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2019 Suggested Summer Reading List

for students entering 7th & 8th grades

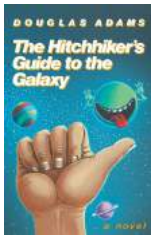
Check out e-books all summer long! See instructions on the last page of this list. If a book is available through our digital library, its title is shaded.

FICTION



Acevedo, Elizabeth. **The Poet X**

Xiomara is a secret poet. She feels invisible to her church-going mother and too visible to the world as a Dominican teenage girl. She fights for herself, for her twin brother, for her right to have crushes and question religion and maybe, just maybe, to share her poetry with the world. Naturally, it's written in verse—or really, slam poetry.



Adams, Douglas. **The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy**

And now for something completely different: Arthur Dent is the last surviving human, rescued by Ford Prefect of the planet Betelgeuse. What follows is a whacky intergalactic romp with lots of British humor and a healthy dose of philosophy.



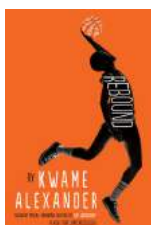
Adeyemi, Tomi. **Children of Blood and Bone**

The king of Orisha has banned magic and killed Zélie's Reaper mother. Now Zélie has one chance to defeat the crown prince, who wants to obliterate magic. Full of friendship, love, betrayal, and a strong sense of justice, this epic fantasy is not to be missed. Warning: You might have a hard time waiting for the next one (coming in December).



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

A smart, sweet coming-of-age coming-out masterpiece. Chapters alternate between 16-year-old Simon's emails with an unknown admirer and his everyday life at school. What happens when they begin to intersect?



Alexander, Kwame. **Rebound**

Charlie starts getting into trouble in the wake of his father's death and is shipped off to his grandparents' house, where his cousin Roxie introduces him to basketball. He has immediate success, but that doesn't mean all his troubles are gone. A powerful coming-of-age story written in verse, *Rebound* is the prequel to *The Crossover* (Charlie is Jordan and Josh's father).



Anderson, M.T. & Eugene Yelchin. **The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge**

What happens when an elfin historian and a goblin archivist meet for the first time after more than a century of war between the two communities? Told from both perspectives (one in words, one in pictures, and one more biased than the other), this is a hilarious story about who gets to write history and how we all just might be more similar than we think.



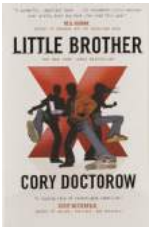
Bray, Libba. **Beauty Queens**

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 novel.



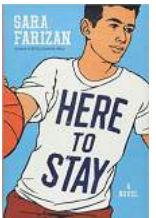
Callender, Kheryn. **Hurricane Child**

Twelve-year-old Caroline has bad luck. Her mother abandoned her, her peers bully her, and a spirit is following her around her town in the U.S. Virgin Islands. When a new girl comes to school, Caroline finally makes a friend. Could she be more than a friend? Could she help Caroline learn more about her past?



Doctorow, Cory. **Little Brother**

After being tortured by the Department of Homeland Security following a San Francisco terrorist attack, 17-year-old Marcus and his hacker friends band together to fight the surveillance state. A book for techies, anarchists, and lovers of dystopian thrillers set in the not-too-distant future. Sequel: *Homeland*.



Farizan, Sara. **Here to Stay**

Bijan has stayed mostly under the radar in high school, but when he makes the winning basket in a game, everything changes. His newfound popularity is welcome...until it leads to a cyberbully attack calling Bijan a terrorist. This is a witty page-turner about standing up to prejudice of all kinds.



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

The year is 1975, and Lewis Blake, from the Tuscarora Indian reservation in upstate New York, feels like an outcast at his mostly white school. He bonds over music with George, a new kid in school, but Lewis is worried about inviting George to the reservation. When Lewis becomes the target of a school bully, his friendship with George is put to the test.



