



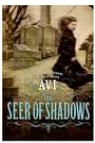
Saint Ann's School, 2010

# Suggested Summer Reading List

for students entering fifth & sixth grades

## Fiction

**KEY** 🔍 - mystery; ♥ - romantic; 🕷️ - scary/creepy; 🦋 - sci fi; ⚾️ - sports; 🕵️ - spies; 🎨 - artsy; 🎬 - there's a movie based on the book; 🦇 - spooky; 🕊️ - promotes peace; 🏛️ - historical fiction; ☹️ - sad; 🔪 - crime; 🩸 - bloody; 😄 - funny; 🌀 - fantasy; 🗣️ - contemporary realistic



Avi. **The Seer of Shadows**. In this historical ghost story set in New York City in the 1870s, young Horace becomes an apprentice to a shifty society photographer. The photographer decides to turn con man and start selling “spirit photographs”—fake images showing the dead returned to earth. The photographer is a fraud, but Horace discovers to his horror that the ghosts are terrifyingly real. 🦇 🏛️



Baskin, Nora Raleigh. **Anything But Typical**. Jason is autistic, and has a hard time even beginning to understand how to fit in with other kids. But he is a phenomenal writer, and his joy is sharing stories online at a web site called Storyboard. There, he makes a connection with a girl who calls herself PhoenixBird. What will happen when they meet face-to-face? This brief, intense book is written in the first person, from Jason's point of view. 🗣️



Baum, L. Frank. **The Wonderful Wizard of Oz**. A quick and entertaining read. Decide which you like better—the book or movie. See how the filmmakers changed the ending, changed the shoes, and left out some of the quirky characters. If you like it, try one of the many sequels. 🌀 🎬



Bell, Cathleen Davitt. **Little Blog on the Prairie**. *Little House on the Prairie*: great book, terrible vacation idea. When Gen's mom forces her to go to pioneer family camp, Gen starts texting her friends about the horrors of life without indoor plumbing, electricity, or skinny jeans. (She's hidden her phone from camp authorities.) Her friends turn her texts into a blog, and the blog goes viral. 😄



Bell, Cathleen Davitt. **Slipping**. Michael's grandfather cut himself off from the family years ago. But when he dies, odd things start to happen: Michael craves things his grandfather liked—cigars and creamed spinach. Then he starts having his grandfather's memories. Is Michael slipping into the river of the dead? 🦇



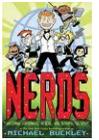
Blacker, Terence. **Parent Swap**. Because his life is a bit of a disaster, 13-year-old Danny Bell agrees to let ParentSwap™ try to match him with his ideal parents. But he soon realizes that the company is about *much* more than giving adolescents a new start. ☹️ 😊



Bosch, Pseudonymous. **The Name of this Book is Secret**. We could tell you more, but then we'd have to kill you. (And you'd miss out on the sequels, *If You're Reading This, It's Too Late*, and *This Book is Not Good For You*.) ☹️ 😊



Broach, Elise. **Masterpiece**. An artistic beetle who craves adventure teams up with a lonely 11-year-old boy. Together, they track down the thief who has stolen a priceless Albrecht Durer drawing from the Metropolitan Museum of Art. If you like *Masterpiece*, try *Shakespeare's Secret*, another mystery by the same author. 📖 🌀 ☹️



Buckley, Michael. **NERDS: National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society**. From the author of The Sisters Grimm series, comes this story of nerdy secret agents who work out of their school. Super-secret technology “upgrades” turn their weaknesses (like allergies) into superpowers to battle James Bond-style villains. 🧑 🤖 😊 🦹



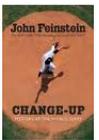
Carter, Ally. **Heist Society**. The daughter of a brilliant art thief, Katrina decides she doesn't want to follow in her father's footsteps. She cons her way into a New England boarding school, where she hopes to settle in as a normal rich girl. But can she escape her past? What do you think? Nonstop intrigue, action, and glamour. 🕸️



Choldenko, Gennifer. **Al Capone Does My Shirts**. Moose's father gets himself hired as a prison guard at Alcatraz during the Depression hoping to get an education for Moose's disabled older sister nearby. Moose is glad to be there for another reason: he hopes to get a glimpse of Al Capone, the most famous inmate. Sequel: *Al Capone Shines My Shoes* 📖



