

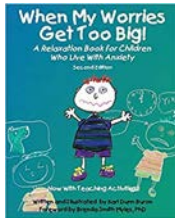
Inner Journeys

Grades K-2



I'm Worried by Michael Ian Black

When Potato tells his friends he's worried, he expects them to comfort him by saying that everything will be okay. Except they don't. Because it might not be, and that's okay too.



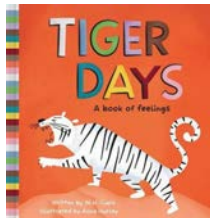
When My Worries Get Too Big!: A Relaxation Book for Children who Live with Anxiety by Kari Dunn Buron

This book is filled with opportunities to participate in developing your own self-calming strategies. Children who use the simple strategies in this charming book will find themselves relaxed and ready to focus on work or play!



The Way I Feel by Janan Cain

Feelings are neither good nor bad, they simply are. Kids need words to name their feelings, just as they need words to name all things in their world.



Tiger Days: A Book of Feelings by M.H. Clark

From tiger fierce to snail slow, there are lots of ways to feel and be. A walk through the menagerie of Tiger Days helps young readers see all the feelings they have and the ways those feelings change.



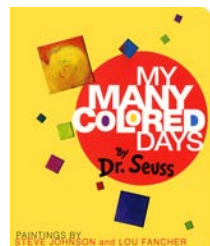
Listening with My Heart: A Story of Kindness and Self-Compassion by Gabi Garcia

When Esperanza finds a heart shaped rock, she sees it as a reminder to spread kindness and love in the world. But when the school play doesn't go the way she'd hoped, will she remember to show it to herself?



Ruby Finds a Worry by Tom Percival

One day, Ruby---a normally happy, curious, imaginative young girl--finds something unexpected: a Worry. But when Ruby befriends a young boy, she discovers that *everyone* has worries, and not only that, there's a great way to get rid of them too...she just has to share her feelings.



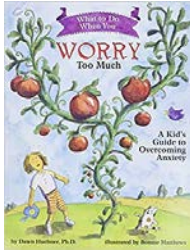
My Many Colored Days by Dr. Seuss

In this book, each day is described in terms of a particular color, which in turn is associated with specific emotions. Using a spectrum of vibrant colors and a variety of animals, this unique book covers a range of moods and emotions.



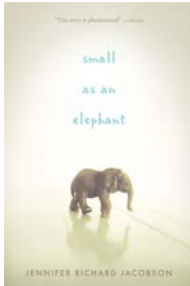
When Worry Takes Hold by Liz Haske

One night just before the lights went out, Worry snuck into Maya's mind. Join Maya as she finds Courage, through the form of a calming breath, and learns how to break free from Worry's hold.



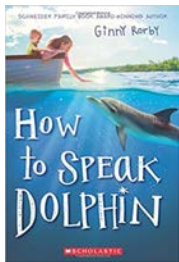
What to Do When You Worry Too Much: A Kid's Guide to Overcoming Anxiety by Dawn Huebner and Bonnie Matthews

Did you know that worries are like tomatoes? No, you can't eat them, but you can make them grow, simply by paying attention to them. If your worries have grown so big that they bother you almost every day, this book is for you.



Small as an Elephant by Jennifer Richard Jacobson

After his mom leaves him all alone on a campsite in Maine, Jack is forced to find his own way back to Boston. With nothing but a small toy elephant to keep him company, Jack begins a journey that will test his wits and his loyalties—and his trust that he may be part of a larger herd after all.



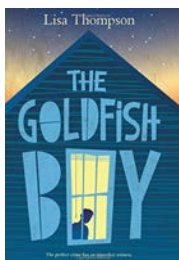
How to Speak Dolphin by Ginny Rorby

Lily's autistic brother Adam has always loved dolphins, so when their oncologist stepfather, Don, hears about a young dolphin with cancer, he offers to help. He brings Lily and Adam along, and Adam and the dolphin--Nori--bond instantly. Don believes this is the answer to Adam's problems, but Lily isn't so sure.



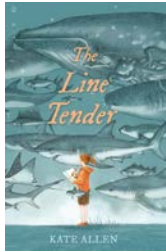
Me and My Fear by Francesca Sanna

When a young immigrant girl has to travel to a new country and start at a new school, she is accompanied by her Fear who tells her to be alone and afraid, growing bigger and bigger every day with questions like "how can you hope to make new friends if you don't understand their language?" But this little girl is stronger than her Fear.



The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson

In this riveting debut, Matthew, a boy struggling with OCD, is uniquely qualified to solve a kidnapping. But is he able to do so if it means exposing his own secrets and stepping out from the safety of his home?



The Line Tender by Kate Allen

The Line Tender is the story of Lucy, the daughter of a marine biologist and a rescue diver, and the summer that changes her life. If she ever wants to lift the cloud of grief over her family and community, she must complete the research her late mother began. She must follow the sharks.



Nest by Esther Ehrlich

In 1972, home is a cozy nest on Cape Cod for eleven-year-old Naomi “Chirp” Orenstein, her older sister, Rachel; her psychiatrist father; and her dancer mother. But then Chirp’s mom develops symptoms of a serious disease, and everything changes.



The Science of Breakable Things by Tae Keller

Natalie enters an egg drop competition, hoping to use the prize money to fly her mother to see the Cobalt Blue Orchids--flowers that survive against impossible odds. The magical flowers are sure to inspire her mother to love life again. Because when parents are breakable, it's up to kids to save them, right?



OCDaniel by Wesley King

One day, Daniel--a back-up punter for the Erie Hills Elephants hiding a series of strange habits--receives a note that says “I need your help,” signed, Fellow Star Child. And suddenly Daniel, a total no one at school, is swept up in a mystery that might change everything for him.



Stanley Will Probably Be Fine by Sally J. Pla

After inventing his own imaginary superhero, Stanley enters Trivia Quest—a giant comics-trivia treasure hunt—to prove he can tackle his worries, score VIP passes to Comic Fest, and win back his ex-best friend. Partnered with his fearless new neighbor Liberty, Stanley faces his most epic, overwhelming, challenging day ever.



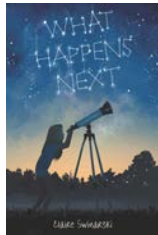
We Dream of Space by Christina Soontornvat

In 1986, as the launch of the *Challenger* approaches, Ms. Salonga gives her students a project—they are separated into spacecraft crews and must create and complete a mission. When the fated day finally arrives, it changes all of their lives and brings them together in unexpected ways.



Finding Perfect by Elly Swartz

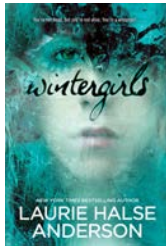
Molly's perfect world begins to splinter when her mother leaves the family to take a faraway job with the promise to return in one year. Molly knows that promises are sometimes broken, so she hatches a plan to bring her mother home: Win the Lakeville Middle School Poetry Slam Contest.



