

# SUGGESTED SUMMER READING

for students entering fifth & sixth grades  
Saint Ann's School Library, 2017

## Fiction



© Alexander, Kwame. **Booked.** Nick loves soccer. His dad, a linguistics professor, loves words. Sometimes they clash. On top of that, Nick's best friend now plays for a rival team, Nick is being bullied on a regular basis, and his mom is off to pursue her dream—without him. He tells his story in verse. Also consider Alexander's © **The Crossover.**



© Anderson, John David. **Posted.** After cell phones are banned at Branton Middle School, Frost and three of his friends come up with a new way to communicate: sticky notes. Then, things turn mean and a sticky note war breaks out. Explores the meaning of friendship and belonging, and celebrates the bravery to speak up.



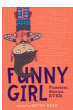
© Bajaj, Varsha. **Abby Spencer Goes to Bollywood.** Abby's life in Texas is fine, if a bit dull. It's just her and her mom. All that changes when she heads to India to meet her father for the first time (It turns out he's a famous Bollywood star!) This book gives glimpses into both the beauty and the poverty of Mumbai as Abby figures out her place in the world.



© Barnhill, Kelly. **The Girl Who Drank the Moon.** Once a year the Elders of the Protectorate sacrifice the youngest baby to Xan, the evil witch who lives in the forest. Unbeknownst to the Elders, Xan is actually kind. She nourishes the babies with starlight until delivering them to parents on the other side of the forest. When Xan accidentally feeds a baby moonlight instead of starlight, she decides to raise this baby herself. As Luna grows, her magic becomes clear, as does the danger around her. Winner of the 2017 Newbery Medal.



Bertman, Jennifer Chambliss. **The Book Scavenger.** Emily's family moves *all the time*. When they alight in San Francisco, she's thrilled, because it's the headquarters of Book Scavenger, an online game she loves that's run by the eccentric genius Garrison Griswold. Emily is desperate to meet him. Then, he is attacked, and the game gets serious. Fun, filled with puzzles, codes and book trivia. **Don't miss the sequel:** © **The Unbreakable Code.**



© Bird, Betsy (editor). **Funny Girl: Funniest Stories Ever.** Humorous short takes from 25 female children's authors including graphic novelists Cece Bell and Raina Telgemeier, as well as novelists Libba Bray and Lisa Graff.

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## More Fiction!



© Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. **The War that Saved My Life.** Ada was born with a twisted foot and her mother is so ashamed that she has never let Ada outside. World War II begins and it turns out to be a blessing for Ada. Because of bombing, she and her brother leave London for the countryside. Her life expands, and she begins to understand all she's been missing.



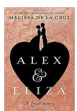
© Brown, Peter. **The Wild Robot.** Roz, a resourceful robot, finds herself on an island full of wild animals. She sets out to analyze, understand, and live with them. Everyone benefits!



© Carroll, Emma. **In Darkling Wood.** Looking for something that feels modern and realistic...and magical? Then pick up this emotional tale of Alice, her mysterious friend Flo, and the struggle to save Darkling Wood from destruction.



© Cheng, Jack. **See You in the Cosmos.** Alex has a golden iPod that he wants to launch into space to teach alien life forms about life on Earth. With his dog, Carl Sagan (named for the astronomer who sent a tape into space in the 70s), he sets out for a rocket festival to launch the iPod. The trip turns into a search for Alex's possibly-not-dead father, and Alex learns more about his own universe than he thought possible.



© De la Cruz, Melissa. **Alex and Eliza: A Love Story.** Do you listen to the Hamilton soundtrack on repeat? Have you tried to envision exactly how Alexander Hamilton and Eliza Schuyler met up and fell in love? If so, this is a book for you! It's historical fiction, meaning the setting and characters are real but some of the details are spun from the author's imagination.



© Draper, Sharon. **Stella by Starlight.** The year is 1932. Stella lives in a tiny town in the segregated South. One night she and her brother are awakened by light from the flames of a Ku Klux Klan rally. What will it mean for her tight-knit African-American community? Inspired by family stories Draper heard as a child.



