

SummerReads

Grade 6

Summer 2019



Dear Sixth Grade Families,

Welcome to this year's edition of Pike's **SummerReads**!

By the opening of school in September 2019, each 6th grade student should have read **four books**, as outlined below:

- *The London Eye Mystery* (print or ebook) by Siobhan Dowd. **Students are required to bring the text to school in September for class discussion.**
- Three books of students' choosing. *SummerReads* is a great resource to guide your choices.

This list encompasses a wide variety of genres and formats, from classics, historical fiction and fantasy to graphic novels and science fiction. Compiled by Pike's librarians, *SummerReads* is updated annually with the best new titles from every genre, a commitment to representing multicultural perspectives, and a firm belief that reading should be enjoyable.

Awards are listed next to some titles in *SummerReads*. These are given by the American Library Association to recognize excellence in children's literature. For more information, visit www.ala.org.

Visit the library's website (<https://www.pikeschool.org/academics/library>) for online versions of *SummerReads*, additional reading recommendations, and our e-book collections, available through the Massachusetts Library System. **Open Books, Open Minds** (<http://blogs.pikeschool.org/openbook/>) is the library's literature blog, where you can discover great books, find more book lists and resources, and share our love of reading.

We also encourage you to visit your local public library this summer, where you can find these books and many others, join their summer reading activities, and volunteer.

Warm regards,

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Classics, Poetry, and Traditional Literature

Trickster: Native American Tales; A Graphic Collection

Matt Dembecki, 2010

Delve into this gorgeous collection of tales re-told in graphic novel format featuring Coyote, Rabbit, Raven, and other clever characters from a wide array of Native cultures.

Harriet the Spy

Louise Fitzhugh, 1964

Harriet prowls through her Manhattan neighborhood, recording her brutally honest opinions and observations in her journal. Discover the character that inspired popular author Jack Gantos.

You Come Too: Favorite Poems for All Ages

Robert Frost, 1959

Travel through the New England landscape with this uniquely American poet, who spent his youth in Lawrence and lived and taught in New Hampshire. Visit the Frost Family Farm in Derry, N.H. for a fun literary field trip.

One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance

Nikki Grimes, 2017

A wonderful illustrated collection of African-American poetry, with a new twist.

M.C. Higgins, the Great

Virginia Hamilton, 1974

M.C. loves his Ohio mountain home and living off the land. But the bulldozers looking for coal are coming closer, the mountain of rubble is growing, and the threat to his life is inescapable. The 1975 Newbery Medal winner.

The Death of the Hat: A Brief History of Poetry in 50 Objects

Paul Janeczko, 2015

Enjoy a poetic romp through time ~ you just may be inspired to write a poem or two.

King Arthur: Sir Thomas Malory's History of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table

Sidney Lanier, ed., 2018

Immerse yourself in ancient Britain, with beautiful illustrations by the famous artist N. C. Wyeth.

A Wizard of Earthsea

Ursula Le Guin, 1968

Once the greatest magician in the land, Ged must atone for a terrible mistake and save the realm. Other titles in the magnificent Earthsea Cycle include *The Tombs of Atuan* (a 1972 Newbery Honor book), *The Farthest Shore*, *Tehanu*, *Tales from Earthsea*, and *The Other Wind*.

A Wrinkle in Time

Madeleine L'Engle, 1962

This sci-fi adventure pits the Murry children against the evil IT, as they discover the fourth dimension, and travel through time and space to rescue their father. The 1963 Newbery Medal winner. The Murry's adventures continue in *A Wind in the Door* and *A Swiftly Tilting Planet*.

Tales from the Arabian Nights

Donna Jo Napoli, 2016

Immerse yourself in the rich folklore of the Middle East and Northern Africa in this beautifully illustrated collection.

Chinese Fables: The Dragon Slayer & Other Timeless Tales of Wisdom

Shiho Nunes, 2013

Enjoy these short timeless tales, told with a humorous twist.

Voices in the Air: Poems for Listeners

Naomi Shihab Nye, 2018

A superb collection of poetry about diverse people from the Young People's Poet Laureate.

Bridge to Terabithia

Katherine Paterson, 1977

Jess and Leslie become fast friends, creating a magical world called Terabithia. Can this place keep out tragedy? The 1978 Newbery Award winner.

