



**2020-2021**  
**Summer**  
**Reading**  
**Tic ~ Tac ~ Toe**

**Special  
Summer  
Reading  
For Power  
APAC**

**Become  
Mini  
Experts on  
important  
topics!**

**Keep this same game board for  
both 4th & 5th grade years!**

# Tic-Tac-Toe

Mythology

American  
Revolution

Epidemics

Survival

Native  
American

WELCOME TO  
MY WORLD

Emotions

Civil  
War

Outer  
Space

# APAC Reading Program

Welcome to the APAC Reading Program. We have an exciting new challenge for our scholars. This summer we are asking all of our students to become experts in areas of study that will be covered during the school year. Below you will find our expectations of the program, and what the requirements will be to earn a spot at our APAC Summer Reading Celebration.

1. Students will choose at least 2 areas of study from the tic-tac-toe board on the cover.
  - a. Some of the areas of study are grade specific.
2. Once you choose your topic, you will need to read a minimum of two books from the list provided. Reading these books should build your background information to make you an expert in this area of study.
3. In order for each book to count the students must:
  - a. Take and pass the AR test
  - b. Write a fully detailed summary, while including two of the “digging deeper” questions to guide your thoughts.

# Reward Levels & Incentives



- **Achiever:**
  - Two books in two areas of study will receive an invitation to the Back to School Bash.
  - Water fight Invitation
  - Ice cream at Lunch
  - Dress out Day
  - One free book from the bookfair
  - Ticket for Special Lunch Take Out



- **Master:**
  - Three books in three areas of study fully complete in a row will receive lunch out with a staff member of your choice.



- **Expert:**
  - Three books in six areas of study fully complete will receive a rockin' AR t-shirt and a \$20.00 gift card to Barnes & Nobles.



- **Sage:**
  - Three books in every area covered will receive a free tablet to keep.

# “Digging Deeper” Fiction Texts Questions

*Choose two of the following questions to include with your summary.*

1. Read your book and reread parts that you especially like or that seem most important.
2. Think about the book you have read. Use at least two of the questions below to write your summary or reflection.
  1. Identify the source of the conflict in the story, and how this conflict shapes the story through the character’s response to it. (Fictional text)
  2. How did the main character change over the course of the story and what causes the changes? (Fictional text)
  3. Identify key moments in the story and how they relate to the story’s theme, character development, and plot structure. (Fictional text)
  4. What connections can you make between the story and your own life, other readings, or the world at large? (Fictional text)



Please indicate the text type – Literature or Non-Fictional/ Informational and indicate questions you are responding to in your summary



# “Digging Deeper” Informational Texts Questions

*Choose two of the following questions to include with your summary.*

1. How is the text organized and how does the organization help the reader understand the topic of the book? (Informational text)
2. What strategies does the author use to achieve his or her purpose? (Informational text)
3. Does the author consider other perspectives, particularly those that challenge the author’s central idea? ? (Informational text)
4. What new questions or understandings does the text raise? Explain. (Informational text) What connections can you make between the story and your own life, other readings, or the world at large? (Fictional text)
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## Summer Reading Record Log – Power APAC Grades 4-5

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Log #: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Summary or Reflection: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions: \_\_\_\_\_

Fiction or Informational Text: \_\_\_\_\_

If you run out of space in one section, please continue on another reading log.

# Mythology

BOOKS THAT HAVE THEMES  
OF MYTHOLOGY.



# Aru Shah and the End of Time

*Aru Shah and the End of Time*

Chokshi, Roshani

AR Quiz No. 194232 EN Fiction

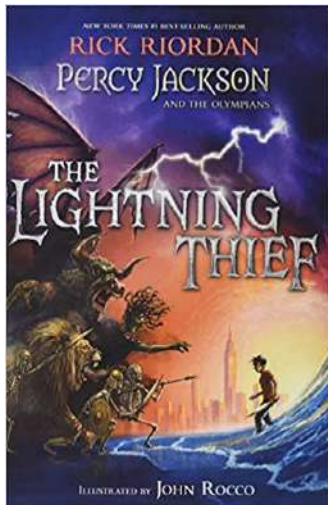
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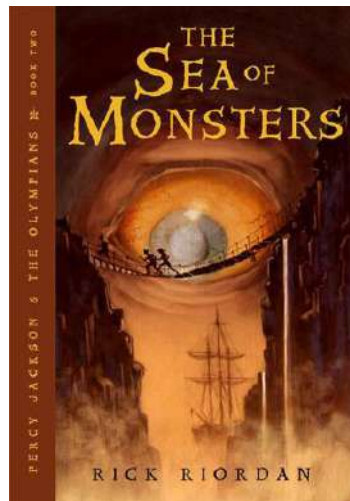
**Twelve-year-old Aru stretches the truth to fit in at her private school, but when she is dared to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she inadvertently frees an ancient demon. Book #1**

# PERCY JACKSON SERIES

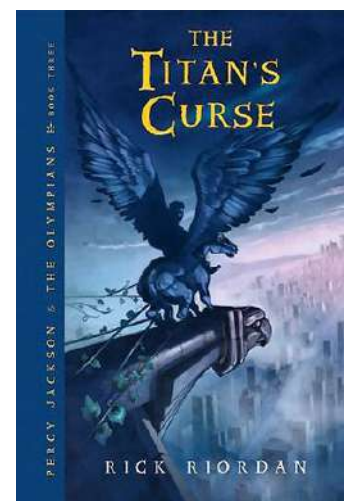
Sixth grader, Percy Jackson finds out he's actually the son of the Greek god Poseidon. A great introduction to Greek mythology!



