

St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's

C. V. Starr Library & Learning Center

Summer Reading Suggestions 2020
Entering Grade 6

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, or what you have read together. Start a parent-child book club, or attend a book signing at your local bookstore. Which is better the book or the movie? Sometimes children 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 movie, 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. Reading aloud is a wonderful way to bridge discussions on topics that you may not know how to bring up. As kids 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 and to 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 destinations.

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.

📖 Indicates books that will appeal to adults as well and can be enjoyed as family a read aloud.

2020 Children's Literary Award Winners

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 (★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)
- 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 (finalist)
- ♾️ Nebula Award (chosen by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America)
- ✚ 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

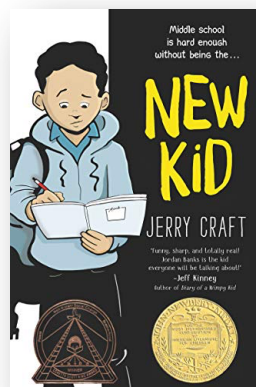
St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's Digital Library

<https://soraapp.com/welcome>

SHSH Digital Library can also be found by downloading the Sora app. on your digital device. When signing into SHSH'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 SHSH's eBook collection and is noted in the annotations.

2020 Audie Award Winner (✚) and Finalists

✚ *Charlotte's Web* written by E.B. White, narrated by Meryl Streep and a full cast, published by Penguin Random House Audio (SHSH audiobook)



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

 **Baum, Frank L.** *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. (Puffin Classics Series)


Tells the story of Dorothy's arrival in Oz and her adventures in that magical country.

 **Green, Roger Lancelyn.** *King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table*. (Puffin Classics Series)


From the magical moment when Arthur releases the sword in the stone to the quest for the Holy Grail and the final tragedy of the Last Battle, Roger Lancelyn Green brings the enchanting world of King Arthur stunningly to life.

 **Nesbit, E.** *Five Children and It*. (Puffin Classics Series)


When Cyril, Anthea, Robert, Jane and their baby brother go digging in the gravel pit, the last thing they expect to find is a Psammead—an ancient Sand-fairy! Having a Sand-fairy for a pet means having one wish granted each day. But the children don't realize all the trouble wishes can cause.

 **Sewell, Anna.** *Black Beauty*. (Puffin Classics Series)

The moving story of a handsome horse that lives a life of hardship and kindness.

 **Smith, Dodie.** *I Capture the Castle*. (Puffin Classics Series)

A young woman's prospects begin to improve when new neighbors arrive from America. Reportedly J.K. Rowling's favorite book.

 **Stevenson, Robert Louis.** *Treasure Island*. (Puffin Classics Series)

Following the demise of bloodthirsty buccaneer Captain Flint, young Jim Hawkins finds himself with the key to a fortune, a map that will lead him to the fabled Treasure Island.

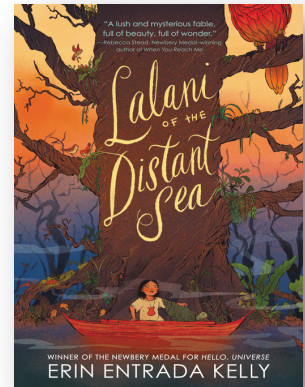
 **Tolkien, J. R. R.** *The Hobbit*.

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.

Dystopia, Fantasy, Scary Tales, Science Fiction, and the Supernatural

***Barron, Reba.** *Maya and the Rising Dark.*

The fates of Maya's papa and the world are on the line in this fast-paced adventure, which deftly blends culture, community, and folklore rooted broadly in the African diaspora.



***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.

***Hahn, Mary Downing.** *The Puppet's Payback and Other Chilling Tales.*

The author of wildly popular ghost stories, Mary Downing Hahn has created a group of tales for fans of her "scary but not too scary" books. Each tale turns something ordinary—a pigeon, a white dress, a stranger on the bus, a puppet—into a sinister link to the supernatural.

★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)

***Kelly, Erin Entrada.** *Lalani of the Distant Sea.*

Feeling responsible for her island's catastrophes, Lalani, 12, sets off on an epic quest. Interspersed with her adventures are finely illustrated vignettes of fantastical creatures and plants she encounters.

