



The American School in London

Rising 7th Grade Summer Reading Suggestions 2019-2020

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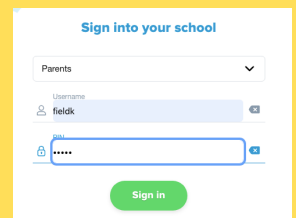
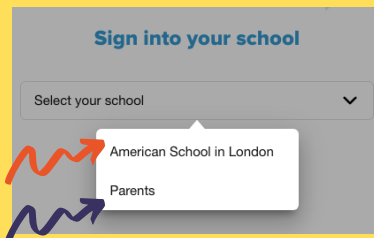
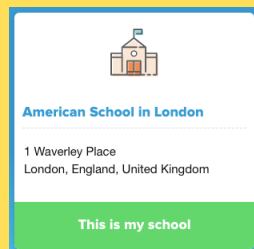
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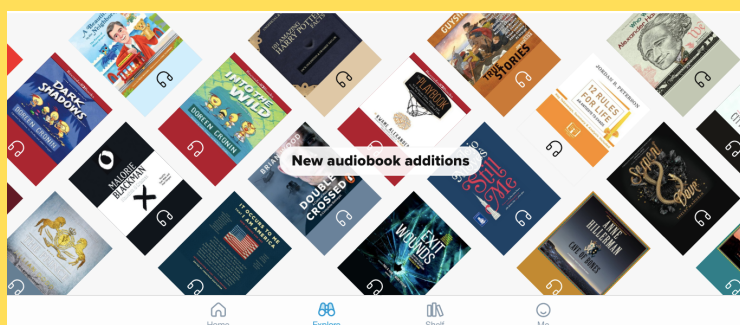
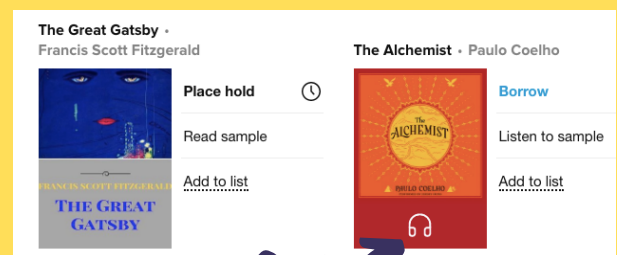
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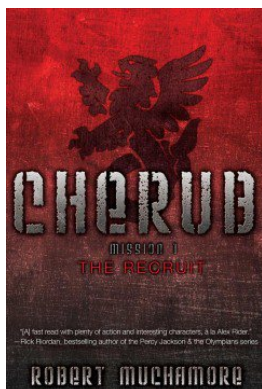
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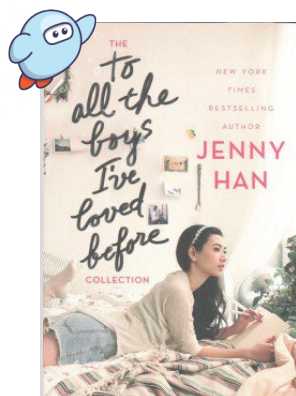
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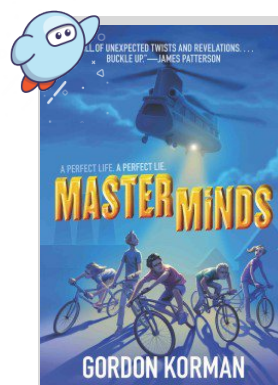
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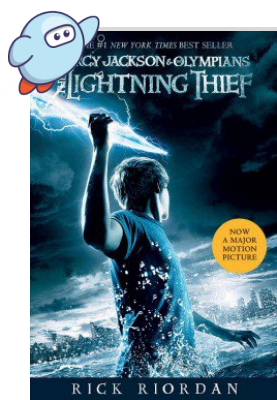
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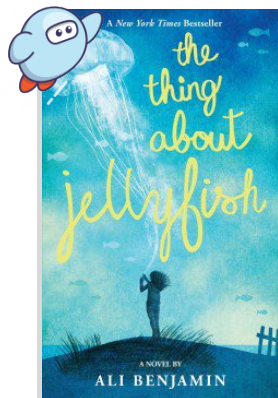
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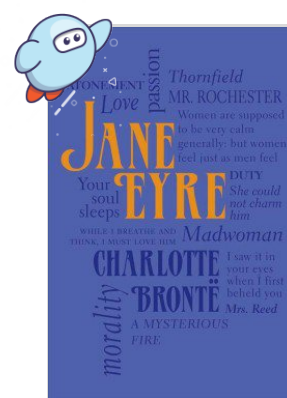
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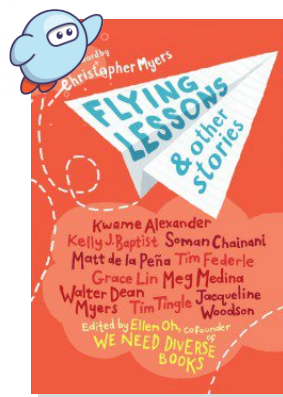
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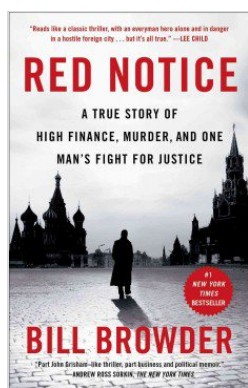
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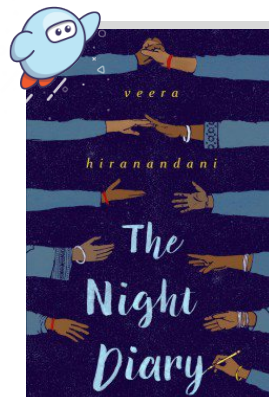
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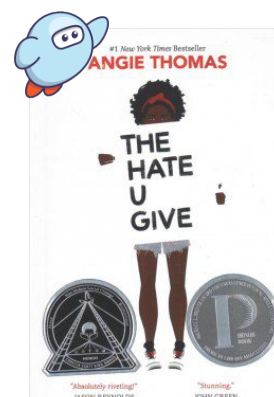
Flying Lessons & Other Short Stories
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Red Notice
by Bill Browder



