

St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's C. V. Starr Library & Learning Center

Summer Reading Suggestions 2020
Entering Grades 7 and 8

Sharing Books with Older Students

Here is a selection of books for you and your family to enjoy over the summer months and a few simple tips to help parents and caregivers nurture a child's love of reading. Many of these titles can be found at your local public library (www.nypl.org). Students should try to read every day and are asked to read at least five books of their own choice during the summer months. Your teacher will provide one or two of these five books, depending on your grade. You may also want to refer to this list throughout the year when borrowing books from the school library.

Make it a family value. Children are expert observers. Whether you prefer to read books, blogs, manuals or magazines, let your child see your enjoyment of your own reading.

Make reading a social activity. Talk with your child about what she or he is reading. Start a parent-child book club, or attend a book signing at your local bookstore. Which is better the book or the movie? Sometimes a child will be motivated to read a book because they liked the movie. Why not listen together to Tolkien's *Fellowship of the Ring*, see the movies, and at the conclusion of the audiobook, celebrate by whipping up a hobbit-worthy meal.

Use the books as conversation starters, and allow books to lead to other learning. Have your child recommend a book for you, and you can, in turn, recommend a book for your teen. After you have both read each other's selections, set aside a special time for talking about the books. As children get older, you can choose material that leads into conversations about relationships, choices, current events, religion, and other relevant subjects.

Use audiobooks. Listening to audiobooks benefits all readers! They are an easy way to introduce children to books above their reading level, model good interpretive reading and critical listening skills. Audiobooks can also provide a bridge to important topics of discussion for parents and children who can listen together while commuting to sporting events, music lessons, or on vacations.

Make it part of your summer routine. Try to encourage your child to read 20-30 minutes a day. You can make reading a part of your child's evening routine, or perhaps a morning activity of "breakfast and books" works better for your family. The goal is to encourage your child to pick up the habit of reading.

Suggested Libraries and Bookstores

St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's
C. V. Starr Library (5th Floor)
Librarian: Angela Perna
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The New York Public Library
www.nypl.org

Book Culture
<https://www.bookculture.com>

Bank Street Bookstore
<http://www.bankstreetbooks.com>

Books of Wonder
<http://booksofwonder.com>

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New and Notable

Included in the following list and noted with an asterisk (*) preceding the author's name.

A Note About Young Adult Literature

Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) of the American Library Association defines a young adult, as someone between the ages of 12 and 18. Young Adult (YA) novels explores themes important and crucial to adolescence such as relationships to authority figures, peer pressure and ensuing experimentations, issues of diversity as it relates to gender, cultural, and/or socioeconomic status. These publications may contain mature content and YA titles are noted as such throughout this list.

2020 Young People's Literature Awards

Included in the following list and noted with designated color-coded star or symbol preceding author's name.

Awarded by the American Library Association, the 2020 children's book awards include:

- American Indian Youth Literature Award (★winner ★honor)
- Asian/Pacific American Award (★winner ★honor)
- Coretta Scott King (Author) Book Award (★winner ★honor)
- John Newbery Medal (★winner ★honor)
- Pura Belpré Book Award (★winner ★honor)
- Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award (★honor)
- Schneider Family Book Award (★winner ★honor)
- Stonewall Book Award (★honor)
- The Sydney Taylor Book Award (★winner ★honor)

Additional young people's literary awards:

- ❖ 2020 Amelia Bloomer List (honoring children's books with feminist themes)
- ✚ Audie Audiobook Award Winner
- ✧ Freeman Book Award selected by The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia at Columbia University
- National Book Award for Young People's Literature (🏆winner 🏆finalist)
- ♁ Nebula Award (chosen by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America)
- ◆ Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction
- ✚ Orbis Pictus Award (recognizing excellence in the writing of nonfiction for children)

Science Book Awards for Children:

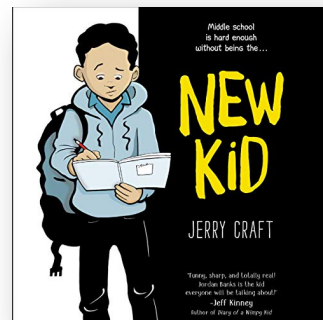
- ∞ Outstanding Science Trade Book for 2020 selected by the National Science Teachers Association

Audiobooks and eBooks

St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's Digital Library

<https://soraapp.com/welcome>

SHSV Digital Library can also be found by downloading the Sora app. on your digital device. When signing into SHSV's Digital Library, students will be asked to log in with their library card number. Contact Ms. Perna, librarian, at aperna@sthildas.org for your child's library card number. Some of the titles on this list are part of SHSV's eBook collection and is noted in the annotations.