 **L'Engle, Madeleine.** *A Wrinkle in Time.*

Meg seeks to free her father from the forces that have imprisoned him in another dimension.

★📖 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)

★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.

***Resau, Laura.** *Tree of Dreams.*

A beating heart. A talking tree. The rain forest. Love. Mysticism. Harvest. And above all, chocolate. Thrust into the conflict between oil companies and the indigenous people in the Amazon, Coco, her mother, and her best friends fight for the forest's survival.

***Ryan, Pam Muñoz.** *Mañanaland.*

Twelve-year-old Max, who loves the legend Buelo tells him about a mythical gatekeeper who can guide brave travelers on a journey into tomorrow, sets out on a dangerous quest to discover if he is true of heart and what the future holds, armed with a treasured compass, a mysterious stone rubbing, and Buelo's legend as his only guides.

Historical Fiction

***Athaide, Tina.** *Orange for the Sunsets.*

Asha, Indian, and Yesofu, Ugandan, find their deep friendship tested when dictator Idi Amin announces that Indians have 90 days to leave Uganda.

***Gratz, Alan.** *Allies.*

What was D-Day really like? The invasion is seen through the eyes of an American soldier whose family fled Germany and of French citizens living through the invasion.

❖ **Kadohata, Cynthia.** *A Place to Belong.*

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.

★❖ **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.

★ **Palacio, R. J.** *White Bird.*

Tells the story of Julian's Grandmère's childhood as she, a Jewish girl, was hidden by a family in a Nazi-occupied French village during World War II and how the boy she once shunned became her savior and best friend.

***Park, Linda Sue.** *Prairie Lotus.*

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.

***Thomas, Sherry.** *The Magnolia Sword: A Ballad of Mulan.*

In fifth-century China, a girl disguised as her brother fights for the emperor, uncovers family secrets, and finds true love.

***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.

***Woods, Brenda.** *The Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA.*

As a Caucasian boy turns 12 in the summer of 1946, his friendship with an African American veteran leads him to confront the realities of racism in South Carolina.

***Yelchin, Eugene.** *Spy Runner.*

Jake, 12, wonders if his mother's new boarder is a Russian spy going after secret plans from the nearby Air Force base.



Mystery and Adventure

📖 **Aiken, Joan.** *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase.* (A series. Book 1)

Wicked wolves and a grim governess threaten Bonnie and her cousin Sylvia when Bonnie's parents leave Willoughby Chase for a sea voyage.

📖 **Connor, Leslie.** *The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle.*

As he grieves his best friend Benny's death, Mason and his friend Calvin, who are targeted by the neighborhood bullies, create an underground haven for themselves, but when Calvin goes missing, Mason finds himself in trouble.

***Haddix, Margaret Peterson.** *Greystone Secrets #2: The Deceivers.*

Told from separate viewpoints, as Finn, Emma, and Chess Greystone and Natalie Mayhew, ages eight to thirteen, continue their quest to rescue their mothers they must return to the alternate dimension where truth is illegal.

***Johnson, Terry Lynn.** *Dog Driven.*

McKenna, 14, is losing her vision to Stargardt's disease, but that will not stop her from competing in a rigorous new sled dog race through the Canadian wilderness.

***Janowitz, Jessie.** *The Doughnut King.*

Tris thought moving from New York City to the middle of nowhere would make his life worse. As he starts his doughnut business, things get better, but much more complicated.

***Milford, Kate.** *The Thief Knot: A Greenglass House Story.* (A series. Book 4)

When Marzana's parents are recruited to solve an odd crime, she assembles her own team, including a ghost, to investigate the kidnapping.

📖 **Raskin, Ellen.** *The Westing Game.*

The residents of an apartment building compete for the inheritance of an eccentric millionaire's fortune as they try to solve a mystery he has provided for them.

***Stuart, Gibbs.** *Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation.*

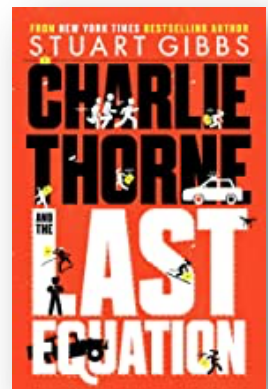
The CIA forces 12-year-old Charlotte "Charlie" Thorne, a rebellious genius, to use her code-breaking skills on an epic global chase to locate Einstein's last equation before dangerous agents discover it and unlock the solution to harnessing energy.

