

Saint Ann's School Library, 2021

# Suggested SUMMER READING

for entering fifth & sixth graders

## Fiction



∞ Alkaf, Hanna. **The Girl and the Ghost.** If you like creepy stories, don't miss this one, about a girl in Malaysia named Suraya, whose witch grandmother dies and leaves her a ghost. Suraya is thrilled, but is the ghost a gift or a curse? Or could it be both?



∞ 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.



∞ Bruchac, Joseph. **Rez Dogs.** When COVID strikes, Mailan is at her grandparents' home on the reservation and a mysterious dog shows up to protect them. This novel in verse chronicles their experience during lockdown, celebrates family stories, and addresses the terrible toll infectious diseases and government policies have taken on Native people in this country.



∞ Callender, Kacen. **King and the Dragonflies.** In his tight-knit Black community in a small Louisiana town, King struggles with the sudden death of his brother, and misses his best friend, who has disappeared. Deals with spirituality, sexual orientation, and grief, yet it's fast-paced and hopeful.



∞ 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.



∞ Draper, Sharon. **Blended.** Eleven-year-old Isabella deals with divorce and identity as she switches back and forth between the homes of her mom (who's white) and dad (who's Black).

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for instructions.**



∞ Fipps, Lisa. **Starfish**. Ellie is sick of being bullied because she's fat, and she's decided to do something about it. In this novel in verse we learn how she makes new friends and, with help from her dad and a therapist, stands up to the bullies, including her mom, who pressures her to have weight-loss surgery. An ode to being yourself!



∞ 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.



∞ Harrell, Rob. **Wink**. Ross wants to be an average 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!



∞ Holm, Jennifer. **The Lion of Mars**. It's 2091 and 11-year-old Bell lives on Mars, the youngest person in a small American settlement there. When the adults start falling, one by one, to mysterious illness, it's up to the kids to save the settlement—and maybe Earth. Community, bravery, annoying teenagers, lots of facts about Mars—and an amazing story.



∞ Horwitz, Sarah Jean. **The Dark Lord Clementine**. "*Clementine Morcerous awoke one morning to discover that her father had no nose.*" With a first line like that, how can you go wrong? It turns out her dad has been cursed by a witch and is slowly being whittled away. A suspenseful and quirky fantasy.



∞ 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 some fifth-grade library classes) don't miss this. In it, Skeezie, about to have his first child at age 25, recalls the important summer he spent in Paintbrush Falls after seventh grade—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.



∞ Ireland, Justina. **Ophie's Ghosts**. Ophie saw her first ghost when she was 12. It was the ghost of her father, who had been lynched by white men for trying to vote as a Black man in 1920s Georgia. He tells Ophie that she and her mom must flee. They end up in Pittsburgh—where Ophie goes to work in a manor house filled with ghosts and secrets that beg to be unraveled. A page-turner that explores issues of race and historical injustice.



∞ Keller, Tae. **When You Trap a Tiger**. Lily's Halmoni (Korean grandmother) has warned her to never make a deal with a tiger, but when Halmoni becomes ill, a magical tiger offers Lily a deal: bring back the stories Halmoni stole and she will get well. The story moves between our world and the world of myth. Awesome, and this year's Newbery Medal winner!



∞ 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.



∞ LaRocca, Rajani. **Red, White, and Whole.** In this novel in verse, 13-year-old Reha feels disconnected from her parents and her Indian culture, but when her mother is diagnosed with leukemia, she vows to do all it takes to save her. Sad and lyrical.



∞ Lukoff, Kyle. **Too Bright to See.** Bug's house in Vermont has always been haunted, but when Uncle Roderick dies, the house seems to gain a new ghost—and it's trying to send Bug a message. A really spooky ghost story about gender identity and family ties. Don't miss this one.



∞ 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.



∞ Mbalia, Kwame and Prince Joel Makonnen. **Last Gate of the Emperor.** Epic and action packed. In this sci-fi thriller inspired by the history and lore of Ethiopia, Yared scrapes by as an underground game player in a futuristic Addis Ababa. When his uncle disappears, he teams up with a fantastic cast of characters and launches a mission to find him.



∞ 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.



