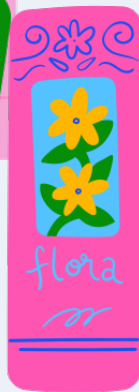
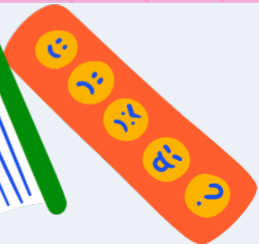
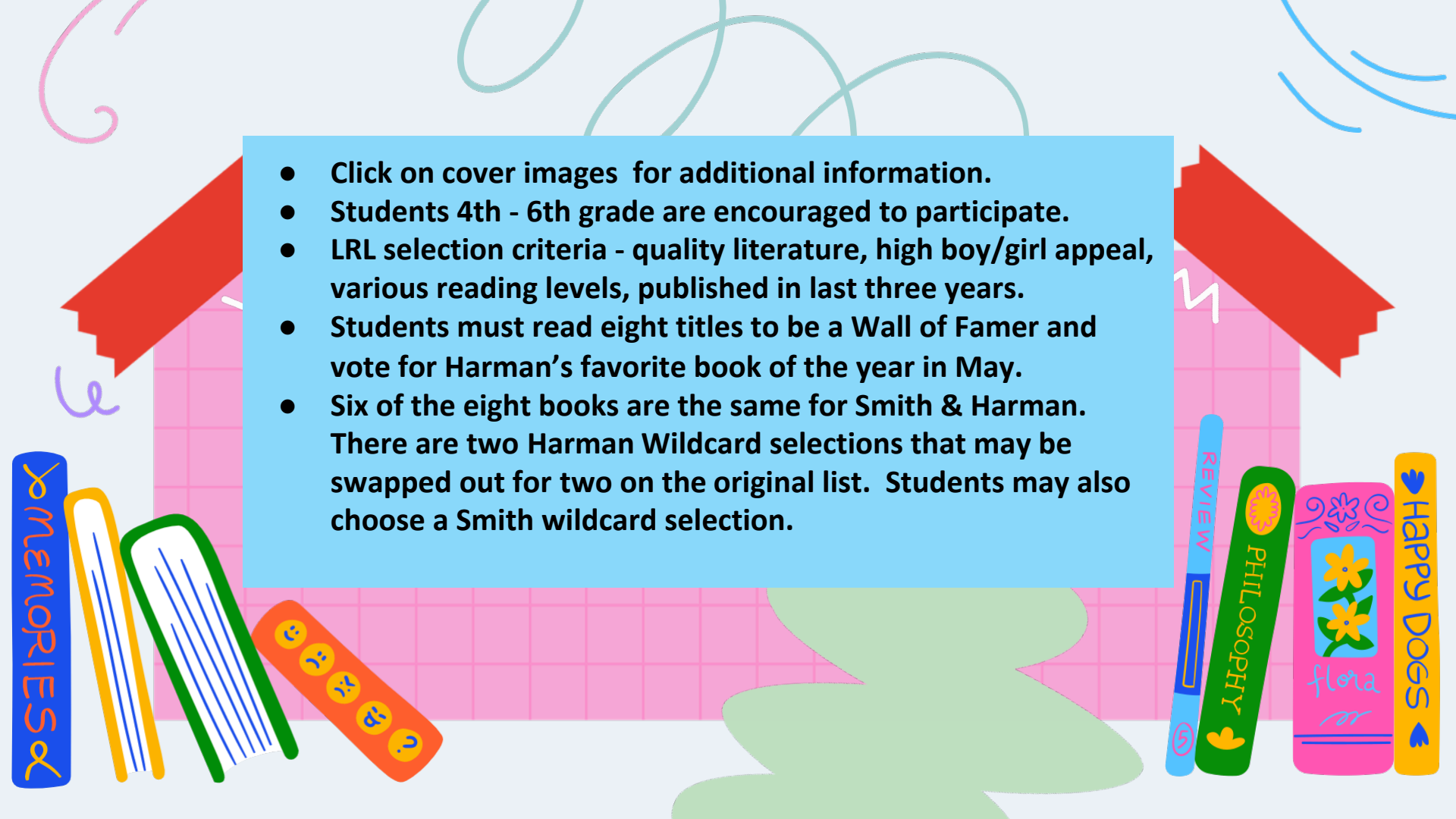


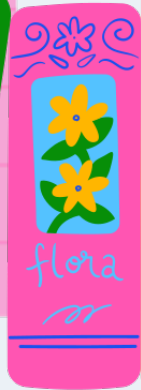


Lumberjack Reading List 2023-2024

Memories



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- Click on cover images for additional information.
 - Students 4th - 6th grade are encouraged to participate.
 - LRL selection criteria - quality literature, high boy/girl appeal, various reading levels, published in last three years.
 - Students must read eight titles to be a Wall of Famer and vote for Harman's favorite book of the year in May.
 - Six of the eight books are the same for Smith & Harman. There are two Harman Wildcard selections that may be swapped out for two on the original list. Students may also choose a Smith wildcard selection.





