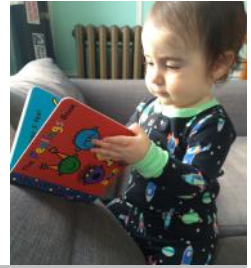




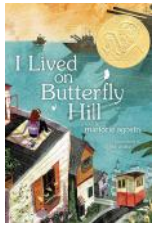
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2017 Suggested Summer Reading List for students entering 7th & 8th grades



Check out e-books all summer long! See instructions on the last page of this list.
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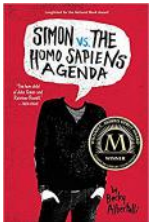
Agosin, Marjorie. **I Lived on Butterfly Hill**

Eleven-year-old Celeste's world is thrown into turmoil when her classmates start disappearing without word. The new Chilean government considers all those who believe in equality "subversive," and Celeste's parents are forced into hiding while she is sent to the US to live with her aunt. Chile is never far from her mind and heart, though, as she gets used to her new life. This is a quiet, beautifully-written novel based on the author's real experiences during the time of the Pinochet dictatorship.



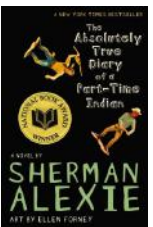
Alameda, Courtney. **Shutter**

Micheline sees the auras of the undead and hunts ghosts by capturing their energy on camera. When she and her friends are each infected with a "soulchain," they have one week to figure out how to exorcise these deadly entities. A truly frightening horror story with plenty of romance.



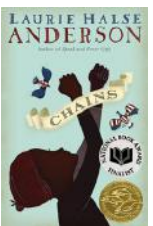
Albertalli, Becky. **Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda**

A smart, sweet coming-of-age coming-out masterpiece. Chapters alternate between Simon's emails with an unknown admirer and his everyday life at school. What happens when they begin to intersect? As author Tim Federle says, this is "a pitch-perfect triumph of wit and wordplay."



Alexie, Sherman. **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**

Junior leaves his school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white school, and is surprised to find himself making friends. He continues to draw, starts playing basketball, and tries to define his complex identity. This semi-autobiographical novel is peppered with tragedy and laugh-out-loud humor. A must read.



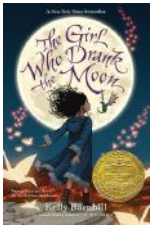
Anderson, Laurie Halse. **Chains**

Thirteen-year-old Isabel and her five-year-old sister Ruth are slaves in New York, sold to a cruel Loyalist family in the spring of 1776. When she is separated from Ruth, Isabel begins to spy for the Rebels, thinking it will earn her freedom and help her reunite with Ruth. But can anyone be trusted? This riveting and well-researched story—the first in a trilogy—personalizes a fascinating and disturbing piece of American history.



Bardugo, Leigh. **Six of Crows**

Six outcasts. One heist. Plenty of magic, action, and revenge. A brilliantly compelling YA novel with a cliffhanger ending—but don't worry, you can go straight to the sequel, *Crooked Kingdom*.



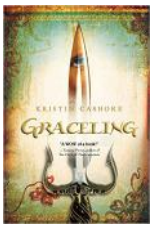
Barnhill, Kelly. **The Girl Who Drank the Moon**

Once a year the Elders of the Protectorate sacrifice the youngest baby to Xan, the evil witch who lives in the forest. But Xan is actually kind, and 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 she will raise this baby herself. As Luna grows, her magic becomes clear, as does the danger around her. This 2017 Newbery winner is a masterful fairy tale that feels classic and original at the same time.



Bray, Libba. **Beauty Queens**

A plane full of beauty pageant contestants crashes on a desert island. The setup for a joke? Nope, the setup for a brilliant, hilarious, thoughtful, feminist story by the award-winning Libba Bray. If you like this, check out her other books, varied in topic but consistent in quality.



Cashore, Kristin. **Graceling**

Katsa's grace is killing. This is why her uncle, King Randa, keeps her at the castle and sends her out to do his bidding. But at 17, Katsa starts to question her uncle's orders. When she meets Prince Po, a graced fighter, she begins to discover truths about herself, her grace, and her kingdom, as she sets out on a path toward justice...and maybe love. If you like *Graceling*, read its companions *Fire* and *Bitterblue*!



