

Recommended Reads

6th Grade



**J
BROA, M**

Unfadeable Maurice Broaddus



Bella "Unfadeable" Fades is determined to stay out of trouble. A wiser-than-her-years graffiti artist, Bella plans to spend her summer laying low and steering clear of anyone who might tip off to social services that she's living on her own. But keeping a low profile is all but impossible when Bella discovers people in high places are trying to defund her neighborhood.

**J
CART, P**

The Last Beekeeper Pablo Cartaya



To prove that she belongs in a place where only the smartest and most useful are welcomed, twelve-year-old Yolanda learns that her survival rests on the rediscovery of a long-extinct beehive that could be the answer to everything.

**J
CORD, Z**

Valentina Salazar is Not a Monster Hunter Zoraida Córdova



Eleven-and-a-half-year-old Valentina Salazar grew up as a monster protector until her father's loss, but when a video of a mythical egg appears, Valentina convinces her older brother and sister to help her find and save it--all while avoiding the monster hunters who want to destroy it.

**J
DELE, A**

Undercover Latina Aya De León



Fourteen-year-old Andréa Hernández-Baldoquín hails from a family of spies working for the Factory, an international organization dedicated to protecting people of color. For her first solo mission, Andréa straightens her hair and goes undercover as Andrea Burke, a white girl, to befriend the estranged son of a dangerous white supremacist. Can Andréa keep her head, her geek cred, and her code-switching on track to trap a terrorist?

**J
EGAN, C**

Sneaks Catherine Egan



A school project takes an alien turn when three kids uncover a secret society whose aim is to keep sneaks--mischievous interdimensional sprites--from slipping into our universe.

**J
GETT, K**

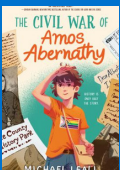
If You Read This Kereen Getten



When Brie was younger, her mama used to surprise her with treasure hunts around their island town. After she died three years ago, these became Brie's favorite memories. Now, on her twelfth birthday, her mama has another surprise: a series of letters leading Brie on one last treasure hunt. The first letter guides Brie to a special place. The next urges her to unlock a secret. And the last letter will change life as she knows it.

**J
LEAL, M**

The Civil War of Amos Abernathy Michael Leali



When a cute new volunteer arrives at his Living History Park, Amos finds himself wondering if there's something missing from history. Amos is sure there must have been LGBTQ+ people in nineteenth-century Illinois. His search turns up Albert D. J. Cashier, a Civil War soldier who might have identified as a trans man if he'd lived today. Soon Amos starts confiding in his newfound friend by writing letters in his journal--and hatches a plan to share Albert's story with his divided twenty-first century town.

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MCCA, G**

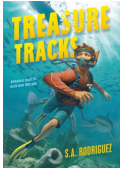
The Keeper Guadalupe García McCall



James always knew moving from Texas to Oregon was going to be horrible. But no sooner have he and his family arrived that he starts getting mysterious letters from someone called the Keeper. Someone who claims to be watching him. James and his sister, Ava, are obviously in danger. But the problem with having a history of playing practical jokes is that no one believes James--not even his parents.

J
RODR, S

Treasure Tracks
S.A. Rodriguez



Twelve-year-old Fin drags his reluctant father on a diving hunt for a missing treasure, hoping that finding the family legacy will help his ailing Abuelo.

J GN
ALEX, K

Booked
Kwame Alexander



Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams, now in a graphic novel edition .

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KING, G

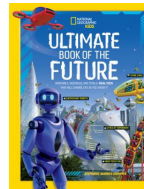
Vaccines Change the World
Gillian King-Cargile



From smallpox to Covid-19, this book examines the histories of the world's pandemics, explaining what vaccines are and why we need them. Told with a story-like narrative that holds readers' interest, this book is a definitive guide to vaccines.

OS J 303.49
DRIM, S

Ultimate Book of the Future
Stephanie Warren Drimmer



This spectacular guide to the world of tomorrow showcases the coolest inventions, technology, and ideas that are shaping our future--all backed up by real science. Take a peek into how we might live in the future--how we'll get around, what we'll wear, and what kind of world we'll live in.

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DICK, N

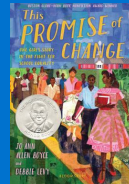
Amazing Night Sky Atlas
Nancy Dickmann



Featuring a mixture of photography and illustration, this book explores both the science of stargazing and the practicalities, with handy tips such as how to use a telescope. It also covers the background and history of astronomy, travelling around the world to discover the different stories cultures have told about the night sky and the influence the Moon, the stars and the movement of the planets have had on their people.

JB
BOYC, J

This Promise of Change
Jo Ann Allen Boyce



In 1956, one year before federal troops escorted the Little Rock 9 into Central High School, fourteen year old Jo Ann Allen was one of twelve African-American students who broke the color barrier and integrated Clinton High School in Tennessee. This is the heartbreaking and relatable story of her four months thrust into the national spotlight and as a trailblazer in history.

MORE BOOKS YOU MAY ENJOY:

The Smartest Kid in the Universe | J Grabenstein

The Last Cuentista | J Higuera

When You Trap a Tiger | J Keller

Show Me a Sign | J LeZotte

City of Ghosts | J Schwab

The Shape of Thunder | J Warga

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