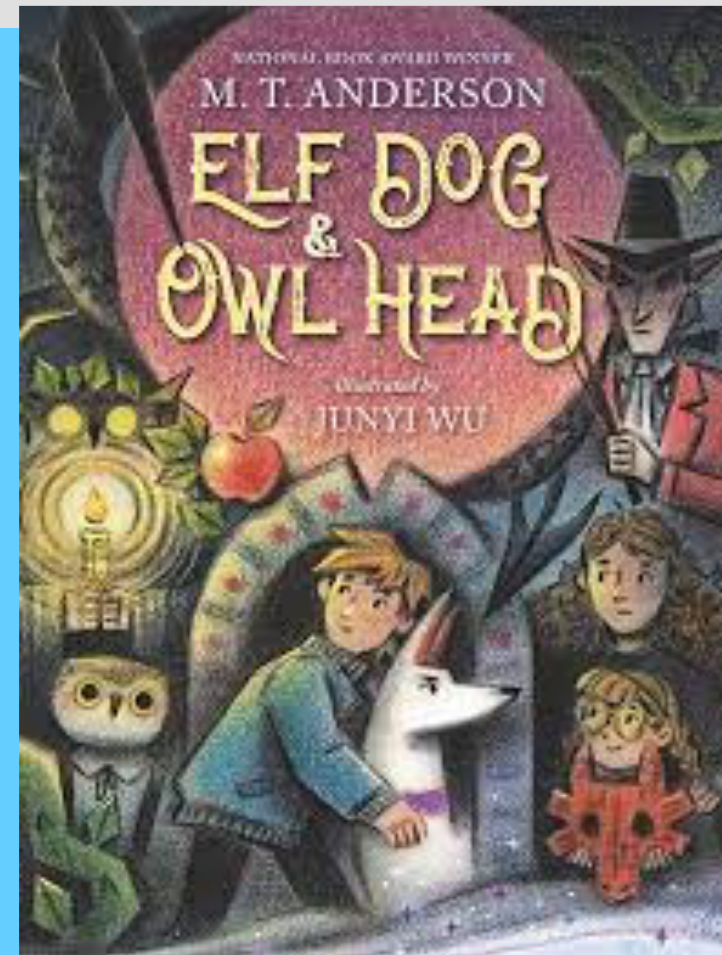
Meet Resilience, a Mars rover determined to live up to his name.

Res was built to explore Mars. He was not built to have human emotions. But as he learns new things from the NASA scientists who assemble him, he begins to develop humanlike feelings. Maybe there's a problem with his programming....

Human emotions or not, launch day comes, and Res blasts off to Mars, accompanied by a friendly drone helicopter named Fly. But Res quickly discovers that Mars is a dangerous place filled with dust storms and giant cliffs. As he navigates Mars's difficult landscape, Res is tested in ways that go beyond space exploration.

As millions of people back on Earth follow his progress, will Res have the determination, courage, and resilience to succeed... and survive?

Clay has had his fill of home life. A global plague has brought the world to a screeching halt, and with little to look forward to but a summer of video-calling friends, vying with annoying sisters for the family computer, and tuning out his parents' financial worries, he's only too happy to retreat to the woods. From the moment the elegant little dog with the ornate collar appears like an apparition among the trees, Clay sees something uncanny in her. With this mysterious Elphinore as guide, he'll glimpse ancient secrets folded all but invisibly into the forest. Each day the dog leads Clay down paths he never knew existed, deeper into the unknown. But they aren't alone in their surreal adventures. There are traps and terrors in the woods, too, and if Clay isn't careful, he might stray off the path and lose his way forever.



*Source Penguin Random House



... is the saga of a clan of warrior children obsessed with toys, candy, soda and pandemonium. Vaguely reminiscent of the Rugrats but with big Dora the Explorer eyes, they wear blanket capes and underwear armor. Their sense of fun seems to derive from “Captain Underpants,” their greediness from “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.” They occupy a treehouse called Treeheart (a stand-in for the mead hall Heorot in “Beowulf”) where there’s no bedtime and no cleanup.