Cheng, Jack. **See You in the Cosmos**

Eleven-year-old Alex sets out on a journey to document life on earth in hopes of launching his iPod into space. Along the way, Alex meets extraordinary people and uncovers family secrets in this touching story full of joy and optimism about the complicated world in which we live.



Cline, Ernest. **Ready Player One**

The year is 2044. The economy has collapsed, the environment has gone to hell, the world is not a place you want to be. Enter the OASIS, the online virtual reality where a dead billionaire has hidden clues to his inheritance. Teenager Wade and other "gunters" dedicate their lives to finding the fortune before corporations take over the OASIS. Brilliantly imaginative and loads of fun. Already read it? Check out his other (unrelated) novel, *Armada*.



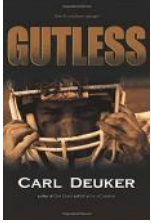
Colfer, Chris. **Stranger than Fiction**

When four fans invite the young world-famous TV star Cash Carter on a road trip, they are shocked that he accepts. Join the teens as they're followed across the country by paparazzi and reveal secrets to each other in this hilarious and poignant new young adult novel by the author of the *Land of Stories* series.



Danticat, Edwidge. **Untwine**

Giselle and Isabelle are identical twins and close as can be. A fatal car accident leaves Isabelle dead and Giselle in a coma, able to think and forced to confront her past, but unable to communicate with the outside world. Friendship, family, grief, romance, mystery, and even humor play a part in this beautifully-written novel.



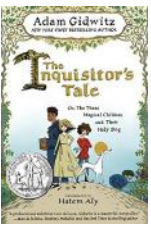
Deuker, Carl. **Gutless**

Brock is a talented wide receiver, but his aversion to physical contact gets him cut from the varsity team. When his former friend, star quarterback Hunter, begins to bully Brock and another boy, Brock must face his fears. Full of sports and full of heart, this fast-paced book is sure to please. Check out Deuker's other sports novels too.



Gansworth, Eric. **If I Ever Get Out of Here**

Lewis Blake is an American Indian living on a reservation in upstate New York in the 1970s. Poverty is his reality at home, and at school he is somewhat of an outcast. When a new boy, George Haddonfield, comes to school, he and Lewis bond over music (Beatles, Wings, Queen), but Lewis is worried about inviting George to his house. When Lewis becomes the target of the school bully, the friendship is put to the test.



Gidwitz, Adam. **The Inquisitor's Tale**

What do you get when you bring together a peasant girl who sees the future, a Jewish boy with the gift of healing, and a half-Muslim teenage monk with almost superhuman strength? An epic, adventurous, meticulously-researched, delightfully-illustrated, Newbery Honor-winning tale set in medieval France, that's what.



Griffin, Paul. **When Friendship Followed Me Home**

Former foster kid Ben and his lovable dog Flip meet Halley, a girl unlike anyone Ben has ever met. The two team up to write a science-fiction novel, while their own lives are much too real. This is a lovely tearjerker for those looking for something slightly younger than—but similar in theme to—*The Fault in Our Stars*.



Han, Jenny. **To All the Boys I've Loved Before**

Whenever Lara Jean Song has a crush on a boy, she writes him a love letter—and hides all the letters in a box. But when they accidentally get mailed, Lara Jean's love life is suddenly quite complicated. A fun, lighthearted romance with strong family relationships. If you like it, pick up the sequels: *P.S. I Still Love You* and *Always and Forever, Lara Jean*.



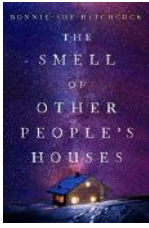
Hardinge, Frances. **The Lie Tree**

When Faith's father is found dead, Faith suspects murder. And she suspects the murder has something to do with his scientific research. Looking for answers, Faith goes through her father's belongings. What she finds defies all belief, and gets to the core of the human thirst for knowledge. Exquisitely written feminist mystery with elements of fantasy.