The Night Diary
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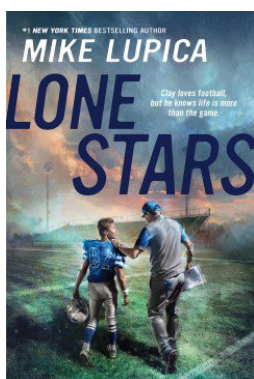
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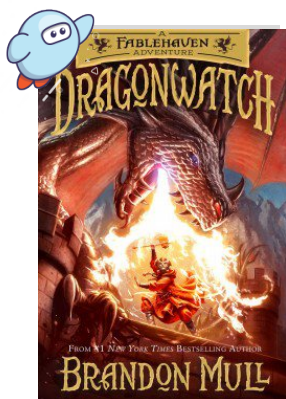
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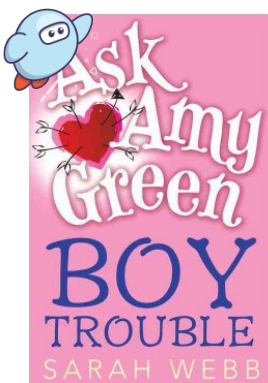
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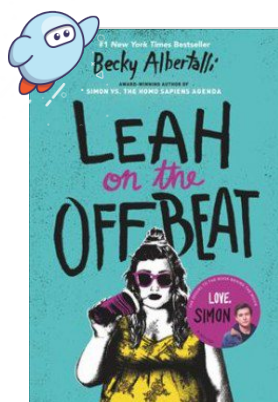
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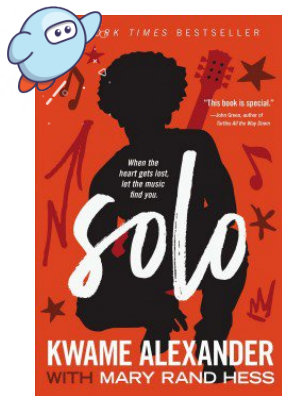
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Boy Trouble*
by Sarah Webb



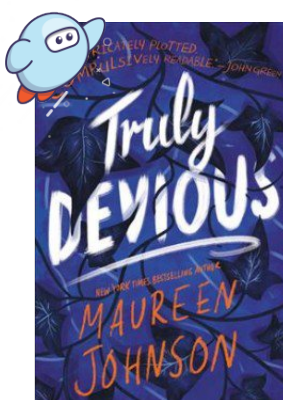
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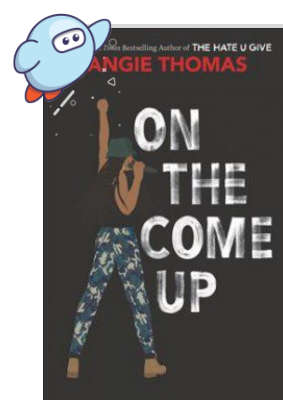
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Solo
by Kwame Alexander



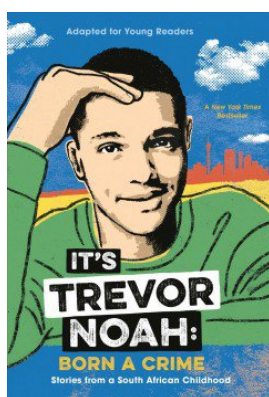
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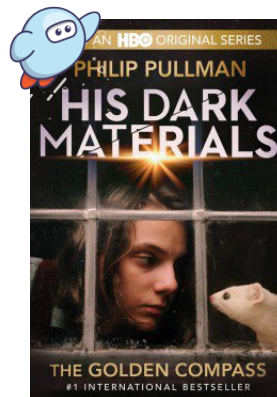
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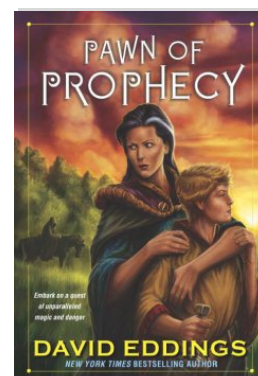
12 before 13
by Lisa Greenwald



*Trevor Noah: Born a
Crime* by Trevor Noah



His Dark Materials
by Philip Pullman



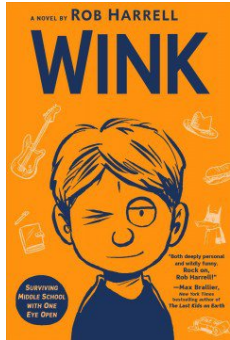
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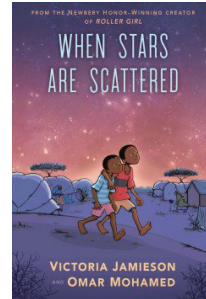
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***Wink**

by Rob Harrell

Diagnosed with a rare eye cancer, a seventh grader endures painful treatments and social abandonment while searching for laughter in life's weirdness, in a tale based on the author's life experiences.

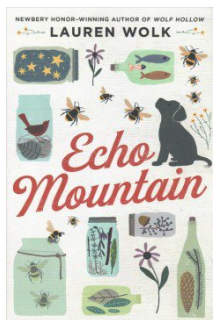


***When Stars are Scattered**

by Victoria Jamieson

A Somali refugee who spent his childhood at the Dadaab camp and the author of *Roller Girl* present the story of a young refugee who struggles with leaving behind his nonverbal brother when he has an opportunity to help his family by

going to school. Graphic Novel



Echo Mountain

by Lauren Wolk

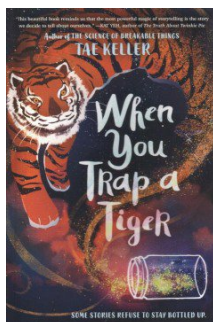
Losing her home in the aftermath of the stock market crash of 1929, Ellie moves with her family to a new home in an unforgiving mountain terrain where she seeks a cure to restore her injured father to health.



***The List of Things that Will Not Change**

by Rebecca Stead

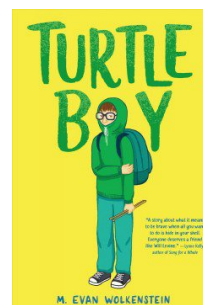
Keeping a list in her notebook of the important things that remain the same after her parents' divorce, Bea is thrilled when her father is remarrying and that she will have a new sister.



***When You Trap a Tiger**

by Tae Keller

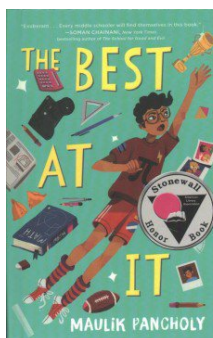
Moving with her parents into the home of her sick grandmother, young Lily forges a complicated pact with a magical tiger, in a story inspired by Korean folktales.



Turtle Boy

by M. Evan Wolkenstein

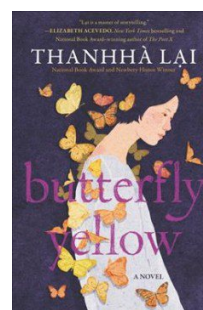
A seventh grader struggles through a new school year marked by bullying, his teacher's insistence that he return captured turtles to the wild, and a Bar Mitzvah community service project that requires him to spend time visiting a terminally ill boy in the hospital.



The Best at It

by Maulik Pancholy

Twelve-year-old Rahul Kapoor, an Indian-American boy growing up in small-town Indiana, struggles to come to terms with his identity, including that he may be gay.



