

# Berkeley Public Library

## Books for 8th Grade

**Fiction** (all titles are arranged by the author's last name)

### JFiction

- Choldenko, G. **Chasing Secrets** San Francisco, 1900 Lizzie discovers a hidden city—one full of secrets, rats, and rumors of plague  
Gidwitz, A. **The Inquisitor's Tale** France, 1200's, travelers swap stories about 3 miraculous children and their dog (once dead)

### Young Teen

- Alegría, M. **Estrella's Quinceañera** Estrella always looked forward to her quinceañera, just not the one her family is planning  
Alexie, S. **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian** Art and humor keep Junior going when he transfers schools  
Anderson, L. **Chains** After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War  
Budhos, M. **Ask Me No Questions** Don't ask Nadira where she lives and definitely don't ask where her parents are  
Cormier, R. **I am the Cheese** To remember can be deadly  
Curtis, C. **Bucking the Sarge** Luther and Sparky have got to escape their hometown and their lives (author **Bud, Not Buddy**)  
Farmer, N. **The House of the Scorpion** What if you could live forever? What if living forever meant other people had to die?  
Ferraiolo, J. **Sidekicks** Scott, an ordinary student by day is by night, a superhero's superfast, superstrong sidekick, tights and all

- Gaiman, N. **The Sleeper and the Spindle** A creepier, funnier fairytale than the ones you are used to (author **Coraline**)  
Gansworth, E. **If I Ever Get Out of Here** Music can save your life, give perspective and provide the words you need: just ask Lewis  
Gebhart, R. **There Will Be Bears** Tyson is determined to hunt elk, even if it means sneaking Grandpa out of the nursing home  
Gephart, D. **Lily and Dunkin** Being in 8<sup>th</sup> grade would be a lot easier if you were just allowed to be who you actually are  
Hale, S. **Book of a Thousand Days** Seven years trapped in a tower lead to adventure, romance, drama, and disguise  
Han, J. **The Summer I Turned Pretty** Belly always spends summer at the beach but this year things are very different  
Hardinge, F. **The Lie Tree** Science and scandal and a tree that feeds on lies

- Korman, G. **Pop** Marcus's friend used to play pro-football-great for training for the school team, bad for staying out of trouble  
Lowry, L. **The Giver** Jonas did not know what he was to become or what would become of him  
Lupica, M. **True Legend** Drew (or "True") loves being the best point-guard prospect in high school basketball but is the hype true?  
Manzano, S. **The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano** Things get crazy, complicated, downright dangerous in Spanish Harlem, 1969  
Meyer, L.A. **Bloody Jack: Being an account of the curious adventures of Mary "Jacky" Faber, Ship's Boy** In disguise, out to sea  
Namioka, L. **Ties that Bind, Ties that Break** Ailin defies tradition and refuses to have her feet bound. Life takes a different turn

- Paulsen, G. **Woods Runner** 13 year-old Samuel must rescue his family in Pennsylvania, 1776  
Pearsall, S. **The Seventh Most Important Thing** Arthur is sentenced to community service with the Junk Man  
Peck, R. **A Long Way from Chicago** What happens when Joey visits Grandma Dowdel's seemingly sleepy Illinois town?  
Pfeffer, S. **Life As We Knew It** You will never look at the moon the same way after reading this book  
Philbrick, W.R. **Freak the Mighty** Max and Freak, best friends forever. "I never had a brain until Freak came along..."  
Preus, M. **Heart of a Samurai: Based on the True Story of Nakahama Manjiro** Shipwrecked!  
Reeve, P. **Mortal Engines** Giant machine-cities grind over what's left of the Earth's surface. Tom must stop more destruction  
Reynolds, J. **Ghost** Ghost wants to be the fastest sprinter on his elite track team but his past is slowing him down

- Sanchez, A. **So Hard to Say** Xio likes Frederick and Frederick wants to like her back but he keeps thinking about someone else...  
Smith, R. **Peak** Peak started climbing as a little boy but is he ready for Mount Everest?  
Smith, S. **Flygirl** Ida must fly from everyone that's holding her back but passing for white can be as risky as flight school  
Spinelli, J. **Stargirl** The perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love are revealed  
Staples, S. **Under the Persimmon Tree** "As long as you know the stars, you will never be lost." Najmah's name means "star"  
Stead, R. **Goodbye Stranger** Middle school, togetherness, aloneness, friendship, betrayal, and cat ears  
Stroud, J. **The Amulet of Samarkand** Bartimaeus is a helpful demon. He might do what you command but maybe he won't

