

Grade 7 Diverse Book Collections with Annotations

Title	Author	Summary	Awards & Honors
<i>Lines We Cross</i>	Abdel-fattah, R	Michael, a typical boy who loves hanging out with his friends and fooling around with graphic design software, grows up accepting his parents' anti-immigration politics. He goes along with them to anti-immigrant rallies, and everything they say makes sense to Michael—until one day he meets Mina, a beautiful girl who happens to be a Muslim refugee from Afghanistan. When he learns of Mina's dangerous journey and how she came to America, Michael has to question what he has always accepted. "A meditation on a timely subject that never forgets to put its characters and their stories first" (KIRK).	Compendium Fall 2017 Readers' Choice HS Nominee 2019-2020 NCSS Notable Title 2018 CCBC Global Book
<i>Becoming Kareem : Growing Up On And Off The Court</i>	Abdul-jabbar, K	Presents the memoir of legendary basketball player Kareem Abdul-Jabbar as he reflects on his childhood, career, conversion, and social reform.	Compendium Winter 2018 New York Times Bestseller Texas Topaz Nonfiction Reading List 2019 Garden State Teen Nonfiction Award
<i>Sasquatch In The Paint</i>	Abdul-jabbar, K	Eighth-grader Theo Rollins' growth spurt has definitely captured the attention of everyone around him--especially Coach Mandrake, who has devoted himself to transforming Theo into a basketball star. Unfortunately, Theo has zero experience with the game. Theo's true passion is his school's science club, but basketball practice is hurting the science club's chances of winning the "Aca-lympics." Even worse, a stealing accusation could mean Theo is off both teams—unless he can act quickly and get to the bottom of the strange claim. Tackling issues that will easily be relatable to middle school readers, this excellent novel from Abdul-Jabbar is what Kirkus Reviews calls "fearless, caring sports fiction."	Compendium Spring 2014 IN Young Hoosiers Award 2016 PA Reader's Choice 2017-2018 TX Lone Star Reading List 2014

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<i>Yes! We Are Latinos</i>	Ada, A	A collection of poems representing thirteen young Latinos of diverse backgrounds and starting with "My name is..." Includes nonfictional interludes discussing issues pertinent to today's Latinos, and black-and-white illustrations.	Compendium Spring 2014 CCBC Book 2014 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2013 IL SALSA Spanish Language Books 2014
<i>I Lived On Butterfly Hill</i>	Agosin, M	When her beloved country, Chile, is taken over by a militaristic, sadistic government, Celeste is sent to America for her safety and her parents must go into hiding before they "disappear."	Compendium Fall 2014 2015 ALA Honor 2015 ALA Medalist 2015 ALA Notable Children's Books Pura Belpre Award 2015 IRA Notable Books for a Global Society 2015 IRA Teachers' Choices
<i>Green Bicycle</i>	Al mansour, H	In Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, eleven-year-old Wadjda dreams of having a bicycle to race her friend, Abdullah, but it is not proper for girls to own bikes. Wadjda attempts to earn money for a bike by passing notes in class and selling mixtapes of banned music, but she is caught. Although Wadjda is forced to temporarily stop scheming, she is determined to buy a bicycle, and risks everything to make her dream come true.	Amelia Bloomer Project Title 2016 NCSS Notable Title 2016
<i>Mary Bowser And The Civil War Spy Ring</i>	Alberti, E	Relates the story of African American Union spy Mary Bowser who worked as a maid in Confederate President Jefferson Davis's home during the Civil War while also providing clues to the reader in order for them to discover the location of Mary's secret diary.	Camellia Award Winner Skipping Stones Book Award Texas Topaz Reading List 2018

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<p><i>Booked</i></p>	<p>Alexander, K</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2016          New York Times Best Seller          National Book Award Longlist          ILA-CBC Children's Book Choice List          ALA Notable Children's Book          Book Links' Lasting Connections          Kirkus Prize YA Nominee 2016          San Francisco Chronicle Best Book          Washington Post Best Book          BookPage Best Book          Beehive YA Book Award Winner          Golden Archer Award Winner          Best Children's Books of the Year 2017          Booklist's 50 Best Middle Grade Books for the 21st Century          Youper Award Honor          New York Charlotte Award MS 2018          Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Award 2019          Reader's Choice Award Nominee 2018-2019</p>
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<p><i>Crossover</i></p>	<p>Alexander, K</p>	<p>Josh Bell and his twin brother Jordan are stars on their high school basketball team, taught by their father, a professional player in Europe before his health forced him to quit. Josh is better known by his nickname, Filthy McNasty, because he has mad ball skills and mad beats, too, making up rhymes even while he is dribbling past some unsuspecting guard. Josh has always assumed that he and Jordan would follow in their dad's footsteps and go pro, but with their father's deteriorating health, and the presence of a polarizing new girl at school, the future is anything but certain. Told in poetry, author Alexander's verses "dodge and weave with the speed of a point guard driving for the basket. [... A] real emotional punch" (PW).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2014          New York Times Bestseller          Newbery Medal Winner          Coretta Scott King Honor Award          2015 YALSA Top Ten Best Fiction for YA          2015 YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant YA Readers          Publishers Weekly Best Book          SLJ Best Book          Kirkus Best Book          Arkansas Charlie May Simon Award          Rebecca Caudill Award          Iowa Teen Award          Buckeye Children's Award          Garden State Teen Fiction Award          Evergreen Teen Book Award          YA Book Award MS Winner          New York 3 Apples Teen Award Nominee          Massachusetts Children's Book Award          Louisiana Young Reader's Choice Award          Indian Paintbrush Award Winner          Kentucky Bluegrass Award          Oklahoma Sequoyah Intermediate Book Award</p>
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<p><i>Rebound</i></p>	<p>Alexander, K</p>	<p>In the summer of 1988, twelve-year-old Chuck Bell is sent to stay with his grandparents, where he discovers jazz and basketball and learns more about his family's past.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2018          New York Times Best Seller          ALA Notable Book 2019          Texas Bluebonnet Award 2019-2020          Just One More Page! Reading List 2019          ALA Quick Picks for Reluctant YA 2019          Georgia Children's Book Award 2019-2020          Beehive Fiction Award Nominee 2019-2020          Black-Eyed Susan Award 2019-2020          Buckeye Children's Award Nominee 2019          ILA Teachers' Choice Reading List 2019          ILA Young Adults' Choice Reading List 2019          Garden State Teen Fiction Nominee 2020</p>
<p><i>I Will Always Write Back : How One Letter Changed Two Lives</i></p>	<p>Alifirenka, C</p>	<p>Presents a true story of how twelve-year-old Caitlin Alifirenka from Pennsylvania became a pen pal with Martin Ganda, who lives in Zimbabwe. Describes how the letters they exchanged changed both of their lives and led to a lifelong friendship.</p>	<p>New York Times Best Seller          Compendium 2015 Fall          YARP MS Teen Choice Winner          ALA Popular Paperbacks for YA 2017          Texas Topaz Nonfiction Reading List          Soaring Eagle Award Nominee 2018-2019</p>
<p><i>Spirit Week Showdown</i></p>	<p>Allen, C</p>	<p>Mya Tibbs is ecstatic: It's Spirit Week at school! She and her best friend, the ultra-popular Naomi Jackson, have pinky promised to be Spirit Week partners so that they can win VIP tickets to the Fall Festival. However, they are not allowed to pick their own partners. Mya draws mean girl Connie for her partner! Could anything more go wrong? However, Mya soon discovers that Connie isn't mean, and Naomi isn't acting like the friend Mya thought she was ... "Nuanced depictions of friendship coupled with larger-than-life and fully three-dimensional characters make this delightful book at once thoughtful and a riot to read" (KIRK).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2016          Best Children's Books of the Year 2017          Kirkus Prize Young Readers' Nominee 2016</p>

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<i>Before We Were Free</i>	Alvarez, J	In the early 1960s in the Dominican Republic, twelve-year-old Anita learns that her family is involved in the underground movement to end the bloody rule of the dictator, General Trujillo.	Compendium Title Miami Herald Best Book of the Year Winner of the Americas Award for Children's and Young Adult Literature Pura Belpre Award ALA-YALSA Best Book for YA ALA-ALSC Notable Children's Book
<i>Return To Sender</i>	Alvarez, J	When 11-year-old Tyler Paquette's father is injured in a tractor accident and the family faces losing their Vermont farm, his father decides to hire undocumented Mexican workers to help save their farm from foreclosure. Tyler befriends one of the worker's daughters, Mari Cruz, and the families form a close-knit bond over the course of the year. Tyler becomes a witness to the struggles that the Cruz family must endure, from the fear of deportation and imprisonment to coping with the disappearance of Mari's mother. Accompanied by chapters that conclude with Mari's unsent letters to her mother, Alvarez's "novel is an excellent curriculum tool ... [and] belongs in every collection" (LMC).	Compendium Fall 2009 Pura Belpre Award Americas Award NCSS-CBC Notable Children's Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies
<i>Come August, Come Freedom : The Bellows, The Gallows, And Th</i>	Amateau, G	Imagines the childhood and youth of "Prosser's Gabriel," a courageous and intelligent blacksmith in post-Revolutionary Richmond, Virginia, who roused thousands of African-American slaves like himself to rebel.	Compendium Spring 2013 Best Children's Books of 2013 VA Jefferson Cup Award 2013

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<p><i>Wishtree</i></p>	<p>Applegate, K</p>	<p>An old red oak tree tells how he and his crow friend, Bongo, help their human neighbors get along after a threat against an immigrant family is carved into the tree's trunk.</p>	<p>Compendium Winter 2018          New York Times Best Seller          Golden Sower Chapter Books 2019-2020          2019 CCBA Junior Novel Award          Louisiana Young Reader's Choice          Texas Blue Bonnet Award 2019-2020          William Allen White Award 2019-2020          Grand Canyon Intermediate Nominee 2020          Iowa Children's Choice Award 2019-2020          Missouri Mark Twain Book Award 2019-2020          South Carolina Children's Book Award 2019-2020          Georgia Children's Book Award 2019-2020          Illinois Bluestem Book Award 2020          Triple Crown Children's Award 2019-2020          Booklist's 50 Best Middle Grade Books of the 21st Century          Beehive Fiction Award Nominee 2019-2020          Arkansas Charlie May Simon Award 2019-2020          PNLA Young Reader's Choice 4-6 Nominee 2020          Reader's Choice Award 3-5 Nominee 2019-2020          Nene Award Nominees 2020          Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2017          Booklist Editor's Choice Books for Youth 2017          ALA Notable Children's Books 2018          Keystone to Reading Intermediate Nominee 2018-2019          Indian Paintbrush Award Nominee 2018-2019          Junior Book Award Nominee 2018-2019          Notable Books for a Global Society 2018          Cochecho Readers Award Nominee 2018-2018</p>
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<i>Sidetracked</i>	Asher, D	Joseph Friedman has attention deficit disorder and spends most of his time avoiding the school bully and hiding in the Resource Room. On the first day of seventh grade, however, everything changes: his Resource Room teacher forces him to join the school track team and he meets Heather, a runner who doesn't let herself be pushed around.	Compendium Winter 2018 ABA Indies Introduce Book ALA Notable Book Golden Sower Chapter Books Award South Carolina Junior Book Award Prairie Pasque Nominee ALA Notable Children's Book 2018 Rhode Island Children's Award
<i>Beat The Odds</i>	Atwood, M	Trying to find money so that she and her little sister can escape their abusive foster parents, Ana enters a mysterious contest that will award the winner ten million dollars if she completes ten secret tasks assigned by the Benefactor. Ana doesn't realize that the contest could be more dangerous than the situation she's trying to escape.	
<i>Raise The Stakes</i>	Atwood, M	At first Colin thought being in the Contest was the only way to help his transgender sister get the surgery she needs. The prize is ten million dollars, but more and more the Benefactor's tasks make Colin wonder if he is actually taking part in something shady. He wants out, but trying to get out may be just as dangerous as the tasks themselves.	
<i>Stay In The Game</i>	Atwood, M	The prize: \$10 million The rules: Be the first to complete ten tasks assigned by the Benefactor. Do not ask questions. Do not tell anyone what you're doing. Do not fail. The consequences: Unknown James's grandpa is dying. An experimental treatment has a chance of saving him, but James's family can't afford it. Not unless James competes in the Contest. The rules are sketchy, and the tasks seem dangerous...and definitely wrong. James has the feeling this contest is about a lot more than the prize money. But he can't back out now—can he?	



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<i>Tuck Everlasting</i>	Babbitt, N	The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing any older.	Christopher Award for Adults and Young People NEA Educators' Top 100 Children's Books Librarians Top 10 Choices IL Bluestem Book Award 2017
<i>Brazen : Rebel Ladies Who Rocked The World</i>	Bagieu, P	Presents brief biographies in comic book panel form of women from throughout history who have overcome great odds, made their voices heard, and changed history, including Nellie Bly, Mae Jemison, Josephine Baker, and Naziq al-Abid.	Compendium Spring 2018 Texas Topaz Nonfiction Reading List 2019 Texas Teyshas HS Reading List 2019-2020 Texas Maverick Graphic Novels List 2019 SLJ 2018 Best Adult Books 4 Teens Chicago Public Library Best Teen Titles of 2018 ALA Quick Picks for Reluctant YA 2019 ALA Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2019
<i>Tasting The Sky : A Palestinian Childhood</i>	Barakat, I	Detailing a Palestinian childhood disrupted by war, Barakat's touching memoir describes becoming separated from her family as a 3-year-old child when they fled their Ramallah home at the start of the Six-Day War. She revisits her experiences as a refugee in poignant and well-framed episodes. The story reveals her developing love affair with reading and writing the Arabic alphabet, and how her literacy helped her to survive. "The author's love for the countryside and her culture shines through her bittersweet recollections" (SLJ).	Compendium Fall 2007 Arab American National Museum Book Award for Children's/YA Literature CCBC Global Book ALA Notable Children's Books of 2008 Book Links Lasting Connections of 2007 IRA Notable Books for a Global Society 2008 IRA Teachers' Choices 2008 Middle East Book Honor NCSS Notable Title 2008 NH Flume Teen Reader's 2008-2009 SLJ Best Books 2000 TX Tayshas High School Reading Award VT Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award 2008-2009

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<p><i>Girl Who Drank The Moon</i></p>	<p>Barnhill, K</p>	<p>Each year, the people of the Protectorate think they must sacrifice an infant to Xan, the witch who lives in the forest. Xan finds the abandoned babies and feels sorry for them, feeding them starlight to keep them healthy and delivering them to good homes on the other side of the forest. One year, though, she accidentally gives one baby moonlight, which imbues her with magic. Xan and her friends, Glerk the wise swamp monster and Fyrian, a tiny dragon, decide to raise the baby—Luna—by themselves. However, just as Luna's magic is emerging prior to her 13th birthday, Xan enters the forest to gather the next baby at the same time a young man from the Protectorate arrives to kill the witch and end the sacrifices. Glerk and Fyrian try to save Xan, but it is up to Luna to protect those who raised her, even if it means the end of the world she knows and loves. “Guaranteed to enchant, enthrall, and enmagick” (KIRK).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2017            Newbery Medal 2017            New York Times Bestseller            Entertainment Weekly Best Middle Grade Books of 2016            New York Public Library Best Book of 2016            Chicago Public Library Best Book of 2016            Amazon's Top 20 Best Books of 2016            Publishers Weekly Best Book of 2016            School Library Journal Best Book of 2016            Kirkus Reviews' Best Books 2016            2017 Booklist Youth Editors' Choice            Midwest Booksellers' Choice Awards            E.B. White Read Aloud Award            Grand Canyon Intermediate Nominee            Booklist's 50 Best Middle Grade Books of the 21st Century            Massachusetts Children's Book Award            Nene Award Nominee 2020            Andre Norton Award            ALA Honor</p>
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<p><i>Anything But Typical</i></p>	<p>Baskin, N</p>	<p>Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2009            ALA Honor 2010            Schneider Family Book Award            Booklist Ed. Choice Books for Youth 2009            CCBC Book            GA Book Award 2011-2012            IA Teen Award 2011-2012            IL Rebecca Caudill Young Reader's 2013            IRA Notable Books for a Global Society 2010            KS William Allen White 2011-2012            MA Children's Award 2010-2011            MD Black-Eyed Susan Award 2010-2011            ME Student Book Award 2010-2011            MN Maud Hart Lovelace Award 2011-2012            NC Young Adult Book Award MN 2010-2011            NCSS Notable Title 2010            NE Golden Sower YA Award 2011-2012            NJ Garden State Teen Fiction Award 2012            NM Land of Enchantment YA 2013-2014            NV Intermediate Reader 2013            PA KSRA YA MS Award 2010-2011            RI Children's Book Award 2011-2012            SC Junior Book Award 2011-2012            SD Prairie Pasque Award 2011-2012            TN Volunteer Intermediate Award 2011-2012            VT Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award 2010-2011            WY Indian Painbrush Award 2014-2015</p>
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<p><i>Close To Famous</i></p>	<p>Bauer, J</p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Foster McFee and her mother escape from her mother's abusive boyfriend and end up in the small town of Culpepper, West Virginia, where they use their strengths and challenge themselves to build a new life, with the help of the friends they make there.</p>	<p>ALA Honor 2012            Best Fiction for YA 2012            Schneider Family Book Award 2012            AR Teen Book Award 2012-2013            Best Children's Books of 2012            Christopher Award            GA Grade 4-8 Book Award 2012-2013            IA Children's Choice            IL Rebecca Caudill Young Reader's 2014            IN Young Hoosier Award 2014            KS William Allen White Award 2013-2014            LA Young Readers' Choice 2014            Lamplighter Award 2012-2013            MN Maud Hart Lovelace Award 2013-2014            NY 3 Apples Teen Nominee 2013            OH Buckeye Children's Award 2012            OK Sequoyah Children's Book Award 2014            SC Children's Book Award 2014            TX Horned Toad Tales 2013-2014            UT Beehive Fiction Award 2013-2014            VOYA Top Shelf Fiction for MS 2011            VT Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award 2012-2013</p>
<p><i>March Forward, Girl : From Young Warrior To Little Rock Nine</i></p>	<p>Beals, M</p>	<p>Beals's autobiography explores her childhood, when she began noticing the injustice of racism. Discusses the impact of her parents, who both highly valued education--her mother earning a PhD from University of Arkansas--and her grandmother who understood how to live in a white world but also how to rebel within it.</p>	<p>Compendium Winter 2018            ALA Notable Children's Books of 2019            CCBC Book 2019            OK Sequoyah Intermediate Book Award 2020</p>

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<i>Alan Cole Is Not A Coward</i>	Bell, E	Seventh grader Alan Cole struggles to deal with his cruel father, his bullying older brother Nathan, and his feelings for the boy at school. When Nathan discovers Cole's secret crush, he announces a high-stakes competition between them. Each brother must complete seven nearly impossible tasks and whoever finishes the most wins. Alan, with the help of his two misfit friends, is determined to win and to prove to Nathan, to himself, and to the world that he is not a coward.	ALA Rainbow Project Book List 2018
<i>Miles Morales : Ultimate Spider-man : 1 : Revival</i>	Bendis, B	Miles Morales takes on Green Goblin, the villain Morales believes is responsible for Peter Parker's death, but things are thrown into chaos when Peter Parker appears to rise from the dead.	ALA Popular Paperbacks for YA 2016
<i>Miles Morales : Ultimate Spider-man : 2 : Revelations</i>	Bendis, B	Miles Morales, Ultimate Spider-Man, must deal with new villains, a new girlfriend with a deadly secret, a new spider power, and new information about his family's past.	
<i>Alicia Alonso : Prima Ballerina</i>	Bernier-grand, C	Born in 1921, Alicia Alonso first learned to dance in tennis shoes. Soft watercolor and pencil illustrations spotlight the dancing rhythms of free-verse narrative that score this picture-book biography of her motivations and accomplishments in ballet. Additionally, author Bernier-Grand explores such subjects as Alonso's difficult relationship with the Cuban government and the physical pains endured by a professional prima ballerina. The end result is a vivid portrait of a prominent 20th-century dancer, who continued to study her craft even as she began to lose her sight. "Alonso's will to live and to dance seems like a force of nature, and the story, which follows her from childhood through her professional career and into retirement, has the scope of an adult work" (PW). Significant back	Compendium Spring 2012 Best Children's Books of 2012 IRA Notable Books for a Global Society

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		<p>matter includes an extensive biography, a list of ballets and choreography awards, a chronology, and more making this a good choice for reports.</p>	
<p><i>Passion Of Dolssa</i></p>	<p>Berry, J</p>	<p>In medieval France, Botille is a young matchmaker running a tavern in a small seaside town. When she finds a girl named Dolssa near death on the side of the river, she hides her in her tavern and nurses her back to health. But Dolssa is being hunted by a friar who believes her strange ability to heal the sick makes her a heretic, and he is determined to burn her at the stake as he did her mother. “An utterly original and instantly engrossing story ... [author Berry] weaves a tense, moving portrait of these two teenage girls and their struggle to survive against insurmountable odds. Love, faith, violence, and power intertwine in Berry's lyrical writing, but Botille's and Dolssa's indomitable spirits are the heart of her story” (PW).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2016          Printz Honor Book          CCBC Global Book          ALA Honor Book 2017</p>

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<p><i>Drum Roll, Please</i></p>	<p>Bigelow, L</p>	<p>Quiet, unassuming Melissa Goodwin only joined band because Olivia, her best friend, begged her to, but now, to her great surprise, she finds that she loves playing the drums. The next two weeks at Camp Rockaway are looking to be really fun--or they would have been, if the day before they leave Melly's parents hadn't told her they are getting a divorce. Now, miles from home, Melly feels extremely out of place--especially when she meets her bandmate Adeline and instead of dreaming about boys, like the other girls in her tent do, Melly catches herself thinking of Adeline.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2018          ALA Rainbow Project Book List 2019          CCBC Book 2019          Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award 2019-2020          Rhode Island MS Nominee 2020</p>
<p><i>Ivy Aberdeen's Letter To The World</i></p>	<p>Blake, A</p>	<p>A tornado rips through town and, in demolishing her family's home, flings Ivy Aberdeen's secret notebook of drawings of girls holding hands she knows not where. Those drawings begin showing up in Ivy's locker with notes telling her she should open up about her identity, and Ivy dares to hope they are from the girl she has developed a crush on.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2018          Stonewall Children's &amp; YA Honor Book          YA Award MS Nominee 2019-2020          Texas Lone Star Reading List 2019          SLJ 2018 Best Books          2019 ALA Honor          Just One More Page! List 2019          ALA Notable Children's Books of 2019          ALA Best Fiction for YA 2019          ALA Rainbow Project Book List 2019          OK Sequoyah Intermediate Book Award 2020          Booklist's 50 Best Middle Grade Books of the 21st Century          Capitol Choices Award 2019          Sunshine State Young Readers Award 2019-2020          Maine Student Book Award Reading List 2019-2020          Volunteer MS Nominees 2020-2021</p>

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<p><i>Dead Weight : Murder At Camp Bloom</i></p>	<p>Blas, T</p>	<p>our teens--Jesse, Noah, Tony, and Kate--are at an outdoor weight-loss camp, and none of them really wants to be there. One night, Jesse and Noah witness the murder of a camp counselor; but the next morning, the body is missing. Then, another body turns up. The only clue is a blurry photograph that points to another camp staff member. The four teens investigate and discover that everyone has secrets they're trying to hide.</p>	<p>YALSA 2019 Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers</p>
<p><i>Quick &amp; Easy Guide To They/them pronouns</i></p>	<p>Bongiovanni, A</p>	<p>Presents a comic book offering readers help in making sense of non-binary gender pronouns, such as when individuals insist on being referred to as "they" or "them" even though these are grammatically third-person plural pronouns. Offers advice for what to do if one mistakenly "misgenders" someone who prefers non-binary pronouns in the workplace.</p>	<p>Compendium Title 2018 Chicago Public Library Best Books of the Year Teen Nonfiction Publishers Weekly Favorite Reads of 2018 Autostraddle 20 Best LGBTQ Graphic Novels of 2018 Chicago Public Library Best Teen Titles 2018 ALA Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2019 ALA Rainbow Project Book List 2019</p>
<p><i>Kinda Like Brothers</i></p>	<p>Booth, C</p>	<p>Eleven-year-old Jarrett is angered and dismayed when his mother fosters Kevon, a haughty kid Jarrett's own age with whom he is forced to share a room. But when Jared starts snooping around to uncover the secrets Kevon is hiding, what he finds forces him to see Kevon in a much more sympathetic light.</p>	<p>ALA Notable Children's Books 2015 AZ Grand Canyon Reader Intermediate 2017 Best Children's Books of 2015 CCBC Book 2015 CT Nutmeg Intermediate Award 2015-2016 RI Children's Book Award 2015-2016 TN Volunteer MS Award 2016-2017 WA Sasquatch Reading Award</p>
<p><i>Smoking Mirror</i></p>	<p>Bowles, D</p>	<p>Twelve-year-old twins Carol and Johnny Garza are still upset over the disappearance of their mother when their grieving father sends them to their aunt's house in Mexico. There they learn their mother is a shapeshifter and they have her same powers. Now sure that their mother was kidnapped by evil forces, Carol and Johnny enter the dangerous Aztec underworld to find and rescue her.</p>	<p>ALA Honor 2016 Pura Belpre Honor Book</p>



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<p><i>They Call Me Guero : A Border Kid's Poems</i></p>	<p>Bowles, D</p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Mexican American Güero-- which is a nickname in Spanish for boys with pale skin, whether they are Latino or Anglo--is red-headed and freckled, a nerd, and loves his friend squad of misfits. His seventh-grade "woke" English teacher helps him express himself through poetry and make it cool.</p>	<p>Compendium Title Tomas Rivera Mexican American Children's Book Award Pura Belpre Honor Book SLJ 2018 Best Books 2019 ALA Honor ALA Notable Children's Books of 2019 Americas Award - CLASP - 2019 The Walter Award</p>
<p><i>Insignificant Events In The Life Of A Cactus</i></p>	<p>Bowling, D</p>	<p>The one question Aven Green is sure to get from strangers is, "What happened to your arms?" Sometimes she tells people they got bitten off by an alligator, but the reality is she was born without her arms—a fact she has never let stop her from doing anything she sets her mind to. When her parents' new job running a Western theme park forces them to move to Arizona, Aven discovers adventure with Connor, a new classmate who has his own disability, when the two of them find a hidden room in Stagecoach Pass with a mystery inside. "The tale of Stagecoach Pass is just as compelling as the story of Aven, and the setting, like the many colorful characters ... is so vivid and quirky that it's practically cinematic" (SLJ).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2017 Autumn 2017 Kids' Indie Next Pick Junior Library Guild Selection Library of Congress's 52 Great Reads List 2018 Mountains and Plains Booksellers Association Award Louisiana Young Readers' Choice 2020 2019-2020 William Allen White 2020 Grand Canyon Reader Tween Award Nominee 2019 Global Read Aloud Contenders 2019 Just One More Page! Reading List 2019-2020 South Carolina Junior Book Award 2020 Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Award 2020 Young Hoosier Middle Grade Nominee 2019-2020 Young Reader's Choice Award 2019-2020 Reader's Choice Middle School Nominee 2020 Illinois Bluestem Book Award 2019-2020 Beehive Fiction Award Nominee 2017 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2018-2019 Indian Paintbrush Award Nominee Keystone to Reading MS Nominee 2018-2019 YARP MS Teen Choice Nominee 2018-2019</p>

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<p><i>Dolores Huerta Stands Strong : The Woman Who Demanded Justice</i></p>	<p>Brill, M</p>	<p>Presents a young reader's biography chronicling the life and legacy of Dolores Huerta, who cofounded the organization known today as the United Farm Workers of America, and who acted as an advocate for the rights of farmworkers, Mexican American immigrants, women, and the LGBTQ population. She also received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012. Includes a timeline and black-and-white photographs.</p>	<p>Compendium Title</p>
<p><i>Weird Girl And What's His Name</i></p>	<p>Brothers, M</p>	<p>Rory and Lula, both 17 years old, have been best friends for years after discovering their similar passions for all things sci-fi and fantasy. They share their love for “The X-Files” as well as the feeling that they don’t fit into their small town in North Carolina. Between binge-watching “The X-files” every Friday night and working on their own blog together, Lula thinks they tell each other everything. She knows that Rory is gay, and Rory knows about how Lula’s mother left her as a child, only leaving behind a few highlighted acting books.</p> <p>Suddenly, though, everything starts to change. Lula starts to think that maybe she has feelings for Rory, who suddenly is growing distant. Rory quickly becomes someone she doesn't recognize, trying out for the football team without telling her and having a secret affair with his divorcée boss. When all of the secrets come out, Lula begins to question everything about herself --- including her own sexual orientation --- and decides to run away in the middle of the night to find her mother, hoping to answer some of the questions running through her head.</p>	<p>Kirkus Prize - Young Readers' Nominee 2016          ALA Rainbow Project Book List 2017          FW BOTYA Finalist YA Fiction 2015</p>

