

Grades
4-5

The Pingry School Lower School Library Summer Reading List 2021



Postcards to the Library



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A Message to Pingry Families

Fostering a love of reading is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children.

This has been a challenging school year for our students but they have shown grit and determination to learn and adapt to the unusual circumstances that Covid-19 has created. We hope that our students will enjoy some normal experiences this summer and that includes relaxing and reading with a treasured book.

The Lower School Library Summer Reading Program has been developed to encourage reading and to guide our students with their book choices during the summer. We hope every child will find something on the list to spark their interest in reading. Reading for pleasure helps to build reading skills and instills a love of reading that will last a lifetime.

We recommend that students read a variety of books from the reading list. Many different books and genres, from challenging to easier choices, are listed. While specific book titles are suggested, students may choose any book by the authors listed.

The following information and resources can be found in this booklet:

- **Postcards to the Library Program** - Students send picture postcards to the Library. See directions for participation on the next page.
- **eBooks** - The Library offers hundreds of books online (directions on inside back cover).
- **Reading Log** - Set a reading goal, and record the books read during the summer.
- **Required reading** - Books for rising 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are noted.


Browse the **Lower School Library Website** (see back cover for details) for subscription databases, eBooks, streaming book resources, and related activities.

Have a Wonderful Summer and Happy Reading!

Sincerely,

Mrs. D’Innocenzo
Lower School Librarian

Send Postcards to the Library

<p>Dear Mrs. D'Innocenzo,</p> <p>I am having fun this summer.</p> <p>I play with my friends during the day, go swimming with my family, and read every night before dinner.</p> <p>I read <u>The One and Only Ivan</u> by Katherine Applegate. It was a great book and I loved it!</p> <p>Your friend, Taylor Jones</p>	 <p>Mrs. D'Innocenzo The Pingry School Library 50 Country Day Drive Short Hills, NJ 07078</p> <hr/>
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How to Participate in "Postcards to the Library"

- Send picture postcards to the Library at the above address.
- Send one postcard for every book you read.
- Postcards can be sent from anywhere. You do not need to travel!
- Include the book title, author's name, and **your first and last name**.
- Write a short description of what you liked about the book and/or how you are enjoying your summer vacation.
- Each postcard is entered in a drawing to be held the first week of school in September.
- Ten postcards will be chosen at random and prizes will be awarded.
- Postcards will be displayed in the hallway and archived in the library.

Have a wonderful summer!
Happy Reading!

The Pingry Lower School Library

2021 Summer Reading List

Students Entering Grades 4 and 5



Fiction

Multi = Multicultural Books

The titles are presented by **GENRE** in alphabetical order by the author.

Adventure/Action

Avi. **Poppy (Series)**

Poppy knew she was taking a risk following her beloved Ragweed to Bannock Hill, but a night of dancing with the handsome golden mouse was just too tempting. Also read other books in the series like **Poppy and Rye** and **Poppy and Ereth**.

Birdsall, Jeanne. **The Penderwicks (Series)**

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

Brown, Peter. **The Wild Robot**

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants. Read the sequel: **Wild Robot Escapes**.

Gibbs, Stuart. **Spy School Series**

Twelve-year-old spy-in-training Ben Ripley finds himself at the center of the action as he learns the ins and outs of life as a secret agent.

FunJungle Series. Join middle school sleuth, Teddy Fitzroy, as he solves mysteries at FunJungle, the nation's largest zoo in this hilarious series.

Moon Base Alpha Series. Twelve-year-old Dashiell Gibson solves murders, finds missing people, and searches for a rogue poisoner on the space station he calls home.

Grabenstein, Chris. **Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library**

Twelve-year-old Kyle and his friends get to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by the famous Mr. Lemoncello, but in the morning they must solve puzzles in order to escape.

Read Sequels: **Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics**, **Mr. Lemoncello's Great Library Race**, **Mr. Lemoncello's All-Star Breakout Game**, and **Mr. Lemoncello and the Titanium Ticket**.

Grabenstein, Chris. **The Smartest Kid in the Universe.**

When 7th grader Jake McQuade mistakes the world's first ingestible knowledge pills for jelly beans, he suddenly knows all about physics and geometry and can speak Swahili but can he use his new brilliance to save his school from the new principal, who wants to get it shut down.

Hiassen, Carl. **Squirm**

Billy is a snake-loving kid, with a missing dad who protects wildlife. This summer, Billy decides to try to find his dad, who left when Billy was four. He takes off for Montana, where he meets his stepmother and stepsister, but his dad is nowhere to be found. *Read other adventures by this author.*

Hanel, Rachael. **Can You Survive...? Series**

Readers use their wits and knowledge in these nonfiction adventures, learning about survival skills in various settings and making choices that will lead to either survival or doom.

Lowry, Lois. **The Willoughbys**

The four Willoughby children set out to become “deserving orphans” after their neglectful parents embark on an around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny.

Morpurgo, Michael. **Kensuke’s Kingdom** **Multi**

When Michael is washed up on an island after falling from his parent's yacht, he struggles to survive. He soon realises there is someone close by watching over him and helping him stay alive.

Paulsen, Gary. **Hatchet.** *Newbery Honor Book.*

After a plane crash, Brian spends 54 days in the wilderness, learning to survive with only a hatchet.

Pennypacker, Sara. **Pax**

After being forced to give up his pet fox, Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back.

Ponti, James. **Trapped! (The Framed! Trilogy)**

Middle school students, Florian and Margaret are unofficial agents for the FBI. They’ve solved many cases but now they have to clear their FBI mentor’s name, even if they have to break into the Library of Congress to crack the case.

Selznick, Brian. **Wonderstruck**

Stories of Ben, who loses his mother and his hearing, and leaves his home in 1977 to seek the father he has never known in New York; and Rose, who lives with her father but searches for what is missing in her life. Ben’s story is told in words; Rose’s in pictures.

Stewart, Trenton Lee. **The Mysterious Benedict Society (Series)**

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. Read the sequels.

Tarshis, Lauren. **I Survived... Series**

A series that tells the stories of historical events through the eyes of a young witness - from the Revolutionary War to the sinking of the Titanic to the September 11 terrorist attack.



Fantasy & Science Fiction

Applegate, Katherine. **The One and Only Ivan**. *Newbery Medal 2013*.