Hatchet

Gary Paulsen, 1988

Brian is stranded in the Canadian wilderness and must rely on his wits and his hatchet to survive.

A 1989 Newbery Honor Book.

The Westing Game

Ellen Raskin, 1978

One of the cleverest mysteries ever! Sam Westing is dead. At the reading of his will, sixteen potential heirs are put into teams and given bizarre clues to solve the murder and win his multi-million-dollar estate. Allegiances form, tempers fray, and bombs explode on the way to the ending you don't see coming. Check out the fabulous audio book. The 1979 Newbery Medal winner.

Hotel Valhalla: Guide to the Norse Worlds

Rick Riordan, 2016

This is a must-read guide for "guests" at Hotel Valhalla!

Baseball in April and Other Stories

Gary Soto, 1995

The ups and downs of everyday life in a California neighborhood. A 1996 Pura Belpré Honor book.

The Hobbit, or There and Back Again

J.R.R. Tolkien, 1937

It all begins here: an impossible quest, trickery, and finally - the Ring. Immerse yourself in Middle-Earth and meet Gandalf, Gollum, and our unlikely hero, Bilbo Baggins. Prequel to *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy.

Graphic Novels, Graphic Non-Fiction

Full-length narratives told through sequential comic-strip art are compelling and complex. From historical fiction and fantasy to classics and memoir, there's something for everyone.

<i>El Deafo</i> (2015 Newbery Honor Book)	Cece Bell, 2014	Memoir
<i>Awkward</i>	Svetlana Chmakova, 2015	Realistic
<i>Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales</i> series	Nathan Hale	Informational
<i>Roller Girl</i> (2015 Newbery Honor Book)	Victoria Jamieson, 2014	Realistic
<i>Amulet</i> series	Kazu Kibuishi, 2008	Fantasy
<i>Anne of Green Gables: A Graphic Novel</i>	Mariah Marsden	Classic
<i>Marty Pants</i> series	Mark Parisi	Humor
<i>Around the World</i>	Matt Phelan, 2011	Historical fiction
<i>The Adventures of John Blake: Mystery of the Ghost Ship</i>	Philip Pullman, 2017	Adventure
<i>A Thousand Ships: Age of Bronze, vol. 1</i>	Eric Shanower, 2018	Traditional literature
<i>Gamayun Tales: The King of Birds</i>	Alexander Utkin, 2018	Traditional literature
<i>Princess Decomposia and Count Spatula</i>	Andi Watson, 2015	Supernatural
<i>Ms. Marvel</i> series	G. Willow Wilson	Fantasy
<i>Superman</i> series	Gene Luen Yang, 2016	Fantasy

Biography, Informational, and Memoir

<i>Dazzle Ships: World War I and the Art of Confusion</i>	Chris Barton, 2017
Learn about how artfully painted ships helped camouflage against attacks.	
<i>Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina & New Orleans</i>	Don Brown, 2014
Did you know that 80% of New Orleans flooded in 2005? Learn about this historic event through the powerful graphic novel format. A 2015 Robert Sibert Honor Book.	
<i>Calling All Minds: How to Think and Create Like an Inventor</i>	Temple Grandin, 2018
Learn about the science behind inventions and try your hand at tinkering from this famous scientist, author, and adult with autism.	
<i>101 Ways to Amaze and Entertain</i>	Peter Gross, 2017
"Amazing magic and hilarious jokes to try on your friends and family!"	
<i>Blood, Bullets and Bones</i>	Bridget Heos, 2017
"The story of forensic science from Sherlock Holmes to DNA."	
<i>Mission to Space</i>	John Herrington, 2016
Check out how this astronaut trains for space missions! Winner of the 2018 American Indian Youth Literature Award.	
<i>Eyes and Spies: How You're Tracked and Why You Should Know</i>	Tanya Kyi, 2017
This eye-opening look at global surveillance examines the balance between privacy, freedom, and safety throughout the world today.	
<i>Iceberg, Right Ahead: The Tragedy of the Titanic</i>	Stephanie McPherson, 2012
The story of the sinking of the <i>RMS Titanic</i> , complete with pictures.	
<i>Hidden Figures: The Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians who Helped Win the Space Race</i>	Margot Lee Shetterly, 2017
An illustrated adaptation of the adult biography and the movie of the same name.	
<i>The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science</i>	Joyce Sidman, 2018
Learn about this trail-blazing scientist in this beautifully illustrated biography. Winner of the 2019 Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal.	
<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i>	Jacqueline Woodson, 2014
The current National Ambassador for Young People's Literature describes growing up, the power of identity, and her dream of becoming a writer in this memoir in verse. Winner of many awards, including the 2015 Coretta Scott King Author Award.	