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<p><i>Drowned City : Hurricane Katrina &amp; New Orleans</i></p>	<p>Brown, D</p>	<p>Author and illustrator Brown traces the impact and effects of Hurricane Katrina on New Orleans from August of 2005 up through 2012, by which time “only 80 percent of New Orleans’ residents had returned.” Through sequential panels, Brown chronicles the frightening events experienced by residents, such as the rising water, the countless hours waiting in contaminated buildings for help to arrive, and the lack of supplies. Brown also subtly highlights the injustices faced by the mostly African American citizens who endured the brunt of the tragedy. “An excellent chronicle of the tragedy for a broad audience; children, teens, and adults will all be moved” (KIRK).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2015            Rober F. Sibert Honor Medalist            Kirkus' Best of 2015 List            SLJ Best of 2015            Publishers Weekly Best of 2015 List            Horn Book Fanfare Book            Booklist Editor's Choice            Delaware Diamonds Award MS 2018-2019</p>
<p><i>Saga Of The Sioux : An Adaptation Of Dee Brown's Bury My Hea</i></p>	<p>Brown, D</p>	<p>An adaptation of "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee" retold for a younger audience, this book chronicles the history of the Sioux nation from 1860 to the Massacre of Wounded Knee in 1891.</p>	<p>Carter B. Woodson Book Award            Best Children's Books of 2012            IRA Teachers' Choices 2012            NCSS Notable Titles 2012</p>
<p><i>Caminar</i></p>	<p>Brown, S</p>	<p>Carlos must flee from his village, which has been invaded by soldiers, and join with a small band of guerillas to travel to his grandmother's village to warn her about the danger.</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2014            ALA Notable Children's Book 2015            Americas Award - CLASP - 2015            Best Children's Books of 2015            CCBC Book 2015            CCBC Global Book            DC Capitol Choices Award 2015            IRA Notable Books for a Global Society            WI Just One More Page! Reading List 2015</p>

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<p><i>Talking Leaves</i></p>	<p>Bruchac, J</p>	<p>When 13-year-old Uwohali's father Sequoyah returns after being in the West for six years, he is obsessed with drawing peculiar images that leave those in his Cherokee community thinking he might be going mad. Little do they know, he is creating a new alphabet that represents the sounds of the Cherokee language and allows them to create their own texts, or "talking leaves." Despite the power of his new discovery, convincing others of its worth could prove to be dangerous for Uwohali and his father. "A tale of depth and universal humanity ... with an authentic voice, [author] Bruchac weaves details of Cherokee customs, cultural stories, and language without any heavy-handedness" (SLJ).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2017 Best Children's Books of the Year 2017</p>
<p><i>Unbound : A Novel In Verse</i></p>	<p>Burg, A</p>	<p>Grace has only known life as a slave, but it is about to get slightly better—she is called from the slave cabins to come and work in the “Big House.” Her Mama advises her to keep her eyes down. Uncle Jim says to keep her thoughts to herself. But when she sees how heartless and hateful Master and Missus are, she cannot help but cry out against the injustice of slavery. How come white folks can own other people, sell them, separate families forever? Her unintentional outburst sends her family to the auction block, but before that happens, Grace and her whole family decide to flee for freedom. “Told through Grace's eyes in Southern rhythms ... the story unfolds with a combination of historical precision, honesty, and adventure” (KIRK).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2017 Christopher Award for Adults and Young People Best Children's Books of the Year 2017 Nutmeg Intermediate Nominee 2020 Kirkus Prize Young Readers' Nominee 2016 Skipping Stones Book Award 2017 Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Award 2019</p>
<p><i>Breaking Barriers : The Story Of Jackie Robinson</i></p>	<p>Burgan, M</p>	<p>Details the life and career of legendary baseball star Jackie Robinson--the first professional African American baseball player. Also features</p>	

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		profiles of notable people in Robinson's professional and social circle.	
<i>Daring Play : How A Courageous Jackie Robinson Transformed B</i>	Burgan, M	Presents an illustrated biography of Jackie Robinson chronicling his life, baseball career, and legacy. Includes a timeline, photographs, a glossary, and further resources.	
<i>Olympic Gold, 1936 : How The Image Of Jesse Owens Crushed Hi</i>	Burgan, M	Explores the life of Jesse Owens and how his gold-medal winning feats at the 1936 Olympics challenged and undid Hitler's propaganda that the Aryan race was superior to all others.	Compendium 2017
<i>Ana Maria Reyes Does Not Live In A Castle</i>	Burgos, H	With her fourth sibling on the way, Dominican American Ana María Reyes feels a need to get out of her family's small, Washington Heights apartment. She learns of an upcoming piano competition that offers a scholarship to a private school in New York City.	Compendium Title ALA Notable Children's Book CCBC Book 2019
<i>Clutch</i>	Camlot, H	Twelve-year-old Joey Grosser wants to escape from his poor Jewish neighborhood to provide a better life for his family. As he watches the career of Jackie Robinson with fascination, awe, and inspiration, Joey comes up with plans to get enough money to leave, but seems to make all the wrong choices.	Compendium Winter 2018 Skipping Stones Honor Award 2018

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<p><i>Epic Fail Of Arturo Zamora</i></p>	<p>Cartaya, P</p>	<p>Arturo Zamora must save his family's restaurant before a land developer destroys it. He teams up with the funny, cute new girl, Carmen, to thwart the developer's plans and help bring the community together.</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2017                  2018 Pura Belpre Author Honor Book                  South Carolina Junior Book Award 2019-2020                  Rebecca Caudill Young Readers Award 2020                  Massachusetts Children's Book Award 2019-2020                  PNLA Young Reader's Choice Nominee 2020                  Rhode Island Middle School Nominee 2020                  2018 ALA Honor                  E.B. White Read Aloud Award Honors                  Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2017                  Texas Lone Star Reading List 2018                  ALA Notable Children's Book</p>
<p><i>Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish</i></p>	<p>Cartaya, P</p>	<p>After a fight at school leaves Marcus facing suspension, Marcus's mother takes him and his younger brother, who has Down syndrome, to Puerto Rico to visit relatives they do not remember or have never met, and while there Marcus starts searching for his father, who left their family ten years ago and is somewhere on the island.</p>	<p>Compendium Title                  SLJ 2018 Best Books                  Just One More Page! Reading List 2019                  ALA Notable Children's Books 2019                  CCBC Book 2019                  Young Reader's Choice Award 2019-2020                  OK Sequoyah Intermediate Book Award 2020                  Americas Award - CLASP - 2019</p>
<p><i>Just A Drop Of Water</i></p>	<p>Cerra, K</p>	<p>High school student Jake Green, who plans on following in the footsteps of his veteran grandfather, faces difficult choices when his Muslim friend Sam is harassed by bullies, Sam's family is targeted in an FBI investigation following the 9/11 attacks, and the truth about Jake's grandfather's past is revealed.</p>	<p>Florida Book Award 2014                  HI Nene Nominee 2018                  ME Student Book Award 2015-2016                  MO Truman Reading Nominee 2016-2017                  MS Magnolia Award 2017                  NJ Garden State Teen Fiction Award 2017                  VOYA Top Shelf Fiction for MS 2014                  Crystal Kite Award</p>

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<p><i>Go-between</i></p>	<p>Chambers, V</p>	<p>Camilla del Valle is the teen every girl in Mexico City envies, with a father who does voice-overs for American movies and a glamorous mother who acts in telenovela films and a life of luxury. Everything changes when her mother is cast in an American television show and they have to move to Los Angeles. There, Cammi meets with racism at her posh, private Polestar Academy, where the white students assume she is there on scholarship. Cammi plays along, trying to get back at them for their stereotypes, but soon she has to wonder if she isn't fooling herself instead.</p>	
<p><i>Pashmina</i></p>	<p>Chanani, N</p>	<p>Priyanka Das, an Indian girl living in America, has always wondered why her mother abandoned her home in India years ago, taking Priyanka with her, and still refuses to tell Pri anything about India or her father. One day, Pri finds one of her mother's pashminas in a forgotten suitcase, and, putting it on, finds herself transported to a place that very much resembles India--however, it may be another world altogether, and there is danger.</p>	<p>Compendium Winter 2018            Junior Library Guild Selection 2017            Amazon Top 20 Children's Book of the Year 2017            Amazon Best Book of the Month - December 2017            Chicago Public Library Best Book of 2017            Texas Maverick Graphic Novel 2017            Northern California Indie Bookseller Association Long-List Title            Isinglass Teen Reader Award Nominee 2019-2020            Blue Hen Middle Graphic Novel Nominee 2020            Amelia Bloomer Project 2019            Great Lakes Great Books Nominee 2019-2020            ALA Top Ten Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2018</p>
<p><i>Finding Mighty</i></p>	<p>Chari, S</p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Peter's older brother, Randal, has run away. Randal, a graffiti artist and master of parkour, just like their deceased father, left a note telling Peter not to find him; however, Peter won't rest until he does. His search leads him to Myla, a twelve-year-old girl on her own mission in New York City. Together they uncover a mystery that involves gangs, stolen diamonds, and a secret that links both families together and endangers them all.</p>	<p>Compendium Title            ILA Children's Reading List Title 2018</p>

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<i>Daphne Definitely Doesn't Do Dances</i>	Charles, T	Annabelle is finding her place at her new school, but still feels a bit out of touch with everything. She starts a blog with an alter-ego named Daphne, and when she starts trying to learn to dance in order to prepare for the upcoming school dance, she posts videos of "Daphne" failing to learn, hilariously, and they go viral. Now, though, her secret identity is about to be revealed. She may have to find a way to be both Daphne and Annabelle at the same time.	
<i>Daphne Definitely Doesn't Do Sports</i>	Charles, T	Annabelle finds herself in an identity crisis when she invents "Daphne Doesn't," an alter-ego who vlogs. Her videos go viral in which she makes fun of everything she thinks is a waste of time, like sports like lacrosse and swimming--but Annabelle never imagined the kids at her school would start liking Daphne so much.	
<i>Like Vanessa</i>	Charles, T	It is 1983 and Vanessa Martin, a thirteen-year-old African American girl in Newark's public housing, dreams of following in the footsteps of the first black Miss America, Vanessa Williams; but the odds are against her until a new teacher at school organizes a beauty pageant and encourages Vanessa to enter.	Compendium Spring 2018 OK Sequoyah Intermediate Book Award 2020 Volunteer Middle School Nominee 2020-2021
<i>#notyourprincess : Voices Of Native American Women</i>	Charleyboy, L	Contains a collection of nearly forty poems written by Native American Women from tribes across the nation. Includes colorful artwork.	Compendium Winter 2017 AILA Literature Award YA Award HA Nominee 2019-2020 YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction Honor Texas Tayshas HS Reading List 2019-2020 Just One More Page! Reading List 2019 Garden State Teen Nonfiction Award ALA Honor 2018 Amelia Bloomer Project 2018 Skipping Stones Award 2018 Notable Books for a Global Society 2018



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<p><i>Dreaming In Indian : Contemporary Native American Voices</i></p>	<p>Charleyboy, L</p>	<p>Presents a collection of artistic works, including essays, short stories, poetry, photographs, paintings, and drawings, by Native Americans from the United States and Canada.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2015  SLJ 42 Diverse YA Titles for Every Library  CA Eureka! Nonfiction Children's Award 2014  FW BOTYA Finalist YA Nonfiction 2014  Kirkus Prize - Young Readers' Nominees  Outstanding International Booklist  SLJ Best Books of 2014  Skipping Stones Book Award 2015</p>
<p><i>So Done</i></p>	<p>Chase, P</p>	<p>Jamila and Metai have been best friends for years, but something happened at the end of seventh grade that they won't speak about, and it tore their friendship apart. Taking a break from each other proves hard given that they live across the street from one another and are both auditioning for the gifted and talented dance program at their school.</p>	<p>Compendium Title  Volunteer Middle School Nominee 2020-2021</p>
<p><i>Etched In Clay : The Life Of Dave, Enslaved Potter And Poet</i></p>	<p>Cheng, A</p>	<p>Meet Dave, a young African sold into slavery sometime before 1818. Dave worked for a potter and made many items out of clay—pots, jars, anything asked of him, eventually becoming the best potter in the region. When he learned to read, at great personal risk, Dave began etching poems into the pottery he made, and became a poet for all slaves. “Combining visual art with poetry as Dave did, Cheng includes her own striking woodcuts, illustrating both Dave's experiences and his artistry” (KIRK).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2013  Best Children's Books of 2014  CCBC Book 2014  Grade 4-8 Book Award 2014-2015  IRA Teacher's Choice 2014  Lee Bennet Hopkins Poetry Award  NCTE Notable Books 2014  OH Ohioana Juvenile Book Award  OR Reader's Choice 2015-2016  Parents' Choice Award Winner 2013  Skipping Stones Book Award 2014  WI Just One More Page! Reading List 2014</p>

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<p><i>See You In The Cosmos</i></p>	<p>Cheng, J</p>	<p>Alex Petroski, 11, absolutely loves space, rockets, stars—anything and everything having to do with astronomy—as well as his mom, brother, and dog, Carl Sagan (named after the scientist). His lifelong dream is to launch his golden iPod into space, the same way Sagan launched the Golden Record on the "Voyager" spacecraft in 1977, to show extraterrestrials what the world is like now. So Alex sets off on a road trip, from Colorado to New Mexico, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles, recording all the funny, lost, and extraordinary people he meets along the way. And in the process, Alex learns a secret about his long-dead father. "Riveting, inspiring, and sometimes hilarious" (KIRK).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2017            William Allen White Award 2019-2020            Grand Canyon Reader Tween Award Nominee 2020            VOYA Top Shelf Fiction for MS Readers 2017</p>
<p><i>Awkward</i></p>	<p>Chmakova, S</p>	<p>Penelope "Peppi" Torres has two cardinal rules for surviving middle school--do not draw the attention of mean kids, and seek out friends with similar interests. She breaks the first one when she trips into nerdy Jaime Thompson, and the mean kids see it. Recoiling, Peppi shoves Jaime away, but feels guilty about it later. Complicating things is the fact that Jaime is part of the science club, Peppi's art club's rival club in the school.</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2015            ALA Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers 2016            Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2015            CT Nutmeg Award 2019            IL Rebecca Caudill Young Reader's Award 2018            LA Reader's Choice 2018            MD Black-Eyed Susan Graphic Novel Award            ME Student Book Award            NH Great Stone Face Award            NJ Garden State Teen Fiction Award            PA Reader's Choice 2017-2018            RI Middle School Award Nominee 2017-2018            TX Little Maverick Graphic Novel 2017            TX Maverick Graphic Novel List 2016            VT Dorothy Canfield Fisher 2016-2017            WA Sasquatch Reading Award 2018            WY Indian Paintbrush Nominee 2019-2020</p>

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<i>Brave</i>	Chmakova, S	Presents a graphic novel in which a young boy who daydreams of being a superhero must show real-world bravery after he is recruited to be part of the school newspaper, and is suddenly drawn into middle school drama that he doesn't fully understand and isn't prepared to handle.	Compendium Winter 2018 Isinglass Teen Read Award Nominee 2019-2020 Great Texas Mosquito List 2019-2020 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice 2020 Nene Award Nominee 2020 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2017 ALA Top Ten Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2018
<i>Crush</i>	Chmakova, S	Jorge Ruiz, who attends Berrybrook Middle School with his best friends Olivia and Garrett, struggles to cope with his first crush on Jazmine, friend issues, and daily drama. Then a scandal rocks the school and Jorge must decide where his loyalties lie.	Compendium Fall 2018 ALA Quick Picks for Reluctant YA 2019 ALA Top Ten Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2019 Amelia Bloomer Project Title 2019 Black-Eyed Susan Graphic Novel Award 2019-2020
<i>Chasing Secrets</i>	Choldenko, G	Thirteen-year-old Lizzie and her secret friend Noah, who is hiding in her house, plan to rescue Noah's father from the quarantined Chinatown, and save everyone they love from contracting the plague that is spreading in 1900 San Francisco.	Compendium Spring 2016 Winner of Los Angeles Public Library FOCAL Award Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Nominee TN Volunteer State Book Award Nominee Missouri Association of School Librarians Readers Award Nominee California Eureka! List Nominee
<i>Lebron James : Nba Champion</i>	Ciovacco, J	Presents a biography of professional basketball player LeBron James, including his childhood and his path to professional success. Includes a timeline, glossary, and further reading.	
<i>Delilah Dirk And The King's Shilling</i>	Cliff, T	When globe trotting troublemaker Delilah Dirk and her friend Selim are accused of espionage against the British crown, they must clear their names, even if it means returning to respectability.	Compendium Fall 2016 Kirkus Prize - Young Readers' Nominee 2016 Best Children's Books of 2017 MD Black-Eyed Susan Graphic Novel Award TX Maverick Graphic Novel List VOYA Top Shelf Fiction for MS 2016

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<i>Finding Langston</i>	Cline-ransome, L	After his mother's death in 1946, eleven-year-old Langston and his father leave behind their quiet life in Alabama and move to Chicago. Struggling to fit in and missing his mother, Langston finds refuge at the local library where, unlike his library in Alabama, blacks are just as welcome as whites to use. There he discovers the poetry of Langston Hughes and a secret--he was named after this very poet whose work his mother loved.	Compendium Title Coretta Scott King Honor Book Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year School Library Journal Best Book of 2018 2019 Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction Junior Library Guild Selection 2019 ALA Honor 2019 ALA Notable Children's Book 2019 CCBC Book 2019 Capitol Choices Award 2019 Notable Books for a Global Society
<i>Gotham Academy : 2 : Calamity</i>	Cloonan, B	A collection of graphic novel stories featuring the kids of Gotham Academy. First Olive begins seeing ghosts and delves into the secret of her mother's death. Then the students hunt a werewolf on the school grounds, and Maps meets the new transfer student, Damian Wayne.	ALA Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2017
<i>Black Panther : A Nation Under Our Feet : 1</i>	Coates, T	T'Challa faces a powerful terrorist group called The People that creates a violent uprising and throws the land into chaos. As suicide bombers terrorize the people and a familiar villain returns, T'Challa must adapt if Wakanda is to survive.	ALA Top Ten Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2017

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<p><i>Illegal</i></p>	<p>Colfer, E</p>	<p>After his big Sisi goes to Europe for a better life, Ebo and his older brother Kwame decide to follow after her, trekking from Ghana across the Sahara Desert and into Tripoli, then out over the merciless Mediterranean.</p>	<p>Compendium Title                  2019 Excellence in Graphic Literature Award Winner                  New York Public Library Best Book of 2018                  Chicago Public Library Best Book of 2018                  Amazon Best Book of 2018                  Kirkus Reviews Best Middle Grade Graphic Novel of 2018                  ALA Notable Book for 2019                  2019 YALSA Top Ten Great Graphic Novels for Teens                  2019 CBC Notable Social Studies Book                  Junior Library Guild Selection                  Texas Maverick Graphic Novels List                  Just One More Page! Reading List 2019                  ALA Quick Picks for Reluctant YA                  ALA Top Ten Great Graphic Novels for Teens                  Black-Eyed Susan Graphic Novels Award                  Capitol Choices Award                  Great Lakes Great Books Award Nominee                  Rhode Island MS Nominee 2020                  Nutmeg MS Nominee 2020                  VOYA Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror List                  ILA YA Choices Reading List</p>
<p><i>Passenger On The Pearl : The True Story Of Emily Edmonson's</i></p>	<p>Conkling, W</p>	<p>In 1848, thirteen-year-old slave Emily Edmonson undertakes a courageous journey from captivity to freedom.</p>	<p>Junior Library Guild Selection                  Carter G. Woodson Book Award                  Skipping Stones Book Award</p>

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<p><i>Radioactive! : How Irene Curie And Lise Meitner Revolutioniz</i></p>	<p>Conkling, W</p>	<p>When Irene Curie discovered artificial radioactivity in 1934—a discovery that would earn Curie and her husband, scientist Frederic Joliot, a Nobel Prize—she set the stage for physicist Lise Meitner to unleash the power of nuclear fission four years later. While Meitner's groundbreaking achievement was not rewarded by the Nobel committee (who gave a male colleague the award instead), and Curie was denied admission into the French Academy of Sciences simply because she was a woman, these female scientists' accomplishments were crucial in the development of nuclear energy and ultimately, the creation of the nuclear bomb. “A thorough and engaging study of two female scientists worth their weight in radium” (BL).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2016          Amelia Bloomer Project 2017          Best Children's Books of 2017          NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Books Award</p>
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<p><i>Waiting For Normal</i></p>	<p>Connor, L</p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2008          ALA Honor 2009          ALA Best Books for YA 2009          ALA Notable Children's Books 2009          Schneider Family Book Award          CA Young Reader Medal 2011-2012          CCBC Book 2009          Connecticut Book Award          CT Nutmeg Children's Award 2011          DC Capitol Choices Award 2009          GA Grade 4-8 Book Award 2011-2012          Heartland Award Nominee 2011          IA Teen Award 2010-2011          IL Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' 2011          KS William Allen White Award 2010-2011          KY Bluegrass Award 2009-2010          MD Black-Eyed Susan Award 2010-2011          ME Student Book Award 2009-2010          MI Thumbs Up! Nominee 2009          NH Isinglass Teen Read List 2010-2011          NJ Garden State Fiction Award 2011          OR Reader's Choice Award 2010-2011          RI Teen Book Award Nominee 2009-2010          School Library Journal Best Books of 2008          TN Volunteer YA Award 2010-2011          TX Lone Star Reading List 2009          UT Beehive YA Book 2009-2010          VT Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award 2019-2020          WV Children's Book Award 2009-2010</p>
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<i>Ghost Hawk</i>	Cooper, S	At the end of a winter-long journey into manhood, Little Hawk returns to find his village decimated by a white man's plague and soon, despite a fresh start, Little Hawk dies violently but his spirit remains trapped, seeing how his world changes.	Compendium Spring 2014 Book Links Lasting Connections of 2013 Booklist Ed. Choice Books for Youth 2013 CA Young Reader Medal 2015-2016 DC Capitol Choices Award IA Teen Award PA Reader's Choice Parents' Choice Award
<i>New Kid</i>	Craft, J	Seventh grade African American boy Jordan Banks dutifully travels from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale private Riverdale Academy Day School. As one of the few kids of color in his new school, Jordan feels out of place. He doesn't really fit in with his new classmates, and it begins to feel like his neighborhood friends live in a different world. Jordan finds comfort in his art as he tries to navigate both worlds.	Compendium Title Great Stone Face Nominee 2019-2020 Massachusetts Children's Book Award 2019-2020 Volunteer Middle School Nominee 2020-2021
<i>Life As A Somali American</i>	Creager, E	Briefly explores the history of Somali Americans, discussing the history of Somalia and the ways in which modern Somali immigrants make a home in the United States. Includes a list of famous Somali Americans, a glossary, and resources for further information.	
<i>Getting Away With Murder : The True Story Of The Emmett Till</i>	Crowe, C	Presents a true account of the murder of fourteen-year-old Emmett Till, in Mississippi, in 1955.	Compendium Title Jane Addams Award Winner ALA Best Books for YA Bank Street Collee Best Children's Books CCBC Book Chicago Public Library Best of the Best DC Capitol Choices Award 2004 MO Gateway Nominee NJ Garden State Nonfiction Award School Library Journal Best Books TX Teyshas High School Reading List



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<i>Underground Railroad : Navigate The Journey From Slavery To</i>	Cummings, J	Explores the history of the Underground Railroad and what it was like to be a slave in America before the Civil War using the Railroad to escape.	Compendium Winter 2018
<i>Elijah Of Buxton</i>	Curtis, C	Eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first child born free in Buxton, Canada -- a haven for slaves fleeing pre-emancipation America -- uses his wits and skills to bring to justice the lying preacher who stole money that was to be used to buy one family's freedom. Along the way, a vivid cast of characters are introduced, and unforgettable stories are relished, including hoop snakes, toady-frogs, and fish-head chunking and crying. Readers will be inspired by Elijah's heroic actions and compassion for his people. "This is Curtis' best novel yet, and no doubt many readers, young and old, will finish and say, 'This is one of the best books I have ever read'" (KIRK).	Compendium Spring 2008 Newbery Honor Coretta Scott King Award 2008 ALA Honor ALA Notable Children's Books of 2008 Bank Street Best Children's Books 2008 Book Links Lasting Connections of 2007 Boston Globe - Horn Book CA Young Reader Medal 2010-2011 CCBC Book 2008 DC Capitol Choices Award DE Blue Hen Chapter Book Award Delaware Diamonds HS Award GA Grade 4-8 Book Award HI Nene Nominee IRA Notable Books for a Global Society 2008 Jane Addams Honor KLIATT - Editor's Choice Hardcover YA Fiction KS William Allen White Award KY Bluegrass Award LA Young Reader's Choice Award MA Children's Award MI Great Lakes Great Books Award NCSS Notable Title <i>(more individual state awards not noted due to space restriction)</i>
<i>Journey Of Little Charlie</i>	Curtis, C	When his poor sharecropper father is killed in an accident and leaves the family in debt, twelve-year-old Little Charlie agrees to accompany fearsome plantation overseer Cap'n Buck north in pursuit of people who have stolen from him; Cap'n Buck tells Little Charlie that his father's debt will be cleared when the fugitives are	Compendium Winter 2018 National Book Award Finalist SLJ 2018 Best Books Georgia Children's Book Award 2019-2020 CCBC Book 2019

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		<p>captured, which seems like a good deal until Little Charlie comes face-to-face with the people he is chasing.</p>	
<p><i>Madman Of Piney Woods</i></p>	<p>Curtis, C</p>	<p>In Buxton, Ontario, in 1901, stories circulate about a mysterious entity roaming the forest known as the Madman of Piney Woods. For Benji, an African Canadian boy living in Buxton, and Red, an Irish Canadian boy in the nearby town of Chatham, the tales both fascinate and terrify, especially when they each begin to realize they are being watched from beyond the trees. Author Curtis skillfully weaves in the boys' family histories, based on the actual experiences of runaway slaves and Irish immigrants, as he revisits the site of his earlier novel "Elijah of Buxton."</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2015                      Best Children's Books of 2015                      Book Links Lasting Connections of 2014                      Booklist Ed. Choice Books for Youth 2014                      CCBC Book 2015                      Chicago Public Library Best of the Best                      Horn Book Fanfare 2014                      MI Great Lakes Great Books 2015-2016                      NCSS Notable Title                      NJ Garden State Teen Fiction Award                      OR Reader's Choice                      VT Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award 2015-2016</p>
<p><i>Magic Johnson : Basketball Legend, Entrepreneur, And Hiv/aid</i></p>	<p>Dakers, D</p>	<p>Presents photos and information about the life of NBA star Magic Johnson. Discusses his professional basketball career with the Lakers, famous rivalry with Larry Bird, and his 1991 announcement that he had HIV, leading to his work as an activist for the cause.</p>	

