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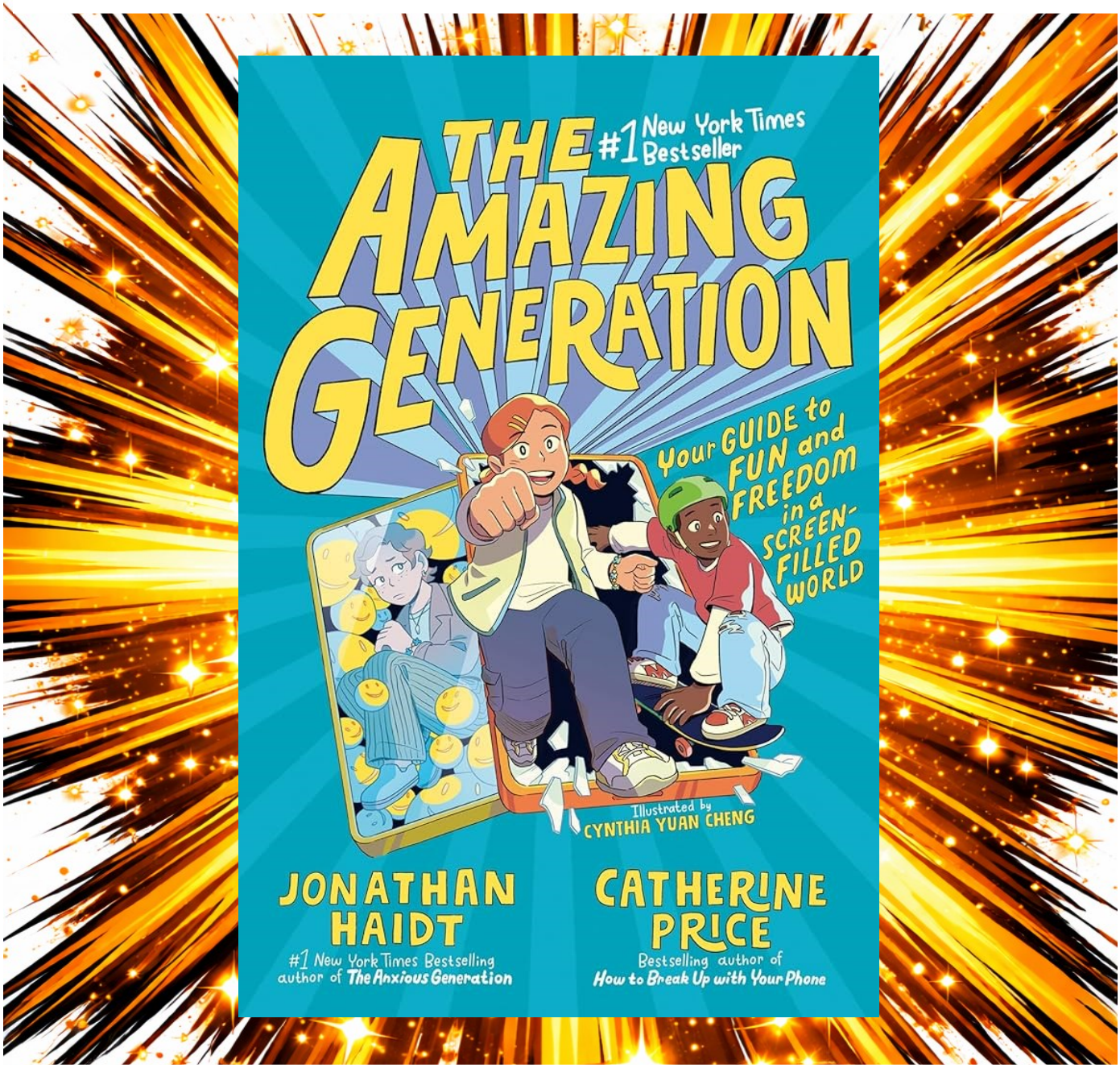
Here you will find your child's summer reading assignments as well as additional suggested titles to read over the course of their summer break. Every student must complete their **RE-QUIRED** reading which is assigned based on their incoming grade level as well as *two* additional **FREE CHOICE** novels. We know how hard it can be to choose a *just right* book, so we're including some suggestions in this packet for you to browse through together! Each title in our catalog is accompanied with a book review written by a student or faculty member. If you have any questions, please feel free to email!

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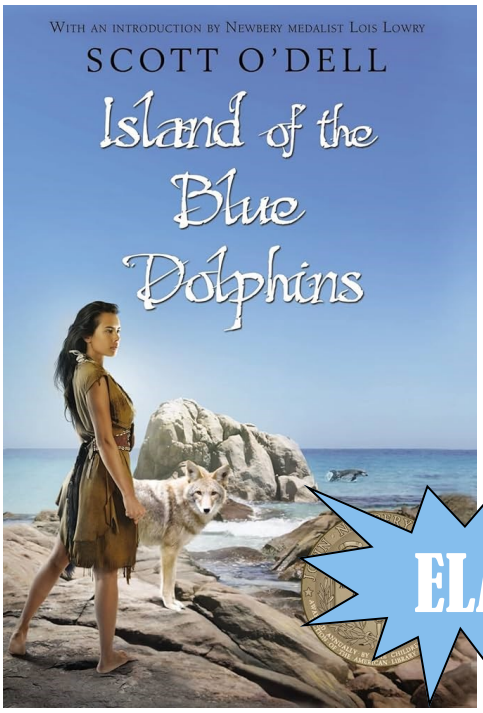
All School Required Reading



This new book for kids and tweens is a comprehensive guide for living a happy and exciting life that isn't hijacked by a smartphone. Whether or not kids already have smartphones or social media accounts, this guide is packed with surprising facts, a graphic novel, interactive challenges, secrets that tech leaders don't want kids to know, and real-life anecdotes from young adults who regret getting smartphones at a young age and want to help the next generation avoid making the same mistakes. But this isn't just a book about what not to do. It's a bold, optimistic, and practical guide to growing into your most authentic, confident, and adventurous self. Readers won't just discover how to avoid becoming the next *Anxious Generation*, they'll learn how to become amazing!

ISBN: 9798217111916

Incoming 5th Grade Required Reading



***Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell**

On San Nicolas Island, dolphins flash in the surrounding blue waters, sea otter play in the vast kelp beds, and sea elephants loll on the stony beaches. Here, in the early 1800's, a girl named Karana spent eighteen years alone.

