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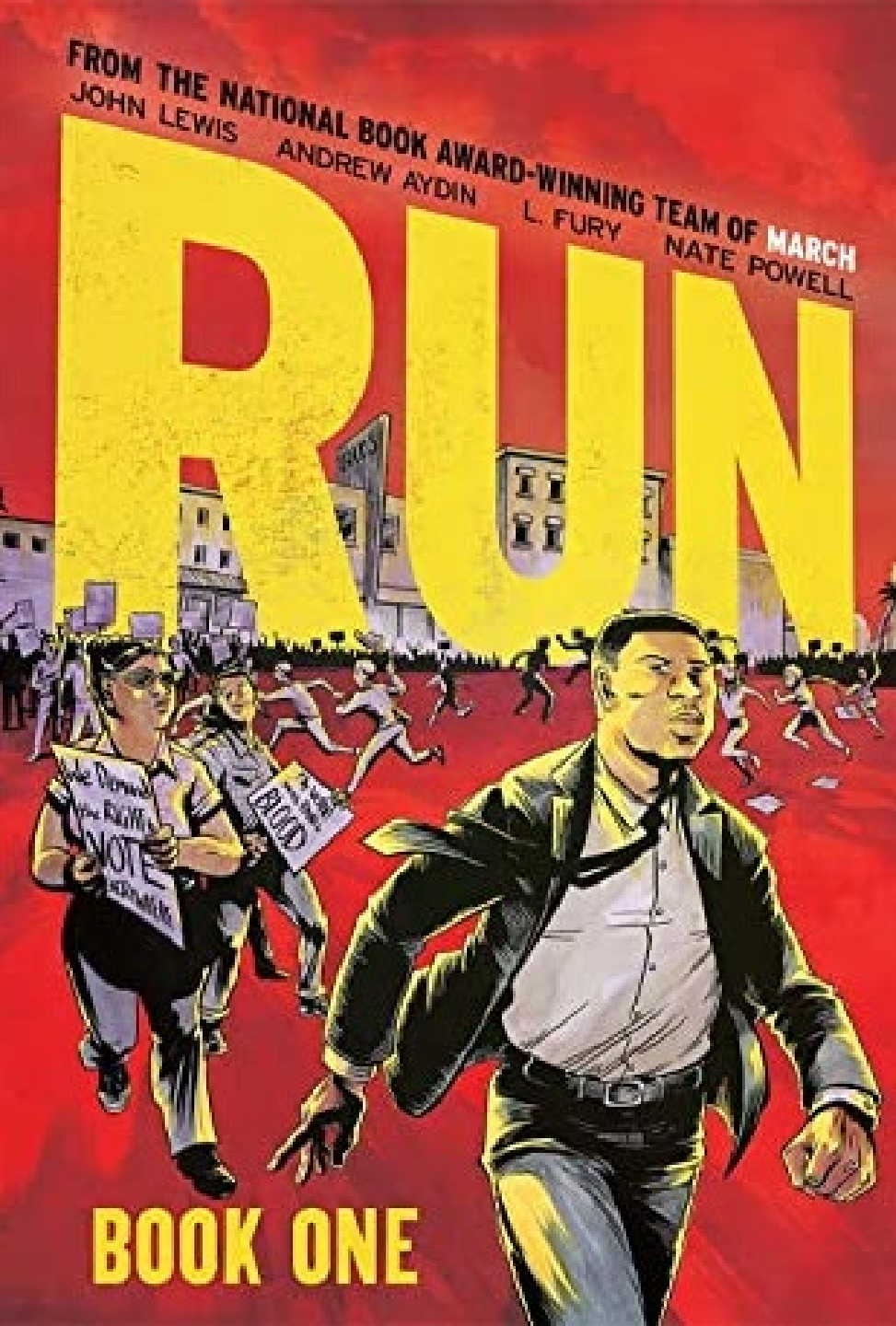


BOOK CHOICES FOR 9TH GRADE STUDENTS

When Stars Are Scattered (Jamison, Mohamed)

Go Set a Watchman (Lee)

Run Book 1 (Lewis, Aydin, Powell, Fury)