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<p><i>Untwine</i></p>	<p>Danticat, E</p>	<p>Isabella and Giselle Boyer are twin sisters, born holding hands so tightly that the doctor had to separate them finger by finger. Their sisterhood is as close as can be, but their father and mother have separated, and are considering divorce. One day they all are together when their SUV is hit. The accident kills Isabella, and leaves Giselle in a coma where she is left to her own thoughts, having to replay in her mind all the choices that led her and her family to this point. Giselle will have to decide if her love for her friends and family is worth fighting for recovery. Author “Danticat’s final scenes are at once heartbreaking and uplifting” (PW).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2016            Best Children's Books of 2016            CCBC Book 2016            Florida Teens Read 2016-2017            IRA Children's Choice 2016            WI Golden Archer Award 2016-2017</p>
<p><i>Serpent's Secret</i></p>	<p>Dasgupta, S</p>	<p>Up until her twelfth birthday, Kiranmala considered herself an ordinary sixth-grader in Parsippany, New Jersey, but then her parents disappear and a drooling rakkhosh demon shows up in her kitchen, and soon she is swept into another dimension, full of magic, winged horses, talking birds (very annoying), and cute princes-- and somehow Kiranmala needs to sort it all out, find her parents, and basically save the world.</p>	<p>Compendium Winter 2018            2019 CCBA Junior Novel Award            SLJ 2018 Best Books            Just One More Page! Reading List 2019            Booklist's 50 Best Middle Grade Books of the 21st Century            E.B. White Read Aloud Honor</p>
<p><i>In The Shadow Of Liberty : The Hidden History Of Slavery, Fo</i></p>	<p>Davis, K</p>	<p>It is a great tragedy and contradiction that the United States of America was “conceived in liberty” by the Founding Fathers, who fought for liberty and justice while at the same time owning slaves. Some of the names of the slaves of our most important early presidents are known, but their stories have rarely, or never, been told— until now. Here, author Davis presents stories of five slaves, from Billy Lee, George Washington's valet, to Alfred Jackson, a servant of Andrew Jackson, exploring their lives and experiences in a land of contradiction. “A valuable, broad perspective on slavery” (BL).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2019            YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction Honor            2017 ALA Honor            NCSS Notable Title 2017            Texas Tayshas HS Reading List 2018-2019            Texas Topaz Nonfiction Reading List 2018</p>

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<i>Putting Peace First : 7 Commitments To Change The World</i>	Dawson, E	Author Eric David Dawson describes how he was eighteen years old when he founded Peace First to teach young people how to work toward peace in the world. Provides teens with a guide to making peace that explains seven different ways to identify and solve problems, highlighting young people and their inspiring peacekeeping projects that made a difference in their communities. Each story features practical advice and reflection exercises that move an idea from commitment to action.	Compendium Title
<i>Something In Between</i>	De la cruz, M	When Jasmine de los Santos is presented the opportunity to be considered for a national scholarship award, her Filipino immigrant parents reveal the truth that their visas expired many years ago, making Jasmine an illegal alien. Now facing the threat of deportation rather than a full ride to college, Jasmine rebels as she tries to understand her place in a world she may not be allowed to stay in.	
<i>Halfway Normal</i>	Dee, B	Norah had battled cancer for two years and won. Now she's back at school and ready to face seventh grade. But it seems her classmates are all treating her strangely--some act like she'll blow away in the wind if they're not careful and others are avoiding her altogether. And when she meets a cute eight-grader named Griffin, she's content to keep her illness a secret. But the truth comes out, and Norah has to find a way to talk about her cancer, even though she's not sure she understands it herself.	Compendium Winter 2018 Missouri Mark Twain Book Award 2019-2020 Just One More Page! Reading List 2019 South Carolina Junior Book Award 2019-2020 NCSS Notable Title 2018 Black-Eyed Susan Award Keystone to Reading MS Nominee 2018-2019
<i>Star-crossed</i>	Dee, B	When Mattie is cast as Romeo in an eighth-grade play, she is confused to find herself increasingly attracted to Gemma, a new classmate who is playing Juliet.	NCSS Notable Title 2018 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2017 ALA Rainbow Project Booklist 2018

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<i>In The Key Of Nira Ghani</i>	Deen, N	Nira wants to become a musician, but her Guyanese parents want her to focus on becoming a scientist or doctor, a situation that causes her trouble just as she tries to navigate relationships with friends, enemies, and a crush.	
<i>Afar</i>	Del duca, L	While living in a post-industrial wasteland, fifteen-year-old Boetema discovers she can astral project in her sleep. But when she accidentally gets a boy from another planet hurt, Boetema must find a way to bring him back to her world. Meanwhile, Boetema's parents have temporarily left home and she and her thirteen-year-old brother must run away while being hunted by a cyborg.	ALA Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2018
<i>Ali : An American Champion</i>	Denenberg, B	Examines the life of Muhammad Ali, highlighting facts about him often forgotten due to his fame in later years--such as his original name of Cassius Clay and how he won an Olympic gold as a teenager.	MI Great Lakes Great Books Award 2015-2016 NCSS Notable Title 2015
<i>Hereville : How Mirka Got Her Sword</i>	Deutsch, B	Spirited 11-year-old Mirka Herschberg lives in Hereville, an Orthodox Jewish community, and has only one thing on her mind - fighting dragons! However, there are no dragons in Hereville. While her sisters, brother and stepmother offer plenty of advice about how to live her life, Mirka sets out to hone her dragon-slaying skills. When she encounters a mysterious witch with a unique challenge, Mirka realizes that her dream just might come true - even if a giant troll stands in her way. Deutsch's book continues his 2008 original Web comic, featuring phrases in Yiddish and brilliant artwork. "This is a terrific story, told with skill and lots of heart, that readers of all ages will enjoy" (PW).	Compendium Spring 2011 Sydney Taylor Award Eisner Nomination Harvey Nomination Ignatz Nomination Nebula Nomination Sydney Taylor Book Award Andre Norton Award

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<i>Marley Dias Gets It Done : And So Can You!</i>	Dias, M	Examines the life of social media celebrity and social activist Marley Dias, offering advice from Marley on how to become "woke" to social injustices and how to start making a difference to society.	Compendium Winter 2018 Texas Topaz Nonfiction Reading List 2019
<i>Crossroads</i>	Diaz, A	Jaime Rivera is an undocumented teen who came to the United States from Guatemala hoping for a better life. While his cousin, Angela, seems to fit in at school quickly, Jaime struggles and wishes to be with his family in his native country. But news of gang violence hitting close to home makes returning to his parents and Abuela impossible. Jaime sketches his observations in his sketchbook and finds hope in a few unexpected allies.	Notable Books for a Global Society 2019
<i>Only Road</i>	Diaz, A	When Jaime hears his cousin Miguel murdered outside his house in Guatemala, Jaime knows he either needs to get out or get hurt next. With his cousin Àngela, Jaime leaves for the United States, risking everything for a chance at a new, safe life.	Compendium Spring 2017 Pura Belpre Honor Book ALA Notable Book Grand Canyon Reader Tween Award Nominee Best Children's Books of the Year 2017 Young Reader's Choice Award 2019-2020 CCBC Global Book Sasquatch Reading Award Nominee ALA Honor NCSS Notable Title 2017
<i>Rewilding : Giving Nature A Second Chance</i>	Drake, J	Explores the process of rewilding in which scientists reintroduce nearly extinct creatures to their native environments from trumpeter swans and prairie dogs to panda bears and wild boars. Includes a glossary, resources for further information, and color photographs.	Compendium 2017 California Eureka! Nonfiction Award 2018 Skipping Stones Honor Award 2018

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<p><i>It Ain't So Awful, Falafel</i></p>	<p>Dumas, F</p>	<p>In the late 1970s, Zomorod Yousefzadeh is the new kid in class at her middle school in Newport Beach, California. With the Iranian hostage crisis hot in the headlines, Zomorod, who decides to go by Cindy, finds herself struggling to fit in after facing racial hostility because of her Iranian heritage. With a humorous, authentic voice, author Dumas takes young readers on a journey of adaptation and personal acceptance as Cindy eventually finds friends and her own sense of identity. "Dumas's semi-autobiographical novel is both funny and affecting ... Readers will be thoroughly invested in Cindy's story, whether holding their breath or laughing out loud, and always hoping that the Yousefzadehs will come out on top" (BL).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2016          Middle East Book Award          Young Reader Medal 2019-2020          Booklist's 50 Best Middle Grade Books of the 21st Century          Kirkus Prize - Young Readers' Nominee 2016          Youper Award          NCSS Notable Title 2017          Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Award 2019          Sasquatch Reading Award Nominee 2019          Massachusetts Children's Book Award 2018-2019</p>
<p><i>Never Caught, The Story Of Ona Judge : George And Martha Was</i></p>	<p>Dunbar, E</p>	<p>Explores the life of Ona Judge, one of George and Martha Washington's slaves, who escaped after the Washingtons moved to Philadelphia--the nation's capital at the time--and began interacting with the city's free black population. Discusses the lengths the Washingtons went to in order to recapture Ona afterwards. Adapted for younger readers based on the adult version of the text.</p>	<p>Compendium Title          National Book Award Finalist for Nonfiction</p>
<p><i>Bubble Wrap Boy</i></p>	<p>Earle, P</p>	<p>Fourteen-year-old social outcast Charlie Han, known as "the short Chinese kid" at school, searches for a talent to improve his popularity, but when he discovers skateboarding, much to the disapproval of his overprotective mother, he also uncovers a huge family secret.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2016</p>

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<p><i>Africa Is My Home : A Child Of The Amistad</i></p>	<p>Edinger, M</p>	<p>Accompanied by more than 40 detailed ink-and-watercolor illustrations, this historical picture book retells the story of the "Amistad" Africans from a child's point-of-view. Based on the experiences of nine-year-old Magulu, this story takes Magulu from West Africa to Cuba to America and back again to Africa. It first begins with Magulu's father selling her in exchange for rice. Before long, Magulu is captured and spends several weeks on a slave ship destined for Cuba. There, Magulu is sold again and taken aboard the "Amistad." Magulu finally arrives in America, where she endures endless struggles until the Africans are declared free and sent back to their homeland. Chock-full of African imagery and primary documents, "this unique narrative should find an appreciative audience" (SLJ).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2014            Best Children's Books of 2014            Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2013            Children's Africana Book Awards            Children's Crown Award            DC Capitol Choices Award            IN Young Hoosier Award            ME Student Book Award            NCSS Notable Title            WI Just One More Page! Reading List 2014</p>
<p><i>Lifters</i></p>	<p>Eggers, D</p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Granite "Gran" Flowerpetal and his family move into the Flowerpetal ancestral house in the dreary town of Carousel, which has struggled since its famous carousel factory shut down. Gran becomes friends with classmate Catalina Catalan, and when he sees her open a doorway in a hillside, he joins her in a secret, underground mission to stop a mysterious force called the Hollows from creating tunnels underground that are causing the town to sink.</p>	
<p><i>Breadwinner</i></p>	<p>Ellis, D</p>	<p>After her father is arrested for the crime of having a foreign education, Parvana must transform herself into a boy and earn money for her family in Afghanistan.</p>	<p>Compendium Title            CCBC Book</p>
<p><i>Breadwinner : A Graphic Novel</i></p>	<p>Ellis, D</p>	<p>Parvana, whose father was arrested by the Taliban, and whose family lives in one room of a bombed-out apartment building, must disguise herself as a boy to work and support her family.</p>	<p>Compendium Title            CCBC Book</p>



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<p><i>Parvana's Journey</i></p>	<p>Ellis, D</p>	<p>Parvana, disguised as a young boy, continues her journey through the Afghanistan countryside looking for what remains of her family and is joined along the way by three other orphans of the war-torn country.</p>	<p>Compendium Title            ALA Best Books for YA            CCBC Book            IRA Children's Choices Award            IRA Notable Books for a Global Society            Jane Addams Honor            NJ Garden State Fiction Award            RI Teen Book Award Nominee            Skipping Stones Book Award            WY Indian Paintbrush Award 2004-2005</p>
<p><i>Lumberjanes : 2</i></p>	<p>Ellis, G</p>	<p>The Lumberjane girls at Miss Quinzella Thiskwin Penniquiquil Thistle Crumpet's Camp for Hardcore Lady-Types are not your average girls. After they learn to make friendship bracelets, they'll brush up on monsters and magic and take on some raptors. But it's the mysterious force wreaking havoc on the camp that will be their biggest challenge because it's not just a threat to their friends but could threaten the whole world. "A must-have for all graphic novel collections" (SLJ).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2016            New York Times Bestseller            Eisner Award Nominated Series            ALA Top Ten Great Graphic Novels for Teens            Amelia Bloomer Project 2016            NJ Garden State Teen Fiction Award</p>
<p><i>Bright Lights, Dark Nights</i></p>	<p>Emond, S</p>	<p>Walter Wilcox is determined to blend in at his new school when his parents split and he and his father, a police officer, move to a new city. Things start looking up when Walter, who is white, meets Naomi, a black teen with a great sense of humor and a shared love of the Foo Fighters. But when Walter's father becomes caught up in a racial controversy after he allegedly stereotypes and assaults a black teen, Walter and Naomi's relationship is put under a microscope and Walter is forced to take a stand for what he knows is right, even if it means taking risks he isn't sure he's prepared to take. "There are no easy answers to the issues at play in this story ... readers will be left with plenty on their minds and in their hearts" (KIRK).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2016            Best Children's Books of 2016</p>

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<i>Bravo! : Poems About Amazing Hispanics</i>	Engle, M	Features a collection of poetry celebrating the accomplishments of notable Hispanics from religious leaders and scientists to activists and celebrities.	Compendium Fall 2017 Texas Bluebonnet Award 2018-2019 NCSS Notable Title 2018 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2017 Texas Topaz Nonfiction Reading List 2018
<i>Enchanted Air : Two Cultures, Two Wings : A Memoir</i>	Engle, M	In this beautifully crafted memoir, Margarita Engle, the first Latina to receive a Newbery Honor, presents the story of her childhood in Cuba and Los Angeles during the Cold War. The daughter of an American father and a Cuban mother, Engle often felt pulled between the two worlds, both emotionally and physically, as the family shuttled between her mother's island homeland and L.A. In time, she learned to embrace her Cuban heritage while navigating her American identity as well. "As so many of our children are immigrants or children of immigrants, we need more of these stories, especially when they are as beautifully told as this one" (KIRK).	Compendium Fall 2015 Pura Belpre Author Award YALSA Nonfiction Finalist Walter Dean Myers Award Honoree CCBC Book 2016 2016 ALA Honor ALA Notable Children's Books 2016 Americas Award - CLASP - 2016 CA Eureka! Nonfiction Children's Award 2015 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2015 DC Capitol Choices Award 2016 Golden Kite Honor KS William Allen White Award 2017-2018 Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award NCSS Notable Title 2016 NCTE Notable Book 2016 NJ Garden State Teen Nonfiction Award 2018 Skipping Stones Book Award 2016 WI Just One More Page! Reading List 2016
<i>Firefly Letters : A Suffragette's Journey To Cuba</i>	Engle, M	Presents the thoughts of Fredrika Bremer as she describes her journey to Cuba and the women she came to know that transformed the life of this nineteenth century women's rights pioneer.	Compendium Fall 2010 Pura Belpre Honor Book ALA Notable Children's Book Bank Street Best Children's Book of the Year
<i>Forest World</i>	Engle, M	Sent to Cuba to visit the father he barely knows, Edver is surprised to meet a half-sister, Luza, whose plan to lure their cryptozoologist mother into coming there, too, turns dangerous.	Compendium Winter 2018 Green Earth Book Award Winner NCSS Notable Book The Walter Award

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<p><i>Hurricane Dancers : The First Caribbean Pirate Shipwreck</i></p>	<p>Engle, M</p>	<p>Award-winning author Margarita Engle presents a historical novel that follows young Quebrado, the son of a Taino Indian mother and a Spanish father. Taken from his village and enslaved on a pirate ship, Quebrado must help Captain Bernardino de Talavera navigate the Caribbean world. When a hurricane destroys the ship and most of the crew, Quebrado manages to escape, pulled to safety by a kind fisherman, Narido. As Quebrado slowly adjusts to living in the village, surrounded by people who care about him, he realizes that he can't escape his horrible past. Written in verse, Engle's "powerful, original story" (BL) uses "potent rhythms, sounds, and original, unforgettable imagery" (BL).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2011  Pura Belpre Honor Book  ALA Honor 2012  ALA Notable Children's Book 2012  Americas Award - CLASP - 2012  Best Children's Books of 2012  California Collection MS 2013-2014  CCBC Book 2012  NCSS Notable Title 2012  VOYA Poetry Picks</p>
<p><i>Lightning Dreamer : Cuba's Greatest Abolitionist</i></p>	<p>Engle, M</p>	<p>In free verse, evokes the voice of Gertrudis Gomez de Avellaneda, a book-loving writer, feminist, and abolitionist who courageously fought injustice in nineteenth-century Cuba. Includes historical notes, excerpts from her writings, biographical information, and source notes.</p>	<p>Pura Belpre Honor Book  ALA Honor 2014  ALA Best Fiction for YA 2014  ALA Notable Children's Books 2014  Amelia Bloomer Project List 2014  Americas Award - CLASP - 2014  Best Children's Books of 2014  California Collection 2014  CCBC Book 2014  IRA Notable Books for a Global Society 2014  NCSS Notable Title 2014  NE Golden Sower YA Award 2015-2016  VOYA Poetry Picks  VOYA Top Shelf Fiction for MS 2013</p>

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<p><i>Lion Island : Cuba's Warrior Of Words</i></p>	<p>Engle, M</p>	<p>Antonio Chuffat, a young man of Chinese and African descent, works as a messenger for Chinese diplomats in Cuba during the 1870s. Surrounded by African slaves and indentured Chinese servants, Antonio meets a boy named Wing and his sister Fan, both refugees who fled San Francisco during the anti-Chinese riots. The three become determined to fight for freedom, and while Antonio prefers to use words, Wing would rather use force. Presented in verse, this novel showcases the power of words to create change. "Young readers will be able to draw analogies to present-day injustice ... A beautifully written, thought-provoking work from a highly regarded author and poet" (SLJ).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2017 NCSS Notable Title 2017</p>
<p><i>Silver People : Voices From The Panama Canal</i></p>	<p>Engle, M</p>	<p>Fourteen-year-old Mateo and other Caribbean islanders face discrimination, segregation, and harsh working conditions when American recruiters lure them to the Panamanian rain forest in 1906 to build the great canal.</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2014 Americas Award - CLASP - 2015 Best Children's Books of 2015 CCBC Book 2015 CCBC Global Reading Book DC Capitol Choices Award 2015 IRA Notable Books for a Global Society 2015 Jane Addams Honor Book NCSS Notable Title 2015 VOYA Poetry Pick</p>
<p><i>Wild Book</i></p>	<p>Engle, M</p>	<p>In early twentieth-century Cuba, bandits terrorize the countryside as a young farm girl struggles with dyslexia. Based on the life of the author's grandmother.</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2012 Best Children's Books of 2013 CA Collection 2013-2014 VOYA Poetry Picks</p>
<p><i>Incredible Magic Of Being</i></p>	<p>Erskine, K</p>	<p>Julian lives large in eternal optimism, while his sister Pookie and his parents seem to be falling apart now that they are moving from Washington, D.C. to Maine. Julian is excited to use his telescope without the city's light pollution, and thinks that if he can discover a comet and name it, then his family will see how</p>	<p>Compendium 2017</p>

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		they are all connected--if only Mr. X, their neighbor, would stop trying to undermine his parents' opening of a B&B.	
<i>Better Nate Than Ever</i>	Federle, T	An eighth-grader who dreams of performing in a Broadway musical concocts a plan to run away to New York and audition for the role of Elliot in the musical version of "E.T."	Compendium Fall 2013 Stonewall Book Award New York Times Notable Book of the Year Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year Slate Favorite Book of the Year Booklist's 50 Best Middle Grade Books of the 21st Century Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Award 2019
<i>Five, Six, Seven, Nate!</i>	Federle, T	Now on Broadway as second understudy for E.T., Nate Foster keeps in close contact with his best friend, Libby, as he faces his nemesis, Jordan Rylance, and his own insecurities as the cast member with the least training and experience.	Compendium Spring 2014 Lambda Literary Award
<i>He Who Dreams</i>	Florence, M	When John stumbles into an indigenous peoples dance class at the local community cultural center, he decides to become a dancer. He faces ridicule from his soccer teammates and hostility from the dancers at the cultural center. In order to dance at the Pow Wow, he has to learn to balance his responsibilities, confront his fears, and embrace both the Irish and Cree sides of his heritage.	

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<p><i>90 Miles To Havana</i></p>	<p>Flores-galbis, E</p>	<p>Two young brothers are sent by their mother from Cuba to escape the revolution there. After they arrive in Miami they enter a strange world where they feel isolated and confused and miss their homeland.</p>	<p>2011 Pura Belpre Honor Book for Narrative                  2011 Bank Street Best Children's Book of the Year                  ALA 2011 Honor                  ALA Notable Children's Books 2011                  Best Children's Books 2011                  CCBC Book 2011                  FL Sunshine State Young Readers 2012-2013                  MA Children's Award 2013-2014                  NCSS Notable Title 2011                  NJ Garden State Teen Fiction Award 2013                  OK Sequoyah Intermediate Book Award 2013</p>
<p><i>Stolen Into Slavery : The True Story Of Solomon Northup, Fre</i></p>	<p>Fradin, J</p>	<p>Chronicles the experiences of Solomon Northup after he was kidnapped from New York in 1841 and sold into slavery in the South.</p>	<p>Carter B. Woodson Book Award                  Best Children's Books of 2013                  NCSS Notable Title 2013                  OK Sequoyah Intermediate Book Award 2015                  PA Reader's Choice Award 2014-2015</p>
<p><i>Angel Island : Gateway To Gold Mountain</i></p>	<p>Freedman, R</p>	<p>Provides a portrait of Angel Island, which processed more than half a million immigrants between 1910 and 1940. Details the hardships many immigrants endured as they waited to be processed and includes black-and-white photographs.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2014                  ALA Notable Children's Books 2015                  Best Children's Books of 2015                  Book Links Lasting Connections of 2014                  Booklist Ed. Choice Books for Youth 2014                  CCBC Book 2014                  Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2014                  DC Capitol Choices Award 2015                  IRA Notable Books for a Global Society                  NCSS Notable Title 2014</p>

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<p><i>Because They Marched : The People's Campaign For Voting Righ</i></p>	<p>Freedman, R</p>	<p>Presents the history of the Selma to Montgomery Rights March in 1965 to fight for the right of African Americans to vote in the United States.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2015            ALA Notable Children's Books 2015            AR Teen Book Award 2015-2016            Best Children's Books of 2015            Book Links Lasting Connections of 2014            Booklist Ed. Choice Books for Youth 2014            CA Eureka! Nonfiction Children's Award            CCBC Book 2015            Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2014            IRA Teachers' Choices 2015            NCSS Notable Title 2015</p>
<p><i>How We Roll</i></p>	<p>Friend, N</p>	<p>When Quinn is diagnosed with a condition called alopecia which causes her to lose all of her hair, her friends abandon her. Nick, once a star football player, suffers a freak accident which causes him to lose both of his legs. When Quinn and Nick meet, their relationship gives them the confidence to believe in themselves again, and an unexpected chance at love.</p>	<p>Compendium Title            ALA Quick Picks for Reluctant YA            OK Sequoyah HS Book Award 2020            Rhode Island MS Nominee 2020</p>
<p><i>Salt : A Story Of Friendship In A Time Of War</i></p>	<p>Frost, H</p>	<p>Twelve-year-olds Anikwa, of the Miami village of Kekionga, and James, of the trading post outside Fort Wayne, find their friendship threatened by the rising fear and tension brought by the War of 1812.</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2013            Kirkus Reviews Best Book of 2013            Best Children's Books of 2014            Book Links Lasting Connections 2013            CCBC Book 2014            Delaware Diamonds MS 2015-2016            IRA Notable Books for a Global Society 2014            NCSS Notable Title 2014            NY Charlotte Award MS 2016            TN Volunteer Award MS 2015-2016            VT Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award 2014-2015</p>

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<i>Thief Lord</i>	Funke, C	Two brothers, having run away from the aunt who plans to adopt the younger one, are sought by a detective hired by their aunt, but they have found shelter with--and protection from-- Venice's "Thief Lord."	Compendium Title Mildred L. Batchelder Award Maine Student Book Award Winner Massachusetts Children's Book Award Garden State Teen Fiction Award Great Lakes Great Books Award Grand Canyon Reader Tween Award Librarians' Top 10 Choices PNLA Young Reader's Choice Award
<i>Stories Of The Aurora : Dot To Dot In The Sky</i>	Galat, J	Examines the legends and scientific facts of the Aurora Borealis. Includes Inuit tales of the afterlife, a European fairy tale, and a story from the ancient Romans.	2017-2018 Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award Nominee in the English Nonfiction Category Skipping Stones Book Award 2017
<i>Run For Your Life</i>	Gandolfi, S	Santino, a young boy with a talent for running, is fast approaching his first communion in the city of Palermo, Sicily. To pay for the party, his father and grandfather carry out a theft--but they steal from someone with Mafia connections. Santino barely escapes with his life, and must weigh his odds between cooperating with the police and being labeled a "rat," or keeping the Mafia's code of silence.	Mildred L. Batchelder Honor Book ALA Notable Children's Books 2019
<i>If I Ever Get Out Of Here</i>	Gansworth, E	Seventh-grader Lewis "Shoe" Blake from the Tuscarora Reservation has a new friend, George Haddonfield from the local Air Force base, but in 1975 upstate New York there is a lot of tension and hatred between Native Americans and Whites--and Lewis is not sure that he can rely on friendship.	Compendium Spring 2014 AL Camellia Award ALA Best Fiction For YA Best Children's Books of 2014 CCBC Book 2014 IRA Notable Books for a Global Society MI Great Lakes Great Books Award NCSS Notable Title 2014 Skipping Stones Award 2014



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<i>Joey Pigza Swallowed The Key</i>	Gantos, J	To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription meds wear off and he starts getting worked up and acting wired.	Compendium Title 1998 National Book Award Finalist for Young People's Literature California Young Reader Medal Maine Student Book Award Sasquatch Reading Award Virginia Readers' Choice Award MS
<i>Buffalo Soldiers</i>	Garstecki, J	Explores the history of the African American Army units known as the "Buffalo Soldiers" from the 1860s to the early 1900s.	
<i>Maximilian &amp; The Mystery Of The Guardian Angel : A Bilingual</i>	Garza, X	Eleven-year-old Margarito, a big fan of the form of wrestling known as lucha libre, begins to suspect that he has a close connection with his favorite luchador, El Angel de La Guardia, the Guardian Angel.	ALA Honor 2012 ALA Notable Children's Books 2012 Pura Belpre Honor Book Best Children's Books of 2012 GA Grade 4-8 Book Award 2013-2014 TX Tejas Star Book Award 2012-2013
<i>Rooster Joe And The Bully = El Gallo Joe Y El Abuson</i>	Garza, X	Seventh-grader Joe López, a promising artist, stands up to a bully and survives, thanks to his Grandpa Jesse's advice about "la lucha." A bilingual flip book with Garza's black and white sketches depicting bullies, heroes, and the roosters that Joe loves to draw.	