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant, he decides that he must find her a better life. A novel of friendship, inspired by a true story.

The One and Only Bob. Bob sets out on a journey in search of his long-lost sister with his friends, Ivan and Ruby. As a hurricane nears, Bob finds his courage and learns the meaning of friendship and family.

Wishtree. Red, an old red oak tree, tells how he and his crow friend, Bongo, help their human neighbors get along after a threat against an immigrant family is carved into the tree's trunk.

Baker, E. D. **Wide-Awake Princess** (*Series*)

Annie, the younger sister of the princess, Sleeping Beauty, is immune to magic. She stays awake when everyone in the castle falls asleep, then sets out to break the spell.

Barnhill, Kelly Regan. **The Girl Who Drank the Moon**. *Newbery Medal Winner*.

An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.

Chokshi, Roshani. **Aru Shah and the End of Time** (*Series*) **Multi**

Sometimes Aru Shah stretches the truth to impress her friends, but when they dare her to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she accidentally frees an ancient demon.

Colfer, Chris. **The Wishing Spell** (*The Land of Stories Series*)

Through the mysterious power of a story book, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a unique land full of wonder and magic, where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about. Read the series, including **Worlds Collide**.

Dahl, Roald. **Matilda**.

Matilda applies her mental powers to rid the school of the evil headmistress, Miss. Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey.

BFG. Kid-snatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts a plan to save the world from the mean giants.

James and the Giant Peach. Wonderful adventures abound after James escapes from his fearsome aunts by rolling away inside a giant peach.

DiCamillo, Kate. **The Tale of Despereaux**. *Newbery Medal Winner*.

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess he loves, the servant girl longing to be a princess, and a rat determined to ruin them all.

DuPrau, Jeanne. **City of Ember** (*Series*)

In the city of Ember, Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger and finds a message that she and her friend Doon must decipher to save the city, before the lights go out on Ember forever!

Flanagan, John. **The Ruins of Gorlan** (*The Ranger's Apprentice Series*)

When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.

Griffiths, Andy. **104-Story Treehouse** (*Series*)

Andy and Terry live in a 104-story treehouse. It has an open-air movie theatre . . . which is a very useful thing to have now that Terry's going to be a big-shot movie star! *Read other Treehouse Books.*

Gutman, Dan. **Return of the Homework Machine**

After discarding their homework machine, four friends find themselves in trouble in an incident with a powerful computer chip and a Grand Canyon treasure.

Hale, Shannon. **Princess Academy**

While attending a strict academy for potential princesses with other girls from her mountain village, fourteen-year-old Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland. Companion books to Princess Academy: **Palace of Stone** and **The Forgotten Sisters**.

Hale, Shannon & Dean. **The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl** (*Series*)

Doreen Green moved from California to the suburbs of New Jersey and must start at a new school, make new friends, and continue to hide her tail. Yes, Doreen has the powers of a squirrel!

Hernandez, Carlos. **Sal and Gabi Break the Universe** **Multi**

In order to heal after his mother's death, thirteen-year-old Sal learns to reach into time and space to retrieve things-and people- from other universes. *Read the Sequel: Sal and Gabi Fix the Universe.*

Korman, Gordon. **War Stories** *Read any book by this author*

Twelve-year-old Trevor loves playing war-based video games and he idolizes his great-grandfather who came home a hero from World War II. Now 93, he wants to return to the French village that his unit liberated, and Trevor is going with him but Trevor learns that real war is not a video game.

Masterminds (*Series*)

Eli, Amber, Tori, Malik, and Hector have lived their whole lives in the idyllic town of Serenity, New Mexico, and they don't see much reason to leave. But a series of curious events reveals that they're prisoners. As one discovery leads to another, they realize they have to escape to the outside world.

Lasky, Kathryn. **The Quest of the Cubs** (*Bears of the Ice Series*)

The polar bears' Northern Kingdom is threatened by a group of power-hungry bears. Twin cubs First and Second are on a quest to rescue their mother, who has been taken prisoner by the bear villains.

L'Engle, Madeleine. **A Wrinkle in Time**. *Newbery Medal Winner.*

Three extraterrestrial beings take Meg, Charles, and a friend to another world in search of their missing father.

Lewis, C. S. **The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe** (*The Chronicles of Narnia Series*)

Four English school children find their way through a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and help Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

Lin, Grace. **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon**. **Multi**

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish and joins a dragon who cannot fly in a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon. *Read any titles by this author.*

Mass, Wendy & Stead, Rebecca. **Bob**

When Livy returns five years later to visit her grandmother in Australia, she suddenly remembers Bob, a short green creature dressed in a chicken suit, who's been waiting for her since she left.

McMann, Lisa. **The Unwanteds** (*Series*)

In a society that purges thirteen-year-olds who are creative, twins Aaron and Alex are separated, one goes to University and the other, "Eliminated", finds himself in a place where youths learn magic.

Mlynowski, Sarah. **Fairest of All** (*Whatever After Series*)

After moving to a new house, ten-year-old Abby and her younger brother Jonah discover an antique mirror that transports them into the Snow White fairy tale world.

Oppel, Kenneth. **Inkling**

Ethan and his father are burdened by grief and having trouble coping. An inkblot from his father's sketchbook comes to life and Ethan names it "Inkling." Inkling learns and grows with each story.

Park, Linda Sue. **Forest of Wonder** (*Wing & Claw Series*)

When Raffa makes a cure from a rare crimson vine he finds deep in the forbidden forest, the bat he saves transforms into something much more. *Read any title by this author.*

Peck, Richard. **The Mouse With the Question Mark Tail.**

A tiny mouse runs away from school in the Royal Mews of Buckingham Palace. Now he's running for his life through the history of Buckingham Palace to find out who he is and who he will become.

Riordan, Rick. **The Lightning Thief** (*Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series*)

Percy learns that his father is the Greek god Poseidon. Percy is sent to Camp Half Blood, where he and a friend set out on a journey to the Underworld to retrieve Zeus's lightning bolt and prevent a war.

The Lost Hero (*Series*). Three students from a school for "bad kids" find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hera. *Read the sequels.*

Magnus Chase: The Sword of Summer (*Series*). Since his mother's mysterious death, Magnus Chase has lived alone on the streets of Boston. One day, he's tracked down by an uncle he barely knows who tells him a secret: Magnus is the son of a Norse god. Also read: **9 from the Nine Worlds.**

Trials of Apollo: The Hidden Oracle (*Series*). After angering his father Zeus, the god Apollo is cast down from Olympus. Weak and disoriented, he lands in New York City as a regular boy. Now, without his godly powers, he must learn to survive in the modern world.