2020 Audie Award Winner (+) and Finalists

+ *Hey, Kiddo*, written by Jarrett J. Krosoczka, narrated by Jarrett J. Krosoczka, Jeanne Birdsall, Richard Ferrone, Jenna Lamia & full cast, published by Scholastic Audio (YA)

New Kid written by Jerry Craft, narrated by Jerry Craft, Jesus Del Orden, Nile Bullock, Robin Miles, Guy Lockard, Peyton Lusk, Rebecca Soler, Dan Bittner, Phoebe Strole, Marc Thompson, Miles Harvey, and Ron Butler, published by HarperAudio

Our Castle by the Sea, written and narrated by Lucy Strange, published by Scholastic Audio

Roller Girl written by Victoria Jamieson, narrated by Almarie Guerra and a full cast, published by Penguin Random House Audio

The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise written by Dan Gemeinhart, narrated by Kristine Hvam, published by Macmillan Audio

Classics

Alcott, Louisa. *Little Women*. (Puffin Classics)

This classic novel chronicles the humorous and sentimental fortunes of the four March sisters as they grow into young women during the early nineteenth century.

Austen, Jane. *Pride and Prejudice*. (Puffin Classics)

Spirited Elizabeth Bennet matches wits and wiles with the arrogant Mr. Darcy in an entertaining portrait of matrimonial rites and rivalries in Regency England.

Brontë, Emily. *Wuthering Heights*. (Puffin Classics)

On the wild and lonely Yorkshire moors a tragic love story unfolds as Catherine Earnshaw and Heathcliff fall in love. But Cathy marries another man, Edgar Linton, and breaks Heathcliff's heart. Years later, he returns to Wuthering Heights and takes his revenge on the Linton family.

Dickens, Charles. *Oliver Twist*. (Puffin Classics)

Adventures of an orphan boy who lives in the squalid surroundings of a nineteenth-century English workhouse until he becomes involved with a gang of thieves.

Hawthorne, Nathaniel. *The House of Seven Gables.*

Follows the Pyncheon family living for years in a home under a man's curse until his death restores the peace of their house.

Lamb, Charles and Mary Lamb. *Tales From Shakespeare.* (Puffin Classics)

The perfect introduction to Shakespeare's greatest plays. Charles and Mary Lamb vividly bring to life the power of "Hamlet" and "Othello," the fun of "As You Like It" and the drama of "Pericles." They never lose the feel of his beautiful language and humanity and convey all of his wit and wisdom.

Montgomery, L. M. *Anne of Green Gables.* (Puffin Classics)

An 11-year-old orphan is sent to live with a lonely, middle aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island.

Poe, Edgar Allen. *Tales of Mystery and Terror.* (Puffin Classics)

A collection of four well-known tales of mystery and suspense including "The Gold Bug," "The Fall of the House of Usher," "The Tell-Tale Heart," and "The Cask of Amontillado."

Tolkien, J.R.R. *Fellowship of the Ring.*

Recounts the flight of Frodo, possessor of the One Ring, and his companions from the Black Riders of Mordor, and the subsequent attempt to come to the place where the Ring could be unmade.

Wells, H.G. *The Time Machine.*

The classic story of time travel, good, and evil that is as thrilling today as any modern science fiction novel.

Dystopia, Fantasy, Science Fiction, and the Supernatural

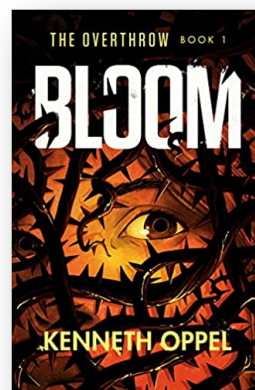
Ψ Nebula Award (chosen by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America)

Asimov, Isaac. *Foundation.*

When the Galactic Empire started dying, a great psycho-historian set up the foundation to preserve human culture and shorten 30,000 years of chaotic barbarism.

***Collins, Suzanne.** *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes.* (A series. Book 4)

Revisit the world of Panem, 64 years before the events of The Hunger Games, starting on the morning of the reaping of the Tenth Hunger Games.



★◎❖**Emezi, Akwaeke.** *Pet.* (YA)

Pet lives in a world without monsters, or so she thinks. After a monster shows itself to her, she must work to uncover the secrets her world has been hiding and to protect people she loves.

Ψ **Hartman, Rachel.** *Tess of the Road.*

Tess Dombegh journeys through the kingdom of Goredd in search of the World Serpents and finds herself along the way.

★Ψ **Hernandez, Carlos.** *Sal and Gabi Break the Universe.*

In order to heal after his mother's death, 13-year-old Sal learns to reach into time and space to retrieve things—and people—from other universes. (SHSH eBook)

***Lê, Minh.** *Green Lantern: Legacy.*

When 13-year-old Tai Pham inherits his grandmother's jade ring, he soon finds out he has been inducted into a group of space cops known as the Green Lanterns.

