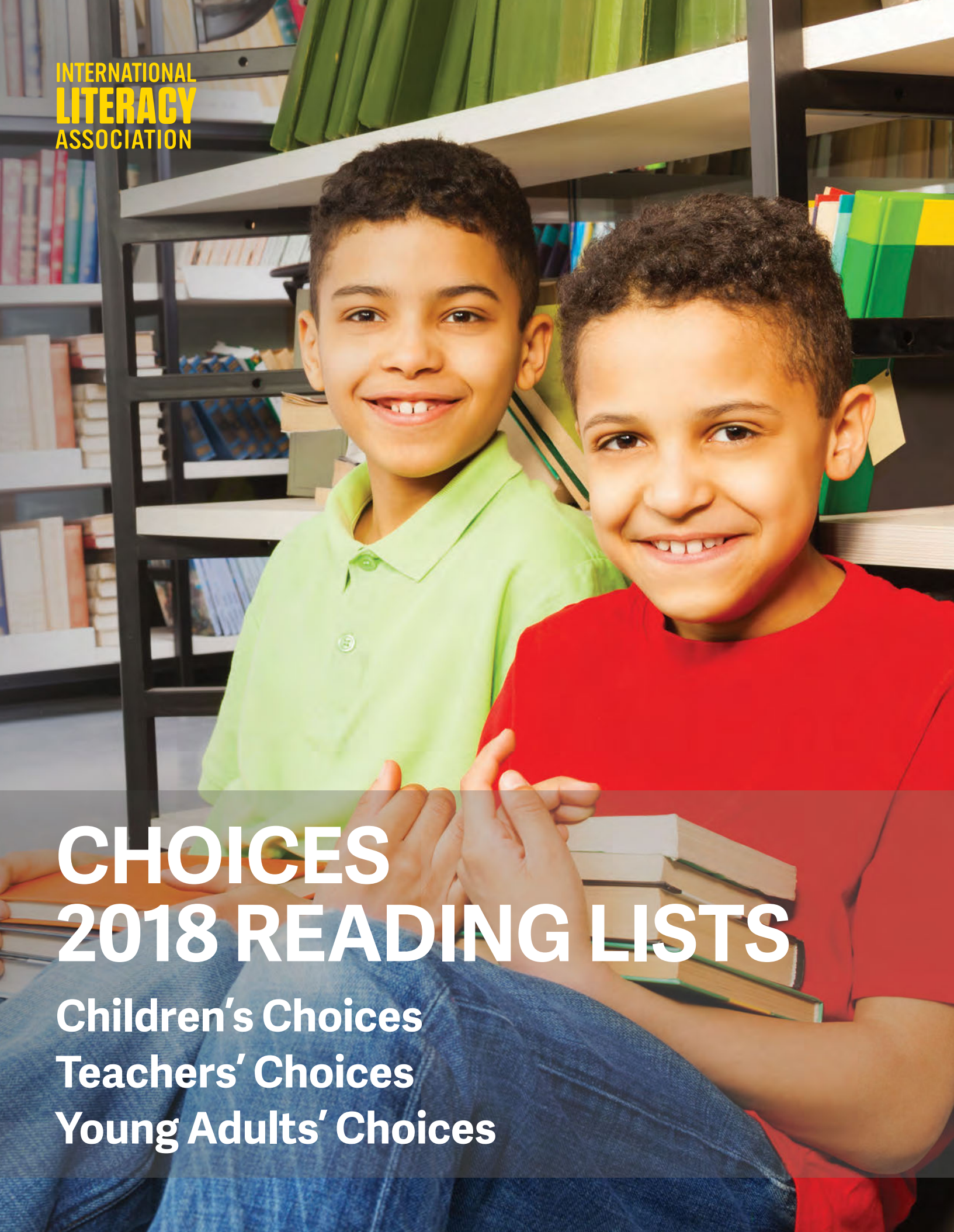


A photograph of two young boys with dark skin and curly hair, smiling at the camera. They are sitting in front of a bookshelf filled with books. The boy on the left is wearing a light green polo shirt, and the boy on the right is wearing a red t-shirt. The background shows shelves with various books, some with green and yellow covers.

**INTERNATIONAL
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CHOICES 2018 READING LISTS

**Children's Choices
Teachers' Choices
Young Adults' Choices**



From the Executive Director

Each year, the International Literacy Association releases three reading lists—Children’s Choices, Teachers’ Choices, and Young Adults’ Choices. These helpful resources are used not only to encourage young people to read, but also to guide book selection for school and classroom libraries. They’re also a great way to recommend quality literature to families and other literacy partners.

The books are selected by students and educators themselves. So it’s not surprising that this year’s lists reflect a marked increase in inclusive and diverse titles. We know that children and adolescents need to see themselves reflected on the page, and we know that it’s important to offer them windows into other worlds. Bringing attention to a broader range of voices, characters, and stories underscores ILA’s commitment to supporting the changing literature landscape.

We invite you to join us as we celebrate these wonderful, must-read titles. We hope that they serve as a reminder that choice matters—and it can make all the difference.

Marcie Craig Post
Executive Director

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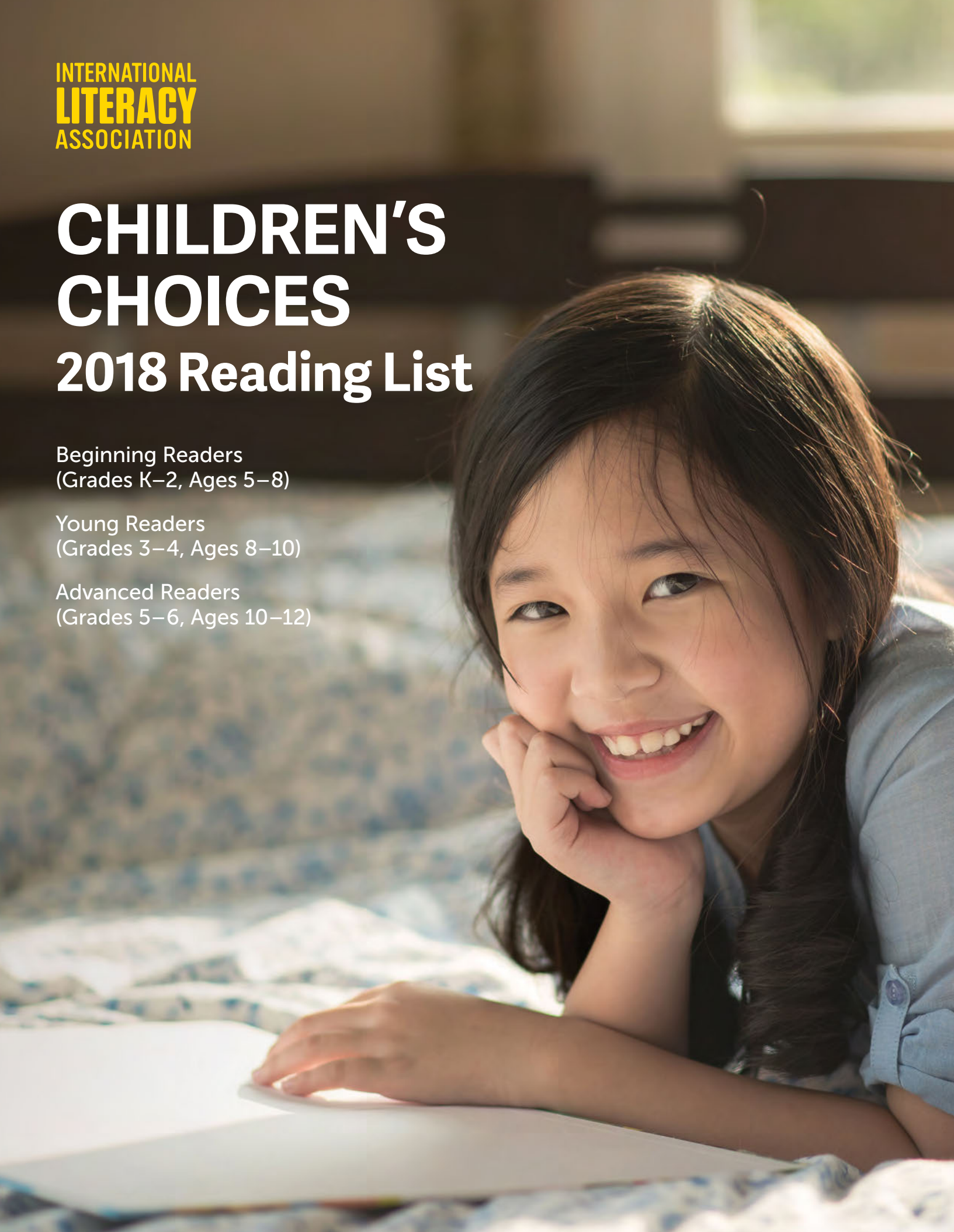
CHILDREN'S CHOICES

2018 Reading List

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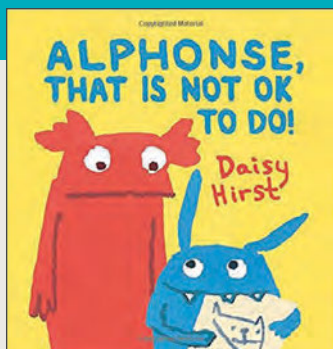
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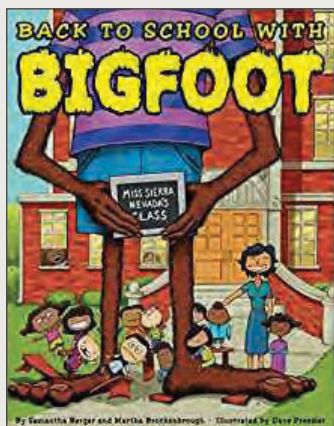


What Is the Children's Choices Reading List?

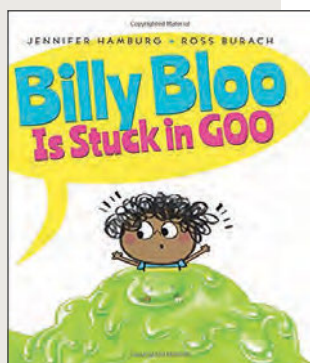
Each year, 12,500 school children from different regions of the United States read newly published children's and young adults' trade books and vote for the ones they like best. These Children's Choices, selected from more than 800 titles, can be counted on as books children really enjoy reading. Cosponsored by the International Literacy Association (ILA) and the Children's Book Council (CBC), this reading list is designed for use not only by educators, librarians and media specialists, administrators, and booksellers but also by parents and families, caregivers, and anyone who wishes to encourage young people to read for pleasure.



Alphonse, That Is Not Ok to Do!
Daisy Hirst. Candlewick.



Back to School With Bigfoot.
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Beginning Readers (Grades K–2, Ages 5–8)

Alphonse, That Is Not Ok to Do!

Daisy Hirst. Candlewick.

Monster Alphonse and his sister Natalie are enjoying each other's company as all brothers and sisters do, until Alphonse starts eating her favorite book. Well, that is not OK! Natalie decides to take a bath and ignore her brother. Read the book to see what happens next! The heartwarming ending will make you smile. Elementary students will relate to this sibling rivalry with hilarious scenes.

**Back to School With Bigfoot*

Samantha Berger and Martha Brockenbrough. Ill. Dave Pressler. Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic.

Bigfoot is nervous about starting a new school year. He struggles to find clothes and shoes that fit. He suffers through a haircut that literally takes all day. He decides the idea of returning to school is just too stressful until he thinks about all the potential fun that a new school year can bring. Elementary students will relate to Bigfoot's worries.

**Billy Bloo Is Stuck in Goo*

Jennifer Hamburg. Ill. Ross Burach. Scholastic Press.

This cumulative, rhyming tale is a humorous story of Billy Bloo stuck in goo as passersby try to help free him. Unfortunately, each person who tries to help him joins him. Will Billy ever get out? Who will help him?

Bonaparte Falls Apart

Margery Cuyler. Ill. Will Terry. Crown Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

Bonaparte the skeleton keeps falling apart. Bonaparte's friends, Franky Stein, Black Widow, and Mummicula, all have some boneheaded ideas to help pull him together; luckily, they end up helping their friend in time for school.

Books That Drive Kids Crazy: Did You Take the B From My _ook?

Beck and Matt Stanton. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

The authors of this book love the letter B, but suddenly it disappears from the story! Kids love this conversation between the reader and the authors that provides a ton of laughter.

Boo Who?

Ben Clanton. Candlewick.

It is hard to be new, especially when you are a shy ghost who can't play any of the others' games. Luckily, Boo meets new friends who help him fit right in.

Danny McGee Drinks the Sea

Andy Stanton. Ill. Neal Layton. Schwartz & Wade/Random House Children's Books.

Danny swallows all sorts of things, ultimately swallowing everything. At that point, Fannie, his sister, reminds him that he didn't swallow her. She proceeds to swallow him, and the story ends with "little brothers can be so annoying sometimes." Children with younger siblings will relate easily to this whimsical story.

Dog on a Frog?

Kes and Claire Gray. Ill. Jim Field. Scholastic Press.

Frog is changing the rules: Dog will sit on a log! Through silly statements of assigning seats to characters, Frog is determined to get a proper spot. Elementary students will enjoy the nonsense rhymes and repetitive patterns throughout the book.

***An Elephant and Piggie Biggie!**

Mo Willems. Disney-Hyperion.

Five wildly popular and award-winning Elephant and Piggie stories are bound into one book. Children transitioning to chapter books will find this thick book a boost to their reading confidence.

Go Sleep in Your Own Bed!

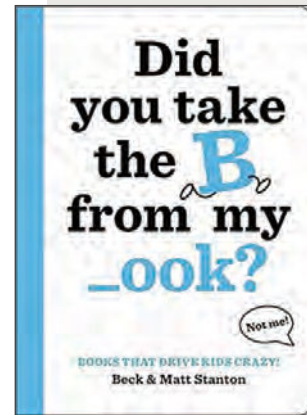
Candace Fleming. Ill. Lori Nichols. Schwartz & Wade/Random House Children's Books.

This is a delightful story with many farm animals trying to settle down for the night. As each animal finds its bed, it must chase off another animal settled in the wrong bed. A heartwarming ending will find pet owners smiling.

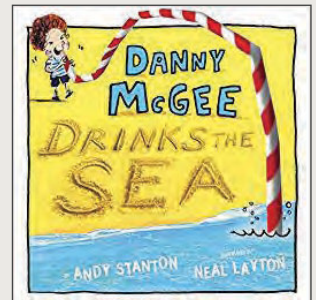
Great, Now We've Got Barbarians!

Jason Carter Eaton. Ill. Mark Fearing. Candlewick.