Rowling, J. K. **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** (*Series*)

Rescued from the neglect of his aunt and uncle, Harry, age 11, attends Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, where he fights evil forces.

Seldon, George. **A Cricket in Times Square.** *Newbery Honor Book.*

The adventures of a country cricket who unintentionally arrives in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat.

Sutherland, Tui. **The Dragonet Prophecy** (*Wings of Fire Series, Book #1*)

Clay and the other dragonets were stolen from their homes while they were still in their egg and hidden for years to fulfill a prophecy claiming that the dragonets would end the war.



Andrews, Ryan. **This was our Pact.**

Two reluctant friends—and a talking bear—journey deep into the night in search of answers.

Bell, Cece. **El Deafo.** *Newbery Honor Book.*

Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest requires superpowers! *Graphic autobiography.*

Brailler, Max. **The Last Kids on Earth Series.**

A band of suburban middle schoolers play video games, gorge themselves on candy, and battle zombies in the aftermath of the monster apocalypse.

Brooks, Molly. **Sanity and Tallulah**

Sanity and Tallulah live in a space station at the end of the galaxy. When Sanity's illegally created three-headed kitten escapes, the girls have to turn their home upside down to find her.

Cavallaro, Mike. **Nico Bravo and the Hounds of Hades** **Multi**

When Eowulf, the pint-sized descendant of monster slayer Beowulf, decides to slay Cerberus, young Nico, Lula the sphinx, and Buck the unicorn must stop her or face the zombie apocalypse.

Chanani, Nidhi. **Pashmina** **Multi**

Pri has so many questions about her mother's early life in India, but they go unanswered until she finds a mysterious pashmina shawl that magically whisks her away to a Bollywood dreamland, and back again to their home in America, so she can solve the mystery of her mother's past.

Chmakova, Svetlana. **Awkward**

After shunning Jaime, the school nerd Penelope tries to blend in with her new friends in the art club, until the art club goes to war with the science club, of which Jaime is a member.

Craft, Jerry. **New Kid** **Multi**

Jordan loves drawing cartoons, but instead of an art school, his parents send him to an upscale academy, where he is one of only a few students of color. He feels torn between the worlds of his neighborhood and his school, not really fitting into either one. Through the school year, he and his middle-school classmates get to know each other, beyond first impressions and assumptions.

Hale, Shannon and Pham, LeUyen. **Real Friends.**

Shannon is afraid she is losing her best friend, Adrienne, in this autobiographical graphic novel about making her way through conflicts, arguments, and finding real friends.

Hatke, Ben. **The Return of Zita the Spacegirl** (*Trilogy*)

Zita is sent to the mines of Dungeon World, where she meets a long-lost friend, manages a daring escape, and saves the day in her battle against intergalactic villains and space creatures. Also read **Zita the Spacegirl** and **Legends of Zita the Spacegirl** for the whole adventure.

Jamieson, Victoria. **Roller Girl**. *Newbery Honor Book*

Astrid discovers the thrills of roller derby, but worries about growing apart from her best friend.

All's Faire in Middle School

After years of homeschooling by her Renaissance Fair enthusiast parents, Imogene finally gets her wish to go to public school. But fitting in as the new kid in middle school is no easy quest.

Jun, Nie. **My Beijing: Four Stories of Everyday Wonder** **Multi**

Yu'er and her grandpa live in a small neighborhood in Beijing. Yu'er dreams of swimming in the Special Olympics, but without a pool, she and her grandpa must invent another way for her to practice.

Kibuishi, Kazu. **Amulet Series**

A world of terrible, man-eating demons, a mechanical rabbit, a talking fox, a giant robot---and two ordinary children on a mission.

Libenson, Terri. **Just Jaime**

A realistic day-in-the-life story of the last day of seventh grade for Jaime and her friends... or are they frenemies? Also read **Positively Izzy** and **Invisible Emmie**.

Liu, Na. **Little White Duck** **Multi**

A collection of eight autobiographical short stories from Liu's own childhood as a middle class citizen in China during the 1970s and '80s.

O'Neill, Katie. **The Tea Dragon Society** **Multi**

After discovering a lost tea dragon, Greta learns about the dying art form of tea dragon caretaking from the kind tea shop owners, Heseziel and Erik. *Also read* **The Tea Dragon Festival**.

Phelan, Matt. **Around the World**

Challenged with circling the world at the end of the century, three very different adventurers - a bicyclist, fearless reporter Nellie Bly, and sea captain Joshua Slocum- embark on epic journeys.

Pilkey, Dav. **Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild** (*Series*)

In the latest adventure of Dog Man, the half man/half dog police officer, the crime fighting hero has been sent to the pound for a crime he didn't commit. Can his friends set him free?

Telgemeier, Raina. **Sisters**. Companion book to **Smile**

Raina can't wait to be a big sister but once Amara is born, things aren't how she expected them to be, but when a baby brother enters the picture, they must figure out how to get along.

Ghosts Catrina and her family move to the coast of Northern California for the sake of her sister, Maya, who has cystic fibrosis -- and Cat is even less happy about their move when she is told that her new town is inhabited by ghosts, and Maya sets her heart on meeting one. Also read **Drama**.

Terry, Laura. **Graveyard Shakes**

Katia and Victoria are sisters, starting at a new boarding school. While Victoria strives to fit in, Katia is determined to hold onto her quirks, even if kids tease her. When Katia runs away, Victoria searches for her, but tumbles into the hidden underground world of a nearby graveyard.

Wang, Jen. **Stargazing** **Multi**

Growing up in the same Chinese-American suburb, perfectionist Christine and artistic, impulsive Moon become unlikely friends, whose friendship is tested by jealousy, expectations, and illness.



Humor

Barry, Dave. **The Worst Class Trip Ever**

The eighth grade trip to Washington, D. C., should be a great time for Wyatt, Matt, and their friends from Miami. But suspicions about the mysterious pair seated behind them stir up a heap of trouble.