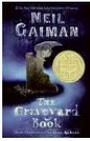
Dowd, Siobhan. **The London Eye Mystery**. When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye Ferris wheel, the siblings must work together—Ted, with his “differently-wired” brain, and Kat, with her stubborn streak—to find him. A smartly-constructed mystery with unusually interesting characters. ☹️ 🗨️



Feinstein, John. **Change-Up**. Two teen reporters uncover a secret that could affect the outcome of the World Series. Written by the seasoned sportswriter. ☹️ 🗨️



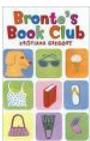
Ferraiolo, Jack. **The Big Splash**. “Once you're convicted by a jury of your peers, it's hard to get a new trial,” observes Matt Stevens, Middle School Private Eye. Matt narrates this hard-boiled mystery about a fateful incident at Franklin Middle School, where bullies rule. ☹️ 😊



Gaiman, Neil. **The Graveyard Book**. Nobody Owens (friends call him Bod) is a normal boy—except that he lives in a graveyard, and is being raised by ghosts. Why doesn't Bod leave? There's the little matter of Jack, who has already killed Bod's family and is now after him. 🕸️ 🦋



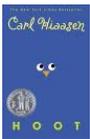
Grabenstein, Chris. **The Crossroads**. With some books, you just have to read the first line, and you're hooked. For instance: "Have you ever seen a face hidden in the bark of a tree and known that the man trapped inside wanted to hurt you?" This book is written from the point of view of 11-year-old Zack, a kid you'll like and relate to. It is the best kind of ghost story: frighteningly believable and filled with adventure. Sequel: *The Hanging Hill* 🕸️ 🦋



Gregory, Kristiana. **Bronte's Book Club**. Bronte, who just moved to California from New Mexico, starts a book club to make new friends, but gossip and secrets threaten the group. (Check out the instructions in back for starting your own book club, and the author's note about the book club she was in as a kid.) 🗨️



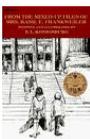
Hale, Shannon. **Princess Academy**. While attending a strict school for princesses in training, Miri uncovers secrets about her past and discovers special talents. A perfect fantasy—a cut far above the usual princess fare. 🌀



Hiaasen, Carl. **Hoot**. On Roy's first day at his new Florida school he's attacked by a gigantic bully. When he tries to make friends with a mysterious barefoot runner he spots while he's being pounded to a pulp, he gets pulled into the runner's quest to save cute endangered owls from a greedy corporation that wants to destroy their habitat. Quirky characters, some danger, mystery, and laughs. Also, try Hiaasen's other eco-mysteries, *Flush* and *Scat*. 🕵️ 😊 🦉



Juster, Norton. **The Phantom Tollbooth**. "It seems to me that almost everything is a waste of time," says Milo, the main character. He is *so* wrong. If you haven't read this one-of-a-kind book, do it this summer. Guaranteed to keep you out of the doldrums. 😊 🌀



Konigsberg, E.L. **From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler**. Claudia runs away from her annoying Connecticut life, taking her little brother with her. They secretly spend their days and nights in the Metropolitan Museum of Art—and get involved in a mystery that could change the face of art history. 🏛️ 🕵️



Levine, Gail Carson. **Fairest**. Aza is a large, plain girl in a land where beauty, elegance, and singing ability are valued above all else. Luckily, she sings like a dream and can mimic any voice. At the king's wedding, the evil new queen blackmails Aza into secretly singing for her in public. Wild magical adventures, moral dilemmas, and romance ensue, and Aza learns secrets about herself that she never imagined. ❤️ 🌀



Lin, Grace. **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon**. A new Chinese folk tale about a girl who sets off on an journey to collect stories to change her family's fortunes on the Valley of the Fruitless Mountain. 🌀



Lowry, Lois. **Number the Stars**. It's Denmark during World War II, and the Nazis are coming after the country's Jews. Annemarie isn't Jewish, but her best friend is. Can she find the courage to try to save her? 🏰 🕊

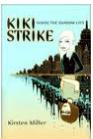


Lupica, Mike. **The Big Field**. You live for baseball and shortstop is *your* position. Then a hot-shot named D-Will turns up and steals your spot—bouncing you to second. To make matters worse, you arrive at practice to find your dad giving fielding tips to D-Will. That's the setup for this exciting, heartwarming novel by the award-winning Daily News sports columnist.

Also, try one of Lupica's other sports novels, including *Million-Dollar Throw* or *Travel Team*.



