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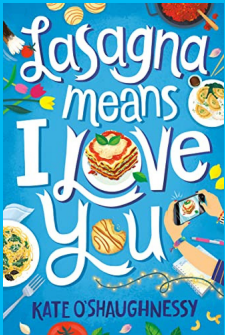
SUMMER READING

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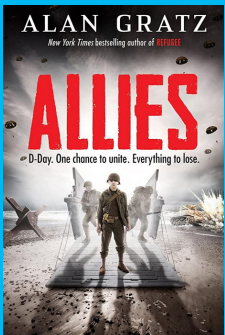
The Rhythm of Time by QuestLove

Seventh grader Rahim Reynolds receives a special cell phone from his friend Kasia, unaware that it transports him back to 1997. With Kasia as his lifeline, Rahim must navigate the past without altering the future. Dodging bullies and government agents, they work together to find a way home, aware that their actions have consequences. Their adventure tests their teamwork and problem-solving skills as they strive to return Rahim safely to his own time.



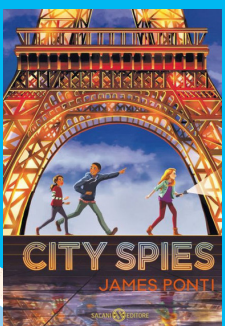
Lasagna Means I Love You by Kate O'Shaughnessy

Mo finds herself in foster care after her uncle abandons her. With a notebook and a handmade cookbook from her Nan, she immerses herself in cooking, collecting family recipes and their stories. As she navigates her topsy-turvy life, Mo learns to make the recipes, builds a website to share them, and secretly hopes for a long-lost relative to bring her a unique family recipe. However, she soon realizes that to find a true family and a special recipe, she must forge her own path.



Allies by Alan Gratz

Set during World War II on June 6, 1944, D-Day follows Dee, a young U.S. soldier, as he and his fellow soldiers embark on a perilous mission to storm German-occupied France. Alongside them, Samira works as a spy behind enemy lines, James joins a daring midnight raid as a paratrooper, and Henry, a medic, searches for lives to save. As they face betrayal and deadly risks, the Allied forces race against time to complete their missions and secure victory against the Nazis in a high-stakes battle for freedom.



City Spies by James Ponti

Sara Martinez, a talented hacker, bravely exposes her foster parents' wrongdoing but faces punishment instead of praise. However, her life takes an unexpected turn when Mother, a British spy, intervenes. Sara is released from jail and offered a place in a secret MI6 agency called City Spies. Alongside four other skilled kids, she hones her espionage abilities while attending school in Scotland. From infiltrating rival systems to daring missions in Paris, Sara must not only save the world but also navigate the intricate dynamics of her newfound team. Saving the world isn't for the faint of heart.

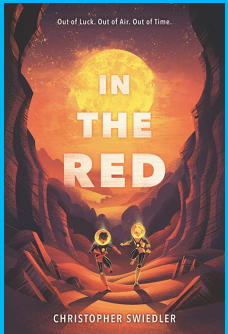
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Play Like a Girl by Misty Wilson and David Wilson

Misty, a determined girl, takes on the challenge of playing football despite being told she can't. Joining the boys' team, she faces tough training and resistance from her teammates who are not happy about her presence. Middle school brings more hurdles as Misty strives to fit in with the popular kids who view a girl playing football as strange. Even her best friend doesn't understand her passion. Through perseverance, Misty aims to earn respect from her teammates, make new friends, and demonstrate the true meaning of playing like a girl.



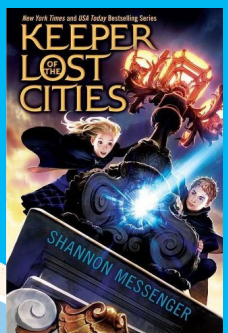
In the Red by Christopher Swiedler

Michael Prasad, despite his anxiety, succumbs to the temptation of exploring the Mars surface with his best friend Lilith, defying his parents' warnings. However, their adventure takes a dangerous turn when a powerful solar flare disrupts vital systems and leaves them stranded far from the colony. With limited resources and the absence of essential support, Michael and Lilith face a perilous journey back home, risking everything to survive and overcome the challenges that stand in their way on the inhospitable Martian landscape.



Blended by Sharon Draper

Isabella, an eleven-year-old caught between divorced parents, feels torn as she switches between their contrasting lives. Her biracial identity and comments from others intensify her struggle for belonging. When a tragic encounter with the police unfolds, she questions her fractured family and yearns for unity. As she navigates the complexities of her identity, Isabella searches for answers about what it means to be whole and accepted for who she truly is.



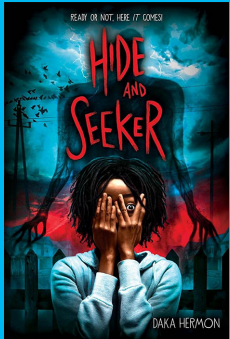
Keeper of the Lost Cities by Shannon Messenger

Twelve-year-old Sophie feels like an outsider in her life until she meets Fitz, who reveals they are both Telepaths. With her secret no longer hidden, Sophie leaves her family behind for a new and unfamiliar world. As she seeks answers about her true identity, she discovers dangerous secrets buried in her memories. The race against time begins as Sophie's past puts her life at stake. Uncovering the truth becomes crucial, and Sophie must navigate a perilous journey to survive and understand her place in a world where her Telepathic abilities have profound implications.

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Hide and Seek by Daka Hermon

In this chilling twist on a beloved childhood game, Justin discovers that something is deeply amiss with his best friend, Zee. After a mysterious year-long absence, Zee returns changed. During a game of Hide and Seek at Zee's welcome home party, things take a terrifying turn. Each participant vanishes, transported to a nightmarish realm. Justin and his friends realize that Zee had been trapped in this horrific world before. Now, their only option is to evade the relentless Seeker and find a way to escape this twisted reality.



The Unwanteds by Lisa McCann

In the town of Quill, thirteen-year-olds are categorized as the privileged Wanted or condemned Unwanteds. Alex, an Unwanted, faces his fate with stoicism until he discovers a hidden world called Artime instead of the expected death. In Artime, children nurture their creativity and learn magic. Alex's twin, Aaron, remains a Wanted, creating a rare situation. As a threat looms over Artime, the brothers' bond is tested, leading them into a magical battle that will determine the survival of their newfound world. The tale unveils a wondrous transformation and the ultimate conflict between siblings.



Ride On by Faith Erin Hicks

Twelve-year-old Victoria, burned out from high-pressure riding competitions, seeks a fresh start at Edgewood Stables. She wants a place where she can simply focus on riding horses without the stress of competition, drama, or friends. Initially content with solitude, Victoria questions whether true happiness can be found without companionship. This middle-grade graphic novel explores Victoria's journey to rediscover her love for horses and the importance of friendship.



The Kate In Between by Claire Swinarski

In this timely and thought-provoking middle-grade novel by Claire Swinarski, twelve-year-old Kate McAllister yearns for change and relief from her mother's absence. When she is welcomed into a popular clique, Kate sees it as an opportunity to escape her pain, even if it means abandoning her childhood best friend, Haddie. However, when her new friends target Haddie, Kate's involvement in a dangerous incident forces her to confront her role and make a crucial choice. As a cell phone video of the incident goes viral, Kate grapples with her true identity and must decide whether to be a liar, a follower, or someone greater.