Patterson, James and Grabenstein, Chris. **Max Einstein: The Genius Experiment**

Max Einstein is not your typical 12-year-old. Max is recruited by a secret organization of geniuses determined to solve world problems through science, but they must escape The Corporation.

Peirce, Lincoln. **Max & the Midknights**

Max wants to be a knight, but first must rescue Uncle Budrick from evil King Gastley, journey into an ominous forest, ride a dragon, right unfair rules, and restore good humor to the land of Byjovia.

Robinson, Craig. **Jake the Fake Multi**

Having faked his way into the Music and Art Academy, a performing arts school for gifted students where his talented older sister rules, sixth-grader Jake, a jokester who can barely play an instrument, will have to think of something quick before the last laugh is on him.

Tashjian, Janet. **My Life as a... Book (Series)**

Derek Fallon looks forward to a summer of laughs and pranks, but instead his parents send him to Learning Camp. He finds new friends and new adventures, which continue in **My Life as a ...Stuntboy, ...Cartoonist, ...Joke, ...Gamer, ...Ninja, ...Youtuber, and ...Meme. Read the series.**

Required Reading for Rising Fourth Graders:

A Boy Called Bat by Elana K. Arnold

For Bixby Alexander Tam (nicknamed Bat), life tends to be full of surprises- some of them good, some not so good. Today, though, is a good-surprise day. Bata's mom, a veterinarian, has brought home a stray baby skunk, which she needs to take care of until she can hand him over to a wild-animal shelter.

Required Reading for Rising Fifth Graders:

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, by E. L. Konigsburg. *Newbery Medal*.

Two children run away from home to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, enjoying their newfound independence and delving into the mystery of an angel statue donated by Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler. Who sculpted the statue? Only Mrs. Frankweiler knows....



Historical Fiction

Anderson, Laurie Halse. **Fever 1793**

16 year-old Matilda learns about self-reliance when she has to cope with the yellow fever epidemic.

Appelfeld, Aharon. **Adam & Thomas** **Multi**

Two young Jewish boys join together to survive the last winter of World War II, living alone in a forest.

Atkins, Jeannine. **Finding Wonders: Three Girls Who Changed Science**. 2016.

Novel in verse about three girls in different times who grew up to be ground-breaking scientists.

Avi. **Crispin: The Cross of Lead**. *Newbery Medal Winner*.

An orphaned peasant boy in 14th century England flees his home after being falsely accused of theft and murder. He travels from town to town to escape persecution and learns the secret of his past.

Bond, Victoria and T. R. Simon. **Zora and Me** **Multi**

A fictionalized account of Zora Neale Hurston's childhood with her best friend, Carrie, in Eatonville, Florida, as they learn about life, death, and the differences between truth, lies, and pretending.

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. **The War That Saved My Life** *Newbery Honor Book, Best Books of 2015*.

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

Bruchac, Joseph. **Talking Leaves** **Multi**

When his father, Sequoyah, returns to the village, Uwohali is eager to reconnect with him but everyone thinks his father is crazy because he is making strange markings.

Calkhoven, Laurie. **Daniel at the Siege of Boston, 1776** (*Boys of Wartime Series*).

Twelve-year-old Daniel, hiding his parents' allegiance to the Sons of Liberty from the British officers, tries to gather information and risks his life to reveal a traitor to George Washington. Read the series.

Choldenko, Gennifer. **Al Capone Does My Shirts** (*Series*)

Twelve-year-old Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935, when guards' families were housed there, and has to adapt to his new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister. *Read the sequels*.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. **Bud, Not Buddy** *Newbery Medal Winner*. **Multi**

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. **Mighty Miss Malone** **Multi**

Deza Malone, the smartest girl in her class in Gary, Indiana, accompanies her mother and older brother on a trip to find her father, who left to find work after the Great Depression hit.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. **The Watsons Go to Birmingham- 1963** **Multi**

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

Draper, Sharon. **Stella by Starlight** **Multi**

When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town. *Notable Children's Books 2015.*

Gemeinhart, Dan. **Some Kind of Courage.**

In 1890 Washington, the only family Joseph Johnson has left is his half-wild Indian pony, Sarah, so when she is sold by a man who has no right to do so, he sets out to get her back--and he plans to let nothing stop him in his quest.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Island War** **Multi**

In 1942, Izzy and Matt are trapped on a Japanese-occupied island when the rest of the American population evacuates. They must survive on their own for the rest of WWII.

Gutman, Dan. **The Lincoln Project**

Miss Z is sending her four very different kids back in time on a mission to capture one of the most important moments in American history — Abraham Lincoln giving his famous Gettysburg address.

Kline, Christina Baker. **Orphan Train Girl**

Molly has been in foster care since she was eight. When Molly's forced to help a wealthy woman clean out her attic for community service, Molly is wary as she is always treated as an inconvenience.

Lai, Thanhha. **Inside Out and Back Again** **Multi**

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she leaves Vietnam with her family and resettles in Alabama.

Mattick, Lindsay. **Winnie's Great War**

In this historical novel based on the true story of Winnie the Pooh, a special bear cub meets Canadian veterinarian Lieutenant Harry Colebourn, and becomes the mascot of his infantry brigade.

Park, Linda Sue. **A Single Shard**. *Newbery Medal Winner.* **Multi**

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village and longs to learn how to create delicate celadon ceramics.

Prairie Lotus **Multi**

Hanna is determined to fit in after moving to a new town and realize her dreams: getting an education, becoming a dressmaker in her father's shop, and making at least one friend.

Paterson, Katherine. **My Brigadista Year** **Multi**

Lora, a young Cuban teenager, volunteers for Fidel Castro's national literacy campaign and travels into the impoverished countryside to teach others how to read.

Scattergood, Augusta. **Making Friends With Billy Wong** **Multi**

Told in two points of view, this is a powerful story about family, friendship, and the problems of racism and bullying. A small-town in Arkansas in 1955 experiences unrest when Chinese immigrants arrive.

Tingle, Tim. **How I Became a Ghost: a Choctaw Trail of Tears Story** **Multi**

A Choctaw boy tells the story of his tribe's removal from the only land its people had ever known, and how their journey to Oklahoma led him to become a ghost--one with the ability to help those he left behind. *Read the Sequel When a Ghost Talks, Listen.*

Williams-Garcia, Rita. **One Crazy Summer**. *Coretta Scott King Award*. **Multi**

In the summer of 1968, three sisters travel from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to visit the mother they barely know, and meet her friends in the Black Panthers.