Mebus, Scott. **Gods of Manhattan**. Rory has always had a knack for magic. But when he realizes he can access a spirit city in modern-day New York that's ruled by the immortal Gods of Manhattan (famous people from the past, including Babe Ruth and Alexander Hamilton), it comes as quite a shock. Then he learns that the gods have a special mission for him and him alone. 🌀 🏰



Miller, Kirsten. **KiKi Strike: Inside the Shadow City**. Imagine that you've discovered a hidden city under Manhattan and started to explore it with some strangely talented girls (think forgery and safe-cracking). Of course, interesting things would start happening. The sequel:

*KiKi Strike: The Empress's Tomb* 🔑 🌀



Montgomery, L.M. **Anne of Green Gables**. Crusty, silent old Matthew Cuthbert and his strict, starchy sister decide to adopt a boy to help out around their farm in Canada. Instead, the orphanage sends them super-chatty Anne. Culture clash! 🏰



Moran, Katy. **Bloodline**. In seventh-century Britain, Essa is a young man whose family pays allegiance to no king—unusual in those days. After his seemingly loving father mysteriously abandons him, he swears loyalty to a king. Soon, he is bound up in a quest across kingdoms. This well-researched adventure is for you who love medieval history and J.R.R. Tolkien. 🏰



Neal Shusterman. **Everlost**. Nick and Allie die in a violent car crash, but their souls don't make it all the way to the other side. They're trapped in Everlost—a limbo between life and death filled with the souls of kids. Can they get out? Should they? VERY spooky. Sequel:

*Everwild* 🕸 🧛



Philbrick, Rodman. **The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg**. The Civil War is raging. Homer's evil uncle sells Homer's brother to take a rich boy's place in the Union army. Homer runs away to try to rescue his brother, who's too young to be a soldier. Along the way he meets up with kidnappers, con men, and cold-hearted slave-catchers. Is it really true that Homer himself helped turn the tide in the Battle of Gettysburg? Absolutely, according to this Homer-penned version of events! 🏰 😊



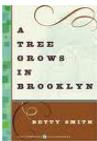
Raskin, Ellen. **The Westing Game**. Who will solve the puzzle and inherit the mysterious Mr. Westing’s \$200 million fortune? All the residents of an apartment building join a befuddling, dangerous contest to become the rich man’s true heir. 🕒



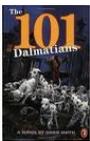
Riordan, Rick. **The Red Pyramid**. The first in a new series from the author of the wildly popular Percy Jackson books, this fast-paced adventure features siblings who find they have a strange connection to ancient Egyptian gods. Naturally they have to work together to save the world. It’s exciting, it’s funny, and it’s set partly in Brooklyn! 🌀



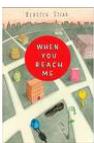
Ryan, Pam Munoz. **Esperanza Rising**. When her father dies, Esperanza has to leave her comfortable, middle-class life in Mexico for a tough California migrant camp. 🗣️



Smith, Betty. **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn**. Eleven-year-old Francie lives in a cramped apartment in turn-of-the-century Brooklyn, where she joyfully strives to rise above poverty and family tragedy. You will love her and feel sad to say goodbye when you turn the last page. 🏠 😞



Smith, Dodie. **The 101 Dalmatians**. A wonderful British adventure story starring brave and noble dogs. FYI—*much* more mature than the movie versions. 🌀 🐕



Stead, Rebecca. **When You Reach Me**. In Manhattan in 1978, life seems fine for 12-year-old best friends Miranda and Sal. Then disturbing things start happening. Sal is punched by a new kid for no apparent reason. He cuts Miranda out of his life. And Miranda finds a mysterious note scribbled on a scrap of paper: *I am coming to save your friend’s life, and my own. I must ask two favors. First, you must write me a letter.* Winner of the 2010 Newbery Medal. 🏠



Stevenson, Robert Louis. **Treasure Island**. Sorting through the belongings of a guest who died at his mother’s inn, Jim finds a mysterious treasure map. Long John Silver comes into the story, and things really start to swashbuckle. The perfect pirate tale. 🕒 🏠 🐕



Stewart, Trenton Lee. **The Mysterious Benedict Society**. An ad in the paper seeks “gifted children looking for special opportunities.” A lonely orphan named Reynie Muldoon responds, and winds up awash in mystery, danger, adventure and friendship. The sequels: *The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey*, and *The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Prisoner’s Dilemma* 🕒 🕒



