



The American School in London

Rising 7th Grade Summer Reading Suggestions 2019-2020

Table of Contents

Page 2	Sora Instructions
Page 3	Flipster Magazines
Pages 4-5	Recommendations from Outgoing 7th
Pages 6-7	2019-2020 Fiction
Pages 8-9	2019-2020 Series & Sequels
Pages 10-11	2019-2020 Nonfiction



Set up **SORA**

Mellon Library's Audio & eBook Library (formerly Overdrive)

GET THE APP!

You will find the free SORA app in your App store. The little guy looks like this... Isn't he cute?!



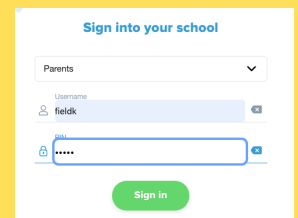
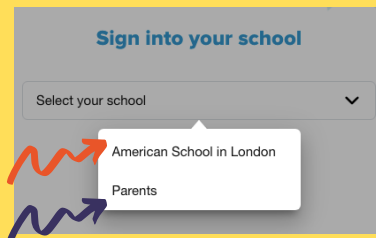
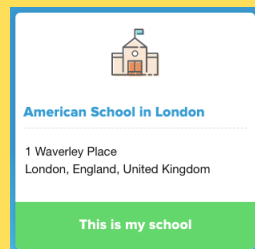
Download to your device.

You can also log in on a computer:

<https://soraapp.com/welcome>

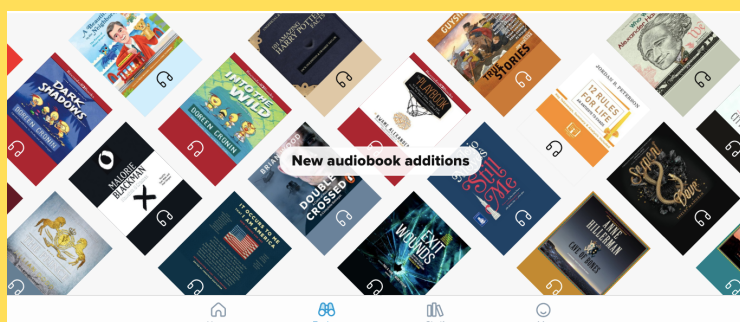
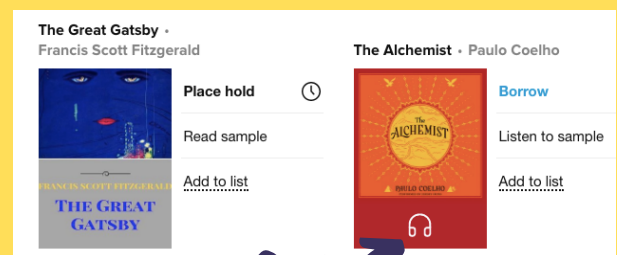
FIND THE ASL LIBRARY & LOG IN...

When you launch the app you will be prompted to "Find my school." Click on the American School in London. From the pull-down menu, if you are a student or staff, click on "American School in London" and log in with your ASL account. If you are a parent, use the pulldown menu and select "Parents." You will log in using your ASL username & the last 5 digits on the back of your ASL ID.



ONCE IN, BROWSE & CHECKOUT AUDIO & EBOOKS!

Explore our collection. Borrow or place a hold on books you want. The headphone symbol denotes audiobooks.



For help, stop by the
Mellon Library or email
karen_field@asl.org



hello SUMMER

Flipster Magazines ASL 2020

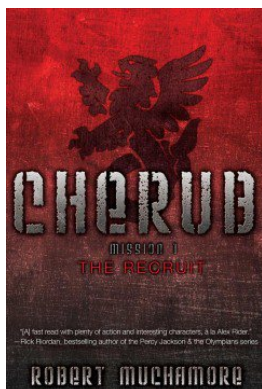


Flipster®

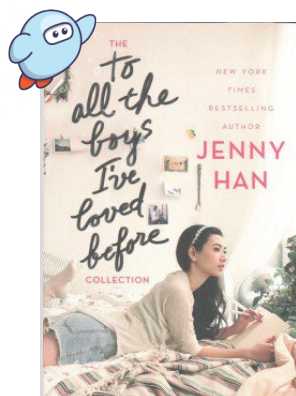
<https://tinyurl.com/ASLmagazineLogin>



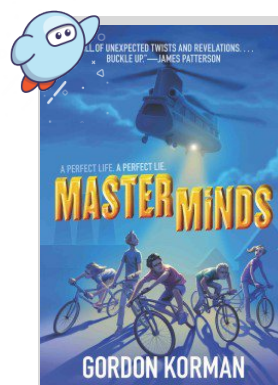
Recommendations for Rising 7th from Outgoing 7th 2020