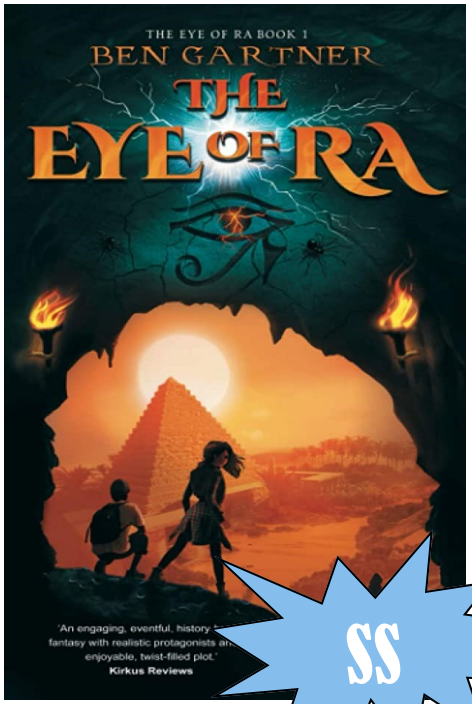
Karana had to contend with the ferocious pack of wild dogs that killed her younger brother, constantly guard against Aleutian sea otter hunters, and maintain a precarious food supply. Her courage, self-reliance, and grit has inspired millions of readers in this breathtaking adventure.

ISBN: 9780547328614

***The Eye of Ra* by Ben Gartner**

Exploring a mysterious cave in the mountains behind their house, John and his sister Sarah are shocked to discover they've time traveled to ancient Egypt! Now they must work together to find a way back home from an ancient civilization of golden desert sand and a towering new pyramid, without parents to save them. The adventures abound—cobras, scorpions, a tomb robber, and more! The two kids have to trust each other, make friends who can help, and survive the challenges thrown at them… or be stuck in ancient Egypt forever!

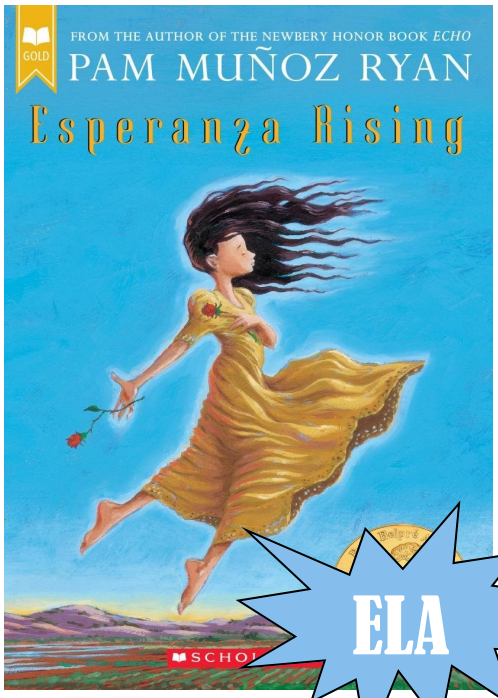
ISBN: 9781734155211



Two Free Choice Novels

Incoming 6th Grade Required Reading

***Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan**



ELA

Esperanza thought she'd always live a privileged life on her family's ranch in Mexico. She'd always have fancy dresses, a beautiful home filled with servants, and Mama, Papa, and Abuelita to care for her. But a sudden tragedy forces Esperanza and Mama to flee to California and settle in a Mexican farm labor camp. Esperanza isn't ready for the hard work, financial struggles brought on by the Great Depression, or lack of acceptance she now faces. When Mama gets sick and a strike for better working conditions threatens to uproot their new life, Esperanza must find a way to rise above her difficult circumstances because Mama's life, and her own, depend on it.

ISBN: 9780439120425



Science

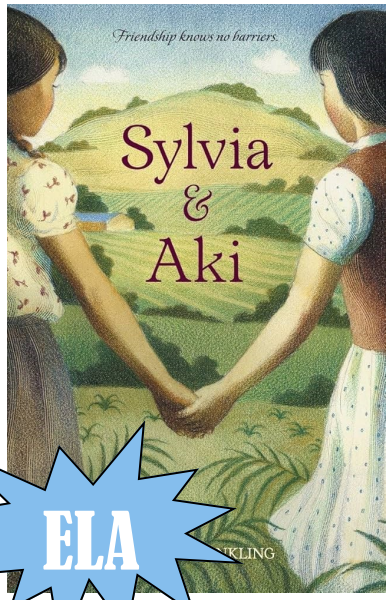
***The Secret Language of Birds* by Lynne Kelly**

While trying to fit in at summer camp, Nina discovers something peculiar: two majestic birds have built a nest in the marsh nearby. They appear to be whooping cranes, but that's impossible—Nina is an amateur birdwatcher, and she knows that those rare birds haven't nested in Texas for over 100 years. When Nina reports it to wildlife officials, more questions arise. Experts track all the endangered birds, but they can't identify the female bird that Nina found. Who is she, and where did she come from? With the help of some fellow campers, Nina sets out to discover who the mystery bird really is. As she gets closer to the truth, will she find a flock of her own?

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Two Free Choice Novels

Incoming 7th Grade Required Reading



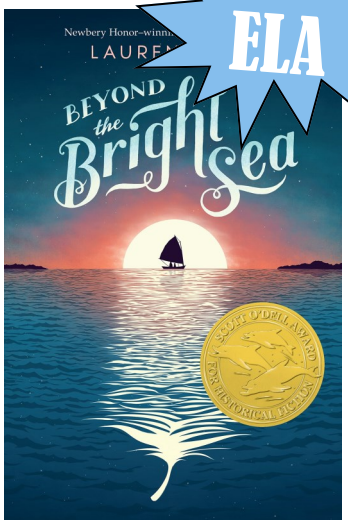
ELA

Sylvia & Aki by Winifred Conkling

Sylvia never expected to be at the center of a landmark legal battle; all she wanted was to enroll in school. Aki never expected to be relocated to a Japanese internment camp in the Arizona desert; all she wanted was to stay on her farm and finish school. The two girls certainly never expected to know each other, until their lives intersected unexpectedly. Here is the remarkable true story of Sylvia Mendez and Aki Munemitsu, two ordinary girls living in extraordinary times. When Sylvia and her brothers are not allowed to register at the same school as Aki, Sylvia's father challenges in court the separation of races in California's schools. Ultimately, Mendez vs. Westminster School District led to the desegregation of California schools and helped build the case that would end school segregation nationally. **ISBN: 9781582463377**

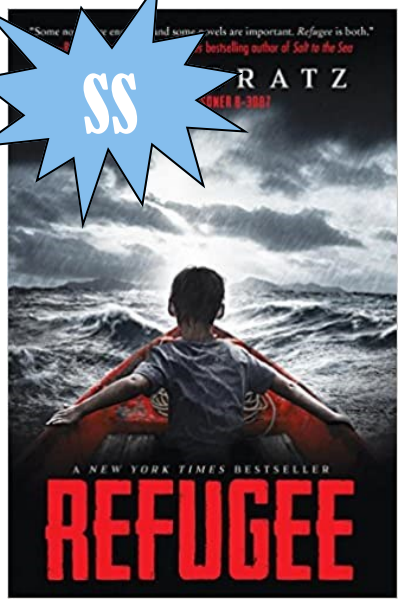
ELA

Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk



Crow lives on a tiny, isolated piece of the Elizabeth Islands in Massachusetts. Abandoned and set adrift in a small boat when she was just hours old, Crow's only companions are Osh, the man who rescued her, and Miss Maggie, their fierce and affectionate neighbor. Crow has always been curious about the world around her, but it isn't until the night a mysterious fire appears across the water that the unspoken question of her own history forms in her heart. Soon, an unstoppable chain of events is triggered, leading Crow down a path of discovery and danger. **ISBN: 9781101994856**

