

DAKE SUMMER READING CONTRACT

Reading is a year-round activity for everyone at Dake! We encourage all incoming 7th and 8th graders to enjoy a wide range of reading material, including books, newspapers, and magazines throughout the summer months.

During the summer, each Dake student is REQUIRED to read at least TWO books from this list. One book must be from the English section of the list and will be assessed as part of an assignment in English early in September. The second required book may be selected from any OTHER portion of the list. One point of extra credit will be added to one marking period average in the appropriate academic area. Students may choose to read a book from each subject area and receive one extra credit point in each subject area.

In addition, students who read a total of six or more books during the summer will be recognized and honored at a special Readers' Party in the Fall. Books beyond the required two may be chosen from any source. Students should NOT feel restricted to the attached list.

A parent or guardian is asked to acknowledge that each book was read during the current summer by signing on the appropriate line.*

Parent/Guardian must sign in the designated area on the LAST PAGE of this booklet.

Many of the books on this list have been chosen by Dake 7th and 8th graders.

**During the summer months, report forms from this packet may be used in place of book bucks forms if you wish to participate in book bucks. However, forms must be filled out completely (leave no blanks), and all questions must be answered fully.



Books from the Summer Reading List

(Report forms must be completely filled out to receive credit for **report cards** or **book bucks**.)

1. REQUIRED BOOK #1: _____

Subject area: English

2. REQUIRED BOOK #2: _____

Subject area: _____

ADDITIONAL BOOKS FOR EXTRA CREDIT:

3. TITLE: _____

Subject area: _____

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7. TITLE: _____

Subject area: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Report for book from any subject category

*****All questions must be completed.*****

Name _____

Grade _____ Subject Area Teacher _____

What book from the **Art** category did you read?

TITLE _____

AUTHOR _____ NUMBER OF PAGES _____

Write about one character from your book.

☐ What is the character's name? _____

☐ Describe the character: _____

☐ First piece of evidence of your description with **page #**: _____

☐ Explain the importance of this evidence: _____

☐ Second piece of evidence of your description with **page #**: _____

☐ Explain the importance of this evidence _____

☐ Would you choose this character for a friend? _____

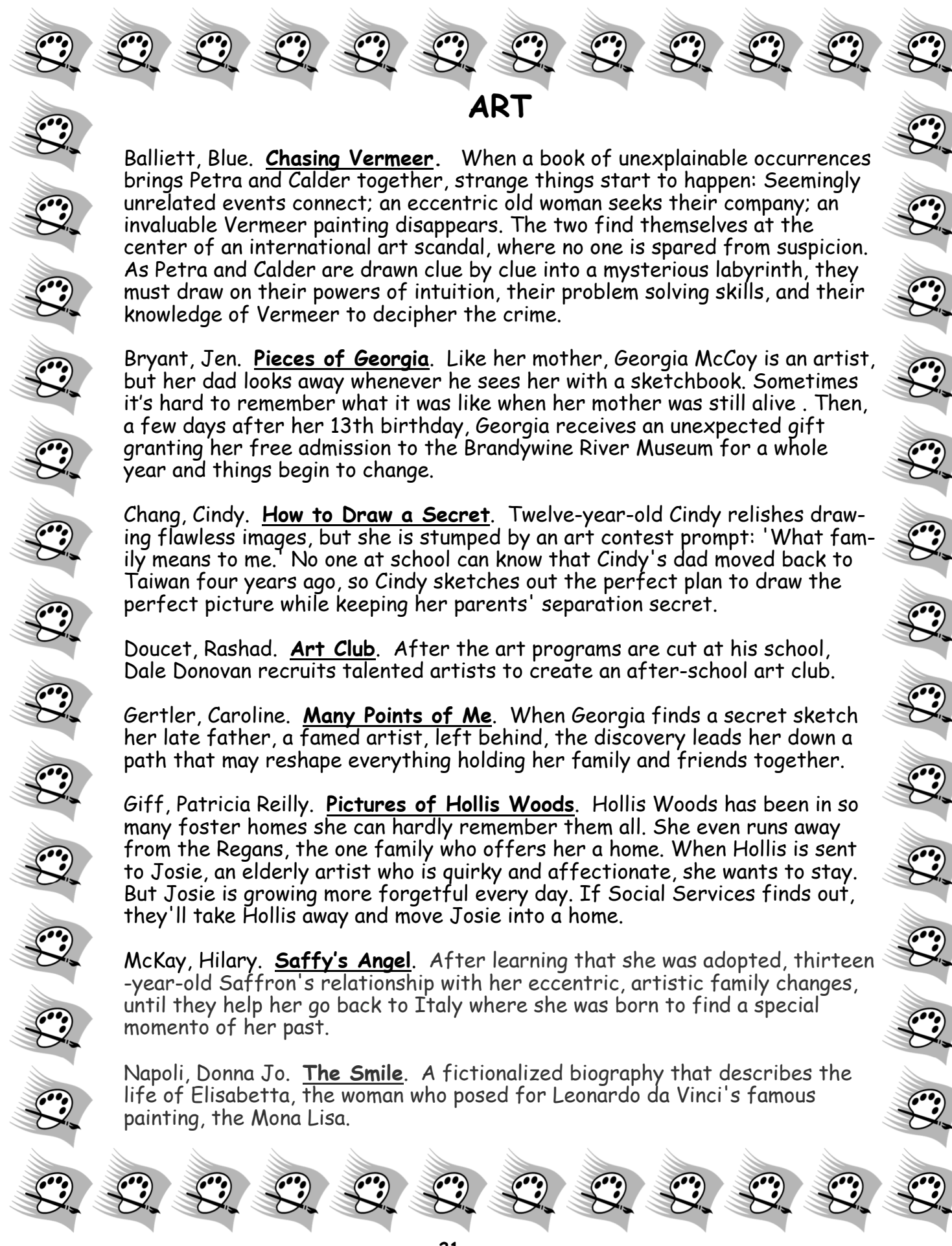
☐ Why, or why not? Be specific! _____

☐ What is one major conflict in the book? _____

☐ How was the conflict overcome or what was done to try to overcome it?

Write one quote from the book and explain why you chose that quote.

Should this book be on the Summer Reading List for next year? Why, or why not?



ART

Balliett, Blue. **Chasing Vermeer**. When a book of unexplainable occurrences brings Petra and Calder together, strange things start to happen: Seemingly unrelated events connect; an eccentric old woman seeks their company; an invaluable Vermeer painting disappears. The two find themselves at the center of an international art scandal, where no one is spared from suspicion. As Petra and Calder are drawn clue by clue into a mysterious labyrinth, they must draw on their powers of intuition, their problem solving skills, and their knowledge of Vermeer to decipher the crime.

Bryant, Jen. **Pieces of Georgia**. Like her mother, Georgia McCoy is an artist, but her dad looks away whenever he sees her with a sketchbook. Sometimes it's hard to remember what it was like when her mother was still alive. Then, a few days after her 13th birthday, Georgia receives an unexpected gift granting her free admission to the Brandywine River Museum for a whole year and things begin to change.

Chang, Cindy. **How to Draw a Secret**. Twelve-year-old Cindy relishes drawing flawless images, but she is stumped by an art contest prompt: 'What family means to me.' No one at school can know that Cindy's dad moved back to Taiwan four years ago, so Cindy sketches out the perfect plan to draw the perfect picture while keeping her parents' separation secret.

Doucet, Rashad. **Art Club**. After the art programs are cut at his school, Dale Donovan recruits talented artists to create an after-school art club.

Gertler, Caroline. **Many Points of Me**. When Georgia finds a secret sketch her late father, a famed artist, left behind, the discovery leads her down a path that may reshape everything holding her family and friends together.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Pictures of Hollis Woods**. Hollis Woods has been in so many foster homes she can hardly remember them all. She even runs away from the Regans, the one family who offers her a home. When Hollis is sent to Josie, an elderly artist who is quirky and affectionate, she wants to stay. But Josie is growing more forgetful every day. If Social Services finds out, they'll take Hollis away and move Josie into a home.

McKay, Hilary. **Saffy's Angel**. After learning that she was adopted, thirteen-year-old Saffron's relationship with her eccentric, artistic family changes, until they help her go back to Italy where she was born to find a special memento of her past.

Napoli, Donna Jo. **The Smile**. A fictionalized biography that describes the life of Elisabetta, the woman who posed for Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting, the Mona Lisa.



Adventure

Hood, Susan. **Lifeboat 5**. Based on the lives, rescue, and continuing friendship of British evacuees Bess Walder, 15, and Beth Cummings, 14, who spent 14 hours in the North Atlantic with their hands grasped across their overturned lifeboat after Nazis torpedoed the SS City of Benares on route to Canada in 1940.

Lawrence, Iain. **The Skeleton Tree**. Chris and Frank's sailing vessel sinks and they are stranded alone in the wilds of Alaska. They don't like each other at all, but to survive they must build a relationship.

Rudd, Maggie C. **How to Stay Invisible**. When Raymond and his pup Rosie are abandoned by his family, he uses his wilderness skills to survive in the woods, but as winter comes, he realizes his wits are not enough.

Smith, Ronald L. **Black Panther: The Young Prince**. In order to protect his friends and stop an ancient evil, T'Challa must take on the mantle of a hero, setting him on the path to becoming the Black Panther.

Soontornvat, Christina. **All Thirteen: the Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team**. In summer 2018, the eyes of the world were on Tham Luang cave in northern Thailand, where the coach and 12 members of a boys' soccer team, the Wild Boars, became trapped in a flooding cavern.

Wolo, Mamle. **Flying Through Water**. For fans of *A Long Walk to Water* and *Hatchet*, this gripping journey from poverty to empowerment transports readers to modern-day Ghana, into the throes of an extraordinary story of survival.

Animals

Engle, Margarita. **Singing with Elephants**. Oriol lives in Santa Barbara, California, where she enjoys caring for injured animals at her parents' veterinary practice.