Gardner, Whitney. **You're Welcome, Universe**

When Julia is caught painting a graffiti mural to cover up an insult about her friend, she is kicked out of the Kingston School for the Deaf and her moms decide to mainstream her in a suburban school. Julia continues her graffiti, expecting to get caught again. Instead, a rival artist begins to alter her work, and a graffiti battle begins.



Greenwald, Tommy. **Game Changer**

When 13-year-old football player Teddy ends up in a coma, the whole town becomes embroiled in a debate about violence in sports. Through conversations, newspaper articles, social media, and Teddy's own comatose thoughts, we start to learn what really happened on the field that day.



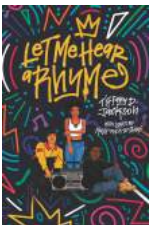
Hinton, S.E. **The Outsiders**

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 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*; *Rumble Fish*; *Tex*; and more.



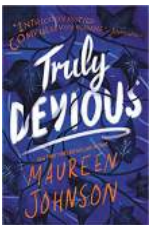
Ireland, Justina. **Dread Nation**

When the dead start rising from battlefields, the civil war abruptly ends and both sides unite to fight the zombies. Slavery has been replaced with forced combat schools for black and indigenous people. Jane, a biracial girl almost finished with her own elite training, is whisked away to guard a racist, religious outpost, and discovers dangerous secrets. Intense and action-filled.



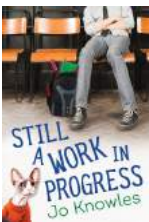
Jackson, Tiffany. **Let Me Hear a Rhyme**

Steph Davis was on track to become the next Notorious B.I.G. when, like Biggie, he was murdered. Steph's sister and two best friends come up with a plan to get his music out there, while at the same time trying to figure out what happened to him. When a record label tries to sign Steph, the secret of his death becomes harder to keep. A mix of fast-paced mystery, romance, and a love letter to Bed Stuy.



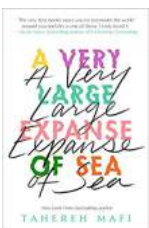
Johnson, Maureen. **Truly Devious**

Stevie Bell is about to start at Ellingham Academy, a riddle-filled elite Vermont school. Sure, she wants to study with brilliant artists, writers, and engineers, but she also wants to solve one of the most famous unsolved crimes in history: the disappearance and murder of the wife and daughter of the school's founder. Be prepared for a cliffhanger; good thing you can go straight to the sequel, *The Vanishing Stair*!



Knowles, Jo. **Still a Work in Progress**

Noah is an artsy middle schooler trying to have a normal year, but as his family struggles to deal with his older sister's eating disorder, seventh grade is anything but normal.



Mafi, Tahereh. **A Very Large Expanse of Sea**

The year 2002 is not a good time to be Muslim in America. Sixteen-year-old Shirin does her best to ignore the constant taunts and attacks, closing herself off to the world in the process. But when she meets Ocean James, she just may have a chance to open up again.



Maldonado, Torrey. **Tight**

Bryan is a quiet kid who likes to read comics and draw superheroes. His friend Mike is the riskier type; hopping turnstiles is more his speed. Can Bryan keep his friendship, meet his parents' expectations, and stay true to himself at the same time? Short and fast-paced.



Medina, Meg. **Merci Suárez Changes Gears**

Merci and her brother Roli are scholarship students at their private Florida school, so Merci has always felt a little different. But sixth grade is even harder, both at school and at home, where her grandfather has been starting to forget things. Winner of the 2019 Newbery Award!



Menon, Sandhya. **When Dimple Met Rishi**

Dimple has just graduated from high school and is heading to a summer program for web developers, happy to get away from her parents and their obsession with finding her the Ideal Indian Husband. Little does she know that once there she'll meet Rishi, a hopeless romantic who is actually happy to be set up by his parents. What happens when parental expectations and personal desires annoyingly coincide?