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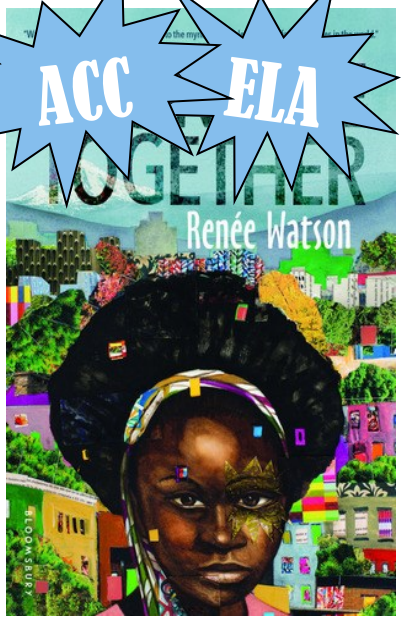


Refugee by Alan Gratz

JOSEF is a Jewish boy living in 1930's Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world. ISABEL is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America. MAHMOUD is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward safety in Europe. All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers—from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always the hope of *tomorrow*. And although they are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together in the end. **ISBN: 9780545880831**

Two Free Choice Novels

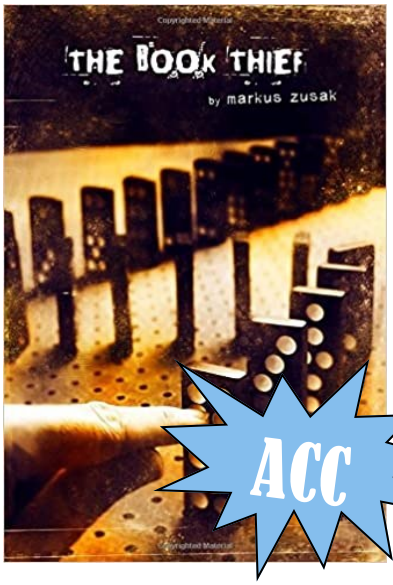
Incoming 8th Grade Required Reading



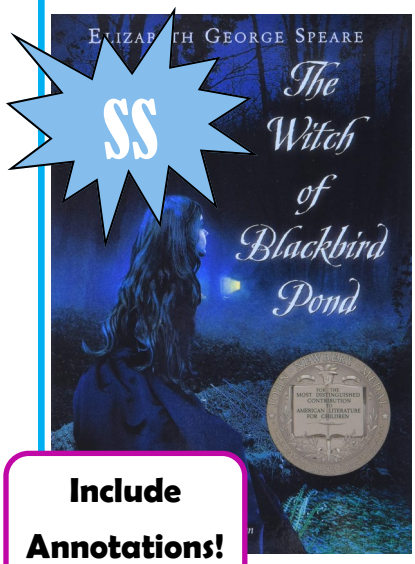
***Piecing Me Together* by Renée Watson**

Jade believes she must get out of her poor neighborhood if she's ever going to succeed. Her mother tells her to take advantage of every opportunity that comes her way. And Jade has: every day she rides the bus away from her friends and to the private school where she feels like an outsider. But some *opportunities* she doesn't really welcome, like an invitation to join Women to Women, a mentorship program for "at-risk" girls. Just because her mentor is black and graduated from the same high school doesn't mean she understands where Jade is coming from. Jade wants to speak, to create, to express her joys and sorrows, her pain and her hope. Maybe there are some things she could show other women about understanding the world and finding ways to be real, to make a difference. **ISBN: 1681191059**

***The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak**



It is 1939, Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. By her brother's graveside, Liesel's life is changed when she picks up a single object, partially hidden in the snow. It is *The Gravedigger's Handbook*, left behind there by accident, and it is her first act of book thievery. So begins a love affair with books and words, as Liesel, with the help of her accordion-playing foster father, learns to read. Soon she's stealing books from Nazi book-burnings, the mayor's wife's library, wherever there are books to be found. But these are dangerous times. When Liesel's family hides a Jew in their basement, Liesel's world is both opened up, and closed down. **ISBN: 0375831002**



***The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare**

Sixteen-year-old Kit is marked by suspicion and disapproval from the moment she arrives on the unfamiliar shores of colonial Connecticut in 1687. Alone and desperate, she has been forced to leave her beloved home on the island of Barbados and join a family she has never met. Torn between her quest for belonging and her desire to be true to herself, Kit struggles to survive in a hostile place. Just when it seems she must give up, she finds a kindred spirit. But Kit's friendship with Hannah Tupper, believed to be a witch, proves more taboo than she could have imagined and ultimately forces Kit to choose between her heart and her duty. **ISBN: 9780547550299**

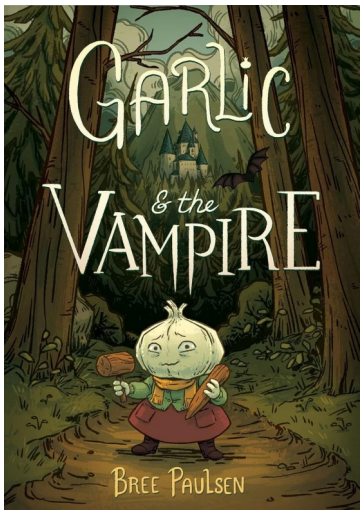
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Two Free Choice Novels



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS





Funny, Mystical, Magical

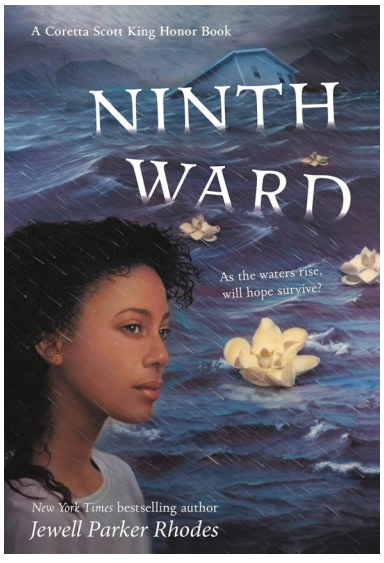
***Garlic and the Vampire* by Bree Paulsen**

Garlic feels as though she's always doing something wrong. At least with her friend Carrot by her side and the kindly Witch Agnes encouraging her, Garlic is happy to just tend her garden, where it's nice and safe. But when her village of vegetable folk learns that a bloodthirsty vampire has moved into the nearby castle, they all agree that, in spite of her fear and self-doubt, Garlic is the obvious choice to confront him. And with everyone counting on her, Garlic reluctantly agrees to face the mysterious vampire, hoping she has what it takes. After all, garlic drives away vampires… right?

