


Lumberjack Book Reading List 2021-2022

Smith Elementary
4th-6th graders



Cover art from [Goodreads.com/summaries](https://www.goodreads.com/summaries) from author or publisher sites

Recommendations for readers in grades 4-6

- ★ Click on the cover images for links to author or publisher websites.
- ★ Students are encouraged to read all of the books on the list.
- ★ Students must read a total of eleven books to achieve LBJ list royalty.
- ★ 8 books are the same for both Smith and Harman. 3 are unique to each school.
- ★ Both Harman and Smith have chosen two “wild card” books as options if readers prefer an alternative to a book on the official list.

All Thirteen

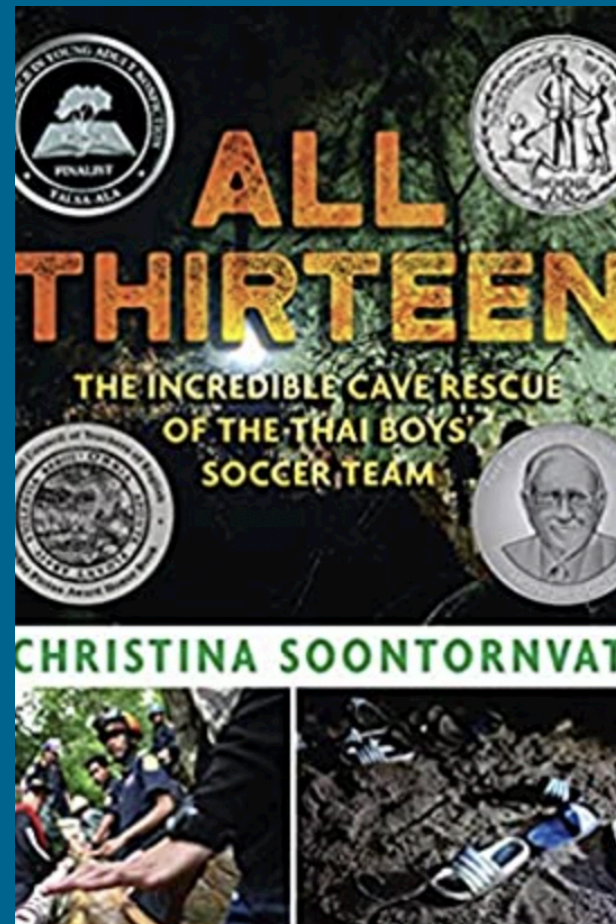
by Christina Soontornvat

A 2021 Newbery Honor Book

A 2021 Robert F. Sibert Honor Book

*A 2021 YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for
Young Adults Finalist*

***A unique account of the amazing Thai cave
rescue told in a heart-racing, you-are-there
style that blends suspense, science, and
cultural insight.***





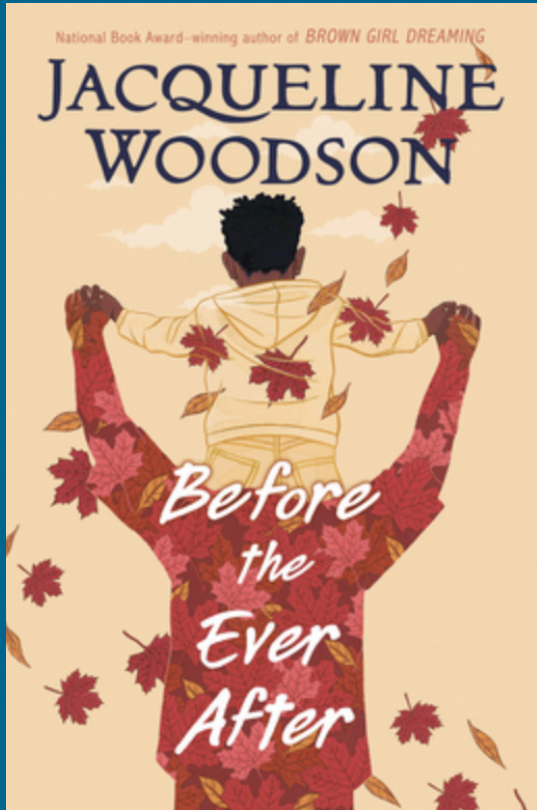
A collection of intersecting stories and poems set at a powwow that bursts with hope, joy, resilience, the strength of community, and Native pride.