LeGuin, Ursula. *A Wizard of Earthsea.* (A series. Book 1)

A boy grows to manhood while attempting to subdue the evil he unleashed on the world as an apprentice to the Master Wizard.

★**McKay, Christian.** *Scary Stories for Young Foxes.*

Seven fox kits, wanting a scarier story than their mother will tell, visit the old storyteller at Bog Cavern in the Antler Wood, but will any be brave enough to stay until the end? (SHSH eBook)

***Moss, Tamara.** *Lintang and the Pirate Queen.*

Lintang's dream of adventure on the high seas comes true when Captain Shafira invites her to join her pirate crew, but Lintang's best friend, Bayani, has stowed away and is keeping secrets.

***Oppel, Kenneth.** *Bloom.*

It was just rain. But after the downpour, odd black plants begin to shoot up. Suddenly, the plants take over fields and twine around houses. They bloom and throw off toxic pollen—and feed. Strangely, three Salt Spring Island teens seem immune. Anaya, Petra and Seth. What's their connection? What's their secret? A week ago, they wouldn't have thought they had one. But they'd better figure it out fast—the invasion has already begun.

★**Pasternack, Sofiya.** *Anya and the Dragon.*

In an alternate ninth century, 12-year-old Anya and a new friend face a Viking and a Tsar to protect the water dragon that saved her life, putting her family's home at risk.

Pullman, Philip. *The Golden Compass.* (A trilogy. Book 1)

Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North. (YA)

***Sage, Angie.** *Enchanter's Child, Book One: Twilight Hauntings.*

Angie Sage, *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Septimus Heap* series, crafts a fantasy world where enchantment is illegal, Oracles knit octopuses, wizards run around in soggy underpants, and one girl is on a mission to save Enchantment and Enchanters, which might just save the kingdom.

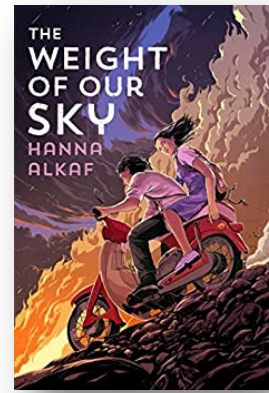
Ψ **Wilde, Fran.** *Riverland.* (YA)

When their parents fight, sisters Eleanor and Mike hide, whispering stories and hoping house magic will protect them, until the night a river carries them to a place of dreams and nightmares.

Historical Fiction

✧ **Alkaf, Hanna.** *The Weight of Our Sky.*

A music loving teen with OCD does everything she can to find her way back to her mother during the historic race riots in 1969 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in this heart-pounding literary debut.



***Blankman, Anne.** *Blackbird Girls.*

Told in alternating perspectives among three girls—Valentina and Oksana in 1986 and Rifka in 1941—this story shows that hatred, intolerance, and oppression are no match for the power of true friendship.

★ **DeWoskin, Rachel.** *Someday We Will Fly.* (YA)

From the author of *Blind*, a heart-wrenching coming-of-age story set during World War II in Shanghai, one of the only places Jews without visas could find refuge.

***Elliot, David.** *Voices: The Final Hours of Joan of Arc.* (YA)

Using historical poetic forms and excerpts from two trials—with concrete poetry blended in—Elliot brings Joan of Arc's story vividly to life. The sparse verse elicits a visceral response, while Joan is portrayed as an empowered individual, despite her youth.

✧ **Kadohata, Cynthia.** *A Place to Belong.* (YA)

A Japanese-American family, reeling from their ill treatment in the Japanese internment camps, gives up their American citizenship to move back to Hiroshima, unaware of the devastation wreaked by the atomic bomb in this piercing look at the aftermath of World War II.

◆ **Lai, Thanhha.** *Butterfly Yellow.* (YA)

It's 1981, and Hang has taken a perilous journey by fishing boat from Việt Nam to Amarillo, Texas, to find her little brother, Linh. Her arrival is not as welcome as she had hoped, since Linh appears to have forgotten her.

***Lindelauf, Benny.** *Fing's War.* Translated from the Dutch by John Nieuwenhuizen. (YA)

Follows teenaged Fing Boon and her large, impoverished, eccentric family as they navigate the changes World War II visits upon their little town on the border of the Netherlands and Germany.

★ ✧ **McManis, Charlene Willing.** *Indian No More.*

In 1957, 10-year-old Regina Petit's Umpqua tribe is legally terminated and forced to leave Oregon, but in Los Angeles her family faces prejudice and she struggles to understand her identity as an Indian far from tribal lands.

***Nielsen, Jennifer.** *Words on Fire.* (YA)

Set during the nineteenth-century Russian occupation of Lithuania, Audra and her family smuggle books to save Lithuanian language and culture.