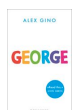
© Emerson, Kevin. **Last Day on Mars.** The year is 2213. Earth is a distant memory. The few humans remaining in our solar system live on Mars. As Liam Saunders-Chang and his friend Phoebe are about to board the last starship out of the red planet, they make an amazing discovery—about space, time and life itself. Awesome, hard-core sci-fi.



© Federle, Tim. **Better Nate Than Ever.** Nate steals away from small-town Pennsylvania to try out for *ET*, the Broadway musical. His first impressions of New York are hilarious, as are his observations about Broadway culture and his overly-prepared competitors. Nate is out of his league, but his quirkiness—and photographic memory—may be enough to land him a spot in the show. Smart and laugh-out-loud funny. Sequel: **Five, Six, Seven, Nate!**



© Gidwitz, Adam. **The Inquisitor's Tale; Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog.** Kids in medieval France on a pilgrimage to save themselves and save a book. Are they saints or heretics? Illustrations in the margins evoke illuminated manuscripts. Winner of a Newbery Honor this year. The author, a former Saint Ann's teacher, visited the library this year and spoke to our fourth and fifth graders about the book, and about life in the Middle Ages.



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 really is. A funny, touching story about a transgender fourth grader.



## Fiction, Continued!



Gonzalez, Christina Diaz. **Moving Target**. Cassie Arroyo, an American studying in Rome, has her world ripped apart when someone tries to kill her father, a professor at an Italian university. Is Cassie next? She sets out to solve the mystery, only to learn that she is a member of an ancient bloodline that enables her to use the Spear of Destiny—which has the power to alter the future. Sequel: **Return Fire**.



© Goodman, Carol. **The Metropolitans**. As the bombing of Pearl Harbor takes place across the continent, four kids converge on the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York to foil a Nazi plot. Magic, history, and friendship come together in this gripping adventure.



© Green, Tim and Derek Jeter. **Baseball Genius**. Jalen's family can't afford the fees for his travel baseball team, so he decides to sneak into the home of a New York Yankees player to steal some balls that he could then sell. Surprise! He gets caught. But Jalen convinces the player to stay quiet—by demonstrating his incredible ability to predict what kind of pitch a pitcher is about to throw. Awesome baseball adventure!



© Griffin, Paul. **When Friendship Followed Me Home**. Uplifting tearjerker about Ben, a former foster kid who loves science fiction but shies away from human connection—until he rescues a homeless mutt from behind a Brooklyn library and new worlds open for him.



© 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.



© Howe, James. **Also Known As Elvis**. If you liked **Totally Joe** (a read-aloud in our fifth-grade library classes) don't miss this book. In it, Skeezie, who is about to have his first child at the age of 25, recalls the very 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 Carle's story told in verse), and **The Misfits** (before the events of **Totally Joe**).



© Kelly, Erin Entrada and Isabel Roxas. **Hello Universe**. Meet four middle schoolers who couldn't be more different from each other. In this magical book, they wind up connected for a day as they find themselves thrown together and solving a problem that one of them—a bully named Chet—has created. Unlikely friendships form, and unlikely heroes emerge.



© Knowles, Jo. **See You at Harry's**. Do you love sad books? If so, this one's for you. Tragedy strikes the family. How does Fern handle the grief and guilt? Heartbreaking, yet hopeful. (In case you're wondering, Harry's is a diner.)



© 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. If you haven't read this kids' classic, do so now!

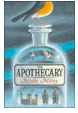


© Levy, Dana Alison. **This Would Make a Good Story Someday**. It's the summer after middle school and Sara's plans for a self-improvement project with her friends are upended—her moms have planned a family cross-country train trip. It's quite an adventure! If you've read **The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher** (by the same author) you'll recognize Sara's younger sister, Ladybug.

## More Awesome Fiction!



© Lin, Grace. **When the Sea Turned Silver.** A storyteller's daughter must search for her grandmother, who has been kidnapped by an emperor. Woven through with traditional-style Chinese tales. (This book stands perfectly well on its own, but, if you're interested, there are two previously-published companion books: **Where the Mountain Meets the Moon** and **Starry River of the Sky**.)