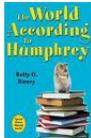
Williams-Garcia, Rita. **One Crazy Summer**. It’s 1968, and three African-American sisters from Brooklyn fly to Oakland, California. They’re spending the summer with their mother, a poet who had left them with their father years before to join the Black Panthers. Mystery, humor, and lots of history combine with compelling characters to make this a must-read! 🏠 😊



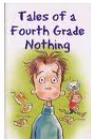
Yancey, Rick. **The Monstrumologist**. If you fancy super-gory gothic horror stories, this book is for you. A mystery featuring the 12-year-old assistant to a monstrumologist, a scientist who studies (and often kills) monsters. 📖👁️

## Long Series

*Summer can be the perfect time to work your way through a fantastic series.  
Spend June, July, and August with characters that you love!*



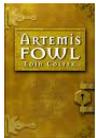
Birney, Betty G. **Humphrey the Hamster**. You can learn a lot about life by observing another species. That’s what Humphrey, a golden hamster, comes to realize through his adventures as a class pet. Unsqueakably cute and funny! **The Series:** *The World According to Humphrey, Friendship According to Humphrey, Trouble According to Humphrey, Surprises According to Humphrey, Adventure According to Humphrey, Summer According to Humphrey*



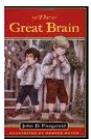
Blume, Judy. **Fudge Series**. About a typical New York kid named Peter Hatcher and his annoyingly cute little brother whose nickname is Fudge. Is it the best kids’ series ever? You be the judge. **The Series:** *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great, Superfudge, Fudge-a-Mania, Double Fudge*



Buckley, Michael. **The Sisters Grimm Series**. Sabrina and Daphne Grimm discover that they’re descendants of the Brothers Grimm, that the famous fairy tales are actually case files, and that it’s their destiny to become fairy-tale detectives—solving mysteries in the magical world. **The Series:** *The Fairy-Tale Detectives, The Unusual Suspects, The Problem Child, Once Upon a Crime, Magic and Other Misdemeanors, Tales from the Hood, The Everafter War, The Inside Story*



Colfer, Eoin. **Artemis Fowl Series**. When a 12-year-old criminal mastermind tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the little people fight back with magic, technology, and a very nasty troll. **The Series:** *Artemis Fowl, The Arctic Incident, The Eternity Code, The Opal Deception, The Lost Colony, The Time Paradox*



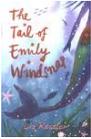
Fitzgerald, John D. **The Great Brain Series**. Hilarious and historically fascinating—the ongoing exploits of a Catholic boy growing up in mostly-Mormon Utah at the turn of the last century. Meet his clever and tricky older brother (“The Great Brain”), his newspaper-publisher dad, and wild characters including robbers, traveling salesmen, and a cute orphan. **The Series:** *The Great Brain, More Adventures of the Great Brain, Me and My Little Brain, The Great Brain At The Academy, The Great Brain Reforms, The Return of the Great Brain, The Great Brain Does It Again, The Great Brain Is Back*



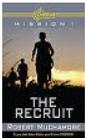
Flanagan, John. **The Ranger’s Apprentice Series**. An orphan named Will dreams of becoming a knight, but on Choosing Day he is instead made an apprentice to a mysterious, dark-cloaked ranger. Soon, he learns that his mission is to protect the kingdom from looming evil. A compelling, believable fantasy series with sympathetic characters and loads of action. **The series:** *The Ruins of Gorlan, The Burning Bridge, The Icebound Land, Oakleaf Bearers, The Sorcerer in the North, The Siege of Macindaw, Erak’s Ransom, The Kings of Clonmel*



Horowitz, Anthony. **Alex Rider Series.** Following the untimely death of the uncle who was raising him, teenager Alex Rider is recruited into a shocking family business—spying for the British government. **The Series:** *Stormbreaker, Point Blank, Skeleton Key, Eagle Strike, Scorpia, Ark Angel, Snake Head, Crocodile Tears*



Kessler, Liz. **The Tail of Emily Windsnap.** After finally persuading her mother to let her take swimming lessons, Emily discovers a wild and secret side to herself. (Want a hint about the secret? Read the second word of the series title very carefully.) **The Series:** *The Tail of Emily Windsnap, Emily Windsnap and the Monster from the Deep, Emily Windsnap and the Castle in the Mist, Emily Windsnap and the Siren's Secret*