Murphy, Julie. **Dumplin'**

Willowdean Dixon is fat. Her mother is a former beauty pageant winner. Merging these two worlds is not easy, but if anyone can do it, it's Will. Fans of Dolly Parton, romance, pageants, and fearless fat girls, this book is for you. Read it, then watch the Netflix movie!



Nijkamp, Marieke (editor). **Unbroken: 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens**

Thirteen fictional stories span genres and identities, but they have one thing in common: they all feature disabled teens who are the heroes of their own stories. Written by authors with a variety of disabilities.



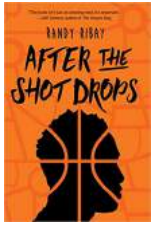
Okorafor, Nnedi. **Akata Witch**

An albino Nigerian-American girl must use her newly discovered magical abilities to save the world from a child-murdering serial killer. For fans of Harry Potter and *Children of Blood and Bone*.



Picoult, Jodi. **My Sister's Keeper**

Engineered to be a perfect genetic match for her older sister Kate, who was dying of leukemia, Anna began her life by donating stem cells from her umbilical cord. Each time Kate relapsed, Anna donated; first platelets, then bone marrow. At age 13, Anna has had enough, and sues for medical emancipation from her parents. Who's right? Anna? Her parents?



Ribay, Randy. **After the Shot Drops**

When Nasir's best friend Bunny is recruited to a mostly-white private school to play basketball, Nasir starts to hang out with his cousin Wallace—a dangerous decision. Told through both Nasir's and Bunny's perspectives, this is a fast-paced book about friendship and compassion and everything that can go wrong when winning and losing become more important than how you play the game.



Rowell, Rainbow. **Carry On**

It's Simon Snow's last year at the Watford School of Magicks, and his roommate Baz is nowhere to be found. Simon and Baz are passionate enemies, but could their passion develop into something else? This is Harry Potter(ish) fan fiction at its finest. Sequel (coming out in September): *Wayward Son*. Related: *Fangirl*.



Schrefer, Eliot. **Orphaned**

Narrated by a gorilla named Snub, this novel in verse is set 600,000 years ago. Yes, you read that right. Exploring the first contact between apes and humans, this is the fourth book in Schrefer's Ape Quartet. The books are not related—each deals with a different species—but if you like animals, check out *Endangered*, *Threatened*, and *Rescued* too.



Selznick, Brian. **The Marvels**

1766: Billy Marvel survives a shipwreck and goes on to work in theatre. 1990: Joseph Jarvis runs away from boarding school to stay with his eccentric uncle in a strange house with items frozen in time and place. With one story told in pictures and the next in words, this is a breathtaking book about love, loss, creativity, adventure, family (blood and chosen), and the power of story.



Shusterman, Neal. **Dry**

When California's taps run dry, people will do anything for water. Can Alyssa, Garrett, and Kelton survive without descending into the violence that surrounds them? An apocalyptic thriller.



Spalding, Amy. **The Summer of Jordi Perez**

Seventeen-year-old Abby runs a popular plus-sized fashion blog. Jordi Perez is an extremely talented photographer. What happens when the two girls become interns at a local boutique that can hire only one of them come fall? Naturally, they fall in love.



Terrill, Cristin. **All Our Yesterdays**

Em and Finn are in prison, and the easiest way to get out just might be to travel back in time. Four years earlier, Marina is a privileged teenager, friends with a congressman and in love with the politician's younger brother James. When the stories connect, we find out just how far Em (and James) will go to save the world.



Thomas, Angie. **On the Come Up**

Bri wants to walk in her father's footsteps and make it big as a rapper, but when the media misinterprets her music's message, she might have to choose between fame and being true to herself. This one is by the same author and takes place in the same neighborhood as *The Hate U Give*, but is a totally separate story that can be read on its own.