What really happens if you continue to forget to clean up your mess? For one boy who failed to listen to his mom, the consequences were enormous...barbarians, that is! It's a great thing mom knows who to call...the exterminator, of course!



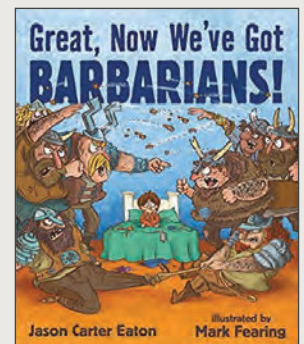
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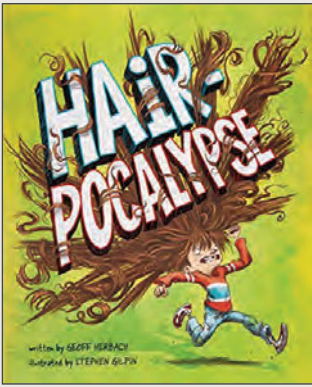
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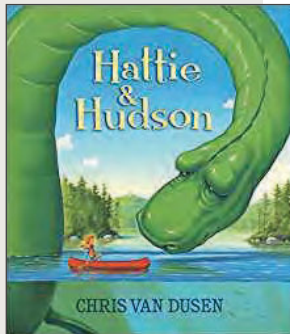
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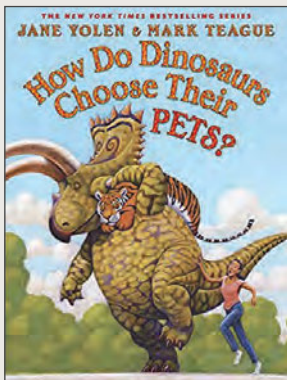
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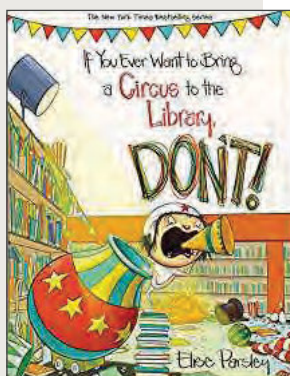
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How Do Dinosaurs Choose Their Pets? Jane Yolen. Ill. Mark Teague. Blue Sky/Scholastic.



If You Ever Want to Bring a Circus to the Library, Don't! Elise Parsley. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

Green Pants

Kenneth Kraegel. Candlewick.

Jameson's obsession with wearing only green pants gives him confidence to do many things. When offered a ring bearer job in his cousin's wedding, he must decide to wear or not wear his green pants with the tuxedo.

*Hair-pocalypse

Geoff Herbach. Ill. Stephen Gilpin. Picture Window/Capstone.

This outrageously funny picture book takes a bad hair day to a whole new level. Aidan Allen's hair isn't just bad, it's mad! Over the course of one crazy day, Aidan's hair takes its revenge. After yelling at and fighting with his hair, Aidan finally has a calm conversation with the unruly mop and works out a deal.

Harry the Hairy Fairy

Pace Clinkscales. Ill. Ügo & Toby. Club Drive Group.

Harry the Hairy Fairy is not like the other fairies. He has a massive beard, cannot fly, and moves very slowly. He sets out on a mission to make it to Fairy Dust Island and encounters many problems. This quirky story will keep readers guessing and wondering what will happen to Harry the Hairy Fairy next.

Hattie & Hudson

Chris Van Dusen. Candlewick.

Hattie McFadden is a born explorer, paddling out in her canoe and singing a little song. When her singing draws out from the depths a huge, mysterious beast, everyone in town is terrified—except Hattie. Hattie and the creature, whom she names Hudson, come up with a plan to show the townsfolk that Hudson is a friendly, caring creature.

How Do Dinosaurs Choose Their Pets?

Jane Yolen. Ill. Mark Teague. Blue Sky/Scholastic.

This is a hilarious take on how dinosaur boys and girls would choose their pets, if they could. Kids will love the rhyming text and clever illustrations and will be excited to share their own experiences with choosing a pet.

If You Ever Want to Bring a Circus to the Library, Don't!

Elise Parsley. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

There is a poster in the library that says, "You can do ANYTHING at the Library!" So surely bringing a circus to the library would be OK, right? This is the story of a young girl who finds out that some activities are better suited for the library than others. Lower elementary students will enjoy this silly book and come to appreciate the quiet activities that libraries can offer.

Mary McScary

R.L. Stine. Ill. Marc Brown. Orchard/Scholastic.

Mary scares everyone except her cousin Harry. No matter what she tries, Harry remains unafraid until Mary gives up, giving Harry a consolatory kiss. Children love the ending where Harry shrieks and runs away from the kiss in fright.

Monster's New Undies

Samantha Berger. Ill. Tad Carpenter. Orchard/Scholastic.

Poor Monster. His favorite, worn pair of undies has finally seen its last moments. Mama monster has to take him shopping, but how can you find something as good as the perfect pair of underwear? This lovely rhyming book with humor and wit is a delight to children in grades K–2.

Morris Mole

Dan Yaccarino. HarperCollins Children's Books.

Morris Mole is a little bit different from his big brothers. When the moles are running low on food, it's up to Morris to save the day by thinking of something unusual. With a little help from an unexpected friend, Morris learns that even the smallest creatures can do big things.

Pete With No Pants

Rowboat Watkins. Chronicle.

This is a lighthearted story of self-identity. The unique format draws readers deeper into the illustrations as they tell the story in a playful collaboration. This young elephant, through the guidance of his mom, discovers himself by exploring his surroundings.

Pig the Winner

Aaron Blabey. Scholastic Press.

Pig the pug must be declared the winner of EVERYTHING! Even if it is not a competition, he makes it one. He cheats and throws temper tantrums to ensure he gets to win. Elementary students will enjoy the rhymes while learning about playing fairly and losing graciously.

Please Please the Bees

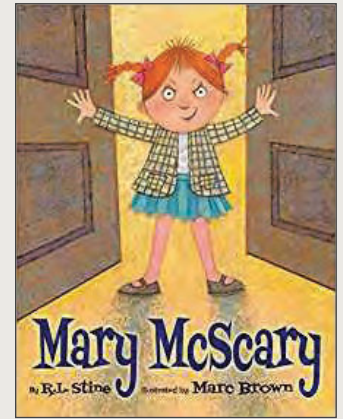
Gerald Kelley. Albert Whitman.

A wonderful lesson on giving back is realized by Benedict the bear when the bees go on strike. Benedict learns that caring for the bees by enhancing their environment pays dividends of honey. Readers learn the balance of give and take.

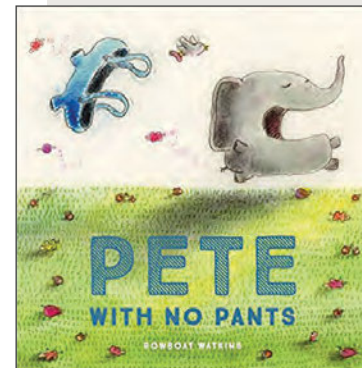
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Tony Fucile. Candlewick.

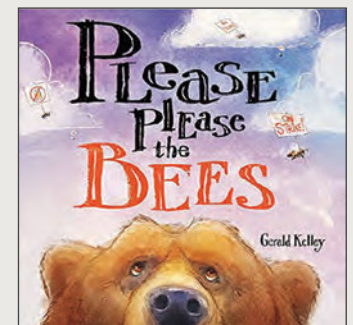
Life is perfect for Louie. He goes on walks and Mom and Dad dote upon him. Then, Mom's belly starts to grow and suddenly things are changing. Will this be it for Louie? This is a great story for growing families that any big sister or brother can relate to! The minimal text and expressive illustrations make this book a winner for early elementary readers.



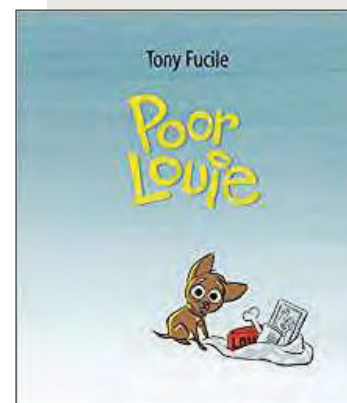
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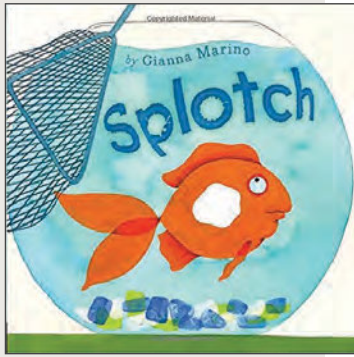
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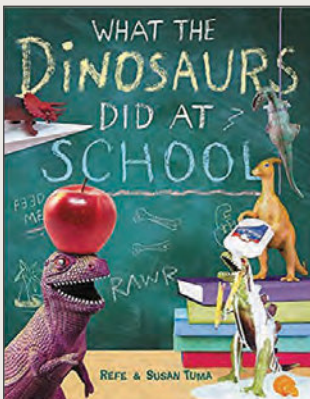
Splotch. Gianna Marino. Viking Books for Young Readers/Penguin Young Readers.



This Book Is Magic. Ashley Evanson. Grosset & Dunlap/Penguin Young Readers.



This Book Will Not Be Fun. Cirocco Dunlap. Ill. Olivier Tallec. Random House Books for Young Children/Random House Children's Books.



What the Dinosaurs Did at School. Refe and Susan Tuma. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

Pup the Sea Otter

Jonathan London. Ill. Sean London. Graphic Arts.

Readers learn about the life of sea otters in this nonfiction book collaboration between father and son. Wonderful illustrations capture otter's adventures in the kelp beds in the Pacific Ocean. The book provides a great STEM connection to oceans and conservation.

Splotch

Gianna Marino. Viking Books for Young Readers/Penguin Young Readers.

When a boy's "runaway" goldfish returns with its signature splotch in a new place, hilarity ensues as his mother seeks to protect him from the truth of what really happened to his pet. Young readers love watching the story evolve through the illustrations. Words are just a pleasant accompaniment. Students enjoyed spotting the differences in the goldfish pictures.

This Book Is Magic

Ashley Evanson. Grosset & Dunlap/Penguin Young Readers.

We all have a bit of magic in our fingertips. Readers are encouraged to try their hands and words at magic. Turning the page reveals a surprise. The interactive nature and feeling of empowerment bring smiles to children's faces.

This Book Will Not Be Fun

Cirocco Dunlap. Ill. Olivier Tallec. Random House Books for Young Children/Random House Children's Books.

A no-nonsense mouse keeps telling us that "This book will not be fun." Readers will delight as this charming yet uptight mouse is challenged and subverted by a Word-Eating Flying Whale, a glow-in-the-dark worm, and other craziness.

Triangle

Mac Barnett. Ill. Jon Klassen. Candlewick.

Triangle pulls a sneaky trick on Square. Square retaliates with a sneaky trick of his own. The illustrations as well as the author's question about Square's trick generate lively conversations about the book.

What the Dinosaurs Did at School

Refe and Susan Tuma. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

Imagine: dinosaurs loose in the school! They can't make trouble or they'll end up in the "drawer of no return!" That doesn't stop them from adventuring throughout the school building, making messes while having fun. Kids love the photographs and silly antics the dinosaurs get into—invisibility potion anyone?

Young Readers (Grades 3–4, Ages 8–10)

The Bad Guys in Attack of the Zittens (The Bad Guys #4)

Aaron Blabey. Scholastic.

The Bad Guys are back and are out to save the world from Dr. Marmalade's Zombie Kittens. Will they find the antidote in time? Packed with hilarious cartoon illustrations, fans of Captain Underpants will be thrilled with this series.

Creepy Schools

Kathryn Camisa. Bearport.

Is it your imagination, or is the school haunted? Four spine-tingling tales tempt readers to turn the page for more terror, if they dare! Full of simple, nonfiction text narratives, the stories will hook reluctant readers and thrill-seekers alike.

Danza! Amalia Hernández and El Ballet Folklórico de México

Duncan Tonatiuh. Abrams Books for Young Readers.

Using illustrations inspired by the ancient art of the Mixtecs, this story tells of the founding of Amalia Hernández's world-famous dance company. This book ties together her knowledge and training with traditional dances of Mexico.

The Dark Underground

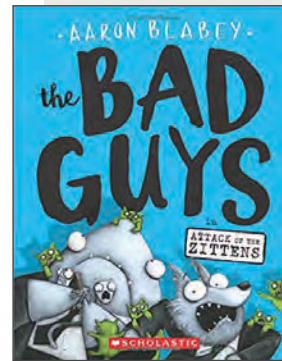
E. Merwin. Bearport.

In this installment of the Scary Places series, they're exploring historical underground places such as the subway, cellars, and catacombs. The photographs give kids an idea of just how creepy these places are! The book includes history and photographs, engaging readers further. This is a creepy and thrilling book for third and fourth graders.

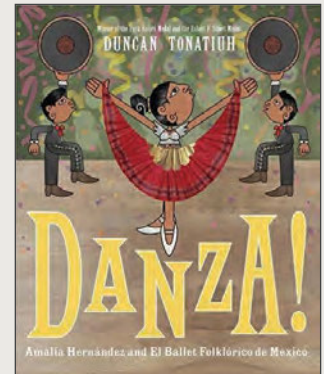
**Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties*

Dav Pilkey. Graphix/Scholastic.

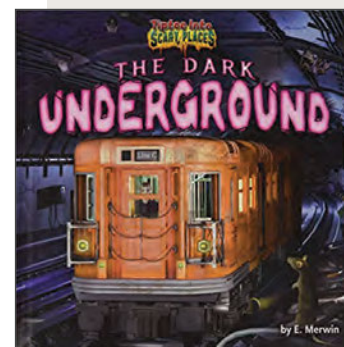
In the third title in the Dog Man graphic novel series, our hero must save the day as Petey decides he needs a clone to further his evil plans. When his clone arrives, Petey is shocked and dismayed to discover that Lil' Petey has no desire to be evil. Petey soon abandons his clone only to realize he misses the little guy. Unfortunately, Dog Man discovered the orphaned tike and they have become fast friends. Elementary students will enjoy this story of good versus evil from the creator of Captain Underpants.



