



# **The American School in London**

## **Rising 6th Grade Summer Reading Suggestions 2019-2020**

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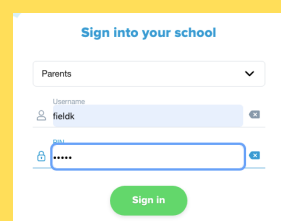
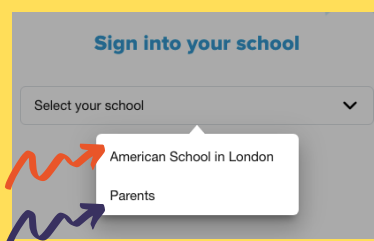
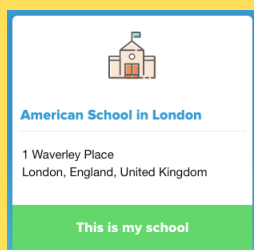
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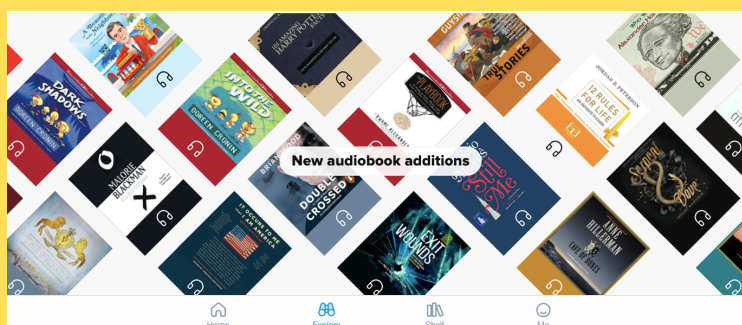
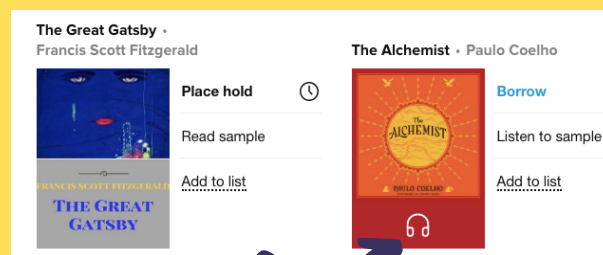
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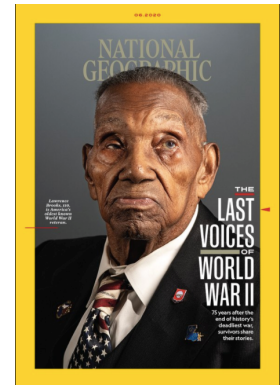


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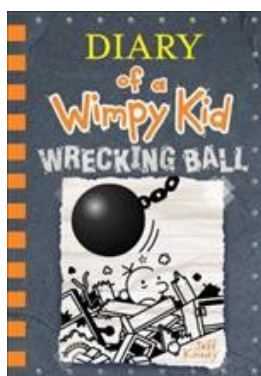
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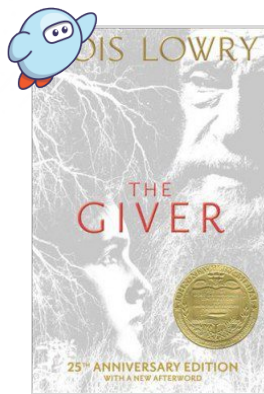
## Recommendations for Rising 6th from Outgoing 6th 2020



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by Jeff Kinney



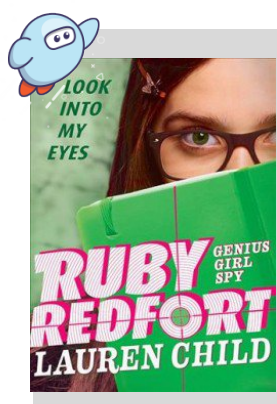
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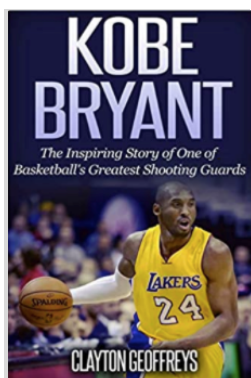
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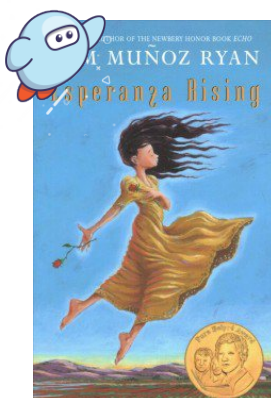
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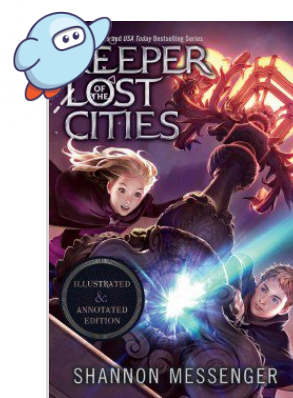
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by Lauren Child



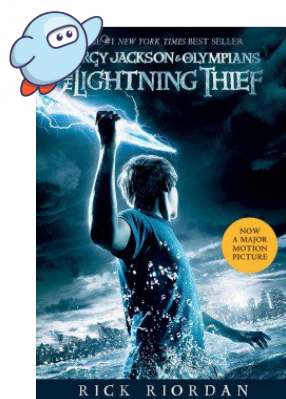
*Kobe Bryant: The Inspiring  
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Greatest Shooting Guards*  
by Clayton Geoffreys