© **Ruby, Laura.** *Thirteen Doorways, Wolves Behind Them All.* (YA)

During the Great Depression and into WWII, Frankie and her younger sister are left at an orphanage in Chicago by their father as secrets are revealed through the eyes of a ghost, who narrates this tale of heartbreak, tragedy, and hope.

***Smith, Sherri L.** *The Blossom and the Firefly.* (YA)

Told in two voices, seventeen-year-old kamikaze pilot Taro and fifteen-year-old war worker Hana meet in 1945 Japan, he with no future and she, haunted by the past.

***Wolk, Lauren.** *Echo Mountain.*

After the financial crash, Ellie and her family have lost nearly everything—including their home in town. They have started over, carving out a new life in the unforgiving terrain of Echo Mountain.

Mystery, Suspense, and Thrillers

Christie, Agatha. *And Then There Were None.*

Considered the best mystery novel ever written, this is the story of 10 strangers, each lured to Indian Island by a mysterious host. Once his guests have arrived, the host accuses each person of murder. Unable to leave the island, the guests begin to share their darkest secrets, until they begin to die.

Cormier, Robert. *I Am the Cheese.*

A young boy desperately tries to unlock his past yet know he must hide those memories if he is to remain alive.

Duncan, Lois. *Killing Mr. Griffin.*

A teenager casually suggests playing a cruel trick on the English teacher, but did he intend it to end with murder?

***Fagan, Cary.** *The Collected Works of Gretchen Oyster.*

Who is Gretchen Oyster? The discovery of a series of mysterious handmade postcards distracts Hartley from trouble at home. A poignant novel for fans of Rebecca Stead and Holly Goldberg Sloan.

Hamilton, Virginia. *House of Dies Drear.*

A black family tries to unravel the secrets of their new home, which was once a stop on the Underground Railroad.

Higson, Charlie. *Silverfin.* (A series. Book 1)

Prequel to the adventures of James Bond, 007, this book introduces the young James when he is just starting boarding school in England and is about to become involved in his first adventure.

MacCall, Michaela. *The Revelation of Louisa May.* (YA)

In charge of the house while her mother is away, Louisa May Alcott is juggling her temperamental father, a mysterious murder, and a fugitive on the Underground Railroad.

⊙✧ **Ribay, Randy.** *Patron Saints of Nothing.* (YA)

After Jay, a Filipino American high school senior gets word that his once-close cousin and pen pal Jun is dead, he travels to the Philippines to uncover the truth.

Timberlake, Amy. *One Came Home.*

In 1871 Wisconsin, 13-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.



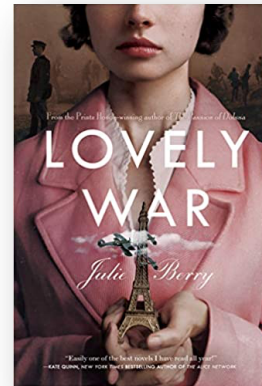
Mythologies of the World

Ψ **Adeyemi, Tomi.** *Children of Blood and Bone.* (YA)

In an adventure infused with West African mythology, Zélie's magic reawakens, and she battles to restore magic to the oppressed kingdom of Orïsha.

Berry, Julie. *Lovely War.* (YA)

Aphrodite leads her legal self-defense in front of Hephaestus and Ares to justify her infidelity. Her proof? The love stories—that she helped create—of two couples during WWI. When her tale is done, both lives and love will be different in this beautiful book.



***Chokshi, Roshani.** *Aru Shah and the Tree of Wishes.* (A trilogy. Book 3)

After 14-year-old Aru Shah and her friends fail to keep a prophecy from the Sleeper, they undergo a rebranding campaign to prove the Pandavas's trustworthiness, but Aru believes they need to focus on finding the Tree of Wishes before the Sleeper and stopping war between the devas and the demons.

Geras, Adele. *Troy.*

Told from the point of view of the women of Troy, this book portrays the last weeks of the Trojan War, when women are sick of tending the wounded, men are tired of fighting, and bored gods and goddesses find ways to stir things up.

Green, Roger Lancelyn. *Myths of the Norsemen.* (Puffin Classics Series)

The great Norse sagas are full of magic and heroic deeds. Odin's wanderings, Thor's hammer, the death of Bakkur, the vision of Ragnarok – tales which have been told since time immemorial – are given a fresh life in this version, written as one continuous exciting adventure story.

Homer. Retold by **Gillian Cross.** *The Iliad.*

After Paris abducts Menelaus's wife, Helen, the Greeks and Trojans battle for 10 years, each aided by the gods and goddesses.

