

Berkeley Public Library

Books for 8th Grade

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

JFiction

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

Young Teen

- Alegría, M. **Estrella's Quinceañera** (r) *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** (z+) *Art and humor keep Junior going when he transfers schools*
Anderson, L. **Chains** (z) *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** (x) *Don't ask Nadira where she lives and definitely don't ask where her parents are*
Cormier, R. **I am the Cheese** (s) *To remember can be deadly*
Curtis, C. **Bucking the Sarge** (u) *Luther and Sparky have got to escape their hometown and their lives (author **Bud, Not Buddy**)*
Farmer, N. **The House of the Scorpion** (z+) *What if you could live forever? What if living forever meant other people had to die?*
Ferraiolo, J. **Sidekicks** (r) *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** (s/t) *A creepier, funnier fairytale than the ones you are used to (author **Coraline**)*
Gansworth, E. **If I Ever Get Out of Here** (z+) *Music can save your life, give perspective and provide the words you need: just ask Lewis*
Gebhart, R. **There Will Be Bears** (y) *Tyson is determined to hunt elk, even if it means sneaking Grandpa out of the nursing home*
Gephart, D. **Lily and Dunkin** (z) *Being in 8th grade would be a lot easier if you were just allowed to be who you actually are*
Hale, S. **Book of a Thousand Days** (w) *Seven years trapped in a tower lead to adventure, romance, drama, and disguise*
Han, J. **The Summer I Turned Pretty** (q) *Belly always spends summer at the beach but this year things are very different*
Hardinge, F. **The Lie Tree** (z+) *Science and scandal and a tree that feeds on lies*
- Korman, G. **Pop** (y) *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** (y) *Jonas did not know what he was to become or what would become of him*
Lupica, M. **True Legend** (s) *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** (w) *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** (y) *In disguise, out to sea*
Namioka, L. **Ties that Bind, Ties that Break** (x) *Ailin defies tradition and refuses to have her feet bound. Life takes a different turn*
Paulsen, G. **Woods Runner** (y) *13 year-old Samuel must rescue his family in Pennsylvania, 1776*
Pearsall, S. **The Seventh Most Important Thing** (y) *Arthur is sentenced to community service with the Junk Man*
Peck, R. **A Long Way from Chicago** (v) *What happens when Joey visits Grandma Dowdel's seemingly sleepy Illinois town?*
Pfeffer, S. **Life As We Knew It** (z) *You will never look at the moon the same way after reading this book*
Philbrick, W.R. **Freak the Mighty** (w) *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** (w) *Shipwrecked!*
Reeve, P. **Mortal Engines** (x) *Giant machine-cities grind over what's left of the Earth's surface. Tom must stop more destruction*
Reynolds, J. **Ghost** (y) *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** (q) *Xio likes Frederick and Frederick wants to like her back but he keeps thinking about someone else...*
Smith, R. **Peak** (t) *Peak started climbing as a little boy but is he ready for Mount Everest?*
Smith, S. **Flygirl** (z) *Ida must fly from everyone that's holding her back but passing for white can be as risky as flight school*
Spinelli, J. **Stargirl** (v) *The perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love are revealed*
Staples, S. **Under the Persimmon Tree** (y) *"As long as you know the stars, you will never be lost." Najmah's name means "star"*
Stead, R. **Goodbye Stranger** (x) *Middle school, togetherness, aloneness, friendship, betrayal, and cat ears*
Stroud, J. **The Amulet of Samarkand** (y) *Bartimaeus is a helpful demon. He might do what you command but maybe he won't*
- Unsworth, T. **The One Safe Place** (w) *In dystopian fiction, when someone promises you safety and comfort, WATCH OUT!*
Wiles, D. **Revolution** (z+) *Change isn't coming. Change is here. 1964, Mississippi, Freedom Summer in Sunny's hometown*
Wolff, V. **Make Lemonade** (z) *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** (s) *D Foster showed up a few months before Tupac got shot that first time*

Teen

- McCormick, P. **Sold** (t) *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** (y) *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 (l)
Yummy: the Last Days of a Southside Shorty (o)
Battling Boy (m)
Nimona (x)
Satchel Paige: Striking Out Jim Crow (x)
American Born Chinese (z)
The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl beats up the Marvel Universe!

Non-Fiction

Social Studies

005.1 Bedell
133.3 K939t Krull They Saw the Future: Oracles, Psychics, Scientists, Great Thinkers, and Pretty Good Guessers (z+)
292.211 Oc55z O'Connor Zeus: King of the Gods (v)
322.42 B285t Bartoletti They Called Themselves the K.K.K. - The Birth of an American Terrorist Group (z+)
362.19748 F6284p Fleischman Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science (x)
363.11 Ar67t Aronson Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 Feet Below the Chilean Desert (w/x)
398.2 H18h Hamilton Her Stories: African American Folktales, Fairy Tales, and True Tales (r/s)

Science and Technology

GN 599.88 Ot8p Ottavianni Primates: the fearless science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdikas (o/p)
614.17 W154w Walker Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland (z+)
633.6 Ar67s Aronson Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom, and Science (y/z)
636.7 Frydenb Frydenborg A Dog in the Cave: the Wolves Who Made Us Human (z+)

Arts, Design, and Sports

720.9 D587s Dillon The Story of Buildings: From the Pyramids to the Sydney Opera House and Beyond
741.51 H251m Hart Manga for the Beginner: Everything you need to know to get started right away!
741.6 K537g Kidd Go: A Kidd's Guide to Graphic Design (w/x)
GN 741.64 Sa99ad Say Drawing from Memory (w)
745.5 B831b Bruder Button Girl: More than 20 Cute-as-a-Button Projects
759.1 Ok2r3 Rubin Wideness and Wonder: The Life and Art of Georgia O'Keeffe (v)
780.92 G984p Partridge This Land Was Made for You and Me: The Life and Songs of Woody Guthrie (z)
796.357 R566r3 Robinson Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America (w)
798.8 P285p Paulsen Puppies, Dogs, and Blue Northerners: Reflections on Being Raised by a Pack of Sled Dogs (s)

Poetry and Writing

810.8 G993 ed. Scieszka Guys Write for Guys Read (z)
811 M992h2 Myers Here in Harlem: Poems in Many Voices (u/v)
811 N984c Nye Come with Me: Poems for a Journey (o)
811 Soto Soto Partly Cloudy: Poems of Love and Longing
883 F628d Fleischman Dateline: Troy (t/u)

History and Biography

GN 919.89 Sh11b Bertozzi Shackleton: Antarctic Odyssey (z)
920 C726h Hoose Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice (z)
920 C924m2 McClafferty Something Out of Nothing: Marie Curie and Radium (z)
920 D137b Dahl Boy: Tales of Childhood (v)
920 Engle Engle Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: A Memoir (x)
920 K1285ab2 Kamkwamba The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (p)
920 Minamoto Turner Samurai Rising: the Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune (z+)
920.1 P656h Pinkney Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America (x/y)
940.3 F875w Freedman The War to End All Wars: World War I (y)
940.534 H769b Hoose The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club (v)
940.545 Sh42p Sheinkin Port Chicago 50 (w)
943.1 Sch44w Schmemmann When the Wall Came Down: The Berlin Wall and the Fall of Soviet Communism (z+)
947.083 F629f Fleming The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia (z+)
974.71 M349f Marrin Flesh & Blood So Cheap : the Triangle Fire and Its Legacy (x)
GN 976.335 B812d Brown Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans (t/u)