P. S. Be Eleven. *Coretta Scott King Award*. **Multi**

After spending the summer with their mother and the Black Panthers, sisters Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern return home to Brooklyn and discover many changes have occurred.

Gone Crazy in Alabama. *Coretta Scott King Award*. **Multi**

Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern are off to Alabama to visit their grandma and great grandma. Delphine learns more about their family history, and the secret that has kept them from speaking for years.

Wolk, Lauren. **Wolf Hollow**.

Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn to stand up for what's right in the face of a new bully who targets people Annabelle cares about, including a homeless World War I veteran.



Poetry

Alexander, Kwame. **Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets**. *Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award*.

"A poem is a small but powerful thing," says author Alexander, who has written twenty poems that pay tribute to well-known poets who have inspired him. Illustrated by Ekua Holmes.

Bowles, David. **They Call Me Güero: A Border Kid's Poems**. *Pura Belpre Honor Book*. **Multi**

Life is tough for a border kid, but Güero has figured out how to cope. He writes poetry about his life as a middle-school mexicano who loves reading, gaming, and music.

Burg, Ann E. **Serafina's Promise** **Multi**

In a poor village outside of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Serafina works hard to help her family, but dreams of going to school and becoming a doctor--then the earthquake hits and Serafina must summon all her courage to find her father and still get medicine for her sick baby brother as she promised.

Nye, Naomi Shihab. **Voices in the Air**

Enjoy poetry by the Poetry Foundation's Young People's Poet Laureate, in this collection of poems about people who inspire peace, hope, and empathy.

Silverstein, Shel. **Where the Sidewalk Ends**.

Come in...for where the sidewalk ends, Shel Silverstein's world begins.. Read any book by this author, such as: **Falling Up**, **A Light in the Attic**, and **Every Thing On It**.



Mystery

Avi. **School of the Dead.** *Read any title by this author.*

In this spine-tingling story, a boy must solve the mystery of a ghost haunting him.

Balliett, Blue. **Chasing Vermeer** (*Series*)

When strange events occur and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, Petra and Calder use their detective talents to solve an international art scandal. Read the sequels: **The Wright 3**, **The Calder Game**, and **Pieces and Players**.

Burnett, Francis Hodges. **The Secret Garden**

Ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a servant-run house on the English moors. She discovers her invalid cousin and a mysterious locked garden. Can she find her own happiness and a key to the garden?

Chari, Sheela. **Vanished Multi**

Eleven-year-old Neela must solve the mystery when her beautiful, but cursed, veena, a classical Indian musical instrument, goes missing.

Cheaney, J. B. **Somebody on This Bus Is Going To Be Famous**

Every morning, Mrs. B's school bus waits at an empty bus stop. Nobody ever gets on; nobody ever gets off. The middle school bus riders work together to solve the mystery of the missing passenger.

Fairstein, Linda. **The Devlin Quick Mysteries: Secrets from the Deep.**

A mysterious coin, a centuries-old secret, and a race to find a pirate's treasure. While on vacation in Martha's Vineyard, Devlin Quick discovers a genuine pirate doubloon and investigates its origins.

Gibbs, Stuart. **Spy School** (*Series*)

Twelve-year-old Ben Ripley leaves his middle school to attend the CIA's highly secretive Espionage Academy, which everyone is told is an elite science school. *Read the series*

Belly Up

Twelve-year-old Teddy investigates when a popular Texas zoo's star attraction--Henry the hippopotamus--is murdered.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. **Greystone Secrets: The Strangers** (Book 1)

In this new series, the Greystone siblings hear startling news about three kidnapped children — who sound just like them. Who are these missing children? What is the secret they must solve?

Hiaasen, Carl. **Scat**

Scat is a humorous, environmentally conscious mystery set in Florida. Nick and Marta are suspicious when their biology teacher disappears, and try to uncover the truth despite the police and headmaster's insistence that nothing is wrong.

Johnson, Varian. **The Parker Inheritance** **Multi**

Candice Miller is spending the summer in Lambert, South Carolina, staying in the old house that belonged to her late grandmother. A long-lost letter draws her into a mystery of her grandmother's past, a mysterious treasure hunt, and a history of injustice.

Pflugfelder, Bob. **Nick and Tesla's Secret Agent Gadget Battle: A Mystery with Spy Cameras, Code Wheels, and Other Gadgets You Can Build Yourself.** (Series)

Sibling sleuths Nick and Tesla work to expose a spy in their midst and must engineer spy gadgets in order to catch the culprit.

Rubin, Sarah. **The Impossible Clue**

Math whiz Alice Jones has cracked many codes, but when a famous scientist disappears from a locked room, she must put her detective skills to the test.

Sachar, Louis. **Fuzzy Mud**

Two middle-grade kids take a shortcut home from school and discover what looks like fuzzy mud but is actually a substance with the potential to wreak havoc on the entire world.

Schlitz, Amy. **Splendors and Glooms.** *Newbery Honor Book.*

When Clara vanishes after the puppeteer Grisini and two orphaned assistants were at her twelfth birthday party, suspicion of kidnapping chases the trio away from London and soon the two orphans are caught in a trap set by Grisini's ancient rival.

Stead, Rebecca. **When You Reach Me.** *Newbery Medal Winner.*

As her mother prepares to compete on the 1980s television game show, "\$20,000 Pyramid," a 12 year-old girl tries to make sense of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source.

Swanson, Matthew. **The Real McCoys.**

The world's greatest fourth-grade detective faces her biggest challenge! When someone kidnaps beloved school mascot Eddie the Owl, Moxie is on the case — but she's forced to fly solo now that her best friend (and crime-solving partner) has moved away.

Turnage, Sheila. **Three Times Lucky.** *Newbery Honor Book.*

Mo LoBeau, who was washed ashore as a baby, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel seems implicated in a murder.

The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing (*Sequel*). When Miss Lana accidentally buys a haunted inn at the Tupelo Landing town auction, Desperado Detectives open a paranormal division to uncover the ghost's identity before the town's big 250th anniversary celebration.

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Realistic

Allen, Crystal. **The Magnificent Mya Tibbs: The Wall of Fame Game.** (Series). **Multi**

Mya wants to spend extra time with her mom before the new baby arrives but then her enemy, Naomi, challenges her to win the Wall of Fame Game, which means studying every night.