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<p><i>Lily And Dunkin</i></p>	<p>Gephart, D</p>	<p>Lily is a young transgender girl, in the body of a boy, who is in the eighth grade. Dunkin is a young boy in her class with bipolar disorder. Both know what it is like to be different, but for Dunkin, who has just moved to Lily's school, things are a bit more painful because Dunkin harbors deep secrets that even he can't face. When Lily and Dunkin meet, they slowly become friends, even though Dunkin at first tries to fit in with a popular but bullying crowd, and Lily faces challenges of her own from her friends and family when she "comes out." A "valuable portrait of two teenagers whose journeys are just beginning" (PW).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2016                  2017 Southern Book Award Winner                  Voice Award from the Palm Beach County Action Alliance for Mental Health                  NPR's Best Kids' Books of 2016                  Chicago Public Library Best Fiction for Older Readers 2016                  New York Public Library Best Books for Kids 2016                  Amazon's Top 20 Children's Books of 2016                  Top 10 Audiobooks of 2016 SLJ                  YALSA 2017 Best Fiction for YA                  YALSA 2017 Quick Picks for Reluctant YA Readers                  ALA 2017 Rainbow Book List - GLBTQ Books for Children and Teens                  Georgia Book Award 2017-2018 Nominee                  Rhode Island Middle School Book Award Nominee 2018                  WI Just One More Page! Reading List 2017                  Indie Next Pick Summer 2016                  Junior Library Guild Selection                  Goodreads Choice Awards 2016                  2016 Nerdy Book Club Award                  2016 Rainbow Awards - Best Transgender Book                  2016 Spring Okra Pick - the Best in Southern Literature                  Iowa Teen Award 2019-2020                  Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Award 2019                  Nutmeg Teen Nominee 2019</p>
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<p><i>Braced</i></p>	<p>Gerber, A</p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Rachel Brooks is thrilled to have earned a spot on her middle school soccer team as a forward. To top it off, her crush, Tate, seems to like her back. Everything is falling into place for a perfect year—until she learns her scoliosis is getting worse and she has to wear a back brace 23 hours each day. The brace changes the way her clothes fit and makes everyone treat her differently. Even the way she plays soccer has changed. Now Rachel must fight to keep her spot on the team while struggling with her perception of herself. “The author doesn't diminish Rachel's difficulties, but at heart her story is uplifting ... Comparisons to Judy Blume's 'Deenie' (1973) might be inevitable, but Rachel stands admirably on her own” (KIRK).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2017  YARP MS Teen Choice Nominee 2019-2020  Young Hoosier Middle Grade Nominee 2020  Reader's Choice MS Nominee 2019-2020</p>
<p><i>Spin</i></p>	<p>Giles, L</p>	<p>DJ ParSec, a local music legend, is found murdered over her turntables. Two girls find her, Kya--her pre-fame best friend--and current groupie Fuse. The investigation soon slows down as the police lose interest, so Kya and Fuse, despite their intense hatred of one another, join together to figure out who killed their friend.</p>	<p>Compendium Title  Volunteer HS Nominee 2020-2021</p>

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<p><i>Bessie Stringfield : Tales Of The Talented Tenth</i></p>	<p>Gill, J</p>	<p>Imagine: A five-foot-two-inch-tall black woman riding a Harley Davidson eight times across the continental United States in the 1930s and 1940s—all before the civil rights movement! But being the first woman, let alone the first black woman, to ride across America was not enough for Bessie Stringfield; she did it seven more times. She soon became known as The Motorcycle Queen of Miami and is today honored as the first black woman inducted in the American Motorcyclist Association Hall of Fame, as well as the Harley Davidson Hall of Fame. Stringfield was also a civilian courier for the U.S. military, founded the Iron Horse Motorcycle Club in Miami, and fought Jim Crow racism wherever she went. What a woman! “An incredible true story that has as much power as Bessie and the motorcycles she rode” (KIRK).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2017 Kirkus Reviews Best Historical Teen Book of 2016 ALA Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2018 MD Black-Eyed Susan Graphic Novel Award 2018-2019</p>
<p><i>As The Crow Flies</i></p>	<p>Gillman, M</p>	<p>Thirteen-year-old Charlie Lamonte is stuck on a girls only Christian youth backpacking trip designed to teach a lesson on pioneering women. But being queer and the only person of color, Charlie feels left out--until she meets the secretly transsexual fellow camper, Sydney.</p>	<p>Compendium Winter 2018 Texas Maverick Graphic Novel List 2019 Amelia Bloomer Project Title ALA Honor 2018 Stonewall Book Award ALA Great Graphic Novels for Teens</p>
<p><i>Samantha Spinner And The Spectacular Specs</i></p>	<p>Ginns, R</p>	<p>Samantha Spinner's uncle Paul mysteriously disappears, leaving behind extravagant gifts for her siblings and an old, rusty, red umbrella for Samantha that may contain clues to his whereabouts. The umbrella, however, proved to be a greater gift than she could've imagined as it allowed her access to a secret transit systems that spans the globe. Now, Samantha learns her uncle also left her a pair of strange purple sunglasses, so she suspects that these too have secret abilities and might also lead her to Uncle Paul's whereabouts.</p>	

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<i>Samantha Spinner And The Super-secret Plans</i>	Ginns, R	Samantha's uncle mysteriously disappears, leaving behind extravagant gifts for her siblings and an old, rusty, red umbrella for Samantha that may contain clues to his whereabouts.	Camellia Award Winner 2018-2019 Delaware Diamonds Award 2019-2020
<i>Jason Reynolds</i>	Golkar, G	Briefly profiles the life and work of author Jason Reynolds. Documents his rough childhood in Washington D.C. and the influence his family and teachers had on encouraging Reynolds to write. Also looks at the impact his work has had. Includes color photographs, a glossary, a timeline, an activity, sources for further learning, and an index.	
<i>Barack Obama : Our 44th President</i>	Gormley, B	Highlights the life and achievements of the Harvard Law School graduate, legislator, and civil rights lawyer who became the forty-fourth president of the United States.	
<i>Distance Between Us : Young Readers Edition</i>	Grande, R	Forced to live with her stern grandmother while her parents trek across the dangerous and illegal Mexican border, young Reyna and her siblings can't wait for their parents to return and build a new life for them. Things don't go as planned, however. Now Reyna has to go herself to "El Otro Lado" to live with her biological father, a man she never knew, who has haunted her imagination throughout her childhood. Living in the United States brings other challenges as well, such as figuring out her own identity and how she fits into this new world. "This honest first-person account may be a mirror for many readers, allowing them to see reflections of their own strengths, possibilities, and hopes" (SLJ).	Compendium Spring 2017 CCBC Global Book Americas Award - CLASP - 2017 Best Children's Books of 2017 CA Eureka! Nonfiction Award 2016 ILA YA Choices 2017

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<p><i>Calling All Minds : How To Think And Create Like An Inventor</i></p>	<p>Grandin, T</p>	<p>Explores the processes that went into inventing a variety of things. Highlights how all minds have the capability to think like an inventor--all it takes is a little tinkering, creative thinking, and some trial and error. Includes text-related experiments, step-by-step instructions, diagrams, and photographs.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2018</p>
<p><i>Refugee</i></p>	<p>Gratz, A</p>	<p>Three children. Three different countries. Three harrowing stories of survival under the shadow of war. Josef's Jewish family flees Nazi Germany in 1938. Isabel's family braves the ocean in a homemade raft in 1994 in the hopes of a better life in America. And in 2015, Mahmoud's family hopes to find refuge from the war raging in Syria. Each protagonist navigates the uncertainty of leaving behind the only life they've ever known, revealing the fear and heartache associated with being a refugee. Author "Gratz accomplishes a feat that is nothing short of brilliant, offering a skillfully wrought narrative laced with global and intergenerational reverberations that signal hope for the future" (KIRK).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2017          Isinglass Teen Read Award Nominee          Sydney Taylor Book Award          Buckeye Children's Award Winner          Maine Student Book Award          YARP MS Teen Choice Winner          Junior Book Award          Golden Sower YA Novel Nominee          Texas Bluebonnet Award          Louisiana Young Readers' Choice          William Allen White Award          Grand Canyon Reader Tween Nominee          Arkansas Teen Book Award          The Global Read Aloud Contender 2018          Missouri Truman Reader Award          Iowa Teen Award          Young Reader Medal          Rebecca Caudill Young Reader Award          Young Hoosier Middle Grade Nominee          NCSS Notable Title 2018          PNLA Young Reader's Choice Nominee          Maud Hart Lovelace Award          North Dakota Flicker Tale MS Fiction Award  <i>(more individual state awards not noted due to space restriction)</i></p>

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<p><i>Dark Sons</i></p>	<p>Grimes, N</p>	<p>Alternating poems compare and contrast the conflicted feelings of Ishmael, son of the Biblical patriarch Abraham, and Sam, a teenager in New York City, as they try to come to terms with being abandoned by their fathers and with the love they feel for their younger stepbrothers.</p>	<p>Compendium Title Coretta Scott King Award Best Books for YA 2006 Bank Street College Best Children's Books NCTE Notable Books NJ Garden State Fiction Award TX Tayshas HS Reading Award 2006-2007</p>
<p><i>One Last Word : Wisdom From The Harlem Renaissance</i></p>	<p>Grimes, N</p>	<p>A collection of illustrated poems from voices out of the Harlem Renaissance such as Langston Hughes, Georgia Douglas Johnson, Gwendolyn Bennett, and Countee Cullen. Also includes poetry by author Nikki Grimes inspired by the poems of the Harlem artists.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2017 VOYA Nonfiction Honor List 2018 William Allen White Award Prairie Pasque Nominee 2019-2020 Garden State Teen Fiction Award 2020 E.B. White Read Aloud Honor Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2017 Notable Books for a Global Society 2018 Massachusetts Children's Book Award 2018-2019 Boston Globe - Horn Book 2017 DC Capitol Choices Award MI Great Lakes Great Books Award SLJ Best Books 2017 WI Just One More Page! Reading List 2018</p>
<p><i>My Family Divided : One Girl's Journey Of Home, Loss, And Ho</i></p>	<p>Guerrero, D</p>	<p>Guerrero was the daughter of undocumented immigrants living in Boston. When she was fourteen, she came home to find that her parents had been arrested and would be deported. Alone (neither ICE nor Child Protective Services ever checked on her), she had to rely on friends to survive. Guerrero details the financial and emotional troubles that resulted from this childhood trauma, as well as how she ended up on the show "Orange Is the New Black."</p>	<p>Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2018 NV Intermediate Reader Award 2020</p>

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<i>Freedom For Me : A Chinese Yankee</i>	Haas, S	As the Civil War begins, Thomas longs to fight for the Union but his brother Robert tells him he can't because there are no Chinese Yankees. But Thomas is determined, and although underage, he talks his way into the Union Army. However, even there he endures racism. But when Thomas befriends a runaway slave just prior to the Battle of Gettysburg, he begins to understand the true meaning of freedom. Based on the life of a real Chinese Yankee in the American Civil War.	Skipping Stones Honor Award 2018
<i>Underground Abductor : An Abolitionist Tale</i>	Hale, N	Presents a graphic novel biography of escaped slave Harriet Tubman, who risked her life helping other slaves escape on the Underground Railroad.	Compendium Fall 2015 New York Times Bestseller Youper Award Massachusetts Children's Book Award 2018-2019 Young Hoosier Award MD Black-Eyed Susan Award ME Student Book Award NCSS Notable Title 2016 SD Prairie Pasque 2017-2018 TX Little Maverick Graphic Novel List TX Maverick Graphic Novel List WI Just One More Page! Reading List 2016
<i>Always And Forever, Lara Jean</i>	Han, J	High School Senior Lara Jean thinks her life couldn't get more perfect, but when she receives some unexpected news she has to rethink all her plans for the future.	Compendium Fall 2017 Colorado Blue Spruce YA Award 2019-2020
<i>P.s. I Still Love You</i>	Han, J	Just as Lara Jean Song is navigating a new relationship with Peter, a former crush reenters her life and causes her to question which boy she is really meant to be with.	APALA YA Literature Award Best Children's Books of 2016 IRA YA Choices Award 2016
<i>To All The Boys I've Loved Before</i>	Han, J	Lara Jean writes love letters to all the boys she has loved and then hides them in a hatbox until one day those letters are accidentally sent and Lara Jean's love life spins out of control.	Compendium Fall 2014 New York Times Bestseller Louisiana Teen Readers' Choice Honor



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<i>Perfect Place</i>	Harris, T	Twelve-year-old Treasure Daniels and her younger sister must move in with Great-aunt Grace until their mother sorts herself out, but life in Black Lake, Virginia, where segregation lingers, is hard and Grace is a nightmare--at least on the surface.	Compendium Spring 2015 Best Children's Books of 2015 CCBC Book 2015 LA Young Reader's Choice 2017
<i>Few Red Drops : The Chicago Race Riot Of 1919</i>	Hartfield, C	Explores the 1919 race riot in Chicago prompted by a single act of violence against a young black man. Driven by white European immigrants and black migrants from the South, the two races were pit against each other for jobs and living space, which created a breeding ground for racial hatred. Includes black-and-white photographs and examples of propaganda materials.	Compendium Winter 2018 Coretta Scott King Award Carter G. Woodson Book Award 2019 ALA Honor Chicago Public Library Best Teen Titles 2018
<i>Mighty Jack</i>	Hatke, B	Jack is probably the only kid in the world who dreads the arrival of summer. Summertime is when his single mother takes a second job, leaving Jack at home to take care of Maddy, his autistic kid sister. It's a lot of responsibility, but it is also boring, because Maddy never talks. However, this summer is different. While walking through a flea market, Maddy tells Jack to trade their mother's car for a box of mysterious seeds. What a wonderful mistake! What begins as a normal little garden grows up into a magical jungle, with pink pumpkins that bite and little onion babies running free everywhere! One moonlit night, a dragon even shows up ... "A comic-book riff on the classic tale of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'" (KIRK).	Compendium Spring 2017 Maine Student Book Award Winners Kirkus Prize - Young Readers Nominees - 2016 Delaware Diamonds Award MS 2017-2018 Young Hoosier Intermediate Nominee 2019 Garden State Children's Graphic Novel Award 2019

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<p><i>Mighty Jack And The Goblin King</i></p>	<p>Hatke, B</p>	<p>Like a bolt from the blue, Jack's little sister Maddy is gone—carried into another realm by an ogre.                  When Jack and Lilly follow Maddy's captor through the portal, they are ready for anything . . . except what they find waiting for them in the floating crossroads between worlds. Even the power of their magic plants may not be enough to get them back to earth alive.                  Alone and injured, Jack and Lilly must each face their own monsters—as well as giants who grind the bones of human children to feed their “beast” and a fearsome goblin king in the sewers down below.                  But when Jack finds himself in a tough spot, help comes from the most unlikely person: the goblin king!                  Ben Hatke, the #1 New York Times–bestselling author of <i>Zita the Spacegirl</i>, concludes his latest middle-grade fantasy-adventure graphic novel series, <i>Mighty Jack</i>, with the energetic finale to his retelling of <i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i>.</p>	<p>Compendium Winter 2018                  ALA Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2018</p>
<p><i>Wonder At The Edge Of The World</i></p>	<p>Helget, N</p>	<p>As a girl of the mid-19th century, 13-year-old Hallelujah Wonder has few opportunities to pursue her dream of becoming a scientist. But then her father is murdered by his nemesis Captain Greeney, leaving Lu in charge of his secret, priceless collection of artifacts which includes a shrunken head with magical powers—an object that Captain Greeney has literally killed to get his hands on. Lu sets off on an epic quest with her friend Eustace, an escaped slave, to find the ultimate hiding place for the mysteriously potent talisman. “With Hallelujah at the helm, this is a full-blown adventure tinged with</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2015                  Best Children's Books of 2016</p>

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		mysticism, intelligence, and the spirit of discovery” (BL).	
<i>Other Boy</i>	Hennessey, M	Twelve-year-old Shane Woods loves pitching on his baseball team, writing graphic novels, and spending time with his best friend Josh. But nobody knows that Shane is transgender--that he was assigned at birth as female but really identifies as a boy. And when someone at school threatens to expose Shane's secret, he must find a way to ignore the hate, accept himself, and show the world what his identity means.	ALA Rainbow Project Book List 2017 ME Student Book Award 2017-2018 NC YA Book Award MS 2018-2019 OH Buckeye Children's Award 2017 RI Middle School Award Nominee 2017-2018 VA Reader's Choice MS 2018-2019
<i>Laughing Out Loud, I Fly : Poems In English And Spanish</i>	Herrera, J	A collection of poems in Spanish and English about childhood, place, and identity.	Juan Felipe Herrera (Author) is U.S. Poet Laureate Pura Belpre Honor Book SALSA - Spanish Language Books 2016 VOYA Poetry Picks
<i>Friends With Boys</i>	Hicks, F	After an idyllic childhood of homeschooling with her mother and three older brothers, Maggie enrolls in public high school, where interacting with her peers is complicated by the melancholy ghost that has followed her throughout her entire life.	Compendium Fall 2012 ALSC Graphic Novel Reading List 2016 Best Children's Books of 2013 CCBC Book 2013 NJ Garden State Teen Fiction Award TX Maverick Graphic Novel List 2013

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<p><i>Nameless City</i></p>	<p>Hicks, F</p>	<p>Rat, an orphaned street girl, lives in the city that has been conquered by the Dao who killed her parents. Thirteen-year-old Kaidu is the son of a Dao leader who just arrived in the city for military training. And though Rat initially hates Kaidu and everything he represents, the two become unlikely friends. And when an assassination plot unfolds, the future of the city depends on them working together. “Offer this winning graphic novel to fans of 'Fullmetal Alchemist' and 'Avatar: The Last Airbender,' who will appreciate its mix of fun and adventure and its exploration of questions of identity, belonging, and history. A superb beginning” (KIRK).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2016          Kirkus Prize Young Readers' Nominee 2016          Reader's Choice Award Nominee 2018-2019          Rhode Island MS Nominee 2018-2019</p>
<p><i>Born Confused</i></p>	<p>Hidier, T</p>	<p>Seventeen-year-old Dimple, whose family is from India, discovers that she is not Indian enough for the Indians and not American enough for the Americans, as she sees her hypnotically beautiful, manipulative best friend taking possession of both her heritage and the boy she likes.</p>	<p>Compendium Title          APALA Children's Literature Award          ALA Best Books for YA          ALA Popular Paperbacks for YA          Bulletin Blue Ribbon Award          CCBC Book          Chicago Public Library Best of the Best          Children's Literature Choices Award          DC Capitol Choices Award          GA Peach Teen Choice Award          IL Abraham Lincoln Award          NJ Garden State Fiction Award          PA Reader's Choice YA          SD YARP Reading List</p>

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<p><i>Full Cicada Moon</i></p>	<p>Hilton, M</p>	<p>In 1969, 11-year-old Mimi moves with her African American father and Japanese mother to a small town in Vermont, and suddenly it seems like her appearance is the only thing about her that people notice. That is until Mimi, who wants to be an astronaut, is suspended for refusing to follow the school's rule that girls take home economics class and boys take shop class. Despite the fact that many of her classmates have made Mimi feel singled out due to her ethnicity, a number of them come to her defense by organizing a sit-in protesting her suspension. "Through the perspective of this clear-eyed, courageous heroine, [author] Hilton ... powerfully recreates a time of momentous transition in American history" (PW).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2016 Winner of the 2015-2016 APALA Literature Award - Children's Category</p>
<p><i>Night Diary</i></p>	<p>Hiranandani, V</p>	<p>Shy twelve-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her deceased Muslim mother in the pages of her diary.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2018 2019 Newbery Honor Book Great Stone Face Nominees 2019-2020 The Global Read Aloud Contenders 2018 Texas Lone Star Reading List 2019 SLJ 2018 Best Books 2019 ALA Honor Just One More Page! Reading List 2019 ALA Notable Children's Books 2019 Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Award 2020 Georgia Children's Book Award 2019-2020 2019 CCBC Book Beehive Fiction Award Nominee 2019-2020 Capitol Choices Award 2019 Notable Books for a Global Society 2019 Maine Student Book Award Reading List 2019-2020 ILA Teachers' Choices Reading List 2019 Volunteer Intermediate Nominees 2020-2021 The Walter Award</p>

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<i>One True Way</i>	Hitchcock, S	Allie and Samantha, two middle school girls in the 1970s American South, struggle with their growing feelings for each other, and find challenges and support from unlikely places.	Compendium Winter 2018 Maine Student Book Award Reading List 2019-2020
<i>Ugly</i>	Hoge, R	Memoir from writer Robert Hoge, born with a tumor in his face that left him looking different than everyone he knew. Discusses how Hoge dealt with bullying, accepting his appearance, and creating a positive identity for himself.	Compendium Spring 2017 Iowa Teen Award Texas Topaz Nonfiction Reading List 2018
<i>Totally Joe</i>	Howe, J	When seventh-grader Joe Bunch is instructed to write his life's story alphabetically for a school assignment, he bares his soul about his family, friends, and blossoming homosexuality. After being bullied at school, his coming-out leads to "No-Name Day."	Compendium Title NEA LGBTQ Reading Recommendations ALA Rainbow Project Book List 2008 ALA Notable Children's Books 2006 Bank Street College Best Children's Books CCBC Book 2006 Lambda Literary Award ME Student Book Award MI Thumbs Up! 2006 Nominee NCTE Notable Book NH Isinglass Teen Read List 2010-2011 NJ Garden State Fiction Award 2008
<i>Jonesy : 1</i>	Humphries, S	Jonesy is a regular teenager with the powers to make anybody fall in love with anyone else, but unfortunately, the powers don't work on herself. Left to her own non-magic devices, Jonesy learns that love sometimes isn't all it's cracked up to be.	ALA Top Ten Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2018 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2016 TX Maverick Graphic Novels List 2017
<i>Jonesy : 2</i>	Humphries, S	Jonesy's plan to make two teenagers from different social classes fall in love succeeds, but ruins her chance of attending the biggest concert of the year.	ALA Top Ten Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2018

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<i>Confronting Lgbtq+ Discrimination</i>	Hurt, A	Discusses the discrimination faced by LGBTQ+ individuals and provides advice to LGBTQ+ people and their allies on confronting this discrimination and starting change in their schools and communities. Includes sidebars, common myths and facts, questions to ask an LGBTQ+ rights activist, a glossary, and resources for further information.	
<i>Rosa Parks : Civil Rights Activist</i>	Hurt, A	Explores the life and legacy of Rosa Parks, a woman who decided to not give up her seat on a Montgomery bus for a white person, which in turn started the Montgomery Bus Boycott in 1955. Discusses how this boycott was a turning point in the fight for civil rights.	
<i>Case Of Windy Lake</i>	Hutchinson, M	The Mighty Muskrats--Sam, Otter, Atim, and Chickadee--decide to solve the case of a missing archeologist on the Windy Lake First Nation. But even with community conflict and environmental protests, the quartet doesn't let anything distract them from their investigation.	
<i>Lgbtq Rights</i>	Hyde, N	Examines primary and secondary sources to discuss the history of LGBTQ rights, from the Stonewall riots in the 1960s through the decriminalization of homosexuality and marriage rights. Helps young readers analyze the concepts of freedoms in a democracy.	
<i>How Mexican Immigrants Made America Home</i>	Imery-garcia, A	Explores the history of Mexico and the emigration of Mexican citizens to America, highlighting the struggles they faced. Includes maps, archival and color photographs, a timeline, a glossary, and resources for further information.	

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<i>Diary Of A Tokyo Teen : A Japanese-american Girl Travels To</i>	Inzer, C	Illustrated, comic-style memoir detailing the experiences of a sixteen-year-old girl with one Japanese and one American parent on her first trip back to Japan after her birth. Discusses differences in culture, food, style, and time spent with her extended family.	2017 Creative Child Magazine Preferred Choice Award 2017 Moonbeam Children's Book Award Global Medal Winner 2016 Great Graphic Novel for Teens by the YA Library Services Association ALA Quick Picks for Reluctant YA 2017
<i>Midnight Without A Moon</i>	Jackson, L	Rose Lee Carter, a thirteen-year-old African-American girl, dreams of life beyond the Mississippi cotton fields during the summer of 1955, but when Emmett Till is murdered and his killers are unjustly acquitted, Rose is torn between seeking her destiny outside of Mississippi or staying and being a part of an important movement.	Compendium 2017 Nutmeg Middle School Nominee 2020 ALA Notable Children's Books 2018
<i>All's Faire In Middle School</i>	Jamieson, V	Eleven-year-old Imogene has spent her life among the employees and guests at the Renaissance Faire where both her parents work. When she trades home-schooling for public school, she feels self-conscious about her family's lifestyle and her thrift shop clothing for the first time. Then joining a clique at school goes terribly wrong, and Imogene finds herself the laughingstock. Her efforts to fit in leave her wondering if she has the righteous heart of a knight, or the cold heart of a dragon. In the end, she reclaims the goodness within her that she's always possessed. "[Author] Jamieson doesn't disappoint in her first graphic novel since her Newbery Honor-winning 'Roller Girl'" (PW).	Compendium Winter 2018 Great Texas Mosquito List 2019-2020 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Blue Hen Middle Graphic Novel Nominee 2020 William Allen White Award South Carolina Junior Book Award Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Award 2020 Young Hoosier Middle Grade Nominees 2020 Loe Lizard List 2019-2020 Sunshine State Young Readers 2019-2020 Reader's Choice Nominee 2019-2020 Garden State Teen Fiction Nominee 2020 Black-Eyed Susan Graphic Novel Winner ALA Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2018 VOYA Top Shelf Fiction for MS Readers 2017 ALA Notable Children's Books 2018
<i>Being Jazz : My Life As A (Transgender) Teen</i>	Jennings, J	The author, Jazz Jennings, shares her journey from being a girl toward becoming a young woman as a transgender teen.	Compendium Spring 2017 Best Children's Books of 2017 TX Tayshas HS Reading Award



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<p><i>Taking Hold : From Migrant Childhood To Columbia University</i></p>	<p>Jimenez, F</p>	<p>This memoir is the fourth book in author Jiménez's autobiographical series, in which he chronicles his experiences as a young migrant worker who draws strength from his family and culture to escape poverty and build a better life for himself. Here, he recounts the difficult decision he made to leave behind his family, beloved girlfriend, and community in California to move to New York City to attend Columbia University, and the hard-won success that followed as a result of pursuing his dreams. "Simply written but full of beautiful details, this book should inspire every citizen of our diverse and changing world" (VOYA).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2015 CCBC Book 2016</p>
<p><i>Bag Of Marbles : The Graphic Novel</i></p>	<p>Joffo, J</p>	<p>In 1941, ten-year-old Joseph Joffo and his older brother, Maurice, must hide their Jewish heritage and undertake a long and dangerous journey from Nazi-occupied Paris to reach their other brothers in the free zone.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2014 Bulletin Blue Ribbon Award 2013</p>
<p><i>Breakaways</i></p>	<p>Johnson, C</p>	<p>Faith starts middle school worried about how she will fit in. Surprisingly, a popular eighth-grader convinces Faith to join the soccer team--a sport she's never played. She lands on the pretty terrible C team and discovers a group of misfits better at drama than soccer. But they slowly develop an uneasy bond and teach each other about loyalty, identity, friendship, and teamwork.</p>	
<p><i>Combat Zone</i></p>	<p>Jones, P</p>	<p>Justin, a bully at his high school in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, is confused and angry when his father, a respected Navy SEAL returning home from duty, admits he's gay.</p>	

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<p><i>Forbidden Schoolhouse : The True And Dramatic Story Of Prude</i></p>	<p>Jurmain, S</p>	<p>Profiles Prudence Crandall and her efforts to teach African-American girls at a white schoolhouse in Canterbury, Connecticut, in the early 1830s. Describes how Miss Crandall's school became a site of violence and protest as she tried to teach geography, history, reading, philosophy, and chemistry to African-American girls.</p>	<p>ALA Best Books for YA 2006          ALA Notable Books for YA 2006          AZ Grand Canyon Reader Teen Award 2008          Bank Street College Best Children's Books Booklist Editor's Choice          Bulletin Blue Ribbon Award          CCBC Book 2006          DC Capitol Choices Award 2006          IRA Notable Books for a Global Society          James Madison Book Honor          NCSS Notable Title          NJ Garden State Nonfiction Award 2008          Orbis Pictus Honor          RI Children's Book Award 2006-2007</p>
<p><i>Half A World Away</i></p>	<p>Kadohata, C</p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Jaden, the Romanian-born adopted son of an American couple, is struggling with attachment difficulties, causing him to act out by stealing, starting fires, hoarding, and obsessing. So when his parents inform him that they are traveling as a family to adopt a baby from Kazakhstan, Jaden is sure they are replacing him since he's an "epic fail." But once in Kazakhstan, Jaden encounters a special-needs toddler named Dimash who seeks him out every time they visit the orphanage, prompting Jaden to face the difficult emotions surrounding his own history as well as to experience concern about Dimash's future. "Without sugarcoating the complexities and mishaps that can accompany overseas adoption, Kadohata creates an inspiring story that celebrates hope and second chances" (PW).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2015          Booklist Ed. Choice Books for Youth 2014          CCBC Book 2015          Lamplighter Award          MD Black-Eyed Susan Award          MI Great Lakes Great Books Award 2015-2016          NCSS Notable Title 2015          NJ Garden State Teen Fiction Award 2017          WI Just One More Page! Reading List 2015</p>

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<p><i>Thing About Luck</i></p>	<p>Kadohata, C</p>	<p>Just when twelve-year-old Summer thinks nothing else can possibly go wrong in a year of bad luck, an emergency takes her parents to Japan, leaving Summer to care for her little brother while helping her grandmother cook and do laundry for harvest workers.</p>	<p>National Book Award Winner            Compendium Fall 2013            APALA Children's Literature Award            AR Charlie May Simon Award            Best Children's Books of 2014            Book Links Lasting Connections of 2013            Booklist Ed. Choice Books for Youth            CCBC Book 2014            Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2013            DC Capitol Choices Award            Horn Book Fanfare 2013            NJ Garden State Teen Fiction            NM Land of Enchantment 2014-2015            PA KRSA Young Adult MS 2014-2015            Parents' Choice Award            School Library Journal Best Books 2013            TN Volunteer MS Award            VOYA Top Shelf Fiction for MS            VT Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award            WA Sasquatch Reading Award            Just One More Page! Reading List 2014</p>
<p><i>Boy Who Harnessed The Wind :            Young Readers Edition</i></p>	<p>Kamkwamba,            W</p>	<p>When a severe drought descended on his Malawi village, 14-year-old William Kamkwamba felt helpless. His family was already so poor that not only could they not afford to send him to school, but they barely had enough food to eat, living on insects and a mouthful of rationed food per day. It was not long, however, before William came up with an idea, inspired by time spent in the local library reading about engineering—he decided to build a windmill to draw water for irrigation. William's project was immensely successful, resulting in both water and energy for his family and neighbors, as well as a prototype for future projects in famine-stricken areas. A</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2015            Children's Africana Book Award            CCBC Book</p>