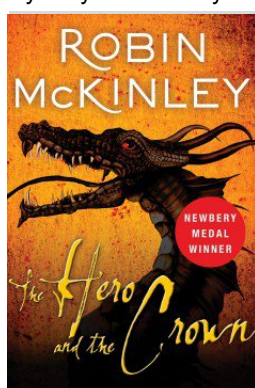
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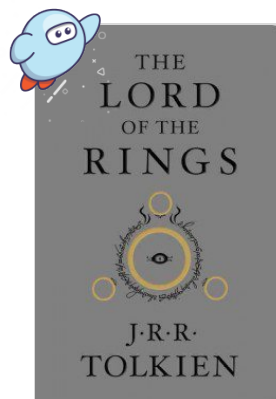
*Keeper of the Lost Cities*  
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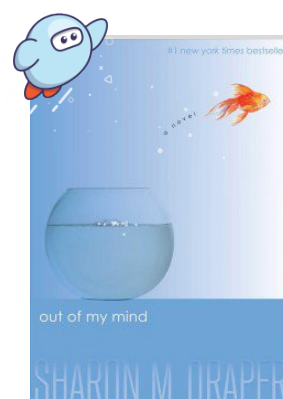
*Percy Jackson & the  
Olympians: Lightning  
Thief* by Rick Riordan



*The Hero and the  
Crown* by Robin  
McKinley



*The Lord of the Rings*  
by J.R.R. Tolkien



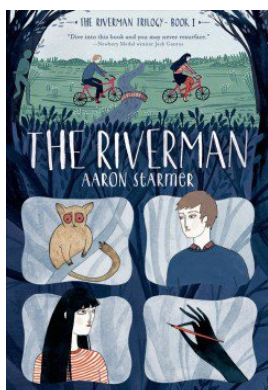
*Out of My Mind*  
by Sharon Draper



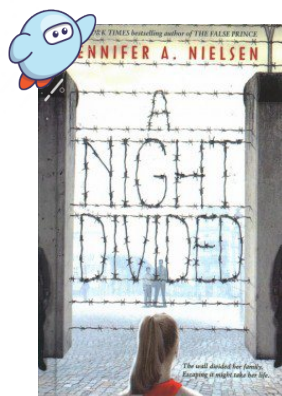
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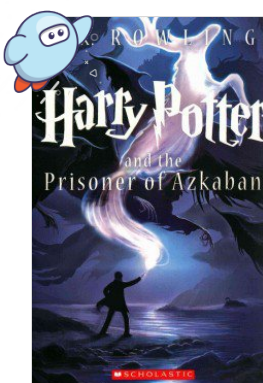
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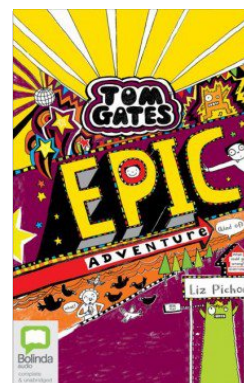
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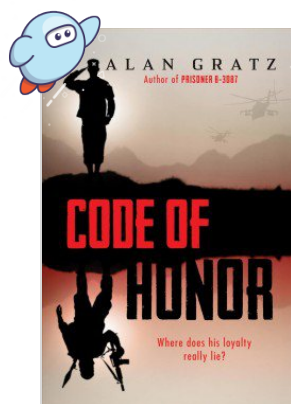
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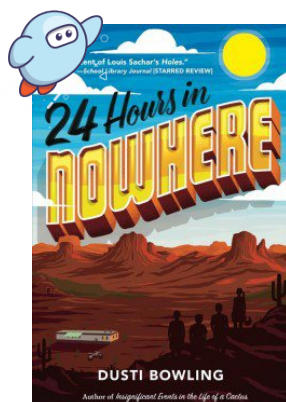
*Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*  
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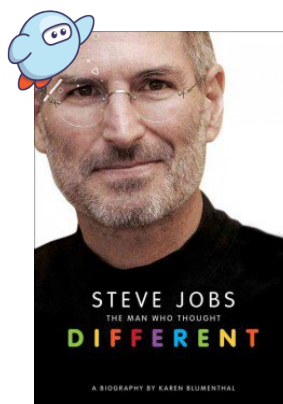
*Tom Gates Epic Adventures*  
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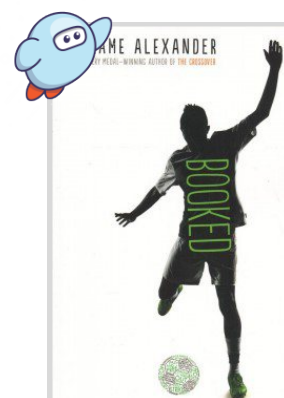
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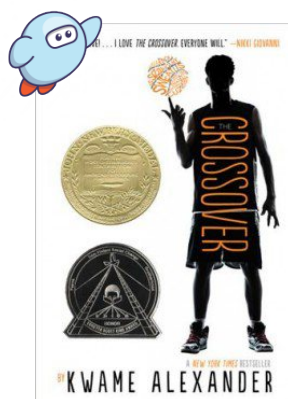
*24 Hours in Nowhere*  
by Dusti Bowling



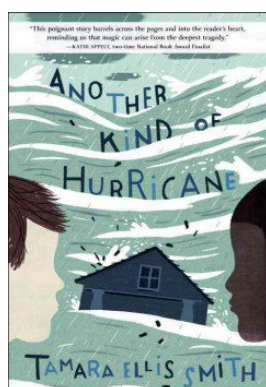
*Steve Jobs The Man Who Thought Different*  
by Karen Blumenthal



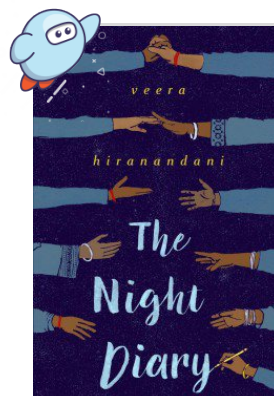
*Booked*  
by Kwame Alexander



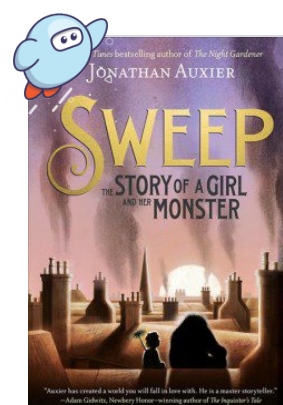
*Crossover*  
by Kwame Alexander



*Another Kind of Hurricane*  
by Tamara Ellis Smith



*The Night Diary*  
by Veera Hiranandani



*Sweep*  
by Jonathan Auxier



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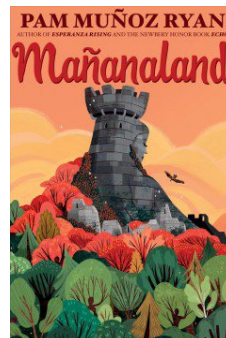
## Rising 5th/6th Grade Fiction . 2020



### **Asha & the Spirit Bird**

by Jasbinder Bilan

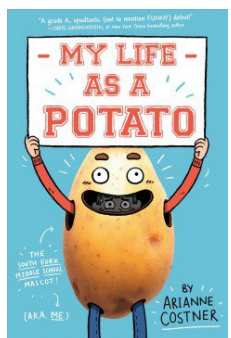
In an unforgettable adventure set in contemporary India, Asha is guided by a majestic bird which she believes to be the spirit of her grandmother. Together with her best friend, Jeevan, she embarks on a journey across the Himalayas to find her missing father and save her home.



### **\*Mañanaland**

by Pam Muñoz Ryan

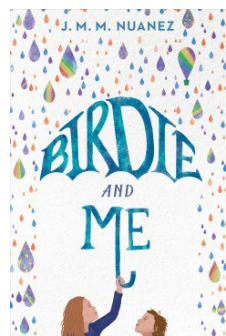
Growing up on legends about a mythical gatekeeper who assists worthy travelers, Maximiliano Córdoba, a young fútbol enthusiast uncovers a long-buried family secret involving an underground network that guides people to safety.



### **\*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!



### **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.



### **Each Tiny Spark**

by Pablo Cartaya

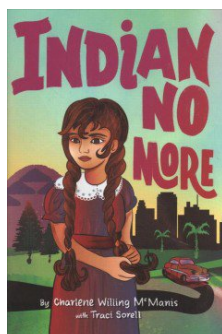
When Emilia Torres's father returns from deployment, he's not quite the same, but they're able to bond over welding.



### **\*We're Not from Here**

by Geoff Rodkey

In this post-apocalyptic comedy, a family of refugees from Earth is selected to represent humankind on an alien planet that is reluctant to take them in. It's up to Lan Mifune to change their minds if humans are to survive.



### **Indian No More**

by Charlene Willing McManis and Traci Sorell

Ten-year-old Regina Petit is Umpqua and lives on the Grand Ronde reservation. When the federal government signs a bill saying Regina's tribe no longer exists, Regina struggles to understand what it means to be "Indian no more."



### **\*Song for a Whale**

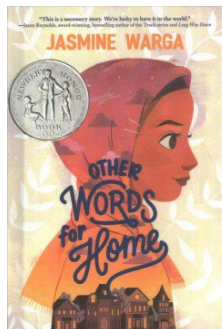
by Lynne Kelly

Twelve-year-old Iris and her grandmother, both deaf, drive from Texas to Alaska armed with Iris's plan to help Blue-55, a whale unable to communicate with other whales.

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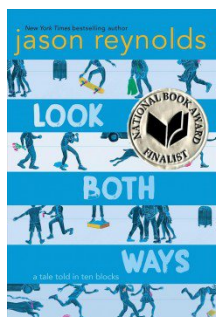
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### Other Words for Home

by Jasmine Warga

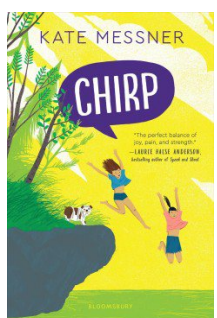
Jude is sent with her mother to the safety of a relative's home in Cincinnati when her Syrian hometown is overshadowed by violence. Jude worries for the family members who were left behind as she adjusts to a new life with unexpected surprises. Novel in Verse



### Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks

by Jason Reynolds

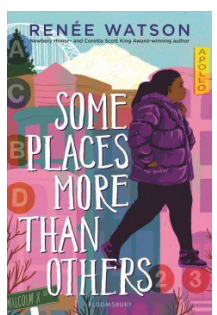
This is a collection of ten short stories that all take place in the same day about kids walking home from school.



### Chirp

by Kate Messner

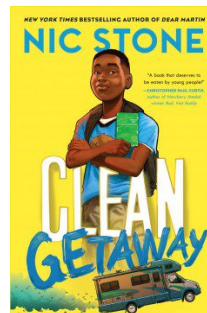
Moving to Vermont the summer after seventh grade, a young gymnast hides a secret as she makes new friends and investigates her grandmother's claim that someone is trying to destroy her cricket farm.



### \*Some Places More Than Others

by Renée Watson

Looking forward to meeting her extended family for the first time during a visit to her father's childhood home in Harlem, Amara is surprised by what she finds.



### Clean Getaway

by Nic Stone

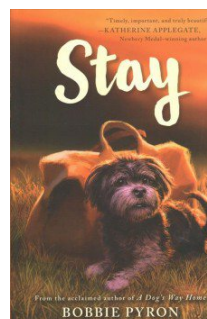
During an unplanned Spring Break road trip through the once-segregated American South, an 11-year-old boy confronts the realities of race relations, past and present, and his unconventional grandmother's mysterious agenda.