AR Quiz No. 89885  
EN Fiction  
BL: 4.7  
AR Pts: 13.0



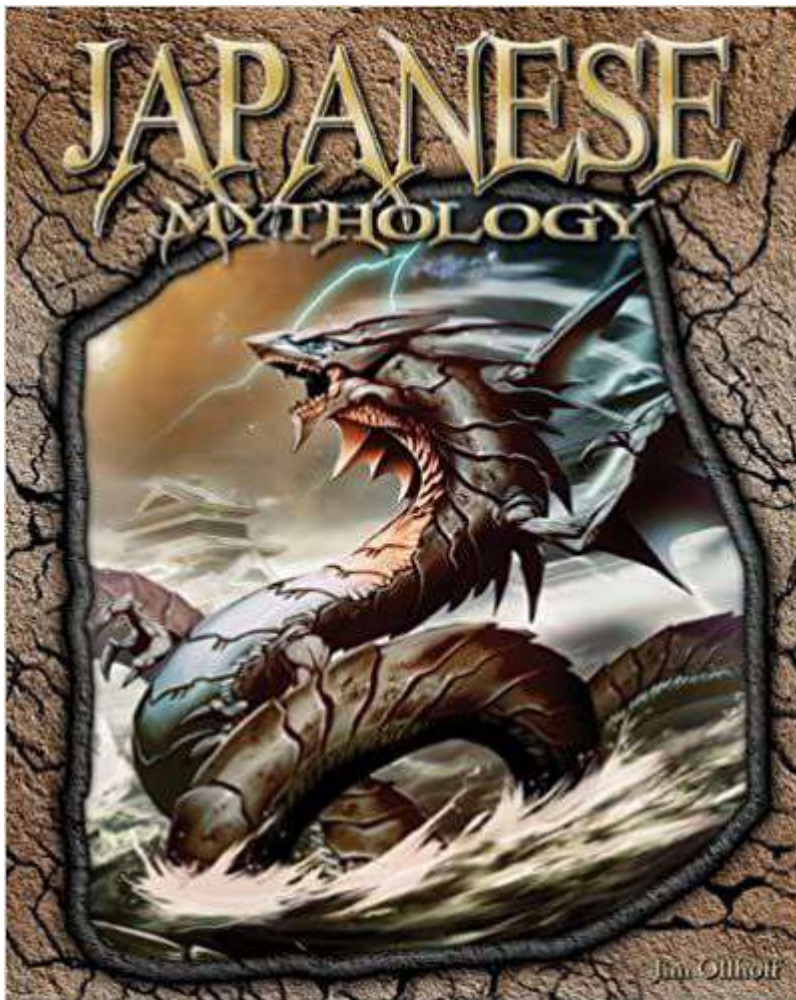
AR Quiz No. 105933  
EN Fiction  
BL: 4.6 -  
AR Pts: 9.0



AR Quiz No. 114711  
EN Fiction  
BL: 4.2  
AR Pts: 10.0

# JAPANESE MYTHOLOGY

Who is Hachiman? What is the Seven Gods of Fortune? Why are myths so important in our lives? Myths are a rich source of history. People use them to make sense of our world. Even before myths were written down, people told and retold the stories of the gods and goddesses of their homeland. Readers of Japanese Mythology will learn the history of myths, as well as their deeper meaning. From the ruler of the heavens Amaterasu to Ryujin, the dragon-king of the sea, this book helps kids understand the myths that shape and direct people's lives.



[Japanese Mythology](#)

Ollhoff, Jim

AR Quiz No. 147155

EN Nonfiction

BL: **5.5** - AR Pts: **0.5**

# EVERYTHING MYTHOLOGY

*National Geographic Everything Mythology* is jam packed with fascinating facts and awe-inspiring imagery that brings your favorite fierce mythological heroes to life, introducing kids to gods of ancient worlds, including Greek, Norse, Chinese, American Indian, African cultures, and more. Packed with facts, colorful illustrations, and infused with humor, this fun journey through ancient lore will keep kids fascinated with every turn of the page.