What Happens Next by Claire Swinarski

After her older sister Blair was sent away for an eating disorder, Abby has been in a funk. Desperate to dull the pain her sister's absence has left, she teams up with a visiting astronomer, Dr. Leo Lacamoire, to help track down his long-lost telescope.

Grades 9-10



Wintergirls by Laurie Halse Anderson

Lia and Cassie are best friends, wintergirls frozen in fragile bodies, competitors in a deadly contest to see who can be the thinnest. But then Cassie suffers the ultimate loss—her life—and Lia is left behind, haunted by her friend's memory, and feeling guilty for not being able to help save her.



Darius the Great is Not Okay by Adib Khorram

Darius Kellner is about to take his first ever trip to Iran, and it's pretty overwhelming—especially when he's also dealing with clinical depression, a disapproving dad, and a chronically anemic social life. In Iran, he gets to know his ailing but still formidable grandfather, his loving grandmother, and the rest of his mom's family for the first time. And he meets Sohrab, the boy next door who changes everything.



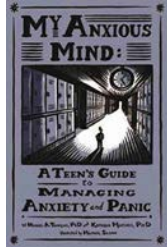
One Year Wiser: An Illustrated Guide to Mindfulness: A Graphic Guide to Mindful Living by Mike Medaglia

Illustrator and Zen Buddhist practitioner Mike Medaglia takes his readers on a journey of self-discovery. Exploring what mindfulness is and the benefits it can bring, you'll discover a simple yet powerful truth: peace, contentment, and happiness are inside us already—all we need are the tools to access them.



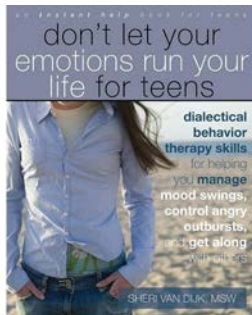
Little Ways to Keep Calm and Carry On: Twenty Lessons for Managing Worry, Anxiety, and Fear by Mark Reinecke

In *Little Ways to Keep Calm and Carry On*, you'll find twenty short yet powerful lessons and anxiety-reducing techniques that will help you move past stressful moments with grace. Each lesson is so simple to learn and practice, you'll find that this pocket guide is all you really need whenever you need a little help keeping calm.



My Anxious Mind: A Teen's Guide to Managing Anxiety and Panic by Michael A. Thompson and Katherine A. Martinez

This book outlines a simple and proven plan to help you understand and deal with your anxiety and panic. It is chock full of simple-to-use tools and strategies that easily fit into any teen's busy routine.



Don't Let Your Emotions Run Your Life for Teens: Dialectical Behavior Therapy Skills for Helping You Manage Mood Swings, Control Angry Outbursts, and Get Along with Others by Sheri Van Dijk

In this book, you'll find new ways of managing your feelings so that you'll be ready to handle anything life sends your way. Based in dialectical behavior therapy (DBT), a type of therapy designed to help people who have a hard time handling their intense emotions, this workbook helps you learn the skills you need to ride the ups and downs of life with grace and confidence.

Imaginative Wandering

Grades K-2



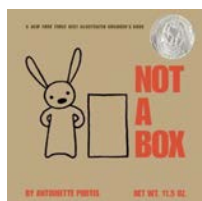
What If by Samantha Berger

Imagine a world with no pencils, no papers, and no way to be creative! Can we still find ways to make art without any supplies?



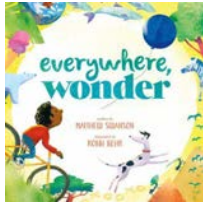
The Night Box by Louise Greig

A young boy holds the key to the Night Box. When he opens the box, night time soars out to explore until the sun comes up once more.



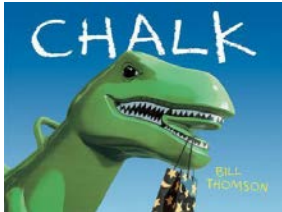
Not A Box by Antoinette Portis

When is a box not a box? When you use your imagination! Turn the box into a spaceship or a robot with just the power of your imagination.



Everywhere, Wonder by Matthew Swanson

After exploring the world through a book, a young boy sets off to discover his own world.



Chalk by Bill Thomson

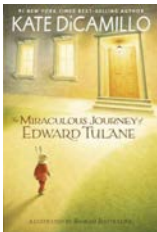
On a rainy day, three children head to the park where they find chalk. When they draw with it, their pictures come to life! This wordless picture book will allow you to imagine all the different possible stories that could go along with the pictures the children create.

Grades 3-5



The Wishing Spell by Chris Colfer

Twins Alex and Conner suddenly find themselves in a new world, one where all the fairy tales they read as children are real.



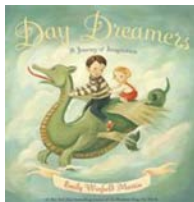
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

When Edward, a porcelain rabbit, is separated from the young girl who loves him, Edward must try to find a way back to her.



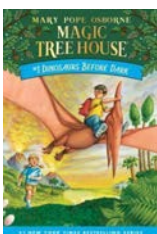
The Field Guide by Tony DiTerlizza & Holly Black

When the three Grace children go to stay with their aunt, they discover a field guide that lets them see magical creatures.



Day Dreamers: A Journey of Imagination by Emily Winfield Martin

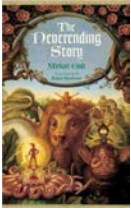
Dreams are not just for nighttime! Join the characters of this book as they are inspired by the world around them to daydream as well.



Dinosaurs before Dark by Mary Pope Osborne

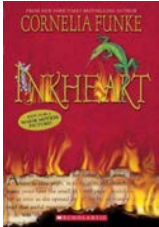
Siblings Jack and Annie adventure through time and space in a magical treehouse in the first of this series.

Grades 6-8



The Neverending Story by Michael Ende

Bastian has to figure out how to make it to the last page in the book he is reading after he becomes a character in it.



Inkheart by Cornelia Funke

Meggie's father Mo is a wonderful storyteller. Maybe too wonderful. Meggie learns that Mo can read creatures from stories into existence and, years ago, accidentally released an evil ruler into the real world.



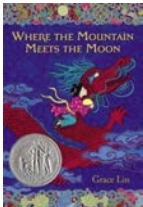
Hello Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly

Valencia, Kaori, and Gen must join together to rescue Virgil after a bully's prank leaves him stranded at the bottom of a well.



A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

In a desperate search for her missing father, Meg and her brothers discover a world beyond their own where nothing is as it seems.



Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

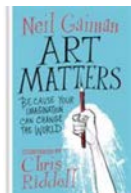
Minli sets off on a journey to find the Old Man of the Moon to help her save her village. Along the way she is joined by a magical goldfish and a dragon who cannot fly.