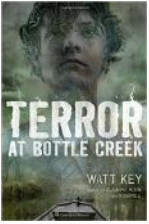
Hinton, S.E. **The Outsiders**

Since the death of Ponyboy's parents, his brothers and gang have been his family. When his best friend kills a member of a rival gang, a violent nightmare begins. This classic was one of the first novels published for young adults, and Hinton was only sixteen when she wrote it! Also check out Hinton's other books: *That Was Then, This is Now*; *Rumblefish*; *Tex*; and more.



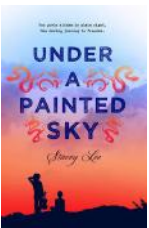
Hitchcock, Bonnie-Sue. **The Smell of Other People's Houses**

Ruth, Dora, Alyce, and Hank. They are dancers, fisherpeople, survivors, kids on the run. They are Athabascan, Inupiat, and white. Set in 1970 Alaska, this stunning novel weaves together the remarkable stories of four teens whose lives touch each other in the most unexpected ways.



Key, Watt. **Terror at Bottle Creek**

When a Category 3 hurricane hits lower Alabama, thirteen-year-old Cort must use the skills his father taught him to survive and help others survive. A nail-biting wilderness adventure for lovers of *Hatchet*.



Lee, Stacey. **Under a Painted Sky**

Samantha and Annamae are on the run—Samantha because she killed a man in self-defense, Annamae as a runaway slave. The two friends, one Chinese American and one African American, disguise themselves as boys and join up with cowboys headed to California in search of gold. A dangerous expedition with a true friendship at its core.



Lin, Grace. **When the Sea Turned to Silver**

When Pinmei's grandmother—the village Storyteller—is kidnapped by the Emperor, Pinmei sets off with her friend Yishan to rescue her. An exciting adventure that weaves in the author's stories inspired by Chinese folklore, this is a stand-alone companion to *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* and *Starry River of the Sky*.



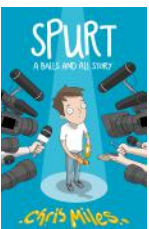
Lourtsema, Nat. **Goldfish**

Lou is well on her way to an Olympic swimming spot when she bombs her tryouts. Instead, she finds herself choreographing underwater dance routines for three guys who would otherwise never talk to her. A lighthearted and funny YA novel with characters you'll love.



Markell, Denis. **Click Here to Start**

When Ted's great-uncle dies and leaves him the "treasure" in his apartment, Ted thinks it's just a bunch of junk. When he discovers that his uncle has turned his apartment an escape-the-room game that might lead to actual World War II treasures, he gathers his friends and they race to finish the game before someone else can steal the fortune. A fast-paced story for gamers and puzzle-solvers.



Miles, Chris. **Spurt**

Ninth grader Jack Sprigley has not yet begun puberty, and it seems everyone else is miles ahead. So he comes up with a plan: to fake puberty. A coming-of-age story not for the faint-hearted.



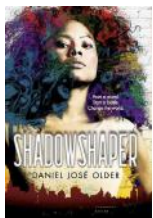
Nelson, Jandy. **I'll Give You The Sun**

Twins Jude and Noah communicate without words, understand each other's art, and know that in an emergency they would each save the other before anyone else. But something tears them apart. Told from both perspectives, the story brings the two narratives together as secrets are revealed to the characters and the reader alike. An award-winning and unique portrayal of grief, love, and sexuality.



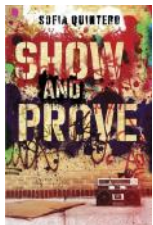
Oh, Ellen (editor). **Flying Lessons & Other Stories**

Original short stories from Kwame Alexander, Grace Lin, Tim Federle, Jacqueline Woodson, and other top-notch writers. Dealing with topics from basketball to family grief, racism to first romances, this extraordinary collection was published in partnership with We Need Diverse Books.



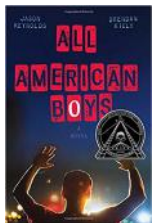
Older, Daniel José. **Shadowshaper**

It's summer in Brooklyn, and Sierra Santiago is hoping to chill out and make art. But when a corpse shows up at a party and the neighborhood murals start shedding real tears, Sierra discovers a kind of ancient magic that someone is trying to crush. Family history is unveiled, secrets are revealed.