— Cece Louapre,
6th Grade

Sad, Inspiring, Thrilling

***Ninth Ward* by Jewell Parker Rhodes**

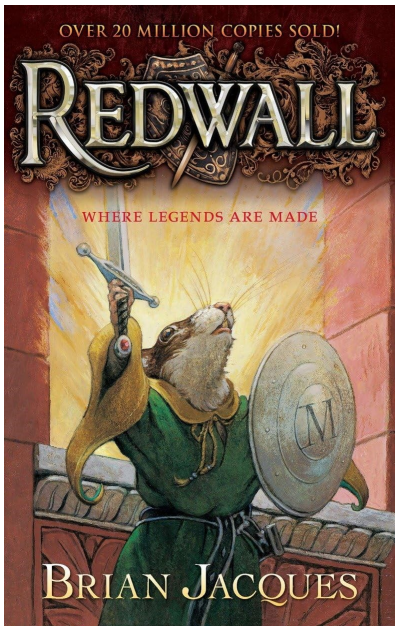


Lanesha lives in a tight-knit community in New Orleans' Ninth Ward. She doesn't have a fancy house like her uptown family or lots of friends like the other kids on her street. But what she does have is Mama Ya-Ya, her fiercely loving caretaker, wise in the ways of the world and able to predict the future. So when Mama Ya-Ya's visions show a powerful hurricane--Katrina--fast approaching, it's up to Lanesha to call upon the hope and strength Mama Ya-Ya has given her to help them both survive the storm.

— Brigitte DeGruy, 7th Grade

Books with the YA (Young Adult) symbol next to them are recommended for older readers (ages 12+).

YA



Exciting, Suspenseful, Cozy

***Redwall* by Brian Jacques**

Welcome to Mossflower Wood, where the gentle mice have gathered to celebrate a year of peace and abundance. All is well… until a sinister shadow falls across the ancient stone abbey of Redwall. It is rumored that Cluny is coming—Cluny, the terrible one-eyed rat and his savage horde— Cluny, who has vowed to conquer Redwall Abbey! The only hope for the besieged mice lies in the lost sword of the legendary Martin the Warrior. And so begins the epic quest of a courageous mouse who rises up, fights back and becomes a legend himself.

"This is a good book for rainy days or if you are looking for an adventure!"

— Corrine Kepper, 5th Grade

Fantasy, Exciting, Romantic

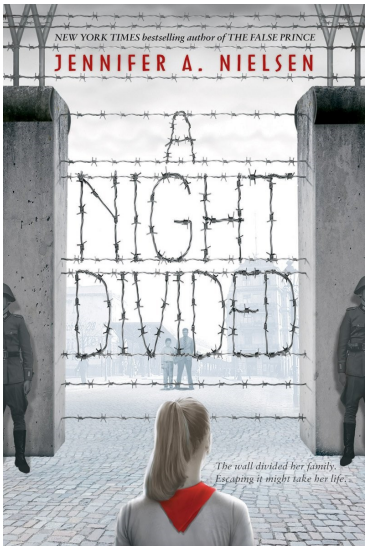
***The School for Good and Evil* by Soman Chainani**



With her glass slippers and devotion to good deeds, Sophie knows she'll earn top marks at the School for Good and join the ranks of past students like Cinderella, Rapunzel, and Snow White. Meanwhile, Agatha, with her shapeless black frocks and wicked black cat, seems a natural fit for the villains in the School for Evil. The two girls soon find their fortunes reversed—Sophie's dumped in the School for Evil to take Uglification, Death Curses, and Henchmen Training, while Agatha finds herself in the School for Good, thrust among handsome princes and fair maidens for classes in Princess Etiquette and Animal Communication. But what if the mistake is actually the first clue to discovering who Sophie and Agatha really are?

— Scottie McKinnon, 6th Grade

Adventurous, Exciting, Thrilling



***A Night Divided* by Jennifer A. Nielsen**

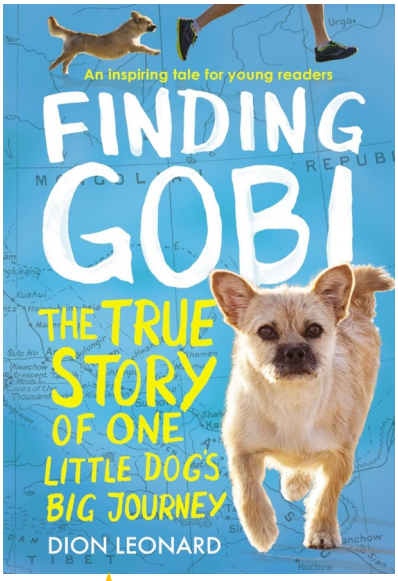
When the Berlin Wall suddenly divides her family, Gerta is trapped in East Berlin with her mother and brother Fritz while her father and older brother remain in the West. Living under Soviet rule means constant fear, where even dreaming of freedom can be dangerous. One day, Gerta spots her father signaling to her from the western side of the wall, and a mysterious drawing soon reveals his plan: Gerta and Fritz must secretly dig a tunnel beneath the wall to escape. But with soldiers watching and trust hard to find, one wrong move could put the entire family in danger.

"This book will keep you flipping to the next page. It really makes you feel like you are living this adventure with them."

— Louise Ranger, 7th Grade

Inspiring, Heart-warming, Incredible

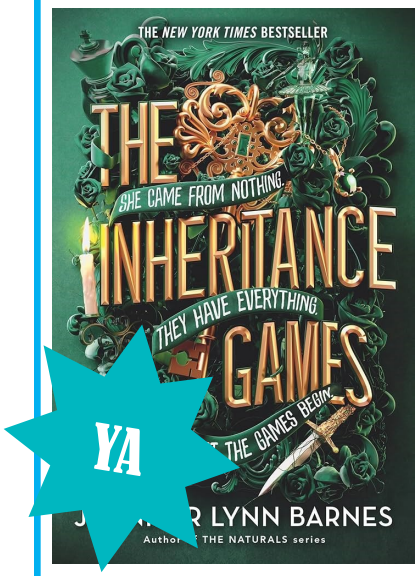
Finding Gobi: The True Story of One Little Dog's Big Journey **by Dion Leonard**



Welcome to the Gobi Desert where temperatures reach 120 degrees, and one wrong move can spell death. Here, ultramarathon runners compete in a grueling 155-mile race. Dion Leonard trained hard for this competition, and he intended to win. On Day 2 of the race, a little stray dog began to run beside him. Up mountains and across raging rivers, the scrappy pup ran mile after mile with Dion. He named her Gobi. They crossed the finish line together, and Dion decided to bring her home to Scotland. But before he could, she disappeared. In a city of over 3 million people, the search seemed hopeless, but this tale of friendship would outlast miles and mysteries, and most of all, change their lives forever!