The Recruit
by Robert Muchamore



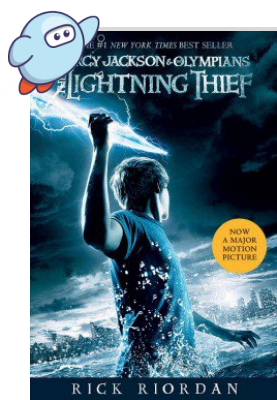
To All the Boys I've Loved Before
by Jenny Han



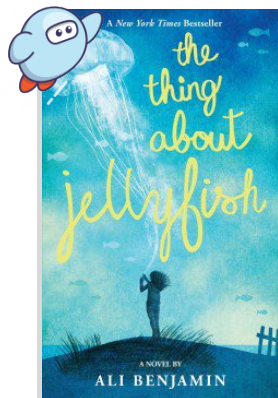
Masterminds
by Gordon Korman



Adam Grant #1: Thirteen
by Tom Hoyle



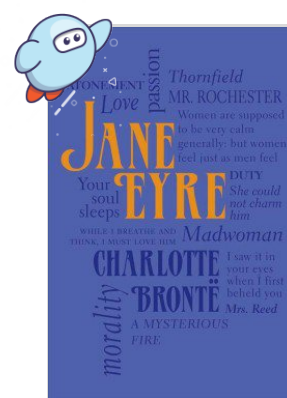
Percy Jackson & The Olympians: Lightning Thief
by Rick Riordan



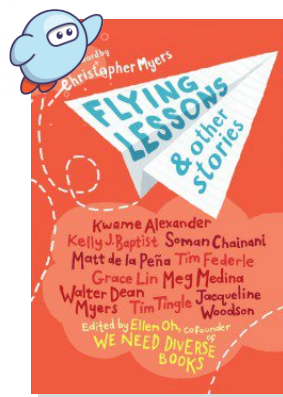
The Thing about Jellyfish
by Ali Benjamin



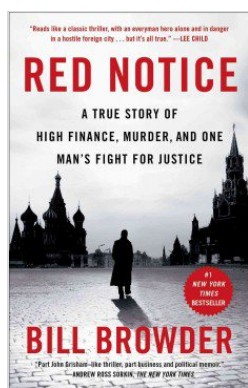
One of Us Is Lying
by Katherine Rundell



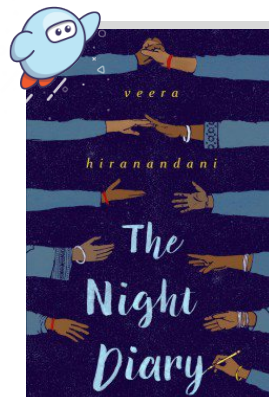
Jane Eyre
by Charlotte Brontë



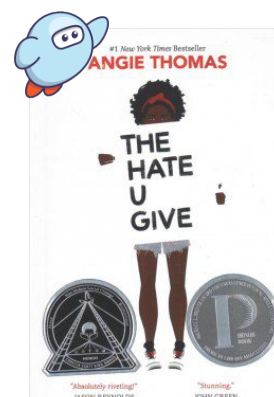
Flying Lessons & Other Short Stories
by Ellen Oh



Red Notice
by Bill Browder



The Night Diary
by Veera Hiranandani



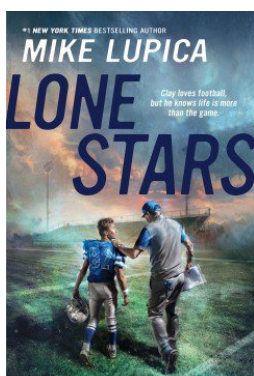
The Hate U Give
by Angie Thomas



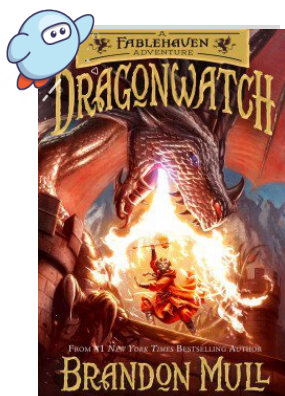
Available in Sora



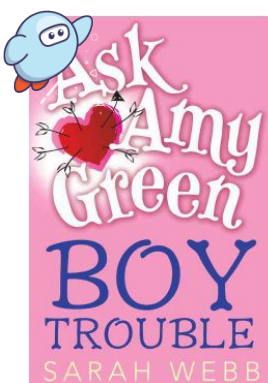
Recommendations for Rising 7th from Outgoing 7th 2020



