

Suggested SUMMER READING

for entering fifth & sixth graders

Fiction



∞ Alexander, Kwame. **Rebound.** Basketball coming-of-age story in verse. The exciting hoops- and jazz-filled prequel to ∞ *The Crossover*.



∞ Applegate, Katherine. **The One and Only Bob.** Long-awaited sequel to the beloved *The One and Only Ivan*, featuring Ivan's canine friend, Bob. Read it before *The One and Only Ivan* movie is released in August.



∞ Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. **The War that Saved My Life.** Ada is 10 and has never been outside. She was born with a twisted foot that her mother considers an embarrassment, so she watches the world from her window in World War II-era London. One day, she gets a chance to leave the city with a group of kids who are being evacuated to safety from Nazi bombs. Is there finally hope for her?
Sequel: ∞ *The War I Finally Won*.



∞ Broaddus, Maurice. **The Usual Suspects.** Thelonious is a prankster, and he's always getting blamed for things, even if he's innocent. When a gun is found near school and the principal rounds up "the usual suspects," Thelonious and his best friend team up to figure out how it got there.



∞ Cala, Caroline. **Best Babysitters Ever.** Witty tale of three friends—Malia, Bree and Dot—who stumble on a copy of the first-ever Babysitter's Club book, then hatch a brilliant idea—no matter that small children don't exactly excite them. As you can imagine, things don't go quite as planned.



∞ Cisneros, Ernesto. **Efrén Divided.** Efrén is the American-born child of undocumented parents. When his mother is deported to Mexico after an ICE raid, he finds himself in charge of his younger siblings and working desperately to reunite his family.



∞ Colbert, Brandy. **The Only Black Girls in Town.** Alberta and her dads are some of the only Black people in their California beach town, so when another Black girl, Edie, moves in with her family across the street she's thrilled. This book has mystery, history, friendship, and humor.

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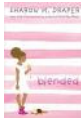
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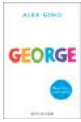
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∞ Connor, Leslie. **A Home for Goddesses and Dogs.** Lydia knew her mother was going to die, but that doesn't make it any easier when it happens. Wondering if she'll ever move beyond crushing grief, she goes to live with her only relative, her Aunt Brat, along with Brat's wife, Eileen, and a badly-behaved rescue dog. This book has heart, humor, and tears.



∞ Draper, Sharon. **Blended.** The latest from the ever-popular Draper (author of *Out Of My Mind*, *Stella By Starlight* and other great books). This one is the story of Isabella, an 11-year-old dealing with divorce and identity as she switches back and forth between the homes of her mom (who's white) and dad (who's Black).



Gino, Alex. **George.** People look at George and think they see a boy, but George knows she's a girl. When George's class puts on a play version of *Charlotte's Web*, she becomes convinced that if she can just play the role of Charlotte, her mom and others will see her as the girl she is. A funny, touching story about a transgender fourth grader.



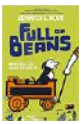
∞ Graff, Lisa. **Far Away.** CJ lives on a traveling bus with her aunt, who is a medium (meaning she connects grieving people with loved ones beyond the grave). CJ herself also has the gift, and gains comfort from her ability to visit with her late mother. Then CJ's mother announces she's "leaving the realm," and will no longer be able to communicate. Lots of heart and unexpected twists and turns.



∞ Harrell, Rob. **Wink.** Ross wants to be a normal seventh grader but that becomes tough when he's diagnosed with a rare form of eye cancer. (The author, who also wrote and illustrated the graphic novel *Monster on a Hill*, had the same illness.) A hilarious, shocking, sometimes upsetting story of survival over cancer—and middle school. Great illustrations, too!



∞ Haydu, Corey Ann. **Eventown.** If you liked *The Giver*, try this! In Eventown, the sun always shines. Everybody is nice. After a terrible event, Elodie and her twin sister move there with their parents. The family is finally happy—until Elodee starts to notice things. The Eventown library is filled with blank books. There are only three ice cream flavors. Why is she the only one who cares?



∞ Holm, Jennifer. **Full of Beans.** Prequel to the beloved *Turtle in Paradise* (a book we read aloud to many fourth-grade library classes), about an exuberant gang of kids in Key West during the Great Depression. Heartwarming laughs, plus history and adventure.



