

Recommended Reads

6th Grade



**J
ASTE, A**

Curse of the Night Witch Alex Aster



After changing the fate he has known since birth, twelve-year-old Tor Luna, accompanied by his friends Engle and Melda, must visit the notorious Night Witch to break the curse he now faces.

**J
GONZ, C**

Concealed Christina Diaz Gonzalez



Katrina and her parents are part of the Witness Protection Program. Whenever her parents say they have to move on and start over, she takes on a new identity. Until their location leaks and her parents disappear. Forced to embark on a dangerous rescue mission, Katrina and her friend Parker set out to save her parents--and find out the truth about her secret past and the people that want her family dead.

**J
GRAB, C**

The Smartest Kid in the Universe Chris Grabenstein



When seventh-grader Jake McQuade mistakes the world's first ingestible knowledge pills for jelly beans, he suddenly knows all about physics and geometry and can speak Swahili (though Spanish would be a lot more useful)--but his sort-of girlfriend Grace thinks they can use his new found brilliance to save their middle school from the new principal, who is conspiring to get it shut down.

**J
HIGU, D**

The Last Cuentista Donna Barba Higuera



Petra Pena, who wanted nothing more than to be a storyteller, like her abuelita. But Petra's world is ending. Earth has been destroyed by a comet, and only a few hundred scientists and their children - among them Petra and her family - have been chosen to journey to a new planet. Hundreds of years later, Petra wakes to the discovery that she is the only person who remembers Earth.

**J
JOHN, V**

Playing the Cards You're Dealt Varian Johnson



Anthony Joplin is finally old enough to play in the spades tournament every Joplin Man before him seems to have won. But when he's forced to find another spades partner, Shirley, the new girl in his class, isn't exactly who he has in mind. He keeps it a secret from his dad and it turns out secrets are another Joplin Man tradition. And his father is hiding one so big it may tear their family apart.

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SIDDI, M**

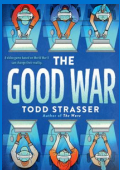
Barakah Beats Maleeha Siddiqui



Nimra Sharif has spent her whole life in Islamic school, but now it's time to go to "real school." Unfortunately, middle school is hard. Desperate to fit in and get back in her best friend Jenna's good graces, Nimra accepts an unlikely invitation to join the school's popular 8th grade boy band, Barakah Beats. But Nimra was taught that music isn't allowed in Islam. So she devises a simple plan: join the band, win Jenna back, then quietly drop out before her parents find out.

**J
STRA, T**

The Good War Todd Strasser



There's a new after school club at Ironville Middle School. Ms. Peterson is starting a video game club where the students will play The Good War, a new game based on World War II. They are divided into two teams: Axis and Allies, and they will be simulating a war they know nothing about yet. Only one team will win. But what starts out as friendly competition takes an unexpected turn for the worst when an one player takes the game too far.

**J
TURL, B**

The Flyers Beth Turley



Picked to become an intern at her favorite teen magazine and spend an adventure-packed summer, between seventh and eighth grades, in New York City, Elena is excited but also worried about losing her best friend.

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WARG, J

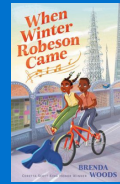
The Shape of Thunder
Jasmine Warga



Estranged from the best friend whose brother killed her sister in a school shooting, a grieving Cora receives a message on her twelfth birthday from her friend, asking for her help with creating a time portal to prevent the tragedy.

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WOOD, B

When Winter Robeson Came
Brenda Woods



In August 1965, twelve-year-old Eden's older cousin from Mississippi comes to visit her in Los Angeles, and while the Watts Riots erupt around them, they continue their investigation of the disappearance of Winter's father ten years ago.

JB
ROBI, S

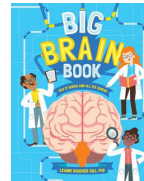
Child of the Dream: A Memoir of 1963
Sharon Robinson



As the daughter of Jackie Robinson, Sharon had incredible access to some of the most important events of the era. But Sharon was also dealing with her own personal problems like going through puberty, being one of the only black children in her wealthy Connecticut neighborhood, and figuring out her own role in the fight for equality.

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GILL, L

Big Brain Book: How It Works and All Its Quirks



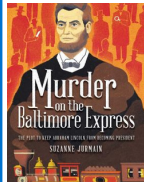
Leanne Boucher Gill

Answers to several common and interesting questions that kids have about the brain and human behavior.

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JURM, S

Murder on the Baltimore Express: The Plot to Keep Abraham Lincoln From Becoming President

Suzanne Jurmain

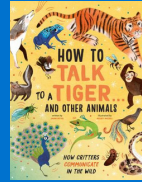


In February 1861 newly elected President Abraham Lincoln set out on a 2,000 mile cross-country railroad trip that would take him to his inauguration in Washington, D.C. At the same time, a band of fanatic southern Confederate sympathizers decided to stop Lincoln from reaching Washington and taking office.

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BITT, J

How to Talk to a Tiger and Other Animals: How Critters Communicate in the Wild

Jason Bittel



This book brings together a babble of more than 100 beasties and explores the amazing ways they talk to each other. From fish that fart to alligators that dunk to fire worms that flash, you'll discover that nature has the strangest ways of sending a message.

MORE BOOKS YOU MAY ENJOY:

When You Trap a Tiger | J Keller

We Dream of Space | J Kelly

Show Me a Sign | J LeZotte

City of Ghosts | J Schwab

The Many Meanings of Meilan | J Wang

Before the Ever After | J Woodson

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