Watson, Renée & Ellen Hagan. **Watch Us Rise**

Best friends Chelsea (white) and Jasmine (black) tackle feminism, racism, body-shaming and more at their progressive NYC high school. An inspiring story of friendship and activism featuring teenage girls who demand to be taken seriously. Author Renée Watson is coming to speak to the 7th and 8th grades in September!



Wein, Elizabeth. **Code Name Verity**

"Verity" is a secret agent, captured by the Gestapo and forced to write a confession. Hoping to gain more time, she describes her involvement in the resistance with great detail. But what is true and what isn't? Where is her friend Maddie, and what else is happening while she sits in prison? A clever and thrilling read with a shocking end. Sequel: *Rose Under Fire*. Prequel (written last): *The Pearl Thief*.



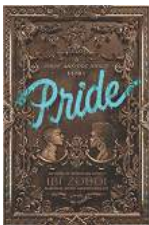
Williams, Michael. **Now is the Time for Running**

After their Zimbabwean village is destroyed, Deo and his brother flee to neighboring South Africa, where they face new dangers and prejudice as refugees. Will they slip into the world of drugs, or can soccer offer another way out of poverty?



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. The two meet by chance, and it changes their whole day, and perhaps their whole lives.



Zoboi, Ibi. **Pride**

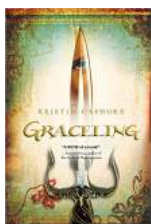
Zuri Benitez is a Haitian-Dominican teenager and proud resident of Bushwick. When rich and probably snobby Darius moves in across the street, Zuri does not particularly want to get to know him...at first. A remix of *Pride and Prejudice*, this is a story of family, love, and gentrification.



Zusak, Markus. **The Book Thief**

A girl who steals books. A father who plays accordion. A Jewish refugee in the basement. And Death. A story from 1939 Germany cannot be told without Death, and this one is narrated by Death. Beautiful, intense, simultaneously heartbreaking and heartwarming.

SERIES



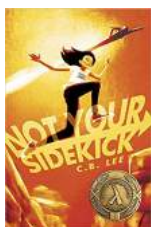
Cashore, Kristin. **Graceling** (Books: *Graceling*, *Fire*, *Bitterblue*)

Katsa's grace is killing, and her uncle, King Randa, forces her 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.



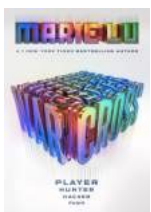
Clare, Cassandra. **The Mortal Instruments** (Books: *City of Bones*, *City of Ashes*, *City of Glass*, *City of Fallen Angels*, *City of Lost Souls*, *City of Heavenly Fire*)

What do you do when you witness a murder, the body disappears into thin air, and nobody but you can see the murderers? You get to know the killers, of course. Clary discovers that the Shadowhunters are trying to kill demons, and when her mother is kidnapped, Clary is thrown into a world she didn't know existed.



Lee, C.B. **Sidekick Squad** (Books: *Not Your Sidekick*, *Not Your Villain*, *Not Your Backup*)

Jessica's parents are local superheroes, but at seventeen, she has yet to develop any powers of her own. But it might take superpowers not to act a fool working alongside her crush, Abby, at a summer internship. Oh, and that summer internship? It's for the town's supervillain, her parents' nemesis.



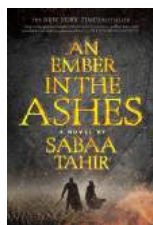
Lu, Marie. **Warcross** (Books: *Warcross*, *Wildcard*)

Emika Chen: teenage hacker, bounty hunter, skilled Warcross player. A sci-fi thriller with a dash of romance, this book will throw you into a virtual reality and leave you wondering who you can trust.



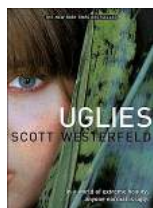
Reynolds, Jason. **Track** (Books: *Ghost*, *Patina*, *Sunny*, *Lu*)

Castle Cranshaw (aka Ghost) has been running ever since his dad tried to kill him and his mom, but he's never run for sport...until now. When Ghost joins an elite track team, he finds a mentor in Coach, but will his own bad decisions ruin his chances on the team? The four-book series is about each of the team's newest members, the "newbies."