© Meloy, Maile. **The Apothecary.** Alchemy and magic meet the Cold War in this mystery 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. Sequels: **The Apprentices** and **The After-Room.**



© Oh, Ellen (editor). **Flying Lessons.** Short stories collected in partnership with the group We Need Diverse Books, featuring entries by Jacqueline Woodson (author of *Brown Girl Dreaming*), Grace Lin (*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*) and other great authors.



© Palacio, R.J. **Wonder.** What would you do if you came to school in the fall and next to you was a kid whose face was so deformed that just looking at him made you gasp? This book is about Auggie—that kid—who enrolls in a private New York City middle school after having been homeschooled for his whole life. The story is told first from Auggie's point of view, then from others'. If you've read *Wonder*, try **Auggie and Me**, which includes chapters from the points of view of characters who didn't make it into the original.



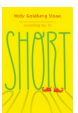
© Pullman, Philip. **Fairy Tales from the Brothers Grimm: A New English Version.** Master storyteller Pullman, author of **The Golden Compass**, brilliantly retells his favorites, some familiar (like “Snow White” and “Rapunzel”), others less well known (bet you haven't heard of “Hans-my Hedgehog”).



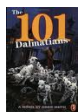
© Ruby, Laura. **York: The Shadow Cipher.** A mystery criss-crosses centuries and links the lives of two sets of exceptional twins. The mystery is a puzzle and treasure hunt built into the very buildings and streets of New York City. A true page-turner, featuring history, magic, and fantasy.



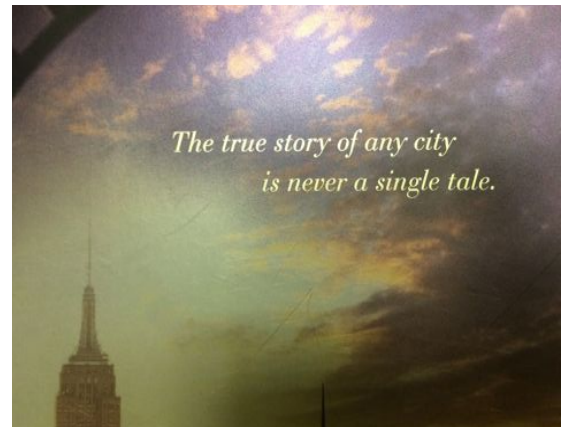
Ryan, Pam Muñoz. **Echo.** Otto, Friedrich, Mike, and Ivy live in different times and different countries. All face challenges—from discrimination in Nazi Germany to bias toward migrant workers in California. One harmonica ties their stories together. A beautiful tale of four children with extraordinary musical talent...and a tinge of magic.



© Sloan, Holly Goldberg. **Short.** Julia is tiny for her age, and she's decided this is the summer she's going to just get over it. However, fate conspires against her: her mom drags her to an audition for a production of *The Wizard of Oz*, and she's cast as...a munchkin. Much to her surprise, the people she meets working on the play help her change the way she thinks of herself and her place in the world. Funny, and great for theater lovers.



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





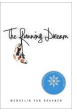
## Last Page of Fiction!



© Snyder, Laurel. **Orphan Island**. For nine children living alone on a mysterious island, every day is happy—and the same. The exception is the one day each year when a young child is delivered to the island, and the oldest leaves forever. This year, Jinnie is the elder. What will she do on the day the boat arrives to take her away?



© Thompson, Lisa. **The Goldfish Boy**. Matthew battles obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and is terrified of germs. As a result he rarely leaves his room, spending his days worrying, washing his hands, and looking out the window. When a toddler disappears from the neighborhood, it turns out Matthew was the last one to see the child alive. He is plunged into the center of the mystery. Will he find the courage to leave his comfort zone to possibly help save a child's life?