Fantasy

The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge

M.T. Anderson, 2017

An elfin scholar thinks he's embarking on a spy mission to the neighboring goblin court, but in reality, there are dark forces at work in both kingdoms. Illustrations help tell the story in this humorous fantasy-adventure mashup.

Wishtree

Katherine Applegate, 2017

Red, the old oak tree in Samar and Stephen's neighborhood, has been there for generations and knows the heartfelt wishes of many residents. When a hateful word is carved on Red's trunk, will that be the final straw that brings on the bulldozer?

Sweep: The Story of a Girl and her Monster

Jonathan Auxier, 2018

After her father disappears, Nan works as a "climbing boy" with chimney sweeps, but when her most treasured possessions end up in a fireplace, she unwittingly creates a golem. Winner of the 2019 Sydney Taylor Award.

Circus Mirandus

Cassie Beasley, 2015

Micah's grandfather has a secret – the Lightbender promised to grant him a wish. Can Micah find the mysterious Circus Mirandus to get the wish before it's too late? Read this if you liked *Savvy* and *Doll Bones*.

The Storm Runner

Jennifer Cervantes, 2018

Non-stop action meets Mayan mythology in a fabulous new series. Zane confronts his destiny after accidentally releasing an imprisoned troublemaking god...whoops!

The Serpent's Secret

Sayantani DasGupta, 2018

Kiran's boring life in New Jersey is blown to bits - literally - on her 12th birthday, when her parents vanish and a monstrous *rakhash* almost kills her. To rescue them, she must travel through mystical kingdoms and face the evil Serpent King, who may or may not be her real father! For Rick Riordan fans. Sequel: *Game of Stars*.

A Tale Dark and Grimm series

Adam Gidwitz

Fairy tale characters learn – the hard way – about sacrifice, family, and forgiveness.

Handbook for Dragon Slayers

Merrie Haskell, 2013

Princess Matilda and her friends decide to write a how-to book for battling dragons, but their quest proves dangerous. For Harry Potter fans. Winner of the 2014 Schneider Family Book Award.

When the Sea Turned to Silver

Grace Lin, 2016

When Pinmei's beloved grandmother is kidnapped by the emperor's soldiers, she sets off on a dangerous quest to find the Luminous Stone in hopes of trading it for her grandmother's freedom. Will she and her friend Yishan succeed? If you liked *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* and *Starry River of the Sky*, you will love this!

Akata Warrior

Nnedi Okorafor, 2017

Sunny's magical powers are put to the test in this sequel to *Akata Witch*.

Beast of Stone

Linda Sue Park, 2018

Apothecary Raffa Santana must fight against the evil that threatens the civilization of Obsidia, in the final book of the *Wing and Claw* trilogy. Other titles: *Forest of Wonders*, *Cavern of Secrets*.

Pax

Sara Pennypacker, 2016

A boy, separated from his beloved pet fox, begins a treacherous journey across a war-torn land to find him before it's too late. Told in alternating points of view between boy and fox.

Echo

Pam Muñoz Ryan, 2015

Otto meets three mysterious sisters and suddenly finds himself entwined in a puzzling quest involving a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica. Lives become entwined through generations of magic and music. For lovers of *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*. A 2016 Newbery Honor Book.

The Secret Keepers

Trenton Lee Stewart, 2016

Reuben is good at avoiding detection by the powerful enforcers, known as Directions, as he explores New Umbra. But when he discovers a strange watch, he attracts their attention. What hidden powers will the watch reveal?

The Ring of Solomon: A Bartimaeus Novel

Jonathan Stroud, 2010

Asmira, a proud member of Queen of Sheba's royal guard, is on an impossible mission to kill the ruthless King Solomon. Bartimaeus, a powerful wise-cracking djinn (genie), is stuck building a castle. When their paths collide, sparks fly and allegiances are tested. *Bartimaeus Trilogy* titles: *The Amulet of Samarkand*, *The Golem's Eye*, *Ptolemy's Gate*. A complex and funny series.