***Valentine, Nicole.** *A Time Traveler's Theory of Relativity.*

Days before his thirteenth birthday, science-lover Finn learns that the women of his family are time travelers and he is expected to help locate his missing mother.

***Welford, Ross.** *The 1000 Year Old Boy.*

When you are 1000 years old but look only 11, you need friends like never before. Will Alfie ever be able to start aging normally?



Mythologies of the World

***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.



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

A strikingly illustrated retelling of Homer's classic from the team who brought us *The Odyssey*—Carnegie Medalist Gillian Cross and illustrator Neil Packer.

Farmer, Nancy. *The Sea of Trolls.*

After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his little sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen, leading Jack to undertake a vital quest to Jotunheim, home of the trolls.

Lee, Yoon Ha. *Dragon Pearl.*

Fox-spirit Min runs away to find her missing brother who is supposedly after the Dragon Pearl. Traveling between planets, she meets pirates, vengeful ghosts, and spirits from Korean mythology.

***Lin, Grace.** *Mulan: Before the Sword.*

Harnessing her talent for storytelling and relating Chinese myths and history, Lin imagines a compelling account of Mulan's pre-warrior days.

★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)

Basher Basics. – Published by Kingfisher

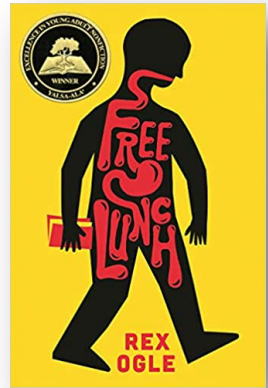
A world of little books that bring big ideas to life in ingenious ways.

DK Eyewitness Book. – Published by DK

Lots of photographs and facts on various subjects.

***Kanefield, Teri**. *Susan B. Anthony*.

This detailed biography uses primary sources in presenting the early advocate for women's rights.



***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.

❖**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.

Sterling Biographies Series. – Published by Sterling

Novel In Verse

Alexander, Kwame. *Booked*.

For Nick, playing soccer "is like / never hitting pause / on your favorite ninety-minute movie." Aside from April, it's the only thing that brings him joy after his parents announce their separation.

Burg, Ann. E. *Unbound*.

This remarkable story of runaways who sought sanctuary in the Great Dismal Swamp, creates a powerful testament to the right of every human to be free.



Grimes, Nikki. *Garvey's Choice*.

Garvey's father has always wanted him to be athletic, but Garvey is interested in astronomy, science fiction, and reading. This novel-in-verse celebrates choosing to be true to yourself.

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.

Lai, Thanhha. *Inside Out & Back Again*.

Hà and her family, forced to flee Vietnam as Saigon falls, begins life as an immigrant in Alabama. Written in verse, this story helps us to better understand the challenges immigrant children face when they enter new classrooms.

***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.

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. *The Red Pencil*.

After their village is ransacked, Amira's family flees Darfur: "We walk, / forming a crooked, / curving line. / . . . / One silent step at a time, / we wind our way / to who-knows-where."

Rose, Caroline Starr. *May B*.

May is helping out at a neighbor's homestead—just until Christmas, her pa promises. But then a terrible turn of events leaves May all alone on the Kansas prairie.

★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.

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Brown Girl Dreaming*.

Written in verse, Jacqueline Woodson describes a life divided between the North and the South, learning about the Civil Rights movement and discovering a passion for writing stories.

Poetry Picks: 2020 Young People's Poet Laureate Naomi Shihab Nye

Each month, Young People's Poet Laureate Naomi Shihab Nye recommends a book of poetry for children. Selections include classics of children's literature, adult collections that are well suited to children, as well as newly published books. For more information: <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/learn/young-peoples-poet-laureate>

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.

★ **Cervantes, Angela.** *Lety Out Loud.*

A bilingual girl named Lety volunteers at an animal shelter where she gets drawn into a competition with a boy she finds unkind. At its heart, this is a sweet, entertaining story about a kindhearted girl who has compassion for both animals and people.