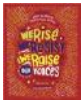
∞ Hood, Susan. **Lifeboat 12.** A rare combo: a novel in verse, and a nail-biting survival tale. It's the fictionalized story of 13-year-old Ken Sparks, who was one of 90 British children aboard the *City of Benares*, the ship torpedoed by Nazis in 1940 while transporting the children to Canada and what was supposed to be safety from World War II.



∞ Howard, Greg. **Middle School's a Drag, You Better Werk!** Mike is 12 and has a thing for starting new businesses. Unfortunately, nothing has caught on—yet. His latest idea is a talent agency, and he signs a 13-year-old aspiring drag queen as his first client. Could this be the big idea he's been looking for? And, could it give him the courage to be more open about himself?



∞ Howe, James. **Also Known as Elvis.** If you liked *Totally Joe* (a read-aloud in fifth-grade library classes) don't miss this. In it, Skeeze, about to have his first child at age 25, recalls the important summer he spent in Paintbrush Falls between seventh and eighth grades—when Joe, Addie, and Bobby were off having adventures. Other books about the gang: *Addie on the Inside* (Addie's story in verse), and *The Misfits* (before the events of *Totally Joe*).



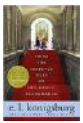
∞ Hudson, Wade and Cheryl Willis Hudson (editors). **We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices.** A collection of poetry, prose, and art with the theme of justice and unconditional love by leading lights in children's literature—including Jacqueline Woodson and Jason Reynolds.



∞ Kelly, Erin Entrada. **Hello, Universe.** Meet four middle schoolers who couldn't be more different from each other. In this enchanting book, they wind up connected for a day as they unwittingly prevent a potentially disastrous event that one of them—a bully named Chet—has set into motion. Unlikely friendships form, and unlikely heroes emerge. Winner of the 2018 Newbery Medal.



∞ Kelly, Lynne. **Song for a Whale.** Iris is her school's resident tech genius, but as the only deaf kid, she often feels left out and underestimated. When she hears about Blue 55, a whale who is unable to communicate with other whales, she becomes determined to find a way to connect with it.



∞ Konigsburg, 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. Haven't read this classic? Do so now!



∞ LeZotte, Ann Clare. **Show Me a Sign.** It's 1805 and Mary, who is deaf, lives on Martha's Vineyard in a community of English and Wampanoag people where everyone speaks sign language. When a cruel scientist takes Mary away for an experiment on the origin of deafness, Mary starts to see parallels between the way outsiders treat deaf people, and the way the islanders have treated the Wampanoag. Can she save herself and return to the community she loves? Inspired by Martha's Vineyard history.



∞ Lowry, Lois. **The Willoughbys.** The four Willoughby kids learn that their neglectful parents are hatching a plot to get rid of them. So they hatch a plot in return! The basis for the new Netflix series. *Sequel: The Willoughbys Return.*



∞ Lu, Marie. **Warcross.** In a futuristic New York City, a teen hacker named Emika gets involved with a virtual reality game that changes her life, and leads to adventure, danger, and romance. Exciting, somewhat violent and on the more mature side.



∞ Marks, Janae. **From the Desk of Zoe Washington.** Zoe, a seventh grader, gets a letter from her father, who has been in jail for murder since before she was born. It turns out he may have been wrongly convicted and, despite her mother's objections, she sets out to prove his innocence. Along the way her eyes are opened to racism in the criminal justice system.



∞ McAnulty, Stacy. **The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl.** If you've been looking for a great story that has lots of math, this is it. Lucy was struck by lightning when she was eight. It damaged her brain and she wound up with obsessive-compulsive disorder and genius-level math ability. Now, in seventh grade, she's in school for the first time since the accident. Friendship turns out to be harder than math.



∞ McCullough, Joy. **A Field Guide to Getting Lost.** Sutton loves computer coding and is annoyed that things aren't going perfectly with the new robot she's building. Luis spends his time writing fantasy stories and worrying about his severe allergies. When their parents start dating seriously, Luis and Sutton are thrown together. Clash. Then the two families go on a hike.... Warm tale, great characters.