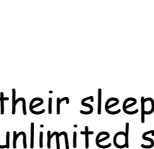
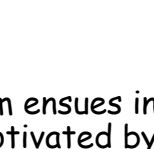
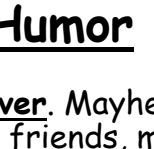
Lloyd, Megan Wagner. **Haven: a Small Cat's Big Adventure**. When her owner falls ill, Haven, a timid housecat, ventures into the wild to seek help in this adventure about love, loss, and finding the truest version of ourselves.

Parry, Rosanne. **A Wolf Called Wander**. A young wolf cub, separated from his pack, journeys 1000 miles across the Pacific Northwest, dealing with forest fires, hunters, highways, and hunger before finding a new home. (Or, read the companion book, **A Wolf Called Fire**.)

Pennypacker, Sara. **Pax**. After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back.



Humor



Cala, Caroline. **Best Babysitters Ever**. Mayhem ensues in their sleepy California beach town when three best friends, motivated by unlimited snacks, no parents, and earning money for an epic seventh-grade party, find an old copy of "The Babysitters Club" and decide to start their own babysitting business.

Chan, Maisie. **Danny Chung Sums It Up**. When his Chinese grandmother comes to live with his family in England, an eleven-year-old aspiring comic book artist has to share his bedroom with Nai Nai, who does not speak English, but they soon share a bond through math and art.

Chung, Aree. **Don't Cause Trouble**. Ming Lee hopes middle school will be the fresh start he needs. But stepping into school with the same bowl haircut his mom insists on giving him, and wearing the extra-discounted thrift shop clothes she buys him doesn't quite make for the first day of his dreams. Things only get worse when he's placed in an ESL class despite English being his first (and only) language.

Craft, Jerry. **New Kid**. Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons, but instead of sending him to the art school, his parents enroll him in a private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade.

Davies, Jacqueline. **Nothing But Trouble**. Two smart girls in one small town use their combined genius to liven up their world--one prank at a time.

Hautman, Pete. **Slider**. Hoping to win a cash prize in a pizza eating contest after racking up a tab on his mother's credit card, David must juggle his competitive eating training with the responsibility of looking after his autistic younger brother.

Hiaasen, Carl. **Squirm**. Billy Dickens discovers that his mysterious father lives in Montana, so this summer Billy will fly across the country, hike a mountain, float a river, dodge a grizzly bear, shoot down a spy drone, and save his own father.

Korman, Gordon. **Old School**. Twelve-year-old Dexter Foreman has lived at The Pines Retirement Village with his grandmother since he was 6 years old, homeschooled by the residents until he's forced to attend middle school, where he sticks out like a sore thumb.

Patterson, James. **Middle School: Field Trip Fiasco**. When Rafe is invited to attend an all-expenses paid art field trip in California, he jumps at the opportunity, but things go sideways, after he realizes he'll be participating in a 'Cultural Campout' in the desert.



ENGLISH: Mystery

Badua, Tracy and Alechia Dow. The Cookie Crumbles. Laila is invited to participate in the Golden Cookie Competition but her admission causes the celebrity judge to collapse. Rumors of foul play abound. Can Laila and her best friend, Lucy, find the real culprit and clear Laila's name?

Beatty, Robert. Serafina and the Black Cloak. In 1899, a twelve-year-old rat catcher on North Carolina's Biltmore Estate teams up with the estate owner's young nephew to battle a great evil and, in the process, unlocks the puzzle of her past.

Bowling, Dusti. Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus. Aven Green loves to tell people that she lost her arms in an alligator wrestling match, or a wildfire in Tanzania, but the truth is she was born without them. When her family moves across the country to manage Stagecoach Pass she discovers a room that holds bigger secrets than Aven ever could have imagined.

Carter, Ally. Heist Society. A teenage girl in a family of art thieves masterminds her own heist with the help of other teens.

Conklin, Melanie. A Perfect Mistake. Eleven-year-old Max struggles with his ADHD and making mistakes, so when a mistake leaves one friend in a coma and another shutting him out, Max resolves to find out what really happened that night.

Connor, Leslie. The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle. Fifteen months ago, Mason's best friend, Benny Kilmartin, turned up dead in the Buttle family's orchard. An investigation drags on, and Mason can't understand why Lieutenant Baird won't believe the story Mason has told about that day.

Fox, Janet. The Mystery of Mystic Mountain. A girl tackles a vacation filled with mystery, treasure, and learning to be her true self in this "summer adventure...which bristles with thrills and chills" set on a dusty Dude ranch in Montana.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. The School for Whatnots. Max finds a note from his best friend, Josie, after she disappears, telling him, "No matter what anyone tells you, I'm real." Confused, Max tries to understand the note while trying to find his friend, not realizing that she is trying to find her way back to him.

Millington, Allie. Olivetti. Witty typewriter Olivetti and twelve-year-old introvert Ernest embark on a mission to find Ernest's missing mother that takes them across San Francisco.



ENGLISH: Realistic

Bell, Cece. **El Deafo**. Starting at a new school is scary, especially with a giant hearing aid strapped to your chest! At her old school, everyone in Cece's class was deaf. Here, she's different.

Choldenko, Gennifer. **The Tenth Mistake of Hank Hooperman**. When eleven-year-old Hank's mother does not come home after a week, he and his toddler sister, Boo, seek out the stranger listed as their emergency contact, even though it means social workers, a new school, and having to answer questions about his mom that he has been trying to keep secret.

Colbert, Brandy. **The Only Black Girls in Town**. In a predominately white California beach town, the only two black seventh-graders, Alberta and Edie, find hidden journals that uncover family secrets and speak to race relations in the past.

Day, Christine. **We Still Belong**. Wesley's hopeful plans for Indigenous Peoples' Day go all wrong-until she finds herself surrounded by the love of her Indigenous family and community at the intertribal powwow.

Faruqi, Reem. **Unsettled**. Young Nurah reluctantly moves with her family from Karachi, Pakistan, to Peachtree City, Georgia, but, after some ups and downs, begins to feel at home.

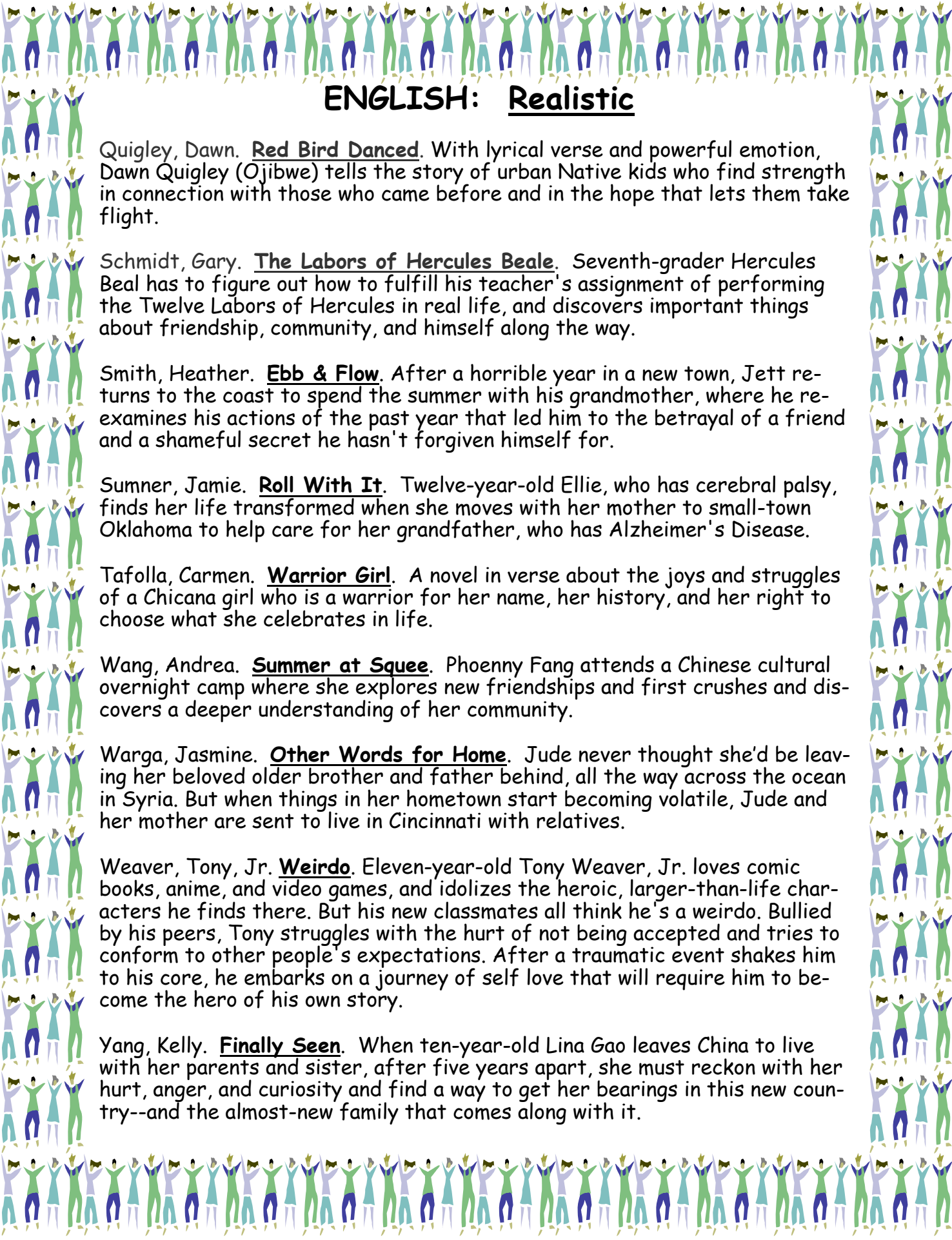
Fipps, Lisa. **Starfish**. Bullied and shamed her whole life for being fat, twelve-year-old Ellie finally gains the confidence to stand up for herself, with the help of some wonderful new allies.