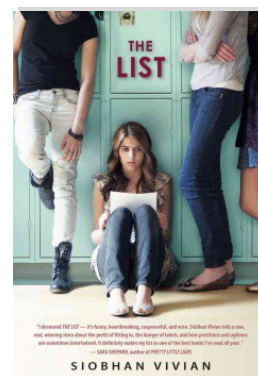
Lone Stars
by Mike Lupica



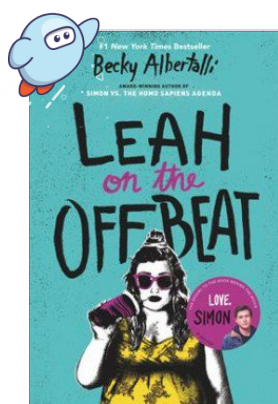
Dragonwatch
by Brandon Mull



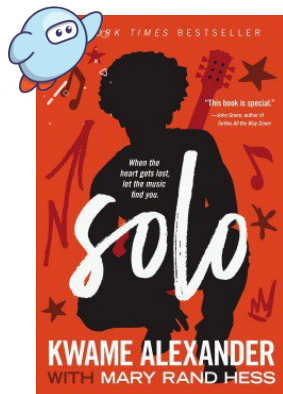
*Ask Amy Green:
Boy Trouble*
by Sarah Webb