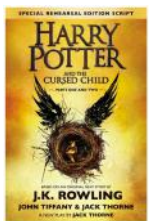
Quintero, Sofia. **Show and Prove**

It is 1983 in the Bronx, a summer of hip hop and Reaganomics, war in the Middle East and drugs and poverty at home. Sixteen-year-olds Smiles and Nike work at their local summer day camp together, but they are not as close as they once were. Smiles has been struggling to be accepted at his new private mostly-white school, and Nike is focused on breakdancing and winning over the new camp counselor. A down-to-earth and moving summer read.



Reynolds, Jason and Brendan Kiely. **All American Boys**

What starts as a trip to the bodega to buy a bag of chips becomes a public scandal about racism and police brutality. Written in two voices—the teenager beaten by a cop and the one who witnesses it—this award-winning and timely novel grapples with issues of community, racism, loyalty, and truth.



Rowling, J.K., Jack Thorne & John Tiffany. **Harry Potter and the Cursed Child**

Nineteen years after the end of the Harry Potter series, Harry's son Albus is struggling with his place in the family and in school. His only real friend is Draco Malfoy's son Scorpius, and together they embark on some brave—and ill-considered—exploits. If you're itching for more Harry Potter, or need a reminder of why time travel is dangerous, pick up this play that is arguably the latest in the Harry Potter canon.



Schmidt, Gary. **Orbiting Jupiter**

Jackson is a quiet sixth grader whose life is forever altered when his farming family takes in Joseph, a foster kid who became a father at age thirteen. Through Jackson's eyes we follow Joseph as he struggles to find his daughter again. Short and intense, redemptive and tragic.



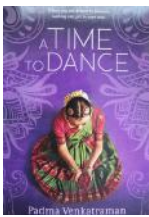
Schrefer, Eliot. **Threatened**

Luc has lost all his family members and is living in an orphanage when a man called “Prof” offers him a job. Though Luc has always feared chimpanzees (“mock men” as his mother called them), he now finds himself living in the jungle with them—and getting to know them. A novel for adventure seekers, animal lovers, and Jane Goodall fans.



Vail, Rachel. **Well, That Was Awkward**

Gracie is a tall, awkward eighth grader whose best friend Sienna has a crush on the same guy she does. When Sienna and AJ begin texting, it is Gracie who helps Sienna compose the witty texts. At the same time, Gracie is dealing with issues ranging from whether her nose is too big to how life might be different if her sister who died before Gracie was born had lived. An authentic portrayal of middle school life.



Venkatraman, Padma. **A Time To Dance**

Veda is an Indian dance prodigy, so when she loses her leg in an accident, she is devastated. Determined to continue dancing, she starts over with beginner classes, and in the process finds both love and spiritual awakening. Written in verse.



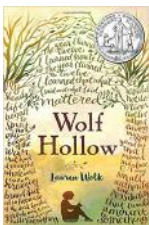
Watson, Renée. **Piecing Me Together**

Jade wants to succeed. For her, this means accepting a scholarship to a mostly white private school. But this decision is not without its complications. When “at-risk” is code for “black” and her neighborhood is called “bad,” Jade is fighting an uphill battle for respect. Jade struggles to find her voice in her new environment and to show people what she has to offer.



Wein, Elizabeth. **The Pearl Thief**

Fifteen-year-old Julie is expecting a peaceful, lazy summer, but when she wakes up in the hospital after suffering a blow to the head, she has no memory of what happened. As bits and pieces return to her, she realizes it was no accident, and begins to unravel a mystery that affects more lives than her own. A coming-of-age story steeped in the history and prejudices of prewar Scotland, this prequel to *Code Name Verity* can be read before or after *Code* or on its own (though we’re pretty sure you’ll want to read another after you read it!).



