J Fiction

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)

J Young Teen & Teen

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

Cormier, R.  
**I am the Cheese**  To remember can be deadly

Emezi, A.  
**Pet**  There are no more monsters, or so the children in the city of Lucille are taught. But Jam knows differently

Farmer, N.  
**The House of the Scorpion**  What if you could live forever? What if living forever meant other people had to die?

Gaiman, N.  
**The Sleeper and the Spindle**  A creepier, funnier fairytale than the ones you are used to (author of *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

Gephart, D.  
**Lily and Dunkin**  Being in 8th grade would be a lot easier if you were just allowed to be who you actually are

Ifueko, J.  
**Raybearer**  Tarisai must protect the Prince but didn’t count on falling in love with him or that she must kill him

Lee, S.  
**The Downstairs Girl**  1890, Atlanta. By day, Jo Kuan works as a lady’s maid to a cruel boss but at night, Jo secretly authors the advice column for the local newspaper

Little Badger, D.  
**Elatsoe**  Ellie must use her gifts to solve a murder. Luckily her gifts include waking and training the dead

Lowry, L.  
**The Giver**  Jonas did not know what he was to become or what would become of him

Manzano, S.  
**The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano**  Things get crazy, complicated, downright dangerous in Spanish Harlem, 1969

Namioka, L.  
**Ties that Bind, Ties that Break**  Ailin defies tradition and refuses to have her feet bound. Life takes a different turn

Nayeri, D.  
**Everything Sad Is Untrue**  Some people tell stories to entertain but Daniel (real name Khosrou) tells stories to stay alive

Park, L.  
**A Long Walk to Water**  An incredible true story of survival. Could you follow in Salva’s footsteps?

Paulsen, G.  
**Woods Runner**  13 year-old Samuel must rescue his family in Pennsylvania, 1776

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

Reeve, P.  
**Mortal Engines**  Giant moving cities grind over what’s left of the Earth’s surface. Tom must stop more destruction

Reynolds, J.  
**Long Way Down**  His brother gone, Will has one elevator ride to decide what comes next—revenge or peace?

Schlitz, L.  
**Amber & Clay**  In ancient Greece, the line between life and death is so thin that even friendship can cross it

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 who’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

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

Thomas, A.  
**The Hate U Give**  The uneasy balance Starr had found in her life crumbles when her friend is killed by police

Uehashi, N.  
**Beast Player**  Elin can communicate with magical beasts and must save the warring kingdom that is her home

Graphic Novels (more graphic novels in the nonfiction recommendations on the next page)

J GN Jamieson, V  
**When Stars Are Scattered**

Teen GN Ostertag, M  
**The Girl from the Sea**

Teen GN Stevenson, N  
**Nimona**

Teen GN Squirrel  
**The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl beats up the Marvel Universe!**

Teen GN Trung, L  
**The Magic Fish**

J GN Yang, G  
**American Born Chinese**  and/or!  Teen GN Yang, G  **Superman Smashes the Klan**
### Non-Fiction

#### Social Studies
- J 155.42 Newman: How to Be a Person
- J GN 292.211 O'Connor: Zeus: King of the Gods
- J 304.8 Butler: Drawn Across Borders: True Stories of Human Migration
- J 363.11 Ar67t: Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 Feet Below the Chilean Desert
- J 398.2 H18: Her Stories: African American Folktales, Fairy Tales, and True Tales

#### Science and Technology
- J GN 599.88 Ot8p: Primates: the Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdikas
- J 629.45 Rocco: How We Got to the Moon
- J 633.6 Ar67s: Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom, and Science
- J 636.7 Frydenborg: A Dog in the Cave: the Wolves Who Made Us Human

#### Arts, Design, and Sports
- J 720.9 D587s: The Story of Buildings: From the Pyramids to the Sydney Opera House and Beyond
- J 741.51 H251m: Manga for the Beginner: Everything you need to know to get started right away!
- J 741.6 K537g: Go: A Kid's Guide to Graphic Design
- J GN 741.64 Sa99ad: Drawing from Memory
- J 759.1 Ok2r3: Wideness and Wonder: The Life and Art of Georgia O'Keeffe
- J 796.357 R566r3: Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America
- J 797.52 Sheinkin: Born to Fly: the First Women's Air Race across America

#### Poetry and Writing
- J 808.1 Herrera: Jabberwalking
- J 808.3 Stern: Brave the Page: a Young Writer's Guide to Telling Epic Stories
- J 811 M992h2: Here in Harlem: Poems in Many Voices
- J 811.54 Nye: Cast Away: Poems for Our Time

#### History and Biography
- J GN 919.89 Sh11b: Shackleton: Antarctic Odyssey
- J BIO Bryan, A: Infinite Hope: a Black Artist's Journey from World War II to Peace
- J BIO Colvin, C: Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice
- J BIO Engle, M: Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: A Memoir
- Teen GN BIO Lewis, J: March
- J BIO K1285ab2: The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind
- Teen GN BIO Takei, G: They Called Us Enemy
- Teen GN BIO Yang, G: Dragon Hoops
- J 940.3 F875w: The War to End All Wars: World War I
- J 940.545 Sh42p: Port Chicago 50
- J 947.083 F629f: The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia
- Teen 973.0496 Gates: Dark Sky Rising: Reconstruction and the Dawn of Jim Crow
- J 973.91 Sandler: 1919: the Year that Changed America
- J 974.71 M349f: Flesh & Blood So Cheap: the Triangle Fire and its Legacy
- J GN 976.335 B812d: Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans

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