

Middle School

Suggested Summer Reading

2018

These award-winning books can be found in the Wallingford Public Library or in your local bookstores. If you don't find a particular book on the list, browse the shelves to find another by the same author or ask for help at the information desk. Remember to take advantage of the Wallingford Public School's ebooks and audiobooks found on the middle school libraries' websites.

Middle School Fiction

All the Answers by Kate Messner

A mysterious/magical blue pencil reveals the truth about Ava's family that she would rather not know.

A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen

Gerta must escape to freedom after the Berlin Wall goes up and divides separates Gerta and her mother from her father and brother.

Baseball Great by Tim Green

Josh wants to play ball but when he is suspected of steroid use he finds himself in a struggle with a dangerous man.

Because of Mr. Terupt (Mr. Terupt Series) by Rob Buyea

Seventh graders share how their lives were changed by a teacher.

Better Nate Than Ever (series) by Tim Federle

Nate dreams of being a Broadway musical star.

Blackbird Fly by Erin Entrada Kelly

When Apple's friends turn on her and everything about her life starts to seem weird and embarrassing, Apple turns to music. If she can just save enough to buy a guitar and learn to play, maybe she can change herself.

Bone (series)—Jeff Smith (graphic novel)

Fantasy saga in comic book form.

Book Scavenger (Book Scavenger Series) by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

Emily moved to San Francisco which is home of her literary idol, Garrison Griswold, creator of Book Scavenger, the online game. After Griswold was attacked and in a coma, Emily and her friend race to solve the puzzles left behind by Griswold.

Centaur Rising by Jane Yolen

Arienne struggles to keep the birth of a centaur on their horse farm a secret.

Closed for the Season by Mary Downing Hahn

An amusement park is not all fun and games when a murder is discovered.

The Contagious Colors/ Mumpley Middle School by Fowler DeWitt

A mysterious illness causes students to change color and Wilmer must find the cause.

Divergent Trilogy by Veronica Roth

Beatrice chooses to be courageous and hide her divergence in order to survive.

Don't Turn Around (series) by Michelle Gagnon

A computer genius is forced to join the hacker alliance.

Dragonwatch (series) by Brandon Mull

In this long-awaited sequel to the Fablehaven series, the dragons want their freedom and are no longer our allies.

Echo by Pam Munoz Ryan

2016 Newbery honor book revealing the power of music through an original fairytale.

El Deafo (graphic novel) by Cece Bell

Author/illustrator Cece Bell tells about her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful—and very awkward—hearing aid.

Entwined by Heather Dixon

A retelling of the tale of the twelve dancing princesses.

The Eye of Minds (series) by James Dashner

Book one in the Mortality Doctrine series by the author of the Maze Runner series is set in a world of hyper-advanced technology, cyber-terrorists, and gaming.

Eye of the Storm by Kate Messner

Jaden's summer adventure with her father is filled with fear.

The False Prince (series) by Jennifer A. Nielsen

Sag's life depends on playing the role of an imposter.

The Final Four by Paul Volponi

Players at the NCAA basketball tournament struggle with pressure.

First Light by Rebecca Stead

Seven generations ago, a group of people hunted as witches escaped to a sanctuary beneath Greenland's ice cap. When Peter arrives in Greenland with his scientist parents, he discovers Thea and a passage to an underground city.

Full Cicada Moon by Marilyn Hilton

It's 1969, and the Apollo 11 mission is getting ready to go to the moon. But for half-black, half-Japanese Mimi, moving to a predominantly white Vermont town is enough to make her feel alien.

Ghosts by Raina Telgemeier (graphic novel)

Cat's sister is determined to meet the ghosts that supposedly inhabit their new town. Cat wants nothing to do with it.

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill

2017 Newbery medal winner. A kindly witch gives a normal baby magical powers.

Guitar Notes by Mary Amato

Two students form an unlikely friendship when forced to share a music practice room.

Grimm Legacy by Polly Shulman

A Grimm inspired adventure.

Half Brother by Kenneth Oppel

In 1973 a scientist brings home a baby chimp and asks his thirteen-year-old son to treat him like a brother.

Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly

2018 Newbery winner. A prank goes wrong, a bully is put in his place, and friendship blooms.

The Honest Truth by Dan Gemeinhart

Mark plans to reach the top of Mount Rainier, even if it's the last thing he ever does.

I am Princess X by Cherie Priest

After May's best friend, Libby, died in a car accident, Princess X, the character and stories they created together, start showing up around the city and online. Only one person can be behind this.

I Funny (series) by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein

Jamie is determined to be the best stand-up comic ever!

Insignia (series) by S.J. Kincaid

Sacrifices are a requirement of a soldier in outer space.

Jackaby (series) by William Ritter

In 1892, Abigail Rook becomes the assistant of R. F. Jackaby, an investigator of the unexplained with a keen eye for the extraordinary--including the ability to see supernatural beings. She finds herself in the middle of serial murderer case.

Jake the Fake Keeps it Real by Craig Robinson and Adam Mansbach

Having faked his way into a performing arts school Jake needs to find some talent--quickly.

Joshua Dread (series) by Lee Bacon

The son of supervillains and the daughter of a superhero begin to use their own superpowers.

The Land of Forgotten Girls by Erin Entrada Kelly

Abandoned by their father, living in poverty, sisters from the Philippines learn the true meaning of family.

The Last Dragonslayer (series) by Jasper Fforde
Jennifer is the newest and perhaps, final, Dragonslayer.

A Little in Love by Susan Fletcher
Paris, 1832. Inspired by Victor Hugo's classic, *Les Miserables*, *A Little in Love* beautifully conveys the heartbreaking story of street girl Eponine.

Last Shot (Series) by John Feinstein
Teenage sports reporters, Stevie and Susan Carol, win a trip to the Final Four where they uncover a plot that can change the outcome of the championship game.

Lemons by Melissa Savage
Grieving the loss of her mother Lemonade moves in with her grandfather in California and meets a new friend who is on the hunt for Bigfoot.

Liar & Spy by Rebecca Stead
George is recruited to spy on the tenants in his building but he isn't sure he should.

Love, Ish by Karen Rivers
Mischa dreams of a life on Mars could her medical diagnosis put an end to her dream.

One Amazing Elephant by Linda Oatman High
The story of a circus elephant, a 12 year old girl, and their unlikely friendship.

One for the Murphys by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Foster child Carley must decide who will be her forever family.

Mayday by Karen Harrington
Wayne and his mother survive a plane crash on the way home from his uncle's funeral. He can no longer speak.

Mindblind by Jennifer Roy
Nathaniel has Asperger's Syndrome and believes he can read minds.

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (series) by Ransom Riggs
Jacob discovers a mysterious island, an abandoned orphanage and peculiar children. How does he fit in with it all?

My Life as a Book (My Life Series) by Janet Tashjian
Being a "reluctant reader", Derek is sent to a summer learning camp where he builds unexpected friendships and discovers a family secret.

Lone Stars by Mike Lupica
Can Clay, a standout receiver, help his coach who suffers the effects of repeated concussions?

Night of the Howling Dogs by Graham Salisbury
While on a boy scout outing a group of campers are faced with both an earthquake and a tsunami.

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

A gorilla who lives in a mall meets an elephant with original ideas.

Pax by Sara Pennypacker

The powerful relationship between a boy and his fox.

Pieces of Georgia by Jen Bryant

Georgia works through the loss of her mother by keeping a journal provided by her guidance counselor.

Planet Jupiter by Jane Kurtz

Jupiter and her family are free spirited wanderers but now her mother is determined to put down roots in Portland, Oregon and add a new cousin to the family.

Pop by Gordon Korman

Marcus moves to a new town, doesn't make the football team and meets a mysterious man with great football skills.

Powerless (series) by Matthew Cody

Brain power vs. super power can Dan help his friends succeed.

The Prisoner of Cell 25 (Michael Vey series) by Richard Paul Evans

Michael has electric powers. There is a powerful group that wants to control him and the other electric children.

Projekt 1065: A Novel of World War II by Alan Gratz

Michael is a member of Hitler Youth in Germany, but he and his parents are also spies.

The Raft by S.A. Bodeen

After a plane crash, survival in a life raft is harrowing.

Raymie Nightingale by Kate DiCamillo

Raymie is desperate to win a beauty competition in order to win back her father's love.

The Refugee by Alan Gratz

1930s Nazi Germany. 1994, Cuba. 2015, Syria. They are three different kids with one mission in common: ESCAPE.

Restart by Gordon Korman

Chase fell off his roof and lost his memory. Once back to school, students have two different reactions. Some kids treat him like a hero. Some kids are clearly afraid of him.

The Riverman, The Whisperer, The Storyteller (Riverman Trilogy) by Aaron Starmer

A parallel universe where a nefarious being is stealing the souls of children.

Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson (graphic novel)

Graphic novel about the power of roller derby!

Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen

An avid runner loses her leg in a tragic accident. Will she run, again?

Same Stuff as Stars by Katherine Paterson

When eleven-year-old Angel is left with her grandmother, she worries about a mysterious man who begins sharing with her the wonder of stars.

Saving Armpit by Natalie Hyde

The Terriers baseball team is desperate for a win and a coach.

Scar Island by Dan Gemeinhart

Jonathan, amidst misfits and outcasts, is alone and unsupervised at the Slabhenge Reformatory School.

The Scorpio Races by Maggie Stiefvater

Males are the only ones to ride the wild horses that emerge from the sea until Puck, the first girl, enters the race.

The Scourge by Jennifer A. Nielsen

Ani is captured by the governor's wardens, tests positive for the plague and is sent to a quarantine colony.

The Secret Keepers by Trenton Lee Stewart

A magical watch. A string of secrets. A race against time.

See You at Harry's by Jo Knowles

How much sadness can a family tolerate?

The Seventh Wish by Kate Messner

While ice fishing, Charlie discovers a fish willing to grant her wishes. Will the wishes help her family's challenges?

Shipwreck Island (Shipwreck Island Series) by S. A. Bodeen

Sarah's dad and new stepmom take their blended family on vacation. After a storm hits, their chartered boat ends up stranded on an island where some very strange things begin to happen.

Spirit Hunters by Ellen Oh

A ghost story.

Splendors and Glooms by Laura Amy Schlitz

A Newbery Honor book. A twisted puppeteer is suspected of kidnapping Clara.

Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth by Frank Cottrell Boyce

A crazy summer adventure with a new friend.

Stef Soto, Taco Queen by Jennifer Torres

Stef's immigrant parents are overprotective. She wants only to be a typical seventh grader but her parents' taco truck business is making that difficult.

Stolen Children by Peg Kehret

While babysitting, Amy and Kendra are kidnapped.

The Stonekeeper (Amulet Series) by Kazu Kibuishi (graphic novel)

A world of terrible, man-eating demons, a mechanical rabbit, a giant robot---and two ordinary children on a life-or-death mission.

Swing Sideways by Nanci Turner Steveson

Annie has a new friend, California, and she has secrets.

The Sword of Summer (Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard Series) by Rick Riordan

Magnus Chase is the son of a Norse god. To prevent Ragnarok, Magnus must search the Nine Worlds for a weapon that has been lost for thousands of years.

Three Pennies by Melanie Crowder

A girl in foster care tries to find her birth mother.

Triss by Brian Jacques

Three friends escape from slavery and are pursued across the sea toward Redwall by a band of freebooters who seek the treasure of Brockhall.

Under the Egg by Laura Marx Fitzgerald

After the death of Theodora's grandfather, she discovers what seems to be an old Renaissance masterpiece. Could it be stolen?

The Unicorn in the Barn by Jacqueline K. Ogburn

Eric discovers a real-life unicorn and works for a veterinary clinic that cares for supernatural and exotic pets.

The Unwanteds (series) by Lisa McMann

Brothers struggle to adjust to changes in their society.

Walls Within Walls by Maureen Sherry

A family moves to Manhattan and discovers a secret beyond the walls to their apartment.

Waiting for Augusta by Jessica Lawson

Ben travels to Augusta National with his father's ashes attempting to make peace with his passing.