∞ Medina, Meg. **Merci Suarez Changes Gears.** In this 2019 Newbery Medal winner, sixth-grader Merci struggles with fitting in as a scholarship student at a posh Florida private school, and balancing school and life at home with her extended Cuban-American family. Heartwarming and funny.



∞ Oppel, Kenneth. **Bloom**. From the author of *Inkling*, a nonstop thriller about an alien invasion of earth in the form of strange toxic plants—and three misfit kids who seem to be immune to the toxins. Can they figure out what’s happening? Can they save the world? Along with the action, the book has great characters and relationship stories.



∞ Park, Linda Sue. **Prairie Lotus**. Hannah, the child of a white dad and a Chinese mom who was killed in an anti-Chinese riot, navigates life in 1880s in Dakota territory. The author’s nuanced reflection of the Little House on the Prairie books, which she loved as a child. Wonderful!



∞ Ramee, Lisa Moore. **A Good Kind of Trouble**. One of the few Black kids in her middle school, Shayla has worked hard to stay out of trouble. But as she becomes more aware of racism and police violence against Black people, she starts to think some kinds of trouble are worth getting into.



∞ Rhodes, Jewel Parker. **Ghost Boys**. In a story that recalls the real-life killing of Tamir Rice, 12-year-old Jerome is shot by a Chicago cop. His ghost meets up with the ghost of 14-year-old Emmet Till, who was lynched in 1955 and whose death was fueled the Civil Rights Movement. The only person who can see the ghost boys is the daughter of the police officer who killed Jerome. Tackles the country’s history of racism, and grapples with how to make the future better. Also check out *Black, Brother, Black Brother* by the same author, which has a social justice message and incorporates a great sports story (the sport is fencing).



∞ Rodkey, Geoff. **We're Not from Here**. With Earth unlivable, Lan and family and 1,000 other humans board a spacecraft bound for the planet Choon—which has agreed to accept them as refugees. But after the 20-year trip (in bio-suspension, so they’re the same age as when they left), it turns out humans are no longer welcome. Lan’s mom manages to negotiate a trial run—they’ll take one “reproductive unit” as a test case. It’s Lan’s family. A very different look at immigration.



∞ Saeed, Aisha. **Amal Unbound**. Amal lives in a small village in Pakistan where she loves school and dreams of being a teacher. But when her mother gives birth to her fifth child, Amal has to quit school to stay home and help. Then, when it seems things couldn’t get worse, they do. She must leave her family and loses her very freedom. Inspired by the true stories of Malala Yousefzai and other brave girls.



∞ Sage, Angie. **Twilight Hauntings**. Enchantment has been banned in the land of Luna, but Alex secretly tells fortunes with her set of enchanted cards, which show images of what is now and what is yet to come. When her foster sister turns her in, she must go on the run. Start of a new series by the Septimus Heap author.



∞ Sloan, Holly Goldberg and Meg Wolitzer. **To Night Owl from Dogfish**. Written entirely in letters and emails, this hilarious book brings together two 12-year-olds who couldn’t be more different. Avery is a bookish worrier. Bett is a risk-taker. When Bett discovers that the girls’ fathers have fallen in love and are plotting to send their daughters to a summer camp together so they’ll bond, she digs up Avery’s email address and breaks the news. Hijinx ensue!



∞ Smith, Dodie. **The 101 Dalmatians**. The classic British adventure story starring brave and noble dogs. Super-engaging and much more mature than the movie versions.



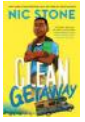
∞ Smith, Ronald L. **Gloom Town**. Rory’s family needs money, so he takes a job at a spooky old seaside mansion. Turns out the owner isn’t just strange—he’s a non-human creature plotting with other evil beings to steal people’s shadows, and their very lives. Can Rory and his friend Isabella defeat them?



∞ Soontornvat, Christina. **A Wish in the Dark.** A magical coming-of-age adventure set in Thailand, featuring two orphans born in a prison who wind up on the run in search of their inner light. This is a retelling of *Les Misérables*, but you don't need to know that story to enjoy it.



∞ Stead Rebecca. **The List of Things that Will Not Change.** In the face of many changes, starting with her parents' divorce, Bea writes in a journal to keep herself sane. You'll enjoy being part of her life as she deals with eczema, her dad's new love, and life's other challenges.



