
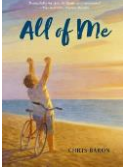
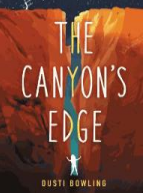
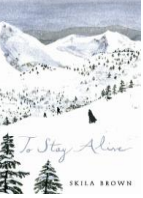

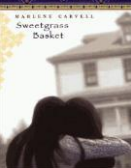








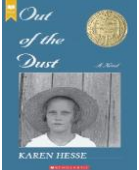

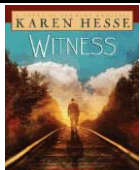
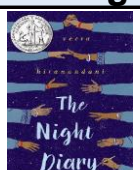

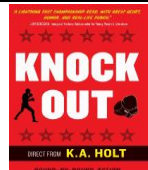


Novels in Verse

* Denotes first book in a series

Title	Author	Call #
Finding Wonders	Atkins, Jeannine	FIC ATK
	<p>A biographical novel in verse of three different girls in three different time periods who grew up to become groundbreaking scientists.</p>	
All of Me	Baron, Chris	FIC BAR
	<p>Thirteen-year-old Ari faces what it is to be a man while dealing with a cross-country move, his parents' separation, being bullied for his weight, and belatedly starting bar mitzvah preparations.</p>	
The Canyon's Edge	Bowling, Dusty	FIC BOW
	<p>A year after the death of her mother in a restaurant shooting, Nora is left struggling to stay alive when a climbing trip with her father goes terribly wrong.</p>	
To Stay Alive	Brown, Skila	FIC BRO
	<p>The journey west by wagon train promises to be long and arduous for nineteen-year-old Mary Ann Graves and her parents and eight siblings. Yet she is hopeful about their new life in California: freedom from the demands of family, maybe some romance, better opportunities for all. But when winter comes early to the Sierra Nevada and their group gets a late start, the Graves family, traveling alongside the Donner and Reed parties, must endure one of the most harrowing and storied journeys in American history. Amid the pain of loss and the constant threat of death from starvation or cold, Mary Ann's is a narrative, told beautifully in verse, of a girl learning what it means to be part of a family, to make sacrifices for those we love, and above all to persevere.</p>	
Kaleidoscope Eyes	Bryant, Jennifer	FIC BRY
	<p>In 1968, with the Vietnam War raging, thirteen-year-old Lyza inherits a project from her deceased grandfather, who had been using his knowledge of maps and the geography of Lyza's New Jersey hometown to locate the lost treasure of Captain Kidd.</p>	
Sweetgrass Basket	Carbell, Marlene	FIC CAR
	<p>In alternating passages, two Mohawk sisters describe their lives at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, established in 1879 to educate Native Americans, as they try to assimilate into white culture and one of them is falsely accused of stealing.</p>	

Hate That Cat	Creech, Sharon	FIC CRE
	A year after the death of her mother in a restaurant shooting, Nora is left struggling to stay alive when a climbing trip with her father goes terribly wrong.	
Heartbeat	Creech, Sharon	FIC CRE
	Twelve-year-old Annie ponders the many rhythms of life the year that her mother becomes pregnant, her grandfather begins faltering, and her best friend (and running partner) becomes distant.	
Love that Dog	Creech, Sharon	FIC CRE
	A young student, who comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem.	
Moo	Creech, Sharon	FIC CRE
	When Reena, her little brother, Luke, and their parents first 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 to work for an eccentric neighbor named Mrs. Falala, who has a pig named Paulie, a cat named China, a snake named Edna--and that stubborn cow, Zora.	
Starfish	Fipps, Lisa	FIC FIP
	Bullied and shamed her whole life for being fat, twelve-year-old Ellie finally gains the confidence to stand up for herself, with the help of some wonderful new allies.	
Hidden	Frost, Helen	FIC FRO
	When Darra Monson are eight years old, Darra's father steals a minivan. He doesn't know that 8 year old Wren is hiding in the back. The hours and days that follow change the lives of both girls. Darra is left with a question that only Wren can answer. Wren has questions, too. Years later, in a chance encounter at camp, the girls face each other for the first time. They can finally learn the truth—that is, if they're willing to reveal to each other the stories that they've hidden for so long. Told from alternating viewpoints, this novel-in-poems reveals the complexities of memory and the strength of a friendship that can overcome pain.	
Planet Middle School	Grimes, Nikki	FIC GRI
	A series of poems describes all the baffling changes at home and at school in twelve-year-old Joylin's transition from tomboy basketball player to not-quite-girly girl.	