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		“fascinating, well-told account that will intrigue curious minds” (SLJ).	
<i>On Two Feet And Wings : One Boy's Amazing Story Of Survival</i>	Kazerooni, A	After escaping Iran to avoid service as a child soldier, nine-year-old Abbas Kazerooni must survive on his own in Istanbul, relying only on his wits and the help of strangers. Based on the author's real-life experiences.	Compendium Spring 2015 ME Student Book Award 2015-2016
<i>Science Of Breakable Things</i>	Keller, T	When Natalie's teacher, Mr. Neely, says that everyone in class must answer an important question using the scientific process, Natalie's question is "how do you grow a miracle?" in the hopes of helping her botanist mother, who is suffering from depression. When Mr. Neely suggests that Natalie enter an egg drop competition, Natalie hopes to use the prize money to fly her mother to see the Cobalt Blue Orchids, flowers that survive against impossible odds, to help her mother love life again. As Natalie and her friends develop their plans for the competition, she discovers that the only way to solve problems is to talk about them.	Compendium Spring 2018 Named One of the Best Books of the Year by NPR, Kirkus Reviews, and the Chicago Public Library Just One More Page! Reading List 2019

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<p><i>Blackbird Fly</i></p>	<p>Kelly, E</p>	<p>After her father dies, Apple Yengko and her mother move from the Philippines to Louisiana. Now in middle school, Apple's life is falling apart. The first friends she made after the move are trying to become popular, so continuing to hang out with Apple, a girl on the stupid boys' "Dog-Log" list of unpopular and ugly girls, is a no go. Apple's only refuge is music and her father's Beatles cassette tape. She thinks if she can learn to play guitar and some of those songs, "Blackbird" in particular, she will be transformed. Fortunately for Apple, some new friends come along who teach her she's special just the way she is. Author Kelly's tale "will resonate with any student ... who has felt different and ostracized" (SLJ).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2015          ALA Notable Children's Books of 2016          Best Children's Books 2016          CCBC Book 2016          Delaware Diamonds Award Winner          Golden Kite Award Winner          IRA Children's Choices 2016          OK Sequoyah Intermediate Book Award 2018          School Library Journal Best Books 2015</p>
<p><i>Hello, Universe</i></p>	<p>Kelly, E</p>	<p>When Chet "the Bull" Bullens pulls an unthinkable prank on shy, misunderstood Virgil, which also affects Gulliver--Virgil's pet hamster--Valencia Somerset and Kaori Tanaka find their lives and Virgil's and Chet's colliding in surprising ways.</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2017          Newbery Medal Winner          2018-2019 Texas Bluebonnet Award          2019-2020 William Allen White Award          2019-2020 Young Reader's Choice Award 6-8          2020 Garden State Teen Fiction Nominee          2018 ALA Honor          2017 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best          2018 Notable Children's Books</p>
<p><i>Riding Chance</i></p>	<p>Kendall, C</p>	<p>After Troy's mother dies and he gets into trouble on the streets of Philadelphia, he's assigned to the city stables to care for the horses there. Troy begins to work through his grief and discovers the game of polo. It is through polo that he finds redemption, hope, and a second chance at life.</p>	<p>Compendium 2016</p>

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<p><i>Amina's Voice</i></p>	<p>Khan, H</p>	<p>In a quiet Milwaukee suburb lives the musically gifted Pakistani American Muslim girl Amina. Her best friend is Soojin, a South Korean girl who will soon become a citizen. Amina is confused when Soojin starts hanging out with Emily, one of the popular mean girls, and talks about changing her name to “something more American.” What does that mean for Amina? Should she change her name, too? Then Amina's strict Muslim uncle visits and tells her that her piano playing is forbidden in Islam, and Amina is truly at a loss when her beloved Islamic Center is vandalized. What is happening to Amina's world? “Written as beautifully as Amina's voice surely is, this compassionate, timely novel is highly recommended” (BL).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2017          Washington Post Best Children's Books of 2017          2018-2019 TX Bluebonnet Award          2019-2020 William Allan White Award          2018 Global Read Aloud Contender          2019-2020 South Carolina Children's Book Award          2020 IN Young Hoosier Intermediate Nominee          2018 NCSS Notable Social Studies Book          2019-2020 Readers' Choice Middle School Nominee          Booklists's 50 Best Middle Grade Books of the 21st Century          2019-2020 Maud Hart Lovelace Award Div. 1 Nominee          2019-2020 Reader's Choice Award Gr. 3-5 Nominee          2017 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best          2018 ALA Notable Children's Book          2018-2019 YARP MS Teen Choice Nominee</p>
<p><i>Out Of Left Field</i></p>	<p>Klages, E</p>	<p>In 1957, inspired by what she is learning about civil rights and armed with knowledge of female ball players, ten-year-old Katy Gordon fights to be allowed to play Little League baseball.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2018          Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award 2019-2020          Maine Student Book Award Reading List 2019-2020          ILA Teachers' Choice Reading List 2019</p>
<p><i>Transgender Rights And Protections</i></p>	<p>Klein, R</p>	<p>Discusses the issues surrounding the rights of transgendered people including public bathrooms, bullying, health care, and housing.</p>	<p>ALA Rainbow Project Book List 2018</p>

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<p><i>See You At Harry's</i></p>	<p>Knowles, J</p>	<p>Seventh grader Fern has a full (and somewhat complicated) life: Her high school freshman brother, Holden, has taken the first steps toward acknowledging he is gay, and their older sister Sara is spending her first year after high school helping with the family restaurant, allowing her overly critical eye to land wherever it pleases. Then there's three-year-old Charlie, oftentimes messy but always loved, and the children's distant parents who leave them all desperate for more attention. When a sudden tragedy rips the family apart, Fern is at the forefront of their efforts to manage the pain and vividly describes the process by which her siblings come together to find some semblance of healing. "Prescient writing, fully developed characters and completely, tragically believable situations elevate this sad, gripping tale to a must-read level" (KIRK).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2012          ALA Best Fiction for YA 2013          ALA Notable Children's Books 2013          Best Children's Books of 2013          CCBC Book 2013          Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2012          CT Nutmeg Teen Award          DC Capitol Choices Award          IA Teen Award          IL Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Award          MD Black-Eyed Susan Award          MO Truman Reading Nominee          NCTE Notable Books 2013          NJ Garden State Teen Fiction Award          RI Teen Book Award Nominee          SC Junior Book Award          SC YARP MS Reading List          TN Volunteer MS Award          VT Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award</p>
<p><i>Life As A Nigerian American</i></p>	<p>Kovacs, V</p>	<p>Briefly explores the history of Nigerians in America, discussing the history of Nigeria and the slave trade, to ways in which modern Nigerian immigrants make a home in the United States. Includes a list of famous Nigerian Americans, a glossary, and resources for further information.</p>	
<p><i>Black Sheep, White Crow And Other Windmill Tales : Stories F</i></p>	<p>Kristofic, J</p>	<p>A young boy named Kameron moves to his grandma's sheep camp on the Navajo Reservation. When Kameron takes the sheep out to the local windmill, he encounters an old storyteller who tells him eight tales of the Diné people and their culture.</p>	<p>Skipping Stones Book Award 2018</p>

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<p><i>Vine Basket</i></p>	<p>La valley, J</p>	<p>Life has been hard for 14-year-old Mehrigul, a member of the Uyghur tribal group scorned by the Chinese communist regime. Forced out of school by her father, Mehrigul spends long days on her family's farm, helping to tend whatever needs arise even as her father's penchant for drinking and gambling robs them of what little income they earn. So when an American offers to buy all the baskets she can make in three weeks, Mehrigul strives for a better future for herself and her family—especially her younger sister, who is still in school—despite her father's opposition. “The realistic and satisfying resolution will resonate with readers, even as they learn the fascinating details of an unfamiliar culture” (SLJ).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2013            APALA Children's Literature Award            Amelia Bloomer Project 2014            AR Charlie May Simon Award            Best Children's Books of 2014            IRA Notable Books for a Global Society 2014            ND Flicker Tale Juvenile 2014-2015            Parents' Choice Award Winner            VT Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award            WA Sasquatch Reading 2017            WI Just One More Page! Reading List 2014</p>
<p><i>Listen, Slowly</i></p>	<p>Lai, T</p>	<p>In this “superb, sometimes humorous, always thought-provoking coming-of-age story” (BL), 12-year-old Mai cannot wait to spend her summer at the beach. There she plans on getting to know “HIM,” the boy she's crushing on. Her parents crush those plans when they tell her she must fly to Vietnam with her grandmother to meet her large extended family—get in touch with her roots and all that. At first Mai hates Vietnam, considering herself a true American; but as she spends more time there and gets to know some distant cousins as friends, she decides Vietnam is not so bad after all.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2015            New York Times Book Review Notable Book            Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year            CCBC Book            Indian Paintbrush Award Nominee 2018-2019</p>
<p><i>Don't Fail Me Now</i></p>	<p>Lamarche, U</p>	<p>African American teen Michelle cares for her two siblings in urban Baltimore while their mother is in jail. Leah and her stepbrother Tim, both white, live in a middle-class suburb of Maryland. Michelle and Leah share the same father who abandoned them—Buck Devereaux. When the two learn Buck is dying, the whole group</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2016            SC Young Adult Book Award 2017-2018</p>



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		embarks on a road trip to California to see him one last time.	
<i>Whiteout</i>	Lanang, V	Hoping to be a professional snowboarder like her father, sixteen-year-old Jessa Castillo ignores an approaching storm to practice snowboarding with her brother, Pax, fourteen, but soon the two are trapped in a blizzard.	
<i>Spinner Prince</i>	Laney, M	In the future as a new species rules the planet, thirteen-year-old Prince Leo struggles to control and understand a new dangerous power he discovers inside himself.	
<i>Goldie Vance : 1</i>	Larson, H	When Walter, the current in-house hotel detective, encounters a case he can't crack, he agrees to mentor Goldie in exchange for her help solving the mystery utilizing her smarts, random skills, and connections with the hotel staff and various folks in town.	TX Maverick Graphic Novel Award 2017
<i>Scarlett Undercover</i>	Latham, J	Fifteen-year-old Scarlett is a Muslim and a private detective who investigates a boy's suicide in her town and uncovers a plot involving cults, curses, and the seemingly supernatural.	Compendium Fall 2015 ALA Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers 2016 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2015 SC Young Adult Book Award 2017-2018
<i>Stormy Seas : Stories Of Young Boat Refugees</i>	Leatherdale, M	All throughout history refugees have used boats to try to escape hostile homelands. Author Leatherdale and illustrator Eleanor Shakespeare present five true stories of young people who have set sail to seek refuge—Ruth and her family escape the Nazis aboard the “St. Louis”; Phu goes it alone to escape the war in Vietnam; José desperately sets out on a raft from Cuba; Najeeba tries to escape the Taliban in Afghanistan; and Mohamed, an orphan, is forced	Compendium Fall 2017 VOYA Nonfiction Honor List 2018 California Eureka! Nonfiction Award 2017 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2017 Texas Topaz Nonfiction Reading List 2018 Booklist Editors' Choice Books for Youth 2017 Skipping Stones Honor Awards 2018 Notable Books for a Global Society 2018

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		to flee his Ivory Coast home for safety. "A timely, powerful piece of nonfiction" (SLJ).	
<i>Not Your Sidekick</i>	Lee, C	When high school student Jessica Tran accepts a paid internship with the local supervillain, she's happy to at least be working alongside her crush, Abby. In a town where everyone has superpowers, Jessica is just trying to fit in and maybe spite her super hero parents in the process. But when she uncovers a dangerous plot, Jessica soon realizes she might be in too deep.	CCBC Book 2017 Lambda Literary Award Finalist
<i>Power Up</i>	Leth, K	When it was prophesied that the galaxy would be led into a new age by four distinguished champions, no one expected them to be a retail worker, a mom, a washed up high-school football star, and a goldfish.	MD Black-Eyed Susan Graphic Novel Award TX Maverick Graphic Novels List 2017

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<p><i>We've Got A Job : The 1963 Birmingham Children's March</i></p>	<p>Levinson, C</p>	<p>Drawing from original interviews and archival research, author Levinson offers a vivid and poignant account of the moment when nearly 4,000 black children in Birmingham, Alabama took to the streets in 1963 to protest segregation. This volume centers on four students -- a nine-year-old; two nonviolent teenage activists; and a high-school drop-out. Through their stories, readers get a glimpse of the unjust laws and seedy politicians that plagued the South. More importantly, their stories highlight "the courageous children's crusade and the change it helped bring about in the face of widespread prejudice and brutality." (PW).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2012          YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction Honor          NEA African American Booklist          ALA Honor 2013          ALA Notable Children's Book 2013          AZ Grand Canyon Reader Tween Nonfiction 2015          Best Children's Books of 2013          Book Links Lasting Connections of 2012          Booklist Ed. Choice Books for Youth 2012          CA Eureka! Nonfiction Children's Award 2012          CCBC Book 2013          Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2012          DC Capitol Choices Award          Golden Kite Award          IRA Notable Books for a Global Society 2013          Jane Addams Honor          NJ Garden State Teen Nonfiction Award          Orbis Pictus Honor          Parents' Choice Award          SLJ Best Books of 2012          TN Volunteer Award 2014-2015          Spirit of Texas Award MS 2014-2015          VOYA Nonfiction Honor List</p>
<p><i>Little White Duck : A Childhood In China</i></p>	<p>Liu, N</p>	<p>A young girl describes her experiences growing up in China, beginning with the death of Chairman Mao in 1976.</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2012          Best Children's Books of 2013          CCBC Book 2013          CCBC Global Book          Horn Book Fanfare 2012          MD Black-Eyed Susan Graphic Novel Award 2013-2014          TX Maverick Graphic Novel List 2014</p>

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<p><i>Rules</i></p>	<p>Lord, C</p>	<p>Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with an young paraplegic.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2007            Newbery Honor            Schneider Family Book Award            Buckeye Children's Award Winner            Maine Student Book Award Winner            Great Stone Face Award Winner            Great Lakes Great Books Award Winner            Kentucky Bluegrass Award Winner            Libarians' Top 10 Choices</p>
<p><i>Number The Stars</i></p>	<p>Lowry, L</p>	<p>In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.</p>	<p>Newbery Medal            AR Charlie May Simon Award            IL Bluestem Book Award            IL Rebecca Caudill Award            Jane Addams Honor            KY Bluegrass Nominee            ME Student Book Award            National Jewish Book Award            NH Great Stone Face Award            NY 3 Apples Children's Nominee            NY Charlotte Award Intermediate            Sydney Taylor Book Award            VT Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award            WI Golden Archer Award            WV Children's Book Award            WY Indian Paintbrush Award</p>

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<p><i>Wheels Of Change : How Women Rode The Bicycle To Freedom (Wi</i></p>	<p>Macy, S</p>	<p>The introduction of the bicycle in the late 1800s coincides with the beginning of the struggle for women to gain freedoms and rights equal to men as documented in this entertaining and informative book. Due to this simple mode of transportation, women had opportunities to exercise and transform their clothing from restrictive corsets to more comfortable and daring garb. School Library Journal says, "The use of primary sources such as advertisements, excerpts from journals, photographs, and artwork all add invaluable to the informative and accessible writing." Also includes an interesting time line that contrasts the history of the women's movement and the history of the bicycle.</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2011            NCSS Notable Social Studies Trade Books in the Field of Social Studies 2012            SLJ Best Books of 2011            Finalist YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction for YA            SLJ's 100 Magnificent Children's Books of 2011            Amelia Bloomer List</p>
<p><i>Tight</i></p>	<p>Maldonado, T</p>	<p>After his quick-tempered father gets in a fight and is sent back to jail, sixth-grader Bryan, known for being quiet and thoughtful, snaps and follows new friend Mike into trouble.</p>	<p>Compendium Title            Washington Post Best Children's Book of 2018            Christopher Award for Adults and Young People            Global Read Aloud 2019 Contender            ALA Quick Picks for Reluctant YA 2019            ALA Notable Children's Books 2019            CCBC Book 2019            Volunteer MS Nominee 2020-2021</p>
<p><i>Becoming Maria : Love And Chaos In The South Bronx</i></p>	<p>Manzano, S</p>	<p>Actress Sonia Manzano, known as "Maria" on the television show "Sesame Street" since the early 1970s, writes about the realities of growing up in an inner-city barrio with a loving yet dysfunctional immigrant family, and pursuing her dream of acting.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2016            SLJ 42 Diverse YA Titles for Every Library            Best Children's Books of 2016            NCSS Notable Title 2016            SLJ Best Books of 2015</p>

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<p><i>Revolution Of Evelyn Serrano</i></p>	<p>Manzano, S</p>	<p>Author Manzano draws from her own experiences to craft this "wry, moving debut" (BL) about 14-year-old Rosa Serrano. It's 1969, and Rosa just wants to blend in with the status quo amid her conservative Puerto Rican surroundings. So she changes her name to Evelyn and attempts to stay off the radar of her political activist grandmother who has just arrived from Puerto Rico, ready to engage in fighting and protests for Puerto Rican rights. Gradually, inspired by her grandmother and intrigued by the Young Lords and Black Panthers, Evelyn grows interested in the revolution, despite her mother's objections to the violence and uncertainty. "The teen's intense narrative is set against real-life political events ... while the family drama and revelations continue right up to the end" (BL).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2013                  2013 ALA Honor                  ALA Notable Children's Book of 2013                  Pura Belpre Honor Book                  Amelia Bloomer Project 2013                  Americas Award - CLASP - 2013                  Best Children's Books of 2013                  CCBC Book 2013                  Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2012                  GA Grade 4-8 Book Award 2015-2016                  IRA Notable Books for a Global Society 2013                  NCSS Notable Title 2013                  TN Volunteer MS Award 2015-2016</p>
<p><i>My Life As A Diamond</i></p>	<p>Manzer, J</p>	<p>Ten-year-old Caz Cadman lives for baseball. He loves everything about it and has a great arm. When his family moves from Toronto to a suburb of Seattle, one of the first things he does is try out for the local summer team. He's thrilled when he makes the team, but also nervous because back in Toronto, Caz used to be Cassandra, a girl. When a player on a rival team reveals Caz's secret, he's worried that he'll lose the support of his team.</p>	

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<p><i>Strong Inside : Young Readers Edition</i></p>	<p>Maraniss, A</p>	<p>Perry Wallace grew up during a period of American history when the country was just beginning to integrate African American and Caucasian children into the same classrooms. By the time Perry entered high school, his presence on the basketball court was getting attention from recruiters from some of the best colleges across the U.S. When he signed with Vanderbilt University, he never imagined the racially motivated hate he'd face. But he pressed on despite the hostility, proving himself to be more than just an exceptional basketball player—but also a brave, civil rights trailblazer. "This moving biography is thought-provoking, riveting and heart-wrenching, though it remains hopeful as it takes readers into the midst of the basketball and civil rights actions" (BL).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2017 Texas Topaz Nonfiction Reading List</p>
<p><i>Rain Reign</i></p>	<p>Martin, A</p>	<p>Autistic fifth-grader Rose Howard, who is fascinated by her own set of rules and a passion for homonyms, sets out on a search for her beloved dog Rain after her father accidentally lets the dog out during a dangerous storm.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2015 New York Times Best Seller Schneider Family Book Award Dolly Gray Award Booklist's 50 Best Middle Grade Books of the 21st Century Bluestem Book Award Massachusetts Children's Book Award 2018-2019</p>
<p><i>My Real Name Is Hanna</i></p>	<p>Masih, T</p>	<p>In this story based on real events, it is 1941, and Hitler's army has arrived in the Ukraine. Hanna Slivka, a fourteen-year-old Jewish girl, is forced into hiding with her family, first in the woods outside of town, and then into caves beneath the ground.</p>	<p>Skipping Stones Honor 2018</p>

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<p><i>Summer Of The Mariposas</i></p>	<p>Mccall, G</p>	<p>When the five Garza sisters find the body of a dead man near the Rio Grande, they discover he is a native of Mexico and take it upon themselves to return his body to his family. As they venture forth, their party becomes the target of supernatural forces both benevolent and malevolent, causing minor obstacles that test their resolve and their commitment to their journey. Even as they contend with such creatures as a warlock and the vampiric chupacabra, their path is laid before them by the mysterious mariposas - butterflies - that make sure they never lose their way. "Readers ... are sure to be intrigued by both the unusual qualities of the mythical characters and the sense of adventure that lies behind every twist and turn of the girls' revelatory journey" (SLJ).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2013          Amelia Bloomer Project 2013          Andre Norton Award          Best Children's Books of 2013          CA Westchester Fiction Award 2013          IN Young Hoosier Award 2013          School Library Journal Best Books 2012          TX Lone Star Reading List          Spirit of Texas HS Award 2015-2016</p>
<p><i>Merci Suarez Changes Gears</i></p>	<p>Medina, M</p>	<p>Eleven-year-old Merci Suarez is a scholarship student at a private school in Florida, and though poorer than her classmates, she thrives on her own self-confidence. But at home, life is stressful with an ailing grandfather and family obligations; and more, she is targeted by a mean girl, Edna, who is jealous of Merci's friendship with Edna's crush.</p>	<p>Compendium Title          Winner of the 2019 Newberry Medal          Young Adult Award MS Nominee 2019-2020          2019 ALA Honor          SLJ 2018 Best Books          2019 ALA Medalist          ALA Notable Children's Books 2019          2019 CCBC Book          Capitol Choices Award 2019          Booklist's Top 10 #OWNVOICES Middle Grade Titles          Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award 2019-2020          America's Award from CLASP 2019          Maine Student Book Award Reading List 2019-2020          Volunteer Middle School Nominees 2020-2021          Kirkus Prize Honor</p>



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<p><i>From Twinkle, With Love</i></p>	<p>Menon, S</p>	<p>Aspiring teen filmmaker Twinkle Mehra is asked by fellow film geek Sahil Roy to direct a movie for a summer arts festival. Twinkle is thrilled to show off her talent and get close to Sahil's twin brother, Neil. Then a mystery man begins emailing her, causing Twinkle to rethink who and what she wants. And before she knows it, she finds herself falling for Sahil instead. Told through text messages, emails, blog posts, and letters, Twinkle writes to her favorite female filmmakers, trying to express herself while deciphering what her heart is telling her.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2018 Texas Lone Star Reading List 2019</p>
<p><i>When Dimple Met Rishi</i></p>	<p>Menon, S</p>	<p>When Dimple Shah and Rishi Patel meet at a Stanford University summer program, Dimple is avoiding her parents' obsession with "marriage prospects" but Rishi hopes to woo her into accepting arranged marriage with him.</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2017 New York Times Bestseller Flume Teen Reader's Award Nominee 2020 Arkansas Teen Book Award 2018-2019 Eliot Rosewater Award 2019-2020 Texas Teyshas HS Reading List 2019-2020 Colorado Book Award YA Winner SLJ 42 Diverse YA Titles for Every Library ALA Best Fiction for YA Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2017 Chicago Public Library Best Teen Titles 2017 Amelia Bloomer Project 2018 Rhode Island Teen Book Award Nominee VOYA Perfect Tens 2017</p>
<p><i>Sci-fu : 1 : Kick It Off</i></p>	<p>Mercado, Y</p>	<p>Teenage DJ Wax is transported to the robot-filled world of Discopia where he has to compete against the Five Deadly Dangers in a sound-bending martial arts contest that will determine the fate of the Earth.</p>	<p>Texas Maverick Graphic Novel Award 2019 Black-Eyed Susan Graphic Novel Award 2019-2020</p>
<p><i>Playing Cupid : A Wish Novel</i></p>	<p>Meyerhoff, J</p>	<p>For a school project, Clara Martinez decides to start a matchmaking service for her classmates. But even though she's an expert for her friends' love lives, Clara can't figure out who keeps leaving notes and gifts in her locker.</p>	

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<i>Tapir Scientist : Saving South America's Largest Mammal</i>	Montgomery, S	Details the efforts of field scientist Pati Medici to locate Brazil's lowland tapir and lead efforts to protect this rare creature. Outlines the technology Pati and her team use to achieve their goal and features color photographs throughout.	Compendium Spring 2014 CCBC Book List
<i>Stars Beneath Our Feet</i>	Moore, D	Lolly is having a terrible time--his brother Jermaine got in a fight and then got shot. He doesn't know how to go on, but using the two giant bags of LEGOs his mom's girlfriend gave him, Lolly finds himself caught up in making a gigantic city--so big it goes outside his apartment. Then, he and his friend Vega get jumped by a few older guys, and Lolly will have to decide either to join a "crew" and get revenge, or find a different path.	Compendium Winter 2018 Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe Award for New Talent New York Times Notable Book A Time Top 10 Children's Books of the Year A Boston Globe Best Children's Book of the Year Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year Kirkus Reviews Best Children's Books of the Year ALA-YALSA Quick Pick ALA-ALSC Notable Children's Book Just One More Page! Reading List 2019 ALA Best Fiction for YA 2019 Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Award 2020 Young Hoosier Middle Grade Nominee 2020 E.B. White Read Aloud Award Honor Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2017
<i>Buddha : An Enlightened Life</i>	Moore, K	Offers a graphic-novel retelling of Siddhartha Gautam as he leaves the castle he was raised in to find enlightenment. After many years on a spiritual journey, Siddhartha returns as Gautam Buddha, thus beginning centuries of religious thought across the world.	
<i>Medal For Leroy</i>	Morpurgo, M	Based on a true story about the first black officer in the British Army, tells how a young boy named Michael receives a letter upon his aunt's passing that tells Michael about his grandfather Leroy, a black officer in WWI who saved the lives of many of his fellow soldiers. However, Leroy was never honored for his bravery because of the racial	Best Children's Books of 2015

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		barrier, so Michael decides to do something about it.	
<i>Marco Impossible</i>	Moskowitz, H	When Marco discovers that his crush will be performing at the high school prom, he enlists the help of his friend Stephen to find a way to get on stage and profess his love. They soon discover, however, that not all missions go smoothly, and they run into more than a few hiccups along the way.	Rainbow Project Book List 2014 Best Children's Books of 2014
<i>Proud (Young Readers Edition)</i>	Muhammad, I	Memoir of Ibtihaj Muhammad, a professional fencer and the first female Muslim American to compete in the Olympic Games wearing the hijab.	Compendium Title Amelia Bloomer Project 2019 Garden State Teen Nonfiction Award 2020
<i>Greatest : Muhammad Ali</i>	Myers, W	Details the life of boxer Muhammad Ali, including his rise to athletic fame, the hazards of his sport which permanently affected him, and his battle with Parkinson's disease.	Compendium Title ALA Best Books for YA 2002 ALA Notable Children's Books 2002 ALA Quick Picks for Reluctant YA 2002 Booklist Editor's Choice CCBC Book DC Capitol Choices Award 2002-2003 Michigan Reading Award 2003 TX Tayshas HS Reading Award 2002-2003
<i>Juba!</i>	Myers, W	In Five Points, New York, in the 1840s, African American teenager William Henry "Juba" Lane works hard to achieve his dream of becoming a professional dancer but his real break comes when he is invited to perform in England. Based on the life of Master Juba; includes historical note.	CCBC Book 2016 Walter Dean Myers (author) was National Ambassador for Young People's Literature 2012-2013, Recipient of Margaret A. Edwards Award for Lifetime Achievement and Children's Literature Legacy Award