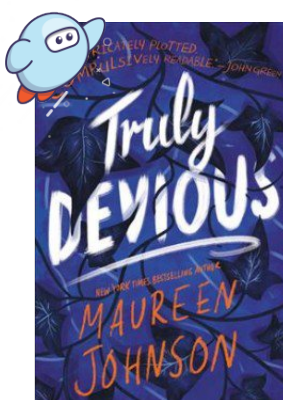
The List
by Siobhan Vivian



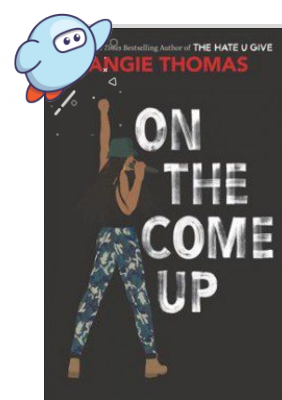
Leah on the Offbeat
by Becky Albertalli



Solo
by Kwame Alexander



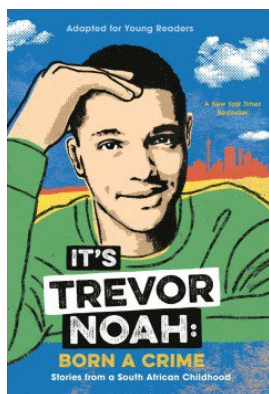
Truly Devious
by Maureen Johnson



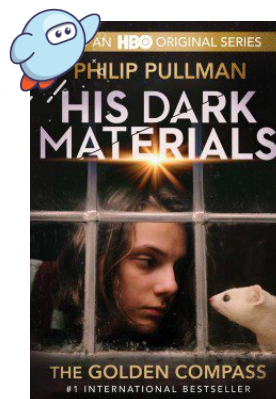
On the Come Up
by Angie Thomas



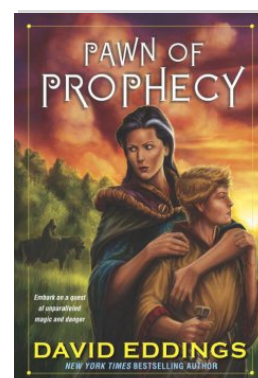
12 before 13
by Lisa Greenwald



*Trevor Noah: Born a
Crime* by Trevor Noah



His Dark Materials
by Philip Pullman



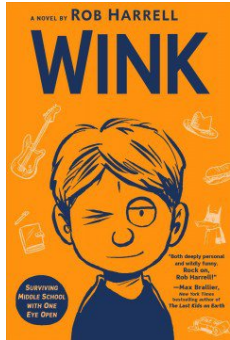
Pawn of Prophecy
by David Eddings



Available in Sora



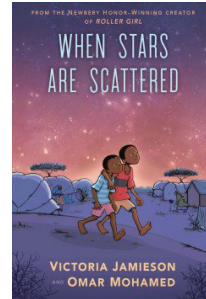
Rising 7th Grade Fiction · 2020



***Wink**

by Rob Harrell

Diagnosed with a rare eye cancer, a seventh grader endures painful treatments and social abandonment while searching for laughter in life's weirdness, in a tale based on the author's life experiences.

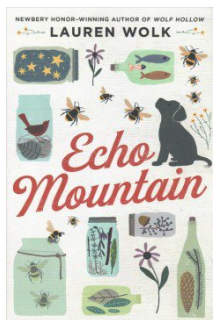


***When Stars are Scattered**

by Victoria Jamieson

A Somali refugee who spent his childhood at the Dadaab camp and the author of *Roller Girl* present the story of a young refugee who struggles with leaving behind his nonverbal brother when he has an opportunity to help his family by

going to school. Graphic Novel



Echo Mountain

by Lauren Wolk

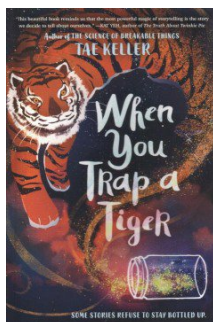
Losing her home in the aftermath of the stock market crash of 1929, Ellie moves with her family to a new home in an unforgiving mountain terrain where she seeks a cure to restore her injured father to health.



***The List of Things that Will Not Change**

by Rebecca Stead

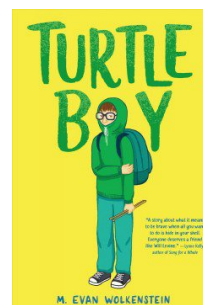
Keeping a list in her notebook of the important things that remain the same after her parents' divorce, Bea is thrilled when her father is remarrying and that she will have a new sister.



***When You Trap a Tiger**

by Tae Keller

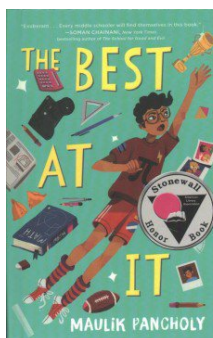
Moving with her parents into the home of her sick grandmother, young Lily forges a complicated pact with a magical tiger, in a story inspired by Korean folktales.



Turtle Boy

by M. Evan Wolkenstein

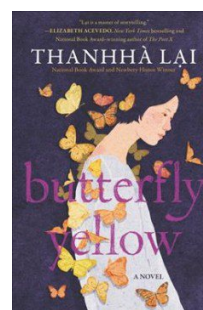
A seventh grader struggles through a new school year marked by bullying, his teacher's insistence that he return captured turtles to the wild, and a Bar Mitzvah community service project that requires him to spend time visiting a terminally ill boy in the hospital.



The Best at It

by Maulik Pancholy

Twelve-year-old Rahul Kapoor, an Indian-American boy growing up in small-town Indiana, struggles to come to terms with his identity, including that he may be gay.



Butterfly Yellow

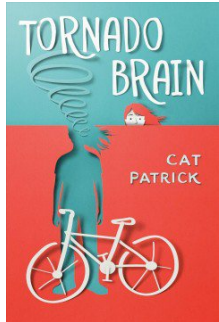
by Thanhha Lai

A Vietnam War refugee in Texas partners with a city boy to track down her younger brother. She was separated from him six years before when he was evacuated by American troops during the waning days of the Vietnam War.

All books published 2019-2020 unless otherwise noted
Summaries written by publishers with modifications as needed
*Indicates title available in Sora



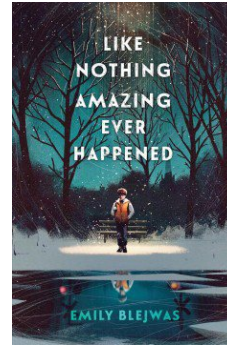
Rising 7th Grade Fiction · 2020



Tornado Brain

by Cat Patrick

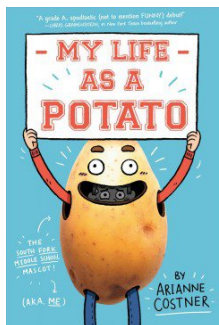
When her former best friend abruptly disappears, a neurodiverse seventh grader, who struggles with sensory limits and routine changes, attempts to follow clues to find the missing girl before it is too late.