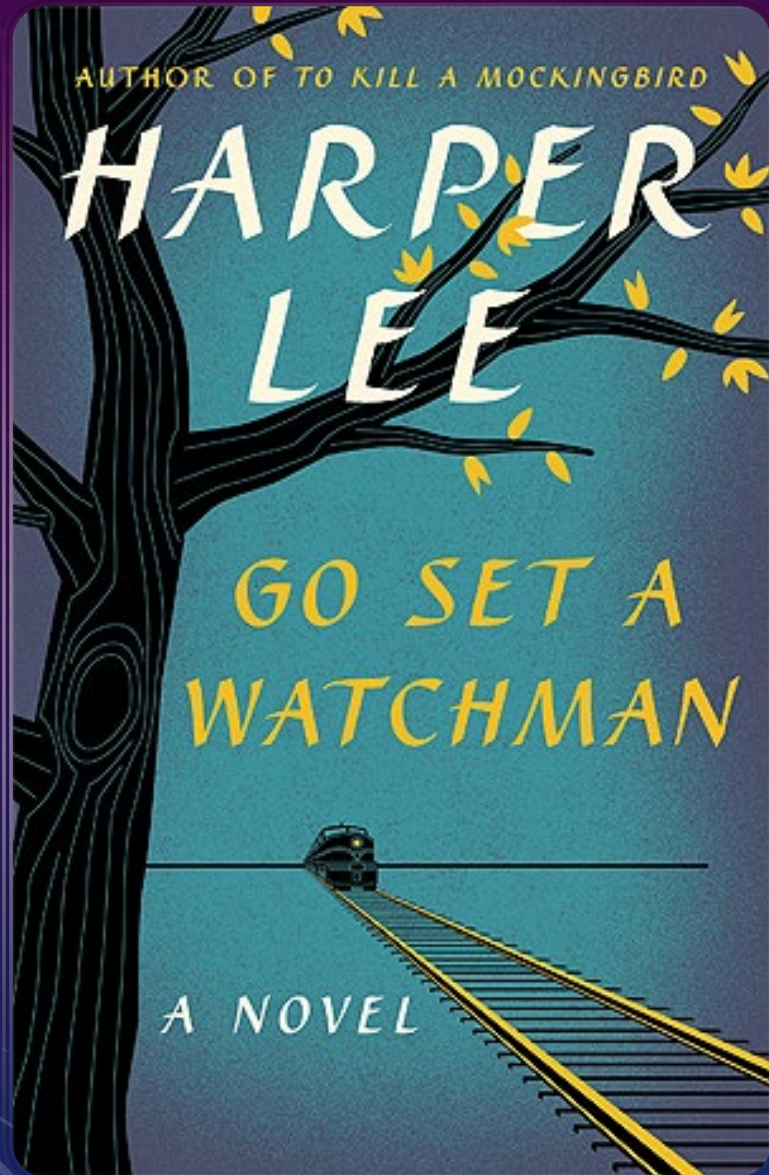
RUN, BOOK ONE

- John Lewis served in the House of Representatives for Georgia's 5th District from 1987 to his death in 2020. But before that, Lewis was a civil rights activist.
- Lewis marched with Martin Luther King and hundreds of others in Selma, AL, on Bloody Sunday, March 7, 1965, where he and others were beaten by police.
- He went on to fight for passage of the Voting Rights Act and then he ran for Congress. This graphic memoir tells that story.

WHEN STARS ARE SCATTERED

- Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed collaborated on this graphic memoir about Omar's life growing up in a refugee camp.
- Omar Mohamed and his brother Hassan grew up in Dadaab, a refugee camp in Kenya. They are the only family left. Their father was killed in the civil war in Somalia, and they don't know what happened to their mother.
- Life is hard, and Hassan, who is nonverbal, lacks medical care he needs. There is not enough food. Omar feels lucky that he is able to go to school.
- After 15 years in Dadaab, Omar and Hassan are among the few refugees chosen to emigrate to the United States. Now living in Arizona, Omar has told his story. Victoria Jamieson, creator of *Roller Girl*, partners with him in this National Book Award Finalist for Young People's Literature.





GO SET A WATCHMAN BY HARPER LEE

- Harper Lee published only one book in her lifetime, the award-winning classic, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. But she wrote others. After her death, her estate published this book.
- Jean Louise Finch, otherwise known as Scout, has returned to Maycomb, AL, to visit her father. Now 26 and living in New York City, Jean Louise has a different perspective on the racial tensions and turmoil that have shaped her hometown for generations.
- Although some call this book a sequel to *TKAM*, Lee actually wrote it first. She wrote it in the late 1950s and set it in that time period (20 years after the action in *TKAM*). *Brown v. Board of Education* had recently been decided. Keep that in mind; Lee is presenting the views of her contemporaries in Alabama at the time of *Brown*.