∞ Stone, Nic. **Clean Getaway.** After getting into trouble at school, Scoob hits the road with his grandmother, following the route for a trip that she had planned, but never took, with Scoob's grandfather. Scoob learns about history, what life was like for his grandparents as a biracial couple (she is white, and he was Black), and helps solve a mystery.



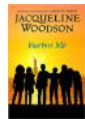
∞ Warga, Jasmine. **Other Words for Home.** In this novel in verse, a girl named Jude, who has always dreamed of being a movie star, describes what it's like to have to leave her home in Syria to live with relatives in the U.S. A Newbery Honor Book this year!



∞ Watson, Renee. **Some Places More than Others.** Amara lives in Oregon with her parents. As part of a school project, she starts researching her family and realizes that her dad, who's from Harlem, hasn't talked to his own father in years. For her 12th birthday, she asks for a trip to New York to meet relatives and see how her dad grew up. Once there, she learns more than she imagined.



∞ Woods, Brenda. **The Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA.** In small-town South Carolina just after World War II, a 12-year-old white boy named Gabriel is riding his new bike, runs a red light and is pushed out of the path of an oncoming car by a Black man named Meriwether Hunter. Through his connection with the man, a World War II veteran, Gabriel's eyes begin to open to the racism in his town. Wonderful story of an unusual friendship and a nuanced look at a slice of history.



∞ Woodson, Jacqueline. **Harbor Me.** Six fifth-graders are ordered to spend a period each week in a room where their only assignment is to talk and get to know each other—without adult supervision. Each kid is dealing with challenges, among them the loss of a parent, racial profiling, and the threat of deportation. Their initial hesitance to engage turns to heartwarming understanding and bonding.



∞ Yang, Kelly. **Front Desk.** Ten-year-old Chinese immigrant Mia runs the front desk of a small California motel while her parents do the cleaning. Plucky Mia steps up to take on the dishonest motel owner, problems at school, racism aimed at motel guests she is fond of, and finally the potential loss of her family's livelihood. Light and fun but tackles important topics. Inspired by the author's experiences.

Series

Read an entire series this summer! Or, read two!



∞ Chokshi, Roshani. **Pandava Series.** In an attempt to impress kids from school, Aru accidentally unleashes a demon in the museum of ancient Indian art where her mom works. Her friends and her mother are frozen in time. Can Aru save them? **The Series:** *Aru Shah and the End of Time*, *Aru Shah and the Song of Death* and *Aru Shah and the Tree of Wishes*.



∞ Colfer, Chris. **The Land of Stories.** A magical book given to them by their grandmother sends siblings on journeys into the fairy tale realm. Clever and populated with three-dimensional characters, even if they are imaginary! **The Series:** *The Wishing Spell*, *The Enchantress Returns*, *A Grimm Warning*, *Beyond the Kingdoms*, *An Author's Odyssey*, and *Worlds Collide*.



∞ Dashner, James. **Maze Runner**. Thomas awakens in an elevator and remembers nothing except his own name. When the door opens, he finds himself with a bunch of other teenage boys in a huge maze guarded by monsters. A new boy arrives every month. None of them knows how they got there; nobody can figure a way out. Then a nearly comatose girl arrives bearing a clue. **Note:** Truly scary.

The Series: *The Maze Runner*, *The Scorch Trials*, and *The Death Cure*.



∞ DiCamillo, Kate. **Raymie Nightingale Series**. Quick to read, but deep, engaging and funny. Raymie meets up with Louisiana and Beverly and together they navigate friendship, loss, and adventure.

The Series: *Raymie Nightingale*, *Louisiana's Way Home*, and *Beverly, Right Here*.



∞ Federle, Tim. **The Nate Trilogy**. The adventures of a theater-loving kid who is miserable in his hometown in Pennsylvania and sets out for New York City to try out for "E.T.: The Musical." Touching and witty. Series sees Nate grow up from middle school to high school. **The Series:** *Better Nate Than Ever*; *Five, Six, Seven, Nate!*, and *Nate Expectations*.