- Unsworth, T. **The One Safe Place** In dystopian fiction, when someone promises you safety and comfort, WATCH OUT!  
Wiles, D. **Revolution** Change isn't coming. Change is here. 1964, Mississippi, Freedom Summer in Sunny's hometown  
Wolff, V. **Make Lemonade** I'm telling you this just the way it went with all the details I remember as they were,  
Woodson, J. **After Tupac and D. Foster** D Foster showed up a few months before Tupac got shot that first time

### Teen

- McCormick, P. **Sold** Lakshmi leaves her poor mountain home thinking she has taken work as a maid but finds she has been sold into prostitution. How to escape?  
Ritter, W. **Jackaby** Abigail Rook's new boss is a lot like Sherlock Holmes, but together they fight monsters  
Venkatraman **A Time to Dance** In India, Veda lives and breathes dance until the thinkable happens

## Graphic Novels

GN Larson, Hope  
(in Teen) GN Neri, G  
(in Teen) GN Pope, Paul  
(in Teen) GN Stevenson, Noelle  
GN Strum, James  
GN Yang, Gene  
(in Teen) GN Squirrel

Chiggers  
Yummy: the Last Days of a Southside Shorty  
Battling Boy  
Nimona  
Satchel Paige: Striking Out Jim Crow  
American Born Chinese  
The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl beats up the Marvel Universe!

## Non-Fiction

### Social Studies

005.1 Bedell  
133.3 K939t Krull  
292.211 Oc55z O'Connor  
322.42 B285t Bartoletti  
362.19748 F6284p Fleischman  
363.11 Ar67t Aronson  
398.2 H18h Hamilton

### Science and Technology

GN 599.88 Ot8p Ottavianni  
614.17 W154w Walker  
633.6 Ar67s Aronson  
636.7 Frydenb Frydenborg

### Arts, Design, and Sports

720.9 D587s Dillon  
741.51 H251m Hart  
741.6 K537g Kidd  
GN 741.64 Sa99ad Say  
745.5 B831b Bruder  
759.1 Ok2r3 Rubin  
780.92 G984p Partridge  
796.357 R566r3 Robinson  
798.8 P285p Paulsen

### Poetry and Writing

810.8 G993 ed. Scieszka  
811 M992h2 Myers  
811 N984c Nye  
811 Soto Soto  
883 F628d Fleischman

### History and Biography

GN 919.89 Sh11b Bertozzi  
920 C726h Hoose  
920 C924m2 McClafferty  
920 D137b Dahl  
920 Engle Engle  
920 K1285ab2 Kamkwamba  
920 Minamoto Turner  
920.1 P656h Pinkney  
940.3 F875w Freedman  
940.534 H769b Hoose  
940.545 Sh42p Sheinkin  
943.1 Sch44w Schmemann  
947.083 F629f Fleming  
974.71 M349f Marrin  
GN 976.335 B812d Brown

### So, You Want to be a Coder

They Saw the Future: Oracles, Psychics, Scientists, Great Thinkers, and Pretty Good Guessers  
Zeus: King of the Gods  
They Called Themselves the K.K.K. - The Birth of an American Terrorist Group  
Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science  
Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 Feet Below the Chilean Desert  
Her Stories: African American Folktales, Fairy Tales, and True Tales

Primates: the fearless science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdikas  
Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland  
Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom, and Science  
A Dog in the Cave: the Wolves Who Made Us Human

The Story of Buildings: From the Pyramids to the Sydney Opera House and Beyond  
Manga for the Beginner: Everything you need to know to get started right away!

Go: A Kidd's Guide to Graphic Design

Drawing from Memory

Button Girl: More than 20 Cute-as-a-Button Projects

Wideness and Wonder: The Life and Art of Georgia O'Keeffe

This Land Was Made for You and Me: The Life and Songs of Woody Guthrie

Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America

Puppies, Dogs, and Blue Northerners: Reflections on Being Raised by a Pack of Sled Dogs

Guys Write for Guys Read

Here in Harlem: Poems in Many Voices

Come with Me: Poems for a Journey

Partly Cloudy: Poems of Love and Longing

Dateline: Troy

Shackleton: Antarctic Odyssey

Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice

Something Out of Nothing: Marie Curie and Radium

Boy: Tales of Childhood

Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: A Memoir

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind

Samurai Rising: the Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune

Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America

The War to End All Wars: World War I

The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club

Port Chicago 50

When the Wall Came Down: The Berlin Wall and the Fall of Soviet Communism

The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia

Flesh & Blood So Cheap : the Triangle Fire and Its Legacy

Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans