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Summer Reading Suggestions 2021
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) and our school's Sora eBook collection. 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 Sora, the school's online eBook collection, as well as 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 you enjoy 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 other 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 Children's Bookstores

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SHSH Sora eBook Library
<https://soraapp.com/welcome>

The New York Public Library
www.nypl.org

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

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

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A Note About Young Adult Literature

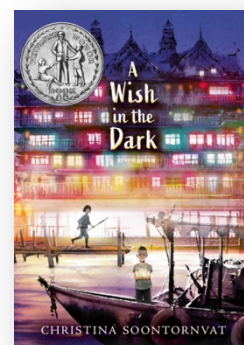
Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) of the American Library Association defines a young adult, as someone between the ages of 12 and 18. Young Adult (YA) literature explores themes important and crucial to adolescence development. Common YA plot lines include but are not limited to peer pressure and consequent experimentations, relationships to authority figures, and issues of diversity as it relates to gender, cultural, and/or socioeconomic status. YA titles often contain mature content and are noted as (YA) throughout the list.

2021 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 2021 children's book awards include:

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



Additional young people's literary awards:

- ❖ Amelia Bloomer List (honoring children's books with feminist themes)
- ✚ Audie Audiobook Award Winner
- ∞ Outstanding Science Trade Book selected by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)
- ✧ 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)
- Ψ Nebula Finalist (chosen by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America)
- ✚ Orbis Pictus Award (recognizing excellence in the writing of nonfiction for children)

New and notable titles for 2020-21

*Listed throughout and identified with an asterisk preceding the author's name

Audiobooks: 2021 Audie Award Winner (🏆) and Finalists

🏆 *The Good Hawk* written by Joseph Elliott, narrated by Gary Furlong, Fiona Hardingham, published by Brilliance Publishing. (YA)

Genesis Begins Again written and narrated by Alicia D. Williams, published by Simon & Schuster Audio. (YA)

🏆 *King and the Dragonflies* by Kacen Callender, narrated by Ron Butler, published by Scholastic Audio. (YA)

Say Her Name written by Zetta Elliott, narrated by Channie Waites, published by Recorded Books. (YA)

Shuri: A Black Panther Novel written by Nic Stone, narrated by Anika Noni Rose, published by Scholastic.

★ *We Dream of Space* written by Erin Entrada Kelly, narrated by Ramon de Ocampo, published by HarperAudio.

Classics

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

This classic novel chronicle 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.

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 Finalist (chosen by the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America)

*Alston, B.B. *Amari and the Night Brothers*.

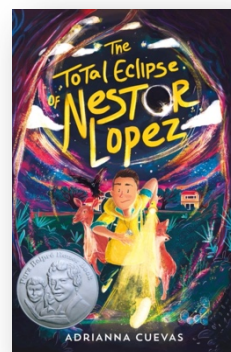
Thirteen-year-old Amari, a Black girl from the inner city, gets an invitation from her missing brother to join the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs and join in the fight against an evil magician.

Ψ Badger, Darcie Little. *Elatsoe*.

When her cousin is killed, Ellie must delve into the town's evil past and use her Lipan Apache family's ability to call spirits back to life in order to identify and bring the murderer to justice.

★ Cuevas, Adrianna. *The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez*.

A Cuban-American boy must use his ability to communicate with animals to save the inhabitants of his town when they are threatened by a witch that transforms into animals.



*Hand, Cynthia, et al. *My Calamity Jane*.

Historical fantasy is never more fun than in the hands of these three authors, who tell of Calamity Jane's, Frank Butler's, and Annie Oakley's performances with Wild Bill Hickok's Wild West traveling show—and their side gig hunting werewolves.

Ψ Ifueko, Jordan. *Raybearer*.

Raised in isolation, Tarisai yearns for the closeness she could have as one of the Crown Prince's Council of 11, but her mother, The Lady, has magically compelled Tarisai to kill the Crown Prince. (YA)

★❄️❖ Keller, Tae. *When You Trap a Tiger*.

In a wondrous, magic-realist world rooted in Korean folklore, a tiger appears to Lily and offers her a deal that might allow her to save her beloved but very sick grandmother.

Ψ Kingfisher, T. *A Wizard's Guide to Defensive Baking*.

Fourteen-year-old Mona's life is turned upside down when she finds a dead body on the bakery floor. An assassin is stalking the streets of Mona's city, preying on magic folk, and it appears that Mona is his next target. And in an embattled city suddenly bereft of wizards, the assassin may be the least of Mona's worries...

★Layne, Aliza. *Beetle & the Hollowbones*.

Twelve-year-old goblin and witch-in-training Beetle enlists her former best friend, Kat Hollowbones, to help stop Kat's sorceress aunt from demolishing the mall where Beetle's friend Blob Ghost is trapped. (Graphic Novel)

LeGuin, Ursula. *A Wizard of Earthsea*.

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

*Leyh, Kat. *Snapdragon*.

Snap's town has a witch. At least that's the rumor. Full of acceptance, love, and relatable characters, Snapdragon shows the connection between loving yourself and magic. (Graphic Novel)

*Moses, Rucker and Theo Gangi. *Kingston and the Magician's Lost and Found*.

A fast-paced, magical read set in an accessible, vibrant world where Black magicians and a mainly Black cast take center stage.

*Oppel, Kenneth. *Hatch*.

In this second novel in the *Overthrow* trilogy, three human-alien hybrid teens are taken to an underground military base for testing and training. Action-packed with a dash of horror, this sci-fi series begins with *Bloom* (2020) and concludes with *Thrive* this May.

Ψ Thakrar, Shveta. *Star Daughter*.

Sheetal Mistry, a rising high school junior who is half-star, half-human, must win a competition in the starry court to save her human father. (YA)

★Soontornvat, Christina. *A Wish in the Dark*.

This Thai-inspired twist on Hugo's *Les Misérables* follows Pong, who escapes prison hoping to find a fairer world, and Nok, who pursues Pong through a world that makes her question every truth Nok holds dear.

Historical Fiction

❖Bolden, Tonya. *Saving Savannah*.

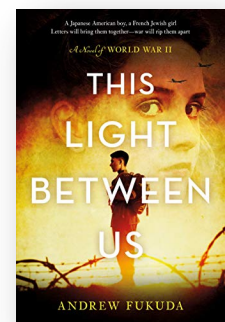
Wanting more than a life of privilege, Savannah Riddle, an upper-class African American girl living in D.C. in 1919, seeks to learn more about the under-privileged, and ultimately about herself. (YA)

*Cline-Ransome, Lesa. *Being Clem*.

The final novel in the award-winning Finding Langston trilogy from Coretta Scott King Author Honoree and Scott O'Dell Award medalist Lesa Cline-Ransome.

*Fukuda, Andrew. *This Light Between Us: A Novel of World War II*.

Pen pals for 10 years, Japanese American Alex Maki and French Jewish girl Charlie Lévy share a coming-of-age story and fantastical romance amidst historically accurate - and heartbreaking - injustice. (YA)



*Hesse, Monica. *They Went Left*.

Zofia, a teenage Holocaust survivor, travels across post-war Europe as she searches for her younger brother and seeks to rebuild her shattered life. (YA)

*Kessler, Liz. *When the World Was Ours*.

Inspired by a true story, *When the World Was Ours* is an extraordinary novel that is as powerful as it is heartbreaking and that shows how the bonds of love, family, and friendship allow glimmers of hope to flourish, even in the most hopeless of times. (YA)

❖ Levine, Gail Carson. *A Ceiling Made of Eggshells*.

Paloma travels across fifteenth-century Spain with her influential Jewish grandfather and is required to make personal sacrifices as they struggle to keep Spanish Jews safe from widespread persecution.

★ LeZotte, Ann Clare. *Show Me a Sign*.

It is 1805, and Mary Lambert has always felt safe among the deaf community of Chilmark on Martha's Vineyard. However, recent events have shattered her life; her brother George has died, land disputes between English settlers and the Wampanoag people are becoming increasingly bitter, and a "scientist" determined to discover the origins of the islands' widespread deafness has decided she makes the perfect "live specimen"—and kidnapped her.



❖ Lee, Julie. *Brother's Keeper*.

Twelve-year-old Sora and her eight-year-old brother, Youngsoo, must try to escape North Korea's oppressive Communist regime on their own in 1950. Includes historical notes, photographs of the author's mother, glossary of Korean words, and timeline.

★ Park, Linda Sue. *Prairie Lotus*.

In Dakota Territory in the 1880s, bicultural Hanna (her mother is Chinese-Korean and her father is white) face racism and resistance to change as they try to make a home for themselves.

*Ross, Veronica. *Rebel Spy*.

Forced into life under an alias as a wealthy Revolutionary Loyalist, a young woman exercises her position of power by feeding secrets to George Washington's network of spies.

*Schlitz, Laura Amy. *Amber and Clay*.

Bound by destiny, Melisto and Rhaskos—Amber and Clay—never meet in the flesh. By the time they do, one of them is a ghost. But the thin line between life and death is just one boundary their unlikely friendship crosses. It takes an army of snarky gods and fearsome goddesses, slaves and masters, mothers and philosophers to help shape their story into a gorgeously distilled, symphonic tour de force.

Mystery, Suspense, and Thrillers

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

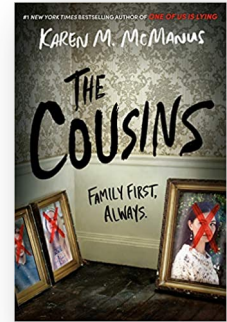
Considered the best mystery novel ever written, this is the story of 10 strangers, each lured to Indian Island by a mysterious host. Once his guests have arrived, the host accuses each person of murder. Unable to leave the island, the guests begin to share their darkest secrets, until they begin to die.

*Alender, Katie. *The Companion*.

When Margot is orphaned and taken in by the Sutton family, strange things begin to happen that make her question everything she once knew. (YA)

*Barnes, Jennifer Lynn. *The Inheritance Games*.

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



*Chan, Marty. *Haunted Hospital*.

Four young teens find themselves in serious danger during a role-playing game in a supposedly abandoned hospital.

*Hur, June. *Silence of Bones*.

In Joseon Dynasty-era Korea, 16-year-old Seol, an indentured servant within the police bureau, becomes entangled in a politically-charged investigation into the murder of a noblewoman. (YA)

*Kephart, Beth. *Cloud Hopper*.

Fourteen-year-old Sophie and her best friends Wyatt and K set out to help when a silent, mysterious girl in a homemade hot air balloon lands in rural Gilbertine.

*McManus, Karen. *The Cousins*.

After receiving an invitation to spend the summer with their estranged grandmother, the Story cousins arrive at her house only to discover that she is not there, and the longer they stay on the island, the more they realize their mysterious family history has some deadly secrets.

*Peters, Marilee. *Patient Zero: Solving the Mystery of Deadly Epidemics*.

Engrossing true stories of the pioneers of epidemiology who risked their lives to find the source of deadly diseases—now revised to include updated information and a new chapter on Covid-19. (YA)

Mythologies of the World

Berry, Julie. *Lovely War*.

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. (YA)

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*.

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. (YA)

*Mbalia, Kwame. *Tristan Strong Destroys the World*.

Tristan Strong, just back from a victorious but exhausting adventure in Alke, the land of African American folk heroes and African gods, is suffering from PTSD. But there's no rest for the weary when his grandmother is abducted.

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, Katie. *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.

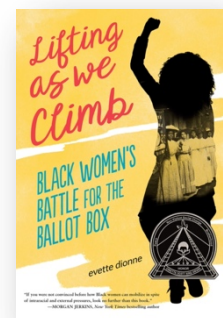
Nonfiction: Arts, Biography, Religious Knowledge, and Social Studies

❖2021 Amelia Bloomer List (honoring children's books with feminist themes)

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

★❖✚Dionea, Evette. *Lifting as We Climb: Black Women's Battle for the Ballot Box*.

For African American women, the fight for the right to vote was only one battle. An eye-opening book that tells the important, overlooked story of black women as a force in the suffrage movement--when fellow suffragists did not accept them as equal partners in the struggle.



*Dreyer, Benjamin. *Dreyer's English: Good Advice for Good Writing*. (Adapted for Young Readers)
An informative and witty guide to writing and grammar, written especially for a younger audience.

*Langeland, Deirdre. *Meltdown: Earthquake, Tsunami, and Nuclear Disaster in Fukushima*.
Meltdown explores for middle grade readers the harrowing story of the deadly earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear meltdown that caused the 2011 Fukushima power plant disaster. This book examines the science behind such a massive disaster and looks back at the people who experienced an unprecedented trifecta of destruction. (YA)

*Le Nguyen, Trung. *The Magic Fish*.

Ti  n loves his family and his friends...but Ti  n has a secret he's been keeping from them, and it might change everything. An amazing graphic novel that deals with the complexity of family and how stories can bring us together. (YA)



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.

❖Nurgaiv, Aisholpan and Liz Welch. *The Eagle Huntress: The True Story of the Girl Who Soared Beyond Expectations*.

Aisholpan comes from a long line of Kazakh eagle hunters, but must work for her right to learn the craft as the first eagle huntress in her family.

*Obama, Michelle. *Becoming: Adapted for Young Readers*.

This warm memoir will connect with young readers and inspire them to value their own stories. (YA)

❖Ottaviani, Jim. *Astronauts: Women on the Final Frontier*.

Told through the perspective of astronaut Mary Cleave, this graphic novel describes the many tribulations and achievements of NASA's first female astronauts.

★☆☆✚Soontornvat, Christina. *All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team*.

Supported with photographs, interviews, and primary documents, *All Thirteen* tells the story of how a united worldwide effort saved 13 boys stranded in a cave after a monsoon deluge turned a day of exploration into two weeks of terror.

Novel in Verse

Acevedo, Elizabeth. *The Poet X*.

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. (YA)

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.

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.

*Fipps, Lisa. *Star Fish*.

Bullied and shamed her whole life for being fat, 12-year-old Ellie finally gains the confidence to stand up for herself, with the help of some wonderful new allies.

Grimes, Nikki. *Ordinary Hazards: A Memoir*.

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

Hilton, Marilyn. *Full Cicada Moon*.

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. (YA)

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.

*Patterson, James and Kwame Alexander. *Becoming Muhammad Ali*.

In alternating verse and prose narratives, Cassius Clay and his friend Lucky create a portrait of the confident child determined to become a boxing champion during the Jim Crow era.

❖Weatherford, Carole Boston. *Beauty Mark: A Verse Novel of Marilyn Monroe*.

Weatherford's novel in verse pays tribute to the often misunderstood and underestimated life, career, and legacy of Marilyn Monroe. (YA)

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

★❖Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. *Fighting Words*.

Sisters Della and Suki rely on each other to move forward after years of abuse from their mother's boyfriend. They find their own voices beyond the trauma through resilience and bond of sisterhood.

★Cisneros, Ernesto. *Efrén Divided*.

While his father works two jobs, seventh-grader Efrén Nava must take care of his twin siblings, kindergartners Max and Mia, after their mother is deported to Mexico. Includes glossary of Spanish words.



*Colbert, Brandy. *The Only Black Girls in Town*.

Alberta is sure she will be friends with the new girl Edie, but realizes they are from two different worlds. Alberta struggles to voice how her family and race dynamics make her feel but the two girls come together to discover a collection of hidden journals that reveal a secret to the past.

*Firestone, Carrie. *Dress Coded*.

After witnessing a friend's humiliation at the hands of her school's patriarchal administration, eighth grader Molly starts publishing everyone's horror stories through a podcast, until her protest grows into a movement.

★🕒Jamieson, Victoria and Omar Mohamed. *When Stars Are Scattered*.

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

★Higuera, Donna Barba. *Lupe Wong Won't Dance*.

Lupe needs an A in all her classes in order to meet her favorite pitcher, Fu Li Hernandez, who's Chinacan/Mexinese just like her. So, when the horror that is square dancing rears its head in gym? Obviously she's not going to let that slide.

★Kapit, Sarah. *Get a Grip, Vivy Cohen!*

Eleven-year-old knuckleball pitcher Vivy Cohen, who has autism, becomes pen pals with her favorite Major League baseball player after writing a letter to him as an assignment for her social skills class.

★Kelly, Erin Entrada. *We Dream of Space*.

Seventh-grade siblings Cash, Fitch, and Bird Nelson Thomas, each dealing differently with their tense and unpredictable household, are changed and united in unexpected ways by the fateful launch of the space shuttle Challenger in 1986.

*Khan, Hena. *Amina's Song*.

Amina has loved every minute of her vacation in Pakistan. She's excited to share the wonders of Pakistan with her friends back in Greendale. When Amina decides to do a presentation on Pakistani hero Malala Yousafzai, her classmates focus on the worst parts of the story. How can Amina share the beauty of Pakistan when no one wants to listen?

*Medina, Meg. *Merci Suárez Can't Dance*.

In Meg Medina's follow-up to her Newbery Medal-winning novel, *Merci* takes on seventh grade, with all its travails of friendship, family, love—and finding your rhythm. The Suárez family is back in a touching, funny story about growing up and discovering love's many forms, including how we learn to love and believe in ourselves.

*Nayeri, Daniel. *Everything Sad is Untrue: (A True Story)*.

Twelve-year-old Khosrou, aka Daniel, knits together a patchwork tale of his youth in Iran and as a refugee in Oklahoma. (YA)

*Sellet, Amanda. *By The Book: A Novel of Prose and Cons*.

High-school sophomore Mary endeavors to adjust to life in public school in this witty romance, which sees her turning to nineteenth-century literature for advice on love. (YA)

*Wang, Andrea. *The Many Meanings of Meilan*.

A family feud before the start of seventh grade propels Meilan from Boston's Chinatown to rural Ohio, where she must tap into her inner strength and sense of justice to make a new place for herself.

❖Watson, Sarah. *Most Likely*.

Four life-long best friends navigate the big changes of senior year, not knowing that one of them will become the first female president of the United States.

★Wolkenstein, M. Evan. *Turtle Boy*.

Seventh-grader Will's Bar Mitzvah community service project, visiting an incurably ill older boy in the hospital, leads to a friendship that is life-changing for both them and those around them.

*Yang, Kelly. *Three Keys*.

Mia Tang and her family work to save the hotel they recently bought in the face of a looming immigration law that if passed could send them back to China and threatens the safety of Mia's friends.

*Yoon, Nicola. *Instructions for Dancing*.

After picking up a book from the library, Yvette—who has given up on love—gains the ability to see how other people's romantic relationships will end. (YA)

Social Justice: 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.

★🌐 Callender, Kacen. *King and the Dragonflies*.

King is sure that his brother, Khalid, has been reincarnated as a dragonfly, as he comes to terms with his brother's death, questioning both his and his best friend Sandy's sexuality. (YA)

*Hudson, Wade. *The Talk: Conversations About Race, Love & Truth*.

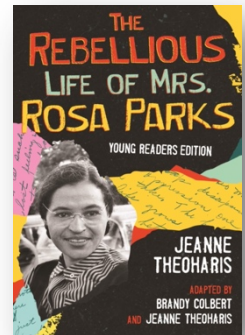
Thirty diverse and award-winning authors and illustrators capture frank discussions about racism, identity, and self-esteem.

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.

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.

*Theoharis, Jeanne. *The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks: Young Readers Edition*.

This definitive biography of Rosa Parks accessibly examines her six decades of activism, challenging young readers perceptions of her as an accidental actor in the civil rights movement.

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*.