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<i>David Ortiz : World Series Champion</i>	Nagelhout, R	Presents a biography of professional baseball player David Ortiz, including his childhood and his path to professional success. Includes a timeline, glossary, and further reading.	
<i>Embrace The Chicken</i>	Narsimhan, M	Shivani moves from Mumbai and settles in to a new school. She makes new friends and finally feels like less of an outsider; that is, until her mother volunteers to cook for the annual fundraiser. Shivani is mortified to think that her mother will cook a traditional Indian dish that Shivani loves, but is ashamed to eat in front of her friends.	
<i>Enrique's Journey : The True Story Of A Boy Determined To Re</i>	Nazario, S	When he was only five years old, Enrique's mother left him in Honduras so she could look for work in the United States. Eleven years later, Enrique sets off alone to illegally enter the U.S. and find his long-lost mother. Nazario carefully narrates Enrique's harrowing journey, which involved riding on top of train cars throughout much of Central America. Alongside Enrique's story, Nazario presents up-to-date data on immigration, the economic states of the U.S. and Central America, and the growth of drug-related violence, especially in Mexico. The book serves not only as a moving portrait of one young man's resolve, but also as a launching point for readers looking to tackle this timely issue. "Provides a human face, both beautiful and scarred, for the undocumented--a must read" (KIRK).	Compendium Spring 2014 NCSS-CBC Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People Kirkus Reviews Best Teen Book of the Year Junior Library Guild Selection

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<p><i>Yummy : The Last Days Of A Southside Shorty</i></p>	<p>Neri, G</p>	<p>Tells the true story of an eleven-year-old gang member from Chicago who shoots a girl and is then shot by members of his own gang.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2011            Coretta Scott King Honor Book            ALA Top Ten Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2017            ALA Notable Children's Book            ALA Popular Paperbacks for YA            ALA Top Ten Quick Picks for Reluctant YA            Booklist Ed. Choice Books for Youth            CCBC Book 2011            IRA Notable Books for a Global Society            IN Eliot Rosewater Award            LA Teen Readers' Choice            NJ Garden State Teen Nonfiction Award            Once Upon a Children's Book Award            RI Teen Book Award Nominee            TX Maverick Graphic Novel List 2012            VA Readers' Choice HS 2011-2012</p>
<p><i>Cloud And Wallfish</i></p>	<p>Nesbet, A</p>	<p>Noah Keller is surprised when his parents pick him up from school and drive directly to the airport, telling him they're immediately traveling to East Germany so his mother can do dissertation research. Even more shocking to Noah, they inform him that he will now be called Jonah Brown and that he must follow very strict rules that include never talking about important matters inside the house because "they" are always listening. Unsure who "they" are or why they would want to listen in on his family's conversations, Noah's mind is overloaded with questions he's unable to even ask. "In this atmospheric page-turner set just as the Iron Curtain begins to lift, [author] Nesbet deftly ratchets up the tension ... Edgy, dramatic, and emotionally rich historical fiction that provides a vivid look into an extraordinary moment in history" (HM).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2017            CCBC Book            NCSS Notable Title 2017</p>

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<p><i>We Are All Made Of Molecules</i></p>	<p>Nielsen, S</p>	<p>Stewart, a smart, emotionally mature 13-year-old, is excited to be getting a stepmom and stepsister. He and his dad are moving in with Caroline and her daughter, Ashley, who happens to be the queen bee (and not a very bright one) in the grade ahead of him. So how mortified is Ashley when she discovers that Stewart is being advanced a grade to her class! Ashley has more pressing concerns, though, as she fears what other kids will think when they find out her estranged dad is gay. Meanwhile, her boyfriend Jared proves himself a bully to Stewart, as the two are in the same gym class. Can Stewart and Ashley learn to be siblings and help each other out? A “savvy, insightful take on the modern family” (KIRK).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2015            NCSS-CBC Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People            Nominated for the Georgia Peach Book Award for Teen Readers            Nominated to the Pacific Northwest Young Reader's Choice Award            Texas Lone Star Reading List            New York Charlotte Award MS 2018            Best Children's Books of 2016            NH Isinglass Teen Read List            Outstanding International Booklist            PNLA Young Reader's Choice            SD YARP MS Reading List            WI Just One More Page! Reading List 2016</p>
<p><i>Evangelina Takes Flight</i></p>	<p>Noble, D</p>	<p>Having fled the rampaging revolutionaries in Mexico in 1911, thirteen-year-old Evangelina and her family face unexpected prejudice and violence in Texas.</p>	<p>Skipping Stones Honor Award 2018</p>
<p><i>Bunk 9's Guide To Growing Up : Secrets, Tips, And Expert Adv</i></p>	<p>Nuchi, A</p>	<p>Provides a guide for prepubescent girls to understand the process of puberty. Offers secrets, tips, and advice on topics ranging from physical development to skin care to relationships with boys written in a fun, easy-to-understand way.</p>	<p>California Eureka! Nonfiction Award 2018            Skipping Stones Honor 2018</p>

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<p><i>19 Varieties Of Gazelle : Poems Of The Middle East</i></p>	<p>Nye, N</p>	<p>Presents the author's new and collected poems of the Middle East.</p>	<p>Compendium Title            ALA Best Books for YA 2003            ALA Notable Books of 2003            Bank Street College Best Children's Books            Boston Globe Horn Book through 2009            CCBC Book            Chicago Public Library Best of the Best            Children's Literature Choices Award            DC Capitol Choices Award 2002            IRA Notable Books for a Global Society            KY Bluegrass Award 2003-2004            ME Student Book Award 2003-2004            MI Great Lakes Great Books Award Winner 2003-2004            Middle East Book Honor            National Book Award Honor            NJ Garden State Nonfiction Award 2005            Parents' Choice Award Winner            School Library Journal Best Books            TX Teyshas High School Reading Award 2003-2004            VOYA Poetry Picks</p>
<p><i>Flying Lessons &amp; Other Stories</i></p>	<p>Oh, E</p>	<p>From basketball dreams and family fiascos to first crushes and new neighborhoods, this anthology, written by award-winning children's authors, celebrates the uniqueness and diversity in all of us.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2017            Garden State Teen Fiction Nominee 2020            Delaware Diamonds Award 2017-2018            ALA Best Fiction for YA 2018            ALA Notable Children's Books 2018            Notable Books for a Global Society 2018</p>
<p><i>Silent Voice : 1</i></p>	<p>Oima, Y</p>	<p>When Shoko, a deaf girl, arrives at his school, Shoya and his bully friends target her relentlessly. It gets so bad that Shoko leaves the school. Now, six years later, Shoya is shocked when Shoko comes back. They are both teens, and Shoya can't help but notice how pretty Shoko has become--but the damage he did in the past may never be undone.</p>	<p>Voted the Favorite of Manga Industry Insiders - 2014            MD Black-Eyed Susan Graphic Novel Award            SC YARP MS Reading List 2016-2017</p>

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<p><i>Akata Witch</i></p>	<p>Okorafor, N</p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Sunny has trouble fitting in anywhere: born in America, she now lives in Nigeria after moving there with her family when she was nine. Adding to her predicament is the fact that, although her features are African, her skin is albino white. Called an “akata” (bush animal) witch by her classmates, Sunny exists on the fringes of normal society. But when she discovers she has magical powers, she joins three others to study, learn, and change reality – a task made all the more difficult by the machinations of a career criminal and serial killer who knows magic too. “This fantasy features one of the most charming, feisty, and memorable heroines of the genre” (VOYA).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2012          Andre Norton Award          SLJ 42 Diverse YA Titles for Every Library</p>
<p><i>Shadowshaper</i></p>	<p>Older, D</p>	<p>Teen Sierra Santiago and her friend, a fellow artist named Robbie, discover that someone is murdering the shadowshapers--ancestral spirits who inhabit music and art--in their Latino neighborhood in Brooklyn.</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2015          SLJ Best Books 2015          Andre Norton Award          Kirkus Prize Honor          SLJ 42 Diverse YA Titles for Every Library          ALA Best Fiction for YA Top 10          ALA Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers          ALA Top Ten Quick Picks 2016          Book List Ed. Choice Books for Youth 2015          CCBC Book 2016          Chicago Public Library Best Teen Fiction          DC Capitol Choices Award          IL Abraham Lincoln Award 2018          NJ Garden State Teen Fiction Award          OK Sequoyah Intermediate Book Award 2018          TX Tayshas HS Reading Award 2016-2017</p>



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<p><i>Beasts Made Of Night</i></p>	<p>Onyebuchi, T</p>	<p>In the city of Kos, mages can call forth the sins of any sinner in the form of sin-beasts, and people like Taj, who is a sin-eater called an aki, kill these beasts, taking the guilt of the sin into their minds and bearing the tattoo of the beasts on their bodies forever. When Taj and his fellow aki Bo are called to eat the sin of King Kolade himself, the sin is so horrible it manifests in the form of a ferocious dragon. Taj and Bo barely defeat the creature, but once the dragon tattoo appears on Taj, he is immediately threatened with arrest, unless he agrees to work for the king. Taj suddenly finds himself in the midst of a dark plot, and he must fight to save Kos, a princess he's beginning to care for, and his own life. Author "Onyebuchi's worldbuilding is vivid and beguiling, and Taj's outward cockiness hides a core of vulnerability" (PW).</p>	<p>Compendium Winter 2018 VOYA Perfect Tens 2017</p>
<p><i>In My Hands : Memories Of A Holocaust Rescuer</i></p>	<p>Opdyke, I</p>	<p>Recounts the experiences of the author who, as a young Polish girl, hid and saved Jews during the Holocaust.</p>	<p>Compendium Title ALA Best Books for YA ALA Popular Paperbacks for YA CCBC Book IRA Teachers' Choices MD Black-Eyed Susan HS Award ME Student Book Award NJ Garden State Nonfiction Award Publishers Weekly Best Books SC YA Book Award SD YARP Reading List TN Volunteer YA Award TX Teyshas High School Reading Award</p>

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<i>Hidden Witch</i>	Ostertag, M	Aster is thrilled his parents have finally agreed to let him learn witchery with the girls. But his happiness is met with concern when it becomes apparent that someone is practicing dark magic and Aster's friend Charlie is in danger. To protect his friend, Aster will need help from the most dangerous witch around.	ALA Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2019
<i>Witch Boy</i>	Ostertag, M	Everyone from Aster's family is born with magic, and all boys grow up to be shapeshifters, girls to be witches--unfortunately, Aster doesn't know how to shapeshift, but he seems pretty good at witchery. Hiding his clandestine witch studies, Aster reaches out to Charlie, a girl from the non-magical side of town, for companionship. Then, one of the boys goes missing during shapeshifting practice, and only Aster and Charlie can find him.	Compendium Winter 2018 YARP MS Teen Choice Nominee 2019-2020 Maine Student Book Award Winner Blue Hen Middle Graphic Novel Nominee 2020 Texas Maverick Graphic Novel 2019 Nene Award Nominee Black-Eyed Susan Graphic Novel Award Winner ALA Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2018

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<p><i>Wonder</i></p>	<p>Palacio, R</p>	<p>August "Auggie" Pullman, a boy born with a facial deformity, is finally ready to go to a public school for the beginning of his fifth grade year. Inside he feels just like other kids, but his face may separate him from potential friends forever.</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2012                  #1 New York Times Best Seller                  USA Today Best Seller                  Time Magazine's 100 Best YA Books of All Time                  New York Times Book Review Notable Book                  Washington Post Best Kids' Book                  E.B. White Read Aloud Award                  Charlie May Simon Award                  Colorado Children's Book Award - Jr. Novel                  Prairie Pasque Award                  Nene Award                  Rebecca Caudill Award                  California Young Reader Medal                  Young Hoosier Award                  Maine Student Book Award                  Mark Twaing Book Award                  Golden Sower Chapter Book Winner                  Rhode Island Children's Book Award Winner                  Golden Archer Award Winner                  Christopher Award for Adults and Young People                  Georgia Children's Book Award Winner                  Junior Book Award                  Black-Eyed Susan Award                  Great Stone Face Award                  Flicker Tale MS Fiction Award                  Louisiana Young Reader Award                  (<i>more individual state awards not noted due to space restriction</i>)</p>
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<p><i>Project Mulberry</i></p>	<p>Park, L</p>	<p>Newbery-winning writer Park covers the big issues of conservation, prejudice, patriotism, and biology in her latest novel. Julia Song doesn't want to do a silkworm project for the state fair. It's too Korean; she wants to do something American, but she becomes interested in caring for the eggs, the caterpillars, and the moths and then sewing the silk thread. Kind, elderly Mr. Dixon donates the mulberry leaves the silkworms eat, but why is Mom against Julia spending time with him? The first-person narrative alternates with lively interchanges between Julia ("Me") and the author ("Ms. Park"), which may seem distracting, but will eventually rope children in with the funny conversations.</p>	<p>Compendium Title APALA Children's Literature Award Blue Hen Book Award Winner</p>
<p><i>Boots On The Ground : America's War In Vietnam</i></p>	<p>Partridge, E</p>	<p>Provides the personal stories of an American nurse, six American soldiers, and one Vietnamese refugee in order to explore the history and ramifications of the Vietnam War.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2018 YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction Award Texas Topaz Nonfiction Reading List 2019 Texas Tayshas HS Reading List 2019-2020 ALA Notable Children's Books 2019 CCBC Book 2019 Oklahoma Sequoyah Intermediate Book Award 2020 Rhode Island Teen Book Award Nominee 2020 Green Mountain Book Award Nominee 2019-2020 Mississippi Magnolia Award Nominee 2020 Garden State Teen Nonfiction Award 2020</p>
<p><i>I Even Funnier : A Middle School Story</i></p>	<p>Patterson, J</p>	<p>Despite a tragic past and being confined to a wheel chair, Jamie Grimm makes the most of things by using his humor to entertain those around him. He's already proved he's the funniest kid in Long Beach Middle School and New York. Now he is off to the Planet's Funniest Kid Comic contest in Boston. But with life throwing a few more curve balls his way, can Jamie put aside his big dreams and make a sacrifice for the the people he loves, his family?</p>	<p>NAPPA Best Kids' Books 2014</p>

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<i>I Funny : A Middle School Story</i>	Patterson, J	Resolving to become the world's greatest stand-up comedian despite less-than-funny challenges in his life, wheelchair-bound middle school student Jamie Grimm endures bullying from his mean-spirited cousin and hopes he will be fairly judged when he enters a local comedy contest.	New York Times Best Seller Compendium 2013 Spring Colorado Children's Book Jr. Award 2016 MD Black-Eyed Susan Award 2014-2015 VT Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award 2013-2014
<i>Lebron James</i>	Payment, S	Examines the life of professional basketball player LeBron James and traces his path to stardom. Also details his accomplishments in the NBA. Includes a timeline, fact sheet, color photographs, a glossary, and further resources.	
<i>Seventh Most Important Thing</i>	Pearsall, S	Shortly after his father dies, middle schooler Arthur T. Owens sees the local “Junk Man” picking through the neighborhood garbage and wearing his father's hat. Hurt and angry, Arthur responds by hurling a brick at the man, hitting him in the arm. But despite the fact that the judge wants to send Arthur to juvenile detention, Arthur receives a reprieve—the Junk Man, whose real name is James Hampton, requests that Arthur serve 120 hours of community service instead, working for Hampton himself. This turns out to be no ordinary job—Hampton is scouring the trash looking for materials to construct an incredibly large, complex, and ethereal work of art in his garage. Based on the actual life of artist James Hampton, this story is “luminescent, just like the artwork it celebrates” (KIRK).	Compendium Spring 2016 ALA Notable Book ILA Teacher's Choice Kirkus Review Best Book of the Year AR Charlie May Simon Award 2017-2018 AZ Grand Canyon Reader Tween Award Best Children's Books of 2016 CT Nutmeg Teen Award 2018 DC Capitol Choices Award Delaware Diamonds Award GA Grade 4-8 Book Award IA Teen Award IN Young Hoosier Award KS William Allen White Award MA Children's Award ME Student Book Award MI Great Lakes Great Books Award MO Mark Twain Preliminary NE Golden Sower Intermediate Award NH Isinglass Teen Read List NY Charlotte Award MS Ohioana Juvenile Book Award OK Sequoyah Intermediate Book Award <i>(more individual state awards not noted due to space restriction)</i>

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<p><i>First Rule Of Punk</i></p>	<p>Perez, C</p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Malú is the new kid at school and nothing goes right. But when she meets a group of other misfits and starts a punk band, she must find a way to express herself even in the face of the anti-punk administration.</p>	<p>Compendium Winter 2018                  2018 Pura Belpre Author Honor Book                  Young Adult Award MS Nominee 2019-2020                  Tomas Rivera Mexican American Children's Book Award                  2019 TX Lone Star Reading List                  2019-2020 South Carolina Junior Book Award                  2020 Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Award                  2020 IN Young Hoosier Intermediate Nominee                  Booklist's 50 Best Middle Grade Books of the 21st Century                  2020 Blue Hen Middle Reader Nominees                  2020 Garden State Teen Fiction Nominee                  2018 ALA Honor                  E.B. White Read Aloud Award Honor                  2017 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best                  2018 ALA Notable Children's Book                  2018 Amelia Bloomer Project                  2018-2019 Junior Book Award Nominee</p>
<p><i>Little Rock Nine</i></p>	<p>Perritano, J</p>	<p>Simple text and photographs profile the "Little Rock Nine," nine students who protested during the civil rights movement at Central High School.</p>	

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<p><i>Zane And The Hurricane : A Story Of Katrina</i></p>	<p>Philbrick, R</p>	<p>A twelve-year-old boy and his dog become trapped in New Orleans during the horrors of Hurricane Katrina.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2014            Maine Lupine Award Winner            AR Teen Book Award 2015-2016            Delaware Diamonds Award            HI Nene Nominee 2017            IA Children's Choice 2017-2018            ME Lupine Award Winner            MI Great Lakes Great Books Award 2015-2016            MO Mark Twain Nominee            NC Young Adult Book Award            OK Sequoyah Children's Book Award            PA Reader's Choice            Parents' Choice Award Winner            SC Children's Book Award            SD YARP MS Reading List            TN Volunteer Intermediate Award 2016-2017            TX Bluebonnet Award 2015-2016            UT Beehive Fiction Award 2016-2017            WA Sasquatch Reading Award 2017            WI Just One More Page! Reading List 2015</p>
<p><i>Martin Rising : Requiem For A King</i></p>	<p>Pinkney, A</p>	<p>Presents a collection of poetry and paintings, highlighting the final months of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life. Includes a brief informational section highlighting King's life and the plight of sanitation workers whose march he was planning to attend when he was assassinated. Includes a timeline and archival photographs.</p>	<p>Compendium Winter 2018            Washington Post Best Book of the Year            Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year            New York Public Library Best Book of the Year            School Library Journal Best Book of the Year            ALA Notable Children's Books of 2019            CCBC Book 2019            DC Capitol Choices Award            Great Lakes Great Books Award Nominee</p>

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<p><i>Red Pencil</i></p>	<p>Pinkney, A</p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Amira, a resident of a Sudanese refugee camp following the murder of her parents in a Janjaweed attack, finds hope in the gift of a simple red pencil that allows her to express her creativity and formulate her hopes for the future.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2015          ALA Notable Children's Books 2015          Best Children's Books of 2015          Book Links Lasting Connections of 2014          CCBC Book 2015          CCBC Global Book          Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2014          Children's Africana Book Award          DC Capitol Choices Award          GA Grade 4-8 Book Award          HI Nene Nominee 2016          IRA Notable Books for a Global Society 2015          MN Maud Hart Lovelace Award          NCSS Notable Title 2015          NJ Garden State Teen Fiction Award          RI Children's Book Award          School Library Journal Best Books 2014          VOYA Poetry Picks          WI Just One More Page! Reading List 2015</p>
<p><i>My Sister Lives On The Mantelpiece</i></p>	<p>Pitcher, A</p>	<p>Ten-year-old Jamie's parents barely know him. They are still haunted by their daughter Rose, who was killed in a terrorist bombing five years ago. Her ashes sit in an urn on the mantelpiece. She "lives" there, according to his parents. Rose's surviving twin feels like she doesn't exist except as a reminder to her parents that they had another daughter. When Jamie befriends Sunya, a Muslim girl, his dad thinks he's made a pact with the people who killed Rose. In the end, Jamie may have to audition for Britain's Biggest Talent Show to keep his family together. Author Pitcher captures "the confusion of an optimistic but sensitive child navigating a tough situation without guidance" (KIRK).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2013          ALA Notable Children's Books 2013          DC Capitol Choices Award 2013          NJ Garden State Teen Fiction Award 2015</p>



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<i>Someday Birds</i>	Pla, S	When 12-year-old Charlie's father, a journalist, returns from the war in Afghanistan with a severe brain injury, Charlie and his three siblings—who have already lost their mother—face an uncertain future. As they travel from California to Virginia with a woman they hardly know to see their father in the hospital, Charlie turns to his obsession with birds to help him cope with his feelings. Author “Pla's debut is an achingly real portrait of a family living in the in-between place of a wait-and-see prognosis. Charlie's unique voice and his quest to understand the world around him will resonate with readers dealing with their own pain” (KIRK).	Compendium Spring 2017 Winner of the 2018 Dolly Gray Children's Literature Award New York Public Library Best Kids Books of 2017 Bank Street Best Children's Book of 2017 Wisconsin Library Association CBA Outstanding Books of the Year Selection 2018-2019 Dorothy Canfield Fisher Book Award List Selection 2018-2019 Maryland Black-Eyed Susan Award Nominee Young Hoosier Book Award Nominee
<i>Gracefully Grayson</i>	Polonsky, A	Transgender high school student Grayson Sender struggles with the urge to live openly as a girl, the identity he is inside. Support from unexpected places helps him embrace his true identity.	AR Teen Book Award 2015-2016 Best Children's Books of 2015 CCBC Book 2015 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2014 OK Sequoyah Intermediate Book Award 2017 WI Just One More Page! List 2016
<i>Stephen Curry : Nba Sharpshooter</i>	Porterfield, J	Presents a biography of professional basketball player Stephen Curry, chronicling his path to success. Includes a timeline, fact boxes, color photographs, a glossary, and resources for further information.	
<i>Loving Vs. Virginia : A Documentary Novel Of The Landmark Ci</i>	Powell, P	Presents in blank verse the story of Mildred Loving, an African American girl, and Richard Loving, a Caucasian boy, who fell in love and challenged the Virginia law forbidding interracial marriages in the 1950s.	Compendium Spring 2017 Reader's Choice HS Nominees 2020 NCSS Notable Title 2018 NEA African American Booklist California Eureka! Nonfiction Award 2017 Texas Teyshas HS Reading List 2018-2019
<i>Better Off Undead</i>	Preller, J	Adrian Lazarus, who became a zombie just before starting middle school, and new friends Gia, Zander, and Talal, navigate a mystery	Compendium Fall 2017

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		involving global warming, disappearing bees, and billionaire developers.	
<i>Gandhi : My Life Is My Message</i>	Quinn, J	Presents a biography of Mohandas "Mahatma" Gandhi in graphic novel format, from his birth in 1869 to his assassination in 1948.	Compendium Fall 2014 ALA Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2015
<i>Who's Ju?</i>	Ramos, D	While seventh-grader Ju Felicino and her fellow sleuths are investigating who vandalized the school drama club scenery, Ju finds herself in a deeper conundrum doing a genetics assignment. Forced to come to terms with her frizzy blonde hair and amber eyes, which clash with the rest of her family, Ju discovers an important secret about her ancestry.	
<i>African American Artists &amp; Writers</i>	Randolph, J	Profiles and celebrates the lives of a range of African American artists and writers, including Langston Hughes, Maya Angelou, James Allen, and Toni Morrison. Includes a glossary, index, and suggestions for further reading.	
<i>Moon Girl And Devil Dinosaur : 1 : Bff</i>	Reeder, A	Lunella Lafayette isn't your typical kid. She possesses an inhuman gene that is poised to change her into a monster at any moment. But she's not going to sit around and wait for the awful transformation. She's on the hunt for the Omni-Wave Projector, the only thing that can prevent the otherwise inevitable. And helping her along the way is her pet, a Devil Dinosaur that teleported from prehistoric times into the present. And having a T-Rex as a best friend presents its own set of challenges.	TX Maverick Graphic Novel List 2017
<i>Moon Girl And Devil Dinosaur : 2 : Cosmic Cooties</i>	Reeder, A	Lunella is finally struck by the Terrigen Cloud but her transformation is not what she expected it to be. Then she spends a strange day in Devil Dinosaur's body, and is accosted by the new boy	

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		in class. Finally, Moon Girl encounters a new nemesis, Kid Kree.	
<i>Words In The Dust</i>	Reedy, T	Zulaikha, a 13-year-old girl in Afghanistan, lives as an outcast among her people due to the cleft lip that scars her face. Wishing for her life to change, her prayers get answered when she begins experiencing a series of frightening but exhilarating events that transform her situation. First, she defies her father and secretly meets with an old woman who teaches her to read. Later, her older sister gets married, and true change arrives when American troops offer her surgery to fix her disfiguring cleft lip. A glossary and pronunciation guide are provided to help with difficult words through the text, and a bibliography outlines additional fiction and nonfiction materials for readers of all ages. "This is an important book that offers Americans an opportunity to understand the situation in Afghanistan" (LMC).	Compendium Fall 2011 Society of Midland Authors Children's Award Christopher Award for Adults and Young People CCBC Global Book
<i>House That Lou Built</i>	Respicio, M	Longing for an escape from her extended Filipino family, Lou plans to build a tiny house on land she inherited from her father, but difficulties quickly arise.	Compendium Title NPR Best Book of the Year Kirkus Review Best Book of the Year CCBC Book 2019 Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award 2019-2020

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<p><i>As Brave As You</i></p>	<p>Reynolds, J</p>	<p>When 11-year-old Genie and his older brother Ernie are sent away from their home in Brooklyn to spend a month with their estranged grandfather in rural Virginia, Genie finds himself facing the perplexity of what it means to become a man. Surprised by his grandfather's ability to function so well despite his blindness, Genie thinks his grandfather might be the bravest man he's ever met. But when he realizes his grandfather never leaves his home, he wonders what bravery truly is. "Uncommonly well-developed, complex characters ... This pitch-perfect contemporary novel gently explores the past's repercussions on the present" (KIRK).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2016            Kirkus Award Finalist            Schneider Family Book Award Winner            Coretta Scott King Honor Book            2017 Best Children's Books of the Year            2020 Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Award            Booklist's 50 Best Middle Grade Books of the 21st Century            E.B. White Read Aloud Award Honors            2017 ALA Honor</p>
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<p><i>Ghost</i></p>	<p>Reynolds, J</p>	<p>If they can get their acts together, Ghost, Lu, Patina, and Sunny—four kids with widely different backgrounds and explosive personalities—could potentially become their middle school track team's elite squad, and maybe even qualify for the Junior Olympics. Ghost has outstanding natural talent, but no formal training, and his discipline is lacking ever since his father chased him and his mother out of the house. He will have to do everything he can to stay on track, physically and figuratively, to be the best sprinter in the city. Author Reynolds “uses a light hand to delve into topics that include gun violence, class disparity, and bullying in this compelling series opener”(PW).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2017          National Book Award Finalist for Young People's Literature          Nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's The Great American Read          Illinois Rebecca Caudill Award Winner          Buckeye Children's Award          Maine Student Book Award Winner          National Book Award Honor          William Allen White Winner          Young Adult Book Award MS Winner          Great Lakes Great Books Award winner          South Carolina Junior Book Award Winner          Nutmeg Teen Award Winner          Reader's Choice 6-8 Winner          2020 Nene Award Nominee          Virginia Reader's Choice Award MS Winner          2016 Kirkus Prize Young Readers' Nominee          2017-2018 Delaware Diamonds MS Award          2019 Young Hoosier Middle Grade Nominee          2019 Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Award          2019 Sasquatch Reading Award Nominee          2018-2019 Indian Paintbrush Award Nominee          2018-2019 Reader's Choice Award Nominee          Nutmeg Teen Nominee 2019          2018-2019 MA Children's Book Award</p>
<p><i>Lu</i></p>	<p>Reynolds, J</p>	<p>Lu, an albino track star, is confident he can lead Ghost, Patina, Sunny, and the team to victory at the track championships, but it might not be as easy as it seems. Lu suddenly has challenges to overcome and overcoming them means figuring out what winning the gold really means to him and to the team.</p>	<p>Compendium Title          ALA Top Ten Quick Picks for Reluctant YA          CCBC Book 2019</p>