***Like Nothing Amazing Ever Happened**

by Emily Blejwas

Struggling to pick up the pieces after the sudden death of his father, Justin struggles with estranged classmates, his brother's depression and his mother's newfound religion before discovering that some things are simply not fully understandable.



***My Life as a Potato**

by Arianne Costner

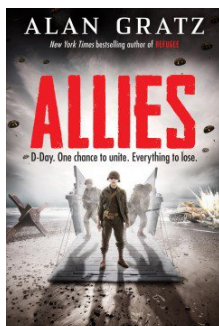
Ben moves to a formidable potato-laden community in Idaho, where an accident leads him to become his school's potato mascot. Ben knows that if others learn he is Steve, the Spud, his plans for popularity will be a big fail!



Black Brother, Black Brother

by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Routinely compared to his submissive lighter-skinned brother, a black boy at an elitist prep school is unfairly suspended in the wake of an incident involving the school bully, whom he tries to defeat in a fencing competition.

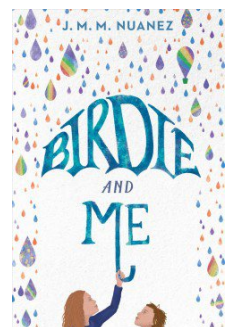


***Allies**

by Alan Gratz

Dee, a young World War II soldier from America participates in a top-secret D-Day operation. He is not alone. Behind enemy lines in France, a girl named Samira works as a spy. James, a paratrooper, leaps from his plane to join a daring midnight raid. And, in the thick of battle, Henry, a medic,

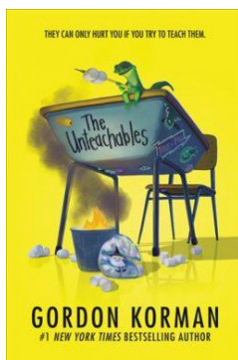
searches for lives to save.



Birdie and Me

by J. M. M. Nuñez

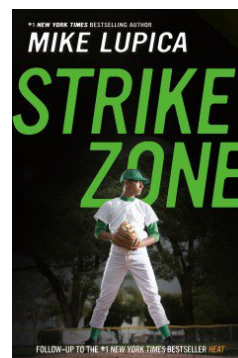
Losing their home when their mama dies, a girl named Jack and her gender-diverse little brother, Birdie, find unexpected healing and transformative family love in the homes of their eccentric uncles.



***The Unteachables**

by Gordon Korman

The "Unteachables" are a notorious class of misfits, delinquents, and academic train wrecks grouped together in one classroom. Told in alternating voices, the teacher and students find their lives changed over the course of a school year.



Strike Zone

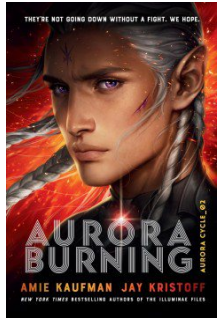
by Mike Lupica

Twelve-year-old Nick García dreams of winning MVP of his summer baseball league, of finding a cure for his sister, of meeting his hero, Yankee pitcher Michael Arroyo, and of no longer living in fear of immigration agents.

All books published 2019-2020 unless otherwise noted
Summaries written by publishers with modifications as needed
*Indicates title available in Sora



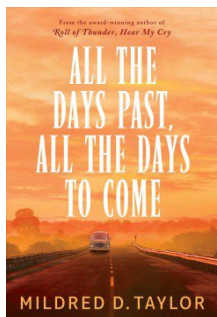
Rising 7th/8th Series & Sequels . 2020



*Aurora Burning

by Amie Kaufman

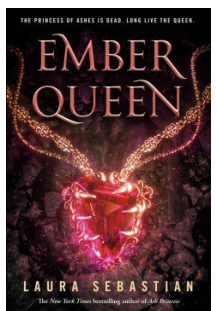
A sequel to Aurora Rising finds Squad 312's efforts to prepare for an imminent attack by an ancient evil force complicated by a mischievous clan of gremps, a cadre of illegitimate GIA agents, and the return of Kal's long-lost sister.