Fritz, Joanie Rossmasler. **Ruptured**. Phoebe navigates fear and grief, while hoping for her mother's recovery from a ruptured brain aneurysm when their family is on vacation, and right after her mother shares that she's planning to leave Phoebe's father.

Gemeinhart, Dan. **The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise**. Coyote, 12, and her father rush to Poplin Springs, Washington, in their old school bus to save a memory box buried in the park that will soon be demolished.

Hopkins, Ellen. **Closer to Nowhere**. Told in two voices, sixth-grade cousins Hannah and Cal learn a lot about family when circumstances throw them together under one roof.

Mass, Wendy. **Lo & Behold**. With her life recently turned upside down, 12-year-old Addie is uncomfortable in her own skin until the world of virtual reality sparks her imagination and leads to an exciting new project, a new friend, and to reconnecting with who she's always been.



ENGLISH: Realistic

Quigley, Dawn. **Red Bird Danced**. With lyrical verse and powerful emotion, Dawn Quigley (Ojibwe) tells the story of urban Native kids who find strength in connection with those who came before and in the hope that lets them take flight.

Schmidt, Gary. **The Labors of Hercules Beale**. Seventh-grader Hercules Beal has to figure out how to fulfill his teacher's assignment of performing the Twelve Labors of Hercules in real life, and discovers important things about friendship, community, and himself along the way.

Smith, Heather. **Ebb & Flow**. After a horrible year in a new town, Jett returns to the coast to spend the summer with his grandmother, where he re-examines his actions of the past year that led him to the betrayal of a friend and a shameful secret he hasn't forgiven himself for.

Sumner, Jamie. **Roll With It**. Twelve-year-old Ellie, who has cerebral palsy, finds her life transformed when she moves with her mother to small-town Oklahoma to help care for her grandfather, who has Alzheimer's Disease.

Tafolla, Carmen. **Warrior Girl**. A novel in verse about the joys and struggles of a Chicana girl who is a warrior for her name, her history, and her right to choose what she celebrates in life.

Wang, Andrea. **Summer at Squee**. Phoenny Fang attends a Chinese cultural overnight camp where she explores new friendships and first crushes and discovers a deeper understanding of her community.

Warga, Jasmine. **Other Words for Home**. 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.

Weaver, Tony, Jr. **Weirdo**. Eleven-year-old Tony Weaver, Jr. loves comic books, anime, and video games, and idolizes the heroic, larger-than-life characters he finds there. But his new classmates all think he's a weirdo. Bullied by his peers, Tony struggles with the hurt of not being accepted and tries to conform to other people's expectations. After a traumatic event shakes him to his core, he embarks on a journey of self love that will require him to become the hero of his own story.

Yang, Kelly. **Finally Seen**. When ten-year-old Lina Gao leaves China to live with her parents and sister, after five years apart, she must reckon with her hurt, anger, and curiosity and find a way to get her bearings in this new country--and the almost-new family that comes along with it.



ENGLISH: Science Fiction and Fantasy



Alston, B.B. **Amari and the Night Brothers**. Amari, 13, a Black girl from a poor neighborhood joins the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, vowing to rescue her missing brother.



Card, Orson Scott. **Ender's Game**. Young Ender Wiggin may prove to be the military genius Earth needs to fight a desperate battle against a deadly alien race that will determine the future of the human race.



Calonita, Jen. **Isle of Ever**. In order to receive her mysterious inheritance, twelve-year-old Everly "Benny" must play--and win--a game following clues left by her ancestor.



DuPrau, Jeanne. **The City of Ember**. In the city of Ember, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.



Freeman, Megan E. **Alone**. When twelve-year-old Maddie hatches a scheme for a secret sleepover with friends, she ends up waking up to a nightmare. She's alone--left behind in a town that has been mysteriously evacuated and abandoned.



Flanagan, John. **The Ranger's Apprentice**. When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and ends up protecting the kingdom from danger.



Kim, Graci. **Dreamslinger**. Fourteen-year-old Aria Loveridge lives at the Resthaven Home for Dreamslingers, a safe haven for children born with a genetic mutation that transports them to a powerfully magical realm while they sleep, but this magic can be unpredictable--even deadly.



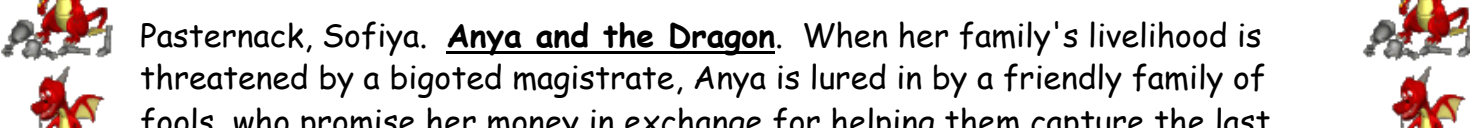
MBalia, Kwame. **Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky**. Seventh-grader Tristan Strong tumbles into the MidPass and, with allies John Henry and Brer Rabbit, must entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding and seal the hole Tristan accidentally ripped in the sky.



Mull, Brandon. **Tales of Newel & Doren: The Gorgon's Fury**. Satyrs, Newell and Dorenatyr, are back at Fablehaven after helping Dragonwatch put an end to the dragon rebellion. There's a new threat at Fablehaven when a few unlucky inhabitants, including some of their fellow satyrs, have been found petrified and turned to stone. Could a rampaging gorgon be on the loose?



Pasternack, Sofiya. **Anya and the Dragon**. When her family's livelihood is threatened by a bigoted magistrate, Anya is lured in by a friendly family of fools, who promise her money in exchange for helping them capture the last dragon in Kievan Rus.





ENGLISH: Science Fiction and Fantasy



Riley, James. The Dragon's Apprentice. A hilarious fantasy adventure involving a girl who strikes a deal with the ancient, cranky dragon she accidentally summoned to teach her the forbidden magic she needs to save her mother.



Riordan, Rick. Percy Jackson and the Olympians. Percy Jackson is a good kid, but he can't seem to focus on his schoolwork or control his temper. Lately, being away at boarding school is only getting worse. Percy could have sworn his pre-algebra teacher turned into a monster and tried to kill him.



Rodriguez, Oz and Claribel A. Ortega. The Girl and the Robot. Since Papi was deported, Mimi Perez hustles around her Brooklyn neighborhood fixing things to earn money and joins a robotics competition to win a \$50,000 prize, and when a robot crashes to earth from space, Mimi brings it home to fix.



Rowling, J.K. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. All Harry Potter knows is the miserable life with the Dursleys, his horrible aunt and uncle, and their abominable son, Dudley. All that is about to change when a mysterious letter arrives by owl messenger.



Smith, Cynthia Leitich. Sisters of the Neversea. In Tulsa, stepsisters and friends, Lily and Wendy, learn that a boy named Peter Pan is watching them.



Stead, Rebecca and Wendy Mass. The Lost Library. When a mysterious Little Free Library guarded by a large orange cat appears overnight, eleven-year-old Evan plucks two weathered books from its shelves, never suspecting that his life is about to change.



Stone, Nic. Shuri. Shuri is a skilled martial artist, a genius, and a master of science and technology. She is also a teenager and a princess. This story follows Shuri as she sets out on a quest to save her homeland of Wakanda.



Valenti, Karla Arenas. Lola. Determined to save her brother from the Darkness that plagues their home, ten-year-old Lola follows mythical chaneques into a secret world where she seeks help from the queen.



ENGLISH: Sports

Alexander, Kwame. Booked. Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams. (Soccer)

Alexander, Kwame. The Crossover. Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health. (Basketball)

Bruchac, Joseph. The Warriors. An Iroquois boy known on the reservation for his talent at the sacred game of lacrosse moves to Washington, D.C., with his mother and grows frustrated with the misleading statements about Native Americans that his new lacrosse coach makes. (Lacrosse)

Christmas, Johnnie. Swim Team. Bree can't wait for her first day at her new middle school, but then she's stuck with the only elective that fits her schedule, the dreaded Swim 101. The thought of swimming makes Bree more than a little queasy, yet she's forced to dive headfirst into one of her greatest fears. Lucky for her, she finds a neighbor and former swim team captain, who is willing to help.

Deuker, Carl. Gym Candy. Mick Johnson works hard for a placement on the varsity team during his freshman year, and decides to use steroids in order to hold on to his edge, despite the consequences to his health and social life. (Football)

Engelfried, Sally. Learning to Fall. Daphne spends a vacation with her estranged father, whom she has not seen in years, and the pair bond over their love of skateboarding. (Skateboarding)

Lupica, Mike. Heat. Michael Arroyo is on the run from social services after being banned from pitching Little League baseball because rival coaches doubt he is only twelve years old, and he has no parents to offer them proof. (Baseball)

Reynolds, Jason. Ghost. Ghost, the rookie. Patina, the powerful. Sunny, the star child. Lu, the lightning bolt. A fast but fiery group of kids from wildly different backgrounds become family after they're chosen to compete on an elite track team. (Track)

Safadi, Shifa Saltagi. Kareem Between. From failed football tryouts to helping the new Syrian refugee student, seventh-grader Kareem attempts to navigate the social complexities of seventh grade, which are further complicated when his mother is unable to return home from Syria due to an executive order. (Football)

Wilson, Misty. Play Like a Girl. Misty Wilson chronicles her seventh-grade experience as the only girl on her town's football team in this empowering graphic memoir about teamwork, friendship, crushes, and touchdowns. (Football)



F. A. C. S.

Family and Consumer Sciences



LaMotte, Lilly. **Measuring Up.** 12-year-old Cici does her best to blend in at her new middle school, even though she misses her beloved A-má, her grandmother who she left back in Taiwan. Cici is desperate to bring her grandmother to America for a visit, but how to pay for it? A local cooking contest with a \$1,000 grand prize might be the answer, but will her favorite Taiwanese dishes be enough to win over the judges?