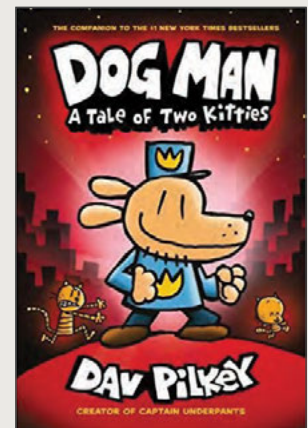
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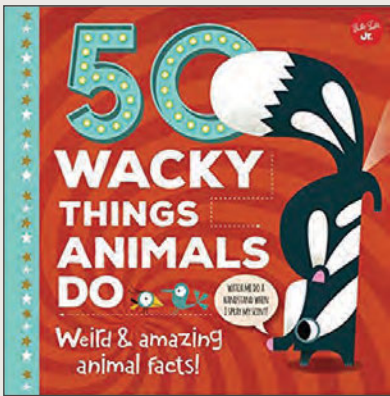
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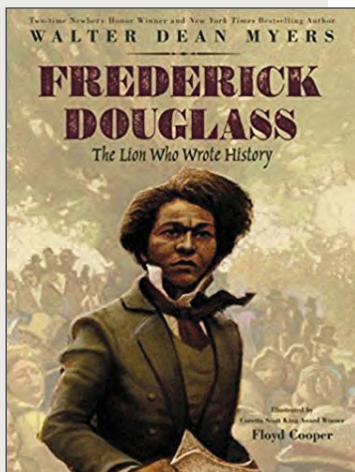
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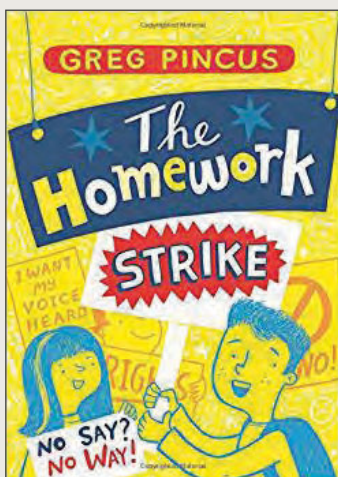
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The Homework Strike. Greg Pincus. Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic.

Eugenia Lincoln and the Unexpected Package

Kate DiCamillo. Ill. Chris Van Dusen. Candlewick.

Eugenia Lincoln is a no-nonsense, practical, no-time-for-frivolity person. However, the arrival of a mysterious package changes everything. Music can change attitudes, and Eugenia realizes an undiscovered talent for playing the accordion in this merrymaking read.

50 Wacky Things Animals Do

Tricia Martineau Wagner. Ill. Carles Ballesteros. Walter Foster, Jr./Quarto.

Readers are fascinated by the weird and amazing things that animals can do. This simplistic format is very motivating to even the most reluctant reader, with brief descriptions of the wacky behaviors of animals from around the world.

Frederick Douglass: The Lion Who Wrote History

Walter Dean Myers. Ill. Floyd Cooper. HarperCollins Children's Books.

This biography tells the story of Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey. Once free from slavery, he became Frederick Douglass, a man who helped shape America's history. Readers are inspired by one man's drive to make meaningful change for his country.

The Great Art Caper

Victoria Jamieson. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers/ Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

G.W. the Hamster is a classroom pet at Daisy P. Flugelhorn Elementary. His favorite student, Corina, has been chosen to present her artwork in The Juried Art Show. G.W. discovers that Harriet the Mouse and her minions are out to sabotage the art show. Worse, their plan frames G.W. and will surely land him in St. Bart's Obedience School for Unruly Pets. Can G.W. and his friends stop Harriet in time? Lower elementary students will enjoy this clever story of friendship as three class pets do all they can to save the day.

****The Homework Strike***

Greg Pincus. Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic.

Middle schooler Gregory thinks the homework load is just too much. Despite wanting to do well in school, he is appalled at how much time he and his friends are spending on homework. He decides to make a point and go on a homework strike. Will he end up changing the system or just doing poorly in school? A great read for kids in upper elementary school or just beginning middle school.

How to Survive as a Shark

Kristen Foote. Ill. Erica Salcedo. Innovation.

Upset that when you were born your mom swam away and left you on your own? Don't cry me an ocean. A shark friend will lead you through this book, sharing how to use all six senses and why you can never stop moving. This unique take on ocean science contains a hilariously illustrated story accompanied by fun facts hidden throughout. Photos of great white sharks and a glossary add to this book.

Kobee Manatee: Shipwreck Sea Friends

Robert Scott Thayer. Ill. Lauren Gallegos. Thompson Mill.

In this installment in the Kobee Manatee series, history meets adventure and science as the friends explore a shipwreck from the Spanish-American War circa 1898. Students will learn about Caribbean Sea animals alongside this important part of history. It's not all learning, though—Kobee's adventure adds elements of fun and excitement that keep students engaged.

Labyrinth

Theo Guignard. Wide Eyed Editions/Quarto.

Fourteen colorful mazes of "the world" challenge readers to find objects imbedded in each two-page spread. As the book progresses, the mazes become more challenging, keeping students engaged to the very end.

*The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors

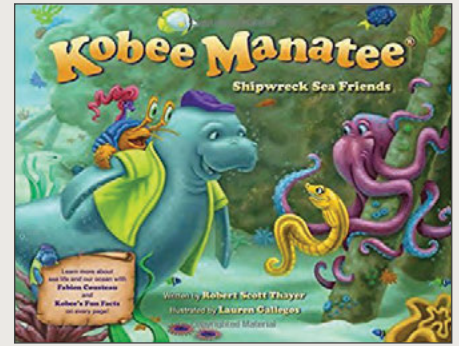
Drew Daywalt. Ill. Adam Rex. Balzer+Bray/HarperCollins.

If you are wondering where the worldwide game of Rock Paper Scissors started, look no further. This fantasized version has a unique ending where everyone is a winner. Reading this book will surely boost an interest in playing the game.

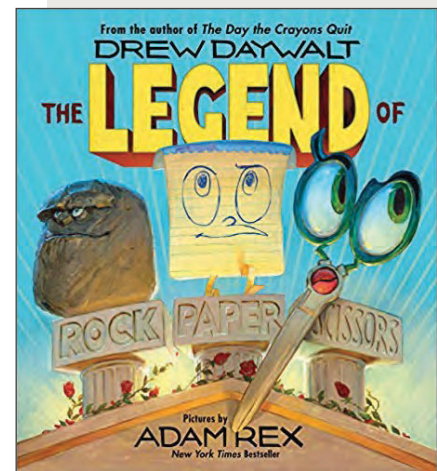
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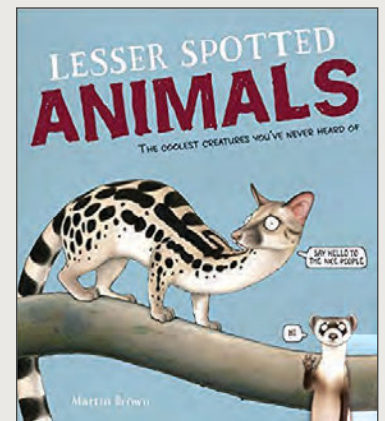
Find fun and important facts about less familiar animals in this alternative to traditional works. Special features include pictures in the contents and an extinction guide in the glossary. Elementary students are sure to enjoy the author's clever descriptions of the animals' sizes compared with traditional forms of measurement.



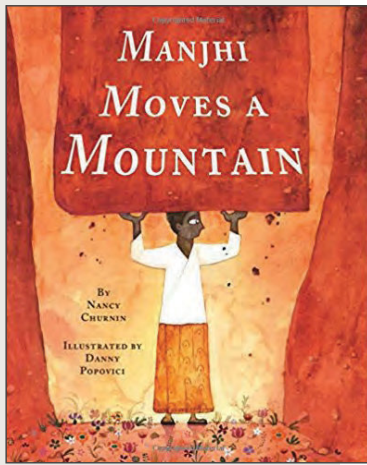
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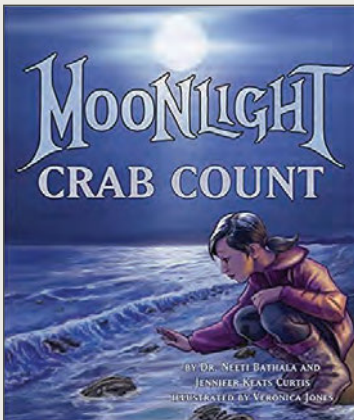
Nancy Churnin. Ill. Danny Popovici. Creston.

The true story of Dashrath Manjhi, who used a chisel and a hammer to carve a 360-foot-long road through a mountain that separated his village from hospitals, schools, and jobs. After witnessing the despair of his village for many years, Manjhi decided to shorten the distance and thus lessen the difficulty of reaching opportunities from the town on the other side of the mountain. This story of perseverance and determination will inspire students of all ages.

Moby Dick

Herman Melville, retold by Philip Edwards. Ill. Adam Horsepool. Flowerpot.

The classic tale gets a makeover in this illustrated version of the 1851 original. The themes remain the same with simpler language and illustrations, making this 10-minute classic a real gem. The writers also highlighted and defined important words to support readers while expanding their vocabulary. This is a solid version of a true classic that brings the timeless tale of man versus beast to a younger audience.



Moonlight Crab Count. Dr. Neeti Bathala and Jennifer Keats Curtis. Ill. Veronica V. Jones. Arbordale.

Moonlight Crab Count

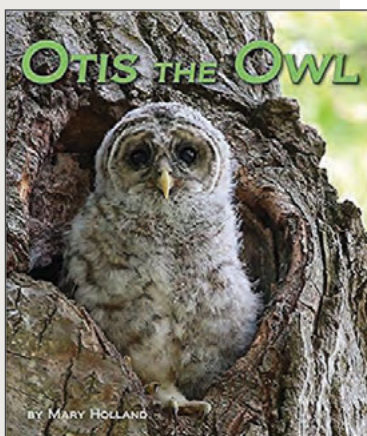
Dr. Neeti Bathala and Jennifer Keats Curtis. Ill. Veronica V. Jones. Arbordale.

Each summer, Leena and her mom count the horseshoe crabs that visit their beach. With their dog, Bobie, at their sides, the duo spends a night on the shore observing and surveying horseshoe crabs that have come to mate and lay eggs. This picture book highlights the fact that anyone can be a scientist.

Noodleheads See the Future

Tedd Arnold, Martha Hamilton, and Mitch Weiss. Ill. Tedd Arnold. Holiday House.

Students will be delighted to discover that Mac and Mac, the two brothers in the story, have nothing in their "noodle." Students will enjoy the book's idioms and humor, like cousin Meatball easily tricking the siblings.



Otis the Owl. Mary Holland. Arbordale.

***Otis the Owl**

Mary Holland. Arbordale.

This nonfiction text provides beautiful photography of the beginning months of a barred owl's life. Readers will love the detailed illustrations that support a rich, descriptive vocabulary.

Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets

Kwame Alexander with Chris Colderley and Marjory Wentworth. Ill. Ekua Holmes. Candlewick.

Colorful mixed media collages surround many poems celebrating the style of 20 great poets, with poems written by the authors. The poem "Snapshots" sums up the book beautifully: "poetry is remembering the things that matter...the ones you love..." Students will enjoy the lyrical poems.

Pinto the Chisholm Pony

Stella Dutton. Ill. Sergio Drumond. 405 Storybook.

Join Pinto the Chisholm Pony as he endures obstacles on the rugged Chisholm Trail of 1869 while searching for his owner. This is a commemorative book in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Chisholm Trail. Readers will delight in this heartwarming tale.

****The Robo-Battle of Mega Tortoise vs. Hazard Hare***

Stephanie Peters. Ill. Fernando Cano. Stone Arch/Capstone.

Shelly the Tortoise is determined to beat Hunter the Hare in a robot battle! This is a modern-day graphic novel twist on the classic Aesop fable.

Rosie Revere's Big Project Book for Bold Engineers

Andrea Beaty. Ill. David Roberts. Abrams Books for Young Readers.

Rosie Revere challenges future engineers to explore their surroundings and experience big, bold discoveries through simple challenges in a highly engaging, interactive journal format. Over 40 things can be invented, drawn, or created. It's a wonderful profession for readers to ponder.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg: The Case of R.B.G. vs. Inequality

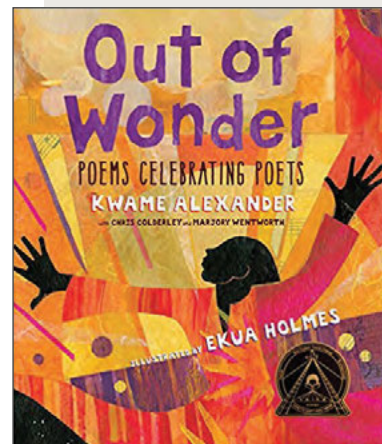
Jonah Winter. Ill. Stacy Innerst. Abrams Books for Young Readers.

This biography boldly shares the story of a woman who encountered injustices throughout her life. The gorgeous gouache and ink illustrations clearly portray childhood and life struggles Ginsburg overcame. Straightforward text shares fascinating facts without overwhelming readers.

The Secret Project

Jonah Winter. Ill. Jeanette Winter. Beach Lane/Simon & Schuster.

This eloquently written story for children is about the Manhattan Project and the development of the atom bomb. Detailed author's notes at the end of the story provide more truths and thoughts for young people to ponder in today's world.



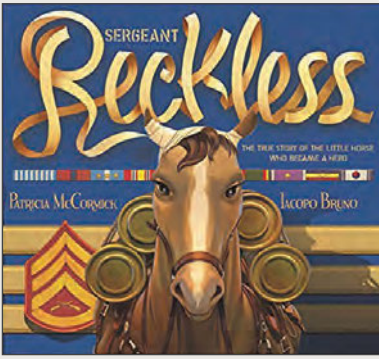
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Sergeant Reckless: The True Story of the Little Horse Who Became a Hero. Patricia McCormick. Ill. Iacopo Bruno. Balzer+Bray/HarperCollins.

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Patricia McCormick. Ill. Iacopo Bruno. Balzer+Bray/HarperCollins.

Sergeant Reckless is the true story of the only animal to ever hold an official military rank. U.S. Marines are struggling to haul ammunition up the steep inclines of the "Reckless" cannon during the Korean War. A mare is enlisted to help with the loads. This story will steal the hearts of children of all ages. The determination and bravery of a small mare named Reckless celebrates the true meaning of Semper Fidelis.

Spooky Libraries

Jessica Rudolph. Bearport.

The book tells the history of four libraries that are believed to be haunted. The stories include hauntings by deceased family members of those who constructed the libraries, people who died untimely deaths, and disturbed graveyards. Students in second grade and up will enjoy these chilling stories of haunting events as well as the histories behind these present-day libraries.



Thunder Underground. Jane Yolen. Ill. Josée Masse. Wordsong/Highlights.

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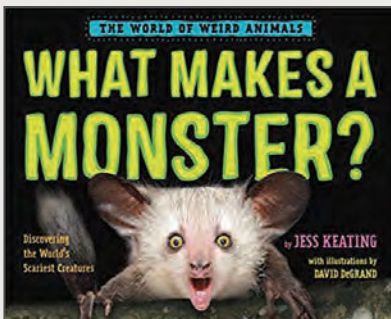
Jane Yolen. Ill. Josée Masse. Wordsong/Highlights.