Muchamore, Robert. **Cherub.** Cherub is a top-secret branch of the British Security Service that employs orphans as agents. For official purposes, the children do not exist. The challenge is to turn the pages fast enough to keep up with their missions. The books are packed with adventure, but they also manage to squeeze in plenty of compelling drama about the agents' friendships and rivalries. **The Series:** *The Recruit, The Dealer, Maximum Security, The Killing, Divine Madness, Man vs. Beast, The Fall, Mad Dogs, The Sleepwalker, The General*



Nix, Garth. **The Keys to the Kingdom Series.** Arthur Penhaligon is not supposed to be a hero. He is supposed to die an early death. But his life is saved by a key shaped like the minute hand of a clock—and the adventure begins. **The Series:** *Mister Monday, Grim Tuesday, Drowned Wednesday, Sir Thursday, Lady Friday, Superior Saturday, Lord Sunday*



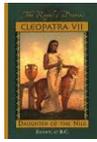
Riordan, Rick. **Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series.** The most popular series in the Saint Ann's library last year. Twelve-year-old Perseus "Percy" Jackson is stunned to learn that he is Poseidon's son, and that he must join in the battles of the gods. **The Series:** *The Lightning Thief, The Sea of Monsters, The Titan's Curse, The Battle of the Labyrinth, The Last Olympian*



Snicket, Lemony. **A Series of Unfortunate Events.** The unhappy tale of three clever but ill-fated siblings that begins with tragic news about their parents (yes, they're dead) and goes downhill from there. If you have nothing better to do, consider reading these books. Or, you could just go play a violent video game. **The Series:** *The Bad Beginning, The Reptile Room, The Wide Window, The Miserable Mill, The Austere Academy, The Ersatz Elevator, The Vile Village, The Hostile Hospital, The Carnivorous Carnival, The Slippery Slope, The Grim Grotto, The Penultimate Peril, The End*



**The 39 Clues** (multiple authors). The Cahill family is the most powerful clan in the world (members have included Thomas Edison, Bill Gates, Mozart, and Galileo, to name just a few). Thirty-nine clues that are hidden throughout the world guard the family's secrets. Being in possession of all 39 creates a compound that will make a person the most powerful human on earth. Read along (and search for clues yourselves) as Amy Cahill and her brother Dan race each other across the globe in search of clues. **The Series:** *The Maze of Bones, One False Note, The Sword Thief, Beyond the Grave, The Black Circle, In Too Deep, The Viper's Nest, The Emperor's Code, Storm Warning*



**The Royal Diaries** (multiple authors). Fictional diaries of real-life female royals. They read like novels, and include fascinating true tidbits at the end. **The Series:** *Cleopatra VII: Daughter of The Nile* (Egypt, 57 B.C.); *Ladu of Ch'iao Kuo: Warrior of the South* (China, A.D. 531); *Lady of Palenque: Flower of Bacal* (Mesoamerica, 749); *Eleanor: Crown Jewel of Aquitaine* (France, 1136); *Anacaona: Golden Flower* (Haiti, 1490); *Elizabeth I: Red Rose of the House of Tudor* (England, 1544); *Nzingha: Warrior Queen of Matamba* (Angola, 1595); *Jahanara: Princess of Princesses* (India, 1627); *Kristina: The Girl King* (Sweden, 1638); *Weetamo: Heart of the Pocasset* (Massachusetts, 1653); *Catherine: The Great Journey* (Russia, 1743); *Marie Antoinette: Princess of Versailles* (Austria-France, 1769); *Victoria: May Blossom of Britannia* (England, 1829); *Elisabeth of Austria: The Princess Bride* (1853); *Kazunomiya: Prisoner of Heaven*, Japan 1858); *Kaiulani: The People's Princess* (Hawaii, 1889); *Anastasia: The Last Grand Duchess* (Russia, 1914)

## Graphic Novels & Illustrated Books



Davis, Eleanor. **The Secret Science Alliance and the Copycat Crook.** Three young inventors plot against an evil mad scientist from their high-tech clubhouse.



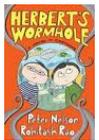
Gownley, Jimmy. **Amelia Rules: The Whole World's Crazy.** A hip Manhattan kid, Amelia must move to a small town in the Midwest after her parents divorce. Her friends Reggie, Rhonda, and the mysterious Pajamaman help her make it through. (The sequels include *Amelia Rules: What Makes You Happy*, and *Amelia Rules: Superheroes.*)



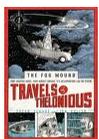
Hale, Shannon and Dean. **Rapunzel's Revenge.** Once upon a time, in the swashbuckling wild west, lived a girl named Rapunzel who escaped the tower and used her long braids as weapons. A twist on the famous fairy tale.



