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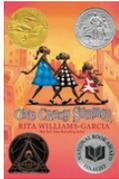
The Length of a String
Elissa Brent Weissman



Twelve-year-old Imani, the only black girl in Hebrew school, is preparing for her bat mitzvah and hoping to find her birthparents when she discovers the history of adoption in her own family through her great-grandma Anna's Holocaust-era diary.

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WILL, R

One Crazy Summer
Rita Williams-Garcia



In the summer of 1968, after travelling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.

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WOLK, L

Echo Mountain
Lauren Wolk



When twelve-year-old Ellie and her family lose livelihood and move to a mountain cabin in 1934, she quickly learns to be an outdoors woman and, when needed, a healer.

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YELC, E

Breaking Stalin's Nose
Eugene Yelchin



In the Stalinist era of the Soviet Union, ten-year-old Sasha idolizes his father, a devoted Communist, but when police take his father away and leave Sasha homeless, he is forced to examine his own perceptions, values, and beliefs.

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Recommended Reads Historical Fiction



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Gold Rush Girl
Avi



Victoria (Tory) Blaisdell longs to live a life as adventurous and independent as that of her heroine, Jan Eyre. When Tory's father loses his job and decides to seek a share of the newly discovered gold in California, Tory stows away on the westbound ship carrying her father and younger brother, Jacob.

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HOPK, D

How I Became a Spy
Deborah Hopkinson



Thirteen-year-olds Bertie Bradshaw of London and American Eleanor Shea team up to decipher a coded notebook and stop a double agent from revealing secrets about the upcoming D-Day invasion.

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LEZO, A

Show Me a Sign
Ann Clare LeZotte



Mary Lambert has always felt safe and protected on her beloved island of Martha's Vineyard. Her great-great-grandfather was an early English settler and the first deaf islander. Now, in 1805, over a hundred years later, many people there -- including Mary -- are deaf, and nearly everyone can communicate in sign language. But recent events have delivered winds of change.

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BLAN, A

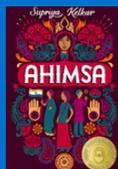
The Blackbird Girls
Anne Blankman



On a spring morning, neighbors Valentina and Oksana wake up to an angry red sky. A reactor at the nuclear power plant where their fathers work--Chernobyl--has exploded. Before they know it, the two girls, who've always been enemies, find themselves on a train bound for Leningrad to stay with Valentina's estranged grandmother.

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KELK, S

Ahimsa
Supriya Kelkar



When her mother is jailed for being one of Gandhi's freedom fighters, ten-year-old Anjali overcomes her own prejudices and continues her mother's social reform work, befriending Untouchable children and working to integrate her school.

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MCMA, C

Indian No More
Charlene Willing McManus



When Regina's Umpqua tribe is legally terminated and her family must relocate from Oregon to Los Angeles, she goes on a quest to understand her identity as an Indian despite being so far from home.

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CURT, C

The Journey of Little Charlie
Christopher Paul Curtis



When his poor sharecropper father is killed in an accident and leaves the family in debt, Little Charlie agrees to accompany fearsome plantation overseer Cap'n Buck north in pursuit of people who have stolen from him.

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KELL, E

We Dream of Space
Erin Entrada Kelly



Cash, Fitch, and Bird Thomas are three siblings in seventh grade together in Park, Delaware. In 1986, as the country waits expectantly for the launch of the Space Shuttle Challenger, they each struggle with their own. When the fated day finally arrives, it changes all of their lives and brings them together in unexpected ways personal anxieties.

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PARK, L

Prairie Lotus
Linda Sue Park



In Dakota Territory in the 1880s, half-Chinese Hanna and her white father face racism and resistance to change as they try to make a home for themselves.

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ENGL, K

It All Comes Down To This
Karen English



In the summer of 1965, Sophie's family becomes the first African Americans to move into their upper middle-class neighborhood in Los Angeles. When riots erupt in nearby Watts, she learns that life and her own place in it are a lot more complicated than they had seemed.

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KRIS, U

Step Up to the Plate, Maria Singh!
Uma Krishnaswami



When Maria Singh's family is on the brink of losing their farm due to prejudice and discriminatory laws of the land, Maria must decide if she has what it takes to find her voice in an unfair world.

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RYAN, P

Echo
Pam Muñoz Ryan



Lost in the Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and finds himself entwined in a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica--and decades later three children, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California find themselves caught up in the same thread of destiny in the darkest days of the twentieth century,