

# SummerReads

Grade 6

Summer 2018



Dear Sixth Grade Families,

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

*SummerReads* also features selections from reviews written by students. Look for "student review" to find what other Pike students have enjoyed. In addition, award-winning titles from the American Library Association's Youth Media Awards are noted for your reference. For more information about the awards, visit [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org).

By the opening of school in September 2018, each 6<sup>th</sup> grade student should have read **four books**, as outlined below.

- the required book for English, *The London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd
- two books from this reading list, and
- one book of their own choosing.

Please complete all these reading requirements before the start of school, and bring the required title to school in September. In the fall, students will participate in activities that celebrate their summer reading and launch their journey as Upper School English students.

Visit the library's website ([pikeschool.org](http://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 our 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.

We hope you enjoy reading as part of your summer!

Warm regards,

Francesca Mellin   Julie Ogden   Amy Salvatore   Linda Spence



## 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!
- The Hero Twins Against the Lords of Death: A Mayan Myth*** Dan Jolley, 2008  
Told in graphic novel format, this is the story of one nasty ball game!
- 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*.
- Anne of Green Gables* series** L. M. Montgomery, 1908  
Anne, an orphan with a boundless imagination, starts a new life on beautiful Prince Edward Island. It turns out that she also has a knack for getting into trouble! Follow Anne's adventures as she transforms from a gangly girl to self-assured young woman, changing lives along the way.
- 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.
- 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.
- Hotel Valhalla: Guide to the Norse Worlds*** Rick Riordan, 2016  
This is a must-read guide for "guests" at Hotel Valhalla!
- Black Beauty*** Anna Sewall, 1877  
A horse with an indomitable spirit narrates his journey from kind Farmer Grey's farm to the cruel streets of London. Sewall was determined to draw attention to the ill treatment of animals in this, her only 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.
- Grumbles from the Forest: Fairy-tale Voices with a Twist*** Jane Yolen, 2013  
Fairy tale characters tell parts of the story you don't know in this funny collection.

## 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>Roller Girl</i> (2015 Newbery Honor Book)	Victoria Jamieson, 2014	Realistic
<i>Amulet</i> series	Kazu Kibuishi, 2008	Fantasy
<i>Marty Pants</i> series	Mark Parisi	Humor
<i>The Storm in the Barn</i>	Matt Phelan, 2011	Historical fiction
<i>The Adventures of John Blake: The Mystery of the Ghost Ship</i>	Philip Pullman, 2017	Adventure
<i>Frankenstein: The Graphic Novel</i>	Gary Reed, 2013	Classic
<i>A Thousand Ships: Age of Bronze, vol. 1</i>	Eric Shanower, 2018	Traditional literature
<i>Alia's Mission: Saving the Books of Iraq</i>	Mark Stamaty, 2004	Biography
<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>No Normal (Ms. Marvel, #1)</i>	G. Wilson, 2014	Fantasy
<i>Superman</i> series	Gene Luen Yang, 2016	Fantasy

## Biography, Informational, and Memoir

<b><i>Dazzle Ships: World War I and the Art of Confusion</i></b>	<b>Chris Barton, 2017</b>
Learn about how artfully painted ships helped camouflage against attacks.	
<b><i>Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina &amp; New Orleans</i></b>	<b>Don Brown, 2014</b>
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.	
<b><i>Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings ~ A Memoir</i></b>	<b>Margarita Engle, 2014</b>
Noted poet Margarita Engle describes growing up in 1960s Los Angeles and Cuba.	
The 2015 Pura Belpré Medal winner.	
<b><i>101 Ways to Amaze and Entertain</i></b>	<b>Peter Gross, 2017</b>
"Amazing magic and hilarious jokes to try on your friends and family!"	
<b><i>Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales</i> series</b>	<b>Nathan Hale</b>
Explore American history, from the Alamo to the Donner Party, in graphic novel format.	
<b><i>Blood, Bullets and Bones</i></b>	<b>Bridget Heos, 2017</b>
"The story of forensic science from Sherlock Holmes to DNA."	
<b><i>Mission to Space</i></b>	<b>John Herrington, 2016</b>
Check out how this astronaut trains for space missions! Winner of the 2018 American Indian Youth Literature Award.	
<b><i>Animals by the Numbers: A Book of Infographics</i></b>	<b>Steve Jenkins, 2016</b>
Answers to questions such as, "Which animal sleeps more, a python or a bat?"	
<b><i>Eyes and Spies: How You're Tracked and Why You Should Know</i></b>	<b>Tanya Kyi, 2017</b>
This eye-opening look at global surveillance examines the balance between privacy, freedom, and safety throughout the world today.	
<b><i>Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom</i></b>	<b>Sue Macy, 2011</b>
Learn how this simple machine opened doors for women in the late 1800s.	
<b><i>Iceberg, Right Ahead: The Tragedy of the Titanic</i></b>	<b>Stephanie McPherson, 2012</b>
The story of the sinking of the <i>RMS Titanic</i> , complete with pictures.	
<b><i>Mesmerized</i></b>	<b>Mara Rockliff, 2015</b>
"How Ben Franklin solved a mystery that baffled all of France."	
<b><i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i></b>	<b>Jacqueline Woodson, 2014</b>
Author Jacqueline Woodson 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

### ***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?

### ***Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes***

**Jonathan Auxier, 2011**

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be blind? A ten-year-old blind boy trained in the art of thievery steals a box from a traveling haberdasher, an act which leads him on a quest to find the Vanished Kingdom. A novel with twists that will keep readers entertained! ~ *Student review*  
Sequel: *Sophie Quire and the Last Storyguard*.

### ***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 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 *rakkhosh* 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.

### ***The Graveyard Book***

**Neil Gaiman, 2008**

Bod's parents have just been murdered – can he find safety from “the man Jack” in a nearby graveyard, with its many ghosts and mysterious creatures? The 2009 Newbery Medal winner.

### ***Handbook for Dragon Slayers***

**Merrie Haskell, 2013**

For Harry Potter fans! Princess Matilda and her friends decide to write a how-to book for battling dragons, but their quest proves dangerous. 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*.

### ***Cavern of Secrets***

**Linda Sue Park, 2017**

The second title in the *Wing and Claw* series finds friends Kuma, Garith, and Raffa battling the evil Chancellor of Obsidia, who has transformed peaceful animals into killing machines.

### ***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 the 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!

## Historical Fiction

### ***I Lived on Butterfly Hill***

**Marjorie Agosín, 2014**

The government in Chile has changed and Celeste's parents have gone into hiding. Now, Celeste is forced to leave her friends and home in Chile and move to Maine. Will she learn to speak English? Will she ever see her parents again? The 2015 Pura Belpré Medal winner.

### ***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? And 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? And can Uwohali forgive him for abandoning the family?

### ***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. 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.

### ***Worlds Afire***

**Paul Janeckzo, 2004**

It's the summer of 1944, and the circus is in town. Through these powerful poems told from multiple points of view, discover what happens when tragedy strikes. Based on actual events.

### ***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 because they are made with British cloth. Will her school friends still talk to her?

### ***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. Is he real? Find out, Tommy must!

### ***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, 2014**  
Nate dreams of performing in a Broadway musical and runs away to New York hoping for his big break, with hilarious consequences. Sequel: *Five, Six, Seven, Nate!*
- Death by Toilet Paper*** **Donna Gephart, 2014**  
Ben will do anything to earn enough money to keep his family from being evicted – even entering a contest to advertise toilet paper.
- 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!
- 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. Will it work?
- The Book You're Not Supposed to Have*** **Stephan Pastis, 2016**  
The loveable and clueless Timmy Failure is back for another mysterious set of detective cases. For *Wimpy Kid* fans.
- 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?
- City of the Beasts*** **Isabel Allende, 2002**  
Alexander goes with his grandmother to the Amazon in search of a legendary beast but misadventures befall them. Who would want to sabotage their expedition?
- 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 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 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?
- All Fall Down* (Embassy Row series)** **Ally Carter, 2015**  
When Grace returns to the embassy where her grandfather works, she encounters intrigue hidden around every corner. Can she uncover the one secret that will unlock her past?
- Ranger's Apprentice and Brotherband Chronicles* 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.

**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 Great Greene Heist****Varian Johnson, 2014**

Prankster Jackson Greene comes to the rescue when the upcoming school election seems to be rigged. This funny page-turner was inspired by the movie *Ocean's Eleven*.

**Shadows of Sherwood****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.

**Camel Rider****Prue Mason, 2007**

Walid has been abandoned in the Arab desert by his cruel masters. Alex has run away from his convoy leaving Abudai after war breaks out. Can these two boys help each other to safety?

**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.

**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.

**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.

**My Life in Pink and Green****Lisa Greenwald, 2009**

Lucy has to help save her family's pharmacy business - can she combine her fashion and make-up talents? More importantly, will anyone take her seriously? Sequel: *My Summer of Pink and Green*.

**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.

**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.

**When You Reach Me**

Rebecca Stead, 2009

This book is my all-time favorite! It is about a young girl whose life starts to become hectic after her friend starts avoiding her, and she keeps finding strange notes. The best part is the shocking twist at the end. ~ *Student review*. The 2010 Newbery Award winner.

## 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*.

**The Last Panther**

Todd Mitchell, 2017

Kiri and her father live far from civilization. When she discovers the last known Florida panther, she is stuck between her father, who wants to send the panther to a zoo, and the villagers, who want to sell it to feed their families.

**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 field. Titles: *The Walk On*, *The Sixth Man*, *The DH*.

**John Feinstein**

### **Throw Like a Girl: How to Dream Big and Believe in Yourself**

Olympian Jennie Finch shares her story and gives advice on achieving your dreams.

**Jennie Finch, 2011**

### **Left Out**

Landon fights for a spot on the football field and for respect everywhere else.

**Tim Green, 2016**

### **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**

### **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**

### **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*.

**Jason Reynolds**

### **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**

### **Bat 6**

The Bat 6 girls' softball game is an annual tradition for two small Oregon towns, but in 1949, feelings from World War II are still running high. Shirley, Aki, and their respective teammates share what happened in alternating voices.

**Virginia E. Wolff, 1999**

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## News Flash!

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