*All the Days Past, All the Days to Come

by Mildred D. Taylor

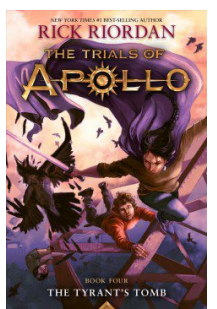
A long-awaited conclusion to the story that began in the Newbery Medal-winning *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* finds young adult Cassie Logan searching for a sense of belonging before joining the Civil Rights Movement in 1960s Mississippi.



*Ash Princess #3: Ember Queen

by Laura Sebastian

Imprisoned in her own country for more than a decade, Princess Theodosia leads a misfit army of rebels to overthrow a terrifying Kaiserin usurper who would use dark magic to enslave the kingdom. Books #1 & #2 available in Sora



The Trials of Apollo #4: The Tyrant's Tomb

by Rick Riordan

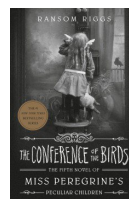
On his path to restoring five ancient oracles and reclaiming his godly powers, Lester, also known as Apollo, offers his aid to the Roman demigods preparing for a desperate last stand against the Triumvirate of Roman emperors.



*One of Us is Next

by Karen M. McManus

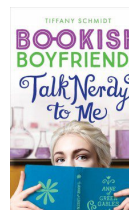
A sequel to the best-selling *One of Us Is Lying* finds the Bayview friends targeted by an anonymous adversary who uses an increasingly dangerous truth-or-dare app to keep the late Simon's gossip legacy alive.



Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children #5: The Conference of the Birds

by Ransom Riggs

The latest entry in the best-selling series continues the story of Jacob Portman, who takes a brave leap into The Conference of the Birds while pursued by dangerous enemies. Books 1-3 available in Sora



*A Bookish Boyfriend's Novel #3: Talk Nerdy to Me

by Tiffany Schmidt

When Eliza Gordon-Fergus, daughter of famous scientists and expert rule-follower, is challenged by class-clown Curtis Cavendish, she realizes he makes her want to break all the rules.



*DC Icons #4: Superman: Dawnbreaker

by Matt de la Peña

After learning that undocumented workers are going missing in Smallville, Clark Kent teams up with his best friend Lana Lang to find them.



*The Folk of the Air #3: The Queen of Nothing

by Holly Black

Reeling from Cardan's betrayal, an exiled Jude risks her life to sneak back into the treacherous Faerie Court to save the life of her deceptive twin, only to become ensnared in Elfame's violent political war and the fallout of a powerful curse.

All books published 2019-2020 unless otherwise noted
Summaries written by publishers with modifications as needed
*Indicates title available in Sora



Rising 7th/8th Series & Sequels . 2020

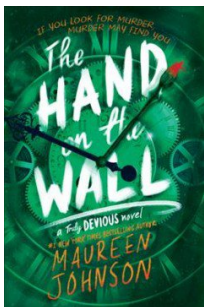


*Shadow Skye #1: The Good Hawk

by Joseph Elliott

Agatha patrols the sea wall with pride, despite those in her clan who question her right to be there, because of the condition she was born with. Jaime is a reluctant Angler, full of self-doubt and afraid of the sea. When disaster strikes, the pair must embark on a terrifying

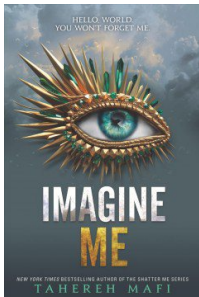
journey to a land where forgotten magic and dark secrets lurk in every shadow.



*Truly Devious #3: The Hand on the Wall

by Maureen Johnson

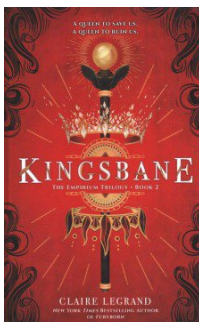
In the third sequel in *Truly Devious*, Stevie is compelled to navigate mysterious riddles and track down a missing friend at the same time a massive storm forces her to confront a killer.