Holm, Jennifer. **Middle School Is Worse Than Meatloaf: A Year Told through Stuff.** Using newspaper clippings, report cards, drawings, and notes to herself, Ginny documents the highs and lows of seventh grade.



Nelson, Peter and Rao, Rohitash. **Herbert's Wormhole.** Kind of a grown-up *Captain Underpants*. A boy who is about to beat his favorite video game (which means he's going to have to go outside and play, with no video games for the rest of the summer) teams up with a neighborhood nerd with whom he'd normally have nothing in common, and they travel to the future.



Schade, Susan and Buller, Jon. **The Fog Mound Travels of Thelonious.** A talking chipmunk who inhabits a land where humans are a legend sets out to uncover Earth's secrets and find out if humans are real. Alternates between graphic novel and straight text. Cute and suspenseful!



Selznick, Hugo. **The Invention of Hugo Cabret.** An orphan in 1930s Paris lives secretly in a train station where he meets up with a mysterious toy seller. Big, beautiful black-and-white illustrations alternate with text to tell the story.



Shiga, Jason. **Meanwhile: Pick Any Path, 3,856 Story Possibilities.** It's a graphic novel version of "choose your own adventure." You determine the fate of the entire world by deciding which direction the story goes. The first choice you must make is seemingly risk free: chocolate ice cream or vanilla? Then you follow the arrow—and things get serious fast. Great for lovers of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*.

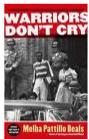


Smith, Jeff. **Bone Series.** A hilarious *Lord of the Rings*-style epic featuring blobby creatures who stumble into a valley peopled with supernatural beings, and find themselves dragged into a struggle for power and money. Hilarious and totally original. The Series: *Out from Boneville, The Great Cow Race, Eye of the Storm, The Dragonslayer, Rock Jaw, Old Man's Cave, Ghost Circles, Treasure Hunters, Crown of Horns*

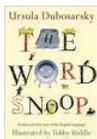


Wood, Don. **Into the Volcano.** Two brothers are sent to visit their mysterious aunt in Hawaii. Quicker than you can say igneous rock, she whisks them down into the bowels of an erupting volcano. There, trapped between rivers of lava, they begin to question her motives—and whether they'll escape alive. Scary and intense.

## Nonfiction



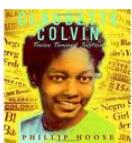
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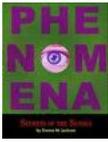
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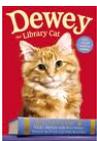
Hoose, Phillip M. **Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice.** In this compelling biography, learn about the 15-year-old African-American girl who refused to give up her seat to a white passenger on a Montgomery, Alabama, bus—nine months before Rosa Parks's history-making protest. Find out why her story is so little known, even though she was part of the landmark court case that integrated Montgomery's buses.



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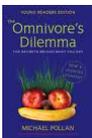
Jurmain, Suzanne. **The Forbidden Schoolhouse: The True and Dramatic Story of Prudence Crandall and Her Students.** In 1833, Crandall opened a boarding school for rich young white ladies. When an African American girl asked if she could join, Crandall, who had recently decided she opposed slavery, said yes. Protests began immediately: townspeople broke windows, dumped manure in the school’s well, and more. Crandall was even put on trial. This book reads like the best fiction.



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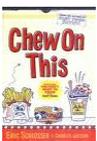
Paillous, Nelly. **Felties: How to Make 18 Cute and Fuzzy Friends.** Create cute creatures out of felt. It’s easy. You don’t even need a sewing machine.



Pollan, Michael. **The Omnivore’s Dilemma for Kids: The Secrets Behind What You Eat.** Journalist and supermarket detective Michael Pollan delved behind the scenes to find out what exactly what we’re eating for dinner, and how factory farming and big business have changed American food.



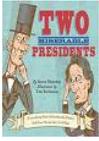
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Scieszka, Jon. **Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Almost True Stories of Growing Up Scieszka.** The author of *The Stinky Cheeseman and Other Fairly Stupid Tales* shares hilarious stories of growing up with his five brothers in the 1960s.



Sheinkin, Steve. **Two Miserable Presidents: The Amazing, Terrible, and Totally True Story of the Civil War.** A funny but factual inside look at Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis (president of the Confederate States of America) and how our nation almost permanently split in two. Vivid and readable, with many surprising anecdotes.



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