Tahir, Sabaa. **An Ember in the Ashes** (Books: *An Ember in the Ashes*, *A Torch Against the Night*, *Reaper at the Gates*)

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; both are fighting for freedom.



Westerfeld, Scott. **The Uglies**

(Books: *Uglies*, *Pretties*, *Specials*, *Extras*)

Tally is about to turn 16 and is so excited to have the operation that will turn her from an Ugly into a Pretty. When her friend Shay decides she doesn't want to become a Pretty and runs away, Tally has to betray her friend or remain an Ugly forever. Already read all 4 books? Westerfeld's new series **The Imposters** takes place in The Uglies' future.

GRAPHIC (FICTION & NONFICTION)



Alice, Alex. **Castle in the Stars: The Space Race of 1869**

It's 1869 in Bavaria. Seraphin's mother has flown her hot air balloon to the edge of the stratosphere, and when he and his father receive a letter from someone claiming to have her logbook, space-race adventure ensues. Historical, fantastical steampunk at its finest.



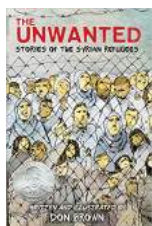
Anderson, Laurie Halse and Emily Carroll. **Speak: The Graphic Novel**

When Melinda is about to enter ninth grade, she is raped at a party and calls the police, which gets her shunned and bullied by everyone at school, including her attacker. Melinda stops speaking, able only to express herself through art. It's fitting that the novel that came out twenty years ago has now been turned into a graphic novel, and the story is just as timely today.



Bagieu, Pénélope. **Brazen: Rebel Ladies Who Rocked the World**

A Liberian social worker helping survivors of violence; a fourth-century gynecologist who dressed as a man; the first black woman in space. This is a collection of illustrated mini-biographies of women throughout the ages who have faced incredible adversity and, in many cases, overcome it.



Brown, Don. **The Unwanted: Stories of the Syrian Refugees**

In 2011, Syrians began to flee the violence of the government's crackdown on the revolution. Their journeys to safety were not guaranteed, and even arriving in host countries, they were not always met with welcome. In fact, as the title suggests, refugees were quite often unwanted. This graphic novel tells the collective story of a resilient community that has faced unfathomable hardship.



Chanani, Nidhi. **Pashmina**

When teenager Pri puts on an old pashmina from her mother's suitcase, she is transported to an India she always dreamed about but that her mother refuses to discuss. Is what she's seeing real? Will it help her find out who her father is or why her mother left India? Heartwarming, empowering story.



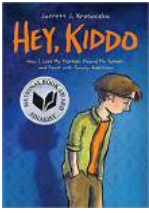
Craft, Jerry. **New Kid**

Jordan Banks is starting seventh grade, and all he wants is to go to art school. His parents have other ideas, sending him to a prestigious private school where he will be one of few black kids. This graphic novel gives a glimpse into the sometimes funny and often painful world of a middle schooler who just doesn't fit in.



Duffy, Damian, Octavia Butler and John Jennings. **Kindred**

Dana, a black woman 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 history. An adaptation of black feminist science fiction writer Octavia Butler's novel **Kindred** (read that too!).



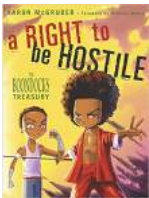
Krosoczka, Jarrett. **Hey, Kiddo**

Jarrett's mother is an opioid addict; his father is not in the picture. He lives with his grandparents, who love him in their own imperfect way. This honest graphic memoir underscores how complicated life is and how kids are able to cope with so much more than they should have to.



