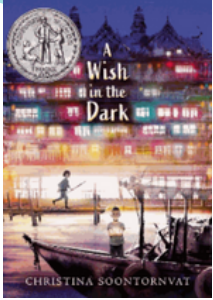


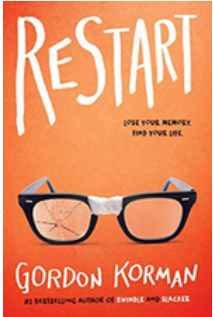
2023 Rising 6th Grade Summer Reading Choices:

Read **one** of the following and at least **two** additional titles.



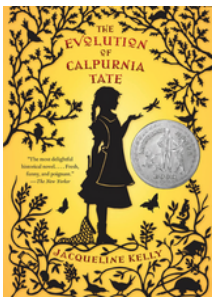
A Wish in the Dark by Christina Soontornvat ([Sora ebook](#); [Audible](#))

"This 'Thai-inspired . . . twist on Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables*' explores social justice through two young characters from contrary social classes, with chapters alternating between their respective points of view. It's a novel—a stand-alone, no less—that seems to have it all: a sympathetic hero, a colorful setting, humor, heart, philosophy, and an epic conflict that relates the complexity and humanity of social justice without heavy-handed storytelling. Soontornvat deftly blends it all together, salting the tale with a dash of magic that enhances the underlying emotions in this masterfully paced adventure. An important book that not only shines a light but also shows young readers how to shine their own. Luminous." (*Booklist*, starred)



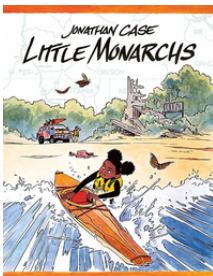
Restart by Gordon Korman ([Sora ebook and audiobook](#))

"When a middle school bully suffers amnesia after a bad fall, it gives him the chance to start fresh, but rebuilding his life is an uphill battle when everyone else still remembers the sins of his past. Eighth-grader Chase Ambrose attempts to reconstruct himself based on what his friends and family tell him, but the more he learns about how he mistreated others, the less he likes the old Chase. Unable to play football while he's healing, Chase joins the video club, whose members have good reason to distrust him. And while his former self did community service at a local retirement home, the new Chase comes to enjoy spending time with the residents—especially a grumpy veteran whose stories he values. In this compelling and sometimes humorous tale of nature and identity, Korman... offers an intriguing exploration of the potential for redemption. By telling the story from multiple perspectives (Chase's, as well as those of several classmates), he conveys a complex, thorough picture of Chase's influence and impact on those around him. " (*Publisher's Weekly*)



The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly ([Sora ebook](#); [Audible](#))

"In the summer of 1899, Calpurnia Tate is almost 12 years old. "Callie" lives with six brothers, her parents, her grandfather (a founding member of the National Geographic Society), and numerous household staff on a Texas cotton plantation. During this long hot summer, Callie begins a new friendship with her grandfather when he discovers her interest in the natural world. Over the next few months, Callie has to deal with three of her brothers falling in "love" with her best friend, cooking and sewing lessons, installation of the first telephone in town history, and Darwin's theory of evolution. Callie may have the benefits of an upper-crust family and being the only girl among so many brothers, but she also faces the universal truth of growing up: Everything is changing. " (*Common Sense Media*)



Little Monarchs Graphic Novel by Jonathan Case ([Sora ebook](#))

"It's 2101, and most mammals have died from sun exposure—a fate the few remaining humans suffer if they don't live underground as Deepers.... Since Elvie's parents departed for Michoacán, Mexico, 8 years earlier in search of more monarch butterflies, ran into danger, and have not returned, 10-year-old Black science whiz Elvie has been cared for by her guardian, Flora, a White scientist. Flora and Elvie hope to make a vaccine that enables humans to tolerate sunlight. Elvie's journals, which contain her homework, science notes, and sketches, trace their journey—including tracking their latitude and longitude daily—as they follow the amazing migration path of the monarchs, whose young have the ingredient necessary for making both the sun sickness antidote and the vaccine. The eclecticism of Case's lively visuals in this riveting graphic novel will keep readers both enthralled and learning... (*Kirkus Reviews*)



The Crossover by Kwame Alexander ([Sora ebook & audiobook](#))

