Flush*. Be sure to bring this completed Study Guide back to school with you in August along with your “Reading Record”.

Part A: Character list (*The first one has been done for you.*)

Characters:	Description:
Noah Underwood	About thirteen-years old; one of the heroes in the story; good fisherman and boatman; cares deeply about the environment and his family; wants to help his dad.
Paine Underwood	
Abbey Underwood	
Donna Underwood	
Grandpa Bobby	
Dusty Muleman	
Jasper Jr.	
Bull	

Thom and Rado	
Lice Peeking	
Shelly	
Mr. Shine	
Miles Umlatt	
Luno	
<i>Amanda Rose</i>	

Part B: Setting

1. In what time period does this story take place?
2. In what month does this story begin?
3. Where does this story take place?

Part C: Vocabulary

1. martyr (page 22)
2. mangrove (page 28)
3. gumbo-limbo (page 60)
4. aft (page 80)
5. What do *mullet*, *snapper*, *tarpon*, and *snook* have in common? (page36)

Part D: Study Questions

Some answers have two parts. Be sure to answer both parts so that you fully understand each question.

Chapter 1

1. Where does Noah go to see his father? Why is his father there?
2. What happened to Grandpa Bobby?
3. How does Noah's mother feel about her husband's actions?

Chapter 4

1. What does Jasper Jr. do to Noah under the bridge at Snake Creek?
2. How does Noah retaliate?
3. Why does Miles Umlatt want to talk to Noah?
4. What kind of reputation does Paine Underwood have in his community? How do you know?
5. What did Abbey overhear her mother ask Mr. Shine?

Chapter 5

1. What excuse does Noah try to use to see his dad? Why doesn't the deputy let him in?

3. Why does Lice not pick up the skiff as planned?

4. What surprising thing does Shelly tell Noah at the end of chapter 6?

Chapter 7

1. What plan do Noah and Abbey concoct to prevent their mother from seeing her husband's television interview? Is their plan successful?

2. Why does Noah sneak into the wheelhouse of the *Coral Queen*?

3. What does Noah discover about the sewage tank?

Chapter 8

1. When Shelly picks up Noah, what does she tell him happened to Lice? Why does she think so?

2. How does Shelly plan to help Noah nail Dusty Muleman?

3. Why does Noah see his father in his bedroom when he wakes up from a nightmare?

Chapter 9

1. What does Paine Underwood have to agree to do so that Dusty Muleman will drop the charges against him?

2. What plans did the sheriff have for Mr. Underwood in the morning? Why isn't he in trouble with the law?

3. Who does Noah run into at the end of the chapter? What happens?

Chapter 10

1. How do the police keep track of Mr. Underwood?

2. When Shelly visits the Underwood family at home, what news does she give them?

3. Why do Noah, Mr. Underwood, and Mrs. Underwood leave their house in the middle of the night?

Chapter 11

1. Where do the three Underwoods go to look for Abbey?
2. Why does Paine apologize to Dusty?
3. Where do the Underwoods eventually find Abbey?

Chapter 12

1. What did Abbey try to do the night before and how does she do it? Why is her evidence worthless?
2. Why does Paine Underwood go back to jail?
3. What does Noah discover when he wades into the water at Thunder Beach to retrieve an aluminum can? Why does he go back in the water a second time?

4. What does Shelly tell Noah and Abbey about a man named Billy Babcock?

Chapter 13

1. What is Mr. Underwood's new job?
2. When Noah and Abbey visit Shelly, what do they ask her to do?
3. What does Abbey do to Bull?
4. How do Noah and Abbey escape from Jasper Jr. and Bull?

Chapter 14

1. What is the code name for Noah and Abbey's secret plan to nail Dusty Muleman? Why is this the perfect name for their mission?

2. Why does Bull want to talk to Noah and Abbey?

3. Exactly how will Noah, Abbey, and Shelly carry out their plan?

Chapter 15

List 10 events that take place during *Operation Royal Flush*.

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Chapter 16

1. Why do Noah and Abbey have trouble escaping in Rado's dinghy?
2. How does Luno threaten Noah and Abbey? Who saves them?
3. What happens to Noah and Abbey after they escape from Luno and Dusty?
4. Who rescues Noah and Abbey?
5. Who is the strange pirate?

Chapter 17

1. Who does Noah call after he and Abbey are rescued?
2. Where has Grandpa Bobby been all these years? What has he been doing?