Bauer, Joan. **Soar**

Jeremiah is the world's biggest baseball fan and he knows everything there is to know about his favorite sport. So when he's told he can't play baseball following an operation on his heart, Jeremiah decides he'll do the next best thing and become a coach.

Birdsall, Jeanne. **The Penderwicks** (Read the series)

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

Cartaya, Pablo. **Each Tiny Spark.**

Emilia struggles with ADHD, her abuela, her mother's plans, her father's distance after his return from deployment, friendships, and a conflict over school redistricting. *Read any title by this author.*

Cavanaugh, Nancy. **Just Like Me** **Multi**

Three very different girls, adopted as babies from the same Chinese orphanage, spend a week at summer camp, where the adoption agency wants them to journal their "bonding experiences."

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

Lety's first language is Spanish, and she likes to take her time planning what to say. She loves volunteering at the animal shelter, but a competitive classmate challenges her to a contest. Lety doesn't want anything to get in the way of adopting Spike, her favorite dog at the shelter.

Creech, Sharon. **MOO.** *Read any title by this amazing author.*

When Reena, her brother Luke, and their parents move to Maine, Reena doesn't know what to expect. She's ready for beaches, blueberries, and all the lobster she can eat -- instead, her parents "volunteer" Reena and Luke to work for a neighbor who has a pig, a cat, a snake, a stubborn cow.

Davies, Jacqueline. **The Lemonade War** (Series)

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, battle it out through their lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn \$100. Includes tips for running a lemonade stand. *Read the series.*

DiCamillo, Kate. **Louisiana's Way Home.**

Louisiana's granny wakes her up in the middle of the night, announcing that "the day of reckoning" has arrived and they must leave home immediately. Granny has had many middle-of-the-night ideas, but this time she intends never to return. Also read **Raymie Nightingale** and **Beverly's Way Home.**

DiCamillo, Kate. **Because of Winn-Dixie**

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

Dominguez, Angela. **Stella Diaz Has Something to Say. Multi**

Stella is shy, and worries when she sometimes mixes up Spanish and English or mispronounces words. She loves to spend time with her family and her best friend Jenny, but this year Jenny is in a different class, and Stella misses her and feels nervous about a class presentation.

Draper, Sharon. **Out of My Mind.**

A brilliant girl who cannot speak or write is considered by some to be mentally challenged. This outstanding fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time. *Disabilities.*

Blended Multi

Isabella's parents are divorced, so she has to switch lives every week. She's Isabella to her Dad and his family and Izzy to her mom so Isabella feels pulled between two worlds.

Frederick, Heather Vogel. **The Mother-Daughter Book Club (Series)**

Emma, Jess, Megan, Becca, and Cassidy go to Camp Lovejoy in New Hampshire to serve as counselors and when some of the young campers are stricken with homesickness, the friends decide to start a summer camp book club. *Final book in the series.*

Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Until I find Julian Multi**

Mateo's big brother Julian works in the U.S. When the family doesn't hear from Julian for a few weeks, Mateo journeys north to find him, crossing the border with the help of a new friend, Angel.

Glaser, Karina Yan. **The Vanderbeekers of 1741st Street. Read the sequels.**

Told that they will have to move out of their Harlem brownstone just after Christmas, the five Vanderbeeker children, ages four to twelve, decide to change their reclusive landlord's mind.

Graff, Lisa. **Lost in the Sun.**

As Trent Zimmerman struggles to move past a traumatic event that took place months earlier, he befriends class outcast Fallon Little who helps him understand that he can move on.

Absolutely Almost.

Ten-year-old Albie is not the smartest, tallest, best at gym, art, or music in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but his new nanny helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself.

Greenwald, Lisa. **11 Before 12.**

Kaylan and Arianna start middle school with a list of 11 things they are determined to do before their shared 12th birthday party, from deep conversations with their moms to helping humanity.

Kadohata, Cynthia. **The Thing About Luck Multi**

Just when twelve-year-old Summer thinks nothing else can possibly go wrong in a year of bad luck, an emergency takes her parents to Japan, leaving Summer to care for her little brother while helping her grandmother cook and do laundry for harvest workers.

Kine, Christina Baker. **The Orphan Train Girl**

A young readers' version of the story about seventeen-year-old Molly Ayer, who is sent to perform community service at elderly Vivian Daly's home in order to avoid juvenile hall and discovers that the two are very much alike, despite the vast age difference.

Korman, Gordon. **Restart.**

Chase doesn't remember falling off the roof; in fact, he doesn't remember anything about himself. When he gets back to school, he gets clues about who he was through interactions with the other kids...but he doesn't like what is being revealed about him. Can he take this opportunity to "restart"? *See other books by this author in School Stories and Fantasy/Science Fiction.*

Lee, Jenny. **Elvis and the Underdogs.**

All his life Benji has been sickly and has long been targeted by the school bully, but after a seizure Benji gets a therapy dog that is not only big enough to protect him, it can also talk. *Disabilities.*

Look, Lenore. **Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking and Other Natural Disasters.** **Multi**

Alvin makes a new friend and learns that he can be brave despite his fear of everything when his father takes him camping, hoping to instill a love of nature. A humorous look at things we fear.

Lord, Cynthia. **Because of the Rabbit** *Read any book by this author.*

Emma is paired with Jack, a boy who doesn't fit in, on her first day of public school. The two bond over her rescue rabbit, But will their new friendship keep Emma from finding a new best friend?

Magoon, Kekla. **The Season of Styx Malone.** *Coretta Scott King Honor Award.* **Multi**

Brothers Caleb and Bobby have the whole summer ahead of them to explore the woods around their Indiana town. They meet a new neighbor, Styx Malone, a foster boy from the city, who is full of big ideas and plans for adventure.

Martin, Ann. **Rain Reign.**

Struggling with Asperger's syndrome, Rose shares a bond with her dog, but when the dog goes missing during a storm, Rose is forced to confront the limits of her comfort levels, even if it means leaving her routines in order to search for her pet. *Disabilities.*

Medina, Meg. **Merci Suárez Changes Gears.** *Newbery Medal Winner.* **Multi**

Merci Suarez knew sixth grade would be different, but it's more challenging than she imagined, from conflicts and jealousy at the private school where she is a scholarship student, to the changes in her beloved grandfather. She worries that her family is not telling her what's happening.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. **Shiloh.** *Newbery Medal Winner.*

When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to mistreat his dogs. Read the Trilogy.