Butterfly Yellow

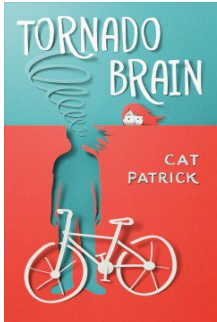
by Thanhha Lai

A Vietnam War refugee in Texas partners with a city boy to track down her younger brother. She was separated from him six years before when he was evacuated by American troops during the waning days of the Vietnam War.

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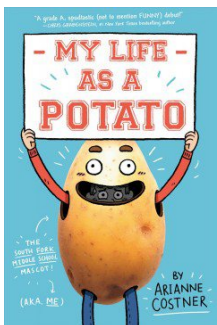
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Tornado Brain

by Cat Patrick

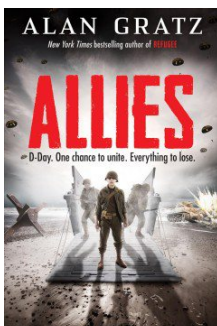
When her former best friend abruptly disappears, a neurodiverse seventh grader, who struggles with sensory limits and routine changes, attempts to follow clues to find the missing girl before it is too late.



***My Life as a Potato**

by Arianne Costner

Ben moves to a formidable potato-laden community in Idaho, where an accident leads him to become his school's potato mascot. Ben knows that if others learn he is Steve, the Spud, his plans for popularity will be a big fail!

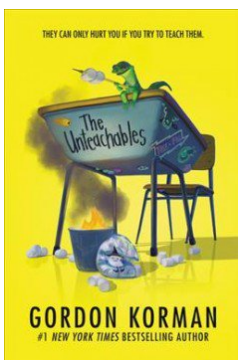


***Allies**

by Alan Gratz

Dee, a young World War II soldier from America participates in a top-secret D-Day operation. He is not alone. Behind enemy lines in France, a girl named Samira works as a spy. James, a paratrooper, leaps from his plane to join a daring midnight raid. And, in the thick of battle, Henry, a medic,

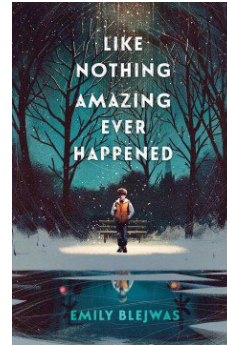
searches for lives to save.



***The Unteachables**

by Gordon Korman

The "Unteachables" are a notorious class of misfits, delinquents, and academic train wrecks grouped together in one classroom. Told in alternating voices, the teacher and students find their lives changed over the course of a school year.



***Like Nothing Amazing Ever Happened**

by Emily Blejwas

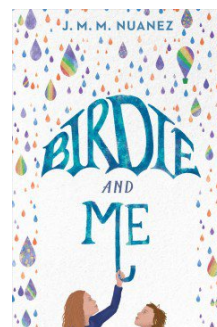
Struggling to pick up the pieces after the sudden death of his father, Justin struggles with estranged classmates, his brother's depression and his mother's newfound religion before discovering that some things are simply not fully understandable.



Black Brother, Black Brother

by Jewell Parker Rhodes

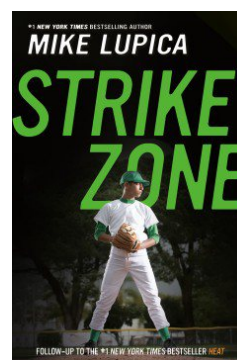
Routinely compared to his submissive lighter-skinned brother, a black boy at an elitist prep school is unfairly suspended in the wake of an incident involving the school bully, whom he tries to defeat in a fencing competition.



Birdie and Me

by J. M. M. Nuñez

Losing their home when their mama dies, a girl named Jack and her gender-diverse little brother, Birdie, find unexpected healing and transformative family love in the homes of their eccentric uncles.



Strike Zone

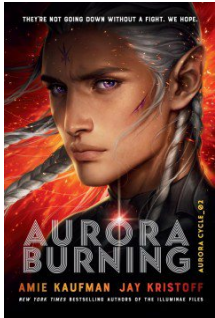
by Mike Lupica

Twelve-year-old Nick García dreams of winning MVP of his summer baseball league, of finding a cure for his sister, of meeting his hero, Yankee pitcher Michael Arroyo, and of no longer living in fear of immigration agents.