3. Why does Grandpa Bobby return to the Keys?
4. What does Grandpa Bobby give to Noah to reward him for his bravery?

Chapter 18

1. What does the Underwood family see when they head down to Thunder Beach?
2. What do we find out really happened to Lice?
3. What does Jasper Jr. finally give to Noah?

Chapter 19

1. What does the Coast Guard do to Dusty Muleman?
2. Where does Grandpa Bobby plan to go? Why does he have to go?

3. What does Grandpa Bobby give to Abbey?

Chapter 20

1. What does Paine Underwood receive in the mail?
2. Why does Mr. Underwood punch holes throughout the Underwood house?
3. How much does Dusty get fined for dumping his holding tank in the basin?
4. What crime do the police accuse Mr. Underwood of committing?

Chapter 21

1. What happened to the *Coral Queen*?
2. How does Mrs. Underwood prove that her husband is innocent?

3. Who was responsible for the damage to the *Coral Queen*?
4. What does the Underwood family see at the end of the book?

**Woodward Academy
2019 Summer Reading
Suggested Titles For
Rising 4th-6th Graders**



This list of suggested titles is organized alphabetically, first by genre then by author. Please note that the Accelerated Reader Book Level is provided as a general gauge for difficulty level of the text (e.g. AR BL 5.2 would be grade 5 and 2 months), rather than an indicator of the interest or maturity level of a title. Although all of the titles are considered "Middle Grade" in terms of interest level, we encourage parents to ascertain what is appropriate for your particular child given that the list is inclusive of some titles that are geared more to older students. **Contemporary/Realistic Fiction**

Alexander, Kwame; *The Crossover*

AR BL 4.3

Newbery Medal

Twelve-year-old narrator Josh Bell uses the rhythms of a poetry jam to emulate the "moving & grooving/popping and rocking" of life on the basketball court with his twin brother J.B. The boys wrestle with the highs and lows of middle school life as their beloved dad's health declines.

Barnett, Mac; *The Terrible Two*

AR BL 4.5

When master prankster Miles Murphy moves to sleepy Yawnee Valley, he challenges the local, mystery prankster in an epic battle of tricks but soon the two join forces to pull off the biggest prank ever seen.

Bell, Cece; *El Deafo*

AR BL 2.7

Newbery Honor

Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful--and very awkward--hearing aid.

Benjamin, Ali; *The Thing About Jellyfish*

AR BL 5.0

Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death.

Birdsall, Jeanne; *The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy* AR BL 4.7

While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.

(Series: *The Penderwicks*)

Bunting, Eve; *Nasty, Stinky Sneakers* AR BL 3.3

Will ten-year-old Colin find his missing stinky sneakers in time to enter The Stinkiest Sneakers in the World contest?

Buyea, Rob; *Because of Mr. Terupt* AR BL 3.7

Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by "rookie teacher" Mr. Terupt. **(Series)**

Davies, Jacqueline; *The Lemonade War* AR BL 4.1

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn \$100. **(Series: *The Lemonade War*)**

Draper, Sharon; *Out of My Mind* AR BL 4.3

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

Ellis, Deborah; *No Ordinary Day* AR BL 4.0

"The best day of my life was the day I found out I was alone in the world." Life in Jharia, India was hard for Valli who spent her days picking coal and fighting with her cousins. When she leaves and travels to Kolkata, life brings more adventure and more hardship but, eventually, hope.

Frost, Helen; *Diamond Willow* AR BL 4.3

In a remote area of Alaska, twelve-year-old Willow helps her father with their sled dogs when she is not at school, wishing she were more popular, all the while unaware that the animals surrounding her carry the spirits of dead ancestors and friends who care for her.

Gantos, Jack; *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* AR BL 4.9

Joey has problems--big problems. He cannot seem to get along with his classmates. This story is written from a boy's point of view as he tries to get a grip on his life. **(Series: *Joey Pigza*)**

Gephart, Donna; *Death by Toilet Paper* AR BL 4.7

Contest-crazed twelve-year-old Ben uses his wits and way with words in hopes of winning a prize that will keep his family from being evicted until his mother can pass her final CPA examination.

Henkes, Kevin; *The Year of Billy Miller* AR BL 4.2 Newbery Honor

Billy Miller starts the school year with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents and has learned many important lessons.