Ms. Aiken,
Middle School Librarian

Suspenseful, Mysterious, Competitive



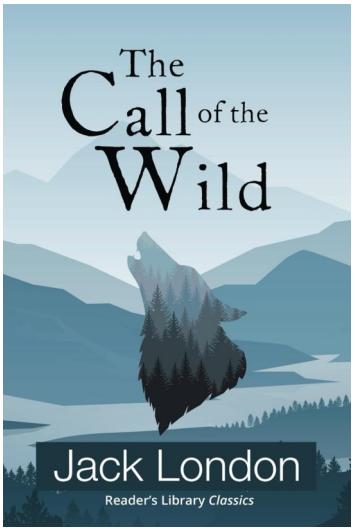
The Inheritance Games **by Jennifer Lynn Barnes**

Avery has a plan for her future, but then billionaire Tobias Hawthorne dies and leaves her his entire fortune. To receive it, she must move into Hawthorne House, where every room bears the old man's love of puzzles, riddles, and codes. Unfortunately, it's also occupied by the family he left behind. This includes his four grandsons: dangerous, magnetic, brilliant boys who grew up with every expectation that they would inherit billions. Grayson is convinced that Avery must be a con-woman. His brother, Jameson, views her as their grandfather's last hurrah: a twisted riddle, a puzzle to be solved. Caught in a world of wealth and privilege with danger around corner, Avery will have to play the game just to survive.

"Fun puzzles, lots of suspense, and interesting characters make it really exciting to read!"

— Emma Ralston,
8th Grade

Nature, Dogs, Survival



The Call of the Wild **by Jack London**

The domesticated life of a powerful St. Bernard-Shepherd mix named Buck is quickly turned upside-down when he is stolen away from his master and put to work as a sled dog in Alaska. His once life of luxury turns into a life of survival and adaptation as he learns the ways of the wilderness. Set in the Klondike region of Canada during the 1890s Klondike Gold Rush, this book showcases the transformation of a canine as he learns to adapt to what life has given him, fair or not.

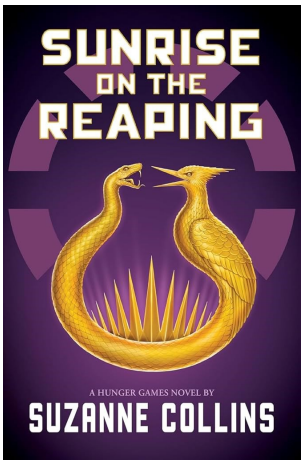
"This book is about companionship and survival, which are important to learn about and some readers will find intriguing."

— Olivia Martel,
7th Grade

THRILLING, SAD, FUNNY

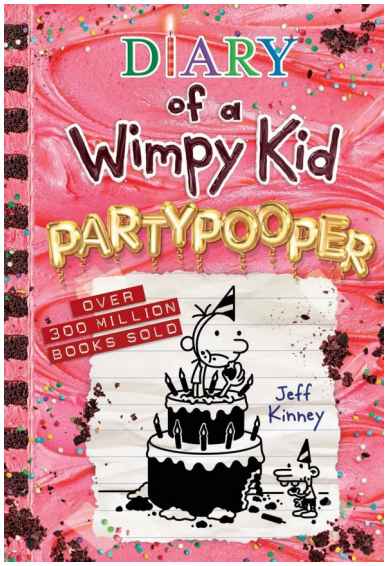
"I loved this book so much because the plot was amazing, and ever since I read the original trilogy, I have wanted to know more about Haymitch's games. There are so many different times where I was smiling, crying, and surprised during this book."

— Catherine Cancienne, 6th Grade



***Sunrise on the Reaping* by Suzanne Collins**

As the day dawns on the 50th annual Hunger Games, fear grips the districts of Panem. This year, in honor of the Quarter Quell, twice as many tributes will be taken from their homes. Back in District 12, Haymitch Abernathy is trying not to think too hard about his chances. All he cares about is making it through the day and being with the girl he loves. When Haymitch's name is called, he can feel all his dreams break. He's torn from his family and his love, shuttled to the Capitol with the three other District 12 tributes: a young friend who's nearly a sister to him, a compulsive oddsmaker, and the most stuck-up girl in town. As the Games begin, Haymitch understands he's been set up to fail. But there's something in him that wants to fight . . . and have it reverberate far beyond the deadly arena.



Exciting, Funny, Silly

***Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Party Pooper* by Jeff Kinney**

It's Greg's birthday—and you're invited to the chaos. In *Partypooper*, the 20th book in Jeff Kinney's global smash-hit *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series, Greg Heffley is planning the ultimate party—for himself. But when the guest list grows, the decorations flop, and the surprises backfire, this birthday bash turns into a total blowout—just not the kind Greg had in mind.

"This book is very interesting and good. It will keep you reading all the way until the end!"

— Lillian Rice, 5th Grade

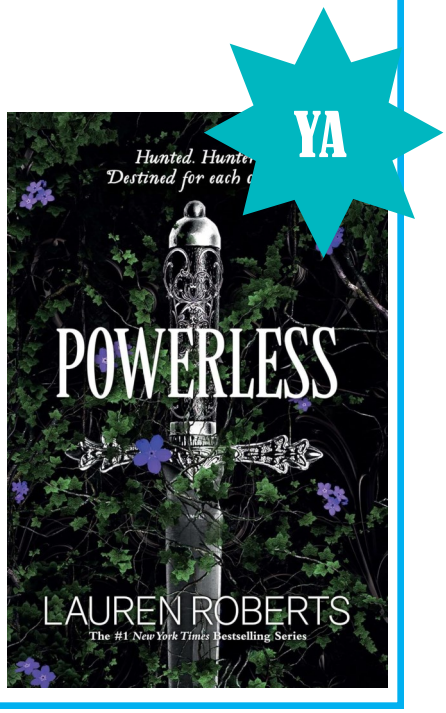
Fantasy, Magical, Comfy

***Powerless* by Lauren Roberts**

In the kingdom of Ilya, only the gifted Elites are valued, their powers granted by a deadly Plague years ago. Those born Ordinary are considered criminals, forcing Paedyn Gray to survive by hiding her true identity and posing as a Psychic among the powerful. But when Paedyn unexpectedly saves one of Ilya's princes, she is thrust into the brutal Purging Trials, a deadly competition designed to showcase Elite abilities—the very thing she lacks. As danger closes in and her connection with the prince deepens, Paedyn must fight to keep her secret hidden.

"This is an amazing book that made me become obsessed with reading."