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

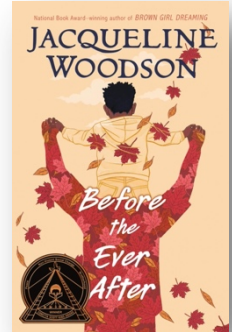
Sports: Fiction and Nonfiction

❖ Saied Méndez Yamile. *Furia*.

Set in Argentina, Camila Hassan dreams of playing professional fútbol, but will society and her love for Diego stop her from pursuing her passion? (YA)

*Wambach, Abby. *Wolfpack: Young Reader's Edition*.

In this young reader adaptation of her #1 *New York Times* bestselling book, two-time Olympic gold medalist and FIFA World Cup champion Abby Wambach inspires the next generation to find their voice, unite their pack, and change the world.



*Wallace, Matt. *Bump*.

A heroic young girl who dreams of becoming a pro wrestler and learning to find courage and fight for what she loves.

★ Woodson, Jacqueline. *Before the Ever After*.

In this novel in verse, 12-year-old ZJ leans on his community for support as his football-star father experiences alarming medical symptoms and dramatic changes as a result of the sport (later revealed to be CTE).

*Yang, Gene Luen. *Dragon Hoops*.

Gene Luen Yang turns the spotlight on his life, his family, and the high school where he teaches especially the high school's basketball team, the Dragons. (YA)

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

∞ Outstanding Science Trade Book for 2021 selected by the National Science Teachers Association. Annotations for Outstanding Science Trade Books taken from <https://www.nsta.org/ostb-2021>

❖ 2021 Amelia Bloomer List (honoring children's books with feminist themes)

∞ ❖ 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.

∞ Heinecke, Liz Lee. *The Kitchen Pantry Scientist: Chemistry for Kids: Homemade Science Experiments and Activities Inspired by Awesome Chemists, Past and Present*.

These thoughtful, interesting experiments are based on various biographies of scientists, many of whom have been forgotten or marginalized.

∞ Jarrow, Gail. *Blood and Germs: The Civil War Battle Against Wounds and Disease*.

Learn more about medical horrors that ultimately led to medical advances such as sanitation in this in-depth look at the battle against diseases that caused significantly more casualties than the war itself.

∞Montillo, Roseanne. *Atomic Women: The Untold Stories of the Scientists Who Helped Create the Nuclear Bomb*.

This book is a fascinating read through the lives of the women at the forefront of nuclear science. Driven by passion and determination, these women overcame formidable obstacles while making invaluable contributions to the production of the first atomic bomb. (YA)

★Rocco, John. *How We Got to the Moon: The People, Technology, and Daring Feats of Science Behind Humanity's Greatest Adventure*.

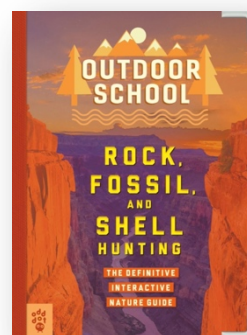
This ambitious nonfiction book chronicles one of the most exciting and miraculous accomplishments in American history--the 1969 lunar landing.

∞Siegel, Rebecca. *To Fly Among the Stars: The Hidden Story of the Fight for Women Astronauts*.

Excitement, disappointment, perseverance, and success permeate this book that tells the tale of the men and women of the Mercury space expedition.

*Swanson, Jennifer. *Outdoor School: Rock, Fossil, and Shell Hunting*.

Rewild your life! *Outdoor School* is your indispensable tool for the outdoors. Make every day an adventure with the included: Immersive activities to get you exploring. Write-in sections to journal about experiences. Next-level adventures to challenge even seasoned nature lovers. No experience is required—only curiosity and courage!



∞Thomas, Isabel. *Exploring the Elements: A Complete Guide to the Periodic Table*.

A marvelous overview of the elements with clear explanations, delightful historical details (cobalt was called “goblin metal”), and descriptions of modern uses. This book is an essential guide for classrooms and budding scientists.

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 honestly addresses 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.