Shatter Me #6: Imagine Me

by Tahereh Mafi

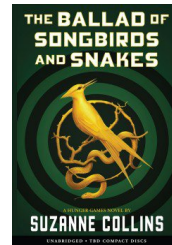
In this conclusion to the best-selling series, Juliette, using the identity of "Ella," teams up with Warner to secure their future together by bringing down the Reestablishment.



*The Empirium Trilogy #2: Kingsbane

by Claire Legrand

Eliana must choose whether to embrace the crown or reject it forever, and the Sun Queen Rielle faces new trials as she tries to maintain the Gate and is tempted by the angel Corien.



*Prequel to the Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes

by Suzanne Collins

Revisit the world of Panem sixty-four years before the events of *The Hunger Games*. This prequel begins on the morning of the reaping of the Tenth

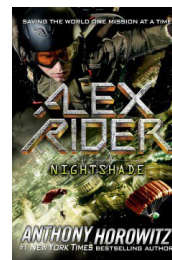
Hunger Games.



*School for Good and Evil #6: One True King

by Soman Chainani

A conclusion to the series finds Sophie and Agatha preparing for an ultimate confrontation to determine the fate of their school, Camelot's crown and the Endless Woods.



*Alex Rider #12: Nightshade

by Anthony Horowitz

In the aftermath of Scorpia's explosive fall, Alex Rider arrives in Gibraltar to prevent the rise of Nightshade, a dangerous new criminal organization.



Ashlords

by Scott Reintgen

Follows alchemists Imelda, Adrian, and Pippa as they reach for their dreams of glory riding phoenix horses at The Races, the modern spectacle that has replaced warfare within their empire.



Legend #4: Rebel

by Marie Lu

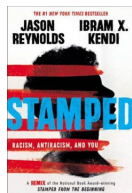
As Day and Eden struggle with who they've become since their time in the Republic, a new danger creeps into the distance between them, and Eden finds himself drawn into Ross City's dark side.

All books published 2019-2020 unless otherwise noted
Summaries written by publishers with modifications as needed

*Indicates title available in Sora



Rising 7th/8th Nonfiction · 2020



***Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You**

by Jason Reynolds

A timely reimagining of Dr. Ibram X. Kendi's book *Stamped From the Beginning* reveals the history of racist ideas in America, and inspires hope for an antiracist future.

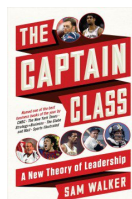


***New Kid**

by Jerry Craft

Enrolled in a prestigious private school where he is one of only a few students of color, talented seventh-grade artist Jordan finds himself torn between the worlds of his Washington Heights apartment and the

upscale circles of Riverdale Academy. Graphic novel

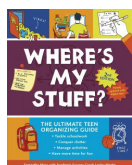


***The Captain Class: The Hidden Force That Creates the World's Greatest Teams**

by Sam Walker

A former Wall Street Journal global sports editor reveals the essential contributions of unconventional players behind the

world's highest-performing sports teams.

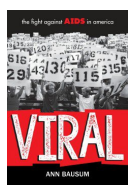


***Where's My Stuff?: The Ultimate Teen Organizing Guide**

by Samantha Moss

Learn to become more organized at school and at home with this guide that shares

step-by-step recommendations for decluttering, overcoming disorganized habits, and managing a schedule.

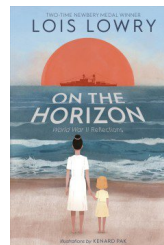


***Viral: The Fight Against AIDS in America**

by Ann Bausum

A narrative account chronicling the history of the AIDS crisis in America is presented through the stories of victims and activists who transformed how AIDS is understood

and treated throughout the world.

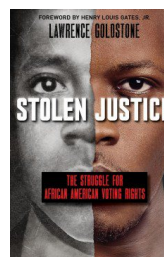


***On the Horizon**

by Lois Lowry

This book is divided into three sections and told through sparse text and poetry. Lois Lowry explores the human stories behind World War II's Pearl Harbor attack and Hiroshima bombing to contemplate what victims share in common and the importance of

bridging cultural divides.

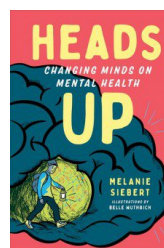


***Stolen Justice: The Struggle for African-American Voting Rights**

by Lawrence Goldstone

In this vivid portrait of the systematic suppression of the African American vote, author Lawrence Goldstone traces the injustices of the Post-Reconstruction era through the eyes of

incredible individuals, both heroic and barbaric, and examines the legal cases that made the Supreme Court a partner of white supremacists in the rise of Jim Crow.