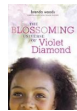
© Van Draanen, Wendelin. **The Running Dream**. Jessica is such a great runner that she dreams of the Olympics—and it's not an unrealistic dream. Then, her track team bus crashes, killing a runner and crushing Jessica's leg so badly it has to be amputated. "My life is over," she thinks when she realizes what's happened. She eventually learns that is far from true, but it is a hard lesson.



© Williams-Garcia, Rita. **Clayton Byrd Goes Underground**. Clayton's favorite person in the world is his blues-legend grandfather, Cool Papa Byrd. He taught Clayton to play harmonica and lets him join in when he performs in Washington Square Park. When Cool Papa dies suddenly, Clayton is devastated. His mom, who never approved of Cool Papa's lifestyle, doesn't help him with his grief. So, Clayton seeks what he needs underground—in the New York City subway.



© Wolk, Lauren. **Beyond the Bright Sea**. Abandoned as an infant and rescued by a man named Osh, 12-year-old Crow knows nothing about her background—or even the world outside her island home. When she sees a mysterious fire across the water, it kindles curiosity in her, and sends her on a journey of discovery and danger. By the author of the also-great **Wolf Hollow**, which won a Newbery Honor this year.



© Woods, Brenda. **The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond**. Violet's mom is white and her father was black—but she never knew him. A doctor like her mom, he died in a car accident before Violet was born. Now 11, Violet is tired of the assumptions people make about her in the mostly-white Seattle suburb where she lives. When she gets a chance to go to Los Angeles to connect with her long-lost paternal grandmother, an artist, she finds new ways of looking at many things.

### And...try one of these Classics!

They're all available from the Saint Ann's Digital Library.

🕒 **The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde** by Robert Louis Stevenson 💧

😊 **Jane Eyre** by Charlotte Brontë ♥

🌿 **The Secret Garden** by Frances Hodgson Burnett 🏰 **The War of the Worlds** by H.G. Wells 📖

🔍 **The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes** by Arthur Conan Doyle 📖

🏴‍☠️ **Treasure Island** by Robert Louis Stevenson 🧸 **Little Women** by Louisa May Alcott 😊

🏠 **The Wonderful Wizard of Oz** by L. Frank Baum 🏠

## Series

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



Bryant, Annie. **The Beacon Street Girls**. Realistic fiction about a group of middle school girls—their friendships, challenges, and adventures. Humorous and heartfelt. If you like this series, you're set for a while. It's more than 20 books long! The Series: *Worst Enemies/Best Friends*, *Bad News/Good News*, *Letters from the Heart*, and on and on.



© 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*, and *An Author's Odyssey*.



© 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*.



© Gibbs, Stuart. **FunJungle**. Do you like animals? Do you like mysteries? You'll love this series set in FunJungle, a famous (in the fictional world of the series) animal theme park in Texas. Teddy lives at FunJungle because his parents work there. In the book, a hippo goes belly up, and Teddy suspects murder—involving higher-ups in the FunJungle administration. He joins with a friend to get to the bottom of things. Cool animal facts, laughs, clever mystery, and some gory stuff feature in every volume. **The Series:** *Belly Up*, *Poached*, *Big Game*, and *Panda-monium*.



© Grant, Michael. **Gone**. Everyone is gone. Well, at least all the adults. 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. Be prepared for a bit of violence and lots of suspense. **The Series:** *Gone*, *Hunger*, *Lies*, *Plague*, *Fear*, and *Light*.



© 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 more mature side of middle school lit.

**The Series:** *Cinder*, *Scarlet*, *Cress* and *Winter*.



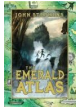
© Muchamore, Robert. **Cherub**. Cherub is a top-secret branch of the British Security Service that employs orphans as agents. For official purposes, these children do not exist. The books are packed with adventure, but they also manage to squeeze in plenty of compelling drama about the agents' friendships 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*, *Brigands M.C.*, and *Shadow Wave*.



Patterson, James. **I Funny**. Middle-schooler Jamie has a goal: to become the world's greatest standup comic ever. However, as he points out, he'll be a "sit-down comedian," since he uses a wheelchair. Through zingy first person narration, Jamie poignantly but hilariously tells tales of life at school and at home. **The Series:** *I Funny*, *I Even Funnier*, *I Totally Funniest*, *I Funny TV*, and *School of Laughs*.