Grades 9-12



A Phoenix Must First Burn edited by Patrice Caldwell

This short story collection contains sixteen stories set in magical and fantastical places, giving voices and stories to people often left out of these worlds.



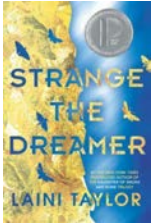
Art Matters by Neil Gaiman

A book that celebrates expanding our imaginations and all that we can do with them.



Reverie by Ryan La Sala

Kane Montgomery can't remember anything about his life. As he struggles to regain his memories, he is further challenged to uncover which of them are real and which are imagined.



Strange the Dreamer by Laini Taylor

Lazlo, a junior librarian, finally gets the chance to journey to a lost kingdom called Weep to find out what really happened to it.

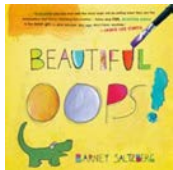


The Strange and Beautiful Sorrows of Ava Lavender by Leslye J. Walton

Ava Lavender was born with wings into a family who has been cursed by love. As Ava tries to figure out where she belongs, she must also face the growing obsession of a man who thinks her an angel.

Artistic Adventures

Grades K-2



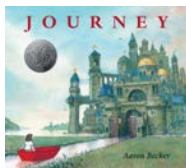
Beautiful Oops! by Barney Saltzberg

A spill. A smear. A smudge. A tear. When you think you have made a mistake, think of it as an opportunity to make something beautiful.



Maybe Something Beautiful by Isabel Campoy

Mira lives in a gray and hopeless urban community until a muralist arrives and, along with his paints and brushes, brings color, joy, and togetherness to Mira and her neighbors.



Journey by Aaron Becker

Using a red marker, a young girl draws a door on her bedroom wall and through it enters another world where she experiences many adventures, including being captured by an evil emperor.



Anna at the Art Museum by H.J. Hutchins

"A little girl becomes bored and cranky during a visit to an art museum until she begins to identify with details in the paintings. Suddenly art starts to imitate real life."



Mix it Up by Herve Tullet

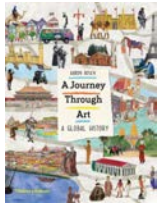
Using no special effects other than the reader's imagination, simple directions lead the reader to experiment with mixing and changing colors on the printed page.

Grades 3-5



Auntie Luce's Talking Paintings by Francie Latour

Through Haiti's colors, a young girl comes to understand this place her family calls home.



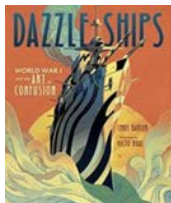
A Journey Through Art by Aaron Rosen

A Journey Through Art is a global history of art with a time-travel twist, taking young readers on an expedition from the Paleolithic period to the present day, voyaging to thirty locations around the world.



Modern Art Adventures by Maja Pitamic

"Modern Art Adventures" introduces young artists to groundbreaking masterpieces and fresh techniques, then lets them loose to create their own works of art.



Dazzle Ships by Chris Barton

"When the British Royal Navy grew desperate to protect their ship from German U-Boat attacks, they created Dazzle ships in order to confuse the enemy of their location and destination.



Flying Paintings by Amy Alznauer

First there was one Zhou brother, and then there were two. They lived in a bookstore with their grandmother, Po Po, whose stories of paintings that flew through the air and landed on mountain cliffs inspired them to create their own art. Amid the turbulence of China's Cultural Revolution in the 1970s, the Zhou Brothers began painting together on the same canvas.

Grades 6-8



The Girl Who Drew Butterflies by Joyce Sidman

Newbery-Honor winning author Joyce Sidman explores the extraordinary life and scientific discoveries of Maria Merian, who discovered the truth about metamorphosis and documented the science behind the mystery in this visual biography that features many original paintings by Maria herself." —



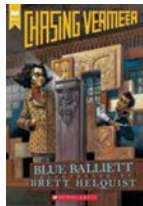
How to Spot an Artist by Danielle Krysa

Danielle Krysa uses her characteristic playfulness, gorgeous illustrations, and humor to help kids overcome negativity about their artistic endeavors-and to help them redefine what being an artist means.



The Van Gogh Deception by Deron Hicks

When a young boy is discovered in Washington, DC's National Gallery of Art without any recollection of who he is, he must piece together the disjointed clues of his origins while using his limited knowledge to stop one of the greatest art frauds ever attempted.



Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett

When strange and seemingly unrelated events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal.



Me, Frida, and the Peacock Ring by Angela Cervantes

When Lizzie and Gael share an irresistible challenge, to find the peacock ring that once belonged to artist Frida Kahlo, Paloma decides it is the perfect way to honor her father.

Grades 9-10



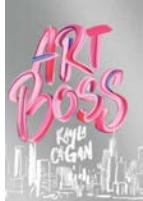
This is What I Know About Art by Kimberly Drew

"In this powerful and hopeful account, arts writer, curator, and activist Kimberly Drew reminds us that the art world has space not just for the elite, but for everyone"—



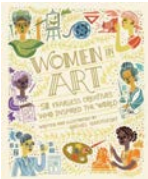
Mad, Bad, and Dangerous to Know by Samira Ahmed

When 17-year-old Khayyam Maquet (named after Persian poet Omar Khayyam) and university student Alexandre Dumas (named after the French writer, his ancestor), meet by apparent coincidence in Paris one August day, they discover they share a common goal: finding a connection between the 19th-century Dumas and painter Eugène Delacroix



Art Boss by Kayla Cagan

Artist Piper Perish has moved from her hometown of Houston, Texas, to New York City. Her days are spent exploring; her nights are filled with painting. It's her lifelong dream come true Except life in the city isn't as glamorous as it looks from afar.



Women in Art by Rachael Ignotovsky

Illustrated profiles of 50 pioneering female artists--from the 11th century to today--from the author of the New York Times bestseller Women in Science.

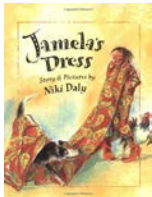


Blood Water Paint by Joy McCullough

Her mother died when she was twelve, and suddenly Artemisia Gentileschi had a stark choice: a life as a nun in a convent or a life grinding pigment for her father's paint. She chose paint. By the time she was seventeen, Artemisia did more than grind pigment. She was one of Rome's most talented painters, even if no one knew her name.

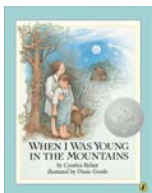
Literary Excursions

Grades K-2



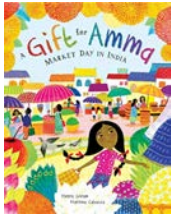
Jamela's Dress by Niki Daly

Jamela gets in trouble when she takes the expensive material intended for a new dress for Mama, parades it in the street, and allows it to become dirty and torn.