### Doodleville

by Chad Sell

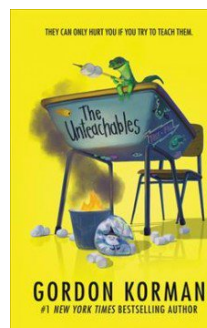
Drew is just a regular artist. But there's nothing ordinary about her art. Her doodles are mischievous and rarely do they stay in Doodleville, the world she's created in her sketchbook. Instead, Drew's doodles prefer to explore the world outside. Graphic novel



### Stay

by Bobbie Pyron

This is a heart-warming story about Piper, a girl who just moved into a homeless shelter in a new city, and Baby, a dog who lives in the park with his person. When Baby loses his person it is up to Piper to make sure Baby is not taken away for good.



### \*The Unteachables

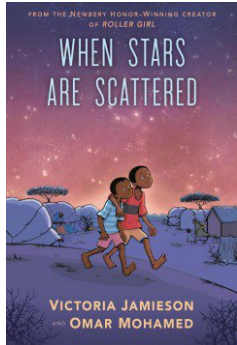
by Gordon Korman

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.

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### **\*When Stars are Scattered**

by Victoria Jamieson

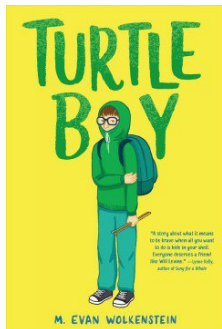
A Somali refugee who spent his childhood at the Dadaab camp and the author of *Roller Girl* present the story of a young refugee who struggles with leaving behind his nonverbal brother when he has an opportunity to help his family by going to school. Graphic Novel



### **The Strangeworlds Travel Agency**

by J.D. Lapinski

When 12-year-old Flick Hudson accidentally ends up in the Strangeworlds Travel Agency, she uncovers a fantastic secret: there are hundreds of other worlds just steps away from ours. All you have to do to visit them is jump into the right suitcase.



### **Turtle Boy**

by M. Evan Wolkenstein

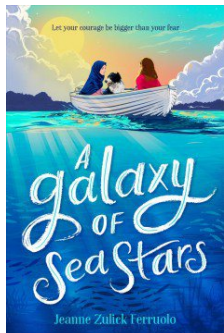
A seventh grader struggles through a new school year marked by bullying, his teacher's insistence that he return captured turtles to the wild, and a Bar Mitzvah community service project that requires him to spend time visiting a terminally ill boy in the hospital.



### **What Stars Are Made of**

by Sarah Allen

Aspiring to become a scientist in spite of the challenges of having Turner syndrome, Libby learns that her older sister is having a baby and prepares what she hopes will be a winning entry in a science contest to help with expenses.



### **A Galaxy of Sea Stars**

by Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo

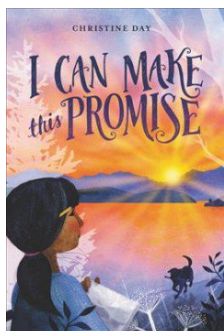
The sixth grade daughter of a traumatized Afghanistan war veteran finds her life in a quiet beach town upended by her new friendship with a Muslim girl who teaches her transformative lessons about acceptance, respect and doing the right thing.



### **Stand up, Yumi Chung!**

by Jessica Kim

Reworking mortifying memories about her perpetual shyness and cross-cultural realities into comedy gold, an aspiring comedienne accidentally lands in a comedy camp under the instruction of a favorite celebrity.



### **\*I Can Make This Promise**

by Christine Day

In a story based on the author's real-life experiences, a girl uncovers a secret that connects her to her Native American heritage, throwing everything she believes about her family into question.



### **\*We Dream of Space**

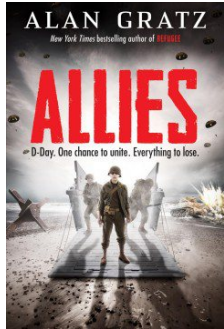
by Erin Entrada Kelly

Joining their fellow seventh graders to watch the 1986 Challenger launch, three siblings struggle with respective difficulties including falling grades, an out-of-control temper, and depressed NASA ambitions.

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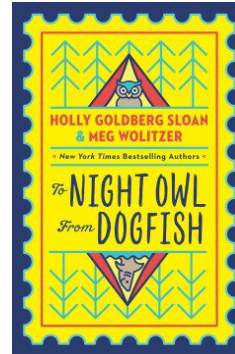


### **\*Allies**

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,

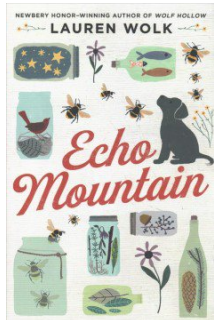
searches for lives to save.



### **To Night Owl from Dogfish**

by Holly Goldberg Sloan

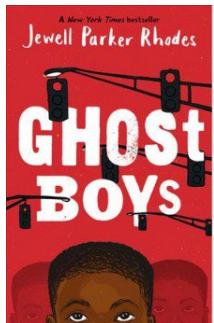
A laugh-out-loud tale of friendship and family, told entirely in emails and letters, follows the experiences of two 12-year-old girls who are sent to camp to bond when their fathers fall in love.



### **Echo Mountain**

by Lauren Wolk

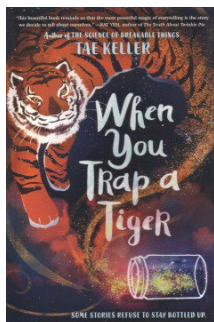
Losing her home in the aftermath of the stock market crash of 1929, Ellie moves with her family to a new home in an unforgiving mountain terrain where she seeks a cure to restore her injured father to health.



### **Ghost boys**

by Jewell Parker Rhodes

After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till.



### **\*When You Trap a Tiger**

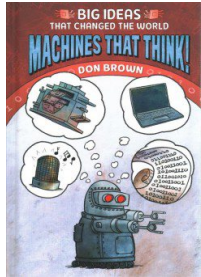
by Tae Keller

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.