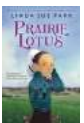
∞ Medina, Meg. **Merci Suárez Changes Gears.** In this Newbery Medal winner, sixth-grader Merci struggles with fitting in as a scholarship student at a posh Florida private school, and balancing school and life at home with her extended Cuban-American family. Heartwarming and funny.  
**Sequel:** *Merci Suárez Can't Dance.*



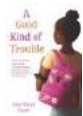
∞ Nesbet, Anne. **Daring Darleen: Queen of the Screen.** Nonstop action 1914-style as 12-year-old silent film star Darleen finds herself fleeing real-life criminals along with one of the country's richest girls—after a fake kidnapping set up by Darleen's studio turns real. Can the girls escape and make it to happily-ever-after?



∞ Oh, Ellen. **Finding Junie Kim.** When someone scrawls racist graffiti on her school gym, Junie, who is Korean American, refuses to join friends in protesting. She's got enough to worry about with a bully who hurls anti-Asian taunts at her on the school bus. Her friends get mad at her and she gets depressed—but Junie starts to think differently about things after her grandmother starts telling her stories of her own survival during war and oppression in Korea.



∞ Park, Linda Sue. **Prairie Lotus.** Hannah, the child of a white dad and a Chinese mom who died, navigates life in the 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, Jewell 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 the ghost of 14-year-old Emmet Till, who was lynched in 1955 and whose death fueled the Civil Rights Movement. The only living person who can see Jerome is the daughter of the police officer who killed him. Tackles the country's history of racism, and grapples with how to make the future better.



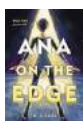
∞ Royce, Eden. **Root Magic**. It's 1963 in rural South Carolina and Jez and her brother are dealing with their grandmother's death, mean kids at school, and a racist police deputy who's threatening their family. Their uncle tells them it's time to learn root work, the mystical healing tradition their grandmother practiced. Expect mystery, magic, and history of the Gullah-Geechee culture.



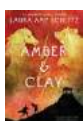
∞ Saeed, Aisha. **Amal Unbound**. Amal lives in a small village in Pakistan where she loves school and dreams of being a teacher. But when her mother gives birth to her fifth child, Amal has to quit school to stay home and help. Then, when it seems things couldn't get worse, they do. She must leave her family and loses her very freedom. Inspired by the true stories of Malala Yousafzai 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. By the author of the Septimus Heap series. **Sequel: *Midnight Train***.



Sass, A.J. **Ana on the Edge**. Ana is a champion figure skater and she isn't the type for frills, so she's not happy when her new coach assigns princess-themed choreography. She realizes she likes it when a transgender boy she's training sees her as a boy and Ana starts wondering why figure skating has to be so much about gender, and questioning how to fit in.



∞ Schlitz, Laura Amy. **Amber & Clay**. Written mainly in verse but partly in prose and set in 5th century Athens, this is the story of an enslaved boy (common as clay) and a privileged girl (precious as amber) who form a bond that extends beyond life. Hermes, Artemis, Socrates and other famous Greeks get involved. This book is unique. Read it if you love mythology, poetry, or fantasy.



∞ 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, Cynthia Leitich. **Sisters of the Neversea**. An awesome version of Peter Pan set in present-day Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Darlings include a mix of siblings and step-siblings with European and Native American heritage. The kids are under stress, partly because of a potential move. Little do they know that a strange boy has been watching them from a tree outside their house. That boy is Peter Pan, and he has plans for them that involve another world, fantastic beasts, and adventure.



∞ Smith, Dodie. **The 101 Dalmatians**. The classic British adventure story starring brave and noble dogs fighting to save their pups from their diabolical nemesis Cruella de Vil. 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. Was named a Newbery Honor Book this year.



∞ 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 boyfriend, and life's other challenges.



∞ Warga, Jasmine. **The Shape of Thunder** by Jasmine Warga. A school shooting upends the lives of best friends Cora and Quinn. Quinn's brother fired the shot that killed Cora's sister. They don't see each other for a year, then Quinn has an idea that she thinks could fix everything.