Kagawa, Julie. *Shadow of the Fox.* (YA)

Enter a beautiful and perilous land of shapeshifters and samurai, kami and legends, humans and demons...a world in which Japanese mythology and imagination blend together to create a brand-new and lushly drawn fantasy adventure.

★**Mbalia, Kwame.** *Tristan Strong Punches the Sky.*

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.

***Roanhorse, Rebecca.** *Race to the Sun.*

Guided by her Navajo ancestors, seventh-grader Nizhoni Begay discovers she is descended from a holy woman and destined to become a monster slayer, starting with the evil businessman who kidnapped her father.

***Zhao, Kate.** *The Dragon Warrior.*

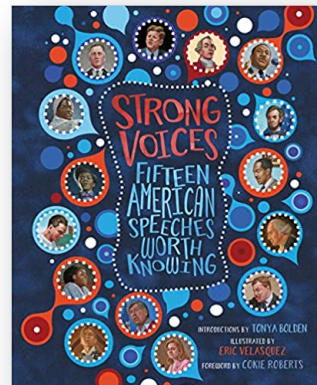
Siblings Faryn Liu and Alex defend their parents' honor and battle demons in this lively fantasy adventure that seamlessly blends gods and demons from myriad mythologies, including Greek, Phoenician, and Chinese.

Nonfiction: Arts, Biography, Religious Knowledge, and Social Studies

❖ 2020 Amelia Bloomer List (honoring children's books with feminist themes)

***Bolden, Tonya.** *Strong Voices: Fifteen American Speeches Worth Knowing.*

A wide-ranging collection of speeches and a worthwhile resource for students of American history.



***Chen, Da.** *Girl Under a Red Moon: Growing Up During China's Cultural Revolution.*

In this memoir, Da Chen weaves a deeply moving account of his resolute older sister and their childhood growing up together during the Chinese Cultural Revolution.

***Fleming, Candace.** *The Rise and Fall of Charles Lindbergh.*

A riveting biography of one of America's most celebrated heroes, and most complicated, troubled men, Charles Lindbergh.

***Dunbar-Ortiz, Roxanne.** Adapted by Jean Mendoza and Debbie Reese. *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People.*

This unflinching adaptation makes crucial history accessible for children and teens.

***Ha, Robin.** *Almost American: An Illustrated Memoir.* (YA)

A powerful and moving teen graphic novel memoir about immigration, belonging, and how arts can save a life—perfect for fans of *American Born Chinese* and *Hey, Kiddo*.

Heiligman, Deborah. *Torpedoed: The True Story of the World War II Sinking of "The Children's Ship."*

The incredible, nonfiction tale of the German submarine attack on a ship carrying 100 child refugees during WWII.

***Miller, Michael.** *Fake News: Separating Truth from Fiction.*

The author provides clues to analyze the news and contrasts the diligence of journalism with the perpetration of hoaxes and propaganda.

❖ **O'Brien, Keith.** *Fly Girls Young Readers' Edition: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History.*

Fly Girls follows the stories of five American women who pursued their passion for flight during a time when women aviators weren't seen as being equal to men.

***Ogle, Rex.** *Free Lunch.*

An honest and engrossing account of Ogle's sixth-grade year and his family's experience with poverty and its effect on their relationships.

★**Ortiz, Victoria.** *Dissenter on the Bench: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Life and Work.* (YA)

The life and career of the fiercely principled Supreme Court Justice, now a popular icon, with dramatic accounts of her landmark cases that moved the needle on legal protection of human rights.

❖**Richards, Cecile and Lauren Peterson.** *Make Trouble Young Readers Edition: Standing Up, Speaking Out, and Finding the Courage to Lead.*

This memoir of Cecile Richards, a lifelong activist and feminist icon, offers practical advice and inspiration for aspiring young leaders.

⊕**Sandler, Martin W.** *1919: The Year That Changed America.* (YA)

Race relations, temperance, women's suffrage, workers' rights, communist scares, and a molasses flood are all exquisitely discussed in this focus on one year in history. Sandler follows each topic's influences on current events, providing context and connection for further advancement.

★**Takei, George, et al.** *They Called Us Enemy.* (YA)

A graphic memoir of a Japanese American family during the internment years in California.

Novel In Verse

Acevedo, Elizabeth. *The Poet X.* (YA)

Poetry provides teenage Xiomara an outlet to express herself as she struggles with her demanding mother's religious expectations, a secret romance, and self-acceptance.

Alexander, Kwame. *Rebound.*

In this prequel to *The Crossover*, Chuck Bell takes center stage, as readers get a glimpse of his childhood and how he became the jazz-music worshipping basketball star his sons look up to.

Atkins, Jeannine. *Finding Wonders: Three Girls Who Changed Science.*

This unique novel in verse shares compelling biographies of Maria Merian and her metamorphosis discoveries, Mary Anning and her fossil discoveries, as well as Maria Mitchell and her comet discoveries.