Wolk, Lauren. **Wolf Hollow**

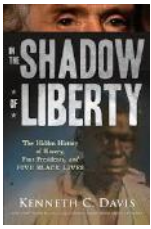
Eleven-year-old Anabelle lives a quiet life in a small Pennsylvania town until a new kid named Betty arrives. Betty is a classic bully, and her main target becomes Toby, a reclusive World War I veteran whom many fear but whom Anabelle knows and loves. When Toby is accused of a crime, Anabelle must figure out how to clear his name. This is an incredible novel about cruelty, kindness, and justice.



Yoon, Nicola. **The Sun is Also a Star**

Natasha believes in science; Daniel believes in fate. Natasha is about to be deported to Jamaica; Daniel is struggling with his strict parents’ expectations of him. The two meet by chance, and it changes their whole day, and perhaps their whole lives.

NONFICTION:



Davis, Kenneth. **In The Shadow of Liberty**

Billy Lee. Ona Judge. Isaac Granger. Paul Jennings. Alfred Jackson. Perhaps you haven't heard of these people, but you're certainly familiar with their owners: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and Andrew Jackson. This is the astonishing and oft-overlooked account of the lives of five slaves, owned by four presidents.



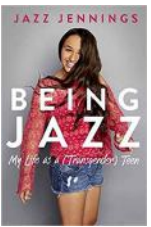
Harrington, Jamie. **The Unofficial Guide to Crafting the World of Harry Potter: 30 Magical Crafts for Witches and Wizards—from Pencil Wands to House Colors Tie-Dye Shirts**

Need a journal to keep track of all your spells? Some butterbeer lip balm for those dry days? A nargle or two for your lawn? If you're a fan of Harry Potter and are feeling crafty, this is the book for you!



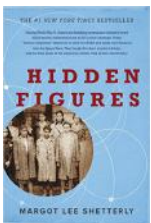
Jarro, Gail. **Bubonic Panic: When Plague Invaded America**

The late 19th century saw a resurgence of the bubonic plague, and by 1900 it had reached San Francisco's Chinatown. Baffling medical professionals, embarrassing politicians, and arousing racial tensions, the plague affected hundreds of people before successfully being eradicated. This scientific account reads like a thriller (and looks like one too, gruesome photographs and all!).



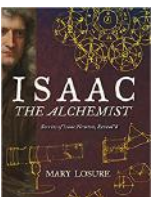
Jennings, Jazz. **Being Jazz: My Life as a (Transgender) Teen**

At the age of six, Jazz Jennings gave her first media interview about being a transgender girl. Thus began a life in the spotlight at a time when transgender issues were much less understood by the public than they are today. In this memoir, Jazz reflects on her life so far and prepares for new challenges that await her in high school and beyond.



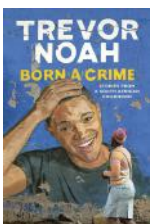
Lee Shetterly, Margot. **Hidden Figures**

We know about the white men who first orbited the earth and walked on the moon, but do we know about the black women who helped them get there? This book chronicles the lives and work of four African American women who worked as human computers during the height of the space race. Read the original or the young reader's edition—then see the movie.



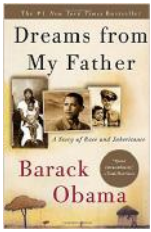
Losure, Mary. **Isaac the Alchemist: Secrets of Isaac Newton, Revealed**

Before modern science, there was a genius boy named Isaac. Living in an apothecary's house, he dabbled in what at the time seemed like magic. This new narrative biography brings to life Isaac Newton's early years, alchemy and all.



Noah, Trevor. **Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood**

You know him as the comic host of The Daily Show. But did you know he was born to a black mother and white father in South Africa during a time at which this union was illegal? This is the story of how Trevor went from a restless kid living under apartheid to the host of a major American TV show. Shocking true stories couple with powerful family dynamics to make a gripping memoir.



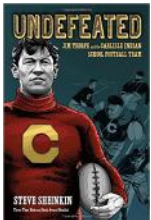
Obama, Barack. **Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance**

In this compelling memoir, Barack Obama explores his identity as a Black American and his search for connection with his roots. From Hawaii to Chicago to Kenya, Obama tells of his journey as a student, a community organizer, and finally a lawyer. Refreshingly candid story written long before Obama ran for president.