— Charlotte Homberg, 6th Grade

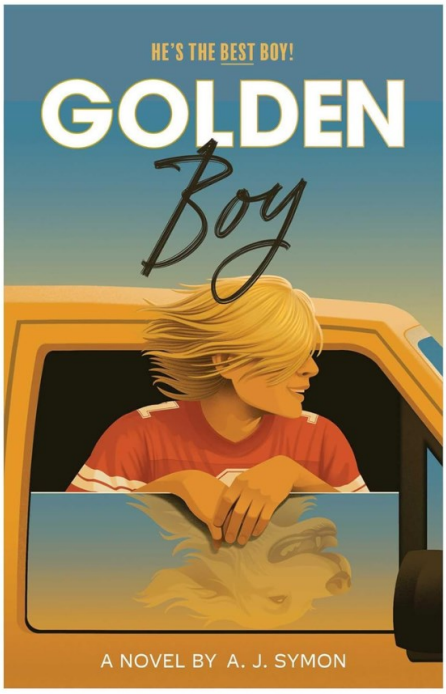


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Book Release

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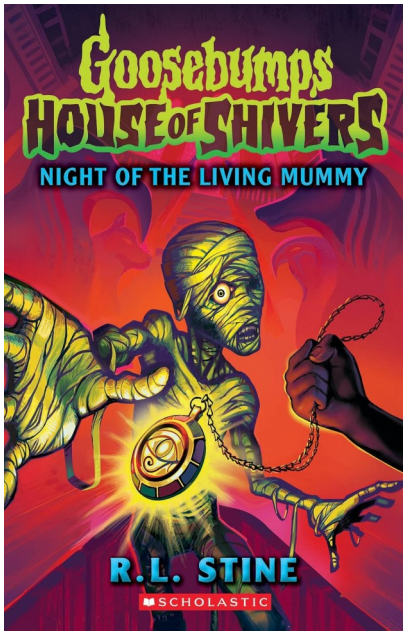
Sacred Heart Visit

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When a beloved family golden retriever becomes human, a girl's relationships with her family and herself transform in ways she never thought possible in this heartwarming and funny novel.

Science-obsessed, teen-genius Emma Branch is used to being the odd one out in her family, among her classmates, and in her small town that only ever seems to care about football. She doesn't mind being all alone; in fact, she prefers it. Besides, who needs friends when she has a best friend already – her golden retriever, Hudson. But when Hudson gets into an accident, Emma can't bear to lose her only friend. Luckily, she's been working on an experimental substance for her school science project that could help him out. All it was supposed to do was heal Hudson, not… turn him human?! Emma, her family, and the whole town is about to learn just how a golden retriever can change hearts and minds for the better… that is, after causing a big, old mess first!



Horror, Thrilling, Fun

Goosebumps House of Shivers: Night of the Living Mummy
by R. L. Stine

Happy Silverman is more than a little excited for his class trip to the museum. He loves learning about Ancient Egypt and can't wait to see real mummies. At the museum, Happy leans as close to the mummy display as he possibly can — and something strange happens. His head spins and he hears an unfamiliar voice ringing inside his mind. The mummy is inside Happy's brain and need his help — or else!

"It's kind of scary at some points but makes me shiver and curious about what happens next. It also has funny parts that are really fun to read!"

— Laurel Cowan, 5th Grade

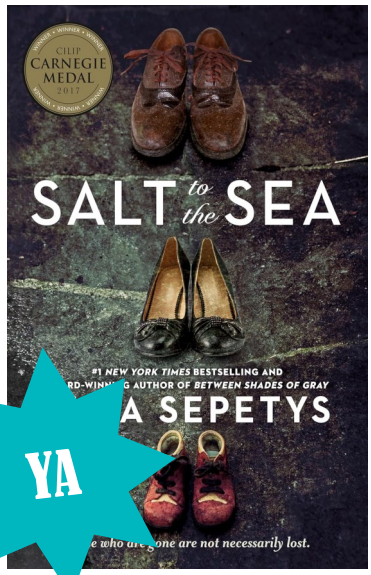
Exciting, Sappy, Awesome

The Secret of White Stone Gate **by Julia Nobel**



After spending the summer at home, Emmy cannot wait to return to Wellsworth for the new school year and reunite with her best friends, Lola and Jack. Before she leaves, Emmy receives a note from her father telling her to hide the remaining relics The Order of Black Hollow Lane are after—and to trust no one. When Lola is framed for a serious crime she didn't commit, Emmy knows that she and her friends are not safe. The Order wants Emmy to give up her father's location... if she doesn't, those she loves will pay the price. Emmy and Jack need to figure out a way to clear Lola's name without bending to the Order's sinister demands. And Emmy needs to figure out who she can trust with her secrets before it's too late.

— Annie Janz, 5th Grade



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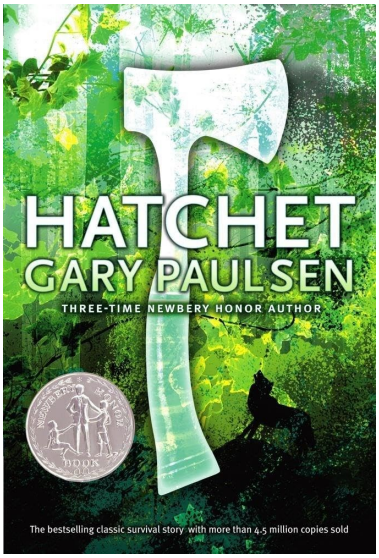
Heart-Breaking, Intense, Unforgettable

Salt to the Sea **by Ruta Sepetys**

"This book follows four young refugees with dark secrets running from the Soviet advance in East Prussia during the final days of World War II. Their journeys combine on the Baltic coast, aiming to board the MV Wilhelm Gustloff for safety, a real-life German ship filled with thousands looking for escape. The novel ends with a catastrophic event, highlighting a forgotten tragedy and the personal losses of its inhabitants. This book was so sad, it almost left me in tears. It is so well-written, emotional, and all-around an amazing read, with a bit of history mixed in as well. 5 stars for sure!"

— Ava Perez, 7th Grade

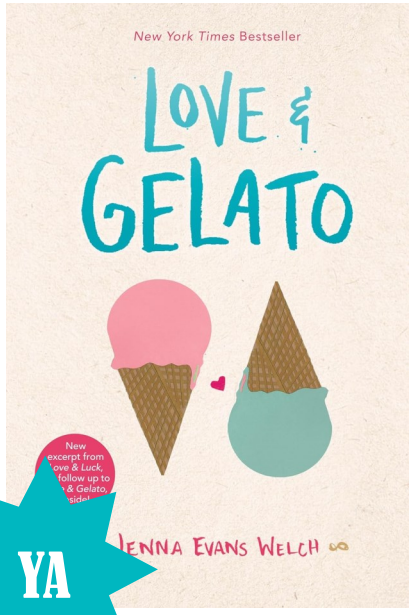
Thrilling, Suspenseful, Educational



***Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen**

Brian Robeson is traveling by single-engine plane to visit his father for the first time since his parent's divorce. When the plane crashes, killing the pilot, the sole survivor is Brian. He is alone in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but his clothing, a tattered windbreaker, and the hatchet his mother had given him as a present. Brian slowly learns survival skills—how to make a shelter for himself, how to hunt and fish and forage for food, how to make a fire—and even finds the courage to start over from scratch when a tornado ravages his campsite. When Brian is finally rescued after fifty-four days in the wild, he emerges from his ordeal with new patience and maturity.