Wings of Fire series

Tui Sutherland

A powerful lost treasure has kept dragons fighting for centuries. Who can bring peace to the kingdom?

Historical Fiction

Crossing Ebenezer Creek

Tonya Bolden, 2017

Caleb, a free black man, and Mariah, a recently-freed slave, fight for their lives in the waning days of the Civil War.

The War I Finally Won

Kimberly Bradley, 2017

Sequel to the Newbery Honor-winning *The War that Saved My Life*. Ada struggles with a clubfoot but has found freedom in riding while living in the English countryside during World War II. Will the bombing get worse?

Who can she really call “family?”

Talking Leaves

Joseph Bruchac, 2016

Uwohali’s father Sequoyah has unexpectedly returned, after six long years fighting in the West with General Andrew Jackson. Will people in the village still accuse Sequoyah of witchcraft because he makes marks in the dirt?

Can Uwohali forgive him for abandoning the family?

The Journey of Little Charlie

Christopher Paul Curtis, 2018

To pay a debt, Charlie is forced to travel north with evil plantation overseer Cap’n Buck to retrieve “stolen property.” Along the way, he comes to understand the many issues that are dividing 1850s America.

Dead End in Norvelt

Jack Gantos, 2011

Jack’s grounded for the summer, but things get more interesting when his dad acquires a World War II plane.

Crazy adventures and a mystery follow. The 2012 Newbery Award winner. Sequel: *From Norvelt to Nowhere*.

The Inquisitor’s Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and their Holy Dog

Adam Gidwitz, 2016

A tale of runaways, thieves, heroism, and miracles unfolds through the stories of visitors to a French country inn on a stormy night in 1242. A 2017 Newbery Honor Book.

Ahimsa

Supriya Kelkar, 2017

Anjali’s comfortable life as a Brahmin in 1942 India is upended when her mother joins the Quit India movement and burns the family’s beautiful clothes since they are made with British cloth. Will her school friends still talk to her?

A Night Divided

Jennifer Nielsen, 2015

When the Berlin Wall goes up overnight with half her family on the other side, Greta hatches a dangerous plan to reunite everyone.

Bread and Roses, Too

Katherine Paterson, 2006

Lawrence, Massachusetts, 1912: the mistreated workers at the textile mill have just voted to go on strike, and everyone but Rosa is excited. Then things turn ugly – where will she be safe?

The Marvels

Brian Selznick, 2015

Blending illustration and prose, this book follows the mysteries of a family, from a shipwreck in 1766 to a townhouse in London in 1990.

Beyond the Bright Sea

Lauren Wolk, 2017

Crow has lived her whole life on Cuttyhunk, one of the Elizabeth Islands near Cape Cod. Her life with her adoptive father is simple and calm, but she’s always wondered who she really is and where she came from. Could she have been born on nearby Penikese Island, a former leper colony?

Dragons of Silk

Laurence Yep, 2011

In this book, silk binds the lives of four girls. Each of them must sacrifice and fight for the survival of her family. Over a span of 176 years (1835-2011) in both China and America, each girl must struggle with money, jobs, family, and even drugs. I like how the book is from different points of view, and from different times. ~ *Student review*

Humor

***Origami Yoda* series**

Tom Angleberger

Dwight has made an origami finger puppet that dispenses advice, in Jedi fashion, to his middle school friends.

Be Prepared

Vera Brosgol, 2018

In this humorous graphic novel memoir, the author relates her experience at Russian summer camp.

The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora

Pablo Cartaya, 2017

Arturo’s usually relaxing Miami summer turns into a hilarious quest to save his town from a ruthless land developer, while trying to impress Carmen. A 2018 Pura Belpré Honor book.

Better Nate than Ever

Tim Federle, 2013

Nate dreams of performing in a Broadway musical and runs away to New York hoping for his big break, with hilarious consequences. Sequels: *Five, Six, Seven, Nate*; *Nate Expectations*.

The Fourteenth Goldfish

Jennifer Holm, 2014

Ellie's grandfather is a scientific genius – he's discovered how to reverse the aging process. The only problem is...he's 13 and going to her middle school!

Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid

Jeff Kinney, 2019

Greg's best friend, Rowley, finally gets to tell his own story - but as usual, Greg takes over, with humorous results.