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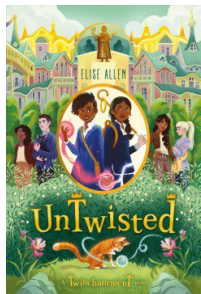


### **\*Big Ideas that Change the World! #2: Machines That Think!**

by Don Brown

This graphic novel explores machines from ancient history to today that perform a multitude of tasks, from making mind-numbing calculations to working on assembly lines to

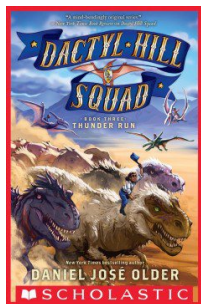
guiding spaceships to the moon.



### **\*Twinchanted #2: Untwisted**

by Elise Allen

Enrolling at Maldevon Academy to attend classes with the kingdom's other children, Princesses Flissa and Sara take first steps toward individual interests before landing on opposing sides regarding a suspect behind acts of school sabotage.

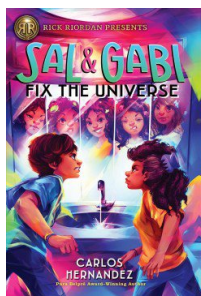


### **Dactyl Hill Squad #3: Thunder run**

by Daniel José Older

Magdalys and her squad embark on a secret mission for General Grant, taking them deep into the Louisiana swamplands, to New Orleans, and eventually to the Mexican border where Imperial troops are forming an alliance with the Confederates in

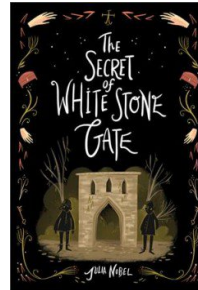
pursuit of spreading slavery.



### **Sal & Gabi #2: Sal & Gabi Fix the Universe**

by Carlos Alberto Hernandez

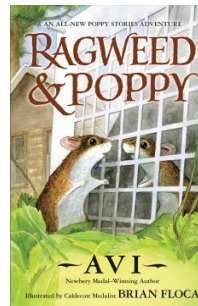
When best friends Sal and Gabi try to repair the damage they created when they altered the universe to help their families, they end up creating even more chaos.



### **\*Black Hollow Lane #2: Secret of White Stone Gate**

by Julia Nobel

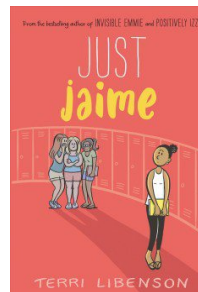
Before returning to Wellsworth, twelve-year-old Emmy receives a letter from her father telling her to trust no one, but the Order is up to no good and she will need help to stop them.



### **Tales of Dimwood Forest #7: Ragweed and Poppy**

by Avi

This book shares the story of how Ragweed and Poppy became friends as adventure-seeking Ragweed reluctantly helps an innocent but mischievous baby raccoon reunite with his mother.



### **Emmie & Friends #3: Just Jaime**

by Terri Libenson

A longtime best friendship is put to the test at the end of seventh grade when two members of a popular clique become divided over their priorities about dressing fashionably and pursuing older interests. Books #1 and #2 available in Sora



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

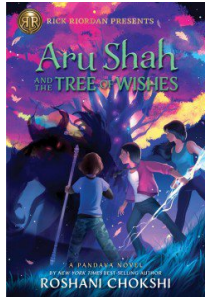
by Soman Chainani

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.

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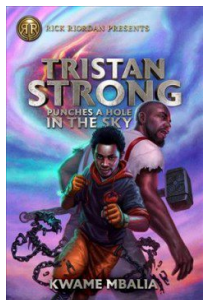
## Rising 5th/6th Series & Sequels . 2020



### **Pandava Quartet #3: Aru Shah and the Tree of Wishes**

by Roshani Chokshi

Sent on a mission to rescue the twin Pandava sisters, 14-year-old Aru Shah and her friends struggle to determine which of the twins is false and which is destined to utter a prophecy that could prevent war between the devas and demons.



### **\*Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky #1**

by Kwame Mbalia

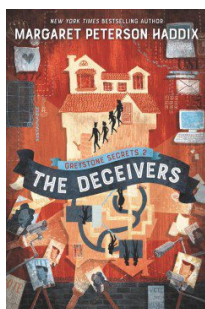
Seventh-grader Tristan Strong tumbles into the MidPass and, with allies John Henry and Brer Rabbit, must entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding and seal the hole Tristan accidentally ripped in the sky. #2 *Tristan Strong Destroys the World*: 6 October 2020



### **\*Pages & Co. #2: The Lost Fairy Tales**

by Anna James

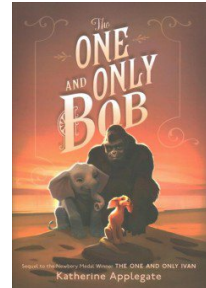
A sequel to *The Bookwanderers* finds Tilly and her best friend, Oskar, visiting wintry Paris before wandering into a book of fairy tales where they are challenged to unscramble mixed-up stories and characters.



### **Greystone Secrets #2: The Deceivers**

by Margaret Peterson Haddix

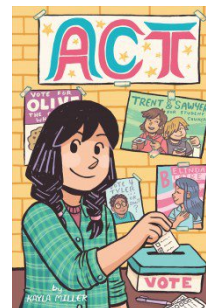
A sequel to *The Strangers* finds the three Greystone siblings and their friend, Natalie, continuing their efforts to find and rescue their mothers in an alternate world where truth is illegal.



### **\*The One and Only Bob**

by Katherine Applegate

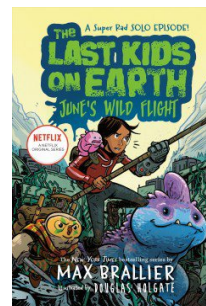
A sequel to the Newbery Medal-winning *The One and Only Ivan* finds Bob, helped by friends Ivan and Ruby, searching for his lost sister on a journey that is dangerously complicated by an approaching hurricane.