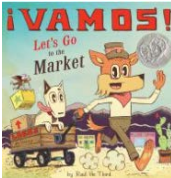
When I Was Young in the Mountains by Cynthia Rylant

The author reminisces about the pleasures of life in the mountains as a child.



[A Gift for Amma: Market Day in India](#) by Meera Sriram

A young girl explores the vibrant rainbow of items for sale in a southern Indian street market as she searches for a gift for her mother.



[¡Vamos! Let's Go to the Market](#) by Raúl the Third

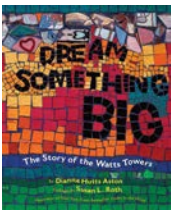
Little Lobo, a Mexican American, and Bernabe, his dog, deliver supplies to vendors at the Mercado, a busy border town market.



[This Is Our House](#) by Hyewon Yum

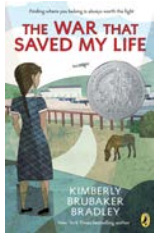
This book follows a family through seasons and generations as the house to which their immigrant grandparents came is transformed into a home.

Grades 3-5



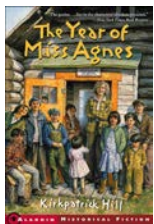
[Dream Something Big: The Story of the Watts Towers](#) by Dianna Hutts Aston

In Watts, California, over a period of many years, a man known to all as Uncle Sam spends his free time collecting broken bits of pottery, glass, and other scraps and turning them into a work of art.



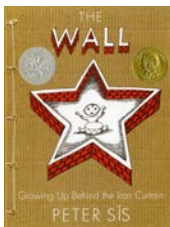
[The War That Saved My Life](#) by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.



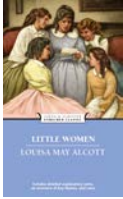
[The Year of Miss Agnes](#) by Kirkpatrick Hill

Ten-year-old Fred (short for Frederika) narrates the story of school and village life among the Athapascans in Alaska during 1948 when Miss Agnes arrived as the new teacher.



[The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain](#) by Peter Sís

This book is a powerful combination of graphic novel and picture book that accounts the author's experience growing up in Czechoslovakia under Soviet rule.



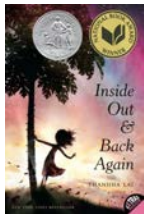
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

This book chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young women in mid-nineteenth-century New England.



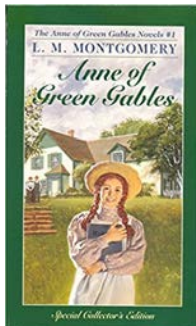
When Stars Are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson

Omar and his younger brother Hassan live in a refugee camp, but when an opportunity for Omar to get an education comes along, he must decide between going to school every day or caring for his nonverbal brother in this intimate and touching portrayal of family and daily life in a refugee camp.



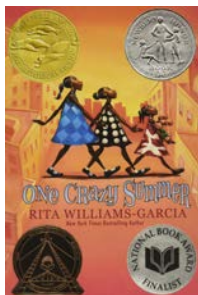
Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers left Vietnam and resettled in Alabama.



Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery

"Oh, it seems so wonderful that I'm going to live with you and belong to you. I've never belonged to anybody - not really." When a scrawny, freckled girl with bright red hair arrives on Prince Edward Island, Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert are taken by surprise; they'd asked the orphanage for a quiet boy to help with the farmwork at Green Gables...Full of imagination, spark and spirit, it is not long before Anne Shirley wins their hearts.



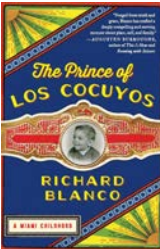
One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

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



With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo

Even though she dreams of working as a chef after she graduates, Emoni knows that it's not worth her time to pursue the impossible. Yet despite the rules she thinks she has to play by, once Emoni starts cooking, her only choice is to let her talent break free.



The Prince of los Cocuyos: A Miami Childhood by Richard Blanco

An autobiography of Cuban-American poet Richard Blanco, the first Latino and openly gay inaugural poet. He discusses his childhood caught between the cultures of Cuba and America, his acceptance of his homosexuality, and the development of his professional career as a writer.



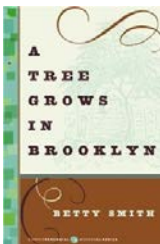
The Best We Could Do by Thi Bui

The Best We Could Do, the debut graphic novel memoir by Thi Bui, is an intimate look at one family's journey from their war-torn home in Vietnam to their new lives in America.



Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi

The great-granddaughter of Iran's last emperor and the daughter of ardent Marxists describes growing up in Tehran in a country plagued by political upheaval and vast contradictions between public and private life.



A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn is a semi-autobiographical novel concerning a young daughter of German immigrants growing up in the slums of Williamsburg, Brooklyn, in the early 20th century.

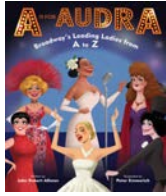


Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

Sustained by the hope of someday owning a farm of their own, two migrant laborers arrive to work on a ranch in central California.

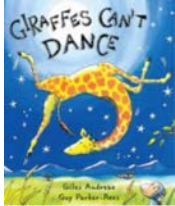
Theatre Magic

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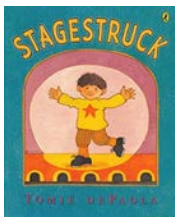
A Is for Audra: Broadway's Leading Ladies From A to Z by John Robert Allman

A "love letter to Broadway's leading ladies", from Audra to Liza with a Z.



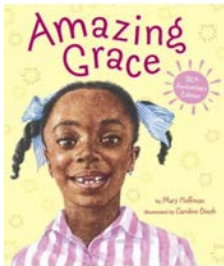
Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae

After the other animals ridicule Gerald with taunts of "Giraffes can't dance", Gerald learns to listen to his own song and stuns all the animals at the jungle dance by dancing to his own beat.



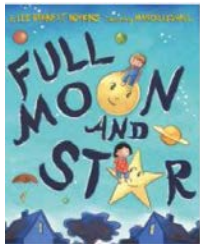
Stagestruck by Tomie DePaola

Tommy gets overly excited hoping to star in the school show and, because of this, his teacher decides it is best to only give him a bit part. Can Tommy figure out a way to get the audience's attention if he has no lines?



Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman

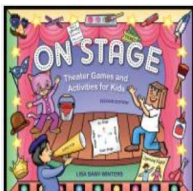
Grace, a young African American girl, loves acting out stories and is thrilled to try out for the school play. But when some classmates tell her she cannot be Peter Pan because she is black and a girl, Grace relies on her loving and supportive family and her own determination to prove them wrong.