McDunn, Gillian. **Honestly, Elliott.** Elliott is not quite sure where he fits in, but when he's paired with the super-popular Maribel for a school-wide contest, they both learn what it means to be a good friend and how to be the person others can count on.



O'Shaughnessy, Kate. **Lasagna Means I Love You.** When eleven-year-old foster kid Mo finds a handmade cookbook filled with someone else's family recipes, she collects the stories behind them and builds a website to share them, secretly hoping a long-lost relative will find her and give her a family recipe all her own.



Oowara, Sumito. **Keep Your Hands Off Eizouken!** Midori loves to design worlds. Tsubame loves to animate. Sayaka loves to make money! And at Shibahama High, they call them Eizouken--a three-girl club determined to produce their own spectacular science fiction anime! But with no budget from their school and a leaky warehouse for a studio, Eizouken is going to have to work hard and use their imagination... the one thing they've got plenty of!



Papademetriou, Lisa. **Confectionately Yours.** Hayley has a knack for baking cupcakes with all sorts of ingredients, from cocoa to peanuts to even Thai Curry! She often helps out at her grandmother's tea shop, where she gets to practice her cupcake-baking skills.

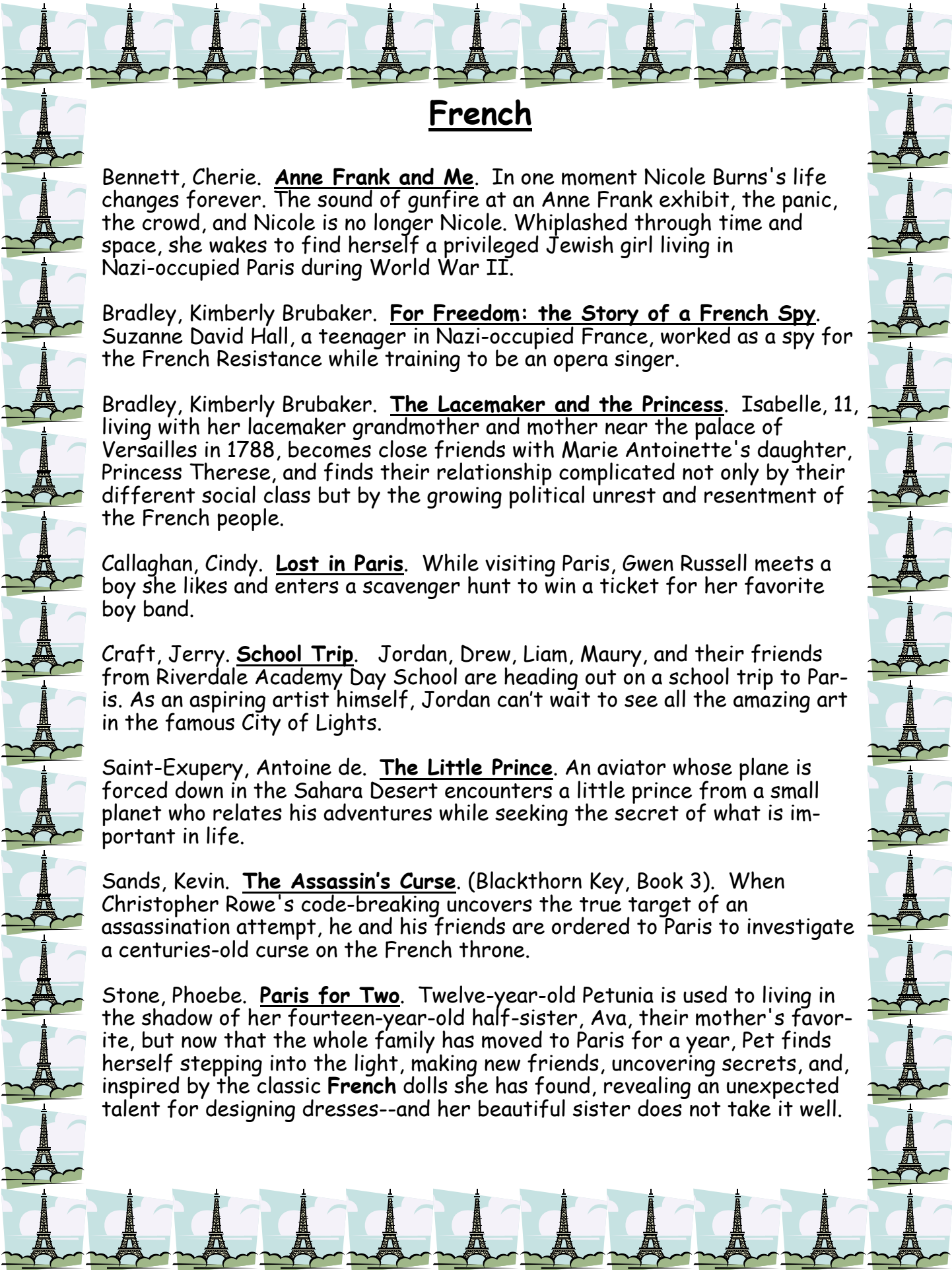


Paulsen, Gary. **Lawn Boy.** "One day I was 12 years old and broke. Then Grandma gave me Grandpa's old riding lawnmower. I set out to mow some lawns. One client was Arnold the stockbroker, who offered to teach me about 'the beauty of capitalism.' I should have run off."



Schaefer, Laura. **The Tea Shop Girls.** Annie, Genna, and Zoe have been hanging out at the Steeping Leaf since elementary school. With the end of eighth grade approaching, Genna's too busy with theater, Zoe's always at tennis, and Annie feels totally left out. What happened to tea every week, no matter what? When Annie convinces her grandmother to give her a job as a barista at the Leaf, things begin to look up.





French

Bennett, Cherie. **Anne Frank and Me**. In one moment Nicole Burns's life changes forever. The sound of gunfire at an Anne Frank exhibit, the panic, the crowd, and Nicole is no longer Nicole. Whiplashed through time and space, she wakes to find herself a privileged Jewish girl living in Nazi-occupied Paris during World War II.

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. **For Freedom: the Story of a French Spy**. Suzanne David Hall, a teenager in Nazi-occupied France, worked as a spy for the French Resistance while training to be an opera singer.

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. **The Lacemaker and the Princess**. Isabelle, 11, living with her lacemaker grandmother and mother near the palace of Versailles in 1788, becomes close friends with Marie Antoinette's daughter, Princess Therese, and finds their relationship complicated not only by their different social class but by the growing political unrest and resentment of the French people.

Callaghan, Cindy. **Lost in Paris**. While visiting Paris, Gwen Russell meets a boy she likes and enters a scavenger hunt to win a ticket for her favorite boy band.

Craft, Jerry. **School Trip**. Jordan, Drew, Liam, Maury, and their friends from Riverdale Academy Day School are heading out on a school trip to Paris. As an aspiring artist himself, Jordan can't wait to see all the amazing art in the famous City of Lights.

Saint-Exupery, Antoine de. **The Little Prince**. An aviator whose plane is forced down in the Sahara Desert encounters a little prince from a small planet who relates his adventures while seeking the secret of what is important in life.

Sands, Kevin. **The Assassin's Curse**. (Blackthorn Key, Book 3). When Christopher Rowe's code-breaking uncovers the true target of an assassination attempt, he and his friends are ordered to Paris to investigate a centuries-old curse on the French throne.

Stone, Phoebe. **Paris for Two**. Twelve-year-old Petunia is used to living in the shadow of her fourteen-year-old half-sister, Ava, their mother's favorite, but now that the whole family has moved to Paris for a year, Pet finds herself stepping into the light, making new friends, uncovering secrets, and, inspired by the classic **French** dolls she has found, revealing an unexpected talent for designing dresses--and her beautiful sister does not take it well.



German

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. **The Boy Who Dared**. In October 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hubener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people.

Hughes, Dean. **Soldier Boys**. Two boys, one German and one American, are eager to join their respective armies during World War II, and their paths cross at the Battle of the Bulge.

Morpurgo, Michael. **An Elephant in the Garden**. Lizzie and Karl's mother, Mutti, working at a local zoo in Dresden, Germany, during World War II while their father is away fighting in France, brings home Marlene, a baby elephant that is slated to be destroyed as the Allied bombing grows closer, and when they are forced to flee, Mutti feels they must take Marlene with them, adding even more danger to their journey.

Nielsen, Jennifer A. **A Night Divided**. When the Berlin Wall went up, Gerta, her mother, and her brother Fritz were trapped on the eastern side where they were living, while her father, and her other brother Dominic were in the West--four years later, now twelve, Gerta sees her father on a viewing platform on the western side and realizes he wants her to risk her life trying to tunnel to freedom.

Schwartz, Simon. **The Other Side of the Wall**. Simon Schwartz was born in 1982 in the GDR (East Germany). One and a half years later, he left the country with his parents, and the family resettled in West Berlin. As political dissidents, his parents experienced harassment by the Stasi and a lack of understanding from members of their own family. This graphic novel memoir chronicles the family's difficult journey to get to the other side of the Berlin Wall.

Smith, Dan. **My Brother's Secret**. In 1941, twelve-year-old Karl is proud to be a member of the Hitler Youth, but when his father is killed on the Eastern Front everything changes--his family moves to the country to live with his grandparents, he encounters a brutal Gestapo officer, and he begins to realize that his sixteen-year-old brother has joined a youth group who opposes the Nazis.

Wilson, Kip. **White Rose**. Tells the story of Sophie Scholl, a young German college student who challenges the Nazi regime during World War II as part of the White Rose, a non-violent resistance group.