For the love of where all things begin and end, readers open their eyes to what may not immediately be seen underground through this lovely collection of poems. The deepest discovery may be the true meaning of the book—thunder underground.

What Makes a Monster? Discovering the World's Scariest Creatures

Jess Keating. Ill. David DeGrand. Alfred A. Knopf/Random House Children's Books.

This informational book offers a two-page spread for each creature considered. Species include brain-eating fungi, human beings, prairie dogs that carry fleas with the bubonic plague, and more. Students will enjoy examining the various creatures and the dangers they present to our planet.



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Advanced Readers (Grades 5–6, Ages 10–12)

Beyond the Bright Sea

Lauren Wolk. Dutton Children's Books/Penguin Young Readers.

An unusual story set on a Massachusetts island in the 1920s, Crow was rescued and raised by Osh, an introverted painter. Events lead Crow to become curious about her history and begin a dangerous and mysterious journey. Students will find this book to be very engaging and will be unable to put it down.

Bone Jack

Sara Crowe. Philomel/Penguin Random House.

Ash is training for the town's annual Stag Race. He runs for his father, who has returned from war with PTSD, and for his ex-best friend, who is suffering from seeing his father's suicide. As Ash trains, mythical creatures haunt him, making the line between what is real and what is not hard to discern. The creepy myths and magic keep readers engaged to the very end.

Clayton Byrd Goes Underground

Rita Williams-Garcia. Ill. Frank Morrison. Amistad/HarperCollins.

Clayton Byrd, a young aspiring bluesman, idolized Cool Papa Byrd and is always asking him, when? When can he play with the Bluesmen? The special relationship between grandfather, Cool Papa Byrd, and grandson, Clayton Byrd, is felt from the beginning to the end of this beautiful story that will be appreciated and enjoyed by readers.

Cyclone

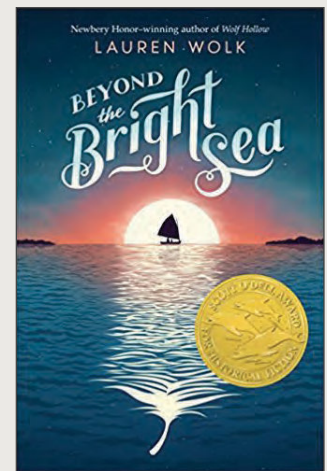
Doreen Cronin. Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

Nora blames herself when her cousin, Riley, goes into a coma after Nora blackmailed her into riding the Cyclone rollercoaster. As Riley recovers, Nora deals with the fear of losing a loved one, frustration at Riley's slow recovery, and a guilty conscience. Kids who are learning to work through conflict with their friends will see themselves in the characters. The author uses Nora's voice to explain medical terms that might otherwise be confusing.

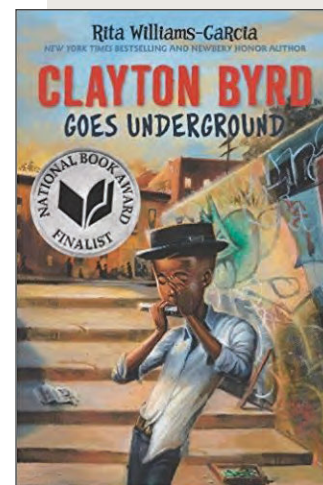
**Disaster Diaries: Spiders!*

R. McGeddon. Imprint/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Sam, Arty, and Emmie, all self-proclaimed heroes, take on one challenge after another in this slapstick humorous fight to save the community of Sitting Duck from giant spiders. This is one book in the wildly popular Disaster Diaries series.



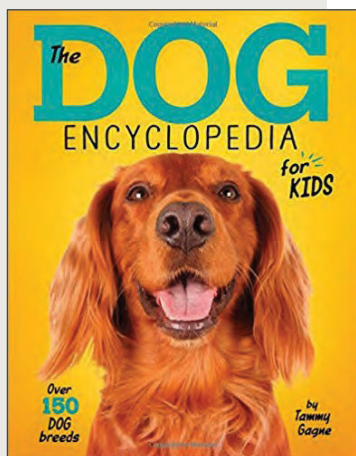
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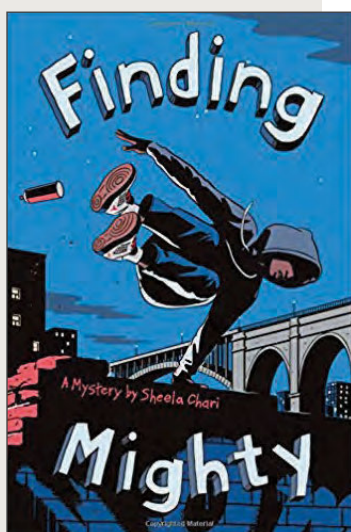
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The Dog Encyclopedia for Kids.
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The End of the Wild. Nicole Helget.
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Finding Mighty. Sheela Chari.
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The Dog Encyclopedia for Kids

Tammy Gagne. Capstone Young Readers.

Thinking about getting a dog? Check out over 150 breeds in this amazing nonfiction book on dogs. Great photos, identifying facts, country of origin, personality traits, training notes, and information on care are included.

The End of the Wild

Nicole Helget. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

Fern explores the woods around her home as both a place of comfort after the loss of her mom and a place to find food for her poor family. When a natural gas company initiates a plan to begin fracking in the woods, Fern's heart is torn between the job possibilities it could bring and the loss of her sanctuary. The author handles the subjects of poverty, loss, mental illness, and conservation with hope. Readers will connect with Fern as she searches to find out the kind of adult she hopes to be.

Family Game Night and Other Catastrophes

Mary E. Lambert. Scholastic Press.

Anabelle's family is being torn apart by her mother's hoarding issues. In spite of the seriousness of the topic, readers will connect with Anabelle's gutsy humor. Without being judgmental, the author discusses hoarding and the necessity of asking for help. Readers will be drawn in by the characters and be left with hope by the ending.

****Finding Mighty***

Sheela Chari. Amulet.

The lives of two individuals intersect in surprising ways as they seek to uncover the mystery of some missing diamonds. Sixth grader Myla enjoys her life but often feels overlooked by others or trapped by her own fears. She purchases an unusual necklace at a flea market to boost her self-confidence. As it turns out, her neighbor, Peter, has one just like it, and there's a strange connection between the two necklaces. Peter's deceased father left behind notes in a black book that just might help the two youngsters solve this mystery.

The Football Fanbook: Everything You Need to Become a Gridiron Know-It-All

Gary Gramling. Ill. Colin Hayes. Liberty Street/Time.

This is the encyclopedia of football! From NFL teams to players to coaches, it's a fact-finding, informational text filled with lingo, trivia, stats, and skills. This one book can make any reader a gridiron expert.

How to Be a Scientist

Steve Mould. DK.

Readers will be inspired to learn more about how to think and act like these famous scientists while uncovering deep scientific knowledge they can apply through fun-filled science projects.

In Darkling Wood

Emma Carroll. Delacorte Books for Young Readers/
Random House Children's Books.

Alice's life is turned upside down when a family emergency causes her to stay at her estranged grandma's house far from home. Unhappy with her circumstances, she finds a retreat in the distant woods and an unexpected friendship ensues. Readers will love the mystery as they follow the unknown in the Darkling Wood.

Kate Warne: Pinkerton Detective

Marissa Moss. Ill. April Chu. Creston.

This nonfiction picture book is an account of Kate Warne, the first American female detective. Her first case was the Adams Express Case. This case not only made a name for the Pinkerton Detective Agency but also gave Warne her start. She later became Women's Division Supervisor for the agency.

Let's Clap, Jump, Sing & Shout; Dance, Spin & Turn It Out! Games, Songs, and Stories From an African American Childhood

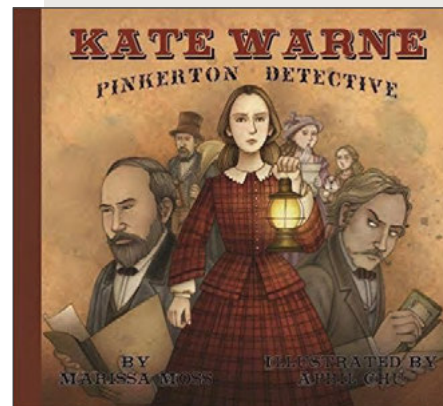
Patricia C. McKissack. Ill. Brian Pinkney. Schwartz & Wade/
Random House Children's Books.

This is a collection of classic playtime games and songs to share with children and adults alike. McKissack shares memories from her childhood in the American South. Her book is greatly influenced by her African American heritage, which she shares through story, games, and songs. The diversity of play and information would be useful to many groups of educators and interesting to children of all ages.

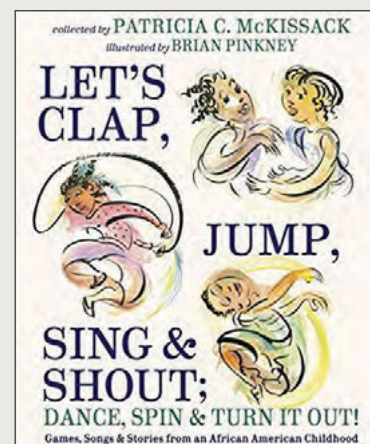
*The Losers Club

Andrew Clements. Random House Children's Books/
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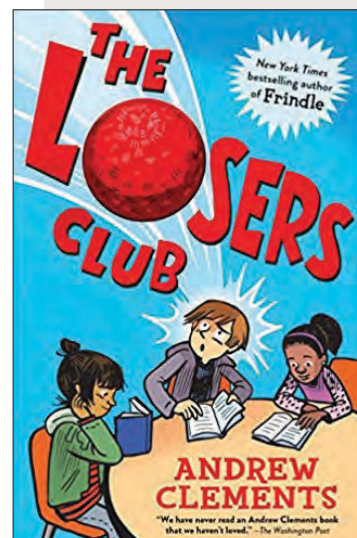
Alec is always in trouble...for reading! He loves reading so much, he does it anywhere and everywhere, which usually ends with him in the principal's office. The principal gives him an ultimatum: Pay attention in class, or spend the summer in a study skills program. Alec creates The Losers Club for himself as a way to keep reading but is surprised about who the club attracts and how sixth grade actually develops. This is the perfect book for the bookworm in your life.



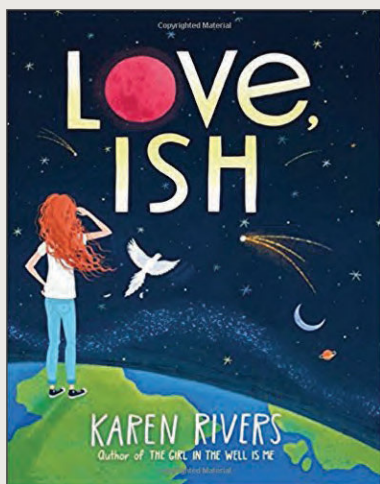
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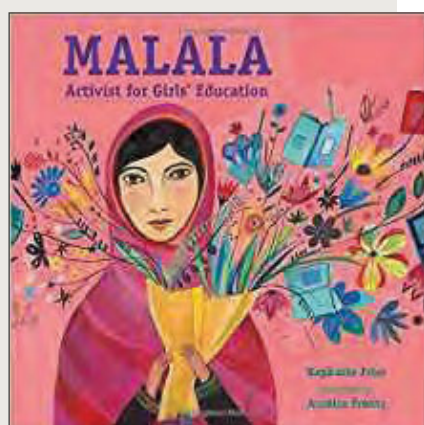
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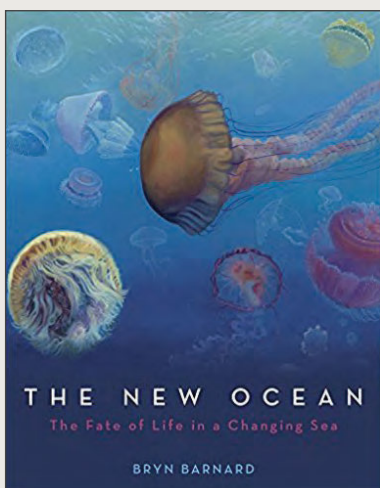
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Charlesbridge.



The New Ocean: The Fate of Life in a Changing Sea. Bryn Barnard. Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

Love, Ish

Karen Rivers. Algonquin Young Readers.

Ish (Mischa) dreams of colonizing Mars because she doesn't seem to fit in on Earth. On the first day of sixth grade, she passes out at school and soon learns that a brain tumor is the cause. This coming of age and overcoming hardships novel will appeal to kids who feel like social outcasts.

Lucy & Andy Neanderthal: The Stone Cold Age

Jeffrey Brown. Crown Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

Present-day kids meet the Neanderthal Era in this hilarious series. Factual side notes bolster the fictionalized dialogue and beliefs of this past era. Students will love the humor and will benefit from the scientific facts interwoven into the stories.

Malala: Activist for Girls' Education

Raphaële Frier. Ill. Aurélia Fronty. Charlesbridge.

Malala Yousafzai stood up to the Taliban and fought for the right of all girls to receive an education. When she was 15, the Taliban attempted to kill Malala, but even this did not stop her activism. At age 18, Malala became the youngest person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her work to ensure the education of all children around the world. This biographical picture book tells the story of the young girl's educational activism in Pakistan.

The New Ocean: The Fate of Life in a Changing Sea

Bryn Barnard. Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

This book discusses the impact global warming and pollution are having on the world's oceans. Six sea dwellers are showcased: jellyfish, orcas, sea turtles, tuna, coral, and blue-green algae. Facts are given about each, followed by how people and a changing world are affecting the organisms' survival. Upper elementary students will begin to realize how everyday choices to recycle, conserve electricity, and properly dispose of waste can have a great impact on our future world.

Race to the Bottom of the Sea

Lindsay Eagar. Candlewick.

Merrick the Monstrous, a pirate who kidnaps Fidelia for her marine know-how, takes her on an adventure to find a treasure lost on the ocean floor. A scientist, an inventor, a huge shark, a librarian, and the Royal Navy are all part of a story that keeps readers wondering how they are all connected and why a dying pirate is so intent on finding his lost treasure.

***The Red Bandanna**

Tom Rinaldi. Viking Books for Young Readers/Penguin Young Readers.

Welles Crowther always kept a red bandanna with him, a gift from his father. Little did he know how that bandanna would help him in a time of crisis, during the fall of the South Tower of the World Trade Center. Readers will be fascinated by the story of an ordinary man who did extraordinary work to save lives of others while sacrificing his own.

Refugee

Alan Gratz. Scholastic Press.