"Josh and his twin brother, JB, are inseparable, on and off the court. With the support of their father, a famous basketball player, they're poised to have a great season, maybe even win the championship for their junior high. Then things start to change. JB starts to spend more time with girls than with Josh, their dad is hiding a health issue that could change all of their lives, and Josh begins to lose his way. One big mistake, and he's suspended from the team, estranged from his brother, and wondering how much time he has left with the brightest star in his world: his father." (*Common Sense Media*)

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Grades 6 and 7

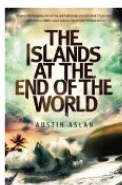
Realistic and Historical Fiction:

Alone in the Woods by Rebecca Behrens
Blackbird Girls by Anne Blankman
Starfish by Lisa Fipps
Wink by Rob Harrell
Unplugged or War Stories by Gordon Korman
The Night Witches by Katherine Lasky
Show me a Sign by Ann Clare LeZotte
On Air with Zoe Washington by Janae Marks
**Everything Sad is Untrue* by Daniel Nayeri
**Amber & Clay* by Laura Amy Schlitz
Just Like That by Gary D. Schmidt
Ways to Grow Love by Renee Watson



Fantasy:

The Islands at the End of the World by Austin Aslan
Shadow and Bone by Leigh Bardugo
The Strangers by Margaret Peterson Haddix
The Overthrow trilogy by Kenneth Oppel
**Dragon Pearl* by Yoon Ha Lee



Adventure and Mystery:

**The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley
Scar Island by Dan Gemeinhart
Spy School: Project X by Stuart Gibbs
**The Lie Tree* by Frances Hardinge
The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson
A Wolf Called Wander by Rosanne Parry
City Spies by James Ponti
Daughter of the Deep by Rick Riordan
The Explorer by Katherine Rundell
Poison is Not Polite by Robin Stevens



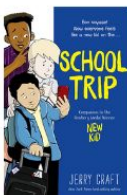
Nonfiction:

Grasping Mysteries: Girls Who Loved Math by Jeannine Atkins
Race to the Bottom of the Earth by Rebecca E.F. Barone
**Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, & the Ultimate Cold War Showdown* by Steve Sheinkin
All Thirteen by Christina Soontornvat
**A Thousand Sisters* by Elizabeth Wein



Graphic Novels:

Swim Team by Johnnie Christmas
School Trip by Jerry Craft
Before They Were Artists by Elizabeth Haidle
**March Series* by John Lewis
Sorya and the Sun Bear by Trang Nguyen
A First Time for Everything by Dan Santat
Bomb by Steve Sheinkin



* Denotes text complexity beyond grade level

Grades 8 and 9

Realistic and Historical Fiction:

Lovely War by Julie Berry
**Tell the Wolves I'm Home* by Carol Rifka Brunt
The Prodigy by John Feinstein
I Believe in a Thing Called Love by Maurene Goo
Dare Mighty Things by Heather Kaczynski
**The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd
**The Librarian of Auschwitz* by Antonio Iturbe
Family of Liars by e. lockhart
When Dimple Met Rishi by Sandhya Menon
The Fountains of Silence by Ruta Sepetys
The Edge or The Ascent by Roland Smith
**Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan
The Enigma Game by Elizabeth Wein
Highly Illogical Behavior or Noggin by John Corey Whaley



Fantasy and Dystopian Fiction:

**Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi
Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo
**Dune* by Frank Herbert
**The Knife of Never Letting Go* by Patrick Ness
Shadowshaper by Daniel Jose Older
The Overthrow trilogy by Kenneth Oppel
Outwalkers by Fiona Shaw
Scythe or Dry by Neal Shusterman
The Ember in the Ashes by Sabaa Tahir



Adventure and Mystery:

The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
**The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley
**These Shallow Graves* by Jennifer Donnelly
A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson
Truly Devious by Maureen Johnson
**Keeper* by Mal Peet
Nation by Terry Pratchett
Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard by Rick Riordan
**Stateless and Rose Under Fire* by Elizabeth Wein



Nonfiction:

**Symphony for the City of the Dead* by M.T. Anderson
**Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates
The Poison Eaters by Gail Jarrow
Meltdown: Earthquake, Tsunami, and Nuclear Disaster in Fukushima by Deirdre Langeland
A Thousand Sisters by Elizabeth Wein



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