(audiobook recommended)

**Ancestor Approved edited by
Cynthia Leitich Smith***

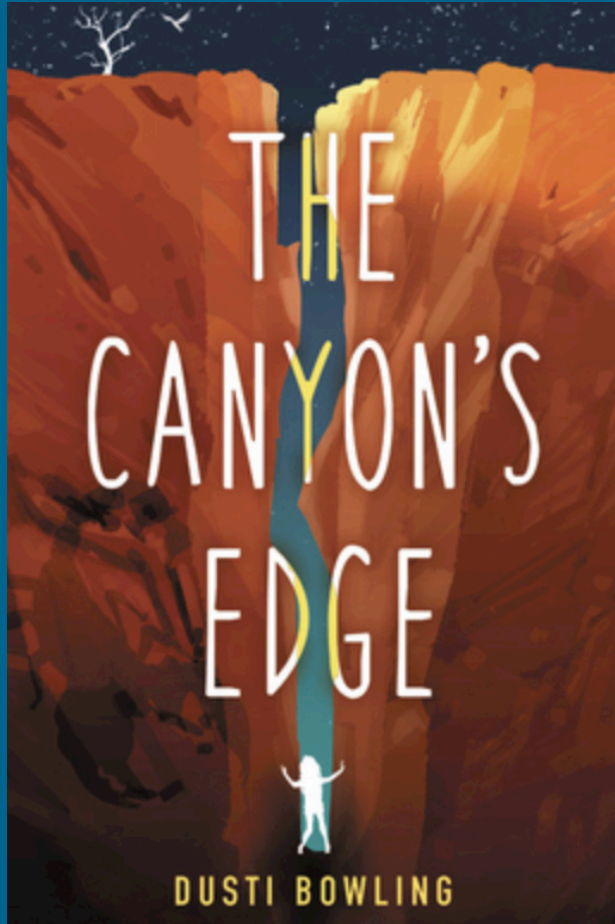
**unique Smith title*

Before the Ever After by Jacqueline Woodson*



Jacqueline Woodson's novel-in-verse explores how a family moves forward when their glory days have passed and the cost of professional sports on Black bodies.

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Canyon's Edge by Dusti Bowling

A novel in verse about a young girl's struggle for survival after a climbing trip with her father goes terribly wrong.

Lion of
Mars
by
Jennifer L
Holm



A kid raised on Mars learns that he can't be held back by the fears of the grown-ups around him.

Measuring Up

by Lily LaMotte and Ann Xu

Twelve-year-old Cici has just moved from Taiwan to Seattle, and the only thing she wants more than to fit in at her new school is to celebrate her grandmother, A-má's, seventieth birthday together.