Alan Gratz has written another poignant realistic fiction book that will grip readers from start to end. This story chronicles the journeys of three young people fleeing for their lives: Josef from the Nazi regime in 1939, Isabel from Castro's Cuba in 1994, and Mahmoud from Aleppo, Syria, in 2015. The story is told in alternating chapters, and it may be easier to read one character's story from start to finish. This is a must-read for upper elementary and middle school students.

Sticker Girl Rules the School

Janet Tashjian. Ill. Inga Wilmlink. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Being a middle school student means trying to fit in. When Martina's magic stickers come alive, she is amazed. Her best friend joins in the sticker fun, and together they attempt to be elected class officers. When her sticker, Craig the Cupcake, nominates her for class president, the fun begins. Students will love the adventure, as it will "stick" with them for a long time.

***This Is Just a Test**

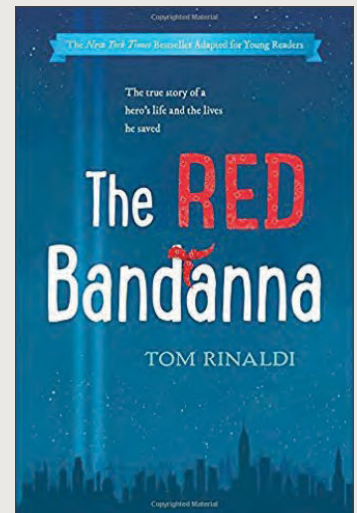
Madelyn Rosenberg and Wendy Wan-Long Shang. Scholastic Press.

David Da-Wei Horowitz is a Chinese Jewish American caught between chaos in his family and his friendships. A story filled with cultural sensitivity, it touches on real-world issues of the 1980s, from bar mitzvahs to the Cold War to arguing grandmothers.

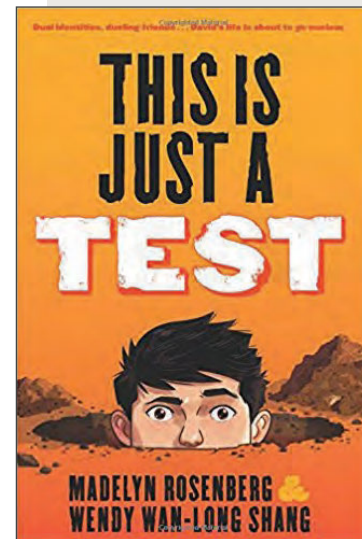
The Trials of Apollo: The Dark Prophecy (Book 2)

Rick Riordan. Disney-Hyperion.

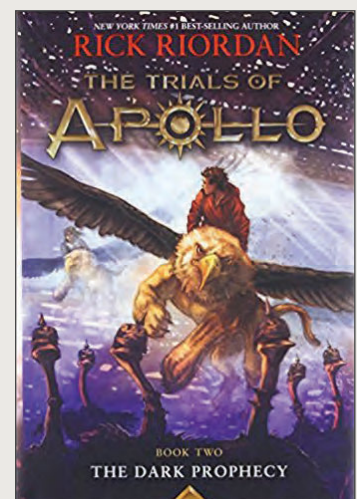
The Dark Prophecy is a continuation of the adventure of Apollo, who has been cast out of Mount Olympus and stripped of his godly powers. The challenge of finding and restoring the oracles, and the comedy of Apollo learning to use his new human body, will delight fans. Readers will love revisiting Camp Half-Blood and many of Riordan's characters from the Percy Jackson series.



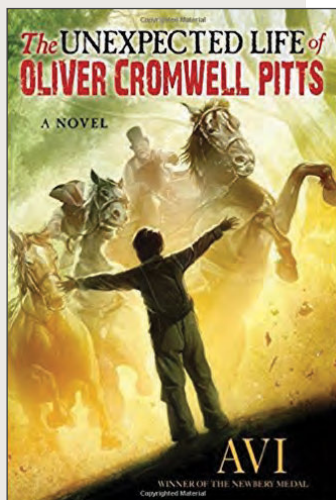
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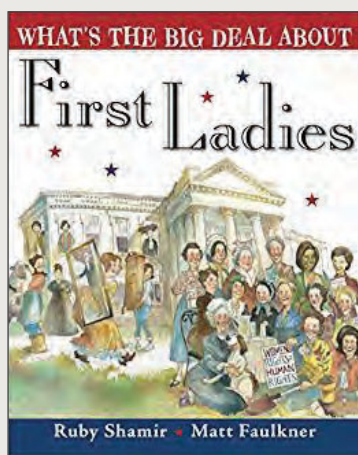
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The Wizard's Dog. Eric Kahn Gale. Crown Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

The Unexpected Life of Oliver Cromwell Pitts

Avi. Algonquin Young Readers.

Oliver is left on his own after a terrible storm hits his English community in 1724. High adventure and near disasters meet Oliver as he tries to make his way to London to find his sister, Charity. Once in London and reunited with Charity, life does not calm down. Avi leaves readers hanging—will they survive? Readers must read book two to find out!

The Warden's Daughter

Jerry Spinelli. Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

Filled with an ongoing anger at being motherless, 13-year-old Cammie spends time with incarcerated women in Hancock County Prison. Although she is compassionate, Cammie's friend Reggie is fixated on an inmate who is a murderer, which disgusts Cammie. Two inmates help draw Cammie out of her deep depression.

What's the Big Deal About First Ladies

Ruby Shamir. Ill. Matt Faulkner. Philomel/Penguin Young Readers.

Everything you've wanted to know about the position of First Lady is in this book. Questions such as, Why do we have first ladies?, What if the president's wife didn't want the job?, and more are answered in this informative text structured with questions and answers. Students get a glimpse of the inner workings of the U.S. government in this illustrated, engaging book.

What's the Big Deal About Freedom

Ruby Shamir. Ill. Matt Faulkner. Philomel/Penguin Young Readers.

Using accessible language for students and approachable illustrations, this book highlights the Revolutionary War, slavery, voting rights, workers' rights, and how we can continue to spread and celebrate American freedom. By including common features of nonfiction texts such as a timeline, sidebars, and a who's who of America's leaders, students are able to learn about the content and structure of a nonfiction book.

The Wizard's Dog

Eric Kahn Gale. Crown Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

Nosewise is rescued by the wizard Merlin from a life on the streets with other dogs. He loves his new life as a pet, working hard to please his owner by learning magic and tricks like sit and stay. Readers who love dogs will be sure to enjoy this humorous book of adventure, magic, and a talking dog.

*Titles that received the most votes

Titles listed in orange are finalists for the Children's Choice Book Awards.

Children's Choices 2018 Reading List

Beginning Readers (Grades K–2, Ages 5–8)

Alphonse, That Is Not Ok to Do! Daisy Hirst. Candlewick.
**Back to School With Bigfoot.* Samantha Berger and Martha Brockenbrough. Ill. Dave Pressler. Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic.
**Billy Bloo Is Stuck in Goo.* Jennifer Hamburg. Ill. Ross Burach. Scholastic Press.
Bonaparte Falls Apart. Margery Cuyler. Ill. Will Terry. Crown Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.
Books That Drive Kids Crazy: Did You Take the B From My _ook? Beck and Matt Stanton. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.
Boo Who? Ben Clanton. Candlewick.
Danny McGee Drinks the Sea. Andy Stanton. Ill. Neal Layton. Schwartz & Wade/Random House Children's Books.
Dog on a Frog? Kes and Claire Gray. Ill. Jim Field. Scholastic Press.
**An Elephant and Piggie Biggie!* Mo Willems. Disney-Hyperion.
Go Sleep in Your Own Bed! Candace Fleming. Ill. Lori Nichols. Schwartz & Wade/Random House Children's Books.
Great, Now We've Got Barbarians! Jason Carter Eaton. Ill. Mark Fearing. Candlewick.
Green Pants. Kenneth Kraegel. Candlewick.
**Hair-pocalypse.* Geoff Herbach. Ill. Stephen Gilpin. Picture Window/Capstone.
Harry the Hairy Fairy. Pace Clinkscapes. Ill. Ügo & Toby. Club Drive Group.
Hattie & Hudson. Chris Van Dusen. Candlewick.
How Do Dinosaurs Choose Their Pets? Jane Yolen. Ill. Mark Teague. Blue Sky/Scholastic.
If You Ever Want to Bring a Circus to the Library, Don't! Elise Parsley. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.
Mary McScary. R.L. Stine. Ill. Marc Brown. Orchard/Scholastic.
Monster's New Undies. Samantha Berger. Ill. Tad Carpenter. Orchard/Scholastic.
Morris Mole. Dan Yaccarino. HarperCollins Children's Books.
Pete With No Pants. Rowboat Watkins. Chronicle.
Please Please the Bees. Gerald Kelley. Albert Whitman.
Pig the Winner. Aaron Blabey. Scholastic Press.
**Poor Louie.* Tony Fucile. Candlewick.
Pup the Sea Otter. Jonathan London. Ill. Sean London. Graphic Arts.
Spotch. Gianna Marino. Viking Books for Young Readers/Penguin Young Readers.
This Book Is Magic. Ashley Evanson. Grosset & Dunlap/Penguin Young Readers.
This Book Will Not Be Fun. Cirocco Dunlap. Ill. Olivier Tallec. Random House Books for Young Children/Random House Children's Books.
Triangle. Mac Barnett. Ill. Jon Klassen. Candlewick.
What the Dinosaurs Did at School. Refe and Susan Tuma. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

Young Readers (Grades 3–4, Ages 8–10)

The Bad Guys in Attack of the Zittens (The Bad Guys #4). Aaron Blabey. Scholastic.
Creepy Schools. Kathryn Camisa. Bearport.
Danza! Amalia Hernández and El Ballet Folklórico de México. Duncan Tonatiuh. Abrams Books for Young Readers.
The Dark Underground. E. Merwin. Bearport.
**Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties.* Dav Pilkey. Graphix/Scholastic.
Eugenia Lincoln and the Unexpected Package. Kate DiCamillo. Ill. Chris Van Dusen. Candlewick.
50 Wacky Things Animals Do. Tricia Martineau Wagner. Ill. Carles Ballesteros. Walter Foster, Jr./Quarto.
Frederick Douglass: The Lion Who Wrote History. Walter Dean Myers. Ill. Floyd Cooper. HarperCollins Children's Books.
The Great Art Caper. Victoria Jamieson. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.
**The Homework Strike.* Greg Pincus. Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic.
How to Survive as a Shark. Kristen Foote. Ill. Erica Salcedo. Innovation.
Kobee Manatee: Shipwreck Sea Friends. Robert Scott Thayer. Ill. Lauren Gallegos. Thompson Mill.
Labyrinth. Theo Guignard. Wide Eyed Editions/Quarto.
**The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors.* Drew Daywalt. Ill. Adam Rex. Balzer+Bray/HarperCollins.
Lesser Spotted Animals. Martin Brown. David Fickling/Scholastic.
Manjhi Moves a Mountain. Nancy Churnin. Ill. Danny Popovici. Creston.
Moby Dick. Herman Melville, retold by Philip Edwards. Ill. Adam Horsepool. Flowerpot.
Moonlight Crab Count. Dr. Neeti Bathala and Jennifer Keats Curtis. Ill. Veronica V. Jones. Arbordale.
Noodleheads See the Future. Tedd Arnold, Martha Hamilton, and Mitch Weiss. Ill. Tedd Arnold. Holiday House.
**Otis the Owl.* Mary Holland. Arbordale.
Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets. Kwame Alexander with Chris Colderley and Marjory Wentworth. Ill. Ekua Holmes. Candlewick.
Pinto the Chisholm Pony. Stella Dutton. Ill. Sergio Drumond. 405 Storybook.
**The Robo-Battle of Mega Tortoise vs. Hazard Hare.* Stephanie Peters. Ill. Fernando Cano. Stone Arch/Capstone.
Rosie Revere's Big Project Book for Bold Engineers. Andrea Beaty. Ill. David Roberts. Abrams Books for Young Readers.
Ruth Bader Ginsburg: The Case of R.B.G. vs. Inequality. Jonah Winter. Ill. Stacy Innerst. Abrams Books for Young Readers.
The Secret Project. Jonah Winter. Ill. Jeanette Winter. Beach Lane/Simon & Schuster.
Sergeant Reckless: The True Story of the Little Horse Who Became a Hero. Patricia McCormick. Ill. Iacopo Bruno. Balzer+Bray/HarperCollins.
Spooky Libraries. Jessica Rudolph. Bearport.
Thunder Underground. Jane Yolen. Ill. Josée Masse. Wordsong/Highlights.
What Makes a Monster? Discovering the World's Scariest Creatures. Jess Keating. Ill. David DeGrand. Alfred A. Knopf/Random House Children's Books.

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Children's Choices 2018 Reading List (Cont'd)

Advanced Readers (Grades 5–6, Ages 10–12)

Beyond the Bright Sea. Lauren Wolk. Dutton Children's Books/Penguin Young Readers.

Bone Jack. Sara Crowe. Philomel/Penguin Random House.

Clayton Byrd Goes Underground. Rita Williams-Garcia. Ill. Frank Morrison. Amistad/HarperCollins.

Cyclone. Doreen Cronin. Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

**Disaster Diaries: Spiders!* R. McGeddon. Imprint/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

The Dog Encyclopedia for Kids. Tammy Gagne. Capstone Young Readers.

The End of the Wild. Nicole Helget. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

Family Game Night and Other Catastrophes. Mary E. Lambert. Scholastic Press.

**Finding Mighty.* Sheela Chari. Amulet.

The Football Fanbook: Everything You Need to Become a Gridiron Know-It-All. Gary Gramling. Ill. Colin Hayes. Liberty Street/Time.

How to Be a Scientist. Steve Mould. DK.

In Darkling Wood. Emma Carroll. Delacorte Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

Kate Warne: Pinkerton Detective. Marissa Moss. Ill. April Chu. Creston.

Let's Clap, Jump, Sing & Shout; Dance, Spin & Turn It Out! Games, Songs, and Stories From an African American Childhood. Patricia C. McKissack. Ill. Brian Pinkney. Schwartz & Wade/Random House Children's Books.

**The Losers Club.* Andrew Clements. Random House Children's Books/Penguin Random House.

Love, Ish. Karen Rivers. Algonquin Young Readers.

Lucy & Andy Neanderthal: The Stone Cold Age. Jeffrey Brown. Crown Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

Malala: Activist for Girls' Education. Raphaële Frier. Ill. Aurélia Fronty. Charlesbridge.

The New Ocean: The Fate of Life in a Changing Sea. Bryn Barnard. Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

Race to the Bottom of the Sea. Lindsay Eagar. Candlewick.

**The Red Bandanna.* Tom Rinaldi. Viking Books for Young Readers/Penguin Young Readers.

Refugee. Alan Gratz. Scholastic Press.