◇ **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. Still, if there's a chance Kaede can finally build a new family from an old one, he's willing to try. But 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)

★ **Day, Christine.** *I Can Make This Promise.*

When 12-year-old Edie finds letters and photographs in her attic that change everything she thought she knew about her Native American mother's adoption, she realizes she has a lot to learn about her family's history and her own identity.

*📖 **DiCamillo, Kate.** *Beverly, Right Here.* (A trilogy. Book 3)

Revisiting once again the world of *Raymie Nightingale*, two-time Newbery Medalist Kate DiCamillo turns her focus to the tough-talking, inescapably tenderhearted Beverly.

* **Dowell, Frances O'Roark.** *The Class.*

Sixth graders recount their versions of friendships involving stealing, spying, and helping a fellow student in need.

* **Farquhar, Polly.** *Itch.*

Ohio sixth-grader Isaac "Itch" Fitch strives to fit in, but everything seems to be going wrong, even before a school lunch trade sends his best friend, Sydney, to the hospital.

★**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.

🕒★📖 **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.

***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, 10-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.

***Torres, Jennifer.** *The Fresh New Face of Griselda.*

After her father's landscaping business fails and the family loses their house, sixth-grader Griselda Zaragoza follows her sister's example and begins selling Alma cosmetics while hiding her changed circumstances from friends.

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.*

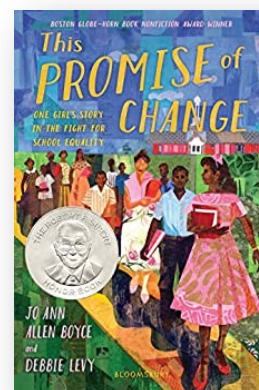
A first-person, verse account of the challenges faced by the first African American students to integrate into an American high school.

Carter, Aiden. *Satyagraha: A Short Story From Love, Football, and Other Contact Sports.*

A fantastic short story that highlights how non-violence can be used as a way to resist bullying for a young man from India attending an American school.

Engle, Margarita. *The Firefly Letters: A Suffragette's Journey to Cuba.*

Slavery, women's rights, and economic inequality are experienced through the true-life experience of Swedish suffragist Fredrika Bremer, who became aware of all of these issues during her visit to Cuba.



Gratz, Alan. *Samurai Shortstop.*

The story of Toyo, a young man dealing with social status and the massive changes in culture Japan faced in the late 19th century.

Hiranandani, Veera. *The Night Diary.*

Shy 12-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.

Moore, David Barclay. *The Stars Beneath Our Feet.*

Unable to celebrate the holidays in the wake of his older brother's death in a gang-related shooting, Lolly Rachpaul struggles to avoid being forced into a gang himself while constructing a fantastically creative LEGO city at the Harlem community center.

Park, Linda Sue. *A Long Walk to Water.*

This novel is based on a true story about coping with the challenges of surviving in Sudan. The book helps students understand the struggles of teens growing up in other areas of the world.

❖ **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. *Shooting Kabul.*

Escaping from Taliban-controlled Afghanistan in the summer of 2001, 11-year-old Fadi and his family immigrate to the San Francisco Bay Area, where Fadi schemes to return to the Pakistani refugee camp where his little sister was accidentally left behind.

***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.

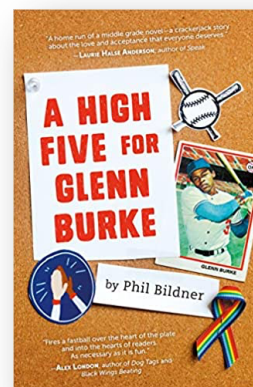
Sports: Fiction and Nonfiction

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

When sixth grader Silas Wade does a school presentation on former Major Leaguer Glenn Burke, it's more than just a report on the irrepresible 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.** *The Stanley Cup Playoffs: The Quest for Hockey's Biggest Prize.*

The greatest games, the biggest moments, and the most incredible goals are all here. Join hockey superstars of the past and present on a fun journey through the Stanley Cup Playoffs.