The Grand Plan to Fix Everything

Uma Krishnaswami, 2011

Dini's family is moving to India for two whole years – will the prospect of meeting her favorite Bollywood movie star make up for leaving her best friend?

This Would Make a Good Story Someday

Dana Alison Levy, 2017

How Sara would NOT like to spend her summer vacation: on a cross-country train ride with her moms, her older sister Laurel, and Laurel's crazy boyfriend! Survival strategy #1: write in your journal and ignore EVERYONE.

It's the End When I Say It's the End

Stephan Pastis, 2018

The hilarious series finale of the hapless Timmy Failure and his detective agency.

Middle School series

James Patterson

Starting with *I, Funny* (2013), this illustrated series follows Rafe's ups and downs in his new school, where he begins Operation R.A.F.E. (Rules Aren't For Everyone) and slowly makes friends.

Guys Read: Funny Business

Jon Scieszka, 2010

Check out this hilarious collection of stories by popular authors like Jeff Kinney.

Geeked Out

Obert Skye, 2018

What happens when a spider's bite gives you superpowers? Tip and his friends are about to find out!

My Life As... series

Janet Tashjian

Follow Derek's adventures through the funny, first-person narrative and quirky illustrations.

Mystery/Adventure

Mary Bowser and the Civil War Spy Ring

Enigma Alberti, 2016

"It takes a special kind of smart to play stupid." Mary might be a maid, but she knows how to crack codes and write ciphers. Can she help win the war for the North?

The Scandalous Sisterhood of Prickwillow Place

Julie Berry, 2014

Dinner at Saint Etheldreda's School for Girls is a typically boring affair. However, when the headmistress and her creepy brother drop dead, the seven enterprising students decide to dispose of the bodies, run the school themselves *and* investigate the murders. Don't miss the hijinks that follow!

The Unbreakable Code

Jennifer Bertman, 2018

Emily and James are on the trail of mysterious clues that have been left all throughout San Francisco, but their work turns dangerous when the fires start. For code and puzzle lovers.

The Astounding Broccoli Boy

Frank C. Boyce, 2015

Have a little magic with your mystery! Rory and his arch-enemy, Tommy-Lee, have turned inexplicably green...could they be superheroes? Or is the answer to the mystery closer to home?

Hurricane Child

Kheryn Callendar, 2018

Why does a mysterious woman in black follow Caroline around St. Thomas? Can this shadowy spirit help Caroline find her missing mother? Winner of the 2019 Stonewall Book Award.

All Fall Down (Embassy Row series)

Ally Carter, 2015

When Grace returns to the embassy where her grandfather works, she encounters mysteries hidden around every corner. Can she uncover the one secret that will unlock her past?

Ranger's Apprentice, Brotherband Chronicles and Royal Rangers series

John Flanagan

Follow the adventures of Will as he learns the mysterious ways of Ranger Halt and accepts his destiny as a Protector in the long-ago kingdom of Skandia.

Run for Your Life

Silvana Gandolfi, 2018

The Mafia has driven Lucio and his brother Santino apart. Will Lucio survive the trip to Sicily to find answers? Based on a true story. A 2019 Batchelder Honor book.

Lion Down

Stuart Gibbs, 2019

Teddy and his girlfriend must investigate when a mountain lion is suspected of killing a famous dog. The newest title in the FunJungle series.

The Alex Rider series

Anthony Horowitz

Alex Rider is just a normal kid until one day everything changes. Full of action and mystery that really draws your attention! ~ *Student review*

The Castaways of the Flying Dutchman series

Brian Jacques

Neb and his trusty dog have been spared from the curse of the infamous ship *Flying Dutchman*, with a mission to help those facing injustice. Follow their adventures on land and sea as they battle pirates, factory owners, and slave traders. Series titles: *Castaways of the Flying Dutchman*, *The Angel's Command*, *Voyage of Slaves*.

The Parker Inheritance

Varian Johnson, 2018

While spending the summer in her mother's South Carolina home town, Candice discovers a letter from her dead grandmother detailing a historical mystery involving an illegal tennis match, racism, and a lot of money. Will she and her new friend Brandon find answers? This complex novel shifts between the past and the present.

Ink and Ashes

Valynne Maetani, 2015

Claire Takata is thrown into a family mystery that threatens her life, after she uncovers secrets about her dead father's connection to the Japanese crime syndicate known as the Yakuza.