Palacio, R.J. **Wonder.**

Ten-year-old Auggie, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, where he endure taunts and the fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student. Read companion books: **Auggie and Me** and **We're All Wonders.** *Disabilities.*

Paterson, Katherine. **Bridge to Terabithia**. *Newbery Medal Winner*.

The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with the new girl, Leslie, who has a tragic accident trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.

Ramee, Lisa. **A Good Kind of Trouble** **Multi**

Shayla is a bright student, adjusting to middle school and dedicated to following the rules. She realizes that standing up for what she believes is worth the challenge, when she joins the Black Lives Matter movement and stands against injustice and violence.

Ryan, Pam Muñoz. **Esperanza Rising** **Multi**

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of privilege in Mexico to work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh conditions facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.

Sachar, Louis. **Holes**

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

Saeed, Aisha. **Amal Unbound** **Multi**

Twelve-year-old Amal dreams of becoming a teacher, but her dreams are crushed when she accidentally insults a member of her Pakistani village's ruling family. As punishment, she is forced to work for them as a servant, facing her hardships with courage and planning a more just future.

Spinelli, Jerry. **Maniac Magee**.

After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.

Suneby, Elizabeth. **Iqbal and His Ingenious Idea: How a Science Project Helps One Family and the Planet** **Multi**

His Iqbal's mother and family members are sickened by the smoke of the open indoor cooking fire, but they cannot afford a gas stove. Can Iqbal solve this real-life problem?

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

Four homeless children are determined to make a life for themselves in Chennai, India. They search for food, sleep on an abandoned bridge, and form their own new family. A story of social justice.

Weeks, Sarah. **Honey**

Melody never knew her mother. She died just after Melody was born. When her father starts acting mysterious, all Melody wants is to have her mother to talk to. *Read any title by this author.*

Williams, Alicia D. **Genesis Begins Again** **Multi**

Thirteen-year-old Genesis tries again and again to lighten her black skin, thinking it is the root of her family's troubles, before discovering reasons to love herself as is.

Williams-Garcia, Rita. **Clayton Byrd Goes Underground** **Multi**

Clayton is forbidden by his mother from playing the blues after his grandfather dies, so he runs away to the subways to join a blues band. *Best Books of 2017, National Book Award Finalist.*

Woods, Brenda. **The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond**. **Multi**

The uplifting story of a girl who meets the African American side of her family, explores racism, how it feels to be biracial, and celebrates families of all kinds.



School Stories

Anderson, John David. **Ms. Bixby's Last Day**

Ms. Bixby unexpectedly announces that she is sick and won't be able to finish the school year, and Topher, Brand and Steve come up with a plan to tell her how much she means to them.

Angleberger, Tom. **Fuzzy**

When Max befriends her new robot classmate Fuzzy, she helps him navigate Vanguard Middle School and together they reveal the truth behind the Robot Integration Program.

Birney, Betty. **Summer According to Humphrey (Series)**

When summer arrives, Humphrey, the pet hamster of Longfellow School's Room 26, is surprised to learn that he will be going to Camp Happy Hollow.

Clements, Andrew. **The Friendship War.**

When Grace takes boxes of old buttons from a building her grandfather bought, she starts a fad at school that draws her closer to one friend, but further from another. Also read any other title by this author: **Landry News, Lunch Money, The Report Card, and Week in the Woods.**

Konigsburg, E.L. **A View from Saturday. Newbery Medal Winner.**

Four students develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.

Korman, Gordon. **Ungifted**

Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, for gifted and talented students. *Read the sequel: Supergifted.*

Unteachables

Over the course of a school year, though, 'The Unteachables' and Mr. Kermit, room 117, will experience mayhem, destruction--and maybe even a shot at redemption

Whatshisface

As the new kid in school, who has moved five times in three years, Cooper's not surprised when the kids at Stratford Middle School call him "Whatshisface."

McAnulty, Stacy. **The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl**

Lucy doesn't remember being struck by lightning but it changed her life. The zap gave her genius level math skills. Lucy has been home-schooled but now has to pass one more test — middle school!

Spinelli, Jerry. **Loser**

Even though classmates from first grade on have considered him strange and a loser, Daniel optimism and the support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.

Books about Fourth Grade

Blume, Judy. **Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing.**

Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever-increasing problem.

Fleming, Candace. **The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School**

An unlikely teacher takes over the disorderly fourth-grade class of Aesop Elementary School with surprising results.

Salisbury, Graham. **Calvin Coconut, Dog Heaven** **Multi**

Fourth-grader Calvin creates a unique way to express his desire for a dog after his teacher asks him to write a persuasive argument about something he really wants.

Books about Fifth Grade

Buyea, Rob. **Because of Mr. Terupt**

It's the start of fifth grade for seven kids at Snow Hill School. Mr. Terupt, their energetic new teacher makes the classroom a fun place, even if he doesn't let them get away with much... until the snowy winter day when an accident changes everything and everyone.

Clements, Andrew. **Homework Machine.**

Four fifth-grade students as well as their teacher and mothers, each relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments.

A Week in the Woods.

The fifth grade's annual camping trip in the woods tests Mark's survival skills and his ability to relate to the teacher he thinks doesn't like rich kids, or slackers, or know-it-alls.

Frasier, Sundee Tucker. **Cleo Edison Oliver: Playground Millionaire.** **Multi**

Fifth-grader Cleo Edison Oliver has money-making ideas, but things get complicated when she has to be a good listener when her best friend needs her, and deal with the bully teasing her about being adopted.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Jubilee.**

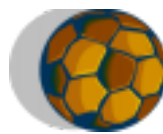
Judith stopped talking long ago when Mom left her in the care of Aunt Cora. Going back into a regular fifth-grade class won't be easy, but she has her dog and new friend. *Disabilities.*

Shovan, Laura. **The Last Fifth Grade of Emerson Elementary.**

The kids in the graduating fifth grade class of Emerson Elementary join together to try to save their school from being torn down to make way for a supermarket.

Weeks, Sarah. **Save Me a Seat** **Multi**

Ravi just moved from India; Joe lived in the same town his whole life. When their lives intersect they are brought together by a common enemy and the need to take control of their lives.