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Callaghan, Cindy. Lost in Rome. Sisters Lucia "Lucy" and Gianna Rossi find themselves flying to Rome to help their aunt in her pizzeria for the summer. Amore Pizzeria is in danger of being run out of business by a flashy new pizzeria until Lucy comes up with an idea to play matchmaker with the pizzeria customers based on their pizza preferences. Her plan is working until someone decides to sabotage the new operation, and the sisters must discover who, quickly.

Creech, Sharon. Granny Torrelli Makes Soup. As 12-year-old Rosie makes zuppa with her grandmother, she struggles with her feelings about her best friend, Bailey. Moving adroitly from the past to the present, Rosie tells about her lifelong friendship with Bailey, and how, when it became clear that he was blind, she did everything in her power to help him, sometimes suffocating him with her good intentions.

Funke, Cornelia. The Thief Lord. Orphaned brothers Prosper and Bo, having run away from their cruel aunt and uncle, decide to hide out in Venice where they fall in with the Thief Lord, a thirteen-year-old boy who leads a crime ring of street children.

Grey, Christopher. Leonardo's Shadow: Or, My Astonishing Life As Leonardo DaVinci's Servant. Fifteen-year-old Giacomo, servant to Leonardo da Vinci, helps his procrastinating master finish painting, "The Last Supper," while also trying to find clues to his parentage and pursue his own career as an artist in late fifteenth-century Milan.

Napoli, Donna Jo. The Daughter of Venice. Frustrated with the restrictions her gender imposes on her life, fourteen-year-old Donata, disguised as a boy, sneaks out of her noble family's house to roam the streets of late sixteenth-century Venice and then must confront the repercussions of her actions.

Romito, Dee. Postcards from Venice. Skyler is about to go on the biggest adventure of her life. Her mother has been relocated to Venice, Italy with the possibility of a long-term move. While there, Skyler will be part of a mentorship program and will be blogging about the city, a position that could lead to even bigger things if all goes well.

Welch, Jenna Evans. Love and Gelato. After her mother dies, Lina travels to Italy where she discovers her mother's journal and sets off on an adventure to unearth her mother's secrets.



Spanish

Cartaya, Pablo. **The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora**. Arturo is looking forward to a relaxing summer until Carmen, a cute and funny girl moves into his apartment complex and while he deals with his stomach turning into a deep fryer over a girl, a smarmy land developer rolls into town and threatens to change it.

Cervantes, Angela. **Gaby, Lost and Found**. Gaby Ramirez Howard volunteers at the animal shelter by writing adoption advertisements and would like to adopt a cat named Feather but with her mother deported to Honduras Gaby has no home herself.

Cisneros, Ernesto. **Efrén Divided**. While his father works two jobs, seventh-grader Efrén Nava must take care of his twin siblings, kindergartners Max and Mia, after their mother is deported to Mexico. Includes glossary of Spanish words.

Grande, Reyna. **The Distance Between Us**. (Young Readers Edition). At the age of 8, Reyna Grande made the dangerous and illegal trek across the border from Mexico to the United States, and discovered that the American Dream is much more complicated than it seemed.

Granillo, Ashley. **Cruzita and the Mariacheros**. Cruzita must save her family's failing panaderia by winning a mariachi band contest--the only problem is she hates mariachi and cannot speak Spanish.

Guerrero, Tanya. **All You Knead is Love**. Banished from her abusive home for a summer with her estranged grandmother in Barcelona, twelve-year-old Alba feels hope and love while exploring a newly discovered passion for bread baking.

Jimenez, Francisco. **The Circuit: Graphic Novel**. Explores a migrant family's experiences moving through labor camps, facing poverty and impermanence, and discusses how they endure through faith, hope, and back-breaking work.

Martin, Pedro. **Mexikid: a Graphic Memoir**. Pedro Martin has grown up in the U.S. hearing stories about his legendary abuelito, but during a family road trip to Mexico, he connects with his grandfather and learns more about his own Mexican identity.

Osa, Nancy. **Cuba 15**. Violet Paz, a Chicago high school student, reluctantly prepares for her upcoming quinceanaro, a Spanish nickname for the celebration of an Hispanic girl's fifteenth birthday.



Health

Arango, Andrea Beatriz. **Iveliz Explains It All.** (mental health) Twelve-year-old Iveliz is trying to manage her mental health and advocate for the help and understanding she deserves, but in the meantime her new friend calls her crazy and her abuela Mimi dismisses the therapy and medicine Iveliz needs to feel like herself.

Comrie, Courtne. **Rain Rising.** (depression) Thirteen-year-old Rain, who struggles with low self-esteem, must overcome sadness after her older brother, Xander, is severely beaten up at a frat party. Through the help of an after-school circle group, Rain finds the courage to help herself and her family heal.

Deuker, Carl. **Gym Candy** (steroids) Mick Johnson works hard for a placement on the varsity football team during his freshman year, and decides to use steroids in order to hold onto his edge, despite the consequences to his health and social life.

Friend, Natasha. **Lush** (alcoholism) Thirteen-year-old Samantha's father is an alcoholic. When he is sober, he is a great guy, but when he is drunk, he is scary and abusive. With her mother in denial and a four-year-old brother to protect, Sam writes a note asking for advice and leaves it in the library, hoping an older girl she admires will write back to her. So begins a correspondence in which Sam opens up about her father's alcoholism as well as her crush on an older boy. In return, the letter writer, who goes only by initials, reveals some hard truths.

Friend, Natasha. **Perfect** (eating disorders) Following the death of her father, a thirteen-year-old uses bulimia as a way to avoid her mother's and ten-year-old sister's grief, as well as her own.

Lukoff, Kyle. **A World Worth Saving.** (transgender) After coming out as trans, fourteen-year-old A is forced to attend weekly Save Our Sons and Daughters meetings, where he uncovers the terrifying truth that the group is run by a demon feeding on their pain and is part of a larger, darker force preying on the world's vulnerable.

Hopkins, Ellen. **What About Will?** (drug addiction) Trace's relationship with his older brother, Will, become increasingly complicated after Will suffers a traumatic brain injury and becomes addicted to pain pills.

Woodson, Jacqueline. **Before the Ever After** (football head injuries) ZJ's friends help him cope when his father, a beloved professional football player, suffers severe headaches and memory loss that spell the end of his career.

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MATH

Bauer, Joan. **Sticks**. Ten-year-old Mickey is determined to win a nine-ball championship at his family's pool hall, and he succeeds with the help of a math-whiz best pal, a mentoring cowboy, and his late father's pool-shooting legacy.

Carey, Benedict. **The Island of the Unknowns**. This gripping mystery, spiked with math clues, follows quirky outcasts Lady Di and Tom Jones as they try to save their woebegone island community.

Elliott, Zetta, and Lyn Miller-Lachmann. **Moonwalking**. In 1980s Brooklyn, new student JJ Pankowski, an autistic, punk-rock-lover, befriends Pie Velez, an Afro-Latinx math geek and graffiti artist.

Enzenberger, Hans. **The Number Devil**. In twelve dreams, Robert, a boy who hates math, meets a Number Devil, who leads him to discover the amazing world of numbers.

Green, D. L. **Violet and the Pie of Life**. When twelve-year-old Violet's dad walks out, she faces the aftermath the only way she knows how: with pie and math. However, family and friendship turn out to have more variables than she thought.

Larson, Hope. **Very Bad at Math**. Verity "Very" Nelson can do it all. She's student body president, debate club whiz, and first chair clarinetist. You could say she's pretty much the best at everything, well, almost everything. Everything except math.

Lichtman, Wendy. **Secrets, Lies, and Algebra**. Tess has always loved math, and she uses mathematical concepts to help her understand things in her life, so she is dismayed to find out how much math, and life, can change in eighth grade.

Lichtman, Wendy. **The Writing on the Wall**. Math-loving eighth-grader Tess learns that sometimes life, like algebra, has no solutions and that she must take risks to find her own answers.

McAnulty, Stacy. **The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl**. A lightning strike made Lucy, twelve, a math genius but, after years of homeschooling, her grandmother enrolls her in middle school and she learns that life is more than numbers.

MUSIC

Bigelow, Lisa Jenn. **Drum Roll, Please**. Melly only joined the school band because her best friend, Olivia, begged her to. But to her surprise, quiet Melly loves playing the drums. It's the only time in her life she doesn't feel like a mouse. Now she and Olivia are about to spend the next two weeks at Camp Rockaway, jamming under the stars in the Michigan woods.