Things Left Unsaid	Hemphill, Stephanie	FIC HEM
	After a lifetime of conforming to the image of what her parents and high school friends want her to be, Sarah must come to terms with her own identity when her destructive best friend tries to commit suicide.	
Out of the Dust	Hesse, Karen	FIC HES
	In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.	
Aleutian Sparrow	Hesse, Karen	FIC HES
	An Aleutian Islander recounts her suffering during World War II in American internment camps designed to "protect" the population from the invading Japanese.	
Witness	Hesse, Karen	FIC HES
	A history-inspired novel, told in the voices of eleven characters, about two young girls, one Jewish and the other African-American, who come to the attention of the newly formed Ku Klux Klan in a small Vermont town in 1924.	
The Night Diary	Hiranandani, Veera	FIC HIR
	Shy twelve-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her deceased Muslim mother in the pages of her diary.	
House Arrest	Holt, K.A.	FIC HOL
	Young Timothy is sentenced to house arrest after impulsively stealing a wallet, and he is forced to keep a journal into which he pours all his thoughts, fears, and frustrations.	
Knockout	Holt, K.A.	FIC HOL
	When formerly medically fragile Levi discovers his love for boxing, he finds himself in the ring with those who love him most. He knows he's strong enough to fight for his life but can he convince everyone else to believe in him, too?	

Redwood and Ponytail	Holt, K.A.	FIC HOL
	Told in verse in two voices, with a chorus of fellow students, this is a story of two girls, opposites in many ways, who are drawn to each other. Kate appears to be a stereotypical cheerleader with a sleek ponytail and a perfectly polished persona, Tam is tall, athletic and frequently mistaken for a boy, but their deepening friendship inevitably changes and reveals them in ways they did not anticipate.	
Lifeboat 12	Hood, Susan	FIC HOO
	In 1940, a group of British children, their escorts, and some sailors struggle to survive in a lifeboat when the ship taking them to safety in Canada is torpedoed. Includes historical notes.	
Inside Out & Back Again	Lai, Thanhha	FIC LAI
	Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.	
Long Way Down	Reynolds, Jason	FIC REY
	As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.	
May B	Rose, Caroline Starr	FIC ROS
	In 1940, a group of British children, their escorts, and some sailors struggle to survive in a lifeboat when the ship taking them to safety in Canada is torpedoed. Includes historical notes.	
Serendipity & Me	Roth, Judith L.	FIC ROT
	Sara and her father start to heal from her mother's death when a white kitten lands on their doorstep.	
Yellow Star	Roy, Jennifer	FIC ROY
	From 1939, when Sylvia is four and a half years old, to 1945 when she has just turned ten, a Jewish girl and her family struggle to survive in Poland's Lodz ghetto during the Nazi occupation.	

Song of the Sparrow	Sandell, Lisa Ann	FIC SAN
	<p>In fifth-century Britain, nine years after the destruction of their home on the island of Shalott brings her to live with her father and brothers in the military encampments of Arthur's army, seventeen-year-old Elaine describes her changing perceptions of war and the people around her as she becomes increasingly involved in the bitter struggle against the invading Saxons.</p>	
One of those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies	Sones, Sonya	FIC SON
	<p>Fifteen-year-old Ruby Milliken leaves her best friend, her boyfriend, her aunt, and her mother's grave in Boston and reluctantly flies to Los Angeles to live with her father, a famous movie star who divorced her mother before Ruby was born.</p>	
Saving Red	Sones, Sonya	FIC SON
	<p>Right before winter break, fourteen-year-old Molly reluctantly volunteers to participate in Santa Monica's annual homeless count. But when she ends up meeting Red, a spirited homeless girl only a few years older than she is, Molly makes it her mission to reunite her with her family before Christmas. This turns out to be extremely difficult--because Red refuses to talk about her past. There are things Molly won't talk about either. When Molly realizes that the friends Red keeps mentioning are nothing more than voices inside Red's head, she becomes even more concerned about her well-being.</p>	
What My Mother Doesn't Know	Sones, Sonya	FIC SON
	<p>Sophie describes her relationships with a series of boys as she searches for Mr. Right.</p>	
Other Words for Home	Warga, Jasmine	FIC WAR
	<p>Jude never thought she'd be leaving her beloved older brother and father behind, all the way across the ocean in Syria. But when things in her hometown start becoming volatile, Jude and her mother are sent to live in Cincinnati with relatives. At first, everything in America seems too fast and too loud. The American movies that Jude has always loved haven't quite prepared her for starting school in the US--and her new label of 'Middle Eastern,' an identity she's never known before. But this life also brings unexpected surprises--there are new friends, a whole new family, and a school musical that Jude just might try out for. Maybe America, too, is a place where Jude can be seen as she really is.</p>	
Before the Ever After	Woodson, Jacqueline	FIC WOO
	<p>ZJ's friends Ollie, Darry and Daniel help him cope when his father, a beloved professional football player, suffers severe headaches and memory loss that spell the end of his career.</p>	
Brown Girl Dreaming	Woodson, Jacqueline	921 WOODSON
	<p>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.</p>	