Herrera, Robin; *Hope is a Ferris Wheel* AR BL 5.3

After moving from Oregon to a trailer park in California, ten-year-old Star participates in a poetry club, where she learns some important lessons about herself and her own hopes and dreams for the future

Hunt, Lynda Mullaly; *Fish in a Tree***AR BL 3.7**

Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read.

Jamieson, Victoria; *Roller Girl***AR BL 3.2**

For twelve years, Astrid has done everything with her best friend Nicole. But after Astrid falls in love with roller derby and signs up for derby camp, Nicole decides to go to dance camp instead. And so begins the most difficult summer of Astrid's life. Is she strong enough to handle roller derby, a lost friendship, and middle school?

Jones, Kelly; *Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer***AR BL 5.2**

Through a series of letters, Sophie Brown, age twelve, tells of her family's move to her Great Uncle Jim's farm, where she begins taking care of some unusual chickens with help from neighbors and friends.

Kadohata, Cynthia.; *Half a World Away***AR BL 4.7**

Eleven-year-old Jaden is adopted, and he knows he's an "epic fail." That's why his family is traveling to Kazakhstan to adopt a new baby—to replace him, he's sure. And he gets it. He is incapable of stopping his stealing, hoarding, lighting fires, aggressive running, and obsession with electricity. He knows his parents love him, but he feels...nothing.

Lord, Cynthia; *Half a Chance***AR BL 4.5**

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.

Lupica, Mike; *Heat***AR BL 5.3**

Pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from playing Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old and he has no parents to offer them proof.

Martin, Ann M.; *Rain Reign***AR BL 4.3**

Rose Howard is obsessed with homonyms. She's thrilled that her own name is a homonym, and she purposely gave her dog Rain a name with two homonyms--Rain, Reign. When a storm hits her rural town, rivers overflow, the roads are flooded, and Rain goes missing. Now Rose has to find her dog, even if it means leaving her routines and safe places to search.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds; *Shiloh***AR BL 4.4****Newbery Medal**

When he finds a lost beagle near his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to mistreat his dogs. **(Series)**

Paterson, Katherine; *Bridge to Terabithia***AR BL 4.6****Newbery Medal**

Ten-year-old Jess Aarons, who has lived all his life on a farm in Virginia, becomes friends with Leslie Burke, a "city girl" who moves into the farmhouse down the road. The two become inseparable, until tragedy strikes.

Pinkney, Andrea Davis; *The Red Pencil* AR BL 4.2

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.

Sachar, Louis; *Holes* AR BL 4.6 Newbery Medal

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune, which may be because of a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

Sloan, Holly Goldberg; *Counting by 7s* AR BL 5.6

Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.

Sonnenblick, Jordan; *Drums, Girls, & Dangerous Pie* AR BL 5.9

The life of thirteen-year-old Steven Alper, already complicated by his friendship with two girls and a talent for drumming, is turned upside down when his five-year-old brother Jeffrey is diagnosed with leukemia. (Sequel: *After Ever After* AR BL 5.2)

Fantasy/Science Fiction**Appelt, Kathi; *The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp* AR BL 5.4**

Twelve-year-old Chap Brayburn, ancient Sugar Man, and his raccoon-brother Swamp Scouts Bingo and J'miah try to save Bayou Tourterelle from feral pigs Clydine and Buzzie, greedy Sunny Boy Beaucoup, and world-class alligator wrestler and would-be land developer Jaeger Stitch.

Applegate, Katherine; *Crenshaw* AR BL 3.8

Jackson goes for facts and science—things that are real and true—and having a giant, talking cat around doesn't fit the bill. It has been years since his imaginary feline friend Crenshaw was on the scene, and Jackson can't figure out why he is back or how to make him go away. Jackson can't help remembering back to when he first met Crenshaw when money was tight and his family had to live in a mini-van. Is that about to happen again?

Bar-el, Dan; *Audrey (cow): An Oral Account of a Most Daring Escape, Based More or Less on a True Story* AR 5.8

Longing for a life filled with poetry and the green pastures beyond the farm where she is destined for the slaughterhouse, Audrey the cow enlists the help of human and animal friends to stage a daring escape.

Beasley, Cassie; *Circus Mirandus* AR 4.8

When he realizes that his grandfather's stories of an enchanted circus are true, Micah Tuttle sets out to find the mysterious Circus Mirandus--and to use its magic to save his grandfather's life.

Black, Holly; *Doll Bones* AR BL 5.4 Newbery Honor

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.