Engle, Margarita. *The Lightning Dreamer: Cuba's Greatest Abolitionist.*

In free verse, this book evokes the voice of Gertrudis Gomez de Avellaneda, a book-loving writer, feminist, and abolitionist who courageously fought injustice in nineteenth-century Cuba.

★**Grimes, Nikki.** *Ordinary Hazards: A Memoir.* (YA)

This distinguished memoir in verse highlights bestselling author and poet Nikki Grimes' formative years, detailing the people, places, and events that shaped her life.

Hilton, Marilyn. *Full Cicada Moon.* (YA)

Beautifully written in verse, the book tells the story of a young girl, half-black, half-Japanese, and her courageous spirit as she deals with racism in 1969.

Hood, Susan. *Lifeboat 12.*

In 1940, a group of British children, their escorts, and some sailors struggle to survive in a lifeboat when the ship taking them to safety in Canada is torpedoed.

***Nagal, Mariko.** *Under the Broken Sky.*

When Soviet troops invade Japanese-occupied Manchuria during the last days of World War II, 12-year-old Natsu Kimura must care for her younger sister as they struggle to survive and return to Japan.

Terry, Ellie. *Forget Me Not.*

Calliope meets Jinsong at her latest middle school, who becomes her friend despite her Tourette Syndrome and the embarrassment it can cause.

★Warga, Jasmine. *Other Words for Home.*

Sent with her mother to the safety of a relative's home in Cincinnati when her Syrian hometown is overshadowed by violence, Jude worries for the family members who were left behind as she adjusts to a new life with unexpected surprises.

Poetry

The Poetry Foundation

www.poetryfoundation.org

The Poetry Foundation is an independent literary organization committed to the presence of poetry in American culture. Its mission is to discover, celebrate and make accessible the best poetry before the largest possible audience.

Realistic Fiction (Modern Stories)

★Balcárcel, Rebecca. *The Other Half of Happy.*

This is a heartfelt poetic portrayal of a girl growing up, fitting in, and learning what it means to belong.

★Cartaya, Pablo. *Each Tiny Spark.*

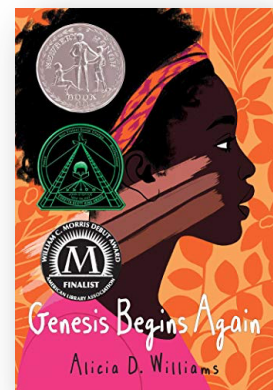
Sixth-grader Emilia Torres struggles with ADHD, her controlling abuela, her mother's work commitments, her father's distance after returning from deployment, evolving friendships, and a conflict over school redistricting.

◇Chapman, Elise. *All the Ways Home.*

Kaede Hirano is given a summer assignment: write an essay about what home means to him, which will be even tougher now that he's on his way to Japan to reconnect with his estranged father. Building new relationships isn't as easy as destroying his old ones, and one last desperate act will change the way Kaede sees everyone—including himself.

★★Craft, Jerry. *New Kid.*

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. (SHSH eBook)



***Philippe, Ben.** *The Field Guide to the North American Teenager.* (YA)

After his mother gets a new job as a professor at the University of Texas, Norris, a Black French Canadian who has lived in Montreal his whole life, has to adjust to high school in Austin, Texas.

★Kelly, Lynne. *Song for a Whale.*

Twelve-year-old Iris and her grandmother, both deaf, drive from Texas to Alaska armed with Iris's plan to help Blue-55, a whale unable to communicate with other whales.

★Kim, Patti. *I'm OK.*

Ok, a Korean American boy, tries a get rich quick scheme of starting a hair braiding business and winning the school talent competition to hide the fact that he is struggling with the loss of his father and the financial hardships he and his mother must now bear.

★Petrus, Junauda. *The Stars and the Blackness Between Them.* (YA)

After Audre's relationship with a young woman is exposed, her mother sends her away from Trinidad to live with her father in Minneapolis. There she connects with Mabel, who is suffering from a life-threatening illness. Told in alternating viewpoints, this is a moving novel of discovering how to live and love.

★ⓄReynolds, Jason. *Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks.*

Jason Reynolds conjures ten tales (one per block) about what happens after the dismissal bell rings, and weaves them into one funny, poignant look at the detours we face on the walk home, and in life.

★Silverstein, Karol Ruth. *Cursed.* (YA)

Depicts young teen Ricky Bloom's struggles with her recent juvenile inflammatory disease diagnosis, which comes amid family upheaval and challenges at school.

***Stead, Rebecca.** *The List of Things That Will Not Change.*

Despite her parents' divorce, her father's coming out as gay, and his plans to marry his boyfriend, ten-year-old Bea is reassured by her parents' unconditional love, excited about getting a stepsister, and haunted by something she did last summer at her father's lake house.