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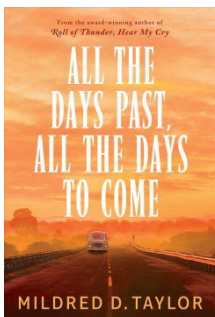
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*Aurora Burning

by Amie Kaufman

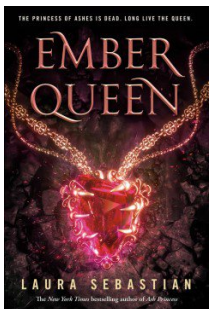
A sequel to Aurora Rising finds Squad 312's efforts to prepare for an imminent attack by an ancient evil force complicated by a mischievous clan of gremps, a cadre of illegitimate GIA agents, and the return of Kal's long-lost sister.



*All the Days Past, All the Days to Come

by Mildred D. Taylor

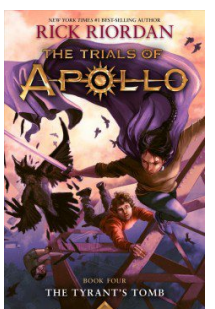
A long-awaited conclusion to the story that began in the Newbery Medal-winning *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* finds young adult Cassie Logan searching for a sense of belonging before joining the Civil Rights Movement in 1960s Mississippi.



*Ash Princess #3: Ember Queen

by Laura Sebastian

Imprisoned in her own country for more than a decade, Princess Theodosia leads a misfit army of rebels to overthrow a terrifying Kaiserin usurper who would use dark magic to enslave the kingdom. Books #1 & #2 available in Sora



The Trials of Apollo #4: The Tyrant's Tomb

by Rick Riordan

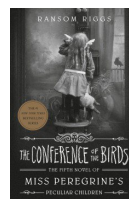
On his path to restoring five ancient oracles and reclaiming his godly powers, Lester, also known as Apollo, offers his aid to the Roman demigods preparing for a desperate last stand against the Triumvirate of Roman emperors.



*One of Us is Next

by Karen M. McManus

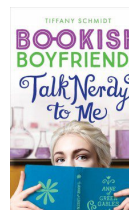
A sequel to the best-selling *One of Us Is Lying* finds the Bayview friends targeted by an anonymous adversary who uses an increasingly dangerous truth-or-dare app to keep the late Simon's gossip legacy alive.



Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children #5: The Conference of the Birds

by Ransom Riggs

The latest entry in the best-selling series continues the story of Jacob Portman, who takes a brave leap into The Conference of the Birds while pursued by dangerous enemies. Books 1-3 available in Sora



*A Bookish Boyfriend's Novel #3: Talk Nerdy to Me

by Tiffany Schmidt

When Eliza Gordon-Fergus, daughter of famous scientists and expert rule-follower, is challenged by class-clown Curtis Cavendish, she realizes he makes her want to break all the rules.



*DC Icons #4: Superman: Dawnbreaker

by Matt de la Peña

After learning that undocumented workers are going missing in Smallville, Clark Kent teams up with his best friend Lana Lang to find them.



*The Folk of the Air #3: The Queen of Nothing

by Holly Black

Reeling from Cardan's betrayal, an exiled Jude risks her life to sneak back into the treacherous Faerie Court to save the life of her deceptive twin, only to become ensnared in Elfame's violent political war and the fallout of a powerful curse.

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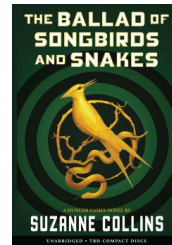


*Shadow Skye #1: The Good Hawk

by Joseph Elliott

Agatha patrols the sea wall with pride, despite those in her clan who question her right to be there, because of the condition she was born with. Jaime is a reluctant Angler, full of self-doubt and afraid of the sea. When disaster strikes, the pair must embark on a terrifying

journey to a land where forgotten magic and dark secrets lurk in every shadow.



*Prequel to the Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes

by Suzanne Collins

Revisit the world of Panem sixty-four years before the events of *The Hunger Games*. This prequel begins on the morning of the reaping of the Tenth

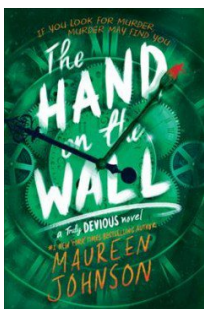
Hunger Games.



*School for Good and Evil #6: One True King

by Soman Chainani

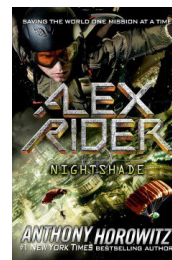
A conclusion to the series finds Sophie and Agatha preparing for an ultimate confrontation to determine the fate of their school, Camelot's crown and the Endless Woods.