*Source The New York Times



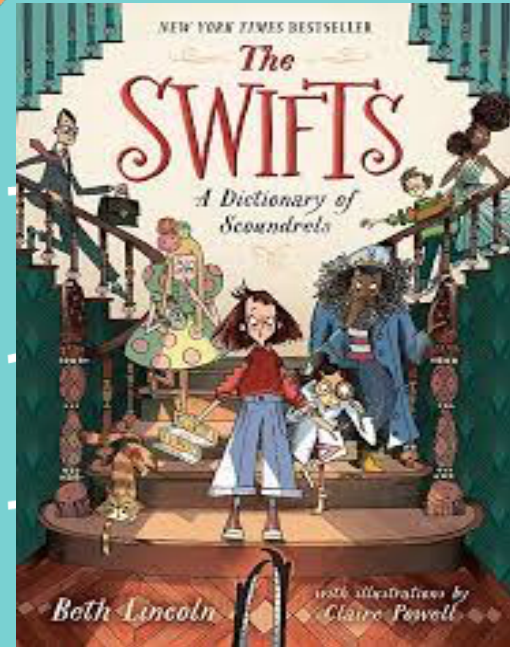
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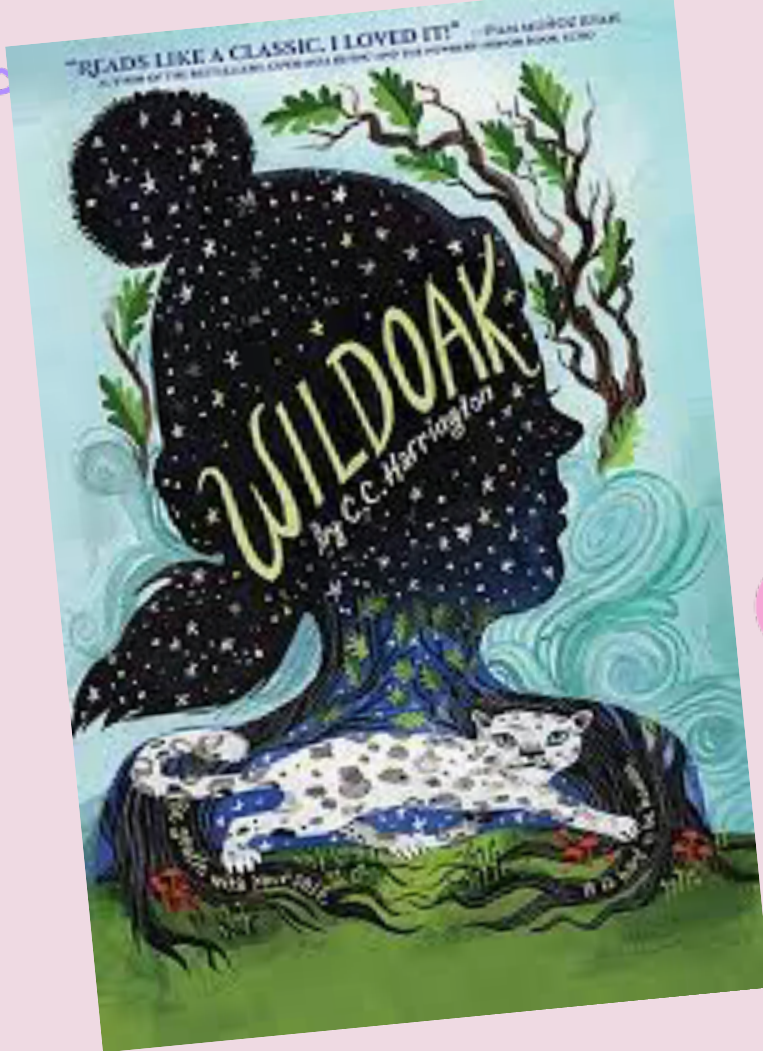
*Source: Cracking the Cover



Minni lives in the poorest part of Mumbai, where access to water is limited to a few hours a day and the communal taps have long lines. Lately, though, even that access is threatened by severe water shortages and thieves who are stealing this precious commodity—an act that Minni accidentally witnesses one night. Meanwhile, in the high-rise building where she just started to work, she discovers that water streams out of every faucet *and* there's even a rooftop swimming pool. What Minni also discovers there is one of the water mafia bosses. Now she must decide whether to expose him and risk her job and maybe her life. How did something as simple as access to water get so complicated?

As families go, THE SWIFTS are unusual. By tradition, at birth each child gets a name chosen (at random? by fate?) from a very big dictionary, so sibs Felicity, Phenomena, and Shenanigan have relatives with such names as Maelstrom, Inheritance, and Schadenfreude (her parents were traveling in Germany at the time of her birth and had to make do with a German dictionary). Things haven't been right since the long-ago day when ancestor Vile murdered most of his family and vanished -- but not before hiding his ill-gotten wealth, now the object of intense searches every time the Swift clan reunites at The House. The reunion begins with the traditional rehearsal for the funeral of (perfectly healthy) Aunt Schadenfreude, the family Matriarch, but things soon go badly awry, as an attempt on her life is quickly followed by two violent deaths. As the sibs and their newfound cousin Erf discover, all their relatives have something to hide, none of them are what they seem to be, and it's hard to know whom to trust, as the danger is far from over.





