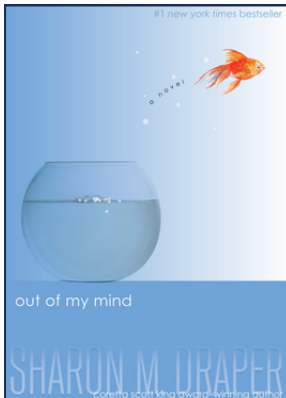




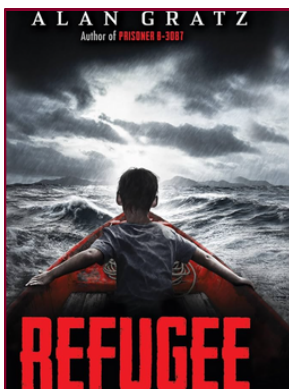
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Out of My Mind by: Sharon M. Draper



- **Genre:** Realistic Fiction
- **ISBN #:** 1416971718
- **Summary:** 11-year-old Melody Brooks, who has cerebral palsy, is unable to speak and is often underestimated despite her sharp intellect and photographic memory. Her life changes when she gains access to a communication device, helping her confront both acceptance and prejudice.
- [Link to Amazon \(to purchase text\)](#)
- [Link to synopsis/book review](#)

Refugee by: Alan Gratz



- **Genre:** Realistic Fiction
- **ISBN #:** 9780545880831
- **Summary:** This story weaves together the harrowing journeys of three young refugees—Josef from 1930s Nazi Germany, Isabel from 1990s Cuba, and Mahmoud from war-torn Syria in 2015. Though separated by time and geography, their stories highlight common themes of persecution, resilience, and the hope for a better life. The novel powerfully illustrates the human cost of displacement and the enduring strength of family and spirit.
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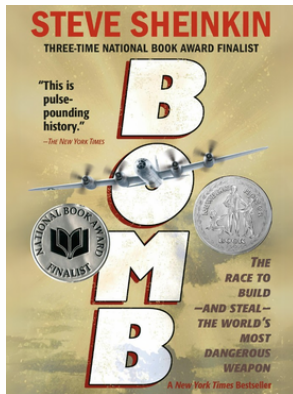




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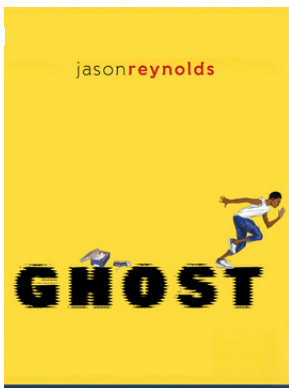
by: Steve Sheinkin



- **Genre:** Non-Fiction
- **ISBN #:** 1250050642
- **Summary:** A gripping true story of the race to build—and steal—the atomic bomb during World War II. It blends science, espionage, and history into a fast-paced, thriller-like narrative that reveals the lasting impact of nuclear weapons.
- [Link to Amazon \(to purchase text\)](#)
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Ghost

by: Jason Reynolds



- **Genre:** Realistic Fiction
- **ISBN #:** 1481450166
- **Summary:** 12-year-old Castle “Ghost” Cranshaw joins a track team and begins confronting his troubled past. With the help of his coach and teammates, he learns to channel his talent and face life’s challenges head-on.
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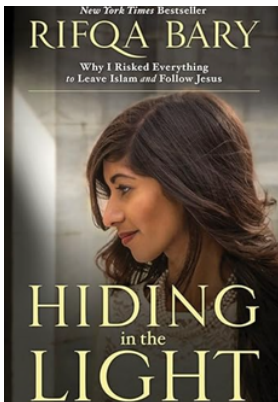