Sticker Girl Rules the School. Janet Tashjian. Ill. Inga Wilkink. Henry Holt Books for Young Readers/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

**This Is Just a Test.* Madelyn Rosenberg and Wendy Wan-Long Shang. Scholastic Press.

The Trials of Apollo: The Dark Prophecy (Book 2). Rick Riordan. Disney-Hyperion.

The Unexpected Life of Oliver Cromwell Pitts. Avi. Algonquin Young Readers.

The Warden's Daughter. Jerry Spinelli. Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

What's the Big Deal About First Ladies. Ruby Shamir. Ill. Matt Faulkner. Philomel/Penguin Young Readers.

What's the Big Deal About Freedom. Ruby Shamir. Ill. Matt Faulkner. Philomel/Penguin Young Readers.

The Wizard's Dog. Eric Kahn Gale. Crown Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

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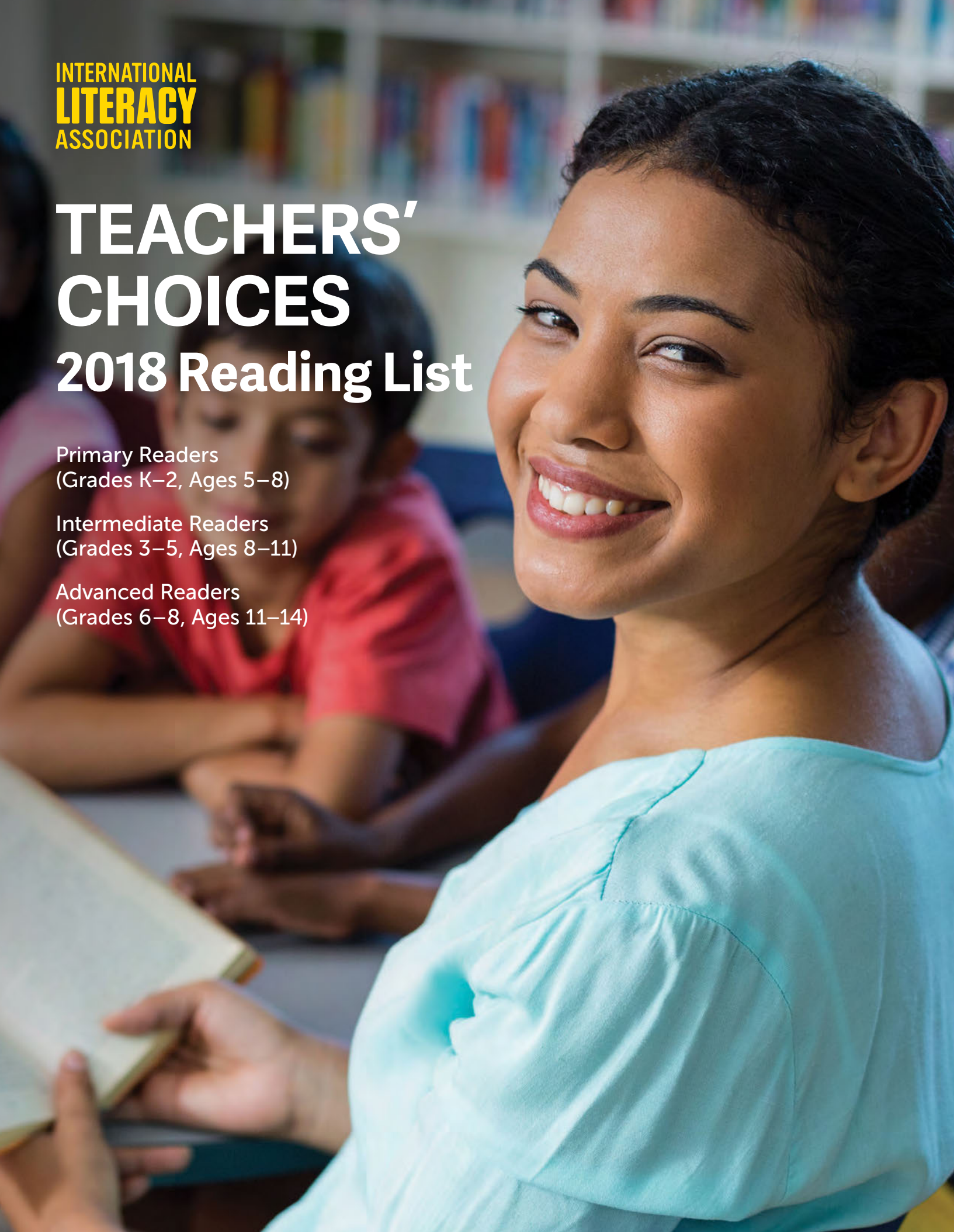
More About Children's Choices

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To learn more about the Children's Choices project, including how to participate and access to previous years' reading lists, please visit literacyworldwide.org/choices.

About the Children's Book Council

The Children's Book Council (CBC) is the largest nonprofit trade association for children's book publishers in North America. The CBC offers children's publishers, from smaller independent presses to large international houses, the opportunity to work together on issues of importance to the industry at large, including educational programming, diversity in employment and books, and literacy advocacy. For more information, visit cbcbooks.org.

A smiling teacher with dark hair, wearing a light blue top, is looking towards the left. In the background, a young boy in a red shirt is sitting at a desk, looking down at a book. The setting appears to be a classroom or library with bookshelves visible in the background.

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TEACHERS' CHOICES 2018 Reading List

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(Grades K–2, Ages 5–8)

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What Is the Teachers' Choices Reading List?

For teachers looking for the best new titles to add to their classroom library, the Teachers' Choices list is *the* place to start. Not only is it where they'll find outstanding books for ages 5 to 14, but also they'll know it comes from a source they can rely on—their fellow educators. Since 1989, the International Literacy Association's Teachers' Choices project has identified trade books that teachers, librarians, and literacy specialists choose as being exceptional for both curriculum use and encouraging young people to read. Parents and families will also find the list invaluable, as it provides excellent choices for reading aloud or for help answering important questions prompted by children's experiences as they grow up.



Becoming Bach. Tom Leonard.
Roaring Brook/Macmillan
Children's Publishing Group.

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Becoming Bach

Tom Leonard. Roaring Brook/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

In this first-person narrative, the young musician explains how the patterns he saw and the music he felt in his mind and heart became his musical quest to make magic. The result is Johann Sebastian's story of earning the acclaimed title of Bach.

Before She Was Harriet

Lesa Cline-Ransome. Ill. James E. Ransome. Holiday House.

This lyrical poem tells the courageous story of Harriet Tubman, describing her life through various names. Many people were saved through her courageous efforts as she acted as conductor, suffragist, spy, and liberator, among others.

Blue Sky White Stars

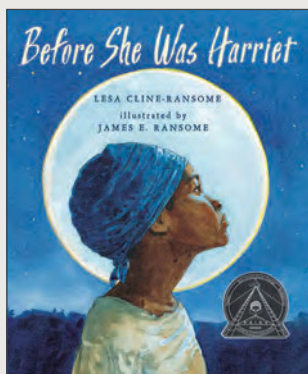
Sarvinder Naberhaus. Ill. Kadir Nelson. Dial Books for Young Readers/Penguin Young Readers Group.

In this text, the same words describe both the fabric of America and the Star-Spangled Banner. Beautiful illustrations coupled with sparse text make this seemingly simple book meaningful and thought-provoking as readers weave their way through the history of the nation and its flag.

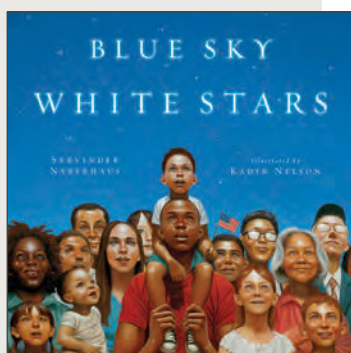
Give Bees a Chance

Bethany Barton. Viking/Penguin Young Readers Group.

Learn all about why bees are important in this fun-filled book of facts, drawings, and quotes. You'll laugh at and empathize with the main character as the narrator bee tries to convince him to just give bees a chance to show their true colors.



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Dial Books for Young Readers/
Penguin Young Readers Group.

Rivers, Seas and Oceans

Mack van Gageldonk. Clavis.

Photographs and childlike doodles bring the wonder of water to life in this nonfiction text. Describing the water cycle, differences in fresh and salt water, marine life, and more, this book is bound to whet every reader's appetite to learn all about this life-sustaining substance.

Robins! How They Grow Up

Eileen Christelow. Clarion.

Through witty banter between two young robins, this text reveals the ups and downs of a robin's first year of life from egg to independence. Realistic descriptions of everything from building nests to scouting for food to running from predators are sure to fascinate young learners.

Rolling Thunder

Kate Messner. Ill. Greg Ruth. Scholastic Press.

Stunning illustrations and rhyming text spotlight the emotions of the annual Rolling Thunder Ride for Freedom, a journey dedicated to honoring America's veterans. This touching look at an honorable tradition from treasured author Kate Messner is sure to inspire many classroom discussions.

***She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World**

Chelsea Clinton. Ill. Alexandra Boiger. Philomel/Penguin Random House.

From ballerina Maria Tallchief to media mogul Oprah Winfrey, author Chelsea Clinton features the stories of 13 women who overcame obstacles to become successful in their fields. Ultimately, these women paved the way for others to persist and have a positive impact on the world.

This Is a Good Story

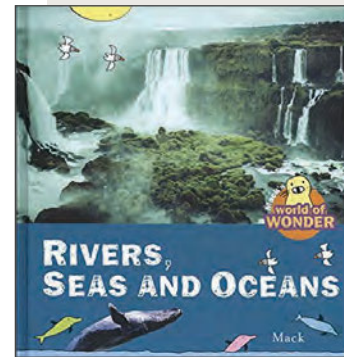
Adam Lehrhaupt. Ill. Magali Le Huche. Paula Wiseman/Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.

The reader of this book playfully becomes the narrator who encourages the young writer and illustrator featured on the pages to write the story as each element is revealed from the beginning, when the hero and heroine are introduced, all the way to The End.

We're All Wonders

R.J. Palacio. Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers/Random House Children's Books.

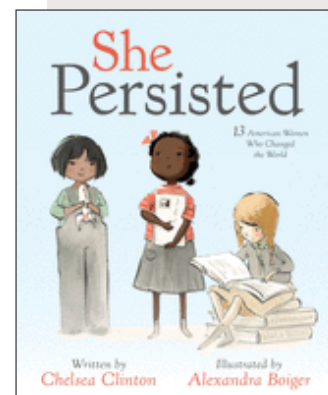
Well-known Wonder Auggie describes his day from riding a bike to eating ice cream. Even though Auggie looks different, he wants people to know that "the Earth is big enough for all kinds of people." Learn through this simple, poignant story how we should all #ChooseKind.



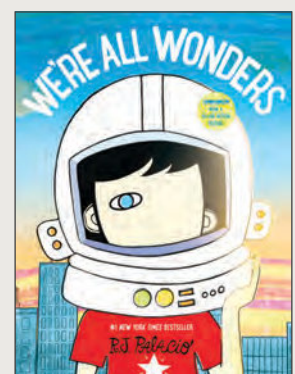
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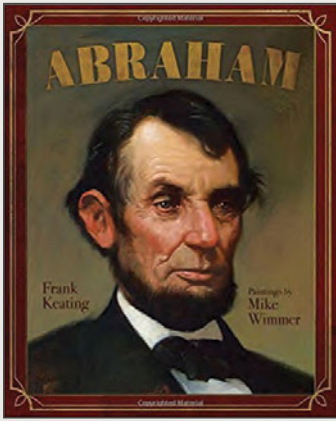
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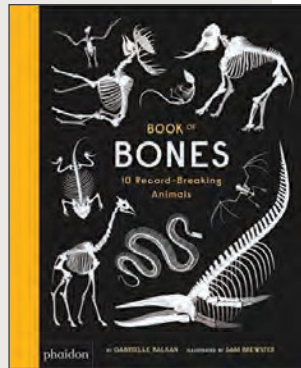
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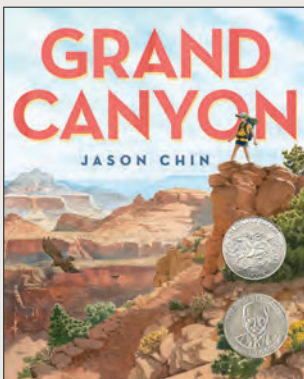
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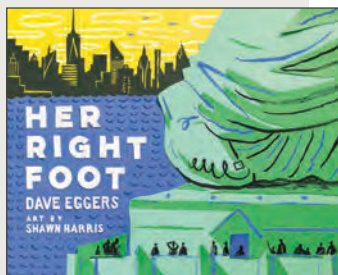
Abraham. Frank Keating. Ill. Mike Wimmer. Paula Wiseman/Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.



Book of Bones: 10 Record-Breaking Animals. Gabrielle Balkan. Ill. Sam Brewster. Phaidon.



Grand Canyon. Jason Chin. Roaring Brook/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.



Her Right Foot. Dave Eggers. Ill. Shawn Harris. Chronicle.

Intermediate Readers (Grades 3–5, Ages 8–11)

Abraham

Frank Keating. Ill. Mike Wimmer. Paula Wiseman/Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.

This first-person account of Abraham Lincoln's story from childhood to the U.S. presidency is depicted through remarkable paintings and Lincoln's own words. The use of high-level vocabulary elevates this biography of the man who brought freedom to all and united the country.

Book of Bones: 10 Record-Breaking Animals

Gabrielle Balkan. Ill. Sam Brewster. Phaidon.

Fun clues and crazy facts highlight this guessing-game text. Ten record-breaking animals, such as those with the biggest, longest, and thinnest bones, are revealed in their natural habitats with raised touch-and-feel skeletons.

The Elephant Keeper: Caring for Orphaned Elephants in Zambia

Margriet Ruurs. Ill. Pedro Covo. Kids Can.

Beautiful illustrations accent the true story of Aaron, who unexpectedly saves drowning elephant Zambezi, leading to a new life caring for orphaned elephants. Interspersed photos and informational text show elephants in their natural habitats and describe how others can help these endangered animals.

Grand Canyon

Jason Chin. Roaring Brook/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Follow a father and daughter through time as they explore the geology, wildlife, and waters of the Grand Canyon. Die cuts show fossils from long ago followed by pages that explain the findings. Beautiful watercolor and pen-and-ink illustrations make the canyon come to life.

Her Right Foot

Dave Eggers. Ill. Shawn Harris. Chronicle.

The history and significance of the Statue of Liberty is portrayed through entertaining drawings and amusing facts. However, the focus shifts to the seemingly insignificant placement of Lady Liberty's right foot in mid-stride, symbolizing the movement of immigrants whom she continues to welcome to the land of the free.