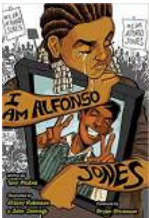
Lewis, John, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell. **March**

John Lewis grew up attending segregated schools in rural Alabama, joined the civil rights movement as a teenager, and went on to become an influential congressman who received a Medal of Freedom from President Obama. This three-part graphic memoir is his remarkable journey, as well as a history of the civil rights movement at large.



McGruder, Aaron. **A Right to be Hostile**

Told through the eyes of pre-teen Huey Freeman (named after Black Panther Party founder Huey Newton), The Boondocks was a hilarious, subversive comic strip that ran from 1996-2006 and provided a scathing critique of American racism, foreign policy, and more. This is the first collection of Boondocks comics. *Public Enemy #2* is the second.



Medina, Tony. Illustrated by Stacey Robinson & John Jennings. **I Am Alfonso Jones**

Fifteen-year-old Hamlet-loving actor Alfonso Jones is shopping with his crush when a white off-duty police officer mistakes a coat hanger for a gun and shoots him. We meet Alfonso in the afterlife, where he is guided by other victims of police brutality. The pain is palpable as we watch both Alfonso and his surviving family members grieve and fight for justice.



Sfar, Joann. **The Rabbi's Cat**

In 1930s Algeria, a rabbi's cat eats a parrot and gains the ability to talk. Unfortunately for the rabbi, the cat has a highly developed wit, enjoys theological debates, and insists on having a bar mitzvah. Meanwhile, a young rabbi from Paris courts the rabbi's daughter, and the story takes us on an adventure through a time when Jewish, Arab, and French people mixed and the region was not yet embroiled in war.



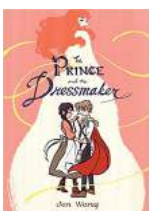
Tamaki, Jillian and Mariko. **This One Summer**

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 teen pregnancy—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.



Walden, Tillie. **On a Sunbeam**

Mia falls in love with Grace at boarding school. Five years later she's repairing structures throughout the galaxy. The timelines interweave as the diverse crew of queer and nonbinary folks explores space, love, loss, and their own chosen family. An epic sci-fi romance.



Wang, Jen. **The Prince and the Dressmaker**

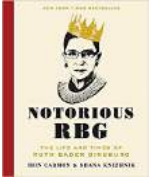
Prince Sebastian's parents think he needs a bride. He'd rather continue sneaking out at night as Lady Crystallia, the hottest fashion icon in Paris. His best friend Frances is his dressmaker, and she dreams of fame, something she must put off if she is to keep Sebastian's identity secret. A modern fairy tale comic.

NONFICTION



Beals, Melba Pattillo. **March Forward, Girl: From Young Warrior to Little Rock Nine**

Melba Pattillo Beals was one of the Little Rock Nine who integrated Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957. But she has memories before that: memories of everyday segregation and of violent attacks by the Ku Klux Klan; memories of a strong, loving family and a supportive church. This is the story of Melba's early life and of how she came to be one of the faces of the civil rights movement when she was only in ninth grade.



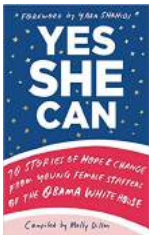
Carmon, Irin & Shana Knizhnik. **Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg**

A fun compilation of interviews, photographs, documents, illustrations, and more, this is the story of how Ruth Bader Ginsburg became the feminist icon that she is. Prepare to be inspired by her journey to overcome discrimination and wowed by her workout routine, and to learn a little law along the way.



Davis, Forest Walker. **Duct Tape: 101 Adventurous Ideas for Art, Jewelry, Flowers, Wallets and More**

Need a new wallet or bag? Enjoy sculpting flowers, globes, or sushi? From the artistic to the practical, this guide gives you everything you need to make your dream creations (well, except the duct tape; you need to buy that separately).