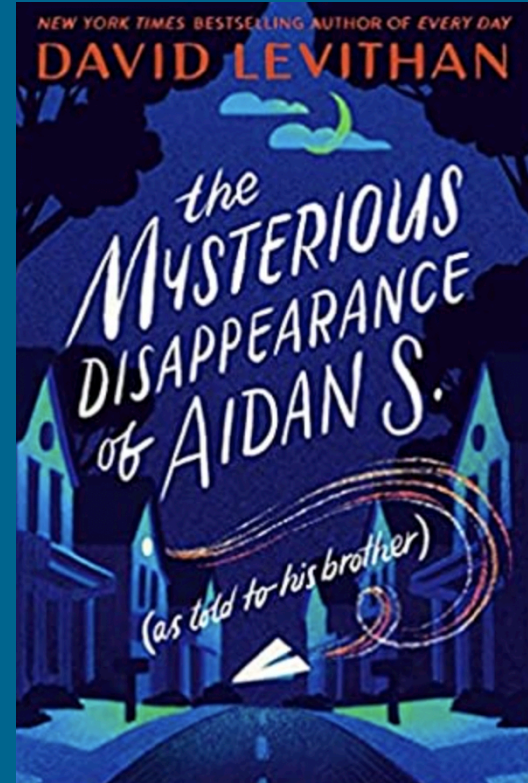
Since she can't go to A-má, Cici cooks up a plan to bring A-má to her by winning the grand prize in a kids' cooking contest to pay for A-má's plane ticket! There's just one problem: Cici only knows how to cook Taiwanese food.

(graphic novel)



The Mysterious Disappearance of Aidan S. *(as told to his brother)* by David Levithan

Aidan disappeared for six days. Six agonizing days of searches and police and questions and constant vigils. Then, just as suddenly as he vanished, Aidan reappears. Where has he been? The story he tells is simply. . . impossible. But it's the story Aidan is sticking to.



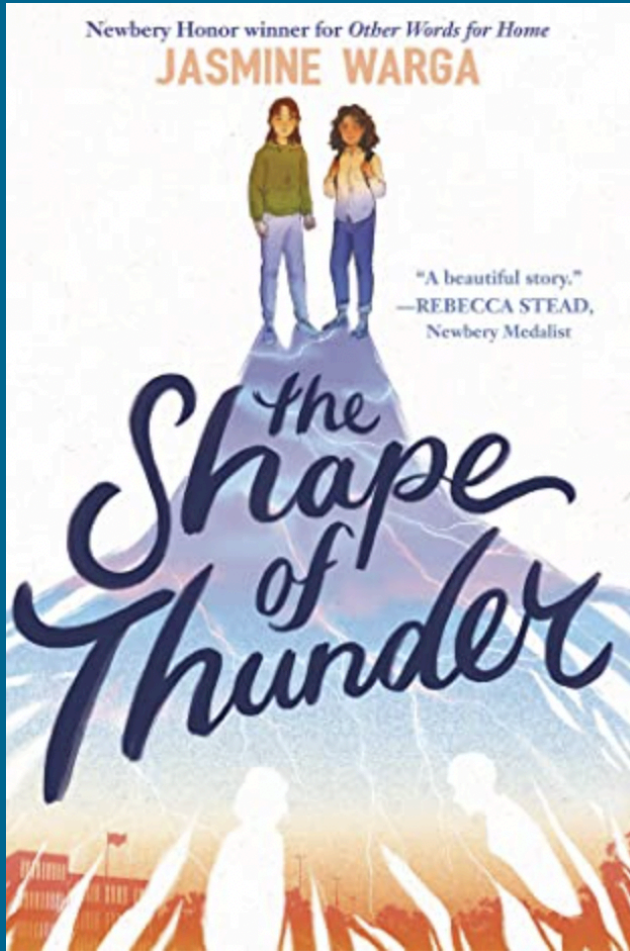
Root Magic

by Eden Royce

It's 1963, and things are changing for Jezebel Turner. But the biggest change comes when Jez and her twin brother, Jay, turn eleven and their uncle tells them he's going to train them in rootwork—African American folk magic that has been the legacy of their family for generations.

And it's not a moment too soon. Because when evil both natural and supernatural comes to show itself in town, it's going to take every bit of the magic Jez has inside to see her through.