Black, Holly; *The Iron Trial: Magisterium, Book One***AR BL 5.6**

Warned away from magic all of his life, Callum endeavors to fail the trials that would admit him to the Magisterium only to be drawn into its ranks against his will and forced to confront dark elements from his past. **(Series)**

Dahl, Roald; *The BFG***AR BL 4.8**

Kidnapped from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling 'cannybull' giants. This selection is best enjoyed as a read-aloud.

DiCamillo, Kate; *Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures***AR BL 4.3****Newbery Medal**

A girl named Flora and a squirrel named Ulysses, whose life was saved by Flora after he was involved in an incident with a vacuum cleaner, team up to use Ulysses' superpowers to conquer villains and protect the weak.

Eager, Edward; *Half Magic***AR BL 5.0**

Four children looking forward to an ordinary summer enjoy a series of fantastic adventures by double-wishing on an ancient coin. **(Series)**

Holm, Jennifer L.; *The Fourteenth Goldfish***AR BL 4.1**

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.

Jinks, Catherine; *How to Catch a Bogle***AR BL 5.2**

In 1870s London, a young orphan girl becomes the apprentice to a man who traps monsters for a living. **(Series: How to Catch a Bogle Trilogy)**

Johnson, Jaleigh; *The Mark of the Dragonfly***AR BL 5.6**

Since her father's death in a factory in the Dragonfly territories, thirteen-year-old Piper has eked out a living as a scrapper in Merrow Kingdom, but the arrival of a mysterious girl sends her on a dangerous journey to distant lands.

Korman, Gordon.; *Masterminds***AR BL 5.2**

A group of kids discover they were cloned from the DNA of some of the greatest criminal masterminds in history for a sociological experiment.

Law, Ingrid; *Savvy***AR BL 6.0****Newbery Honor**

Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident. **(Sequels: *Scumble* and *Switch*)**

Lloyd, Natalie. *A Snicker of Magic*.**AR BL 4.7****Georgia Children's Book Award Winner 2016**

The Pickles are new to Midnight Gulch, Tennessee, a town which legend says was once magic – but Felicity is convinced the magic is still there, and with the help of her new friend Jonah the Beedle, she hopes to bring the magic back.

Lowry, Lois; *The Giver*

AR 5.7

Newbery Medal

An exceptional boy in a “perfect” community is to be responsible for receiving and keeping all the memories of the past. What will he do with his special knowledge? Will he discover the terrible truth about the society he lives in? **(Series: Giver Quartet)**

MacHale, D. J.: *SYLO*

AR 4.7

When everyone is quarantined on a once-peaceful island off the coast of Maine, Tucker questions a secret branch of the military claiming that residents have been infected by a deadly virus.

Norton, Mary; *The Borrowers*

AR BL 5.3

Miniature people who live in an old country house and survive by borrowing things from the humans are forced to emigrate from their home under the clock. **(Series)**

Sachar, Louis; *Fuzzy Mud*

AR BL 5.0

After smearing some fuzzy-looking mud in a bully's face to end a fight out in the woods, Tamaya's hand is red and blistered. If this is how her hand looks, then how does Chad's face look?

Schlitz, Laura Amy; *Splendors and Glooms Honor*

AR BL 5.1

Newbery

When Clara vanishes after the puppeteer Grisini and two orphaned assistants were at her twelfth birthday party, suspicion of kidnapping chases the trio away from London and soon the two orphans are caught in a trap set by Grisini's ancient rival, a witch with a deadly inheritance to shed before it is too late.

Scieszka, Jon; *Summer Reading is Killing Me!* **AR BL 3.9**

At the beginning of summer vacation Joe, Sam, and Fred find themselves trapped inside their summer reading list, involved in a battle between good and evil characters from well-known children's books. **(Series: The Time Warp Trio)**

Sewell, Anna; *Black Beauty* (unabridged)

AR BL 7.7

A horse in nineteenth-century England recounts his experiences with both good and bad masters.

Sloan, Holly Goldberg; *Appleblossom the Possum* **AR BL 4.7**

A young possum strikes out on her own and winds up trapped in a human house before her brothers can rescue her.

Stead, Rebecca; *When You Reach Me*

AR BL 4.5

Newbery Medal

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980s television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," sixth grader Miranda tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seem to defy the laws of time and space.