### **\*Click #3: Act**

by Kayla Miller

A lively follow-up to *Click* and *Camp* finds sixth grader Olive looking forward to an upcoming field trip. First, she needs to help organize a student-council election after discovering that school policy is preventing some of the kids from participating. Graphic novel

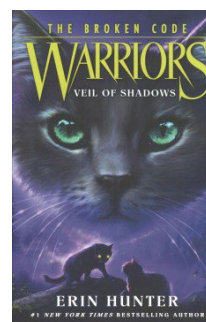


### **Last Kids on Earth #7: June's Wild Flight**

by Max Brallier

After getting separated from her friends, June gets dragged to Wakefield, a town overrun with monsters. She has to use her survival skills to escape and discovers information about the mysterious tower, which could be

critical to the world's survival. Book #1 and Book #3 available in Sora



### **Warriors The Broken Code #3: Veil of Shadows**

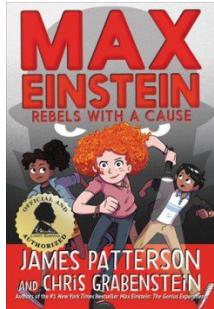
by Erin Hunter

A latest entry in a story arc spin-off of the best-selling *Warriors* series finds a traumatized Bramblestar escalating tensions among the rival animal clans while his closest friends scramble to restore Bramblestar's true peaceful spirit. Books #1 and #2 available in Sora

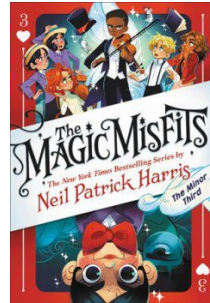
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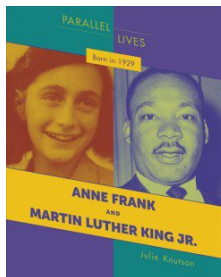
## Rising 5th/6th Series & Sequels · 2020



**\*Max Einstein #2: Rebels with a Cause**  
by James Patterson  
A sequel to *The Genius Experiment* finds Max and her companions traveling to India to help a Mumbai village through a water crisis, only to be targeted by a corporate kidnapper connected to a spy inside the Change Makers.



**The Magic Misfits #3: The Minor Third**  
by Neil Patrick Harris  
Theo is unexpectedly drawn to a Magic Misfits newcomer at the same time the group's loyalties are tested by an Emerald Ring scheme.

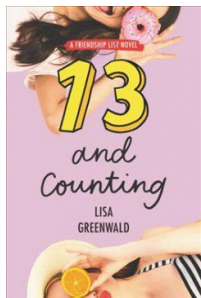


**\*Born in 1929: Anne Frank & Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
by Julie Knutson  
The *Parallel Lives* series explores the lives and legacies of two important figures born in the same year, examining the different struggles they faced and the way they

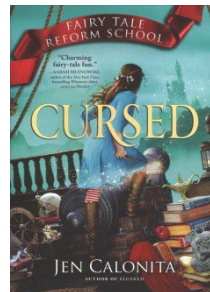
responded to and shaped the world they were born into.



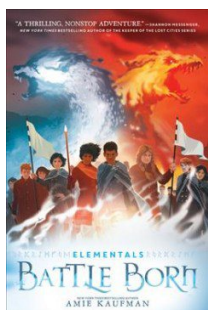
**Circus Mirandus #2: The Bootlace Magician**  
by Cassie Beasley  
Sequel to the best-selling *Circus Mirandus* finds Lightbender apprentice Micah Tuttle teaming up with Jenny and other magicians in a desperate attempt to protect the circus from being destroyed by his Bird Woman grandmother.



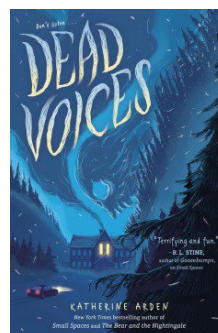
**\*Friendship List #3: 13 and Counting**  
by Lisa Greenwald  
Confronted by a divorce, a loved one's illness, and social awkwardness, best friends Kaylan and Ari organize a new motivational list of 13 goals to achieve before the end of the new school year.



**\*Fairy Tale Reform School #6: Cursed**  
by Jen Calonita  
The conclusion to the award-winning series finds Gilly and her friends on an epic journey to stop Rumpelstiltskin from cursing Enchantasia into nonexistence, an effort that is challenged by her sister, Anna, and the Stiltskin Squad.



**Elementals #3: Battle Born**  
by Amie Kaufman  
A conclusion to the trilogy finds Anders and his companions seeking refuge in the forbidden dragonsmith stronghold of Cloudhaven, where they discover an ancient text that could be the key to saving their home.

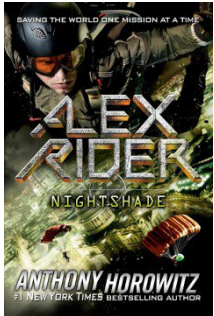


**\*Small Spaces #2: Dead Voices**  
by Katherine Arden  
Ollie, Coco, and Brian plan to spend a relaxing winter break at a mountain resort, but when a mysterious ghost hunter arrives to investigate tales of hauntings, the friends wonder if they can trust the hunter or the spirits.

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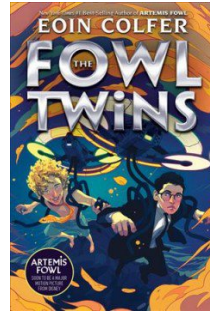


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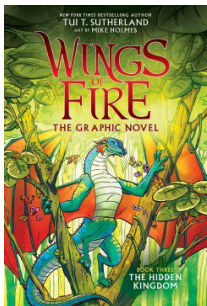
### **\*Alex Rider #12: Nightshade**

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.