Martin's Dream Day

Kitty Kelley. Ill. Stanley Tretick. Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

Through one-of-a-kind photographs, this text describes the events leading up to and culminating in the most famous speech of Martin Luther King Jr.'s life.

Noah Webster's Fighting Words

Tracy Nelson Maurer. Ill. Mircea Catusanu. Millbrook/Lerner Publishing Group.

With each illustration an interesting collage of facts and Webster's own interjected comments, readers will be engaged in this lively but factual account of how the Americanized dictionary came to be. Webster's strong opinions and bold ideas paved the way to document America's unique version of the English language.

****Ruth Bader Ginsburg: The Case of R.B.G. vs. Inequality***

Jonah Winter. Ill. Stacy Innerst. Abrams Books for Young Readers.

Presented like a court case, this biography of Ginsburg focuses on her journey through life on her way to the U.S. Supreme Court as she experiences religious and gender discrimination at every turn. However, through hard work and determination, "RBG" is successful and has "become a symbol of justice in America."

Writing Radar: Using Your Journal to Snoop Out and Craft Great Stories

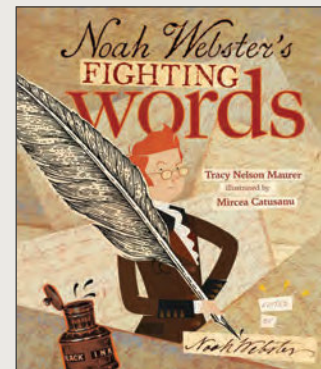
Jack Gantos. Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

This text is about so much more than keeping a writer's notebook and filling it with ideas. To inspire others to find their own inner writing radar, Gantos uses tips, illustrations, and comedy to entertain readers with his antics, memories, and crazy journey of becoming a writer.

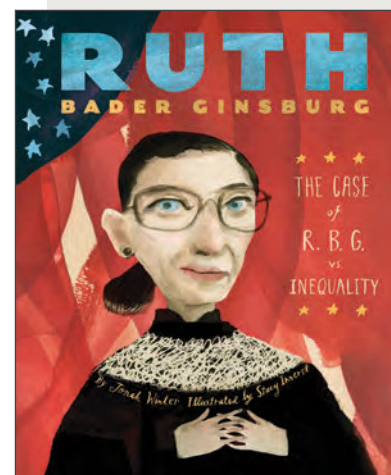
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Cynthia Levinson. Ill. Vanessa Brantley Newton. Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

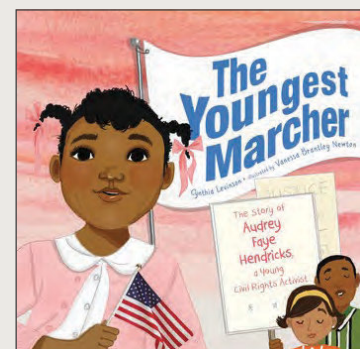
In 1963, Audrey, age 9, was one of the youngest marchers in the Birmingham Children's Crusade. Even though she spent time in jail for demonstrating against segregation laws, her faith never wavered that one day freedom would be granted to all.



Noah Webster's Fighting Words. Tracy Nelson Maurer. Ill. Mircea Catusanu. Millbrook/Lerner Publishing Group.



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Patina. Jason Reynolds. Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

Advanced Readers (Grades 6–8, Ages 11–14)

The Exact Location of Home

Kate Messner. Bloomsbury Children's Books.

As Zig attempts to find his dad with clues found through geocaching, his life is turned upside down with new friends, new feelings, and a stint in a homeless shelter. Through success and disappointment, he learns that there is much more to home than an address.

Genevieve's War

Patricia Reilly Giff. Ill. Becca Stadtlander. Holiday House.

After spending a summer in France at her grandmother's farm, Genevieve stays, not knowing World War II would soon break out across Europe. Even after a Nazi officer commandeers the farmhouse, she continues to be brave by helping those in trouble. This text is a companion to Giff's Newbery Honor book *Lily's Crossing*.

**In the Shadow of the Sun*

Anne Sibley O'Brien. Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic.

What began as a vacation in North Korea for Mia, Simon, and their father turns into a nightmare as Mia's father is arrested and Mia finds horrendous labor camp images on a cell phone gifted to her. Mia and Simon experience difficult terrain, injuries, and hunger while on the frightening journey north to help free their father.

Lion: A Long Way Home (Young Readers' Edition)

Saroo Brierley. Puffin/Penguin Random House.

When Saroo Brierley was 5 years old, he lost his way on a train in India, leading to life on the streets of Calcutta, hungry and in constant fear. After being adopted by loving Australian parents, Saroo used Google Earth to find his way home.

Patina

Jason Reynolds. Atheneum Books for Young Readers/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

Patina, often called Patty, runs every race to prove she "ain't no junk." She runs for her Ma, her sister Maddy, her teammates, and her survival at her new middle school. Through it all, she overcomes obstacles and trials with support from those who love her and believe in her.

Refugee

Alan Gratz. Scholastic Press.

Switching perspectives from Josef in 1939 Germany to Isabel in 1994 Cuba and Mahmoud in 2015 Syria, three intertwining stories personalize historic tragedies and spotlight the perseverance and courage it takes to find hope in a world that seems hopeless.

Survivors Club: The True Story of a Very Young Prisoner of Auschwitz

Michael Bornstein and Debbie Bornstein Holinstat. Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Amid Germany's 1939 invasion of Poland, a Jewish family's choices saved the life of young Michael Bornstein, who became one of the youngest survivors of the Auschwitz concentration camp. Told through his eyes with the help of his daughter's pen, this shocking story of love and survival is one that all readers need to hear.

This Is Our Constitution

Khizr Khan. Alfred A. Knopf/Random House Children's Books.

Pakistani immigrant Khizr Khan came to the United States seeking the freedom promised in our country's founding documents. Along with his personal journey shared through side notes, Khan explains each section of the Constitution in relatable terms, giving background information and connected details to help young readers understand the "blessings of liberty."

Walking With Miss Millie

Tamara Bundy. Nancy Paulsen/Penguin Random House.

Angry about moving to her mama's hometown of Rainbow, Georgia, Alice unexpectedly finds a new friend in Miss Millie when she is tasked with walking her dog, Clarence. Through Miss Millie's stories of family, segregation, and heartache, Alice discovers good people come in all colors and sizes.

Wishtree

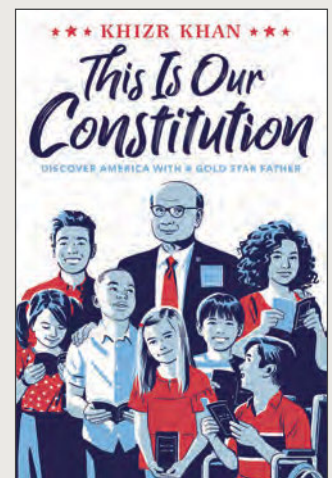
Katherine Applegate. Feiwel & Friends/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Red is the neighborhood wishtree who sees all. When a new Muslim family moves into the community and faces discrimination, Red helps bring people together to learn all about acceptance, bravery, and friendship.

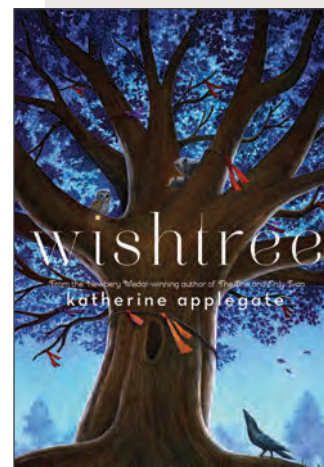
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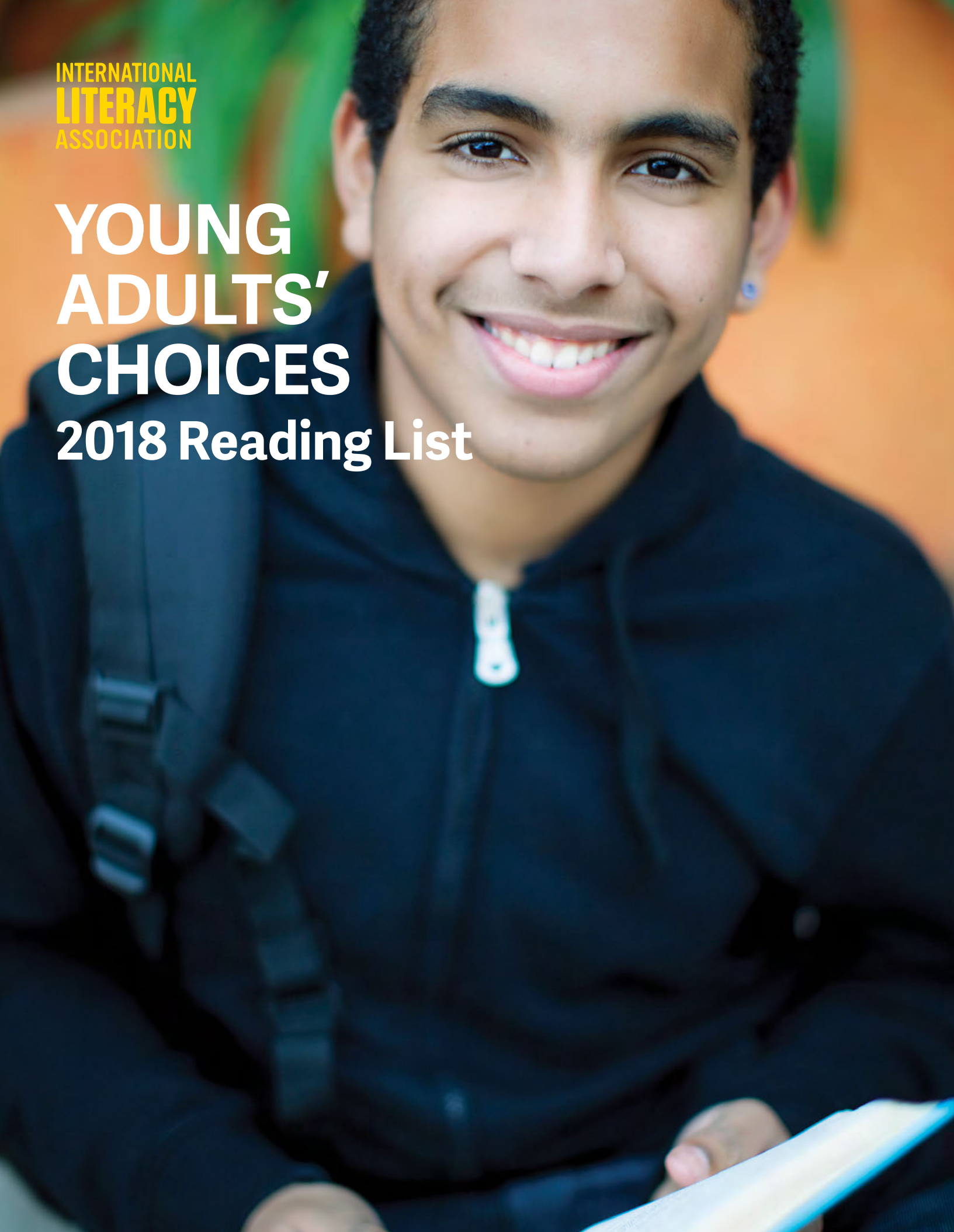
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To learn more about the Teachers' Choices project, including how to participate and access to previous years' reading lists, please visit literacyworldwide.org/choices.

A close-up portrait of a young man with dark hair and a bright smile, wearing a black zip-up hoodie and a black backpack. He is holding an open book in his hands. The background is a warm, out-of-focus orange and green.

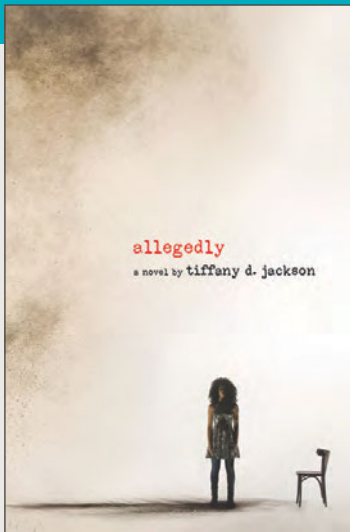
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YOUNG ADULTS' CHOICES

2018 Reading List

What Is the Young Adults' Choices Reading List?

The Young Adults' Choices project began in 1986, funded by a special grant given to the International Literacy Association, and was supervised by the Association's Literature for Young Adults Committee. The goals of the project are to encourage young people to read; to make teens, educators, librarians and media specialists, and parents and families aware of new literature for young adults; and to provide middle and secondary school students with an opportunity to voice their opinions about books being written for them and in whose pages they can find characters and experiences to which they can relate. The books included on this reading list reflect themes, topics, and stories young adults value.



Allegedly. Tiffany D. Jackson.
Katherine Tegen/HarperCollins.

Allegedly

Tiffany D. Jackson. Katherine Tegen/HarperCollins.

Convicted of killing a baby at the age of 9, Mary was sent to baby jail. Now out and living in a group home, each day is about survival. Discovering she's pregnant, Mary wonders if telling the truth about the alleged crime would keep the state from taking her baby away.

Baseball Genius

Tim Green and Derek Jeter. Aladdin/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

Jalen loves baseball. Not only that, but also he is a genius. He can accurately analyze and predict pitchers' game strategies. When Jalen is caught stealing baseballs from Yankees star James Yager, he puts his special skills to the test. Ultimately, Jalen will need his friends and his unusual talent to save both Yager's career and his reputation.

Frogkisser!

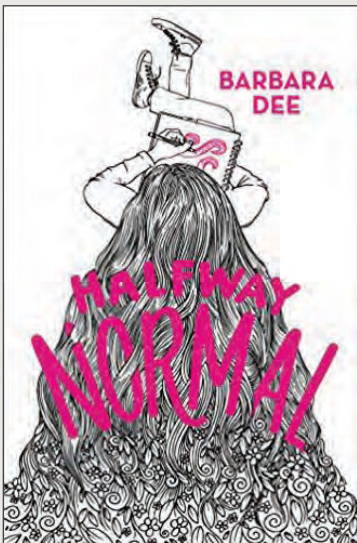
Garth Nix. Scholastic Press.

Nothing in Princess Anya's life is pleasant: her evil, power-hungry stepfather; her ability to break curses with a kiss; her difficult Quest; or her traveling companions (a talking dog and a boy thief trapped as a newt). She isn't amused at all, but readers certainly will be.