Stewart, Trenton Lee; *The Mysterious Benedict Society*

AR BL 5.6

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. **(Series: The Mysterious Benedict Society)**

Historical Fiction**Avi; *Crispin; The Cross of Lead*****AR BL 5.0****Newbery Medal**

Set in medieval England, a young boy on the run from his miserable past and accused of murder comes to discover not only his true identity, but his sense of self-worth. **(Series)**

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker; *The War that Saved My Life***AR BL 4.1**

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

Curtis, Christopher Paul; *Elijah of Buxton***AR BL 5.4****Newbery Honor**

Eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada--a haven for slaves fleeing the American South in 1859--uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom. **(Companion: *The Madman of Piney Woods*)**

Draper, Sharon; *Stella by Starlight***AR BL 4.8**

When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.

Gantos, Jack; *Dead End in Norvelt***AR BL 5.7****Newbery Medal**

In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore involving the newly dead, molten wax, twisted promises, Girl Scout cookies, underage driving, lessons from history, typewriting, and countless bloody noses. **(Sequel: *From Norvelt to Nowhere*)**

**Giff, Patricia; *Lily's Crossing*
Honor****AR BL 4.6****Newbery**

During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee from World War II causes her to see the war and the world differently.

Gratz, Alan; *Prisoner B-3087***AR BL 4.9**

Based on the life of Jack Gruener, this book relates his story of survival from the Nazi occupation of Krakow, when he was eleven, through a succession of concentration camps, to the final liberation of Dachau.

**Kelly, Jacqueline; *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*
Honor****AR BL 5.3****Newbery**

In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, learns about love from the older three of her six brothers, and studies the natural world with her grandfather, leading them to an important scientific discovery. **(Sequel: *The Curious World of Calpurnia Tate*)**

Lai, Thanhha; *Inside Out & Back Again***AR BL 4.8****Newbery Honor**

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

**Preus, Margi; *Heart of a Samurai: Based on the True Story of Nakahama Manjiro*
AR BL 5.4 Newbery Honor**

In 1841, rescued by an American whaler after a terrible shipwreck leaves him a castaway on a remote island, 14-year-old Manjiro, who dreams of becoming a samurai, learns new laws and customs as he becomes the first Japanese person to set foot in the United States.

Schmidt, Gary D.; *Okay for Now* AR BL 4.9

When Doug Swietek's family moves from New York City to a small town in upstate New York, Doug is miserable-until he meets a great girl and learns, from a book of Audubon prints, how to draw.
(Companion to: *The Wednesday Wars* AR BL 5.9 Newbery Honor)

Selznick, Brian; *The Marvels* AR BL 4.6

In 1766, a boy, Billy Marvel, is shipwrecked, rescued, and goes on to found a brilliant family of actors that flourishes in London until 1900--and nearly a century later, Joseph Jervis, runs away from home, seeking refuge with his uncle in London, and is captivated by the Marvel house, with its portraits and ghostly presences.

Timberlake, Amy; *One Came Home* AR BL 4.8 Newbery Honor

In 1871 Wisconsin, thirteen-year-old Georgia sets out to find her sister Agatha, presumed dead when remains are found wearing the dress she was last seen in, and before the end of the year gains fame as a sharpshooter and foiler of counterfeiters.

Vawter, Vince; *Paperboy* AR BL 5.1 Newbery Honor

When an eleven-year-old boy takes over a friend's newspaper route in July, 1959, in Memphis, his debilitating stutter makes for a memorable month.

Williams-Garcia, Rita; *One Crazy Summer* AR BL 4.6 Newbery Honor

In the summer of 1968, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive in Oakland, California to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp. (Sequel: *P. S. Be Eleven and Gone Crazy in Alabama*)

Yelchin, Eugene; *Breaking Stalin's Nose* AR BL 4.6 Newbery Honor

In the Stalinist era of the Soviet Union, ten-year-old Sasha idolizes his father, a devoted Communist, but when police take his father away and leave Sasha homeless, he is forced to examine his own perceptions, values, and beliefs.

Mystery

Chambliss Bertman, Jennifer; *Book Scavenger* AR BL 5.5

Just after twelve-year-old Emily and her family move to San Francisco, she teams up with new friend James to follow clues in an odd book they find, hoping to figure out its secrets before the men who attacked Emily's hero, publisher Garrison Griswold, solve the mystery or come after the friends.

Clements, Andrew; *Room One: A Mystery or Two* AR BL 5.1

Ted Hammond, the only sixth grader in his small Nebraska town's one-room schoolhouse, searches for clues to the disappearance of a homeless family.

