

J
ROSS, J

Everywhere Blue
Joanne Rossmassler Fritz



Twelve-year-old Maddie, who suffers from anxiety, loves music, math, and everything in its place, but when her older brother Strum disappears from his college campus, her family starts slipping away from her.

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WARG, J

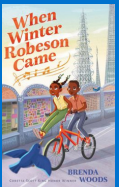
Other Words for Home
Jasmine Warga



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.

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WOOD, B

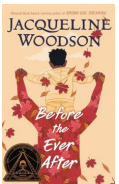
When Winter Robeson Came
Brenda Woods



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.

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WOOD, J

Before the Ever After
Jacqueline Woodson



ZJ's friends Ollie, Darry and Daniel help him cope when his father, a beloved professional football player, suffers severe headaches and memory loss that spell the end of his career.

MORE BOOKS IN VERSE:

Booked | J Alexander

The Places We Sleep | J DuBois

We Belong | J Everman

Macy McMullan and the Rainbow Goddess

| J Green

Reckless, Glorious, Girl | J Hagan

The Moon Within | J Salazar

Recipe for Disaster | J Lucido

Forget Me Not | J Terry



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Recommended Reads

Books in Verse



**J
BOWL, D**

The Canyon's Edge
Dusti Bowling



A year after the death of her mother in a restaurant shooting, Nora is left struggling to stay alive when a climbing trip with her father goes terribly wrong.

**J
FARQ, R**

Golden Girl
Reem Farqui



When her father is accused of a crime he didn't commit, seventh grader Aafiyah, a Pakistani American girl who has a habit of "borrowing" glittery things, decides to use her bad habit to reunite her family.

**J
GUID, R**

Samira Surfs
Rukhsanna Guidroz



After months of rebuilding a new life in Bangladesh with her family, Samira decides to become a Bengali surfer girl of Cox's Bazar, in this novel in verse about a young Rohingya girl's journey from isolation and persecution to sisterhood, and from fear to power.

**J
BRUC, J**

Rez Dogs
Joseph Bruchac



Twelve-year-old Malian lives with her grandparents on a Wabanaki reservation during the COVID-19 pandemic

**J
FIPP, L**

Starfish
Lisa Fipps



Bullied and shamed her whole life for being fat, twelve-year-old Ellie finally gains the confidence to stand up for herself, with the help of some wonderful new allies.

**J
HOLT, K**

BenBee and the Teacher Griever
K.A. Holt



Told in multiple voices, four summer school classmates band together to save their teacher and their academic futures after Ms J.'s unorthodox teaching methods are questioned.

**J
DONW, A**

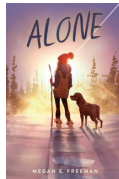
Beyond Me
Annie Donwerth-Chikamatsu



In the aftermath of a major earthquake, eleven-year-old Maya overcomes her own fear to help others at home and in northeast Japan, where a tsunami caused great damage. Includes author's note about the facts behind the story.

**J
FREE, M**

Alone
Megan Freeman



When twelve-year-old Maddie hatches a scheme for a secret sleeperover with her two best friends, she ends up waking up to a nightmare. She's alone--left behind in a town that has been mysteriously evacuated and abandoned.

**J
HOOD, S**

Lifeboat 12
Susan Hood



This poignant novel in verse based on true events tells the story of a boy's harrowing experience on a lifeboat after surviving a torpedo attack during World War II.

**J
ELLI, Z**

Moonwalking
Zetta Elliott



In 1980s Brooklyn, new student JJ Pankowski, an autistic, punk-rock-lover, befriends Pie Velez, an Afro-Latinx math geek and graffiti artist.

**J
FROS, H**

All He Knew
Helen Frost



In 1939 six-year-old Henry, who is deaf, is taken from his family and placed in a home for the feeble-minded where, years later, his friends include a conscientious objector serving there during World War II.

**J
LATH, I**

D-39: A Robotdog's Journey
Irene Latham



A robotdog, D-39, and his human friends discover challenges, danger, and the strength to persevere in this war and survival dystopian novel in verse about friendship and family.