© Riordan, Rick. **Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard.** Magnus has been an orphan living on the streets since the mysterious death of his mom. When his uncle tracks him down and tells him about his birthright—a powerful sword—things start to get mythological. Turns out he's descended from Norse deities. Adventure, danger, and humor ensue. **The Series:** *The Sword of Summer*, *The Hammer of Thor*, and more to come. If you want a return to the Greeks and Camp Half Blood, consider Riordan's other new series, *The Trials of Apollo*. **The Series:** *The Hidden Oracle*, *The Dark Prophecy*, and more to come.



© Stephens, John. **The Books of Beginning.** Taken from their parents as small children and sent to live in a series of orphanages, siblings Kate, Michael, and Emma have no idea of the danger they're in or the magical worlds that await them—until they find an ancient green leather book, *The Emerald Atlas*. Impossible to put down. **The Series:** *The Emerald Atlas*, *The Fire Chronicle*, and *The Black Reckoning*.



© 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 that is hilarious and thought provoking. **The Series:** *One Crazy Summer*, *P.S. Be Eleven*, and *Gone Crazy in Alabama*.

## Read a Series Digitally ©



You probably know about the series listed below, but have you **read** all of them? You can now! The books in these great series are available for download from the Saint Ann's Digital Library:

**The Harry Potter Series** by J.K. Rowling • **His Dark Materials Trilogy** by Philip Pullman •  
**Percy Jackson Series** by Rick Riordan • **A Series of Unfortunate Events** by Lemony Snicket •  
**The Books of Ember Series** by Jeanne DuPrau • **Alex Rider Series** by Anthony Horowitz (first three volumes) • **Artemis Fowl Series** by Eoin Colfer (first seven volumes) •  
**Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel** by Michael Scott

## Graphic Books



© Bell, Cece. **El Deafo.** A graphic memoir. The author—drawing herself and other humans as rabbits—tells how she lost her hearing and learned to navigate school and the rest of life with a clunky “Phonic Ear.” In tough times she imagined herself as a superhero: El Deafo, Listener for All!



Chmakova, Svetlana. **Brave.** From the author of *Awkward*, featuring Jenson, a middle schooler for whom nothing comes easily—especially things like finding a partner for a class project. Funny and empathetic—this book faces the issue of bullying head-on.



Coates, Ta-Nehisi and Brian Stelfreeze. **Black Panther: A Nation Under Our Feet.** In this comic, Coates, author of *Between the World and Me*, combines his passion for social justice with rocking superhero action. (Multiple Volumes)



© Hale, Nathan. **One-Trick Pony.** Far in the future, Earth has been invaded by an alien force. The remaining humans rove in packs trying to keep the aliens from devouring the electronics, thereby erasing all human history. A brother and sister duo find an ancient robotic pony, and together they try to turn things around for the world.



© Hale, Shannon, illustrated by LeUyen Pham. **Real Friends**. How will Shannon handle it when her longtime best friend Adrienne starts hanging out with the most popular girl in class? Painful, honest, and optimistic graphic memoir about dealing with frenemies—by the author of **Rapunzel's Revenge** and the Newbery Honor-winning **Princess Academy**.



© Jamieson, Victoria. **Roller Girl**. Astrid joins a roller derby team and is shocked when her best friend isn't interested. Great roller rink atmosphere, and a wonderful story about how complex friendship can be. The author/illustrator is on a roller derby team herself!



Lewis, John and Andrew Aydin. **March: Books One, Two and Three**. Lewis, a civil rights pioneer, recounts his life's journey—from child of Alabama sharecroppers to congressional representative. Last year, **Book Three** became the first graphic book to win a National Book Award.



© Libenson, Terri. **Invisible Emmie**. Doodle-illustrated prose chapters describing Emmie, a 7th grader who is shy, artistic and often feels invisible, alternate with comic-style chapters about an outgoing, popular girl named Kate. Find out how the two girls' lives come together one day—because of a note. Funny and heartfelt.