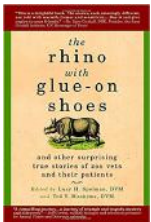
Reef, Catherine. **Florence Nightingale: The Courageous Life of the Legendary Nurse**

Wealthy English girls born in 1920 were expected to marry and focus on their own families. But Florence Nightingale was not one for expectations. Feeling called by God, she embarked on a career as a nurse, tending to wounded soldiers in the Crimean War and beyond. This is a captivating biography about the founder of modern nursing.



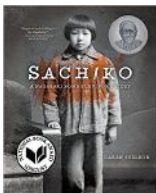
Sheinkin, Steve. **Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team**

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 newest from Steve Sheinkin, a master of nonfiction.



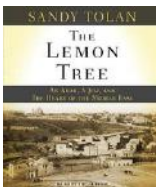
Spelman, Lucy. **The Rhino with Glue-On Shoes**

Step behind the scenes with zoo vets and meet their astonishing patients in these fascinating true stories of some of the most unusual medical cases the world of animal medicine has seen.



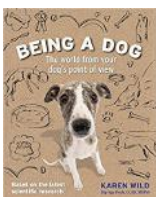
Stelson, Caren. **Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story**

When Sachiko Yasui was six years old, the US dropped a nuclear bomb on her town, killing her brother and many of her friends. Other family members later died of radiation sickness, and Sachiko was ostracized for being a bomb survivor. But survive she did...and decades later she went on to speak at the 60th anniversary commemoration of the bombing. This biography includes maps and images to give historical context to Yasui's remarkable story.



Tolan, Sandy. **The Lemon Tree**

A simple lemon tree outside a small stone house in Ramle, Israel (formerly Al-Ramle, Palestine), holds different meaning for Dalia, who lives there now, and Bashir, whose family lived there before 1948. This true account reads like a novel as it chronicles the relationship between an Israeli and a Palestinian family across decades.



Wild, Karen. **Being a Dog: The World From Your Dog's Point of View**

Think you know what your dog is thinking? Read this book and find out if you're right. Written from a dog's perspective, *Being a Dog* explores how humans and dogs have co-evolved and provides insight into the thoughts and actions of our beloved canine friends. Dog lovers can't go wrong with this well-designed and well-researched book that touches on everything from the anatomy of a dog's eye to the meaning of a dog's tail-wagging.

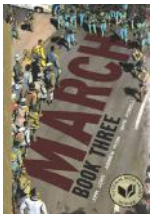
GRAPHIC (FICTION & NONFICTION):



Coates, Ta-Nehisi and Brian Stelfreeze. **Black Panther: A Nation Under Our Feet**
In 1966, the Black Panther became the first black superhero in American comics. Now Ta-Nehisi Coates, author of *Between the World and Me*, combines his passion for social justice and comic book action as he breathes new life into the Black Panther. (Multiple volumes.)



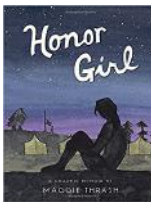
Duffy, Damian, Octavia Butler & John Jennings. **Kindred**
Dana, a black woman living in the 1970s, is abruptly transported to a southern plantation during the time of slavery. Her first visit lasts only a few minutes, but as she travels back and forth in time, she becomes embroiled in the lives of both slaves and slaveowners as she discovers secrets about her own family's history. A spellbinding adaptation of renowned black feminist science fiction writer Octavia Butler's novel of the same name (read that too!).



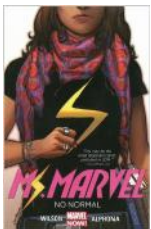
Lewis, John and Andrew Aydin. **March: Book Three**
Award-winning conclusion to a three-part graphic memoir by long-time civil rights leader and congressional representative John Lewis. With scenes from Obama's inauguration interspersed throughout a telling of the 1963 struggle for voting rights, this volume seems especially apropos today.



Tamaki, Jillian and Mariko. **This One Summer**
Rose and Windy have spent summers together every year at Awago Beach, but things are different now. Rose is dealing with issues beyond her control—parents arguing, a local teenager getting pregnant—and she and Windy are drifting apart. This one-of-a-kind realistic graphic novel perfectly captures a particular moment in the growing-up process.