Dowd, Siobhan; *The London Eye Mystery* AR BL 4.1

When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.

Grabenstein, Chris; *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library***AR BL 4.5**

Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape. **(Sequel: *Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics*)**

Konigsburg, E. L.; *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler***AR BL 4.7****Newbery Medal**

Eleven-year-old Claudia and her brother Jamie, who is nine, run away from home to live at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. After evading the guards for a week, they discover a statue so beautiful that they must solve the mystery of its sculptor.

Turnage, Sheila; *Three Times Lucky***AR BL 3.9****Newbery Honor**

Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a café and co-parent of Mo with his cook, Miss Lana, seems implicated in a murder. **(Sequels: *The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing* and *The Odds of Getting Even*)**

Weeks, Sarah; *Pie***AR BL 5.6**

When Alice's aunt Polly, Pie Queen of Ipswich, passes away, she wills the secret to her world-famous pie crust recipe to her cat, Lardo, who is now in Alice's care.

Non-Fiction**Bartoletti, Susan Campbell; *Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow*****AR BL 7.8 Newbery Honor****AR BL 7.8**

A photo-illustrated look at the youth organizations Adolf Hitler founded and used to meet his sociopolitical and military ends; includes profiles of individual Hitler Youth members as well as young people who opposed the Nazis, such as Hans and Sophie Scholl.

Fritz, Jean; *You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton?***AR BL 6.4**

A biography of suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton, covering her childhood, her fight for the end of slavery, and her death 18 years before women were granted the right to vote.

Herrera, Juan Felipe; *Portraits of Hispanic American Heroes***AR BL 7.7**

Showcases twenty Hispanic and Latino American men and women who have made outstanding contributions to the arts, politics, science, humanitarianism, and athletics.

Hoose, Phillip; *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice***AR BL 6.8****Newbery Honor**

Presents an account of fifteen-year-old Claudette Colvin, an African-American girl who refused to give up her seat to a white woman on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama, nine months before Rosa Parks, and covers her role in a crucial civil rights case.

Howard, Tim; *The Keeper: The Unguarded Story of Tim Howard***AR BL 5.2**

Tim Howard describes how despite having Tourette's and OCD, he became the U.S. goalkeeper for the 2014 World Cup, saving an astonishing sixteen shots against Belgium - the most ever in a World Cup game..

Montgomery, Sy; *Tarantula Scientist***AR BL 5.8**

Describes the research that Samuel Marshall and his students are doing on tarantulas, including the largest spider on earth, the Goliath bird-eating tarantula. **(Series: Scientists in the Field)**

Scieszka, Jon; *Knucklehead: Growing Up Scieszka***AR BL 4.6**

How did Jon Scieszka get so funny? He grew up as one of six brothers with Catholic school, lots of comic books, lazy summers at the lake with time to kill, babysitting misadventures, TV shows, and jokes told at family dinner.

Scieszka, Jon; *Guys Read Series.***Sheinkin, Steve; *Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon*****AR BL 6.9****Newbery Honor**

Examines the history of the atomic bomb, discussing the discovery of the behavior of uranium when placed next to radioactive material, the race to build a bomb, and the impact of the weapon on societies around the world.

Stone, Tanya Lee; *Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream***AR BL 7.1**

The story of thirteen true pioneers of the space age. These women proved that they were not only as tough as the toughest man but also brave enough to challenge the government. Their example empowered young women to take their place in the sky, piloting jets, and commanding space capsules.

Swanson, James L.; *Chasing Lincoln's Killer***AR BL 7.5**

Recounts the escape of John Wilkes Booth, Abraham Lincoln's assassin, and follows the intensive twelve-day search for him and his accomplices.

Woodson, Jacqueline; *Brown Girl Dreaming.***AR BL 5.3****Newbery Honor**

Jacqueline Woodson shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up during the 60's in the North and South.

Wulffson, Don L.; *The Kid Who Invented the Popsicle: And Other Surprising Stories About Inventions* **AR BL 7.4**

Brief factual stories about how various familiar things were invented, many by accident, from animal crackers to the zipper.

Yousafzai, Malala; *I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World*
(Young Reader's Edition) **AR BL 5.9**

Malala Yousafzai's describes her fight for education for girls under Taliban rule, the support she received from her parents to pursue an education, and how the Taliban retaliated against her by trying to kill her.