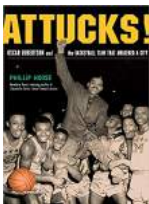
Dillon, Molly (compiler). **Yes She Can: 10 Stories of Hope & Change from Young Female Staffers of the Obama White House**

Who says young women can't help shape foster care policy, fight human trafficking, or organize a Pope's visit to the US? Certainly not the ten women featured here, a diverse group of young people who worked in the Obama White House and have shared their stories in the hopes that they will interest you, and maybe even motivate you to follow in their footsteps.



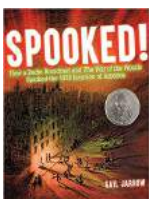
Hartfield, Claire. **A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919**

One hundred years ago, racial tensions in Chicago were already high when a white man stoned a black teenager to death when he swam too close to the white beach of Lake Michigan. Days of violence ensued, leaving 38 people (black and white) dead and hundreds wounded. This is the true story of that time, with personal narratives, historical detail, and photographs.



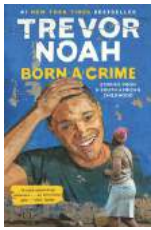
Hoose, Phillip. **Attucks!: Oscar Robertson and the Basketball Team that Awakened a City**

When Oscar Robertson led his black high school's basketball team to two state championships, it not only destroyed the myth of white superiority, but it helped spark integration in the state of Indiana.



Jarrow, Gail. **Spooked!: How a Radio Broadcast and the War of the Worlds Sparked the 1938 Invasion of America**

It was the night before Halloween, 1938. The radio was reporting a real-time alien invasion, or so it seemed. Thousands panicked. Whether they thought it was Martians or Germany invading, many missed the announcement that it was a fictional drama by H.G. Wells. The debacle sparked a national conversation about the role of media, propaganda, and fake news. Surprisingly timely.



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

Born in South Africa in 1984 to a black Xhosa mother and a white Swiss father, Trevor Noah was breaking the law just by existing. Trevor's mother was his fierce protector, ensuring that her troublemaking son would survive apartheid. From the host of *The Daily Show* comes this memoir that is honest, inspiring, and, of course, funny.



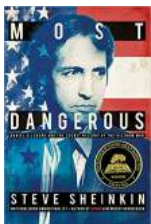
Rawl, Paige. **Positive**

Paige is a smart, sporty, and popular middle schooler until she tells people that she was born with HIV. The bullying starts immediately, and her school does very little to help. Paige becomes depressed and even suicidal, but ultimately moves through it and writes this inspiring memoir to share her experiences with the world.



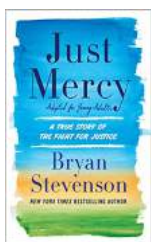
Saedi, Sara. **Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card**

When Sara's older sister applies for a job and finds out she has no social security number, Sara discovers that their family is undocumented. Now she has to worry not only about finding a boyfriend and keeping her unibrow under check, but about the possibility of being deported to Iran, where she hasn't lived since she was two years old. A poignant and hilarious memoir with some mature themes.



Sheinkin, Steve. **Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War**

This book will both entertain you and make you smarter. The Vietnam War, The Pentagon Papers, deception, corruption, break-ins, impeachment, and the role of the media. Reads like a thriller—and it's all true.



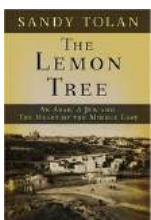
Stevenson, Bryan. **Just Mercy: A True Story of the Fight for Justice**

At age 23, Bryan Stevenson joined a pro bono legal defense team fighting a death penalty case in Georgia. Since then, he has fought dozens of similar cases, and today runs the Equal Justice Initiative, which recently opened a museum and memorial honoring the legacy of black people from slavery to lynching to segregation to mass incarceration. This memoir follows a similar journey, telling inspiring personal stories that illuminate a national crisis and call us all to work for justice. (This is the young adult adaptation of Stevenson's *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*.)



Tack, Karen & 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!



Tolan, Sandy. **The Lemon Tree**

A single 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.

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