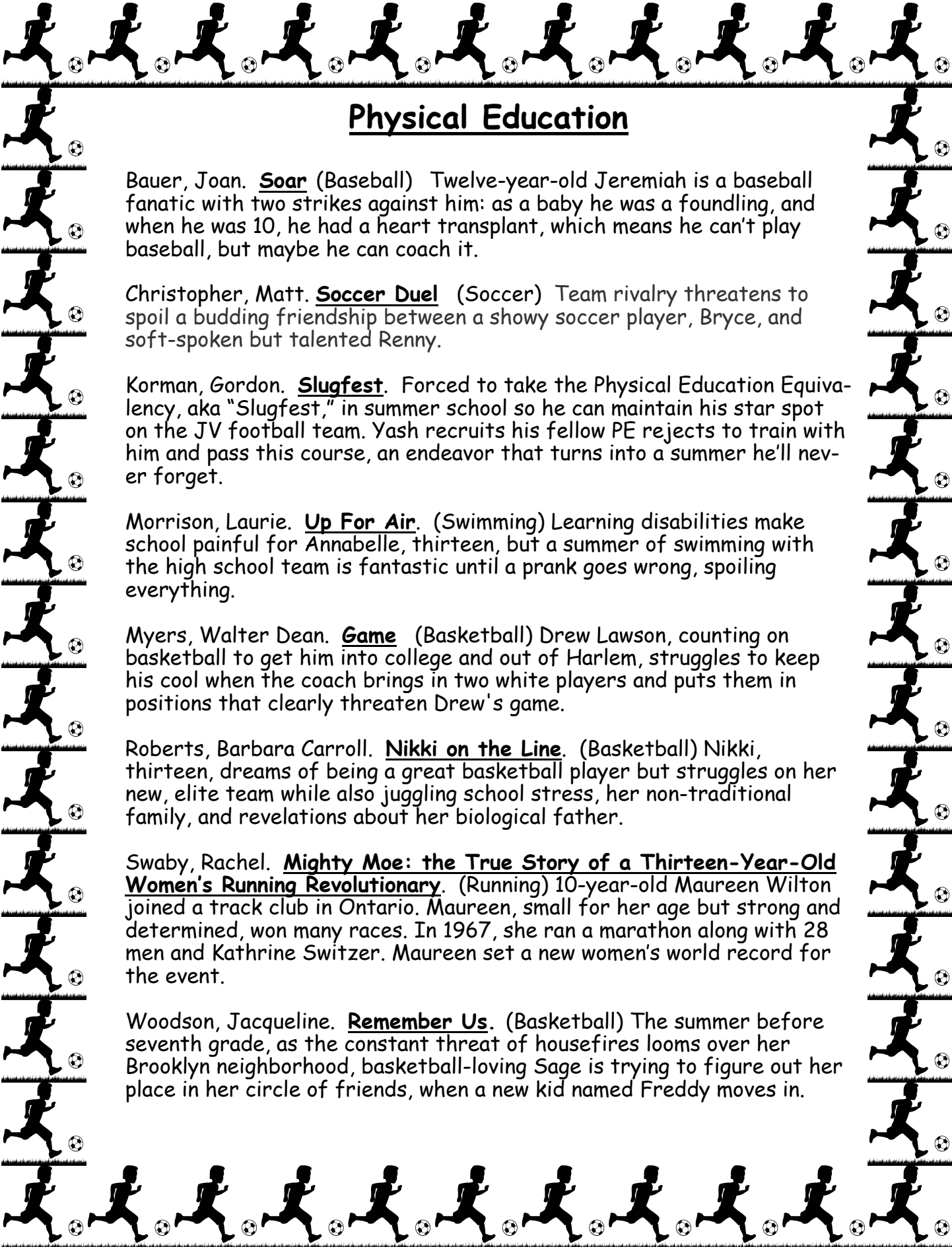
Khan, Hena. **Amina's Voice**. Amina enjoys spending time with her best friend Soojin and practicing her singing, as long as no one is around to hear her. To add to Amina's worries, her parents have signed her up to be part of a statewide Quran recitation competition. While Amina has a beautiful singing talent, she's afraid she won't do well and is searching for a way out.

Lucido, Aimee. **Emmy in the Key of Code**. On her first day at her new school in San Francisco, 12-year-old Emmy is asked to choose an elective. Although one of the options is music (the one she should want, given her opera singer mother and concert pianist father), she has always felt like a disappointment as a musician. She is put in a coding class where she finds her first friend and forms a special bond with her coding teacher. She develops a passion for coding music and becomes more socially confident.

Ormsbee, Kathryn. **Candidly Cline**. Cline Alden's grandmother says that music is in the family's blood, but Cline's mother is dead-set against her daughter's dreams of becoming a country music singer; Cline is determined to find the money to attend a Young Singer-Songwriter Workshop in Lexington (not too far from her Paris, Kentucky home), so now she has a lot on her mind--she is hiding things from her mother, she is losing her beloved grandmother to Alzheimer's, and she has begun to acknowledge, to herself at least, that she is more attracted to girls than boys.

Siddiqui, Maleeha. **Barakah Beats**. Nimra has spent her whole life in Islamic school, but now it's time to go to public school. She's nervous, but when she becomes a member of the school's popular 8th grade boy band, Barakah Beats, she begins enjoying herself. The only problem is, Nimra was taught that music isn't allowed in Islam, and she knows her parents would be disappointed if they found out.

Sumner, Jamie. **Tune It Out**. Lou Montgomery has the voice of an angel, or so her mother tells her and anyone else who will listen. But Lou can only hear the fear in her own voice. She's never liked crowds or loud noises or even high fives; in fact, she's terrified of them, which makes her pretty sure there's something wrong with her.



Physical Education

Bauer, Joan. **Soar** (Baseball) Twelve-year-old Jeremiah is a baseball fanatic with two strikes against him: as a baby he was a foundling, and when he was 10, he had a heart transplant, which means he can't play baseball, but maybe he can coach it.

Christopher, Matt. **Soccer Duel** (Soccer) Team rivalry threatens to spoil a budding friendship between a showy soccer player, Bryce, and soft-spoken but talented Renny.

Korman, Gordon. **Slugfest**. Forced to take the Physical Education Equivalency, aka "Slugfest," in summer school so he can maintain his star spot on the JV football team. Yash recruits his fellow PE rejects to train with him and pass this course, an endeavor that turns into a summer he'll never forget.

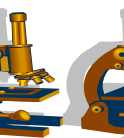
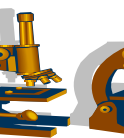
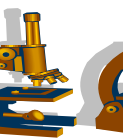
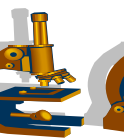
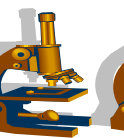
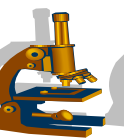
Morrison, Laurie. **Up For Air**. (Swimming) Learning disabilities make school painful for Annabelle, thirteen, but a summer of swimming with the high school team is fantastic until a prank goes wrong, spoiling everything.

Myers, Walter Dean. **Game** (Basketball) Drew Lawson, counting on basketball to get him into college and out of Harlem, struggles to keep his cool when the coach brings in two white players and puts them in positions that clearly threaten Drew's game.

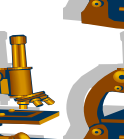
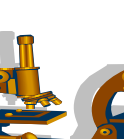
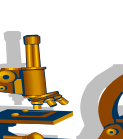
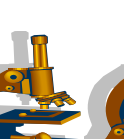
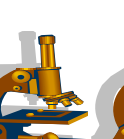
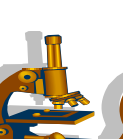
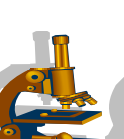
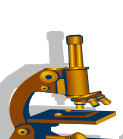
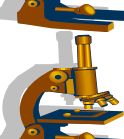
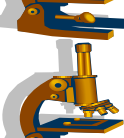
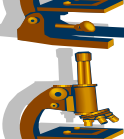
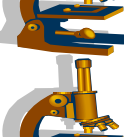
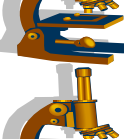
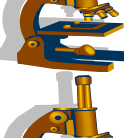
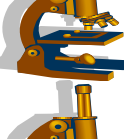
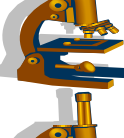
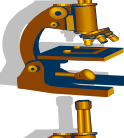
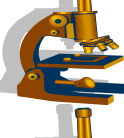
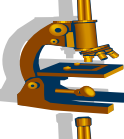
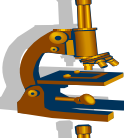
Roberts, Barbara Carroll. **Nikki on the Line**. (Basketball) Nikki, thirteen, dreams of being a great basketball player but struggles on her new, elite team while also juggling school stress, her non-traditional family, and revelations about her biological father.

Swaby, Rachel. **Mighty Moe: the True Story of a Thirteen-Year-Old Women's Running Revolutionary**. (Running) 10-year-old Maureen Wilton joined a track club in Ontario. Maureen, small for her age but strong and determined, won many races. In 1967, she ran a marathon along with 28 men and Kathrine Switzer. Maureen set a new women's world record for the event.

Woodson, Jacqueline. **Remember Us**. (Basketball) The summer before seventh grade, as the constant threat of housefires looms over her Brooklyn neighborhood, basketball-loving Sage is trying to figure out her place in her circle of friends, when a new kid named Freddy moves in.



Science



Aronson, Marc. **Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2000 feet below the Chilean Desert.** Provides a detailed account of rescue efforts to save thirty-three miners, who got trapped in a copper-gold mine in San Jose, Chile, examining the psychological, physical, and environmental factors influencing the course of the rescue, and describing the efforts of experts from around the world (drillers, astronauts, submarine specialists, and others) who came together in response to the crisis.

Atkins, Jeannine. **Finding Wonders: Three Girls Who Changed Science.** A novel in verse about three girls in three different time periods who grew up to become groundbreaking scientists. Maria Merian discovered the truth about metamorphosis. Mary Anning discovered fossils that would change people's vision of the past. Maria Mitchell discovered a new comet.

Dee, Barbara. **Haven Jacobs Saves the Planet.** Twelve-year-old Haven channels her anxiety about the climate crisis into a fight against the factory suspected of polluting the river running through her town.

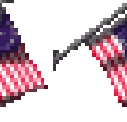
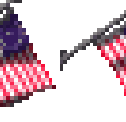
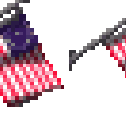
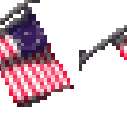
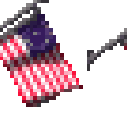
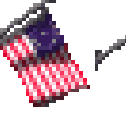
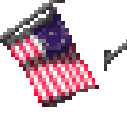
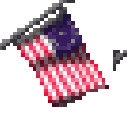
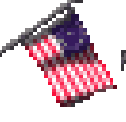
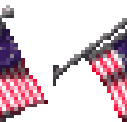
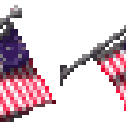
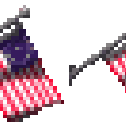
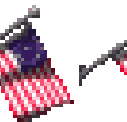
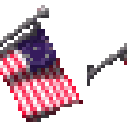
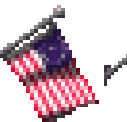
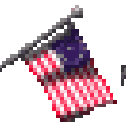
Dimopoulos, Elaine. **Turn the Tide.** Twelve-year-old Mimi Laskaris is inspired by the Wijzen sisters of Bali to turn her focus from classical piano to a new obsession: forming a grassroots, kid-led movement to ban plastic bags in her new island home in Florida.