Full Moon and Star by Lee Bennett Hopkins

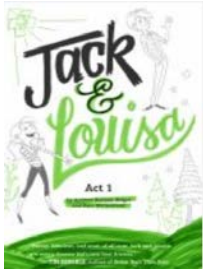
Kyle and Katie do everything together, but when Kyle decides to write a play about a full moon, Katie decides to write one about a star. In the end they decide to collaborate and work together to write a play that honors their friendship.

Grades 3-5



On Stage: Theater Games and Activities for Kids by Lisa Bany-Winters

Games and activities to inspire all budding actors. Includes basic theatre terms and concepts.



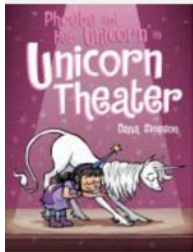
Act 1 by Andrew Keenan-Bolger

Jack, a 12-year-old Broadway Star whose career sinks when his voice changes, moves Ohio to start anew. But his next-door neighbor and soon to be best friend, Louisa, just happens to be crazy about all things theatrical, hatches a plan for both of them to audition for a community theatre--together. Can Jack risk humiliation again? Can Louisa go it alone if Jack says no? And will the friendship survive?



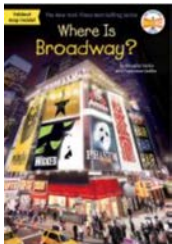
Stand Up, Yumi Chung! by Jessica Kim

Yumi is an aspiring stand-up comedian who tells a lie to get her chance --only to see that lie mushroom and her chance to follow her dream start to fall apart. Will Yumi stand up and tell the truth even if it means risking it all?



Phoebe and Her Unicorn in Unicorn Theater by Dana Simpson

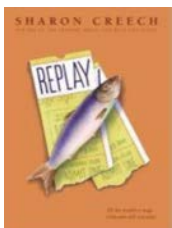
Phoebe and Marigold head to Drama Camp where their friendship is tested. Volume 8 in this lighthearted and colorful graphic series about magical unicorns and friendship.



Where Is Broadway? by Douglas Yacka

Part of the Who was/Who is series, fun non-fiction covering the development of theatre on Broadway, along with special notice of some legendary Broadway shows and personalities.

Grades 6-8



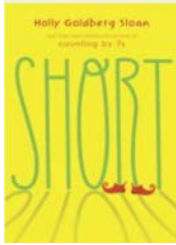
Replay by Sharon Creech

12 year old Leo knows exactly who he is as an actor in his school play, but when it comes to real life and his big, chaotic and noisy family, he struggles to find his role.



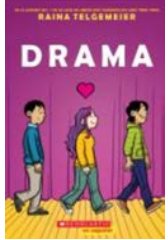
Better Nate Than Ever by Tim Federle

Musical theatre obsessed Nate leaves his small town to follow his dream and hop on a bus to NYC to audition for ET: The Musical. A funny and awkward and heartfelt tale.



Short by Holly Goldberg Sloan

11 year old Julia is very, very short and considers herself very, very untalented until she is cast as a munchkin in a community theatre production of *The Wizard of Oz*. The supportive community Julia finds in the troupe helps her realize how big she really is.



Drama by Raina Telgemeier

Drama, Drama, Drama--on stage and off, as seen through the eyes of theatre loving Callie, who is working on the stage crew of her middle school's production.



The Backstagers: Volume One, Rebels Without Applause by James Tynion

When Jory transfers to the private, all-boys school St. Genesius, he figures joining the stage crew would involve a lot of just fetching props and getting splinters. To his pleasant surprise, he discovers there's a door backstage that leads to different worlds, and all of the stagehands know about it!

Grades 9-10



Kate In Waiting by Becky Albertalli

Can two friends survive crushing on the same boy from theatre camp when he shows up at their school and is cast in the same show? Kate and Andy usually share everything but when Matt enters the scene will it be more than their friendship can handle?



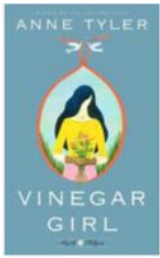
Saving Hamlet by Molly Booth

Theatre-mad Emma is thrilled to be stage managing the school production of Hamlet, but when she falls through a trap door and lands in the Globe theatre with Shakespeare himself, things start to get crazy. Not only does Emma find herself stage managing 2 productions of Hamlet, she time travels back and forth navigating such issues as which crush in which century she loves best, which actors are the most difficult and which production of Hamlet will be the biggest disaster!



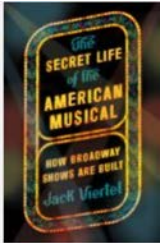
You in Five Acts by Una LaMarche

Five friends in a high-pressure NYC Performing Arts High School prepare for their final performances that will determine their futures--all the while thinking about a tragic event that changed everything.



Vinegar Girl by Anne Tyler

Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew for the 21st century. When straight talking Kate's absent minded professor father hatches up a plan to keep his brilliant assistant, Pyotr, in the country after his visa expires, She resists all their efforts to push her into a green card marriage--until she falls in love.



The Secret Life of the American Musical: How Broadway Shows Are Built by Jack Viertel

Offers a fresh way to look at familiar musicals- to break them down, pull them apart and examine more closely the structural elements that make them strong.

[Nature Treks](#)

Grades K-2



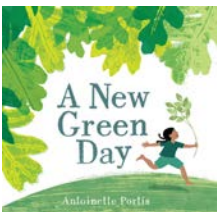
The Hike by Alison Farrell

Three friends set out on a day hike to explore their local forest, intending to climb to the top of the hill, where they will plant a flag, read a poem, and release feathers into the wind.



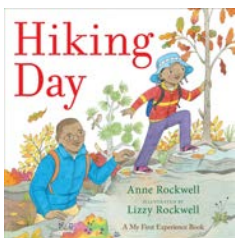
Hike by Pete Oswald

A father and child head out on a hike, keeping a cherished family tradition alive



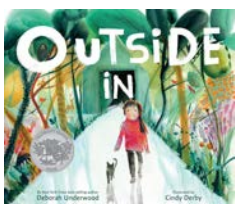
A New Green Day by Antoinette Portis

Explore nature through evocative riddles and bold imagery that take the reader from day to night and back again in this perfect read aloud. Who scribbles on the sidewalk with glistening ink? Snail!



Hiking Day by Anne Rockwell

A little girl and her family go hiking up a nearby mountain for the very first time. As they climb up and up the path, they see everything from a friendly toad to a prickly porcupine, tall leafy trees to tiny red berries.



Outside In by Deborah Underwood

This book beautifully shows the ways nature affects our everyday lives, such as providing food and clothing, and showing when to go to bed and when to get up.

Grades 3-5



The Mushroom Fan Club by Elise Gravel

In this graphic novel Gravel takes us on a magical tour of the forest floor and examines a handful of her favorite alien specimens up close.