∞ Watson, Renee. **Ways to Make Sunshine**. Meet 10-year-old Ryan Hart. Think of her as a Black, modern-day Ramona Quimby, trying to stay sunny as she navigates challenges with family, friends, and school. In the sequel, *Ways to Grow Love*, Ryan's story continues. She goes to sleep-away camp, awaits the birth of a new sibling, and much more.



∞ Yang, Kelly. **Three Keys**. Many of you met Mia Tang in *Front Desk*, a read-aloud for many library classes. In this sequel, Mia is part-owner and manager of a motel. There are challenges: worried investors, scornful classmates, a teacher who doesn't think Mia's writing is great, and an immigration law that could ruin everything. How will Mia, Lupe, and their friends and family handle it all?

## 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*, *Aru Shah and the Tree of Wishes*, and *Aru Shah and the City of Gold*.



∞ 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*.



∞ 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. The 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*, *Spy School British Invasion*, and *Spy School Revolution*.



∞ Glaser, Karina Yan. **The Vanderbeekers Series**. Wonderful big-family stories with tinges of mystery, 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 141<sup>st</sup> Street*, *The Vanderbeekers and the Hidden Garden*, and *The Vanderbeekers to the Rescue*. (Get caught up! The fourth book comes out in September.)



∞ Oppel, Kenneth. **The Overthrow Series**. 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 series has great characters and relationship stories. **The Series:** *Bloom*, *Hatch*, and *Thrive*.



∞ Reynolds, Jason. **Track 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*.



∞ 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*.

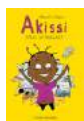
## ∞ Read a Series Digitally ∞ Whenever You Want!



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
- **Cherub Series** by Robert Muchamore (first four volumes)
- **The Fairy Tale Detectives** by Michael Buckley
- **Artemis Fowl Series** by Eoin Colfer
- **Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel** by Michael Scott
- **The Fudge Series** by Judy Blume

## Graphic Books



About, Marguerite. **Akissi: Tales of Mischief.** A comic inspired by the author's childhood in the Ivory Coast. Funny, action-packed tales! **The Sequel:** *Akissi 2: More Tales of Mischief*, and *Akissi 3: Even More Tales of Mischief*.



∞ Chanani, Nidhi. **Jukebox.** After Shaheen's father vanishes, she and her cousin Tannaz discover a mysterious jukebox that lets them travel through time to different musical eras. Will it help them solve the mystery of the father's disappearance? From the author of *Pashmina*. (Comes out on June 22.)



∞ Craft, Jerry. **Class Act.** The sequel to *New Kid*. In this book, it's a new school year and Jordan's friend Drew takes center stage. We learn more about the friendships and lives of Drew and Jordan, who are Black, and Liam, who is white. Especially fun to read since you heard all the background when the author came to talk to fourth and fifth graders this year!



∞ Escabasse, Sophie. **Witches of Brooklyn.** When Effie's mother dies, she moves in with her eccentric Brooklyn aunts. They're herbalists and acupuncturists—and it turns out they're also witches. Is Effie one too? Look for the sequel, *Brooklyn Witches: What the Hex*, coming out on August 31.



∞ Gros, Kathleen. **Jo: An Adaptation of Little Women (Sort Of).** A retelling of *Little Women* set in modern times, with sisters, blogs, a school paper and, of course, romance. Great illustrations.



∞ 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.



∞ Johnson, Varian. **Twins.** Identical twins Maureen and Francine have always done everything together—until sixth grade. They'll always be sisters, but will their friendship survive? Funny and heartfelt.



∞ Lai, Remi. **Pawcasso.** A lonely girl sees an unusual, adorable dog on the last day of school before what she expects will be a long, friendless summer. She befriends the dog and when people start to assume he belongs to her, she finds herself making friends. How can she tell the truth about him now?



∞ Layne, Aliza. **Beetle and the Hollowbones.** Beetle, a 12-year-old goblin-witch tries to save her friend (who's also her crush) from a haunted mall. Full of heart—and witches, ghosts, skeletons, and goblins.



∞ 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, Teri. **Truly Tyler.** Ever since Tyler started getting into art and hanging out with Emmie, his friends and teammates have been making fun of him. Emmie can tell Tyler's friends don't think she's cool enough. Is it time for a change? From the Emmie & Friends series, which also includes: *Invisible Emmie*, *Positively Izzy*, *Just Jaime*, and *Becoming Brianna*.