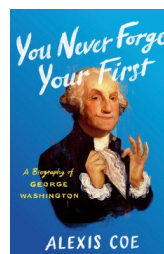


***Heads Up: Changing Minds on Mental Health**

by Melanie Siebert

This nonfiction book is a guide to understanding mental health and coping with mental illness, trauma, and recovery. It features real-life stories of resilient teens and highlights innovative approaches to mental-

health challenges.



***You Never Forget Your First: A Biography of George Washington**

by Alexis Coe

A whimsically irreverent portrait of America's first President includes coverage of Washington's entitled upbringing, his numerous military defeats, and the partisan nightmares

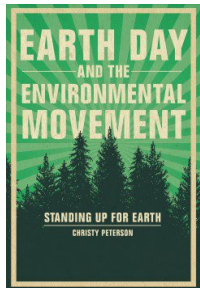
that spun from his back-stabbing cabinet.

All books published 2019-2020 unless otherwise noted
Summaries written by publishers with modifications as needed

*Indicates title available in Sora



Rising 7th/8th Nonfiction · 2020



*Earth Day and the Global Environmental Movement: Standing up for Earth

by Christy Peterson

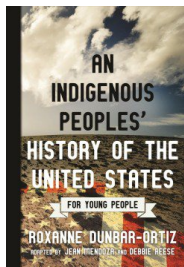
This is a cautionary report on the threatened state of earth protections citing the political divides and disinformation that are compromising urgently needed responses to climate change.



*Humble Pi: A Comedy of Maths Errors

by Matt Parker

This tour of real-world mathematical disasters reveals the importance of math in everyday life by exploring a litany of glitches, near misses, and mathematical mishaps.

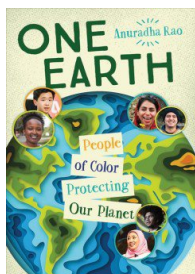


An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People

by Debbie Reese

Going beyond the story of America as a country "discovered" by a few brave men in the "New World," indigenous human rights advocate Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz reveals the roles that

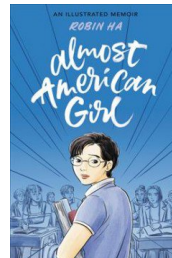
colonialism and policies of American Indian genocide played in forming our national identity.



*One Earth: People of Color Protecting our Planet

by Anuradha S. Rao

This book presents the efforts of twenty environmental activists working to overcome the devastating effects of climate change around the world.

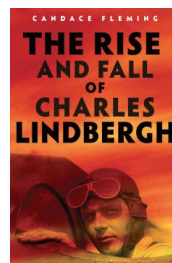


Almost American Girl: An Illustrated Memoir

by Robin Ha

Moving abruptly from Seoul to Alabama, a Korean teen struggles in a hostile blended home and a new school where she does not speak English before forging unexpected connections in a local comic drawing

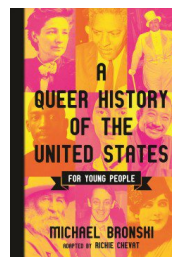
class. Graphic novel



*The Rise and Fall of Charles Lindbergh

by Candace Fleming

Read about the more complicated aspects of celebrated aviator Charles Lindbergh's life, from his Nazi sympathies and anti-Semitic beliefs to his support of controlled breeding and his advocacy of environmental causes.

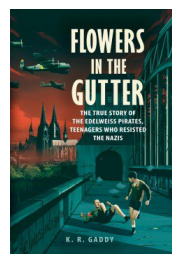


*A Queer History of the United States for Young People

by Richie Chevat

Learn about queer history of the United States through engrossing narratives, letters, drawings, poems, and more. It becomes clear how LGBTQ people have been a part of the US national identity

for over 400 years.



*Flowers in the Gutter: The True Story of the Edelweiss Pirates, Teenagers Who Resisted the Nazis

by K. R. Gaddy

A photo-illustrated account documents the story of the Edelweiss Pirates, a group of working-class teens who

survived the Third Reich in their Cologne neighborhoods while resisting the Hitler Youth, helping POWs, and sabotaging Nazi factories.

All books published 2019-2020 unless otherwise noted
Summaries written by publishers with modifications as needed

*Indicates title available in Sora