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<i>Miles Morales : Spider-man</i>	Reynolds, J	Teen Miles Morales, the current Spider-Man, worries that his spidey-sense is broken. A misunderstanding gets him suspended from school and makes him doubt himself and his abilities. After all, his father and uncle were once criminals. He begins having nightmares and his spidey-sense continues to buzz in history class where he listens to his teacher talk about the benefits of slavery. Then his scholarship at his private school is threatened, and Miles's investigations uncover a plot that puts all he loves at risk.	Compendium Winter 2018 South Carolina Junior Book Award 2019-2020 Young Hoosier Middle Grade Nominee 2020 Texas Lone Star Reading List ALA Top Ten Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers 2018
<i>Patina</i>	Reynolds, J	Four kids are chosen for an elite middle school track team—Ghost, Lu, Patina, and Sunny—a team that might even make it to the Junior Olympics if they can learn to work together. But they come from very different backgrounds and have wildly different personalities that often clash. Patina runs to get away from her problems at home, but can she learn to control her anger enough to work as a team? “Another stellar lap—readers will be eager to see who's next” (KIRK).	Compendium Winter 2018 New York Times Best Seller Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2017 ALA Top Ten Quick Picks for Reluctant YA Readers 2018 ALA Notable Children's Books 2018
<i>Sunny</i>	Reynolds, J	Sunny always has a goofy smile and is the happiest person on the Defenders team. But Sunny's mom died giving birth to him and it seems like his dad blames him since he ignores Sunny and makes him call him "Darryl" and never "Dad." The only thing Sunny can do right in his dad's eyes is to win first place ribbons in running the mile, just like his mother. Sunny hates running and loves to dance and when he discovers a track event that allows him to incorporate elements of dance that he loves, he learns to let go of everything that's eating him up inside.	Compendium Spring 2018 Just One More Page! Reading List 2019 ALA Top Ten Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers 2019 CCBC Book 2019 Booklist's Top 10 #OWNVOICES Middle Grade Titles Indian Paintbrush Award Nominee 2019-2020

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<p><i>Ghost Boys</i></p>	<p>Rhodes, J</p>	<p>Seventh-grader Jerome is mistakenly shot by a white police officer, and as a ghost, observes the turmoil in his community as a result of his death. He then meets the ghost of Emmett Till who helps Jerome understand how systemic racism led to his death, but also understand how far the effects of his death really go by introducing him to the grieving daughter of the police officer who struggles with her father's actions.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2018          New York Times Bestseller          Indie Bound Bestseller          #1 Kids' Indie Next Pick          Walter Award Winner          YA Award MS Nominee 2019-2020          E.B. White Read Aloud Winner          YARP MS Teen Choice Nominee 2019-2020          Texas Bluebonnet Award 2019-2020          Grand Canyon Reader Tween Award Nominee          Texas Lone Star Reading List          Just One More Page! Reading List          ALA Quick Picks for Reluctant YA 2019          ALA Notable Children's Books 2019          Great Lakes Great Books Award Nominee          Black-Eyed Susan Award          Capitol Choices Award          Notable Books for a Global Society          Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award 2019-2020          ILA Children's Choices Reading List 2019          Volunteer MS Nominee 2020-2021          Children's Choice Book of the Year Winner</p>
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<i>Sugar</i>	Rhodes, J	In 1870, Reconstruction brings big changes to the Louisiana sugar plantation where spunky ten-year-old Sugar has always lived, including changes to her friendship with Billy, the son of her former master, and the arrival of workmen from China.	<p>Compendium Fall 2013          ALA Notable Children's Books 2014          Best Children's Books of 2014          CCBC Book 2014          IA Children's Choice 2016-2017          Jane Addams Honor          KA William Allen White Award 2015-2016          LA Young Readers' Choice 2016          MD Black Eyed Susan Award 2014-2015          ME Student Book Award 2014-2015          MS Magnolia Award 2016          NCSS Notable Title 2014          NJ Garden State Children's Book Award 2016          OK Sequoyah Children's Book Award 2016          SC Children's Book Award 2014-2015          SD Prairie Pasque 2015-2016          TN Volunteer Intermediate Award 2015-2016          VOYA Top Shelf Fiction for MS 2013          WI Just One Page! Reading List 2014          WY Indian Paint Brush Award 2014</p>
<i>Hammer Of Thor</i>	Riordan, R	As Magnus Chase and his friends adjust to Hotel Valhalla, they train for Ragnarok and settle into the afterlife. But when Magnus's friends Hearthstone and Blitzen disappear and he hears that Thor's hammer has gone missing, Magnus knows he needs to summon Jack, the Sword of Summer, to take action before it's too late.	<p>Stonewall Book Award          2017 ALA Honor</p>
<i>Closer : Young Readers Edition</i>	Rivera, M	Presents a memoir by Mariano Rivera, a thirteen-time All-Star for the New York Yankees, discussing how he came to be a professional baseball player as well as what his life is like off the field.	<p>ALA Quick Picks for Reluctant YA 2015          NJ Garden State Teen Nonfiction 2017</p>



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<i>List Of Cages</i>	Roe, R	Adam, a high school senior who works as an aide to the school's psychologist, is reunited with Julian, a foster brother he hasn't seen in five years. As the boys grow close once again, Adam realizes Julian is hiding a dangerous secret, and when Adam tries to help Julian, he puts them both at risk.	Compendium Spring 2017 Missouri Gateway Readers Award 2019-2020 South Carolina YA Book Award 2019-2020 Texas Tayshas HS Reading List 2018-2019
<i>Hurt Go Happy</i>	Rorby, G	When thirteen-year-old Joey Willis, deaf since the age of six, meets Dr. Charles Mansell and his chimpanzee Sukari, who use sign language, her world blooms with possibilities but that of the chimp begins to narrow.	Compendium Spring 2017 Schneider Family Book Award International Literacy Association Teachers' Choice Book Sense Children's Pick KLIATT Editor's Choice: Best of the Year's Hardcover YA Fiction New York Public Library "Books for the Teen Age" Selection
<i>May B.</i>	Rose, C	When a failed wheat crop nearly bankrupts the Betterly family, Pa pulls twelve-year-old May from school and hires her out to a couple new to the Kansas frontier.	Compendium Spring 2012 ALA Notable Children's Books of 2013 Amelia Bloomer Project 2013 AR Charlie May Simon 2014-2015 Best Children's Books of 2013 Children's Crown Award 2014-2015 GA Grade 4-8 Book Award 2014-2015 IA Children's Choice 2015-2016 IL Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' 2016 IN Young Hoosier Award KY Bluegrass Award MD Black-Eyed Susan Award MO Mark Twain Award NE Golden Sower Intermediate Award NM Land of Enchantment Award SC Junior Book Award TN Volunteer Intermediate Award VT Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award WV Children's Book Award

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<p><i>Playing Atari With Saddam Hussein : Based On A True Story</i></p>	<p>Roy, J</p>	<p>For forty-two days in 1991, eleven-year-old Ali Fadhil and his family struggle to survive as Basra, Iraq, is bombed by the United States and its allies.</p>	<p>Compendium Winter 2018 Just One More Page! Reading List 2019 Young Hoosier Middle Grade Nominee 2020 Notable Books for a Global Society 2019 Sunshine State Young Readers 2019-2020</p>
<p><i>Freedom Summer : The 1964 Struggle For Civil Rights In Missi</i></p>	<p>Rubin, S</p>	<p>In the heat of the summer of 1964, racial tensions ran high as student volunteers from around the country recruited by Mississippi civil rights groups arrived in communities to register voters, open Freedom schools, and stand up to segregation. During the first week of their efforts, three of the young civil rights workers were viciously murdered by Klansmen, underscoring the horror and brutality that accompanied the pervasive racism broiling in the South. "Fascinating and copious details are drawn from the author's personal interviews with key figures, oral histories, and primary documents.... [T]his well-researched and heartfelt work covers every angle, thereby honoring the brave inroads made by activists a half century ago" (BL).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2014 ALA Notable Children's Books of 2015 AZ Grand Canyon Reader Tween Nonfiction 2017 Best Children's Books of 2015 Booklist Ed. Choice Books for Youth 2014 Carter G. Woodson Book Award CCBC Book 2015 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2014 DC Capitol Choices Award Golden Kite Honor NCSS Notable Title 2015 VOYA Nonfiction Honor List 2014</p>

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<p><i>Becoming Naomi Leon</i></p>	<p>Ryan, P</p>	<p>When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father.</p>	<p>Compendium Title            Notable Children's Books 2005            Pura Belpre Honor Book            Scheider Family Book Award            Amelia Bloomer Project 2002-2009            Americas Award - CLASP            Andre Norton Award            AR Charlie May Simon Award 2006-2007            AZ Young Reader Intermediate 2007            Bank Street College Best Children's Books            Book Sense Book of the Year Award            CA Young Reader Medal 2006-2007            CCBC Book            Chicago Public Library Best of the Best            CO Children's Book Award 2007            CT Nutmeg Children's Award 2007            DC Capitol Choices Award            FL Sunshine State Young Readers Award            IA Children's Choice Award            IN Young Hoosier Award 2007            IRA Notable Books for a Global Society 1996-2007            KS William Allen White Award 2006-2007            KY Bluegrass Award 2006-2007            MA Children's Award 2006-2007            MN Maud Hart Lovelace Award 2006-2007            NCTE Notable Books 1997-2006            NM Land of Enchantment Award 2007-2008            Parent's Choice Award Winner            (more individual state awards not noted due to space restriction)</p>
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<p><i>Dreamer</i></p>	<p>Ryan, P</p>	<p>A fictionalized biography of the Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, who grew up a painfully shy child, ridiculed by his overbearing father, but who became one of the most widely-read poets in the world.</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2010  Pura Belpre Award Winner  ALA Honor 2011  ALA Notable Children's Books of 2011  Americas Award - CLASP - 2011  Charlie May Simon Award 2012-2013  Best Children's Books of 2011  Book Links Lasting Connections of 2010  Booklist Ed. Choice Books for Youth 2010  Boston Globe - Horn Book 2010  California Collection 2011  CCBC Book 2011  DC Capitol Choices Award 2011  HI Nene Nominee 2012  IN Young Hoosier Award 2013  IRA Children's Choices 2011  IRA Notable Books for a Global Society 2011  NAPPA Best Kids Books 2010  NC Young Adult Book Award MS 2011-2012  NCSS Notable Title 2011  Smithsonian Notable Books for Children 2010</p>
<p><i>Echo</i></p>	<p>Ryan, P</p>	<p>Author Ryan offers a “grand narrative that examines the power of music to inspire beauty in a world overrun with fear and intolerance” (KIRK). Beginning with Otto, a boy lost in a forbidden forest, and the three mysterious sisters he meets, the story follows the unfolding of a prophecy, a promise, and a magical harmonica. The harmonica finds its way through time to Friedrich in Nazi Germany, giving him courage to try to rescue his father. Then it comes to Depression-era Pennsylvania and two orphaned boys. From there it goes to young Ivy Lopez, who learns to play it and help her family. Each solo story converges in a celebration of music's power in life.</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2015  2016 Newbery Honor Book  New York Times Bestseller  California Young Reader Medal  Garden State Teen Fiction Gr. 6-8 Winner  Grand Canyon Reader Tween Winners  Odyssey Award  Kirkus Prize Honor  Young Reader Medal 2018-2019</p>

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<p><i>Esperanza Rising</i></p>	<p>Ryan, P</p>	<p>Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.</p>	<p>Compendium Title            ALA Best Books for Young Adults            Pura Belpre Award            Americas Award CLASP            AR Charlie May Simon Award 2002-2003            AZ Young Reader Teen Award 2003            Bank Street Best Children's Books 2008            CA Young Readers Medal 2002-2003            CCBC Book            Chicago Public Library Best of the Best            Colorado Children's Book Award 2002-2003            CT Nutmeg Children's Book Award 2004            FL Sunshine State Young Readers Award 2004-2005            GA Grade 4-8 Book Award 2002-2003            IL Rebecca Caudill Young Reader's Award 2004            IRA Notable Books for a Global Society 1996-2007            Jane Addams Honor Book            NCTE Notable Books 1997-2006            NH Great Stone Face Award 2001-2003            Publishers Weekly Best Books  <i>(more individual state awards not noted due to space restriction)</i></p>
<p><i>Small Steps</i></p>	<p>Sachar, L</p>	<p>Three years after being released from Camp Green Lake, Armpit is trying hard to keep his life on track, but when his old pal X-Ray shows up with a tempting plan to make some easy money scalping concert tickets, Armpit reluctantly goes along.</p>	<p>Compendium            Schneider Family Book Award            ALA Honor 2007            Bank Street College Best Children's Books            CCBC Book            Colorado Children's Book Jr. 2008            IA Teen Award 2007-2008            IRA Children's Choice            IRA Young Adults' Choices            KY Bluegrass Award            NCSS Notable Title 2007            Parents' Choice Award Winners            PNLA Young Reader's Choice 2009</p>

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<p><i>Amal Unbound</i></p>	<p>Saeed, A</p>	<p>In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2018            Great Stone Face Nominee 2019-2020            The Global Read Aloud 2018 Contender            SLJ 2018 Best Books            Just One More Page! Reading List 2019            ALA Top Ten Quick Picks for Reluctant YA 2019            ALA Notable Children's Books 2019            Amelia Bloomer Project 2019            Georgia Children's Book Award 2019-2020            CCBC Book 2019            OK Sequoyah Intermediate Book Award 2020            Black-Eyed Susan Award 2019-2020            Notable Books for a Global Society 2019            Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award 2019-2020            Rhode Island Middle School Nominee 2020            Maine Student Book Award Reading List 2019-2020            Mississippi Magnolia Award Nominee 2020            ILA Teacher's Choice Reading List 2019            Volunteer Intermediate Nominees 2020-2021</p>
<p><i>Hunt For The Bamboo Rat</i></p>	<p>Salisbury, G</p>	<p>Zenji Watanabe, seventeen, is sent from Hawaii to the Philippines to spy on the Japanese during World War II and, after he is captured and tortured, must find a way to survive months of being lost in the jungle behind enemy lines.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2015            Nebraska Golden Sower Award Finalist            South Carolina Book Award Finalist            Best Children's Books of 2015            SC Young Adult Book Award 2016-2017</p>
<p><i>Girls Like Me</i></p>	<p>Savory, T</p>	<p>When Angel McAllister's secret is let out of the bag--she is a lesbian--her best friend, Sharice Bell, doesn't know how to handle it. Now LaDonna Burns is on the warpath to make Angel's life awful. Angel can either play off the rumor as false, or embrace herself for who she truly is and fight.</p>	

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<i>City On The Other Side</i>	Scott, M	Quiet, high-society Isabel lives a sheltered life in San Francisco, where she keeps her dresses spotlessly clean, is impeccably behaved, and certainly never has adventures. However, the Great Quake of 1906 has changed things--one day, Isabel finds herself crossing a barrier into another world, where the fairies of the Seelie and Unseelie Courts are at war. Only Isabel, with a magic necklace and a few new friends, can end the war before it destroys both worlds.	Texas Little Maverick Graphic Novels 2019 Black-Eyed Susan Graphic Novels 2019-2020
<i>Sincerely, Harriet</i>	Searle, S	In 1996 Chicago, thirteen-year-old Harriet Flores, living with boredom, loneliness, and a chronic illness, lets her imagination run wild--with mixed results--and learns about the power of storytelling.	Compendium Title
<i>Saving Kabul Corner</i>	Senzai, N	Twelve-year-old Ariana is worlds apart from her proper Afghan cousin Laila, who just moved into their California home. Ariana is a tomboy; Laila cooks, sews, and sings. When a revival Afghan grocery store opens in their town, Laila and Ariana fall on opposite sides of an ancient feud, only to realize that they might be the only ones to end it.	Best Children's Books of 2015 Edgar Award Honor MO Mark Twain Preliminary 2016-2017 SC Children's Book Award 2016-2017
<i>Betty Before X</i>	Shabazz, I	The granddaughter of Malcolm X tells a fictionalized story from her mother's childhood. Betty Shabazz is a young girl learning first-hand about the real change people can make when they help each other and the power of acceptance and belonging. But when a terrible crime happens in her neighborhood, she learns that things aren't always as clear as she once thought.	Compendium Winter 2018 2019 Just One More Page! Reading List 2019 Amelia Bloomer Project 2019 CCBC Book 2019-2020 MA Children's Book Award

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<p><i>This Is Just A Test</i></p>	<p>Shang, W</p>	<p>David Da-Wei Horowitz is busily preparing for his bar mitzvah, in which he must try to please both his Jewish and his Chinese grandmothers, who love to argue with one another. David tries making everyone in his life happy, including his friend Scott, who is determined to win their upcoming trivia tournament. However, Scott dislikes their teammate—and David's best friend—Hector. When David and Scott start building a fallout shelter (just in case the Cold War gets hot), David finds himself thinking that Hector would be a better underground bunkermate. Hector, and the cute Kelli Ann, if only he could find a way to talk to her ... “Giggle-inducing, light, and charmingly realistic fiction that will resonate with a wide variety of readers” (SLJ).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2017 VOYA Top Shelf Fiction for MS Readers 2017 ILA Children's Choices Reading List 2018</p>
<p><i>Port Chicago 50 : Disaster, Mutiny, And The Fight For Civil</i></p>	<p>Sheinkin, S</p>	<p>On July 17, 1944, a horrible explosion rocked the naval base at California's Port Chicago. It was a segregated base, and the explosion hit the African-American side the hardest. Over 300 sailors, of all skin colors, died. In the following month over 200 sailors refuse to go back to work, resulting in 50 being jailed and court-martialed for dereliction of duty. Thankfully this event did not end in complete tragedy, as it helped to end segregation in America's military. Author “Sheinkin delivers another meticulously researched WWII story” (PW).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2014 Carter G. Woodson Book Award National Book Award YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction Award NEA African American Booklist</p>



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<p><i>Undefeated : Jim Thorpe And The Carlisle Indian School Footb</i></p>	<p>Sheinkin, S</p>	<p>Features the underdog story of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School football team which under the leadership of coach Pop Warner and player Jim Thorpe became known as "the team that invented football." Highlights the systematic governmental persecution by the government and the players determination and grit, on and off the field, that led them to defeat more privileged schools like Army and Harvard.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2017                  2017 Horn Book - Boston Globe Nonfiction Honor Book                  VOYA Nonfiction Honor List                  YARP MS Teen Choice Nominee 2019-2020                  NCSS Notable Title 2018                  Arkansas Charlie May Simon Award 2019-2020                  Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2017                  Texas Tayshas HS Reading List 2018-2019                  Texas Topaz Nonfiction Reading List 2018                  Booklist Editor's Choice - Books for Youth 2017                  Rebecca Caudill Young Reader's Award 2019                  ALA Notable Children's Books 2018                  Rhode Island Teen Book Award Nominee 2018-2019                  Keystone to Reading HS Nominee 2018-2019                  Jefferson Cup Award</p>
<p><i>Freedom Maze</i></p>	<p>Sherman, D</p>	<p>Author Sherman's stunning piece of historical fiction centers on 13-year-old Sophie, who is forced to stay with her cantankerous grandmother on the family's ancestral home, a Louisiana sugar plantation, while her newly-divorced mother attempts to better their lives. In a garden maze overgrown with weeds, Sophie encounters a mysterious, playful creature who grants a wish that Sophie makes impulsively. In an instant, Sophie is transported back to the 1860s, enslaved by her own ancestors on the same plantation -- where her fair skin makes life easier and difficult at the same time.                  "Multilayered, compassionate and thought-provoking, a timely read on the sesquicentennial of America's Civil War" (KIRK).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2012                  Andre Norton Award                  ALA Best Fiction for YA 2013                  Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Children</p>

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<i>25 Women Who Fought Back</i>	Sherman, J	Profiles twenty-five women past and present who advanced women's rights through their work in journalism, music, politics, and literature among other areas. Includes a timeline, critical thinking questions, photographs, a glossary, and further resources.	
<i>25 Women Who Thought Of It First</i>	Sherman, J	Profiles twenty-five women past and present who did pioneering work in science, technology, architecture, engineering, and other areas. Includes a timeline, critical thinking questions, photographs, a glossary, and further resources.	NSTA Outstanding Science Trade Award 2019
<i>Hidden Figures : Young Readers' Edition</i>	Shetterly, M	Explores the true story of four African American female mathematicians recruited by the U.S. government during World War II to work at the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory. Their job involved being "human computers," using pencils, slide rulers, and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would allow rockets and astronauts to be launched out of the atmosphere.	New York Times Bestseller Amelia Bloomer Project 2018 IA Teen Award 2018-2019 Lamplighter Award 2018-2019 NSTA Best Stem Books 2018 TV Volunteer MS Award 2018-2019 Texas Topaz Reading List 2018
<i>Girl Who Drew Butterflies : How Maria Merian's Art Changed S</i>	Sidman, J	Presents an illustrated biography of seventeenth-century German naturalist Maria Merian, who was one of the first scientists to document butterfly metamorphosis and is called the world's first ecologist. Features color photographs and illustrations, quotes, a butterfly glossary, poems by the author, historical information, a timeline, and a note describing the author's own experience raising butterflies.	Compendium Winter 2018 Robert F. Sibert Medal Winner Booklist Editor's Choice Chicago Public Library Best of 2018 Kirkus Best Books of 2018 2018 Bulletin Blue Ribbon Book Junior Library Guild Selection New York Public Library Top 10 Books of 2018 Texas Topaz Nonfiction Reading List 2019 ALA Honor Book 2019 Just One More Page! Reading List 2019 ALA Notable Children's Books 2019 Capitol Choices Award 2019 Garden State Teen Nonfiction Award

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<i>Pele : The King Of Soccer</i>	Simon, E	Presents a graphic novel biography of Edson Arantes do Nascimento, better known as the soccer superstar Pelé, from his birth in 1940 up through his first forays into professional soccer, and to how he became a star.	Compendium Winter 2018
<i>Short</i>	Sloan, H	Middle schooler Julia Marks doesn't really mind being the shortest kid in her class until she overhears her parents speaking negatively about her small size. When she's offered the lead Munchkin role in "The Wizard of Oz," she's reluctant to accept it. But what she finds doing the summer play is friendship, a newfound passion for theater, and a new perspective on being who she is in the tiny package she came in. "Sweet and uplifting ... [Julia's] self-acceptance is inspiring and the joy she experiences in her foray into theater is irresistible" (BL).	Compendium Spring 2017 Texas Lone Star Reading List 2018 FL Sunshine State Young Reader Award MS Magnolia Award VT Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award
<i>Black Panther : The Young Prince</i>	Smith, R	Twelve-year-old T'Challa is content spending his days learning how to one day rule his nation, Wakanda. But trouble in his homeland leads his father, the reigning Black Panther, to send him to Chicago where he must assimilate into American life alongside his best friend M'Baku. Hiding his true identity becomes increasingly difficult when strange things start happening at his middle school. And he'll have to step into his destiny as future superhero in order to stop an ancient evil.	2019 TX Lone Star Reading List
<i>Black Power Salute : How A Photograph Captured A Political P</i>	Smith-Ilera, D	Examines the story behind the photographs of American athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos with their heads bowed and fists raised in silent protest of racial injustice during the 1968 Olympic medal ceremony for their gold and bronze medals in the 200-meter sprint. Includes a timeline, resources for further information, text-related questions, and color photographs.	Compendium 2017

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<p><i>Che Guevara's Face : How A Cuban Photographer's Image Became</i></p>	<p>Smith-Ilera, D</p>	<p>Examines the life of Che Guevara and the famous photograph of his face, a spur-of-the-moment snapshot in 1960, which was turned into a now-world famous poster.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2017</p>
<p><i>Serena Vs. Venus : How A Photograph Spotlighted The Fight Fo</i></p>	<p>Smith-Ilera, D</p>	<p>Text and photographs tell the story of sisters Serena and Venus Williams and their accomplishments for women and African Americans in the sport of tennis, focusing on the famous photograph of them after the historic 2001 U.S. Open. Includes a timeline, a glossary, and further resources.</p>	

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<p><i>After Ever After</i></p>	<p>Sonnenblick, J</p>	<p>Although eighth-grader Jeffrey Alper's cancer is in remission, the intense chemotherapy and radiation treatments have left him fragile, limping and struggling in school. Adding to these troubles are issues in his personal life: his best friend is driving him bonkers, his older brother ran off to Africa to "find himself" and a girl thinks he is cute. As Jeffrey deals with each of these issues in turn, he looks deep within his own soul to find the resolve to move on with his life and persevere. Moving between heavy issues and everyday teenage concerns, this title delivers a moving, lighthearted story. "As hilarious as it is tragic, and as honest as it is hopeful, don't confuse this book with inspirational reading. It's irresistible reading" (BL).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2010          ALA Best Fiction for YA 2011          Schneider Family Book Award          AR Teen Book Award 2011-2012          AZ Grand Canyon Reader Tween Award 2013          Best Children's Books of 2011          Booklist Ed. Choice for Youth 2010          CT Nutmeg Children's Award 2013          DC Capitol Choices Award 2011          GA Grade 4-8 Book Award 2011-2012          GA Tome Society "It" List Nominee 2013-2014          Heartland Award Nominee 2011          IA Teen Award 2011-2012          IN Young Hoosier Award 2013          IRA Teacher's Choice 2011          MI Thumbs Up! Nominee 2011          MN Maud Hart Lovelace Award 2012-2013          MO Truman Reading Nominee 2012-2013          NCSS Notable Title 2011          NE Golden Sower YA Award 2013-2014          NJ Garden State Teen Fiction Award 2013          OK Sequoyah Award          PA Carolyn W. Field Winner          RI Teen Book Award Nominee 2011-2012          TN Volunteer HS Award 2012-2013          TX Lone Star Reading List 2011          UT Beehive YA Book Award 2011-2012          VT Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award 2011-2012</p>
<p><i>Red Butterfly</i></p>	<p>Sonnichsen, A</p>	<p>In China, a foundling girl with a deformed hand raised in secret by an American woman must navigate China's strict adoption system when she is torn away from the only family she has ever known.</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2015          ALA Notable Children's Books of 2016          MO Mark Twain 2017-2018 Preliminary          PA KRSA Young Adult MS Award 2016-2017          WI Just One More Page! Reading List 2016</p>
<p><i>Star Wars : Lando</i></p>	<p>Soule, C</p>	<p>Lando's scheme to steal a valuable ship should have been easy money. Instead, it's become a</p>	<p>ALA Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2017</p>

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		life and death fight as one of the deadliest trackers in the galaxy is coming after him.	
<i>Shabanu : Daughter Of The Wind</i>	Staples, S	When eleven-year old Shabanu, the daughter of a nomad in Pakistan, is pledged in marriage to an older man, she must either accept the decision or defy her father's wishes.	Newbery Honor Winner New York Times Notable Book ALA 100 Best Books for Teens ALA Best Books for YA
<i>Super Indian : 1</i>	Starr, A	Based on the radio series, presents a comic book detailing the adventures of Super Indian. Hubert Logan was an ordinary boy until he ate cheese tainted with Reziium, a secret government food additive, and developed super powers. Now Super Indian, along with his sidekicks Mega Bear and Diogi, fights evil forces who want his reservation's resources.	
<i>Murder Is Bad Manners</i>	Stevens, R	At an English boarding school in the 1930s, crime-solving friends Hazel Wong and Daisy Wells struggle to find an exciting mystery to investigate until Hazel discovers the dead body of Miss Bell, the science teacher.	Compendium Fall 2015 ALA Notable Children's Books 2016
<i>Poison Is Not Polite</i>	Stevens, R	Schoolgirl detectives and best friends Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong travel to Daisy's home of Fallingford for the holidays. Daisy's birthday is coming up, and her glamorous mother is planning a huge tea party. The whole family shows up, even eccentric Aunt Saskia and dashing Uncle Felix. However, the party is not actually for Daisy! How rude, on her birthday! Daisy's anger turns to curiosity when one of the guests appears to have been poisoned, and she and Hazel have another case on their hands to solve! "A first-rate whodunit, reminiscent of a game of Clue" (KIRK).	Compendium Fall 2016 Booklist's 50 Best Middle Grade Books of the 21st Century Kirkus Prize Young Readers' Nominee 2016