***Stone, Nic.** *Clean Getaway.*

Set against the backdrop of the segregation history of the American South, take a trip with this *New York Times* best seller and an 11-year-old boy who is about to discover that the world hasn't always been a welcoming place for kids like him, and things aren't always what they seem—his G'ma included.

★Williams, Alicia D. *Genesis Begins Again.* (YA)

Painfully self-conscious about her dark skin, 13-year-old Genesis faces new challenges when her family moves to suburban Detroit and she starts a new school.

Yoon, Nicola. *The Sun Is Also a Star.* (YA)

Is it fate or chance that brings people together? This is the question posed in this impressively multilayered tale of a one-day romance featuring practical Natasha, whose family is facing deportation to Jamaica, and Daniel, a first-generation Korean American with a poet's sensibility.

Social Justice: Fiction and Nonfiction

★**Boyce, Jo Ann Allen and Debbie Levy.** *This Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality.*

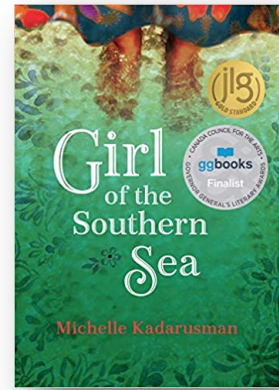
A first-person, verse account of the challenges faced by the first African American students to integrate into an American high school.

Hoose, Phillip. *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice.*

Presents the life of the Alabama teenager who played an integral role in the Montgomery bus strike, once by refusing to give up a bus seat, and again, by becoming a plaintiff in the landmark civil rights case against the bus company.

❖**Kadariusman, Michelle.** *Girl of the Southern Sea.* (YA)

An empowering novel about a girl from the slums of Jakarta who dreams of an education and the chance at a better life.



Leatherdale, Mary Beth. *Stormy Seas: Stories of Young Boat Refugees.*

From pre-World War II Europe to North Africa today, five young people must flee their countries and find refuge far from home.

Marsh, Katherine. *Nowhere Boy.*

Fourteen-year-old Ahmed, a Syrian refugee, and 13-year-old Max, an American boy, are bound by a secret that sets them on the adventure of a lifetime.

❖**Ramée, Lisa Moore.** *A Good Kind of Trouble.*

Shayla finds her voice as an African-American, suburban, young woman as she grapples with changing friendships, her identity, and understanding the complexities surrounding the shooting of an African-American man.

Senzai, N. H. *Escape From Aleppo.*

When the Arab Spring sparks a civil war in Syria, Nadia gets separated from her family as they flee their home in Aleppo. Now on her own, she tries to find her way to safety.

***Venkatraman, Padma.** *The Bridge Home.*

After fleeing their abusive father, 11-year-old Viji and her sister 12-year-old sister, Rukku, form an unusual family with two homeless boys and a stray dog.

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Harbor Me.*

When six students are chosen to participate in a weekly talk with no adults allowed, they discover that when they're together, it's safe to share the hopes and fears they have to hide from the rest of the world.

***Yousafzai, Malala.** *We Are Displaced: My Journey and Stories from Refugee Girls Around the World.* (YA)

Yousafzai recounts her story of displacement and introduces refugee girls worldwide, putting faces and stories to the demographics of immigration.

Sports: Fiction and Nonfiction

*Bildner, Phil. *A High Five for Glenn Burke*.

When Silas Wade does a school presentation on former Major Leaguer Glenn Burke, it's more than just a report on the irrepressible inventor of the high five. Burke was a gay baseball player in the 1970s—and for Silas, the presentation is his own first baby step toward coming out.

*Doeden, Matt. *More Than a Game: Race, Gender, and Politics in Sports*.

Sports has never been only about what takes place on the playing field. Matt Doeden explores past and current controversies in a book sure to engage everyone interested in sports, history, and civil rights.

*Florio, John and Ouisie Shapiro. *War in the Ring: Joe Lewis, Max Schmeling, and the Fight between America and Hitler*.

Boxer Joe Louis was a hero to African Americans. When he faced Max Schmeling, the pride of Nazi Germany, Louis became a hero to white Americans too.



Green, Tim. *The Big Game*.

Danny Owens is dedicating his seventh-grade football season to his recently-deceased father, an NFL legend, but the pressure to succeed is magnified by his inability to read.

*Lupica, Mike. *Strike Zone*

Nick Garcia, 12, star pitcher for his summer league team, wants to focus on his fastball but is deeply anxious that his undocumented Dominican-born parents may be deported.

★Maraniss, Andrew. *Games of Deception: The True Story of the First U.S. Olympic Basketball Team at the 1936 Olympics in Hitler's Germany*.