∞ Gibbs, Stuart. **Spy School**. When Ben is recruited to the CIA's top-secret Academy of Espionage, he's thrilled to have fulfilled his dream while still in middle school. Then, he learns they're planning to use him for bait. He is determined to save himself. Over-the-top funny! **The series:** *Spy School*, *Spy Camp*, *Evil Spy School*, *Spy Ski School*, *Spy School Secret Service*, *Spy School Goes South*, and *Spy School British Invasion*.



∞ Glaser, Karina Yan. **The Vanderbeekers Series**. Wonderful big-family stories, set in a rambling house in Harlem. If you haven't read it, read it! You will relate to one of the siblings! ∞ **The Series:** *The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street*, *The Vanderbeekers and the Hidden Garden*, and *The Vanderbeekers to the Rescue*.



∞ Grant, Michael. **Gone**. Everyone is gone. All the adults, that is. There is also no internet, no phone, and no way to figure out what's happening. Soon there's no food. Those left behind start to develop special powers and abilities—and they begin to take sides in order to survive. **Note:** On the more mature side. **The Series:** *Gone*, *Hunger*, *Lies*, *Plague*, *Fear*, and *Light*.



∞ Meloy, Maile. **The Apothecary**. Alchemy and magic meet the Cold War in this series set in the 1950s. Janie's parents are victims of the Hollywood blacklist, so the family leaves sunny California for bleak London. There, Janie meets a spy-obsessed son of an apothecary—and the game (saving the world) is afoot. **The Series:** *The Apothecary*, *The Apprentices* and *The After-Room*.



∞ Meyer, Marissa. **The Lunar Chronicles**. Each book is a new take on a classic fairy tale, set in a future world where humans, cyborgs and androids live side-by-side. In the first, Cinder is a mechanic—and a cyborg—who is thrown together with Prince Kai when they become involved in an intergalactic battle. **Note:** On the mature side. **The Series:** *Cinder*, *Scarlet*, *Cress*, *Fairest*, *Winter*, and *Stars Above*.



∞ Reynolds, Jason. **Defenders Track Team Series**. Ghost wants to be the fastest sprinter on his track team, but it turns out it takes more than just speed to be part of a team. His is the first story in this series about a group of kids from different backgrounds who come together on an elite middle-school track team. Told in funny, compelling first-person narration. **The Series:** *Ghost*, *Patina*, *Sunny*, and *Lu*.



∞ Taylor, Mildred D. **The Logan Family Saga**. Inspired by the author's own history, this is the epic story of a Black family in Mississippi, from post-Civil War to the Civil Rights era. The concluding volume was just published, 45 years after the first book came out. Sometimes heartbreaking and intense. **The series:** *The Land*; *Song of the Trees*; *Roll of Thunder*; *Hear My Cry*; *Let the Circle Be Unbroken*; *The Friendship*; *The Road to Memphis*; *Mississippi Bridge*; *The Well*; and *All the Days Past*, *All the Days to Come*.



∞ Williams-Garcia, Rita. **Gaither Sisters Trilogy**. African-American sisters growing up in the turbulent 1970s. Set in Brooklyn (where they live with their dad), Oakland (home of their poet, Black Panther mother) and Alabama (where their great-grandma lives), the books make up a saga both hilarious and thought provoking. **The Series:** *One Crazy Summer*, *P.S. Be Eleven*, and *Gone Crazy in Alabama*.

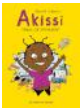
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Artemis Fowl Series by Eoin Colfer •
Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel by Michael Scott •
The Fairy Tale Detectives by Michael Buckley

Graphic Books



∞ Aboutet, Marguerite. **Akissi: Tales of Mischief**. A comic inspired by the author's childhood in the Ivory Coast. Funny, action-packed tales! **The Sequel:** *Akissi: Even More Tales of Mischief*.



∞ Craft, Jerry. **New Kid**. Jordan's main interest is drawing cartoons about his life, but instead of sending him to an art school like he wants, his parents send him to an upscale private school where he's one of the only kids of color. Upside: he now has more material to draw cartoons about. Winner of this year's Newbery Medal.



∞ Gardner, Whitney. **Fake Blood**. Sixth-grader AJ knows the girl he likes is obsessed with vampires, so he decides to impress her by pretending to be one. Then he learns she's a vampire slayer in training. Fun, nuanced look at relationships and identity for middle schoolers.