The War That Saved My Life (series) by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Ada, abused by her mother because of her twisted foot, attempts to make a new life with her brother during World War II.

The War I finally Won (Sequel to The War That Saved My Life) by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Ada now has her foot fixed and a caregiver that wants the best for her. Can this new family begin to heal and start anew?

Well, that Was Awkward by Rachel Vail

Middle schoolers can be so difficult.

When Friendship Followed Me Home by Paul Griffin

A foster kid meets a friend and redefines the meaning of home.

Wildfire Run by Dee Garretson

The President's son, Luke, and his friends vacation at Camp David, which is threatened by a raging forest fire.

White Fur Flying by Patricia MacLachlan

Philip does not speak. Can the friendship of a dog change that?

Wild Robot by Peter Brown

Can a robot survive in the wilderness?

Witness by Karen Hesse

A series of poems express the views of various people in a Vermont town in the 1920's while the Klu Klux Klan is trying to infiltrate the town.

Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk

A young girl's kindness, compassion and honesty overcome bullying.

You Go First by Erin Entrada Kelly

Two brainy middle-school outcasts find companionship through online Scrabble as they both deal with upheaval in their lives.

Middle School Nonfiction

12 Children Who Changed the World by Kenya McCullum

Learn how the accomplishments of these children helped change the world.

A Black Hole is Not a Hole by Carolyn Cinami DeCristofano

Get the real scoop on black holes.

A Storm Too Soon: A Remarkable True Survival Story in 80 Foot Seas by Michael J. Tougias

A true story set in violent seas.

Amelia Lost by Candice Fleming

A new biography of the pioneering aviator.

Ask Bethany by Bethany Hamilton

Surfer Bethany Hamilton answers over 200 questions from girls like you.

At the Sea Floor Café by Leslie Bulion

Poems celebrating various sea creatures.

Beyond Courage by Doreen Rappaport

The untold story of Jewish resistance during the holocaust.

Blizzard of Glass: the Halifax Explosion of 1917 by Sally M. Walker

In 1917, two ships, one carrying munitions, collided. The resulting explosion leveled two towns and killed nearly 2,000 people.

Bomb: The Race to Build—and steal--the World's Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Sheinkin

The science and history of the atomic bomb.

Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson

Based on real information, this tells about the chase and capture of John Wilkes Booth and his accomplices after the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

Creatures Close Up by Philippe Martin and Gillian Watts

In depth wildlife photography.

Dive! World War II Stories of Sailors & Submarines in the Pacific by Deborah Hopkinson

Tells the incredible story of America's US submarine warfare during World War II..

For Extreme Sports Crazy Boys Only by John Coy

Freeskiing, sandboarding, bungee jumping, waveski surfing, cliff diving--read all about it!

The Finest Hours: The True Story of a Heroic Sea Rescue by Michael J. Tougias and Casey Sherman

In 1952, two oil tankers off the coast of Cape Cod were torn in half by a winter storm. Four men in a tiny lifeboat overcame the odds to rescue over 30 sailors.

Get Outside Guide by Nancy Honovich and Julie Beer

This book is packed with facts and cool ideas for outdoor adventures and activities.

The Great Molasses Flood: Boston, 1919

A large tank of molasses exploded, sending shards of metal hundreds of feet away, collapsing buildings, and coating the Boston harbor front community with a thick layer of sticky-sweet sludge.

Heart and Soul by Kadir Nelson

Winner of the 2012 Coretta Scott King Award. Beautifully illustrated history of African-Americans.

A Highschooler's Guide to Surviving Middle School (and Life) by Hannah Whitney

A MTSHS student has written a compelling guide to assist students make the transition to middle school. An exemplary senior Capstone Project 2018--can be obtained at the Wallingford Public Library.

Hope and Tears: Ellis Island Voices by Qwenyth Swain

Read letters, diary entries, poems and monologues to illustrate how lives were touched by Ellis Island.

How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous by Georgia Bragg

The gory details of how nineteen world figures died before the age of modern medicine.

If You Were a Chocolate Mustache by J. Patrick Lewis

A variety of poems including riddles, limericks, story poems and more.