Thrash, Maggie. **Honor Girl**
What's a good summer camp story without a lice scare, early morning civil war reenactments, boy band obsessions, riflery competitions, and a major crush on an older counselor? This is the true story of Maggie's last summer at her all-girls camp in Kentucky. Names have been changed to protect the innocent (and not so innocent).



Wilson, G. Willow and Adrian Alphona. **Ms. Marvel: No Normal**
Meet Kamala Khan, aka Ms. Marvel. A normal Muslim teenage girl in New Jersey or a fierce superhero? You decide. Classic comic book style that you'll read in an hour—but don't worry, there are five more volumes, with the next on its way this summer!



Yang, Gene Luen. **Boxers & Saints**
Little Bao (*Boxers*) is a peasant boy who joins the Boxer Rebellion after his village is attacked by Westerners. Vibiana (*Saints*) is a girl who was taken in by missionaries and, amid this Chinese uprising, must now decide which community is hers. Two historically-inspired brightly-colored parallel graphic novels with an element of fantasy.

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Brown, Pierce. **Red Rising**

(Books: *Red Rising*, *Golden Son*, *Morning Star*)

Darrow lives in a mining colony under the surface of Mars, a member of the lowest caste in his world, but happy to do his part to help reach the surface of the planet. But when the government betrays him and he realizes he's been lied to for years, Darrow joins the revolution. A trilogy, with a new related trilogy on the way.



Grant, Michael. **Gone**

(Books: *Gone*, *Hunger*, *Lies*, *Plague*, *Fear*, *Light*)

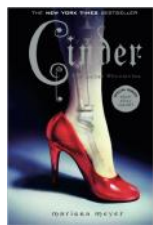
Can you imagine all the adults in the world suddenly disappearing? It might be fun...for a little while. And then it might turn into a dystopian horror novel. Enter the world of *Gone*, where kids start developing strange and deadly powers, and everyone disappears on their 14th birthday.



Healey, Karen. **When We Wake**

(Books: *When We Wake*, *While We Run*)

The year is 2027 and Tegan is a normal teenager in Australia...until she dies and wakes up 100 years later, locked in a government facility amid an international debate about cryopreservation. Some things are better in the future—acceptance of multiple sexualities, for example—but others are markedly worse—like xenophobia and environmental collapse. When Tegan uncovers government secrets, she must decide what to do.



Meyer, Marissa. **Lunar Chronicles**

(Books: *Cinder*, *Scarlet*, *Cress*, *Winter*)

Cinder is a mechanic—and a cyborg—whose life becomes entwined with Prince Kai's as she gets involved in an intergalactic battle. This is a cleverly imagined and completely unique take on a very old tale.



O'Brien, Caragh. **Birthmarked**

(Books: *Birthmarked*, *Prized*, *Promised*)

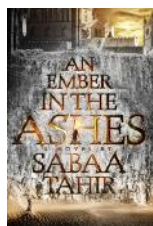
Gaia is a 16-year-old midwife who is forced to turn three babies over to the Enclave each month, essentially stealing them from their mothers so they can lead “better” lives in the city. When Gaia's parents are arrested, she begins a journey of questioning and ultimately challenging the Enclave's ideas about creating an exclusive gene pool.



Riordan, Rick. **Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard**

(Books: *The Sword of Summer*, *The Hammer of Thor*, *The Ship of the Dead*)

Magnus Chase is living on the streets of Boston after the mysterious death of his mother, when his uncle shows up talking about his “birthright.” Turns out Magnus is the son of a Norse god and must take up the search for an ancient sword to prevent Ragnarok (Armageddon). Like Riordan's other myth-inspired series, this is an epic nail-biter with phenomenal characters. (Note: The third book isn't out until October.)



Tahir, Sabaa. **An Ember in the Ashes**

(Books: *An Ember in the Ashes*, *A Torch Against the Night*)

In a brutal world ruled by an Empire that executes all who challenge it, two people must decide how much they are willing to risk for the cause of justice. Laia is a slave and Elias is a soldier, but both are fighting for freedom. The language will draw you in, the story will keep you reading. A stunning start to a planned four-book series.

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