The Young Adventurer's Guide to (Almost) Everything by Ben Hewitt

Calling all adventurers! Want to know how to build a fort from nothing but sticks? Or find your way through the forest? This survival guide is your ticket to getting down and dirty in nature and learning to make the coolest things with your own two hands.



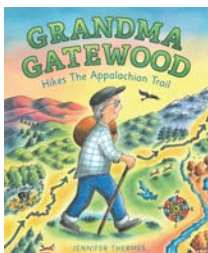
Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking, and other Natural Disasters by Lenore Look

Alvin, who is afraid of everything, is back, and his worst fear has come true: he has to go camping. What will he do exposed in the wilderness with bears and darkness and . . . pit toilets?



Wild Hike by Jake Maddox

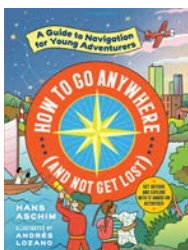
Nick has always loved camping, but his cousins, Andy and Devin, aren't outdoors guys-they're jocks. Nick isn't even sure why his cousins wanted to go on the camping trip. They don't listen to his warnings about campfires and bears, and they make fun of everything Nick does. When Devin finds himself in real danger, can Nick save him in time?



Grandma Gatewood Hikes the Appalachian Trail by Jennifer Thermes

Emma Gatewood's life was far from easy. In rural Ohio, she managed a household of 11 kids alongside a less-than-supportive husband. One day, at age 67, she decided to go for a nice long walk and ended up completing the Appalachian Trail.

Grades 6-8



How to Go Anywhere (And Not Get Lost) by Hans Aschim

Here's a lively and interactive book that will help you get out of the house and learn cool navigation techniques to use while hiking, camping, or just exploring the backyard or nearby park.



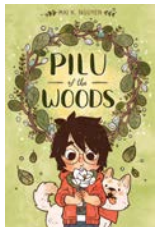
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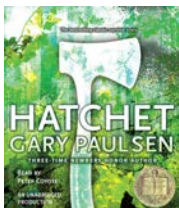
Nature Girl by Jane Kelley

While spending the summer in Vermont, eleven-year-old Megan gets lost on the Appalachian Trail and decides to hike to Massachusetts to visit her best friend.



Pilu of the Woods by Mai K. Nguyen

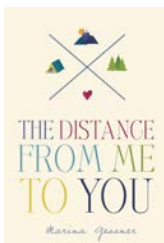
In this graphic novel Willow, who has been struggling with her emotions since her mother's death, runs away into the woods and meets Pilu, a lost tree spirit who cannot find her way back home.



Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

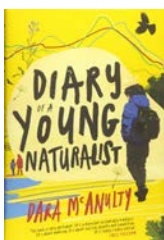
After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the Canadian wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother.

Grades 9 and 10



The Distance from Me to You by Marina Gessner

McKenna and her best friend planned for over a year to defer their freshman year of college to hike the Appalachian Trail all the way from Maine to Georgia, so when her friend backs out McKenna embarks alone on a physical and emotional journey that will change her life forever.



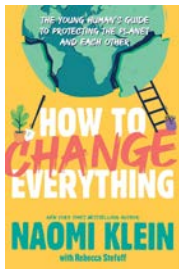
Diary of a Young Naturalist by Dara McNulty

From sixteen-year-old Dara McNulty, a globally renowned figure in the youth climate activist movement, comes a memoir about loving the natural world and fighting to save it



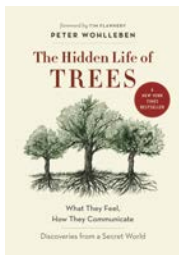
Be Not Far From Me by Mindy McGinnis

The world is not tame. Ashley knows this truth deep in her bones, more at home with trees overhead than a roof. So when she goes hiking in the Smokies with her friends for a night of partying, the falling dark and creaking trees are second nature to her. After a difficult evening morning brings the realization that she's alone--and far off trail. Lost in undisturbed forest and with nothing but the clothes on her back, Ashley must figure out how to survive.



How to Change Everything: The Young Human's Guide to Protecting the Planet and Each Other by Naomi Klein

Naomi Klein offers young readers a comprehensive look at the state of the climate today and how we got here, while also providing the tools they need to join this fight to protect and reshape the planet they will inherit.

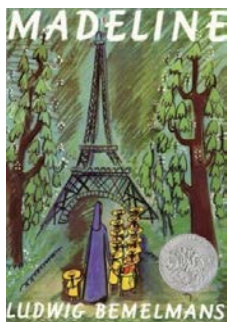


The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben

A forester's fascinating stories, supported by the latest scientific research, reveal the extraordinary world of forests and illustrate how trees communicate and care for each other.

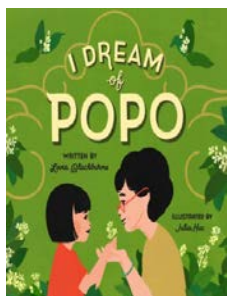
World Travels

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Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans

Madeline, smallest and naughtiest of the twelve little charges of Miss Clavel, wakes up one night with an attack of appendicitis.



I Dream of Popo by Livia Blackburne

When a young girl and her family emigrate from Taiwan to America, she leaves behind her beloved popo, her grandmother. She misses her popo every day, but even if their visits are fleeting, their love is ever true and strong. Includes author's and illustrator's notes detailing their personal experiences, and glossary of Chinese words connected to the story.



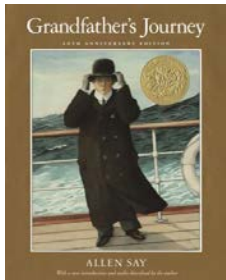
Home Is in Between by Mitali Perkins

Immigrating to America, a young girl navigates between her family's Bengali traditions and her new country's culture.



This is New York by M. Sasek

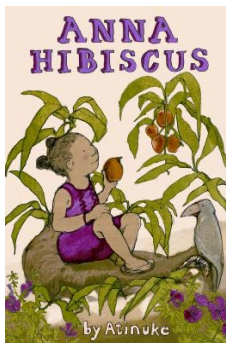
A pictorial tour of Manhattan Island presenting drawings of its neighborhoods, transportation and traffic, buildings, and the city's activities, from the local shoeshine stall to Wall Street.



Grandfather's Journey by Allen Say

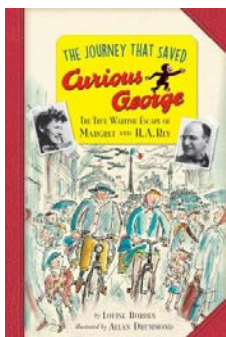
A Japanese-American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America which he later also undertakes, and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries.

Grades 3-5



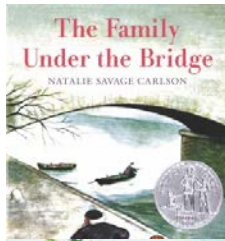
Anna Hibiscus by Atinuke

Anna Hibiscus, who lives in Africa with her whole family, loves to splash in the sea and have parties for her aunties, but Anna would love to see snow.