Sports Stories

Alexander, Kwame. **Rebound.** **Multi**

Twelve-year-old Chuck Bell spends the summer with his grandparents, where he discovers jazz and basketball and learns more about his family's past. Also read: **Booked**, **Crossover**, and **Playbook**.

Aronson, Sarah. **Beyond Lucky**

Twelve-year-old Ari Fish thinks the rare trading card he found has changed his soccer team's luck, but after the card is stolen he realizes that we make our own luck, and that heroes can be fallible.

Bauer, Joan. **Soar**

Jeremiah is the world's biggest baseball fan and he knows just about everything there is to know about his favorite sport. So when he's told he can't play baseball following an operation on his heart, Jeremiah decides he'll do the next best thing and become a coach.

Freitas, Donna. **Gold Medal Summer**

After Joey learns that her best friend wants to quit competitive gymnastics, she considers giving up her dream of winning gold medals in order to have a normal life.

Green, Tim. **Football Genius (Series)**

We can predict football plays before they happen. Any position. Any player. Any team. When Troy's mom gets a job working for the Atlanta Falcons, Troy figures it's his chance to prove what he can do.

Lupica, Mike. **Strike Zone.** **Multi**

Little League pitcher Nick Garcia dreams of winning this season's MVP award and the chance to throw out the first pitch at Yankee Stadium. He also dreams of a cure for Lupus, for his sister. Most of all, he dreams of his family no longer living in fear. *Read any title by this gifted sports writer.*

Game Changers (Series)

Ben is every football team's dream player. He can handle almost any position. But Ben wants to be the starting quarterback, and the one thing standing in his way is the coach's son.

Morgan, Alex. **In the Zone (The Kicks Series)**

Spring season continues and the Kicks are working their hardest to be champions. But Emma's confidence takes a dive after tripping and letting a shot go into the goal.

Reynolds, Jason. **Ghost (Track Series)** **Multi** *Read any title by this author.*

"Ghost" is seventh-grader Castle Crenshaw, hassled by a bully, in trouble at school, looking for his place and his purpose. He finds it on the track team, with new teammates and a special coach who teaches him "you can't run away from who you are, but you can run toward who you want to be."



Nonfiction

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“What Was...?” series

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Grimes, Nikki. **Chasing Freedom: The Life Journeys of Harriet Tubman and Susan B. Anthony** **Multi**

In this imaginative biographical story, Harriet Tubman and Susan B. Anthony sit down in 1904 to reminisce about their struggles and triumphs in the service of freedom and women's rights.

Hale, Nathan. **Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales Series.**

Elements of the strange but true are presented in this series, highlighting the larger-than-life characters that pop up in real history. (Graphic novels.)

Halls, Kelley Milner. **Saving the Baghdad Zoo: A True Story of Hope and Heroes**

How U.S. soldiers and volunteers saved the animals of the Baghdad Zoo after the start of the Iraq War.

Lamothe, Matt. **This Is How We Do It.** **Multi**

Follow the real lives of seven kids from around the world - Italy, Japan, Iran, India, Peru, Uganda and Russia for a single day!

Mortenson, Greg. **Three Cups of Tea** (*Young Readers’ Edition*) **Multi**

Dr. Greg Mortenson was rescued and healed by Himalayan villagers after his failed attempt to climb K2. In gratitude, he returned to build schools for girls previously denied education by the Taliban.

National Geographic Kids Weird But True Series.

Fun reference books chock-full of wacky facts and bold illustration and photographs.

Olson, Tod. **Lost in Outer Space: The Incredible Journey of Apollo 13**

In 1970, 200,000 miles from Earth, an explosion ripped through Apollo 13, crippling the ship and leaking oxygen. The crew was 2 days from walking on the moon. Now, will they set foot on Earth again?

Shetterly, Margot Lee. **Hidden Figures** (*Young Readers’ Edition*) **Multi**

Four African American women mathematicians contributed to U.S. aeronautical advances by doing calculations for plane production during the war and for the space program.

Stewart, Whitney. **Mindful Me: Mindfulness and Meditation for Kids**

Sometimes life gets busy and feels out of control. Worries take over, friends grow apart, loneliness sets in, with feelings of frustration or anger. Mindfulness techniques can help, guided by this book.



Biography

“Who is...?” and “Who Was...?” Series. *Read any title in the series.*

Who Was...? series tells the incredible stories of trailblazers, legends, innovators, and creators.

Capaldi, Gina. **Red Bird Sings: the Story of Zitkala-Ša, Native American Author, Musician, and Activist.**

Multi Gertrude Simmons, a Native American girl who left the Yankton Sioux reservation for a boarding school at eight, learned through music and words, and became an activist for Native rights.

Engel, Margarita. **Bravo! Multi**

Musician, botanist, baseball player, pilot—the Latinos featured in this collection, *Bravo!* come from many different countries and from many different backgrounds.

Halligan, Katherine. **HerStory: 50 Women and Girls Who Shook Up the World**

Meet women from around the globe and throughout history who shaped the world we know today.

Harrison, Vashti. **Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History Multi**

Meet forty trailblazing black women throughout American history and learn their stories.

Jiang, Ji-li. **Red Scarf Girl: a Memoir of the Cultural Revolution Multi**

Growing up in Shanghai during the revolution, Ji-Li Jiang paints a portrait of a brutal political movement.

Leyson, Leon. **The Boy on the Wooden Box Multi**

Leon Leyson describes growing up in Poland, being forced from home to ghetto to concentration camps by the Nazis, and being saved by Oskar Schindler.

McGinty, Alice. **Gandhi: A March to the Sea Multi**

Tells of the March to the Sea when Mohandas Gandhi and seventy protesters marched from Ahmedabad to Dandi, in twenty-four days, to protest the laws and taxes from Great Britain.

Myers, Walter Dean. **Frederick Douglass: The Lion Who Wrote History Multi**

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Ortiz, Victoria. **Dissenter on the Bench: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Life and Work Multi**

The life and career of the fiercely principled Supreme Court Justice, now a popular icon.

Woodson, Jacqueline. **Brown Girl Dreaming. Newbery Honor Book. Coretta Scott King Award. Multi**

The author shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in the North and South.

Yousafzai, Malala. **I am Malala: how one girl stood up for education and changed the world Multi**

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

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