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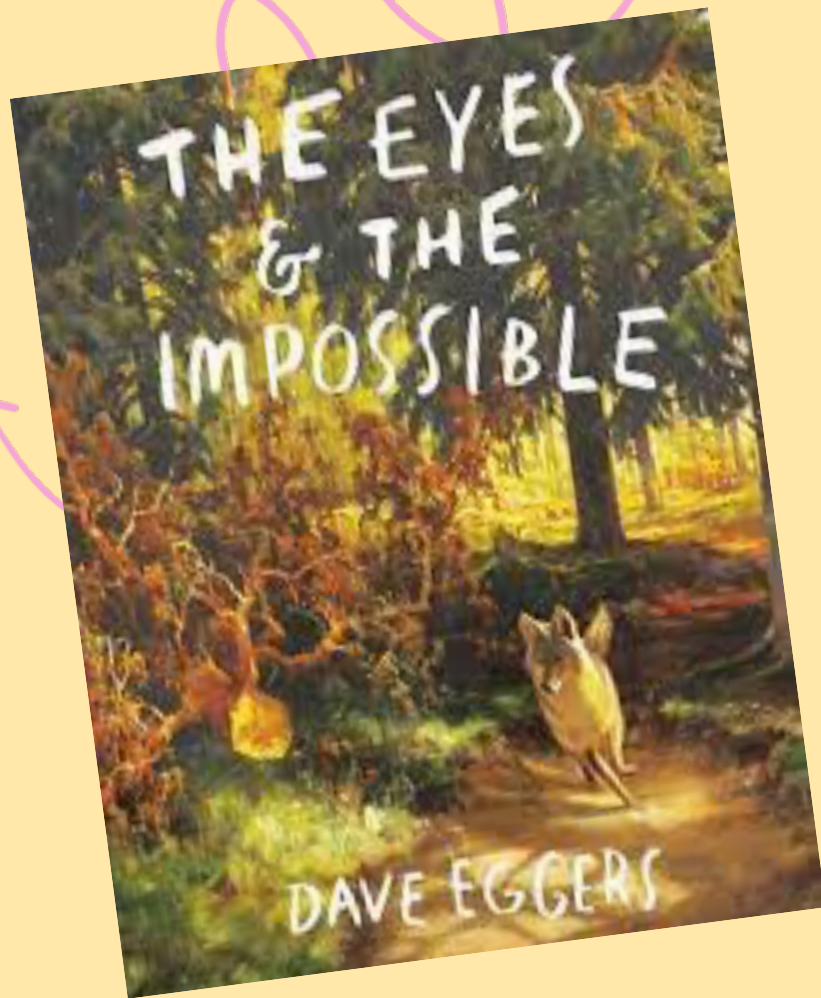
An incident at a TSA security check point sows chaos and rumors, creating a chain of events that impacts twelve young Asian Americans in a crowded and restless airport. As their disrupted journeys crisscross and collide, they encounter fellow travelers—some helpful, some hostile—as they discover the challenges of friendship, the power of courage, the importance of the right word at the right time, and the unexpected significance of a blue Stratocaster electric guitar.

Twelve powerhouse Asian American authors explore themes of identity and belonging in the entwined experiences of young people whose family roots may extend to East and Southeast Asia, but who are themselves distinctly American.





Harman Wildcards



Johannes, a free dog, lives in an urban park by the sea. His job is to be the Eyes—to see everything that happens within the park and report back to the park's elders, three ancient Bison. His friends—a seagull, a raccoon, a squirrel, and a pelican—work with him as the Assistant Eyes, observing the humans and other animals who share the park and making sure the Equilibrium is in balance.

But changes are afoot. More humans, including Trouble Travelers, arrive in the park. A new building, containing mysterious and hypnotic rectangles, goes up. And then there are the goats—an actual *boatload* of goats—who appear, along with a shocking revelation that changes Johannes's view of the world.

A story about friendship, beauty, liberation, and running very, very fast,

In the dead of night, a truck arrives in Slaughterville, a small town curiously named after its windowless slaughterhouse. Seven mysterious kids with suitcases step out of the vehicle and into an abandoned home on a dead-end street, looking over their shoulders to make sure they aren't noticed.

But Ravani Foster covertly witnesses their arrival from his bedroom window. Timid and lonely, Ravani is eager to learn everything he can about his new neighbors: What secrets are they hiding? And most mysterious of all...where are the adults?

Yet amid this shadowy group of children, Ravani finds an unexpected friend in the warm and gutsy Virginia. But with this friendship comes secrets revealed—and danger. When Ravani learns of a threat to his new friends, he must fight to keep them safe, or lose the only person who has ever understood him.