The Impossible Rescue: The True Story of an Amazing Arctic Adventure by Martin W. Sandler

Three men were ordered by the president to drive herds of reindeer across 1,500 miles to rescue more than 300 sailors of ships trapped in the ice off the coast of Alaska.

An Insider's Guide to Field Hockey by Abigael McIntyre and Helen Connolly

Sports tips, techniques and strategies for this exciting, fast paced game.

Irena's Children: A True Story of Courage by Mary Cronk Farrell

Irena Sendler was a young Polish woman living in Warsaw during World War II who saved 2,500 children from death and deportation.

Inventing the Video Game by Heather Adamson

A brief history of video gaming.

Legends, Icons & Rebels: Music that Changed the World by Robbie Robertson

Musical legends of the past.

For the Love of Golf by Don Wells

All aspects of the game including basic skills, etiquette, and golf shots.

Moonbird: A Year on the Wind with the Great Survivor B95 by Phillip Hoose

A year from the bottom of the world and back again.

Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War by Steve Sheinkin

YALSA nonfiction book of the year.

Paws of Courage by Nancy Furstinger
True tales of heroic dogs that protect and serve.

Poems to Learn by Heart by Caroline Kennedy
A selection of more than 100 poems about nature, sports, monsters, friendship and family.

Real Friends by Shannon Hale (graphic novel)
A memoir about finding friends and why it's worth it.

The Rock and Gem Book...and Other Treasures of the Natural World by Dan Green
The ultimate guide to the natural world's most amazing objects.

Steve Jobs, The Man Who Thought Different by Karen Blumenthal
Biography about the founder of Apple.

Streetcar to Justice: How Elizabeth Jennings Won the Right to Ride in New York by Amy Hill
Hearth
In 1854, Elizabeth Jennings boarded a streetcar to take her to choir rehearsal. After being bodily removed by the conductor and a police officer and thrown into the street, she took her case to court.

Temple Grandin: How the Girl Who Loved Cows Embraced Autism and Changed the World by Sy
Montgomery
A biography of the autistic scientist who has revolutionized the livestock industry.

Ten Days a Madwoman by Deborah Noyes
Nellie Bly, a female reporter who went undercover in an insane asylum to reveal the horrible conditions there.

Titanic: Voices from the Disaster by Deborah Hopkinson
Timelines and accounts of the famous ocean disaster.

To the Moon: The True Story of the American Heroes on the Apollo 8 Spaceship by Jeffrey Kluger
The true story of Apollo 8, the first crewed American spaceship to break free of the Earth's orbit and reach the moon.

Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 Feet Below the Chilean Desert by
Marc Aronson
In 2010, 33 miners were trapped 2,000 feet underground when a mine collapsed in Chile. People from all over the world worked to rescue these miners.

The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire of 1911 by Gina De Angelis
Tells about the tragedy of the fire that killed 146 people and how the survivors and others struggled to improve the conditions of workers in America.

We've Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March by Cynthia Levinson
Four young people work for change in the American civil rights movement.

***We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement That Defied Adolf Hitler* by Russell Freedman**

Tells the story of former members of the Hitler Youth who began to doubt the Nazi regime. Risking imprisonment or even execution, they distributed leaflets urging Germans to defy the Nazi government.

***Witches: the Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem* by Rosalyn Schanzer**

Two girls, with a mysterious illness, were diagnosed as being bewitched. This turned into a witch hunt which affected hundreds of lives.

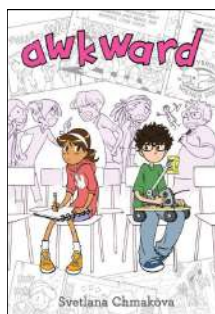
***Women of the Frontier: 16 Tales of Trailblazing Homesteaders, Entrepreneurs, and Rabble-Rousers* by Brandon Marie Miller**

Tales of courage and adventure about women of the West.

***The World Series, Baseball's Biggest Stage* by Matt Doeden**

Read about the history of the World Series, top performers and most memorable moments.