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Hiding in the Light

by: Rifqa Bary



- **Genre:** Non-Fiction
- **ISBN #:** 9781601426987
- **Summary:** The powerful true story of Rifqa Bary's spiritual journey from Islam to Christianity. Fleeing threats from her father, she sought refuge with strangers in Florida, sparking a high-profile legal battle that captured national attention.
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The Westing Game

by: Ellen Raskin



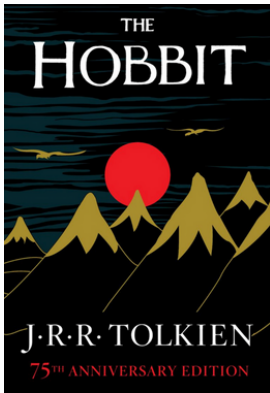
- **Genre:** Mystery + Fiction
- **ISBN #:** 014240120X
- **Summary:** Sixteen tenants of Sunset Towers are mysteriously named as heirs in the will of Sam Westing, a wealthy businessman who has supposedly died. The will claims one of them is his murderer and challenges them to solve the mystery for a chance to win his fortune.
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2025 SUMMER READING Options

The Hobbit by J.R. Tolkien



- **Genre:** Fantasy
- **ISBN #:** 054792822X
- **Summary:** Bilbo Baggins, a quiet hobbit, is thrust into an epic quest with thirteen dwarves and the wizard Gandalf to reclaim treasure stolen by the dragon Smaug. Along the way, Bilbo overcomes trolls, goblins, spiders, and elves, discovers a magical ring, and finds unexpected courage. His cleverness and bravery ultimately help defeat Smaug and unite rival factions, but when he returns home, Bilbo finds he's no longer the same hobbit.
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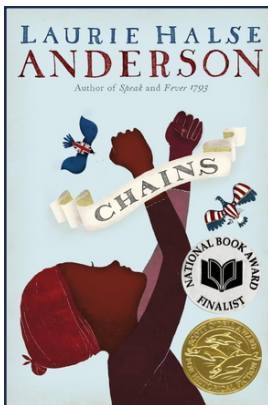


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8th Grade Only (Book 1 Options)

Chains

by: Laurie Halse Anderson



- **Genre:** Historical Fiction
- **ISBN #:** 1416905863
- **Summary:** Thirteen-year-old Isabel, an enslaved girl in Revolutionary-era New York, fights for freedom while protecting her younger sister Ruth. Sold to cruel Loyalists, she secretly aids the Patriots, hoping to earn her independence.
- [Link to Amazon \(to purchase text\)](#)
- [Link to synopsis/book review](#)

Scar: A Revolutionary War Tale

by: J. Albert Mann



- **Genre:** Historical Fiction
- **ISBN #:** 1629794651
- **Summary:** Nate was injured as a child and can't fulfill his dream of joining the Continental Army. But when Mohawk warriors attack his settlement, he's pulled into the war and soon teams up with a Native American boy his age as they struggle to survive together.
- [Link to Amazon \(to purchase text\)](#)
- [Link to synopsis/book review](#)





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8th Grade Only (Book 1 Options)

Rebellion 1776

by: Laurie Halse Anderson



- **Genre:** Historical Fiction
- **ISBN #:** 1416968261
- **Summary:** In the spring of 1776, thirteen-year-old Elsbeth Culpepper is left alone in war-torn Boston after her father goes missing during the Siege of Boston. As the smallpox epidemic spreads, Elsbeth takes a job caring for a wealthy family, all while desperately searching for her father amidst the chaos of war and disease.
- [Link to Amazon \(to purchase text\)](#)
- [Link to synopsis/book review](#)

Johnny Tremain

by: Esther Forbes



- **Genre:** Historical Fiction
- **ISBN #:** 014240120X
- **Summary:** Fourteen-year-old Johnny Tremain, a talented silversmith apprentice, loses his ability to work after a hand injury and is rejected by his wealthy relative. He becomes involved in the Revolutionary cause, working for a Whig newspaper and participating in events like the Boston Tea Party. As the war begins, Johnny matures through his friendships and sacrifices.
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