Halfway Normal

Barbara Dee. Aladdin/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

Norah is "that girl" who just completed two years of chemotherapy for leukemia. Now back to school, her old friends don't understand her and other students avoid her. Then Norah meets Griffin, a cute guy who is a fan of Greek mythology like she is. Will Norah keep her "that girl" identity a secret from him or share her real identity?



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***The Hate U Give**

Angie Thomas. Balzer+Bray/HarperCollins.

Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. What everyone wants to know is: What really went down that night? Will Starr tell?

How Dare the Sun Rise: Memoirs of a War Child

Sandra Uwiringiyimana with Abigail Pesta. Katherine Tegen/HarperCollins.

Sandra's inspiring memoir moves from the grim reality of a rebel attack on and massacre in her Congolese village through her family's perilous, extended journey to the United States where, as refugees, they face poverty and prejudice. Always courageous, she comes to find hope and healing in art and activism.

Juniper Lemon's Happiness Index

Julie Israel. Dial/Penguin Random House.

Juniper records the day's highs, lows, and happiness rating on index cards. She should be excited for the new year, but her sister's death clouds each day, until she finds a letter Cami wrote to "you." Juniper needs to deliver the letter, but she must find out who "you" is.

Long Way Down

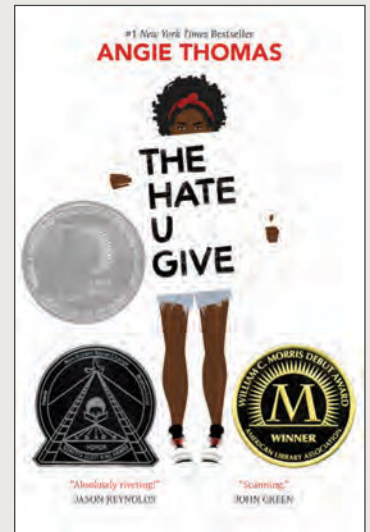
Jason Reynolds. Atheneum/Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing.

Will's older brother Shawn is shot and killed. Will reviews The Rules in his head. There are three: don't cry, don't snitch, and "if someone you love/gets killed,/find the person/who killed/them and/kill them." Will locates Shawn's gun and leaves his family's eighth-floor apartment. On each floor of the descending elevator, Will is joined by another victim or perpetrator in the chain of violence that took his brother's life.

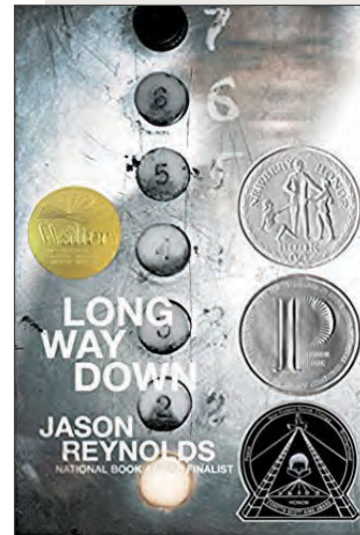
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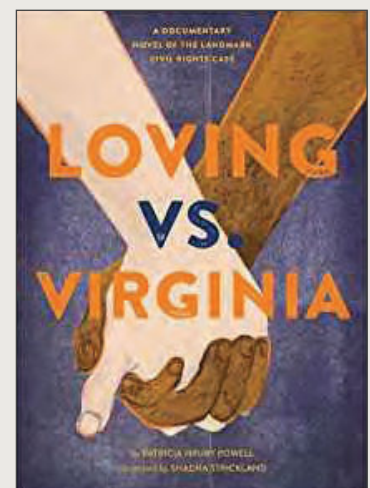
In 1955, two teenagers broke the law by falling in love and getting married. Living in pre-civil rights Virginia, the Lovings were determined to let their relationship triumph over those who treated them with prejudice and cruel injustice. This couple ultimately saw victory when their case for interracial marriage went before the U.S. Supreme Court.



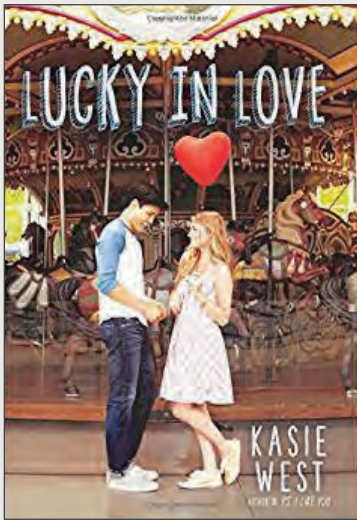
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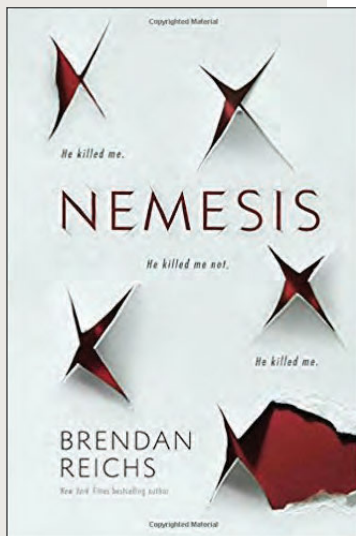
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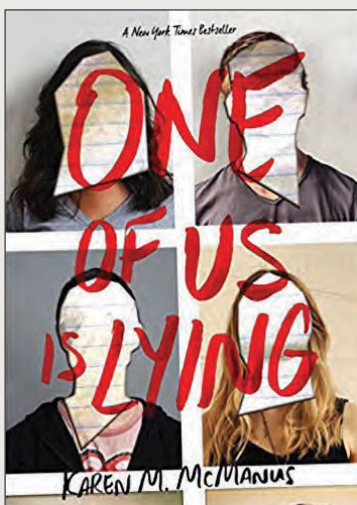
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Lucky in Love

Kasie West. Point/Scholastic.

Sometimes planning can't prepare you for the unexpected, like winning the lottery! In a flash, Maddie's life becomes unrecognizable, and she is suddenly in the spotlight and doesn't know who to trust. Seth, her coworker at the local zoo, seems to be the only one who doesn't know. Will things change if he finds out?

Nemesis

Brendan Reichs. G.P. Putnam's Sons/Penguin Random House.

Min is murdered every two years on her birthday. Noah is plagued by nightmares of murder. An asteroid is headed toward Earth, threatening life on Earth. Min and Noah are connected, as they share the same birthday and soon discover a conspiracy in their small town of Fire Lake, Idaho, hiding a lifetime of lies.

Once and for All

Sarah Dessen. Viking/Penguin Random House.

Helping her wedding planner mother every summer, Louna has seen a lot of happily-ever-afters. But because her own first love ended tragically, she has fiercely guarded her heart against another potential break. This summer, the charming Ambrose has set his sights on her. Louna must now decide if it is worth the risk to give love a second chance.

One of Us Is Lying

Karen M. McManus. Delacorte/Penguin Random House.

Five students enter detention at Bayview High on Monday afternoon. Simon, the creator of Bayview's ruthless gossip app, is dead before the end of detention. He had much to post about his four classmates on Tuesday. All had motive—so who is the murderer? Or are they all covering for someone else? Someone is definitely lying.

The Other F-Word

Natasha Friend. Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Three teens discover they share the same sperm donor. They begin a quest, each with their motivations and feelings, to find donor dad. But how do strangers manage such a nerve-wracking and daunting endeavor together when they have just met? What if they cannot find him? What if they do?

Piecing Me Together

Renée Watson. Bloomsbury Children's Books.

Jade must escape her neighborhood if she's ever going to succeed. After receiving a scholarship to a mostly white private school, she gets matched up with a mentor for "at-risk" girls and finds it to be pretty demeaning. Jade doesn't need support, and maybe it is she who will teach these entitled people a lesson.

Point Guard

Mike Lupica. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.

Gus is more excited about basketball than any other sport he's ever played. Gus has been practicing new moves, and lately he's more surprised when he misses his shot than when he scores. When his friend Teddy tries out for the team, it looks like his school's home team will be unstoppable.

Reaper

Kyra Leigh. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.

Rosie Wolf dies in an accident and finds out she's not in Paradise. Unfortunately, she must now deal with the Grim Reaper, who—surprise—turns out to be a beautiful woman with a frightening attitude problem. Rosie learns that to move on to a better afterlife, she must go back to Earth and collect three souls. Can Rosie complete her grisly task?

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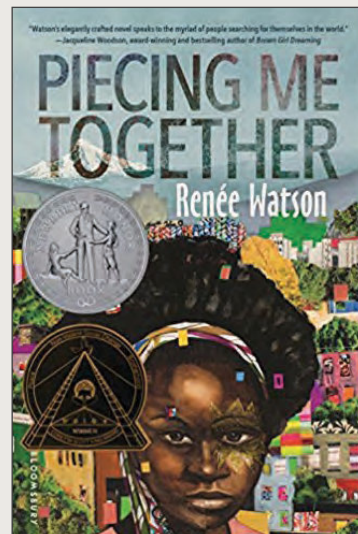
Pete Hautman. Candlewick.

When David accidentally charges \$2,000 to his mom's credit card, he uses his talent for devouring large quantities of food at several competitive eating contests to earn back the money. While keeping his financial struggles a secret, David helps with his autistic younger brother, Mal, and finds that he is also good at being a super supportive brother.

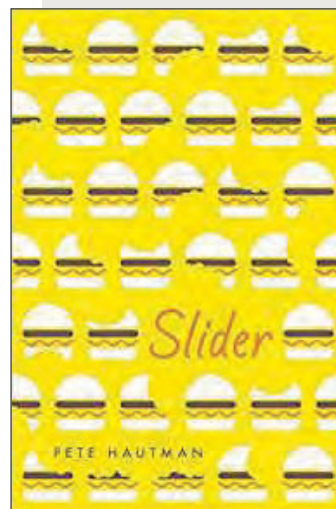
Spinning

Tillie Walden. First Second/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Walden's graphic memoir describes her passionate dedication to figure skating—the grueling routine of practices and performances, the heady rewards of glamour and winning—and her falling away from that life as she discovers art, her first girlfriend, and the missing pieces of herself. A story that's unexpectedly engaging for all.



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Maeve is in a state of constant anxiety. Her mind is frantic with catastrophic "what ifs" and worst-case scenarios. When her mother travels to Haiti for six months, Maeve moves to Vancouver with her dad, a very pregnant stepmom, and two brothers. Maeve's life changes when she meets free-spirited Salix and a romance begins.

Textrovert

Lindsey Summers. Kids Can.

A mix-up of cell phones should be easy to fix—simply meet and exchange them. However, for Keeley and Talon, the process becomes complicated when they fall for each other, only for Keeley to realize that Talon is also "TJ," the football nemesis of Keeley's twin brother. It's a delightful romantic tangle.



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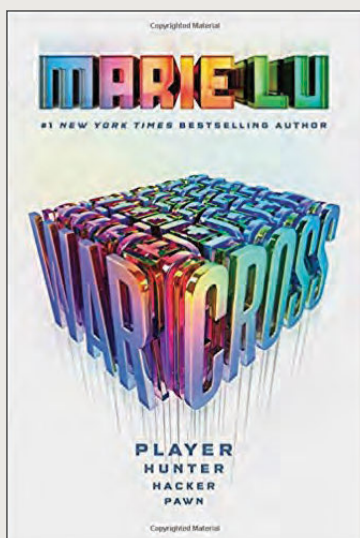
Stephanie Perkins. Dutton/Penguin Random House.

Makani is still tormented by the reason she has left her native Hawaii to live in rural Nebraska with her grandmother. Suddenly gruesome murders begin, each more hideous than the last. Everyone in Makani's small town is on edge, because the murders seem random. But are they? Dark secrets abound in this page-turner.

They Both Die at the End

Adam Silvera. HarperTeen/HarperCollins.

Imagine an app that matches you with a friend for your last day alive. When Death-Cast calls and matches total strangers, Mateo and Rufus, for their last day of life, they find the unexpected of love, loss, life, and death in their one last great adventure.



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Penguin Random House.

The Valiant

Lesley Livingston. Razorbill/Penguin Random House.

Fallon, the daughter of a Celtic king, is awaiting her 17th birthday when she can join her father's army. Instead, in a cruel twist of fate, she is captured and sold to a training school for female gladiators—owned by her greatest enemy, Julius Caesar. Now, she must fight for her life, her honor, and her freedom.

***Warcross**

Marie Lu. G.P. Putnam's Sons/Penguin Random House.

The world is obsessed with the game of Warcross. It is a diversion, an escape, a way to make money. During the Championships, brilliant coder Emika hacks in and catches the attention of everyone—including the game's creator. He makes her an irresistible offer that sets her life on a thrilling (and dangerous!) new course she never could have imagined.

Waste of Space

Gina Damico. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Ten teens, cast in a reality show, are locked in a spaceship ready to blast off into the unknown. The show is a hit, but the ship and the trip are fake. When communications break down, the scientists and technicians flee, leaving the teens to figure out how to escape.

What Girls Are Made Of

Elana K. Arnold. Carolrhoda/Lerner Publishing Group.

Sixteen-year-old Nina faces the emotional challenges of a devastating break-up in this thoughtful and gut-wrenching novel. Nina looks for fulfillment by working at an animal shelter as she attempts to define her true self by her own terms and not by a boy's. A gritty, honest book about love and the conditions we attach to it.

What I Lost

Alexandra Ballard. Farrar, Straus and Giroux Books for Young Readers/Macmillan Children's Publishing Group.

Elizabeth has landed in Wallingfield for her eating disorder. She works the program but realizes her food avoidance stems from her mother's food issues and negative comments. Elizabeth wants to overcome but still plans to restrict food. Can the mysterious packages she receives give her hope to win this battle?

Windfall

Jennifer E. Smith. Delacorte/Penguin Random House.

Best friends Alice and Teddy are joined by more than friendship. Both parentless, they have seen their share of bad luck. But on Teddy's 18th birthday, Alice buys him a lottery ticket and he wins \$140 million. Has their luck finally changed?

York: The Shadow Cipher

Laura Ruby. Walden Pond/HarperCollins.

In an alternate history of New York City, it is a race against time as Tess, Theo, and Jamie try to prove the Old York Cipher is real. Fifty-seven years ago, the Morningstar twins came to New York with a vision for magnificence. The Cipher must now be solved to save the people's hopes and dreams. This is an exciting series starter.

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To learn more about the Young Adults' Choices project, including how to participate and access to previous years' reading lists, please visit literacyworldwide.org/choices.

Choices Project Recruitment

We need your help! We are looking for team leaders for our Children's, Teachers', and Young Adults' Choices projects in the areas listed below for the years 2019–2022. If you know of anyone in your area who is willing to participate, please have him or her complete the online application form, which can be found at literacyworldwide.org/choices. Please note this requires a three-year commitment to the project and support from area schools.

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Area 2: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont

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Teachers' Choices

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