∞ Lloyd, Megan Wagner. **Allergic.** Maggie is one of those kids who's been begging for a dog her whole life. She finally gets one for her 10th birthday! But...she breaks out in a horrible rash and learns she's hopelessly allergic to anything with fur. Now what?



∞ 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, Act,* and *Clash* (which is coming out on July 20).



∞ Ostertag, Molly Knox. **The Witch Boy.** In Aster's world, girls grow up to be witches and boys are raised to be shapeshifters. People who deviate are banished. But Aster, who's 13, is fascinated with witchcraft and hasn't begun to shapeshift. Can Aster 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 Midnights.** From the creator of the Big Nate books (we have a lot of those in the digital library!) comes this hilarious series—set in the Middle Ages. Max is a lowly troubadour's apprentice who dreams of being a knight. Goofy adventures combined with heart. **Sequel:** *Max and the Midnights: Battle of the Bodkins.*



∞ Reynolds, Justin and Pablo Leon. **Miles Morales: Shock Waves.** Miles (Spider-Man) wants to help after a terrible earthquake in Puerto Rico, where his mom grew up. But then his friend's dad goes missing. With great power comes great responsibility! Pow! TERRIFIC! And, it takes place in Brooklyn!



∞ 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. The sequel, *The Okay Witch and the Hungry Shadow*, comes out July 6.



∞ 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.

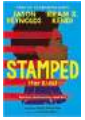




∞ Chambers, Victoria and the Staff of the New York Times. **Finish the Fight.** Profiles of women of all ages and backgrounds who fought for the right to vote, brought to life with riveting archival photos and new illustrations.



∞ 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 Cesar Chavez to Bayard Rustin, these stories of people you've heard of and some you haven't will inspire you.



Kendi, Ibram X., Jason Reynolds, and Sonja Cherry-Paul. **Stamped (For Kids): Racism, Antiracism, and You.** Racism in our society and how you can battle it by being antiracist. Kendi wrote a version of this book for adults. Kendi-Paul and Reynolds (author of *Ghost*) translated it for kids.



∞ 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 racist system of apartheid. In South Africa when he was a kid, he was literally against the law—because he had a Black mother and white father. Still, Noah's mother raised him to believe there were no barriers to achieving his dreams.



∞ Obama, Michelle. **Becoming: Adapted for Young Readers.** In this kids' version of her autobiography, the former first lady tells her life story—growing up in a warm, loving family with a father who bravely dealt with chronic illness, attending college and law school, meeting and marrying Barack Obama, and her own political work. So readable!



∞ 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.



∞ Soontornvat, Christina. **All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of The Thai Boys' Soccer Team.** The story of the dramatic 18-day rescue mission to save 12 boys and their coach from the Cave of the Sleeping Lady, after it flooded in northern Thailand. Amazing storytelling interwoven with information about everything from Buddhism to hydraulics to the plight of stateless people in Thailand.



∞ 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 graphic memoirs, and gives you instructions about how to do the same thing with your own stories.



∞ Thomas, Mindy and Guy Raz. **Wow in the World: The How and Wow of the Human Body.** From the makers of the podcast *Wow in the World*, funny, pun-inflected, often gross true facts about our bodies and how they work, illustrated with entertaining yet accurate cartoons.



∞ Wallace, Sandra Neil and Rich Wallace. **Race Against Time.** A hero in the struggle against racism in the Jim Crow era, Scipio Jones was a successful Black lawyer who had been born into slavery. In 1919 Arkansas, when a group of Black sharecroppers were falsely accused of murder and sentenced to death after they met to discuss unionizing, Jones took the case. You cheer as he wins victory after rare victory.



∞ Wong, David H.T. **Escape to Gold Mountain: A Graphic History of the Chinese in North America.** A graphic novel-style telling of the history of Chinese people in the U.S., featuring the journey of the fictionalized but representative Wong family. The story starts in 1845 when Wong Ah Gin stows away on a ship bound for San Francisco. Other Chinese people follow to work on the Transcontinental Railroad, but the racist Chinese Exclusion Act shuts down immigration. The story continues into the 21st century.



∞ 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 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.

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