— Adelyn Lindley, 7th Grade



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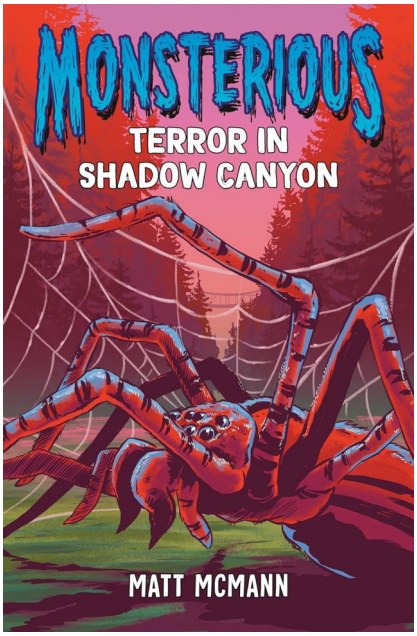
Interesting, Happy, Romantic

***Love & Gelato* by Jenna Evans Welch**

Lina spends the summer in Tuscany to fulfill her late mother's wish that she finally meet her father. Reluctant at first, Lina's perspective changes when she discovers her mother's old journal, filled with stories of romance, adventure, and secrets in Italy. With the help of a charming local boy named Ren, Lina uncovers truths about her family—and herself—that could change everything. People come to Italy for love and gelato, someone tells her, but sometimes they discover much more.

— Amelia Walsh, 7th Grade

Mystery, Exciting, Funny



***Monsterious: Terror in Shadow Canyon* by Matt McMann**

Tegan and his friends are excited to set out on a backpacking trip through the wilderness in Shadow Canyon, known for its vast forests and jaw-droppingly deep canyon. But after the group sets off on a trail to visit a remote waterfall, they soon discover that the path markers they've been following have mysteriously disappeared. As they try to find their way back to civilization, they begin to notice strange things in the woods: stones dotting the landscape in unexpected formations, tree roots that move on their own, and glowing eyes peering out at them. Soon they discover that something sinister stalks the forest—a creature with a hunger for human flesh. Can they make it out alive?

— Layla Scott, 6th Grade

Powerful, Intense, Suspenseful, Sad, Historical, Bravery

Acclaimed and Bestselling Books from ALAN GRATZ



"**Projekt 1065** *is about a young boy pretending to be a Nazi, but he is really a spy. It is a very suspenseful book that I recommend for its thrill. The ending was surprising, but it was very good. If you like books about WWII then I would recommend this one!"*

— Charlotte Brechtel, 7th Grade

"**Prisoner B-3087** *is about a Jewish boy named Yanek during WWII. He is very brave, hardworking, and determined to survive. This book kept me on the edge of my seat, and it was really interesting."*

— Sophia Lopez, 7th Grade

"**Two Degrees** *will have you hooked until the end and will also inspire you at the same time. It's about four different kids in different places who face disasters happening to them at the same time, because of global warming."*

— Heidi Huntwork, 5th Grade

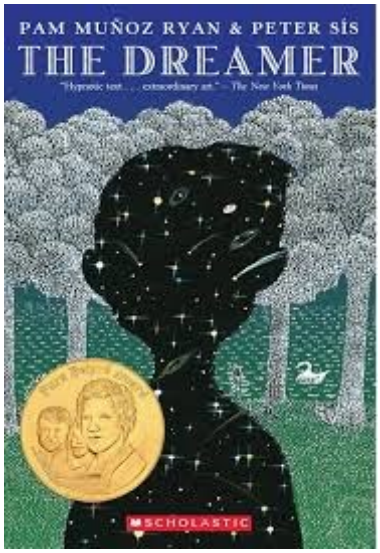
"**Heroes** *is about a boy named Frank during the attack on Pearl Harbor who lives in Hawaii with his best friend, Stanley. I love this story because it shows how you can overcome obstacles even when it seems impossible, and you never know how brave you can be. You'll really feel what the characters are going through, and you realize what the attack on Pearl Harbor during WWll was really like."*

— Ela Graffagnini, 7th Grade

"**Ground Zero** *focuses on the historical events of 9/11. I like how it shows two sides of the story. One half shows Brandon trying to survive the 9/11 attacks on the Twin Towers in 2001, while the other half shows Rashmina navigating the 2019 war in Afghanistan. It shows connections and how to relate through teamwork in hard times."*

— Juliette Fournerat, 8th Grade

Whimsical, Heart-Warming, Adventurous



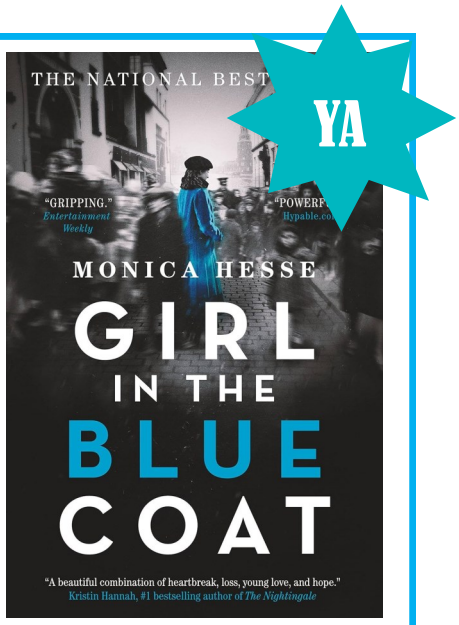
The Dreamer **by Pam Muñoz Ryan & Peter Sis**

"Have you ever found yourself lost in your thoughts or daydreams? The main character Neftali finds himself in the same situations, and it sometimes gets him in trouble. However, these daydreams are what lead him to be a successful poet as an adult. I loved this book because it is based on a real poet's life. Reading this book lead me to read his poetry, and I really enjoyed it! If you love a good underdog story, this book is for you! Also, if you enjoy getting lost in a good book, the words in this book will quickly lead you on many adventures."