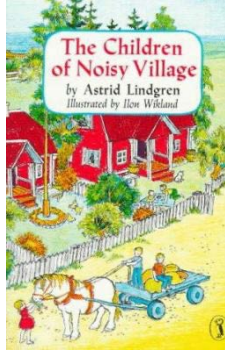
The Journey That Saved Curious George by Louise Borden

In 1940, Hans and Margret Rey fled their Paris home as the German army advanced. They began their harrowing journey on bicycles, pedaling to Southern France with children's book manuscripts, including what would become the international sensation "Curious George," among their few possessions. This is their dramatic story.



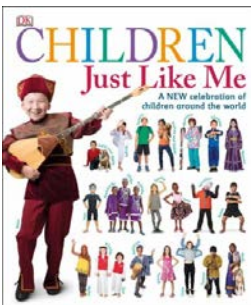
The Family Under the Bridge by Natalie Savage Carlson

An old tramp, adopted by three fatherless children when their mother hides them under a bridge on the Seine, finds a home for mother and children and a job for himself.



The Children of Noisy Village by Astrid Lindgren

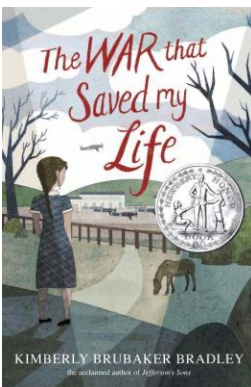
Ten-year-old Lisa tells about her brothers and playmates and the happy times they spend at work and at play in their Swedish village.



Children Just Like Me by Catherine Saunders

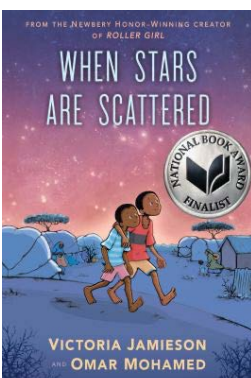
Highlights the lives of forty-four children from over thirty countries around the world, explaining how their experiences are different, and yet the same, all over the globe.

Grades 6-8



The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

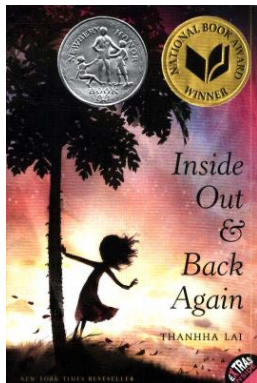
A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.



When Stars Are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson

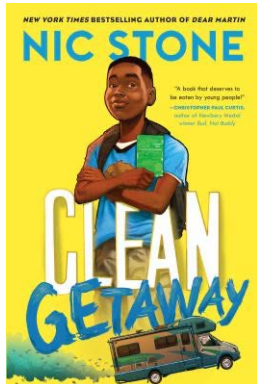
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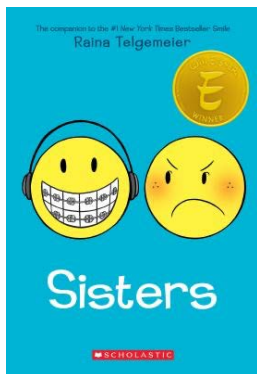
Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.



Clean Getaway by Nic Stone

For the life of him, William "Scoob" Lamar can't seem to stay out of trouble--and now the run-ins at school have led to lockdown at home. So when G'ma, Scoob's favorite person on Earth, asks him to go on an impromptu road trip, he's in the RV faster than he can say FREEDOM. With G'ma's old maps and a strange pamphlet called the 'Travelers' Green Book' at their side, the pair takes off on a journey down G'ma's memory lane. But adventure quickly turns to uncertainty: G'ma keeps changing the license plate, dodging Scoob's questions, and refusing to check Dad's voice mails. And the farther they go, the more Scoob realizes that the world hasn't always been a welcoming place for kids like him, and things aren't always what they seem--G'ma included.

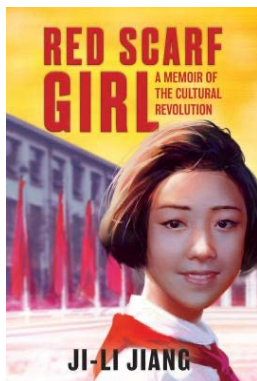


Sisters by Raina Telgemeier

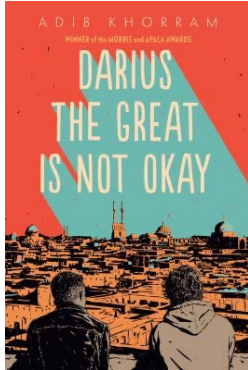
Three weeks. Two sisters. One car. A true story. Raina can't wait to be a big sister. But once Amara is born, things aren't quite how she expected them to be. Amara is cute, but she's also a cranky, grouchy baby, and mostly prefers to play by herself. Their relationship doesn't improve much over the years. But when a baby brother enters the picture, and later, when something doesn't seem right between their parents, they realize they must figure out how to get along. They are sisters, after all.

Grades 9-10

Red Scarf Girl by Ji-Li Jiang

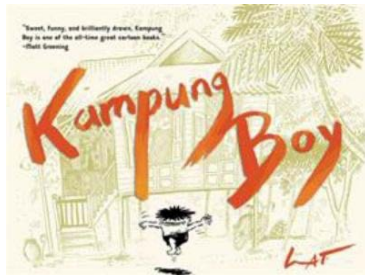


An outstanding student and much admired leader of her class, Ji-Li Jiang was poised for a shining future in the Communist party until the Cultural Revolution of 1966. Told with simplicity, innocence and grace, this unforgettable memoir gives a child's eye view of a terrifying time in 20th-century history--and of one family's indomitable courage under fire.



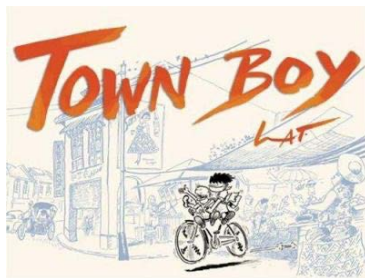
Darius the Great Is Not Okay by Adib Khorram

Clinically-depressed Darius Kellner, a high school sophomore, travels to Iran to meet his grandparents, but it is their next-door neighbor, Sohrab, who changes his life.



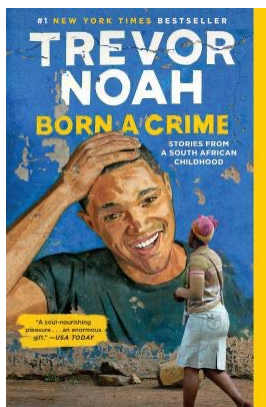
Kampung Boy by Lat

Relates the life experiences, from birth to his start in boarding school, of a Muslim boy growing up on a rubber plantation in rural Malaysia.