Green, Tim. *The Big Game.*

Danny wants to play varsity football in tribute to his dad's legacy. But his English teacher, Ms. Rait, stands in his way.

***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.

***Macy, Sue.** *Breaking Through: How Female Athletes Shattered Stereotypes in the Roaring Twenties.*

Offers a fresh and timely account of women in sports in the 1920s, and how their determination, talent, and defiance in the face of criticism promoted women's rights, redefined femininity, and changed the course of history.

***Ostler, Scott.** *Bouncing Back.*

Back in his old basketball league, Carlos Cooper owned the court, sprinting and jumping and lighting up the scoreboard as opponents (and teammates) watched in awe. Now 13-year-old "Cooper the Hooper" is out of his league, new to life in a wheelchair, and struggling to pull his weight with his wheelchair basketball team, the Rollin' Rats.

Reynolds, Jason. *Track Series: Ghost, Patina, Sunny, *Lu.*

Ghost. Patina. Sunny. Lu. A fast but fiery group of kids from wildly different backgrounds, chosen to compete on an elite track team. They all have a lot to lose, but they also have a lot to prove, not only to each other, but to themselves.

***Silva, Jesselyn.** *My Corner of the Ring.*

In this Lean-In style inspirational memoir, 12-year-old Jesselyn Silva offers a ringside seat to girl power and what it takes to win in the ring and in life: punch by punch.

***Wetzel, Dan.** *Stephen Curry.*

Vivid writing and graphic black-and-white illustrations show how Curry, although short for a basketball player, got to the top with persistence, talent, faith in God, and teamwork.

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

✦ 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>

***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.

Basher Science. – Published by Kingfisher

Simon Basher's hip, kicky style and colorful characters make science learning fun and fundamental ideas easy to remember.



Brown, Don. *Rocket to the Moon!* (*Big Ideas that Changed the World* series)

Humor combines with facts to describe scientific, political, and social factors involved in the history of space travel.

DK Eyewitness Book. – Published by DK

Lots of photographs and facts on various subjects, with emphasis on natural sciences.

Field Guides. – Peterson, Audubon, or Simon & Schuster

∞**Fries-Gaither, Jessica.** *Exemplary Evidence: Scientists and their Data.*

A great exploration of major scientific figures and the data they collected. This is a great, fun way to engage readers on the importance of evidence and data!

∞ **Grant, Benjamin** and **Sandra Markle.** *Overview, Young Explorer's Edition: A New Way of Seeing Earth.*

A stunning collection of satellite photographs and text that allows us to see Earth from a range of perspectives.

∞**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.

∞**Hoare, Ben.** *The Wonders of Nature.*

Beautiful illustrations depict some of Earth's interesting inhabitants—both living and nonliving.

∞+**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.

***Kyi, Tanya Lloyd.** *Under Pressure: The Science of Stress.*

What happens to our bodies under stress, situations when stress can be helpful, and "stress busters" are explained simply. Humorous digital art.

∞**MacLeod, Elizabeth** and **Frieda Wishinsky.** *How to Become an Accidental Genius.*

This book highlights the thinking and problem-solving strategies of ordinary people that have led to well-known inventions such as popsicles, microwaves, and Teflon.

∞**Ottaviani, Jim.** *Hawking.*

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

***Radeva, Sabina.** *Charles Darwin's On the Origin of Species.*

Complex concepts such as variation and natural selection are introduced through accessible text and quotes, supported by stylized but accurate depictions of species.

***Rajcak, Hélène and Damien Laverdunt.** *Unseen Worlds: Real-Life Microscopic Creatures Hiding All Around Us.*

Supported by wonderful illustrations, the text shares a collection of microscopic organisms classified by areas in which they live—your bed, leg, water, house.

***Science Comics.** – Published by First Second

Useful introduction to various science topics in graphic novel format.

Usborne Guides. – Published by Usborne

Fact filled publications on all sorts of history, science and health topics.

∞**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.

Discovery Girls

The magazine addresses honestly the problems that are faced by girls of this age. *Discovery Girls* offers friendly advice, stimulating contests, and articles that any young girl would find entertaining and relevant.

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."

Time for Kids

Issues cover a wide range of real-world topics kids love to learn about.