∞ Ha, Robin. **Almost American Girl**. In this gripping graphic memoir, the author recalls what it was like to move from South Korea to Alabama when she was 14 and her mom remarried. New school, new language, new stepfather. Can comics save her?



∞ Hale, Nathan. **Apocalypse Taco**. Sid, Axl and Ivan dash out to get late-night snacks for the tech crew of the school play they're in. When they return, they find bizarre copies of themselves onstage. Turns out that at the taco place, they crossed into an alien dimension that is an almost exact replica of ours. Can they get back to their reality? Awesome, creepy weirdness from the author of the Hazardous Tales.



∞ Jamieson, Victoria and Omar Mohamed. **When Stars are Scattered**. Jamieson, the author of *Roller Girl* worked with Mohamed, who grew up in a refugee camp in Somalia and now works with refugees in the U.S., to tell Mohamed's story. There's tragedy, of course, but mixed with humor and family love.



∞ Lewis, John and Andrew Aydin. **March: Books One, Two and Three.** Lewis, the civil rights pioneer, recounts his life's journey—from child of Alabama sharecroppers to congressional representative.



∞ Leyh, Kat. **Snapdragon.** Is Jacks a witch, like the rumors say, or just a strange old lady? Snap befriends Jacks and discovers strange magic within herself—and maybe the keys to solving a family mystery.



∞ Libenson, Terri. **Becoming Brianna.** Fourth book in the Emmie & Friends Series, about a group of friends and their intersecting lives. Here, shy Brianna takes center stage. **The Series:** ∞ *Invisible Emmie*, ∞ *Positively Izzy* and ∞ *Just Jaime*.



∞ Loux, Matthew. **The Time Museum, Volume 1.** Delia's uncle offers her a chance to compete for an internship at his museum. Yes, cool. But cooler: the museum exists outside of normal time, and the job involves time travel. **Sequel:** *The Time Museum, Volume 2*, Delia travels to France in 1778 but gets stuck in a time loop. Can she return to her own time?



∞ Miller, Kayla. **Click.** Olive easily clicks with everyone in fifth grade—until kids start dividing up for a variety show at school, and things start to go wrong. Can her quirky Aunt Molly help her solve the problem? **Sequels:** ∞ *Camp* and *Act* (coming out in July)



∞ Ostertag, Molly Knox. **The Witch Boy.** In Asher's world, girls grow up to be witches and boys are raised to be shapeshifters. People who deviate are banished. But Asher, who's 13, is fascinated with witchcraft and hasn't begun to shapeshift. Can Asher be his true self? **Sequels:** *The Hidden Witch* and *The Midwinter Witch*.



∞ Palacio, R.J. **White Bird.** Written and illustrated by the author of *Wonder*, a Jewish girl's experience in Nazi-occupied France during World War 2; the girl grows up to be the grandmother of the *Wonder* character Julian. Intense, with an anti-hate message.



∞ Peirce Lincoln. **Max and the Midnighters.** From the creator of the Big Nate books (we have a lot of those in the digital library!) comes this hilarious new series opener—set in the Middle Ages. Max is a lowly troubadour's apprentice who dreams of being a knight. Goofy adventures combined with heart.



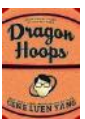
∞ Steinkellner, Emma. **The Okay Witch.** Moth is an outcast obsessed with witches. Then she finds out she has powers herself—powers she inherited from her mother, who had never allowed herself to use magic. Funny and action packed.



∞ Terciero, Ray and Bre Indigo. **Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy.** *Little Women*, with some twists: It's the story of a blended family living in modern-day New York City. One thing hasn't changed: the March sisters need each other.



∞ Wang, Jen. **The Prince and the Dressmaker.** Prince Sebastian has a secret—he loves to wear dresses. He meets up with a young seamstress named Frances whose dream is to be a famous designer, and begins to appear in public in her designs as the fabulous Lady Crystallina. Fresh fairy tale of love and friendship.



∞ Yang, Gene Luen. **Dragon Hoops.** Graphic memoir by the author of *American Born Chinese* about the basketball team at the high school where he worked in California, weaving in the history of basketball, his own life as a Chinese American, drama and courage on the team, and more.