Shadows of Sherwood: A Robyn Hoodlum Adventure

Kekla Magoon, 2015

When she finds a pool of blood in the kitchen, Robyn knows it's time to flee to the forest, just as her father had taught her. Now it's up to her to find the ancient map of Sherwood and set things right.

Deadweather and Sunrise

Geoff Rodkey, 2012

For pirate adventurers! Egbert (Egg for short) lives on a dreary island, hated by his family. When his father stumbles upon valuable secrets, everyone's life is in danger and Egg must find the courage to outwit the enemy while staying alive. Sequels: *New Lands*, *Blue Sea Burning*.

Fuzzy Mud

Louis Sachar, 2015

Chad takes turns bullying Marshall and Tamara at their Pennsylvania private school. When they take a shortcut through the woods to avoid him, disaster strikes.

Realistic**The Crossover**

Kwame Alexander, 2014

Twins Josh and Jordan, the stars of their school's basketball team, must deal with girls, jealousy and their father's health. Written in rap-style verse. The 2015 Newbery Medal winner.

Lucky Broken Girl

Ruth Behar, 2017

Just when Ruthie is starting to feel like New York is home, a car accident means she is in a full body cast. The 2018 Pura Belpré Award winner.

The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise

Dan Gemeinhart, 2019

Twelve-year-old Coyote and her father rush to Poplin Springs, Washington, in their old school bus to save a memory box buried in a park that will soon be demolished.

Focused

Alyson Gerber, 2018

Written by a Pike alum! Clea is a whiz at chess, and wants to please her teachers, family, and friends – why can't she remember the simplest things?

Macy McMillan and the Rainbow Goddess

Shari Green, 2018

Macy's got to face up to a lot of challenges as 6th grade comes to an end: Mom is getting re-married, their new "family" has to move, and to top it off, she has to help an elderly neighbor pack for a move of her own. This novel is told in verse, making it a quick read. Winner of the 2018 Schneider Award.

George

Alex Gino, 2015

When people look at George, they see a boy. But she knows she's a girl, and she wants to play Charlotte in the school play. The 2016 Stonewall Award winner.

Hello, Universe

Erin Entrada Kelly, 2017

A prank has surprising results and creates four new friends, each of whom tell their version of events in alternating chapters. The 2018 Newbery Award winner.

Restart

Gordon Korman, 2017

Chase has a chance to restart his life as he recovers from amnesia.

The Season of Styx Malone**Kekla Magoon, 2018**

Caleb is sick and tired of his dad wanting the family to be “ordinary.” When a fast-talking boy named Styx shows up, Caleb jumps at the get-rich-quick scheme that will allow them to travel beyond his small town.

In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse**Joseph Marshall III, 2015**

Jimmy, a Lakota boy, and his grandfather take a road trip that follows the path of the great leader. Grandfather’s stories make Jimmy feel like he’s back in the past. The winner of the 2016 American Indian Youth Literature Award.

Rain Reign**Ann M. Martin, 2014**

If you liked *Out of My Mind*, you will love this book. Rose loves homonyms, rules, and her dog, Rain. When he goes missing in a storm, her world spins out of control. Winner of the 2015 Schneider Family Book Award.

Mission Mumbai: A Novel of Sacred Cows, Snakes, and Stolen Toilets**Mahtab Narsimhan, 2016**

Dylan is excited to be spending a month in Mumbai with his friend Rohit Lal and his family, but quickly realizes how much he doesn’t know about India.

The Seventh Most Important Thing**Shelley Pearsall, 2015**

When Arthur is sentenced to help the “Junk Man,” he gets more than he bargained for.

You Bring the Distant Near**Mitali Perkins, 2017**

Sonia and Tara Das, newly arrived to New York City, grow up between two cultures in this absorbing story that spans several generations.

Wonderstruck**Brian Selznick, 2011**

Ben and Rose live 50 years apart, but their lives are interconnected through words and pictures. Ben embarks on a search for the father he’s never met; Rose is missing her mother desperately. Will they find happiness? Told in an inventive hybrid of prose and wordless picture book formats.

Science Fiction

Lowriders in Space* series*Cathy Camper**

Lupe, Elirio, and their Flapjack travel through time and space, having crazy adventures in their fancy lowrider car. Enjoy this award-winning series, which is in graphic novel format.