*Truly Devious #3: The Hand on the Wall

by Maureen Johnson

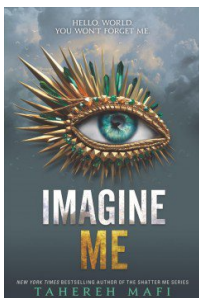
In the third sequel in *Truly Devious*, Stevie is compelled to navigate mysterious riddles and track down a missing friend at the same time a massive storm forces her to confront a killer.



*Alex Rider #12: Nightshade

by Anthony Horowitz

In the aftermath of Scorpia's explosive fall, Alex Rider arrives in Gibraltar to prevent the rise of Nightshade, a dangerous new criminal organization.



Shatter Me #6: Imagine Me

by Tahereh Mafi

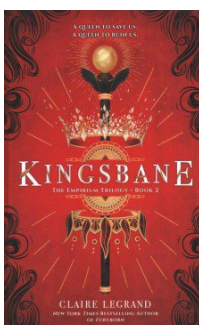
In this conclusion to the best-selling series, Juliette, using the identity of "Ella," teams up with Warner to secure their future together by bringing down the Reestablishment.



Ashlords

by Scott Reintgen

Follows alchemists Imelda, Adrian, and Pippa as they reach for their dreams of glory riding phoenix horses at The Races, the modern spectacle that has replaced warfare within their empire.



*The Empirium Trilogy #2: Kingsbane

by Claire Legrand

Eliana must choose whether to embrace the crown or reject it forever, and the Sun Queen Rielle faces new trials as she tries to maintain the Gate and is tempted by the angel Corien.



Legend #4: Rebel

by Marie Lu

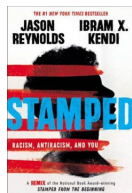
As Day and Eden struggle with who they've become since their time in the Republic, a new danger creeps into the distance between them, and Eden finds himself drawn into Ross City's dark side.

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*Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You

by Jason Reynolds

A timely reimagining of Dr. Ibram X. Kendi's book *Stamped From the Beginning* reveals the history of racist ideas in America, and inspires hope for an antiracist future.

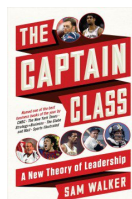


*New Kid

by Jerry Craft

Enrolled in a prestigious private school where he is one of only a few students of color, talented seventh-grade artist Jordan finds himself torn between the worlds of his Washington Heights apartment and the

upscale circles of Riverdale Academy. Graphic novel

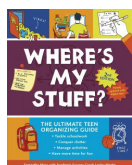


*The Captain Class: The Hidden Force That Creates the World's Greatest Teams

by Sam Walker

A former Wall Street Journal global sports editor reveals the essential contributions of unconventional players behind the

world's highest-performing sports teams.

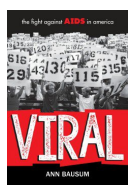


*Where's My Stuff?: The Ultimate Teen Organizing Guide

by Samantha Moss

Learn to become more organized at school and at home with this guide that shares

step-by-step recommendations for decluttering, overcoming disorganized habits, and managing a schedule.

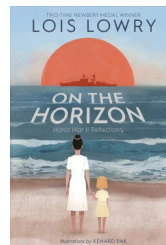


Viral: The Fight Against AIDS in America

by Ann Bausum

A narrative account chronicling the history of the AIDS crisis in America is presented through the stories of victims and activists who transformed how AIDS is understood

and treated throughout the world.

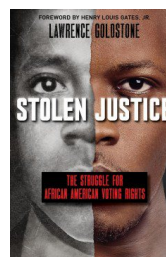


*On the Horizon

by Lois Lowry

This book is divided into three sections and told through sparse text and poetry. Lois Lowry explores the human stories behind World War II's Pearl Harbor attack and Hiroshima bombing to contemplate what victims share in common and the importance of

bridging cultural divides.



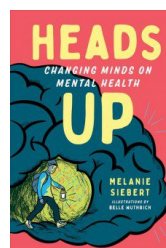
*Stolen Justice: The Struggle for African-American Voting Rights

by Lawrence Goldstone

In this vivid portrait of the systematic suppression of the African American vote, author Lawrence Goldstone traces the injustices of the Post-

Reconstruction era through the eyes of

incredible individuals, both heroic and barbaric, and examines the legal cases that made the Supreme Court a partner of white supremacists in the rise of Jim Crow.

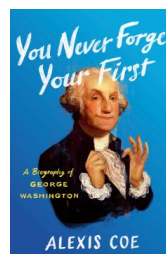


Heads Up: Changing Minds on Mental Health

by Melanie Siebert

This nonfiction book is a guide to understanding mental health and coping with mental illness, trauma, and recovery. It features real-life stories of resilient teens and highlights innovative approaches to mental-

health challenges.