2019 Nutmeg Book Award Intermediate Nominees



Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova

From the first day of middle school, Penelope wants to fit in so badly that she shuns Jaime, the school nerd. Things get awkward when Penelope's art club and Jaime's science club have to compete for school support.



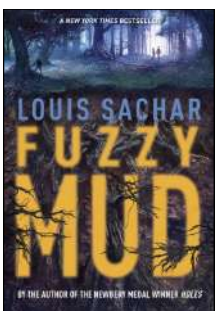
The Best Man by Richard Peck

Archer McGill has a pretty awesome family. His architect grandfather designed his school, his dad restores classic cars, and his uncle Paul has a sweet job with connections to the Chicago Cubs. These three men help Archie navigate through some embarrassing and challenging experiences, but which one is the best?



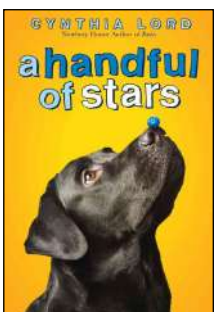
The Blood Guard by Carter Roy

Ronan just thought his mom was overscheduling him, signing him up for every possible activity. Then his dad disappears and Ronan and his mom are being chased by people who want to capture them. Hopefully he has learned enough skills to survive!



Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar

Marshall and Tamaya take a shortcut through the woods and encounter a mysterious, bubbling puddle, which could put them in more danger than the bully they were trying to avoid.



A Handful of Stars by Cynthia Lord

Lily would do anything to raise money for surgery for her old, blind dog, including entering a beauty contest. But when a beautiful, migrant worker wants to enter too, the girls learn about prejudice in their small town..

The Hero Two Doors Down by Sharon Robinson

It's every kid's dream to meet a famous baseball player, let alone live next door to one. This dream comes true for eight-year-old Steven Satlow, when none other than Jackie Robinson moves into his neighborhood. Jackie breaks the color barrier on the field, as well as in Steven's neighborhood.

Loot: How to Steal a Fortune by Jude Watson

One night the infamous cat burglar Alfie McQuinn falls from a rooftop to the pavement below, and with his last breath he utters the words: "find jewels" to his young son March. March sets out to solve the mystery and finds out that the "jewels" are not the glittery gems he thought.

Ms. Bixby's Last Day by John David Anderson

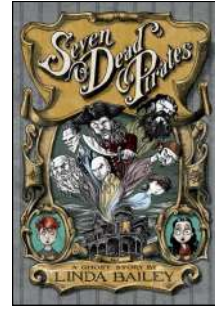
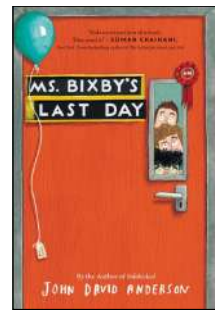
Have you ever had a teacher who moved you to make sacrifices you wouldn't normally make? Meet Ms. Bixby - an amazing teacher who has this kind of impact on her students. A trio of boys embark on a quest to make sure that their teacher knows how special she is.

Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story by Nora Raleigh Baskin

On September 9, 2001, four kids from different parts of the country cross paths for an instant. They have no idea that two days later their lives will change forever.

Seven Dead Pirates by Linda Bailey

When Lewis' family moves into his great-grandfather's seaside mansion, he realizes he has a problem, or actually seven problems. Seven dead pirates are living in his bedroom! Can Lewis conquer his fears to help get this rowdy but funny crew back where they belong?



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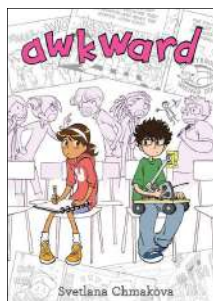
Teen Nominees



All We Have Left by Wendy Mills

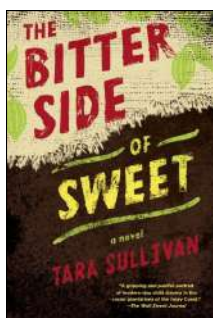
Muslim teen Alia is trapped in the World Trade Center as chaos descends on September 11, 2001. Fifteen years later, Jesse is doing community service as punishment for hateful graffiti. Her brother died in the Twin Towers, and her family was shattered. Alternating chapters tell the girls' stories, eventually connecting them across time.

Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova



Peppi, a young teenager who only fits in with her art club, embarrasses herself and ends up hurting the feelings of Jaime, the nerdiest kid in school. Jaime, joins the art club's rival: the science club. As the clubs battle it out at school, Peppi and Jaime fight on an emotional level, both learning important lessons in the process.

The Bitter Side of Sweet by Tara Sullivan



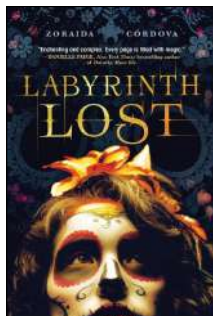
The Bitter Side of Sweet takes a hard look at how cacao harvesting is modern-day slave trade. Amadou and his brother, Seydou, need to harvest more and more cacao pods in order to survive the plantation bosses. Hope arrives with Khadija, the first girl to ever appear on the plantation. She has been forced into labor just like the boys, but as a girl she has even more reason to escape the bosses than they do.

Ghost by Jason Reynolds



Castle Crenshaw, a.k.a. Ghost, has been running ever since he and his mom escaped from his father's violent anger. After Ghost inadvertently earns a spot on an elite track team, his mother agrees to let him join, but only if he can stay out of trouble. However, Ghost can't stay on the straight and narrow. Will Coach help him out, or turn him in and cost Ghost his dream?

Labyrinth Lost by Zoraida Cordoba



In her attempt to rid herself of her bruja powers, Alejandra accidentally banishes her family to the underworld, known as Los Lagos. In order to make things right, Alex joins up with Nova, a powerful brujo boy, and her non-magical best friend Rishi, to make the dangerous journey to Los Lagos to find them. Can the three work together to bring Alex's family safely back to this world?

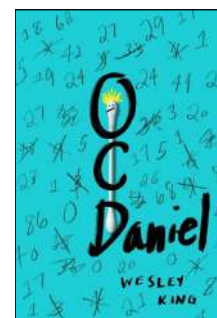
Need by Joelle Charbonneau

Everyone is joining the hottest new social media site, and why not? Answer one simple question (What do you need? New phone? Concert tickets?), perform a seemingly minor task, and you get what you asked for. Kaylee's brother needs a new kidney. It's a real long shot, but she figures she'll try NEED - and quickly realizes the high price she'll have to pay.



OCDaniel by Wesley King

Daniel has some strange habits, like flipping light switches, avoiding certain numbers, and more. He doesn't know exactly what's going on, but he tries very hard to make sure no one notices - until someone does. Soon Daniel is caught up in a friendship and then a mystery that will change his life.



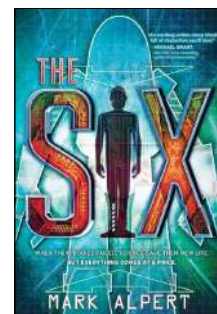
Outrun the Moon by Stacey Lee

In the early 1900s, 15-year-old Mercy Wong is determined to escape the poverty of Chinatown by getting an education. Mercy convinces admissions officers to allow her into St. Clare's School for Girls, and she stands strong until a historic earthquake hits San Francisco. Charged with a mission to help others, Mercy searches for a way to make an impact during a tragedy.



The Six by Mark Alpert

Virtual reality games are Adam's only escape. Muscular dystrophy has stolen his mobility and will soon take his life. When an Artificial Intelligence threatens the world, Adam and five other terminally ill teens are asked to abandon their bodies and have their minds uploaded into robots. Will the team be able to master their new forms and take down Sigma before he destroys humanity?



Lily and Dunkin by Donna Gephart

Lily and Dunkin tell the story of their on-again, off-again friendship in alternating chapters. Middle school is a difficult time for most kids, but Lily and Dunkin face extra challenges with friends and family. Lily, who was born Timothy, is transgender and negotiating a new relationship with her father, while dreading puberty and the unwanted changes it will bring. Dunkin is bipolar and trying to control his manic episodes while making friends in a new school. Their own issues help them to accept each other for who they really are.