The Roar**Emma Clayton, 2009**

In a future London where an animal plague has wiped out most of the natural world, Mika is desperate to find his missing twin, Ellie. Can he win the massive computer game that could lead him to her? Sequel: *The Whisper*.

Star Wars: The Adventure of Luke Skywalker, Jedi Knight**Tony DiTerlizzi, 2014**

The iconic galaxy comes to life with illustrations based on original concept art for the films.

Last Day on Mars**Kevin Emerson, 2017**

The sun’s rapid expansion has destroyed Earth and now threatens Mars, where humans have created a temporary home. Will Liam and Phoebe make it onto the last starliner transport?

Missing* series*Margaret Haddix**

Jonah and Chip discover that they are “endangered children” from the past and must time-travel to restore history. Titles: *Missing, Found, Sent, Sabotaged, Torn, Caught, Revealed, Redeemed*.

Masterminds**Gordon Korman, 2015**

Serenity is the perfect town...or is it? Eli can’t leave town without getting sick. When his best friend is sent away, Eli knows something is really wrong; can he uncover the town’s secrets?

Cinder**Marissa Meyer, 2012**

In this futuristic society, Cinder is a talented engineer, but is forced to serve her greedy step-mother and step-sisters. Cinder becomes the subject of a medical treatment for the plague. This book is a riveting novel full of cliff-hangers. ~ *Student review*. Other titles in the *Lunar Chronicles* series: *Scarlet, Cress, Winter, Fairest*.

Black Panther: The Young Prince**Ronald Smith, 2018**

T’Challa, the royal prince of Wakanda, is sent away to Chicago, USA to keep him safe. Will evil follow him there?

Horizon**Scott Westerfeld, 2016**

The members of Brooklyn’s Science and Technology robotics team are headed to Tokyo for the world championship when their plane crashes over the Arctic Circle. Every adult has mysteriously vanished. Will the students survive in the dangerous, decidedly non-Arctic wilderness?

Sports

Rebound

Charlie discovers basketball during an otherwise miserable summer. Prequel to *The Crossover*.

Kwame Alexander, 2018

The Warriors

Jake loves playing lacrosse, but when he moves from his Iroquois reservation to a boarding school, he faces many challenges. This short novel packs a lot of action.

Joseph Bruchac, 2003

Triple Threat series

Alex Myers struggles to fit in at school and on the baseball field. Titles: *The Walk On*, *The Sixth Man*, *The DH*.

John Feinstein

The Big Game

Danny is determined to succeed on the football field but faces challenges in school.

Tim Green, 2017

Knockout

Levi discovers a passion and a talent for boxing, despite lingering effects of throat surgery. Will this be his ticket to elite boarding schools? A quick-moving novel in verse.

K. A. Holt, 2018

Women in Sports: 50 Fearless Athletes Who Played to Win

Profiles of present and past athletes, from gymnast Simone Biles to trail-blazing baseball player Toni Stone.

Rachel Ignotofsky, 2017

Checked

Conor's life is dedicated to hockey. When something tragic happens to his dog, Sinbad, Conor decides to take a break from hockey to pay for Sinbad's care. ~ *Student review*

Cynthia Kadohata, 2018

Heat

Michael Arroyo is an amazing pitcher from Cuba living in the U.S. without a birth certificate and no mother or father. Will he pitch his team to the finals or lose everything trying? ~ *Student review*

Mike Lupica, 2006

The Boys in the Boat (Young Reader's Adaptation)

The story of the scrappy University of Washington rowing team that competed in the 1936 Olympics in Nazi Germany.

Gregory Mone, 2015

MVP Summer (Gabby Garcia's Ultimate Playbook)

Gabby is psyched to have the best summer ever now that she has been invited to play on an elite baseball team, but curveballs are in her future. Will she strike out?

Iva-Marie Palmer, 2018

Track series

Follow the ups and downs of four very different kids as they dream of qualifying for the Junior Olympics. Titles: *Ghost*, *Patina*, *Sunny*, *Lu*.

Jason Reynolds

Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team

Go behind the scenes of "the team that invented football" – one of the winningest teams in history.

Steve Sheinkin, 2017

Growing Up Pedro

A beautifully illustrated biography of the Red Sox pitching ace, from his childhood in the Dominican Republic to his early success in the major leagues.

Matt Tavares, 2015

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