Fitzgerald, Maria Jose. **Turtles of the Midnight Moon.** Twelve-year-olds Barana and Abby come together to solve a sea turtle egg poaching mystery plaguing Barana's Honduran coastal village, and learn the true meaning of friendship, courage, and community along the way.

Gratz, Alan. **Two Degrees.** When three children endure separate climate change disasters--a wildfire in the California woods, a close encounter with a hungry polar bear in Canada, and a massive hurricane in Florida--they emerge from their experiences committed to changing the world.

Mathieu, Jennifer. **Down Came the Rain.** Despite her father's disapproval, sixteen-year-old Eliza, displaced by Hurricane Harvey, throws herself into environmental activism at her new highschool, where she meets Javi, who shares her experience of climate-related trauma and helps her cope with the emotional impact of ecological disasters.

Moore, David Barclay. **Holler of the Fireflies.** A boy from the hood in Brooklyn travels to a STEM camp in an Appalachian holler for one epic, life-changing summer. Javari will learn a lot about science, tech, engineering, and math at camp. And also about rich people, racism, and hidden agendas.



SOCIAL STUDIES

Anderson, Laurie Halse.

Chains. After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

Forge. Curzon, having matured from boy to man over the course of the winter with the army at Valley Forge, worries that someone will learn he is a runaway slave passing for free, and tries to figure out the meaning of his friendship with Isabel.

Ashes. As the Revolutionary War rages on, Isabel and Curzon are reported as runaways, and the awful Bellingham is determined to track them down. With purpose and faith, Isabel and Curzon march on, determined to find Isabel's little sister Ruth, who is enslaved in a Southern state.

Rebellian 1776. Set in 1776, thirteen-year-old Elsbeth struggles to find her missing father amidst the smallpox epidemic sweeping across Boston during the Revolution.

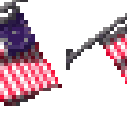
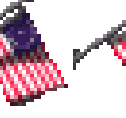
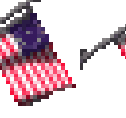
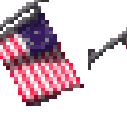
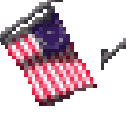
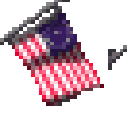
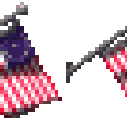
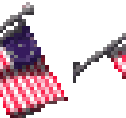
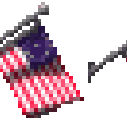
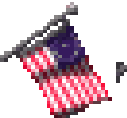
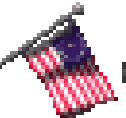
Avi. **Sophia's War**. In 1776, after witnessing the execution of Nathan Hale in New York City, newly occupied by the British army, young Sophia Calderwood resolves to do all she can to help the American cause, including becoming a spy.

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. **The Boy Who Dared**. When 16-year-old Helmut Hubner listens to the BBC news on an illegal short-wave radio, he quickly discovers Germany is lying to the people. When he tries to expose the truth with leaflets, he is tried for treason.

Bausum, Ann. **Ensnared in the Wolf's Lair: Inside the 1944 Plot to Kill Hitler and the Ghost Children of His Revenge**. The stories of children whose families were torn apart as a result of a failed attempt to assassinate Hitler in 1944.

Boyce, JoAnn Allen. **The Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality**. In 1956, one year before federal troops escorted the Little Rock 9 into Central High School, fourteen year old Jo Ann Allen was one of twelve African-American students who broke the color barrier and integrated Clinton High School in Tennessee.

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. **The War That Saved My Life**. A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.



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Cho, John. **Troublemaker**. On the first night of rioting in the wake of the Rodney King verdict, Jordan's father leaves to check on the family store, spurring twelve-year-old Jordan and his friends to embark on a dangerous journey through South Central and Koreatown to come to his aid, encountering the racism within their community as they go.

Crowe, Chris. **Getting Away with Murder: the True Story of the Emmett Till Case**. Presents a true account of the murder of fourteen-year-old Emmett Till in Mississippi in 1955.

Gratz, Alan.

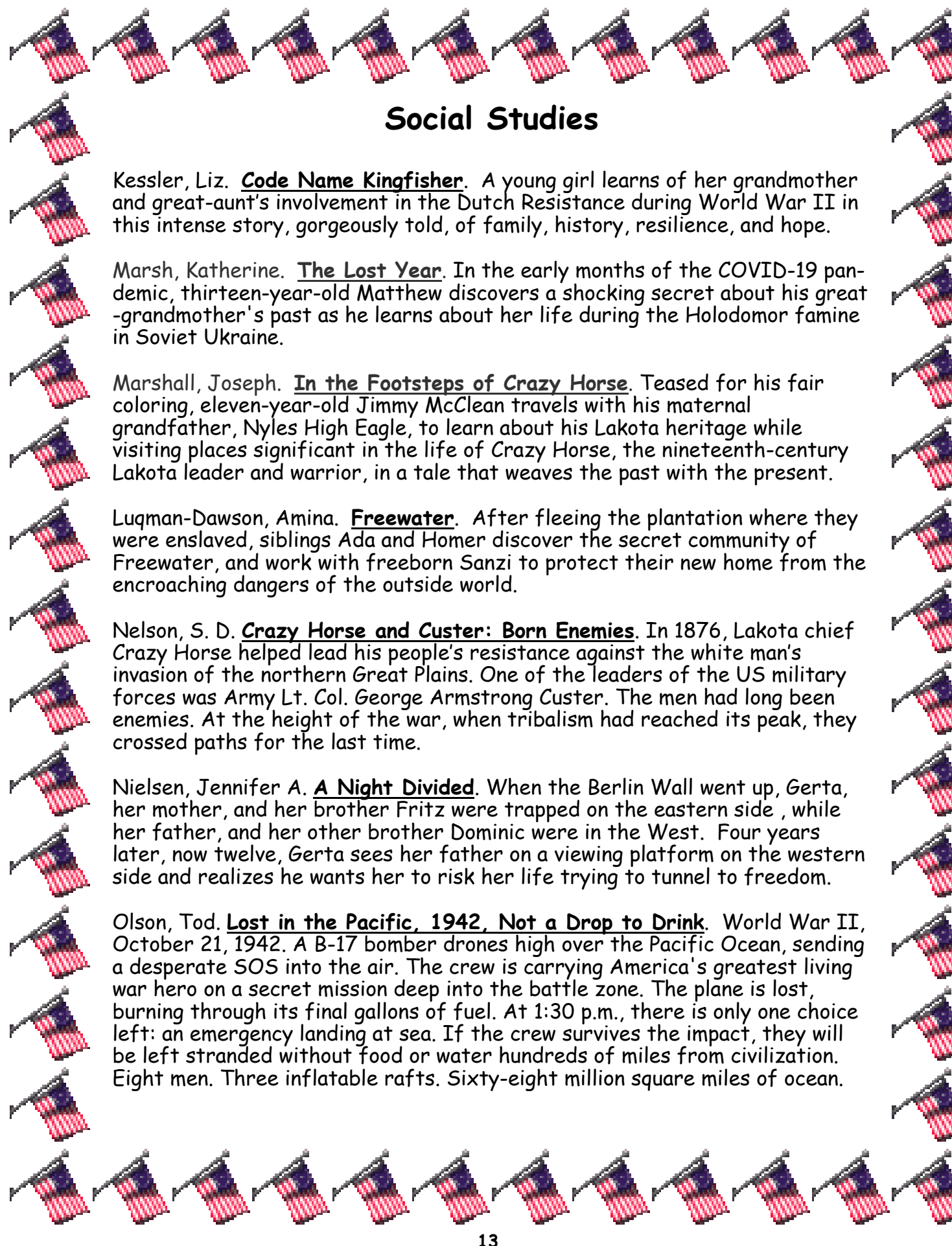
Allies. It is June 6, 1944, D-Day, and Dee Carpenter (true name Dietrich Zimmermann), an underage private in the United States Army, is headed for Omaha Beach, seeking revenge for his uncle, who was arrested by Nazis when Dee was a little boy; meanwhile, Samira Zidano, an eleven-year old French-Algerian girl is looking for the French resistance, desperate to deliver the message that the invasion is about to begin, and get their help in freeing her mother--this is the most important day of the twentieth century, and both children want to fight, and survive.

Grenade. On April 1, 1945 with the battle of Okinawa beginning, fourteen-year-old native Okinawan Hideki, drafted into the Blood and Iron Student Corps, is handed two grenades and told to go kill American soldiers; small for his age Hideki does not really want to kill anyone, he just wants to find his family, and his struggle across the island will finally bring him face-to-face with Ray, a marine in his very first battle--and the choice he makes then will change his life forever.

Heroes. December 7th, 1941: Everything implodes. Frank and Stanley are touring a battleship when Japanese planes zoom overhead, dropping bomb after bomb. As explosions roar and sailors scream, Frank and Stanley realize the unthinkable is happening: Japan is attacking America! The war has come to them.

Prisoner B-3087. Based on the life of Jack Gruener, this book relates his story of survival from the Nazi occupation of Krakow through a succession of concentration camps, to the final liberation of Dachau.

Hughes, Pat. **Five 4th of Julys**. On July 4th, 1777, Jake Mallory and his friends are celebrating their new nation's independence. He wants nothing more than to get out from under the strict thumb of his father and see some adventure. He learns too late that he must be careful what he wishes for.



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Kessler, Liz. **Code Name Kingfisher**. A young girl learns of her grandmother and great-aunt's involvement in the Dutch Resistance during World War II in this intense story, gorgeously told, of family, history, resilience, and hope.