You Never Forget Your First: A Biography of George Washington

by Alexis Coe

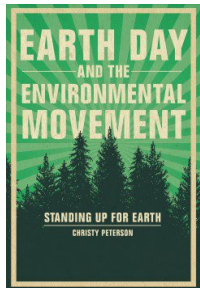
A whimsically irreverent portrait of America's first President includes coverage of Washington's entitled upbringing, his numerous military defeats, and the partisan nightmares that spun from his back-stabbing cabinet.

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*Earth Day and the Global Environmental Movement: Standing up for Earth

by Christy Peterson

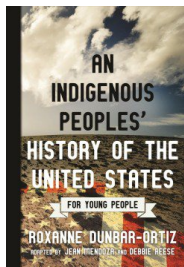
This is a cautionary report on the threatened state of earth protections citing the political divides and disinformation that are compromising urgently needed responses to climate change.



*Humble Pi: A Comedy of Maths Errors

by Matt Parker

This tour of real-world mathematical disasters reveals the importance of math in everyday life by exploring a litany of glitches, near misses, and mathematical mishaps.

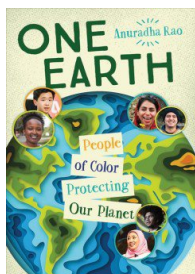


An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People

by Debbie Reese

Going beyond the story of America as a country "discovered" by a few brave men in the "New World," indigenous human rights advocate Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz reveals the roles that

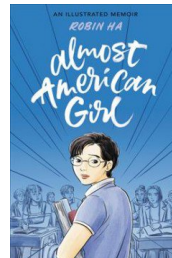
colonialism and policies of American Indian genocide played in forming our national identity.



*One Earth: People of Color Protecting our Planet

by Anuradha S. Rao

This book presents the efforts of twenty environmental activists working to overcome the devastating effects of climate change around the world.

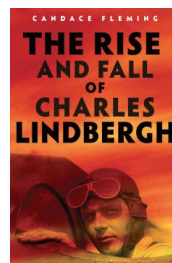


Almost American Girl: An Illustrated Memoir

by Robin Ha

Moving abruptly from Seoul to Alabama, a Korean teen struggles in a hostile blended home and a new school where she does not speak English before forging unexpected connections in a local comic drawing

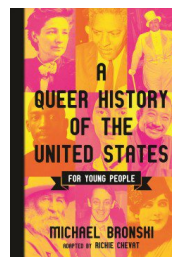
class. Graphic novel



*The Rise and Fall of Charles Lindbergh

by Candace Fleming

Read about the more complicated aspects of celebrated aviator Charles Lindbergh's life, from his Nazi sympathies and anti-Semitic beliefs to his support of controlled breeding and his advocacy of environmental causes.

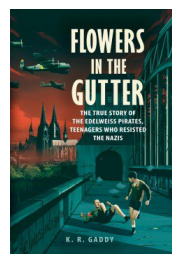


*A Queer History of the United States for Young People

by Richie Chevat

Learn about queer history of the United States through engrossing narratives, letters, drawings, poems, and more. It becomes clear how LGBTQ people have been a part of the US national identity

for over 400 years.



*Flowers in the Gutter: The True Story of the Edelweiss Pirates, Teenagers Who Resisted the Nazis

by K. R. Gaddy

A photo-illustrated account documents the story of the Edelweiss Pirates, a group of working-class teens who

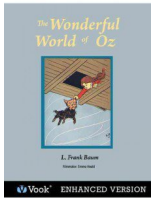
survived the Third Reich in their Cologne neighborhoods while resisting the Hitler Youth, helping POWs, and sabotaging Nazi factories.

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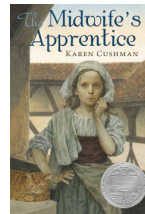
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*The Wonderful World of Oz (1900)

by L. Frank Baum

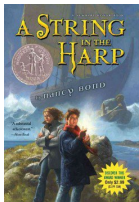
The adventures of a young girl from Kansas, her dog, and her friends -the Cowardly Lion, the Tin Woodsman, and the Scarecrow-in the magical land of Oz.



*The Midwife's Apprentice (1995)

by Karen Cushman

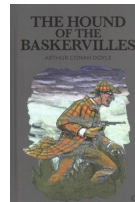
In a small village in medieval England, a young homeless girl acquires a home and a new career when she becomes the apprentice to a sharp-tempered midwife.