The Shape of Thunder by Jasmine Warga*

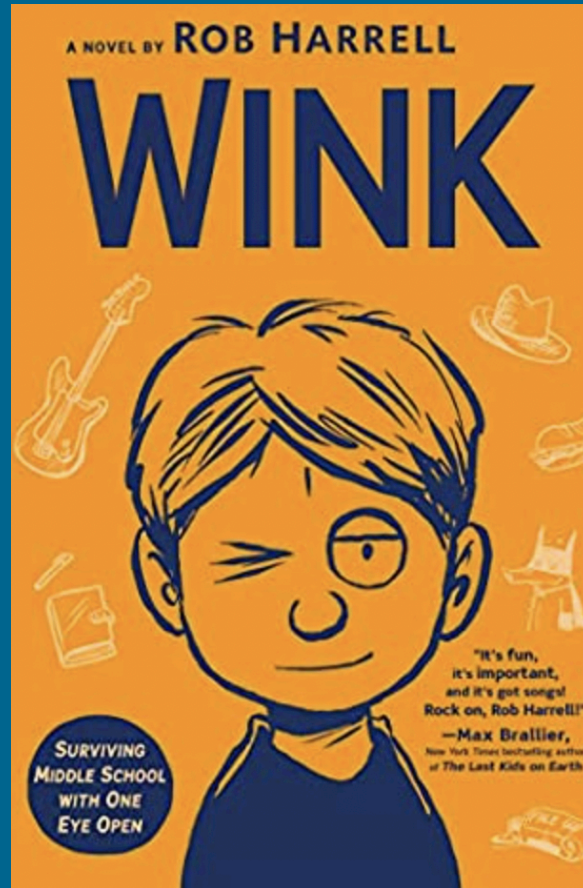
Cora hasn't spoken to her best friend, Quinn, in a year.

Despite living next door to each other, they exist in separate worlds of grief. Cora is still grappling with the death of her beloved sister in a school shooting, and Quinn is carrying the guilt of what her brother did.

On the day of Cora's twelfth birthday, Quinn leaves a box on her doorstep with a note. She has decided that the only way to fix things is to go back in time to the moment before her brother changed all their lives forever—and stop him.

**unique Smith title*

A hilarious and heartwrenching story about surviving middle school -- and an unthinkable diagnosis -- while embracing life's weirdness.



Wink
by
Rob
Harrell

Wish in the Dark

by Christina Soontornvat

All light in Chattana is created by one man — the Governor, who appeared after the Great Fire to bring peace and order to the city. For Pong, who was born in Namwon Prison, the magical lights represent freedom, and he dreams of the day he will be able to walk among them. But when Pong escapes from prison, he realizes that the world outside is no fairer than the one behind bars. The wealthy dine and dance under bright orb light, while the poor toil away in darkness. Nok, the prison warden's perfect daughter, is bent on tracking Pong down and restoring her family's good name.

A boy on the run. A girl determined to find him.



A compelling fantasy looks at issues of privilege, protest, and justice.

WILD CARDS (alternatives to official titles)





Chirp by Kate Messner

When Mia moves to Vermont the summer after seventh grade, she's recovering from the broken arm she got falling off a balance beam. And packed away in the moving boxes under her clothes and gymnastics trophies is a secret she'd rather forget.

Mia's change in scenery brings day camp, new friends, and time with her beloved grandmother. But Gram is convinced someone is trying to destroy her cricket farm. Is it sabotage or is Gram's thinking impaired from the stroke she suffered months ago? Mia and her friends set out to investigate, but can they uncover the truth in time to save Gram's farm? And will that discovery empower Mia to confront the secret she's been hiding--and find the courage she never knew she had?

Elephant in the Room

by Holly Goldberg Sloan

It's been almost a year since Sila's mother traveled halfway around the world to Turkey, hoping to secure the immigration paperwork that would allow her to return to her family in the United States.

The long separation is almost impossible for Sila to withstand. But things change when Sila accompanies her father (who is a mechanic) outside their Oregon town to fix a truck. There, behind an enormous stone wall, she meets a grandfatherly man who only months before won the state lottery. Their new alliance leads to the rescue of a circus elephant named Veda, and then to a friendship with an unusual boy named Mateo, proving that comfort and hope come in the most unlikely of places.