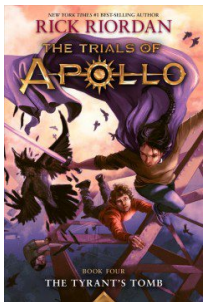
### **\*The Fowl Twins**

by Eoin Colfer  
Left in the care of house security a week after their 11th birthday, Fowl twins Myles and Beckett risk their safety to help a troll who is being pursued by two enemies.



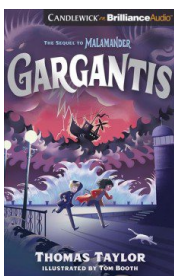
### **\*Wings of fire #3: The Hidden Kingdom, The Graphic Novel**

by Barry Deutsch  
Glory, who seeks shelter in the rainforest with her fellow dragonets, is disappointed to find treetops full of RainWings who know nothing of Pyrrhia or its missing dragons. This is a dilemma that complicates their efforts to prevent a devastating war.



### **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.



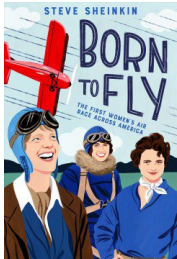
### **\*The Legends of Eerie-on Sea #2: Gargantis**

by Thomas Taylor  
When a giant storm reveals the awakening of a mythical sea monster, Herbert and Violet team up for answers about a stolen treasure and a suspicious cache of lost-and-found items at the local Grand Nautilus Hotel.

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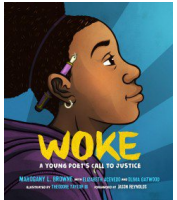
## Rising 5th/6th Nonfiction . 2020



### **\*Born to Fly: The First Women's Air Race Across America**

by Steve Sheinkin

Award winning author, Steve Sheinkin, documents the achievements of legendary pilots Amelia Earhart, Louise Thaden, and Elinor Smith in the 1929 Women's Air Derby.

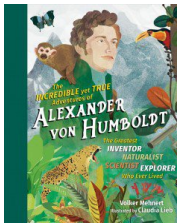


### **Woke: A Young Poet's Call to Justice**

by Mahogany L. Browne

A collection of poems by women of color, written for today's generation of young activists, reflects the passion of the fight for social justice while tackling

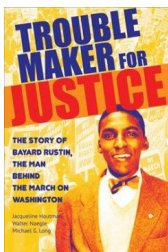
subjects ranging from discrimination and empathy to acceptance and speaking out.



### **\*The Incredible Yet True Adventures of Alexander Von Humboldt: The Greatest Inventor-Naturalist-Scientist-Explorer Who Ever Lived**

by Volker Mehner

A richly illustrated narrative biography about the life and adventures of Alexander von Humboldt, the late eighteenth-, early nineteenth-century Prussian polymath-explorer, lost hero of science, and source of inspiration for Charles Darwin and Henry David Thoreau.

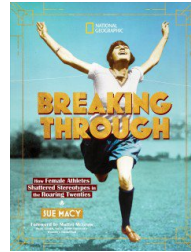


### **\*Trouble maker for justice : the story of Bayard Rustin, the man behind the March on Washington**

by Jacqueline Houtman

Recounts the life and accomplishments of Bayard Rustin, focusing on his nonviolent protest methods and his

organization of the March on Washington in 1963.

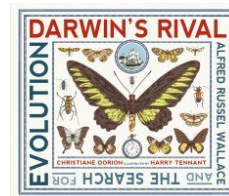


### **Breaking Through: How Female Athletes Shattered Stereotypes in the Roaring Twenties**

by Sue Macy

This award-winning author presents a timely account of the achievements of women athletes in the 1920s that

describes how their defiance of segregation and politics promoted women's rights, redefined femininity and changed the course of history.

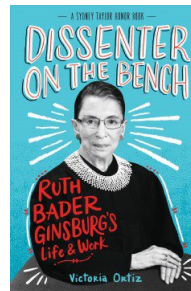


### **Darwin's Rival: Alfred Russel Wallace and the Search for Evolution**

by Christiane Dorion

Learn about the lesser-known life story and achievements of Victorian naturalist Alfred Russel

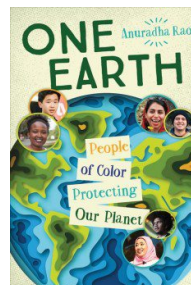
Wallace, a friend of Charles Darwin, whose global explorations led to his own simultaneous theories about natural selection and evolution.



### **\*Dissenter on The Bench: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Life & Work**

by Victoria Ortiz

Presents the life and career of the Supreme Court Justice, and includes dramatic accounts of her landmark cases that moved the needle on the legal protection of human rights.



### **\*One Earth: People of Color Protecting our Planet**

by Anuradha S. Rao

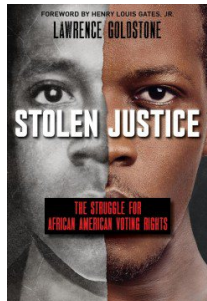
This book presents the efforts of twenty environmental activists working to overcome the devastating effects of climate change around the world.

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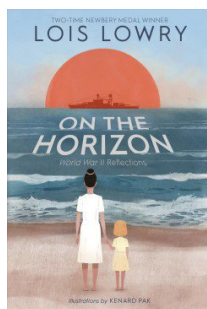


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**\*Stolen Justice: The Struggle for African-American Voting Rights**  
by Lawrence Goldstone  
In this vivid portrait of the systematic suppression of the African American vote, author Lawrence Goldstone traces the injustices of the Post-Reconstruction era through the eyes of incredible individuals, both heroic

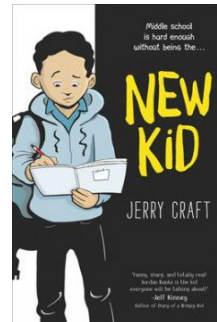
and barbaric, and examines the legal cases that made the Supreme Court a partner of white supremacists in the rise of Jim Crow.