*A String In the Harp (1976)

by Nancy Bond

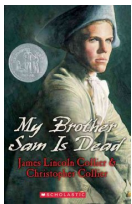
Three American children, unwillingly transplanted to Wales for one year, find an ancient harp-tuning key that takes them back to the time of the great sixth-century bard Taliesin.



*The Hound of the Baskervilles (1902)

by Arthur Conan Doyle

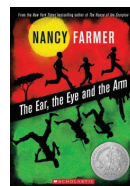
Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson investigate the legend of a supernatural hound, a beast that may be stalking a young heir on the fog-shrouded moorland that makes up his estate.



*My Brother Sam Is Dead (1974)

by James Lincoln Collier

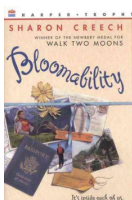
When Sam Meeker leaves his home in Redding, Connecticut, a town loyal to the king, to fight with the rebel army, he places his family in a very difficult position.



The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm (1994)

by Nancy Farmer

In 2194 in Zimbabwe, General Matsika's three children are kidnapped and put to work in a plastic mine while three mutant detectives use their special powers to search for them.



*Bloomability (1998)

by Sharon Creech

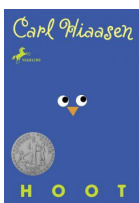
Poor Dinnie Doone finds herself moving constantly as her family searches for new work, yet when she is relocated to Switzerland, she fears the new culture and so must find a way to cope by staying connected to things familiar to her.



*The Slave Dancer: A Novel (1973)

by Paula Fox

Kidnapped by the crew of an Africa-bound ship, a thirteen-year-old boy discovers to his horror that he is on a slaver and his job is to play music for the exercise periods of the human cargo.



Hoot (2002)

by Carl Hiaasen

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.



*The Story of My Life (1903)

by Helen Keller

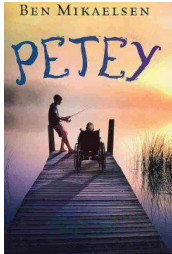
Helen Keller's personal reflections and correspondence reveal her relationship with her beloved teacher, Annie Sullivan, and the problems and obstacles she encountered as she struggled to overcome her handicaps.

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Petey (1998)

by Ben Mikaelson

In 1922, Petey, who has cerebral palsy, is misdiagnosed as mentally disabled and institutionalized; sixty years later, after he is moved to a nursing home, he befriends a boy and shares with him the joy of life.



Z for Zachariah (1975)

by Robert C. O'Brien

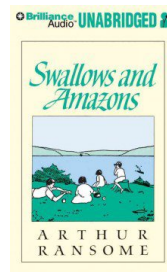
Believing herself to be the only survivor of a nuclear war, Ann Burden greets a wandering stranger with excitement and suspicion.



***The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood (1883)**

by Howard Pyle

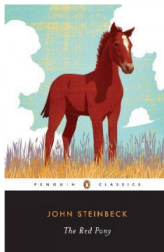
Follows Robin Hood as he becomes an outlaw after a conflict with foresters and through his many adventures and run-ins with the law.



***Swallows and Amazons (1930)**

by Arthur Ransome

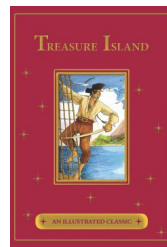
Embarking on an island adventure in England's 1930s Lake District, four children are besieged by Amazonian pirates who claim ownership of the land before declaring a truce and beginning a string of wild shared escapades of fishing, exploring, and camping under open skies.



***The Red Pony (1933)**

by John Steinbeck

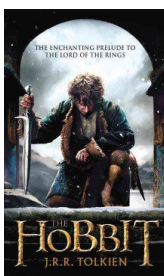
Traces a boy's journey into manhood after his father gives him a pony to train and care for.



***Treasure Island (1883)**

by Robert Louis Stevenson

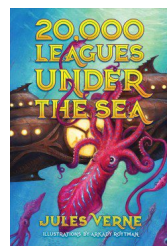
While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map that could lead them to a pirate's fortune.



***The Hobbit, or, There and Back Again (1937)**

by J. R. R. Tolkien

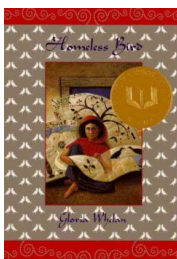
Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.



***20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (1869)**

by Jules Verne

Professor Aronnax and his two companions, trapped aboard a fantastic submarine as prisoners of the deranged Captain Nemo, come face-to-face with exotic ocean creatures and strange sights hidden from the world above.



Homeless Bird (2000)

by Gloria Whelan

When thirteen-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage, she must either suffer a destiny dictated by India's tradition or find the courage to oppose it.

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