This brief history of how basketball became an Olympic sport looks at the ethical issues surrounding the U.S. team's decision to participate in the 1936 Olympics.

*Swaby, Rachel. *Mighty Moe: The True Story of a Thirteen-Year-Old Women's Running Revolutionary*.

The untold true story of runner Maureen Wilton, whose world record-breaking marathon time at age thirteen was met first with misogyny and controversy, but ultimately with triumph.

S.T.E.M.: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

❖ 2020 Amelia Bloomer List (honoring children's books with feminist themes)

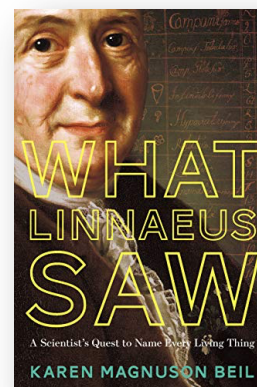
✚ Orbis Pictus Award (recognizing excellence in the writing of nonfiction for children)

∞ Outstanding Science Trade Book for 2020 selected by the National Science Teachers Association. Annotations for Outstanding Science Trade Books taken from <http://static.nsta.org/pdfs/2020OSTB.pdf>

∞ Outstanding Science Trade Book for 2019

*Beil, Karen Magnuson. *What Linnaeus Saw: A Scientist's Quest to Name Every Living Thing*.

Carl Linnaeus defied family and cultural expectations of the early eighteenth century, turning his back on the church to study botany and develop the system of classifying living organisms that is still used today.



***Bolden, Tonya.** *Changing the Equation: 50+ US Black Women in STEM.*

This book celebrates over 50 women who have shattered the glass ceiling, defied racial discrimination, and pioneered in their fields.

***America's Test Kitchen.** *The Complete Baking Book for Young Chefs.*

Young aspiring chefs will find many interesting recipes and additional information.

∞**Charles Darwin's On the Origin of Species.** Adapted by Rebecca Steffoff.

The topics of genus and species, instinct and inheritance, and biodiversity and mutations come to life in this young reader's edition of *The Origin of Species*.

∞**Kean, Sam.** *The Disappearing Spoon And Other True Tales of Rivalry, Adventure, and the History of the World from the Periodic Table of Elements.* (Young Reader's Edition)

Kean uses engaging stories of personalities and rivalries to explain how the table, standard in any chemistry classroom, describes chemical behavior and predicts the existence of elements.

∞**Grolleau, Fabien.** *Darwin: An Exceptional Voyage.*

A biographical graphic novel detailing Darwin's journey of *The Beagle*, combining elements of historical fiction and science directly from Darwin's own writing.

∞+**Jarrow, Gail.** *The Poison Eaters: Fighting Danger and Fraud in Our Food and Drugs.*

Discover events that led to the formation of the Food and Drug Administration, including the contributions of dedicated scientist Dr. Harvey Washington.

❖**Johnson, Katherine.** *Reaching for the Moon: The Autobiography of NASA Mathematician Katherine Johnson*

The inspiring autobiography of NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson, who helped launch Apollo 11.

∞**Ottaviani, Jim.** *Hawking.*

A fascinating graphic biography of Stephen Hawking, full of humor and deep insight into black holes and cosmology

∞**Redding, Anna Crowley.** *Google It: A History of Google.*

From its start as BackRub, discover the humble beginnings of Google that have spurred on innovative technological ideas inspired by creators Sergey Brin and Larry Page.

∞**Sidman, Joyce.** *The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science.*

Author Joyce Sidman explores the extraordinary life and scientific discoveries of Maria Merian who discovered the truth about metamorphosis and documented the science behind the mystery in this visual biography that features many original paintings by Maria herself.

∞**Winchell, Mike.** *Electric War: Edison, Tesla, Westinghouse, and the Race to Light the World.*

Using both historical and bibliographic information, the book details the experiments, competitions, and grit of Edison, Tesla, and Westinghouse.

Suggested Magazines

Ask: Arts & Science For Kids

Features puzzles, riddles, cartoons, articles and more inviting readers to explore the world's greatest artists, inventors and other thinkers.

Cobblestone Magazine

A magazine dedicated to examining life in America from the 17th century to today.

Dig Into History

Let your budding archaeologist uncover the treasures of the past with DIG, the premiere world history magazine for students ages 9-14.

MUSE

A science magazine dedicated to reporting the most cutting-edge discoveries in modern science. A perfect selection for aspiring engineers, inventors, biologists, and scientists of every type.

Sports Illustrated for Kids

Monthly magazine for elementary age children includes interviews with sports heroes, comics, action photos and much more.

Stone Soup

Founded in 1973, *Stone Soup* features the creative stories, poems and artwork of children from all over the world. This unique literary magazine was once referred to as "The New Yorker of the eight to thirteen set."