Nonfiction

From Serious to Fun



∞ Abdul-Jabbar, Kareem. **Becoming Kareem: Growing Up On and Off the Court.** Fascinating memoir by the basketball star and Civil Rights leader. (Digital library copy is the audiobook.)



∞ Beals, Melba Patillo. **March Forward, Girl.** Beals was one of the Little Rock Nine, the group of nine students who famously integrated Arkansas's Little Rock High School in 1957. Here she tells the story of her life leading up to that moment and what inspired her to become a fighter for justice.



∞ Gantos, Jack. **Writing Radar: Using Your Journal to Snoop Out and Craft Great Stories.** A fun guide to writing fiction using your everyday experiences as a jumping-off point, from a Newbery-winning author who did exactly that.



∞ Hasak-Lowy, Todd. **We Are Power: How Nonviolent Activism Changes the World.** Learn about six leaders who used nonviolent resistance to bring about change. From Greta Thunberg to Caesar Chavez to Bayard Rustin, these stories of people you've heard of and some you haven't will inspire you.



∞ Kendi, Ibram X. and Jason Reynolds. **Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You.** How racism has grown up in our society and how you can battle it by being antiracist. Kendi wrote a version of this book for adults. Jason Reynolds (author of *Ghost* and other books you may know) helped him translate it for kids.



Newman, Aline Alexander and Gary Weitzman, DVM. **How to Speak Cat: A Guide to Decoding Cat Language.** A writer and a vet explore the history of domestic cats, and explain what your feline friends are trying to tell you when do things like they purr, swish their tails, or launch themselves into the air like crazed lunatics.



∞ Noah, Trevor. **It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood.** The Daily Show host's shocking yet hilarious tale of growing up under the legal system of racial segregation known as apartheid. In South Africa when he was a kid, he was literally against the law—because he had a Black mother and white father. Even so, Noah's mother raised him to believe there were no barriers to achieving his dreams. (young readers' version)



∞ Shetterley, Margot Lee. **Hidden Figures: Young Readers' Edition.** Fascinating story of the female African American math whizzes who helped launch the space program despite racism and sexism.



∞ St. George, Judith. **The Duel: The Parallel Lives of Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr.** Hamilton and Burr led shockingly similar lives—until their famous duel in which one would live and the other die. If you know *Hamilton*, you know who's who! Fast and fascinating. (Digital library copy is the audiobook.)



∞ Sundance, Kyra. **101 Dog Tricks, Kids Edition: Fun and Easy Activities, Games and Crafts.** Make a duct tape treat bag, build a doggy balance beam, and teach your pup to play peek-a-boo. Summertime is the right time!



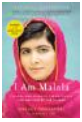
∞ Tack, Karen and Alan Richardson. **Hello, Cupcake: Irresistibly Playful Creations Anyone Can Make.** Impress (and feed) your friends with Van Gogh's *Starry Night* cupcakes, kids-in-sleeping-bag cupcakes, or cupcakes that look like spaghetti and meatballs but taste like...cupcake. Yum!



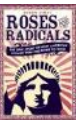
Telgemeier, Raina. **Share Your Smile: Raina's Guide to Telling Your Own Story.** The author of *Smile* and *Sisters*, describes how she creates her memoir-graphic novels, and gives you instructions about how to do the same thing with your own stories.



∞ Yellowhorn, Eldon and Kathy Lowinger. **Turtle Island: The Story of North America's First People.** There's a Native American myth that says North and Central America were built on a turtle's back. This compelling book, based on myths, archeological evidence, and oral history tells the often-overlooked history of Native people beginning thousands of years before Europeans arrived, and ending with modern times. Tragic, hopeful, and fascinating.



∞ Yousafzai, Malala. **I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World.** Autobiography of the Pakistani girl who, under Taliban rule, spoke out and was shot in the head as punishment. Learn about her miraculous survival and her continuing work for human rights. Read this along with **Amal Unbound** by Aisha Saeed (in the fiction section of this list).



∞ Zimet, Susan. **Roses and Radicals: The Epic Story of How American Women Won the Right to Vote.** This year marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the amendment that gave women the vote. Read the exciting tale of how it happened.

Digital Library FACTS: What You Need to Know

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