Ms. Tuza, 5th Grade ELA

Surprising. Thrilling. Suspenseful

***The Girl in the Blue Coat* by Monica Hesse**

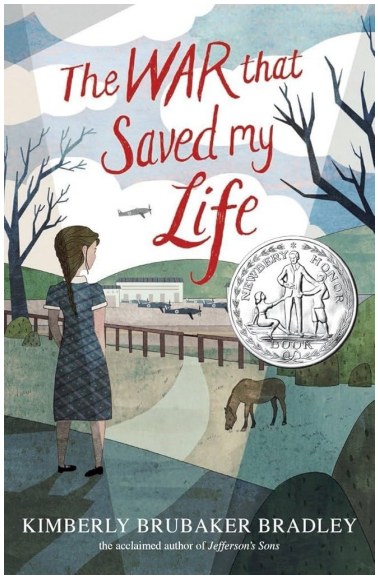


"This historical fiction book is set in 1943 Nazi-occupied Amsterdam where Hanneke Bakker, a 17-year-old German girl, struggles to keep her life afloat during the Nazi invasion. Due to the death of her boyfriend, Bas, which she also blames herself for, and the strain on her relationship with her best friend, Hanneke, who lives with her German soldier boyfriend in Germany, she hasn't been herself. Because of her guilt, she drowns herself in illegal work to silently rebel against the Nazis. I love this book because it is very suspenseful and exciting. It also shows the importance of perseverance when times are hard. For example, although Hanneke can't change her past, she can change her perspective on herself and every new day in her hopeful, broken country."

— Isabella Boutte, 7th Grade

Exciting, Happy, Interesting

***The War that Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley**



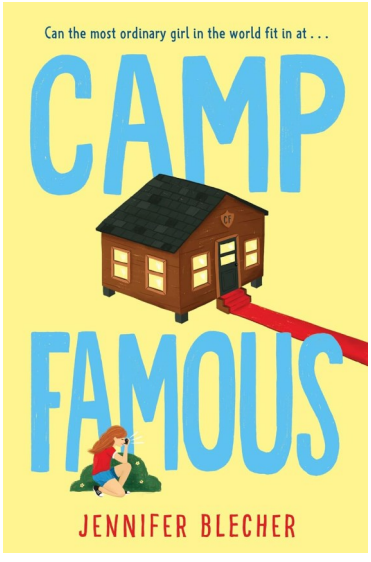
Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn't waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him. So begins a new adventure for Ada. As Ada teaches herself to ride a pony, learns to read, and watches for German spies, she begins to trust Susan, the woman caring for them. Will their bond be enough to hold them together through wartime? Or will Ada and her brother fall back into the cruel hands of their mother?

"This book had a great mixture of sadness, happiness and curiosity. It was also very meaningful."

— Kate Mouledoux, 6th Grade

Fun, Entertaining, Relatable

***Camp Famous* by Jennifer Blecher**



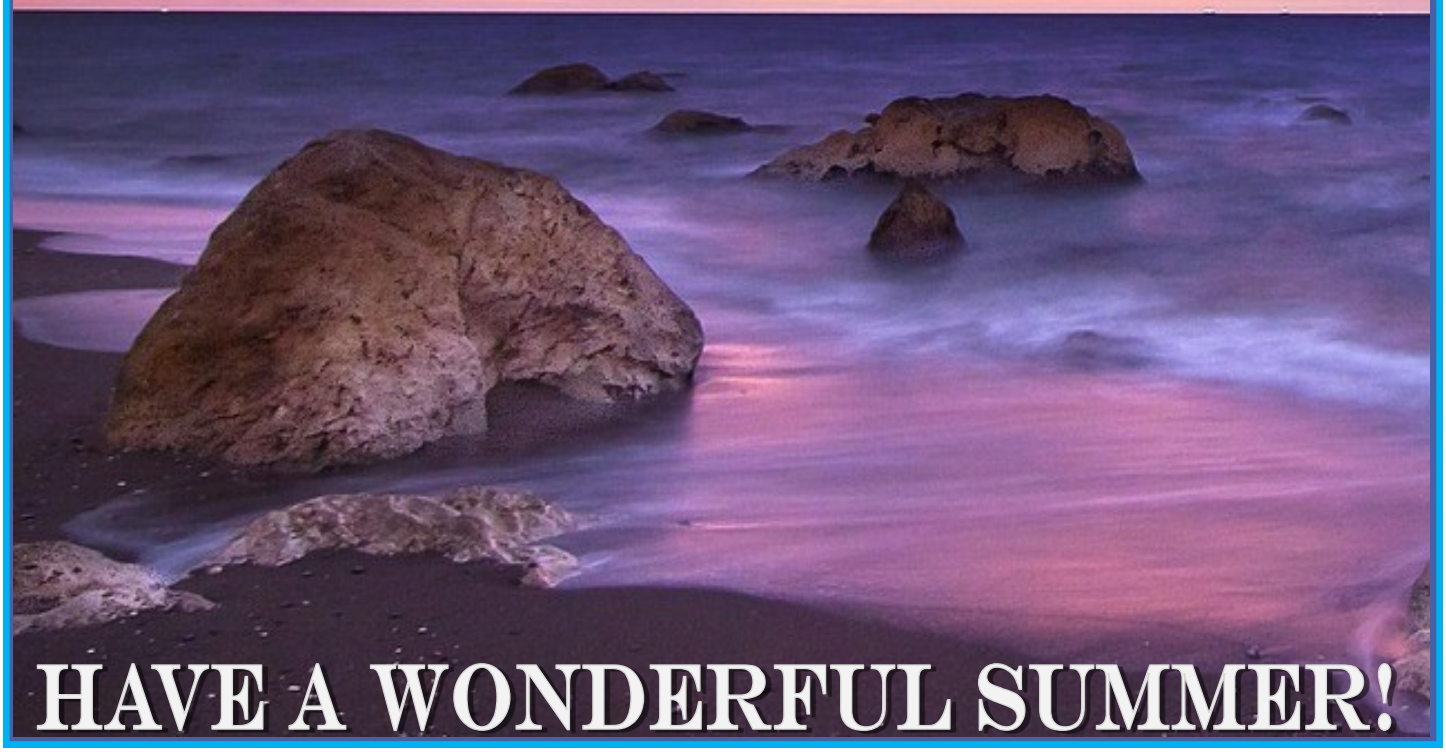
Abby Herman is beyond excited for her first summer at camp. Maybe it will be the place she'll finally find what she's always wanted: a best friend. But—surprise!—she's not going just anywhere, she's going to Camp Famous, the one exclusively for famous kids escaping the spotlight. Desperate to fit in with the pop stars, princesses, and geniuses, Abby creates a fake identity as a famous author. Everything goes as planned: the other girls welcome her, she participates in activities, and she even inspires a pop star! But as camp comes to a close, Abby finds herself torn between who she pretended to be and who she truly is.

"One thing I liked is that the character is encouraged to always be herself and to never change."

— Clara Goudelocke, 5th Grade

Summer Reading Challenge

This summer, we will be hosting a **SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!** Students are encouraged to compete against each other to see which ***grade level*** can read the most pages throughout the summer break. As a special treat, the winning grade will have an **ICE CREAM PARTY** at the beginning of the new school year! To **submit pages** that you have read for the competition (required reading counts too), join the Summer Reading Challenge on Beanstack (directions sent to school email address) and make sure to log your reading!



HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!