Siegel, Mark and Alexis. **5 Worlds: The Sand Warrior**. The Five Worlds—planets created by a long-ago goddess that are inhabited by human-like beings—will cease to exist unless three unlikely heroes can come together and stop an evil being called the Mimic.



© Stevenson, Noelle. **Lumberjanes Series**. Five best friends spend summers at a camp for girls where they must vanquish monsters while they dodge their counselors. Girl-powery fun. (Multiple Volumes)



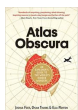
Wilson, G. Willow and various illustrators. **Ms. Marvel Series**. Meet Kamala Khan, aka Ms. Marvel. A normal Muslim teenage girl in New Jersey, or the comic world's newest, fiercest superhero? You decide. (Multiple Volumes)

## Nonfiction

### *From Serious to Fun*



© Denenberg, Barry. **Ali: American Champion**. Muhammad Ali's amazing life story interwoven with related events in American history, told as though it's happening in real time.



© Foer, Joshua, Dylan Thuras and Ella Morton. **Atlas Obscura: An Explorer's Guide to the World's Hidden Wonders**. This book isn't written for kids, but pretty much anyone would have a blast paging through. A geographically-arranged list of amazements, including a glow-worm cave in New Zealand and a baby-jumping festival in Spain. Lots of maps and pictures.

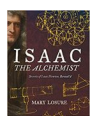


Garcia, Karina. **Karina Garcia's DIY Slime**. Become a master of slime with these 15 borax-free slime recipes. Includes glow-in-the-dark slime, balloon slime, and more.



© Jennings, Jazz. **Being Jazz: My Life as a (Transgender) Teen**. When Jazz was five, she transitioned to life as a girl. Here she tells the story of her journey—and her family's. Read about how she has fought for her own rights—playing on the girls' soccer team, using the girls' bathroom at school—and the rights of other transgender people. (Also includes fun info on life as a celebrity—she's had her own reality show!)

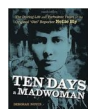




© Losure, Mary. **Isaac the Alchemist**. One of the most famous, influential scientists ever, Isaac Newton described gravity, invented calculus and the reflecting telescope...and on and on! This book tells the fascinating story of his childhood and later life, and includes explanations of Newton's work that are fun and understandable.



Maletsky, Sophie. **Sticky Fingers: DIY Duct Tape Projects**. Learn to make wallets, bookmarks, and even backpacks using nothing but duct tape! There are clear instructions for each project.



© Noyes, Deborah. **10 Days a Madwoman: The Daring Life and Turbulent Times of the Original "Girl" Reporter, Nellie Bly**. Born in 1864, Bly led a thrilling life as a crusading news reporter, taking on causes and stories in a way that no other woman of her time dared. This book tells her whole story, but focuses especially on the time she spent undercover in an asylum for women labeled as "mentally ill." Don't miss it!



© Sheinkin, Steve. **Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team**. The odds were stacked against Jim Thorpe. Sent to a school designed to erase his Native American culture, Thorpe joined a football team that challenged—and often defeated—some of the best schools of the day. He went on to win two Olympic gold medals, and has been called the world's greatest athlete. This biography is the latest from Steve Sheinkin, a master of nonfiction.



© Shetterly, Margot Lee. **Hidden Figures: Young Readers' Edition**. The book upon which the inspiring movie is based. It's the story of four female African-American mathematicians who battled discrimination to reach important positions in NASA and became key to some of the greatest successes of the U.S. space program. Yes, you read that right FOUR women. One, Christine Darden, was left out of the movie (she joined NASA a bit later than the others)—so you have to read this riveting book!



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're a Hamilton fan, you know who's who! A quick and fascinating read. If you're interested in Hamilton, also (or instead) read **Alexander Hamilton: The Making of America** by Terry Kanefield and find out how Hamilton envisioned this country's future.



© Stelson, Caren. **Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story**. Sachiko Yasui survived the bombing of her city when she was just six years old. The author heard Sachiko share her story—while advocating for peace—many years later and was moved to write this inspiring biography.



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