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<i>Lumberjanes : 1</i>	Stevenson, N	Presents the adventures of five best friends at Miss Qiunzella Thiskwin Penniquiquil Thistle Crumpet's Camp for Hardcore Lady-Types who embark on a magical quest where they encounter a bearwoman and strange foxes with a message, a river monster, and a series of tests to escape a secret cave. All presented in a field manual for the camp that describes the types of badges campers can earn.	ALA Popular Paperbacks for YA ALA Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers Amelia Bloomer Project 2016 AR Teen Book Award CCBC Book 2016 Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2015 IA Teen Award IN Young Hoosier Award MD Black-Eyed Susan Award NJ Garden State Teen Fiction Award OR Reader's Choice TX Little Maverick Graphic Novel 2016 TX Maverick Graphic Novel List 2016 WI Just One More Page! Reading List 2016 Eisner Award Nominated Series
<i>Lumberjanes : 3 : A Terrible Plan</i>	Stevenson, N	During a quiet day at camp, Mal and Molly stumble upon the Bear Woman who whisks them into a prehistoric adventure. Meanwhile back at camp, Jo, April, and Ripley try to earn every badge possible.	New York Times Bestselling Series ALA Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2017 ALA Rainbow Project Book List 2017 Eisner Award Nominated Series
<i>Lumberjanes : 5 : Band Together</i>	Stevenson, N	The girls at the Lumberjane summer camp have to work together to earn their badges, form and keep friendships, and deal with a battle of the bands that involves mermaids.	Eisner Award Nominated Series
<i>Pride : Celebrating Diversity &amp; Community</i>	Stevenson, R	Highlights the history of Pride. Shares its roots, how it's celebrated today, and how others around the world celebrate Pride. Includes a glossary, resources for further information, and color photographs.	Stonewall Book Award 2017 ALA Honor NEA LGBTQ Reading Recommendations Outstanding International Booklist 2017
<i>Ballad Of A Broken Nose</i>	Svingen, A	Immersing himself in his love for opera in order to cope with a difficult life, shy and bullied Bart embraces an optimistic outlook and bonds with an outgoing girl who encourages him to perform in a school talent show.	Mildred L. Batchelder Award 2017 ALA Honor

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<p><i>Basketballogy : Supercool Facts You Never Knew</i></p>	<p>Sylvester, K</p>	<p>Contains a collection of facts related to basketball from its invention by James Naismith in 1891 and important players over the years to statistics surrounding the cost of attending and how many people are watching or attending games. Includes text-related trivia and resources for further information.</p>	<p>Compendium Winter 2018</p>
<p><i>Saving Montgomery Sole</i></p>	<p>Tamaki, M</p>	<p>Montgomery Sole and her best friends Thomas and Naoki are the only members of their small town high school's Mystery Club. Their goal is to explore the unexplained such as ESP or super powers. And when Montgomery buys a powerful crystal amulet known as the Eye of Know, she hopes it will help her find answers to some of her deepest curiosities, including the nagging wonder if her lesbian mothers' sexuality is at odds with her religious faith. “The characters are refreshingly diverse for YA literature, in both sexuality and race, and the conversations around religion, homophobia, and society are written as if they are a norm of Montgomery's life—never straying into preachy or didactic territory” (SLJ).</p>	<p>Compedium Fall 2016 ALA Rainbow Project Book List 2017 AR Teen Book Award 2017-2018</p>
<p><i>Roll Of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i></p>	<p>Taylor, M</p>	<p>Young Cassie Logan endures humiliation and witnesses the horrors of a KKK cross-burning rampage before she fully understands the importance her family places on having land of their own.</p>	<p>Newbery Award Winner National Book Award Nominee American Book Award Honor Book ALA Notable Book NCSS-CBC Notable Children's Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies Boston Globe-Horn Book Award Honor Book New York 3 Apples Teen Award Nominee 2018-2019 NEA African American Booklist</p>



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<p><i>Ghosts</i></p>	<p>Telgemeier, R</p>	<p>Cat's little sister Maya is battling cystic fibrosis, so their mother decides that moving to a beachfront town in Northern California is just what the doctor ordered. What's worse than moving away from all her friends? It seems that everyone in Cat's new town is obsessed with ghosts, but Cat wants nothing to do with any of it. But when Maya's determination to see one lands her in the hospital for weeks, Cat begins to realize she'll need to accept her sister's passion for the spirits in order to help her. "The bright tones and wonderfully expressive figures of the racially diverse cast ... make this compassionate, approachable, and gentle story about death irresistible" (BL).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2017  Colorado Children's Book Award Winner  Garden State Teen Fiction Winner  Volunteer State Book Award Winner  Great Stone Face Award Winner  Delaware Diamonds Award 2018-2019  New York 3 Apples Children's Award Nominee 2019  Young Reader's Choice Award Winner  South Carolina Children's Book Award Winner  Eisner Award Winner  Black-Eyed Susan Graphic Novel Award  Kirkus Prize Young Readers' Nominee 2016  Isinglass Award Winner  NCSS Notable Title 2017  Beehive Graphic Novel Award  Garden State Children's Graphic Novel Award 2019</p>
<p><i>George Washington Carver For Kids : His Life And Discoveries</i></p>	<p>Thomas, P</p>	<p>Presents a biography of scientist and agriculturalist George Washington Carver including his early years, his time at Iowa Agricultural College, and his success at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. Includes twenty-one projects to do relating to Carver's life including making peanut cookies, creating a window box, and starting an herbarium.</p>	<p>Compendium Title</p>

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<p><i>Goldfish Boy</i></p>	<p>Thompson, L</p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Matthew Corbin has struggled with a severe obsessive-compulsive disorder since the death of his baby brother five years ago—a tragedy he blames on himself. In self-imposed isolation, Matthew stays in his bedroom all day long, watching the neighbors come and go and keeping notes about their daily routines. When a toddler goes missing next door, Matthew starts his own investigation with the help of his neighborhood friends. And in the process of uncovering the truth, Matthew just might be able to break free from his own demons. Author “Thompson strikes the perfect balance, seemingly without compromise, between an issue-driven novel and one with broad, commercial appeal ... a middle-grade whodunit with a very special heart” (KIRK).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2017 Sasquatch Reading Award Nominee 2020 Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Award 2019</p>
<p><i>Lily Pond</i></p>	<p>Thor, A</p>	<p>Having left Nazi-occupied Vienna a year ago, thirteen-year-old Jewish refugee Stephe Steiner adapts to life in the cultured Swedish city of Gothenburg, where she attends school, falls in love, and worries about her parents who were not allowed to emigrate.</p>	<p>Mildred L. Batchelder Honor Book ALA-ALSC Notable Children's Book</p>
<p><i>How I Became A Ghost</i></p>	<p>Tingle, T</p>	<p>Isaac is a Choctaw boy who has become a ghost, and he can see things that haven't happened yet. He and his talking dog, Jumper, and their family learn tough life lessons on the Trail of Tears.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2014 AILA American Indian Youth Literature Award 2014 CCBC Book 2017 IL Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Award 2014 NCSS Title 2016 OK Sequoyah Intermediate Book Award</p>
<p><i>Ibn Battuta : The Greatest Traveler Of The Muslim World</i></p>	<p>Toth, H</p>	<p>Explores the life of fourteenth-century Arab explorer, traveler, and scholar Ibn Battuta, and highlights some of the things he saw and did throughout thirty years of exploring in Africa, Asia, and Europe.</p>	

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<p><i>Samurai Rising : The Epic Life Of Minamoto Yoshitsune</i></p>	<p>Turner, P</p>	<p>Author Turner brilliantly explores the life of Minamoto Yoshitsune, a 12th-century samurai hero whose life and death was immersed in bravery and violence. Despite being raised in a Buddhist monastery after the beheading of his samurai father, Yoshitsune could not deny his warrior spirit. When his people rose up against their enemies, he threw himself into battle with a bravery that bordered on lunacy, securing his place in history as a samurai legend. "Yoshitsune, physically a small man, leaps from the pages, larger than life and twice as active ... Japanophiles, action lovers, and future historians will all find this book gripping" (SLJ).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2016          YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction Honor          Kirkus Prize - Young Readers' Nominees 2016          2017 ALA Honor          SLJ Battle of the Kids' Books 2017          SLJ 42 Diverse YA Titles for Every Library</p>
<p><i>Backstagers : 1 : Rebels Without Applause</i></p>	<p>Tynion, J</p>	<p>It can be rough being the new kid at school, but Jory finds new friends in the Backstagers, a group of kids who work as the stage crew for the school play. Together, they're working to make the next play the best thing their school has ever seen.</p>	<p>Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2017          Chicago Public Library Best Teen Titles 2017          ALA Top Ten Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2018          ALA Rainbow Project Book List 2018</p>
<p><i>Backstagers : 2 : The Show Must Go On</i></p>	<p>Tynion, J</p>	<p>The Backstagers want to put on the best show the town has ever seen, but because of the magical world behind the curtain, several of the actors go missing. The Backstagers must then come together to save their friends and rebalance the theater.</p>	<p>ALA Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2019</p>

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<p><i>How Dare The Sun Rise : Memoirs Of A War Child</i></p>	<p>Uwiringiyimana, S</p>	<p>With this memoir, author Uwiringiyimana tells the story of her near-death experience at the hands of a Democratic Republic of Congo rebel who pointed a gun to her head. For whatever reason, the rebel didn't pull the trigger, but Uwiringiyimana's mother and six-year-old sister were murdered. She escaped, became part of a refugee program, and landed in New York, where even though she felt a great divide between herself and her American peers, she found healing from her trauma through art and social activism. Uwiringiyimana's "ability to summon the chaos and terror is extraordinary ... [she] has emerged as a powerful spokesperson for the plight of the dispossessed" (BL).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2017 Junior Library Guild Selection New York Public Library's Best Books for Teens Goodreads Choice Awards Nonfiction Finalist Chicago Public Library Best of the Best Books for Teens: Nonfiction 2018 Texas Topaz Nonfiction List YALSA's 2018 Quick Picks List Bank Street's 2018 Best Books of the Year Abraham Lincoln Award NCSS Notable Title 2018 ALA Quick Picks for Reluctant YA 2018</p>
<p><i>Well, That Was Awkward</i></p>	<p>Vail, R</p>	<p>Eighth-grade student Gracie Grant has a huge crush on handsome, popular AJ Rojanasopondist. The only problem is, AJ likes her best friend, Sienna. Grace quickly overcomes the tinge of jealousy she feels upon learning the news, and happily helps Sienna craft responses to AJ's surprisingly funny text messages. Unbeknownst to the girls, there's a good reason the messages seem out of character for AJ—his buddy Emmett is writing them on his behalf. "A modern, multicultural version of Cyrano de Bergerac ... This tween romance proves that some stories stand the test of time" (SLJ).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2017 Garden State Teen Fiction Nominee 2020 Texas Lone Star Reading List 2018 VOYA Top Shelf Fiction for MS Readers 2017 VOYA Perfect Tens 2017</p>

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<p><i>Time To Dance</i></p>	<p>Venkatraman, P</p>	<p>In India, a girl who excels at Bharatanatyam dance refuses to give up after losing a leg in an accident.</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2014            CCBC Global Book            ALA Best Fiction for YA 2015            Best Children's Books of 2015            Booklist Ed. Choice Books for Youth            CCBC Book 2015            CT Nutmeg Teen Award 2017            IL Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Award            IN Eliot Rosewater Award 2016-2017            IRA Notable Books for a Global Society 2015            NJ Garden State Teen Fiction Award            OK Sequoyah Intermediate Book Award            PA KSRA Young Adult HS Award 2015-2016            WI Just One More Page! Reading List 2015</p>
<p><i>Summer I Wasn't Me</i></p>	<p>Verdi, J</p>	<p>Lexi Hamilton's mother has not been the same since the death of Lexi's father. Despite Lexi's attempts to help out, her mother is struggling with the most basic daily tasks. So when Lexi's mother takes the discovery of Lexi's homosexuality hard, Lexi agrees to attend the religious camp New Horizons, which promises to transform her into a heterosexual. Once at the camp, she experiences growing unease with the practices of the counselors, and when one camper is publicly beaten to drive off his "homosexual demons," Lexi is finally forced to reexamine her beliefs about right and wrong. "Lexi is a likable protagonist with wide appeal ... [this] title is recommended as a quality piece of fiction in a teen collection, and especially as part of an LGBTQ collection" (VOYA).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2015</p>
<p><i>Life And Death Of Malcolm X</i></p>	<p>Vietze, A</p>	<p>Explores the life of Malcolm X including his early years, his time in jail, his conversion to Islam, his fight for civil rights, and his legacy.</p>	

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<i>Zheng He : China's Greatest Navigator</i>	Vietze, A	Explores the life and legacy of fourteenth-century Chinese explorer and maritime navigator Zheng He.	
<i>Remember Little Bighorn : Indians, Soldiers, And Scouts Tell</i>	Walker, P	Offers an account of the Battle of Little Bighorn that came to be known as Custer's Last Stand. Details the battle's events, figures, tactics, and conflicting viewpoints. Contains eyewitness accounts, photographs and diagrams.	Compendium Spring 2007 ALA Notable Children's Books of 2007 NCSS Notable Title 2007 SLJ Best Books
<i>Remember Little Rock : The Time, The People, The Stories</i>	Walker, P	The battle to integrate Central High School in 1957 in Little Rock, Arkansas, was a defining moment in the struggle for racial equality. Recounting the events that occurred at Little Rock during this period, author Walker draws on interviews with students, the community and silent witnesses who saw the segregational acts. He then creates a picture of a world struggling with this issue amidst the "Jim Crow laws, major Supreme Court discussions governing first the segregation and then the desegregation of public schools, and even the political maneuverings of Governor Orval Faubus, the man who used the National Guard to attempt to keep Central High School segregated" (VOYA).	Compendium Fall 2009 AR Teen Book Award 2010-2011 California Collection 2011-2013 NCSS Notable Title 2010 VOYA Nonfiction Honor List 2009
<i>Anything Could Happen</i>	Walton, W	Fifteen-year-old Tretch Farm has hesitated to reveal that he is gay to his family, since he is worried they will face hostility from their small-town neighbors, but Tretch's biggest concern is what to do about his crush on his best friend Matt.	Lambda Literary Award

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<p><i>Prince And The Dressmaker</i></p>	<p>Wang, J</p>	<p>Prince Sebastian has a secret--he loves to wear women's dresses and go out at night in Paris. His best friend and dressmaker, Frances is his secret weapon, but while she keeps Sebastian's secret, she puts off pursuing her own dreams. Includes a glimpse inside the author's process with images of the script and sketches.</p>	<p>Compendium Winter 2018  TX Tayshas HS Reading List 2019-2020  TX Maverick Graphic Novels List 2019  SLJ 2018 Best Books  Chicago Public Library Best Teen Titles 2018  Just One More Page! Reading List 2019  ALA Top Ten Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers 2019  ALA Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2019  ALA Notable Children's Books  Thumbs Up! Award Nominee 2019  Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Award  ALA Rainbow Project Book List  Black-Eyed Susan Graphin Novel Award  Georgia Peach Teen Choice Award  CCBC Book 2019  Beehive YA Book Award 2019-2020  Capitol Choices Award  Notable Books for a Global Society  Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award  Rhode Island Teen Book Award Nominee  Great Lakes Great Books Nominee  ALA Teens' Top 10 Nominee  Maine Student Book Award Reading List  ILA Young Adults' Choices Reading List  Garden State Teen Fiction Nominee  Volunteer MS Nominee 2020-2021  Teen Choice Book of the Year Winner</p>
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<p><i>Piecing Me Together</i></p>	<p>Watson, R</p>	<p>Each day African American teen Jade Butler shuttles to a private, mostly white school where she's accepted a scholarship. Intent on taking advantage of every opportunity she can to rise above the poverty in which she lives, Jade tries to find her place in a world where she teeters between the privilege of her classmates and the racial tension and fear of her neighborhood. "Jade's narrative offers compelling reflections on the complexities of race and gender, class and privilege, fear and courage, while conveying the conflicted emotions of an ambitious, loyal girl. Teeming with compassion and insight, [author] Watson's story trumpets the power of artistic expression to re-envision and change the world" (PW).</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2017            Coretta Scott King Author Award Winner 2018            Newbery Honor 2018            NPR's Best Books of 2017            2017 New York Public Library Best Teen Book of the Year            Chicago Public Library Best Books of 2017            School Library Journal Best Books of 2017            Kirkus Reviews' Best Teen Books of 2017            2018 Josette Frank Award Winner            Grand Canyon Reader Tween Award Nominee 2020            Missouri Truman Readers Award            Rebecca Caudill YA Award 2020            Young Reader's Choice Award YA 2019-2020            Evergreen Teen Book Nominee            Nutmeg MS Nominee 2020            ALA Honor Book            SLJ 42 Diverse YA Titles for Every Library            ALA Best Fiction for YA            Texas Teyshas Reading List 2018-2019            Amelia Bloomer Project 2018            Green Mountain Book Award Nominee            Keystone to Reading HS Nominee 2018-2019            Notable Books for a Global Society</p>
<p><i>Colin Kaepernick</i></p>	<p>Watson, S</p>	<p>Highlights the life and career of NFL football player Colin Kaepernick. Examines how his protest inspired some and upset others. Includes a glossary, a timeline, a text-related activity, resources for further information, and color photographs.</p>	
<p><i>Lumberjanes : 4</i></p>	<p>Watters, S</p>	<p>When a blizzard hits the camp where the Lumberjanes are staying, a mysterious taxidermist shows up to save the day. Separated from the group, Jen must find her way back to the other girls.</p>	<p>New York Times Bestselling Series            Eisner Award Nominated Series            Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2017</p>



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<p><i>You Can Fly : The Tuskegee Airmen</i></p>	<p>Weatherford, C</p>	<p>The poster of Uncle Sam said "I WANT YOU!" But for a young black man in 1940, it probably did not seem like Uncle Sam wanted him. Certainly not behind the stick of a warplane! Nevertheless, young black men from around America wanted to serve their country in the skies, and so the Tuskegee Airmen were born. Dozens of men began learning engineering, mechanics, code communication, and map reading. Before long, they were in the air, on the front lines of Europe, making history! "Gentle yet stirring, [author] Weatherford's 40-plus free-verse poems create a composite portrait of the first African-American military pilots ... and the rampant racial prejudice that these military heroes battled throughout the war" (PW).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2016 Kirkus Prize - Young Readers' Nominee 2016 NCSS Notable Title 2017</p>
<p><i>Creepy Case Files Of Margo Maloo</i></p>	<p>Weing, D</p>	<p>After Charles moves to Echo City, his monster neighbors won't leave him alone. Charles call on Margo Maloo, the city's great monster mediator, to help him find some peace and quiet.</p>	<p>Compendium Spring 2017 Kirkus Best of 2016 Book Nene Award Nominee Garden State Children's Graphic Novel Award 2019</p>
<p><i>Another Castle : Grimoire</i></p>	<p>Wheeler, A</p>	<p>Princess Misty of Beldora is captured by Lord Badlug, the evil immortal ruler of the neighboring kingdom of Grimoire. He plans on forcing her to marry him in order to rule Beldora as well, but Misty vows to fight back and free both realms from his rule. In the process, she makes new friends and learns more about her past.</p>	<p>Amelia Bloomer Project 2018 Texas Maverick Graphic Novels List 2018</p>
<p><i>Princess : 1 : Save Yourself</i></p>	<p>Whitley, J</p>	<p>Princess Adrienne is tired of waiting for a Prince Charming to come and rescue her and her sisters, so she and her sidekick Bedelia and their dragon, Sparky, set out to rescue themselves.</p>	<p>Amelia Bloomer Project Title 2013</p>
<p><i>Princess : 2 : Get Over Yourself</i></p>	<p>Whitley, J</p>	<p>Adrienne embarks on a quest to rescue her sister, Angelica. However, their father, King Ashe, thinks Adrienne has been murdered by a</p>	<p>Amelia Bloomer Project Title 2014</p>

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		dragon-riding knight; so he sends his knights to hunt the killer down, unknowingly sending them after Adrienne.	
<i>Princess : 3 : The Pirate Princess</i>	Whitley, J	When Adrienne finds Raven Xingtao, the daughter of the Pirate King, who is locked away in a tower, Adrienne decides to spring her, but it drags her into a whirlwind adventure to complete Raven's quest for revenge.	Compendium Fall 2015
<i>Genesis Begins Again</i>	Williams, A	Thirteen-year-old Genesis tries again and again to lighten her black skin, thinking it is the root of her family's troubles, before discovering reasons to love herself as is.	Compendium Title
<i>Clayton Byrd Goes Underground</i>	Williams-garcia, R	After his grandfather, Cool Papa Byrd, dies and his mother forbids him from playing the blues, Clayton runs away to find his grandfather's blues group, the "Bluesmen," to join them on the road. While on his journey through New York City, Clayton learns things that surprise him and help him find his way home.	Compendium Fall 2017 National Book Award Finalist Kirkus Best Books of 2017 Horn Book Best Books of 2017 Publishers Weekly Best Books of 2017 SLJ Best Books of 2017 NAACP Image Awards Youth/Teen Winner Chicago Public Library Best Books Boston Globe Best Books of 2017 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice 2020 Young Hoosier Intermediate Nominee 2020 Georgia Children's Book Award Youper Award Winner ALA Notable Children's Books of 2018 ILA Children's Choices Reading List 2018

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<p><i>Gone Crazy In Alabama</i></p>	<p>Williams-garcia, R</p>	<p>Three feisty sisters--Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern Gaither--help their eighty-two-year-old grandmother, Ma Charles, make peace with her half-sister, Miss Trotter, while visiting Ma Charles in Alabama during the summer of 1969.</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2015 Coretta Scott King Award Newbery Honor Award ALA 2016 Honor ALA Notable Children's Books 2016 Best Children's Books Award 2016 Bulletin Blue Ribbon Award 2015 CCBC Book 2016 DC Capitol Choices Award 2016 NJ Garden State Teen Fiction Award 2018 School Library Journal Best Books of 2015 WI Just One More Page! List 2016</p>
<p><i>One Crazy Summer</i></p>	<p>Williams-garcia, R</p>	<p>In the summer of 1968, 11-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters travel from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know. Much to their surprise, they arrive to a cold welcome and 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. Left without an option, Delphine attempts to make the best of things while attending the day camp but remains skeptical of the hateful words spouted by the camp instructors. "Delphine's growing awareness of injustice on a personal and universal level is smoothly woven into the story in poetic language that will stimulate and move readers" (PW).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2010 Newbery Honor Book Coretta Scott King Award Winner Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction National Book Award Honor Booklists's 50 Best Middle Grade Books of the 21st Century</p>

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<p><i>P.s. Be Eleven</i></p>	<p>Williams-garcia, R</p>	<p>In "One Crazy Summer" (2010), Delphine, Vonetta and Fern Gaither reveled in their newfound freedoms while staying with their mother in Oakland, California. Having returned to Brooklyn to live with Pa and his new girlfriend, the sisters now find that the reins on life are tightened. To complicate matters, Uncle Darnell is back from Vietnam but just isn't himself anymore, and the sixth grade gets a new teacher, Mr. Mwillla, from Zambia. Delphine decides to voice her concerns through letters to her mother, who always reminds her to just "Be Eleven." Narrated by Delphine, author Williams-Garcia's story is a "finely drawn portrait of a family in flux" (BL).</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2013            Coretta Scott King Award            ALA Honor 2014            ALA Notable Children's Books 2014            Amelia Bloomer Project 2014            Best Chilren's Books of 2014            Book Links Lasting Connections of 2013            Booklist Ed. Choice Books for Youth 2013            CCBC Book 2014            Chicago Public Library Best of the Best 2013            DC Capitol Choices Award 2014            Horn Book Fanfare 2013            MO Mark Twain Nominee 2015-2016            NJ Garden State Children's Fiction Award 2016            School Library Journal Best Books 2013            VT Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award 2014-2015            WI Just One Page! Reading List 2014</p>
<p><i>California Gold Rush : Chinese Laborers In America (1848-188</i></p>	<p>Wilson, S</p>	<p>Discusses the history of the Chinese immigration to the United States, how they adapted to their new home, and what hardships they had to endure.</p>	
<p><i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i></p>	<p>Woodson, J</p>	<p>Free verse autobiography of Jacqueline Woodson about her childhood growing up in the sixties and seventies in both the North and the South, from South Carolina to Brooklyn, New York.</p>	<p>Compendium Fall 2014            National Book Award Winner            Newbery Honor            Jacqueline Woodson (author) is he 2018-2019 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature            A President Obama "O" Book Club Pick            E.B. White Read Aloud Award Winner            Coretta Scott King Award            Robert F. Sibert Award            National Book Honor            The Global Read Aloud 2019 Contender            Loe Lizzard Winner            NEA African American Booklist</p>

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<i>Dear One</i>	Woodson, J	Twelve-year-old Feni has to adjust when the pregnant young daughter of an old friend of her mother's comes to stay with them.	Global Read Aloud 2019 Contender
<i>Harbor Me</i>	Woodson, J	Everything changes when six kids are sent to a room in school by themselves with no adults to listen in. Dubbing it the ARTT room, A Room To Talk, they find themselves discussing things they never thought they could with anyone else, finding outlets for fears about parents, racial profiling, deportation scares, and ultimately their shared longing for a place to belong.	<p>Compendium Title</p> <p>Jacqueline Woodson (Author) is 2018-2019 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature</p> <p>New York Times Best Seller</p> <p>2019-2020 Texas Bluebonnet Award</p> <p>2019 Global Read Aloud Contender</p> <p>Intermediate Reader Award Nominees 2020</p> <p>2018 SLJ Best Books</p> <p>2019 Just One More Page! Reading List</p> <p>2019 ALA Notable Children's Books</p> <p>2019 ALA Best Fiction for Young Adults</p> <p>2019-2020 GA Children's Book Award</p> <p>2019-2020 Great Lakes Great Books Nominee</p> <p>2019 CCBC Book</p> <p>2019-2020 Young Reader's Choice Award</p> <p>Booklist's 50 Best Middle Grade Books of the 21st Century</p> <p>2019-2020 Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award</p> <p>2019 IRL Teachers' Choices Reading List</p> <p>2020-2021 Volunteer Intermediate Nominee</p> <p>Kirkus Prize Honor</p>
<i>Science Comics : The Brain : The Ultimate Thinking Machine</i>	Woollcott, T	Teaches young learners about the brain in a graphic novel format. When Fahama is kidnapped by a mad scientist and his zombie assistant who plan on stealing her brain, and she'll need to learn all she can about the brain in order to come up with a plan of escape.	Compendium Title

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<i>Putting Makeup On The Fat Boy</i>	Wright, B	Sixteen-year-old Carlos Duarte is on the verge of realizing his dream of becoming a famous make-up artist, but first he must face his jealous boss at a Macy's cosmetics counter, his sister's abusive boyfriend, and his crush on a punk-rocker classmate.	Stonewall Book Award NEA LGBTQ Reading Recommendations ALA Rainbow Project Book List ALA Honor 2012 ALA Popular Paperbacks for YA Best Children's Books of 2012 Lambda Literary Award
<i>American Born Chinese</i>	Yang, G	A graphic novel which examines issues of self-image, cultural identity, transformation, and self acceptance as Jin Wang moves with his family from Chinatown to an upper class suburb in San Francisco.	Compendium Title Gene Luen Yang (Author) is the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature 2006 National Book Award Finalist for Young People's Literature Eisner Award for Best Graphic Album 2007 Eisner Nominee for Best Coloring 2007 Bank Street Best Children's Book of the Year New York Times Bestseller
<i>Boxers</i>	Yang, G	Author Yang's historical fiction, told in paired graphic novels, brings to light the events of the Boxer Rebellion in 1890s China. "Boxers" follows young Bao, whose small village is ruthlessly disturbed by "foreign devils," missionaries and soldiers. Bao decides to fight back, though. He learns how to defend himself and gathers an army of peasants, summoning the powers of the Chinese gods. "Saints" tells the story of a lonely, unwanted girl known as Four-Girl, who lives in Bao's neighboring village. Converting to Catholicism, Four-Girl is baptized and named Vibiana. Vibiana soon discovers that being a Christian in China is very difficult, and her faith is tested in matters of life and death. "The juxtaposition of these opposing points of view, both of them sympathetic, makes for powerful, thought-provoking storytelling about a historical period that is not well known in the West" (SLJ).	Compendium Spring 2014 Gene Luen Yang (author) is the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature New York Times Bestseller National Book Award Honor CCBC Book

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<i>Secret Coders : 3 : Secrets &amp; Sequences</i>	Yang, G	Discovering that her missing father was once a student at her mysterious Bee School, Hopper surmises that his disappearance is due to the nefarious work of Dr. One-Zero, a green-skinned villain who wants to find the most powerful turtle in the world.	Gene Luen Yang (Author) is the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature ALA Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2018
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<i>Rising Above : Inspiring Women In Sports</i>	Zuckerman, G	Collects ten stories of female athletes who have overcome the odds and become superstar athletes and role models for young girls, including Serena and Venus Williams, Simone Biles, and Carli Lloyd.	