Town Boy by Lat

An illustrated continuation of the story of Mat, a Malaysian teenager who moves from his small village to attend boarding school in the nearby city of Ipoh, where he is introduced to modern music, busy streets, first love, and a growing passion for art.

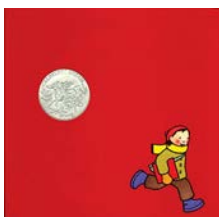


Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

Noah's path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of the Daily Show began with a criminal act: his birth. Born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother, at the time such a union was punishable by five years in prison. As he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist, his mother is determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence, and abuse that would ultimately threaten her own life. With an incisive wit and unflinching honesty, Noah weaves together a moving yet funny portrait of a boy making his way through a damaged world in a dangerous time

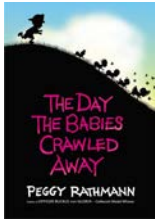
Virtual Field Trips

Grades K-2



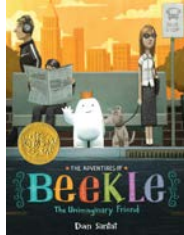
The Red Book by Barbara Lehman

A book about a book, a magical red book, without any words, and the friendship that develops around it.



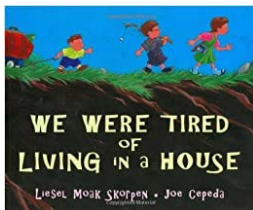
The Day the Babies Crawled Away by Peggy Rathmann

A boy follows five babies who crawl away from a picnic and saves the day by bringing them back.



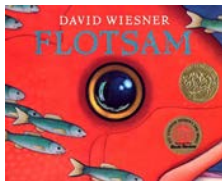
The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend by Dan Santat

An imaginary friend waits a long time to be imagined by a child and given a special name, and finally does the unimaginable--he sets out on a quest to find his perfect match in the real world.



We were Tired of Living in a House by Liesel Moak Skarpen

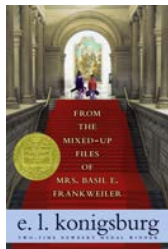
Four children, a cat, and a dog move to a tree, a raft, a cave, and finally the seashore, enjoying each new dwelling until they discover its drawbacks.



Flotsam by David Wiesner

The story of what happens when a camera becomes a piece of flotsam.

Grades 3-5



From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg

Having run away with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, twelve-year-old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home and to become a changed person and a heroine to herself.



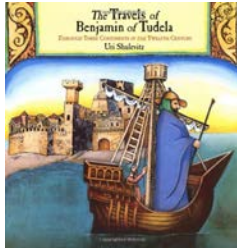
Paper Son: The Inspiring Story of Tyrus Wong, Immigrant and Artist by Julie Leung

An inspiring picture-book biography of animator Tyrus Wong, the Chinese American immigrant responsible for bringing Disney's Bambi to life. Before he became an artist named Tyrus Wong, he was a boy named Wong Geng Yeo who traveled from China to America with only a suitcase and a few papers.



Cleopatra in Space: Book One, Target Practice by Mike Maihack

A funny, action-packed graphic novel featuring a young Cleopatra -- yes, THAT Cleopatra -- who's transported to the future and learns it's up to her to save the galaxy!



The Travels of Benjamin of Tudela: Through Three Continents in the Twelfth Century by Uri Shulevitz

A fictionalized account of the travels of Benjamin, a Jewish man from Tudela, Spain, who, in 1159, set out on a fourteen-year-long journey that took him to Italy, Greece, Palestine, Persia, China, Egypt, and Sicily.

Grades 6-8



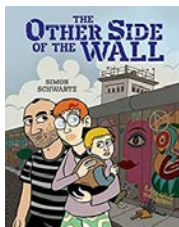
The Retake by Jen Calonita

A middle grade twist on time travel, about a girl who discovers a mysterious app that allows her to redo different moments captured by social media and mend her friendship with her ex-best friend.



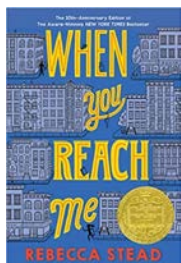
Sci-Fu: Book 1, Kick It Off by Yehudi Mercado

Set in 1980s Brooklyn, a young DJ accidentally summons a UFO that transports his family, best friend, and current crush to the robot-dominated planet of Discopia.



The Other Side of the Wall by Simon Schwartz

Simon Schwartz was born in East Germany to political dissidents. This striking graphic novel memoir chronicles the family's difficult journey to get to the other side of the Berlin Wall.



When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

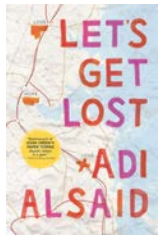
In the 1980s, as her mother prepares to be a contestant on a television game show, Miranda tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space.



Homecoming by Cynthia Voigt

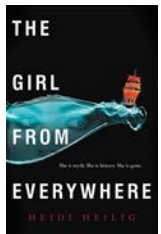
Thirteen-year-old Dicey takes care of her three siblings over the course of a summer in New England and tries to find a new home for all of them after they are abandoned by their mother.

Grades 9-10



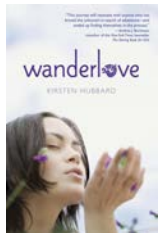
Let's Get Lost by Adi Alsaid

Hudson, Bree, Elliot, and Sonia have only one thing in common: a girl named Leila. On a mission to see the Northern lights, Leila drives from Louisiana to Alaska, crashing into each of their lives in her absurdly red car.



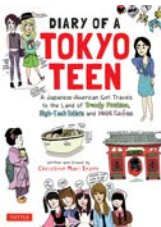
The Girl from Everywhere by Heidi Heilig

Sixteen-year-old Nix has sailed across the globe and through centuries aboard her time-traveling father's ship. But when he gambles with her very existence, it all may be about to end.



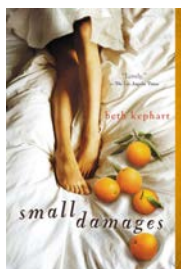
Wanderlove by Kirsten Hubbard

Bria, an aspiring artist who just graduated from high school, takes off for Central America's La Ruta Maya, rediscovering her talents and finding love.



Diary of a Tokyo Teen by Christine Mari Inzer

The summer before she turned sixteen, Christine Mari Inzer returned to Tokyo, Japan, making the solo journey to get reacquainted with her birthplace. Through illustrations, photos, and musings, Inzer documented her journey.



Small Damages by Beth Kephart

Eighteen-year-old Kenzie of Philadelphia, pregnant by Yale-bound Kevin, is bitter when her mother sends her to Spain to deliver and give her baby away, but discovers a makeshift family with the rancher who takes her in, his cook, and the young man they have raised together.