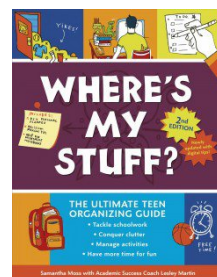
**\*On the Horizon**  
by Lois Lowry  
This book is divided into three sections and told through sparse text and poetry. Lois Lowry explores the human stories behind World War II's Pearl Harbor attack and Hiroshima bombing to contemplate what victims share in common and the importance of bridging cultural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



**\*No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference**  
by Greta Thunberg  
This book is made up of the groundbreaking speeches of Greta Thunberg, the young climate activist who has become the voice of a generation, including her historic address to the United Nations.



**\*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



**\*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.

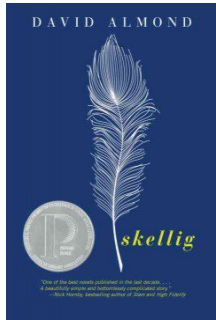


**Plastic Sucks! How You Can Make a Difference**  
by Dougie Poynter  
Plastic fills our oceans and endangers our wildlife. It's time to take action and find ways to cut down our plastic use. This book provides a history of plastic as well as actionable steps everyone can take.

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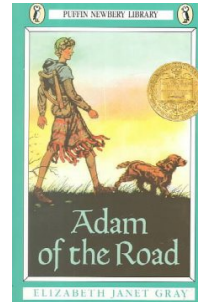
## Rising 6th Grade Classics & Old Favorites 2020



### **Skellig (1999)**

by David Almond

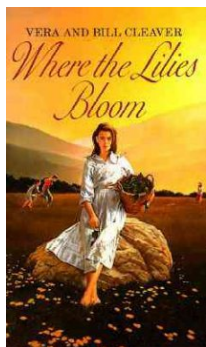
Two lonely children form a bond when they secretly take on the care of a crusty, otherworldly old man living in a ramshackle garage. A mystical story of love and friendship.



### **Adam of the Road (1962)**

by Elizabeth Gray Vining

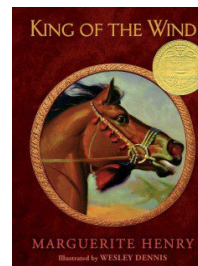
The adventures of eleven-year-old Adam as he travels the open roads of thirteenth-century England searching for his missing father, a minstrel, and his stolen red spaniel, Nick.



### **Where the Lilies Bloom (1969)**

by Vera and Bill Cleaver

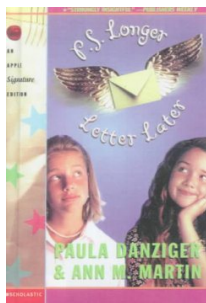
In the Great Smoky Mountains, a fourteen-year-old girl struggles to keep her family together after their father dies.



### **\*King of the Wind: The Story of the Godolphin Arabian (1949)**

by Marguerite Henry

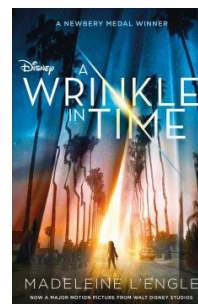
Sham and the stable boy Agba travel from Morocco to France to England where, at last, Sham's majesty is recognized and he becomes the "Godolphin Arabian," ancestor of the most superior Thoroughbred horses.



### **P.S. Longer Letter Later (1998)**

by Paula Danziger

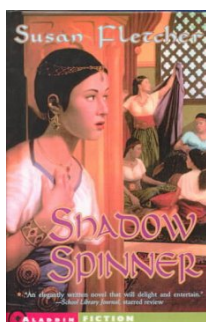
Twelve-year-old best friends Elizabeth and Tara continue their friendship through letter-writing after Tara's family moves to another state. +Series



### **\*A Wrinkle in Time (1962)**

by Madeleine L'Engle

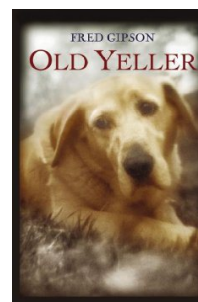
Meg and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.



### **Shadow Spinner (1998)**

by Susan Fletcher

When Marjan, a thirteen-year-old disabled girl, joins the Sultan's harem in ancient Persia, she gathers for Shahrazad the stories which will save the queen's life.



### **Old Yeller (1956)**

by Fred Gipson

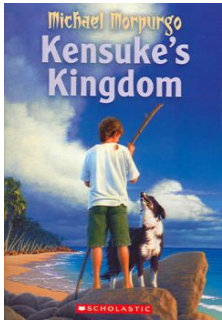
In the rugged landscape of early frontier Texas, fourteen-year-old Travis is faced with taking over his family's farm and making a painful, important decision.

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### **\*Kensuke's Kingdom (1999)**

by Michael Morpurgo  
When Michael is swept off his family's yacht, he washes up on a desert island, where he struggles to survive--until he finds he is not alone.



### **\*White Fang (1906)**

by Jack London  
The adventures in the northern wilderness of a dog who is part wolf and how he comes to make his peace with man.



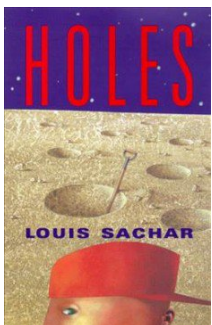
### **\*Freak the Mighty (1993)**

by W. R. Philbrick  
At the beginning of eighth grade, learning disabled Max and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team.



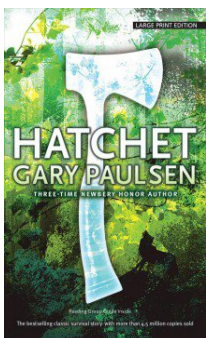
### **\*Number the Stars (1989)**

by Lois Lowry  
In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.



### **\*Holes (1998)**

by Louis Sachar  
As further evidence of his family's bad fortune, which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.



### **Hatchet (1998)**

by Gary Paulsen  
After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the Canadian wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, while also learning to survive his parents' divorce. +Series

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