Marsh, Katherine. **The Lost Year**. In the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, thirteen-year-old Matthew discovers a shocking secret about his great-grandmother's past as he learns about her life during the Holodomor famine in Soviet Ukraine.

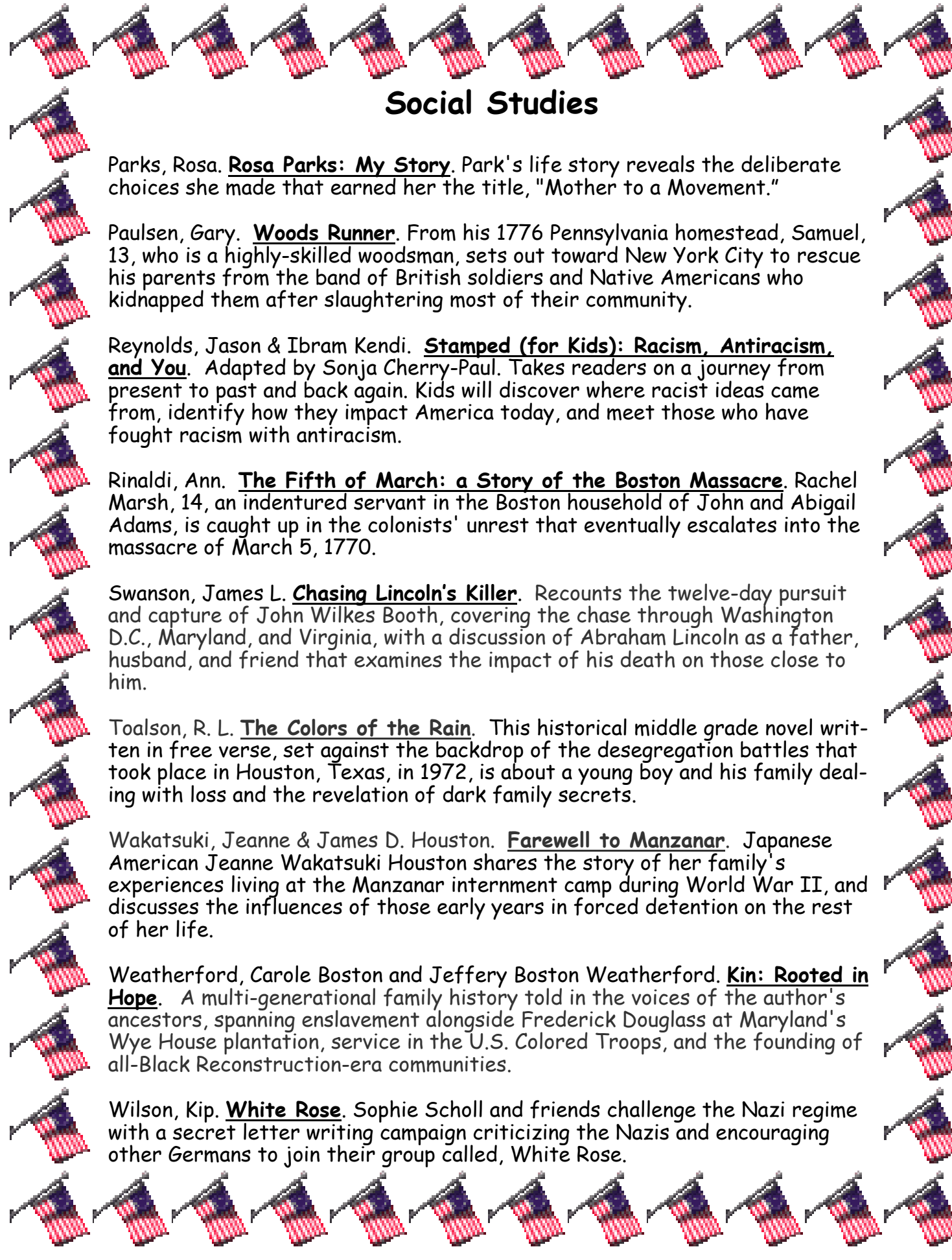
Marshall, Joseph. **In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse**. Teased for his fair coloring, eleven-year-old Jimmy McClean travels with his maternal grandfather, Nyles High Eagle, to learn about his Lakota heritage while visiting places significant in the life of Crazy Horse, the nineteenth-century Lakota leader and warrior, in a tale that weaves the past with the present.

Lugman-Dawson, Amina. **Freewater**. After fleeing the plantation where they were enslaved, siblings Ada and Homer discover the secret community of Freewater, and work with freeborn Sanzi to protect their new home from the encroaching dangers of the outside world.

Nelson, S. D. **Crazy Horse and Custer: Born Enemies**. In 1876, Lakota chief Crazy Horse helped lead his people's resistance against the white man's invasion of the northern Great Plains. One of the leaders of the US military forces was Army Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer. The men had long been enemies. At the height of the war, when tribalism had reached its peak, they crossed paths for the last time.

Nielsen, Jennifer A. **A Night Divided**. When the Berlin Wall went up, Gerta, her mother, and her brother Fritz were trapped on the eastern side, while her father, and her other brother Dominic were in the West. Four years later, now twelve, Gerta sees her father on a viewing platform on the western side and realizes he wants her to risk her life trying to tunnel to freedom.

Olson, Tod. **Lost in the Pacific, 1942, Not a Drop to Drink**. World War II, October 21, 1942. A B-17 bomber drones high over the Pacific Ocean, sending a desperate SOS into the air. The crew is carrying America's greatest living war hero on a secret mission deep into the battle zone. The plane is lost, burning through its final gallons of fuel. At 1:30 p.m., there is only one choice left: an emergency landing at sea. If the crew survives the impact, they will be left stranded without food or water hundreds of miles from civilization. Eight men. Three inflatable rafts. Sixty-eight million square miles of ocean.



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Parks, Rosa. **Rosa Parks: My Story**. Park's life story reveals the deliberate choices she made that earned her the title, "Mother to a Movement."

Paulsen, Gary. **Woods Runner**. From his 1776 Pennsylvania homestead, Samuel, 13, who is a highly-skilled woodsman, sets out toward New York City to rescue his parents from the band of British soldiers and Native Americans who kidnapped them after slaughtering most of their community.

Reynolds, Jason & Ibram Kendi. **Stamped (for Kids): Racism, Antiracism, and You**. Adapted by Sonja Cherry-Paul. Takes readers on a journey from present to past and back again. Kids will discover where racist ideas came from, identify how they impact America today, and meet those who have fought racism with antiracism.

Rinaldi, Ann. **The Fifth of March: a Story of the Boston Massacre**. Rachel Marsh, 14, an indentured servant in the Boston household of John and Abigail Adams, is caught up in the colonists' unrest that eventually escalates into the massacre of March 5, 1770.

Swanson, James L. **Chasing Lincoln's Killer**. Recounts the twelve-day pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth, covering the chase through Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, with a discussion of Abraham Lincoln as a father, husband, and friend that examines the impact of his death on those close to him.

Toalson, R. L. **The Colors of the Rain**. This historical middle grade novel written in free verse, set against the backdrop of the desegregation battles that took place in Houston, Texas, in 1972, is about a young boy and his family dealing with loss and the revelation of dark family secrets.

Wakatsuki, Jeanne & James D. Houston. **Farewell to Manzanar**. Japanese American Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston shares the story of her family's experiences living at the Manzanar internment camp during World War II, and discusses the influences of those early years in forced detention on the rest of her life.

Weatherford, Carole Boston and Jeffery Boston Weatherford. **Kin: Rooted in Hope**. A multi-generational family history told in the voices of the author's ancestors, spanning enslavement alongside Frederick Douglass at Maryland's Wye House plantation, service in the U.S. Colored Troops, and the founding of all-Black Reconstruction-era communities.

Wilson, Kip. **White Rose**. Sophie Scholl and friends challenge the Nazi regime with a secret letter writing campaign criticizing the Nazis and encouraging other Germans to join their group called, White Rose.

Technology

Cartaya, Pablo. **Each Tiny Spark**. Emilia Rosa struggles with her distractibility, but when something interests her, like tinkering with old cars or the controversies surrounding some district rezoning in her Georgia town, she latches on and digs deep.

DuPrau, Jeanne. **City of Ember**. Ember, a 241-year-old, ruined underground city was built to ensure that humans would continue to exist on Earth, and the instructions for getting out have been lost and forgotten. 12-year-old Lina is a messenger and her friend, Doon works in the Pipeworks beneath the city. Both Lina and Doon are convinced that their survival means finding a way out of the city.

Houtman, Jacqueline. **The Reinvention of Edison Thomas**. Eddy Thomas, a boy who is much better with science than people, creates an invention that makes him suddenly popular and leads him to a new understanding of friendship.

Nye, Bill. **At the Bottom of the World**. Traveling to Antarctica for a prestigious science competition, twelve-year-old Jack and his genius foster siblings, Ava and Matt, become caught up in a mystery involving a missing scientist.

Nye, Bill and Gregory Mone. **In the Deep Blue Sea**. Jack, his genius siblings, and inventor Hank Witherspoon go to Hawaii and help technology billionaire Ashley Hawking find out who is sabotaging her revolutionary electric plant that harvests energy from the deep ocean.

Selznick, Brian. **The Invention of Hugo Cabret**. Orphan, clock keeper, and thief, Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity.

Yeager, Jackie.

Pop the Bronze Balloon. Kia Krumpet and her team of young inventors embark on the Swirl and Spark Creativity Tour, the highest level of the Piedmont Challenge. To solidify their spots at the Piedmont Inventor's Prep School once and for all, they're challenged to create a final life-changing invention with Team France and Team Switzerland.

Spin the Golden Lightbulb. Eleven-year-old Kia Krumpet and four of her friends, known as the Crimson Five, compete in the Piedmont Challenge for a chance to study at the Piedmont Inventor's Prep School.