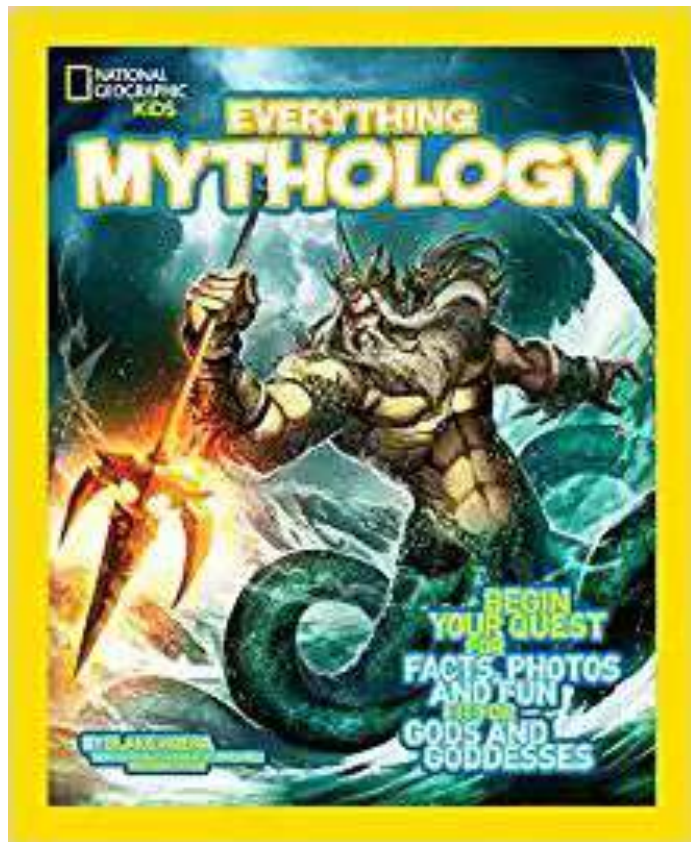
## [Everything Mythology](#)

Hoena, Blake

AR Quiz No. 167502 EN

☐ Nonfiction

BL: **6.6** - AR Pts: **1.0**





# AMERICAN Revolution





# Moon of Two Dark Horses

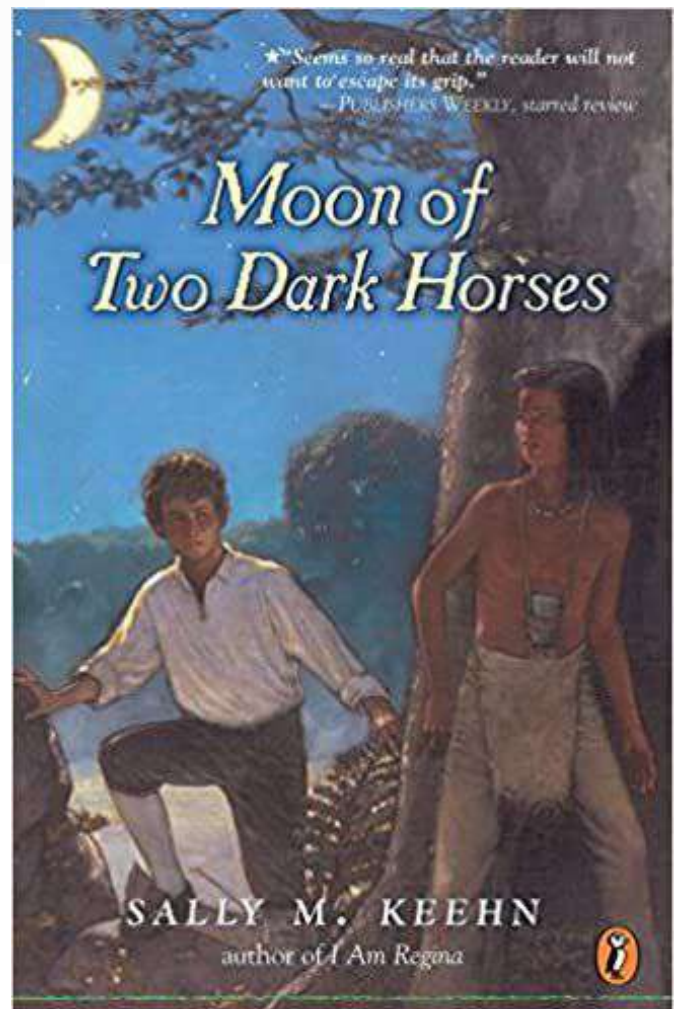
## Moon of Two Dark Horses

Keehn, Sally M.

AR Quiz No. 36556 EN Fiction

IL: **MG** - BL: **4.4** - AR Pts: **7.0**

Coshmoo and Daniel have been best friends as long as the Delaware Indians and white settlers have lived peacefully along the Susquehanna River. But now the river is red with blood as people from both sides are killed in the Revolutionary War. The British king wants Coshmoo's people to fight on his side, and holds out the promise that their land, which has been taken by the settlers, will be returned to them. As the tension grows, Coshmoo and Daniel vow-as they have so many times-to remain loyal friends, no matter what happens. Then, one day, their friendship comes up against the ultimate test.



# If You Were a Kid During the American Revolution

When British soldiers accuse Samuel Richardson's father and uncle of being rebellious Patriots, Samuel must work together with his cousin Molly to help the family make an escape. Readers (Ages 7-9) will follow along on the cousins' adventure as they witness the early days of the American Revolution and come up with a daring plan to save their fathers.

[If You Were a Kid](#)  
[During the Civil](#)  
[War](#)

Mara, Wil

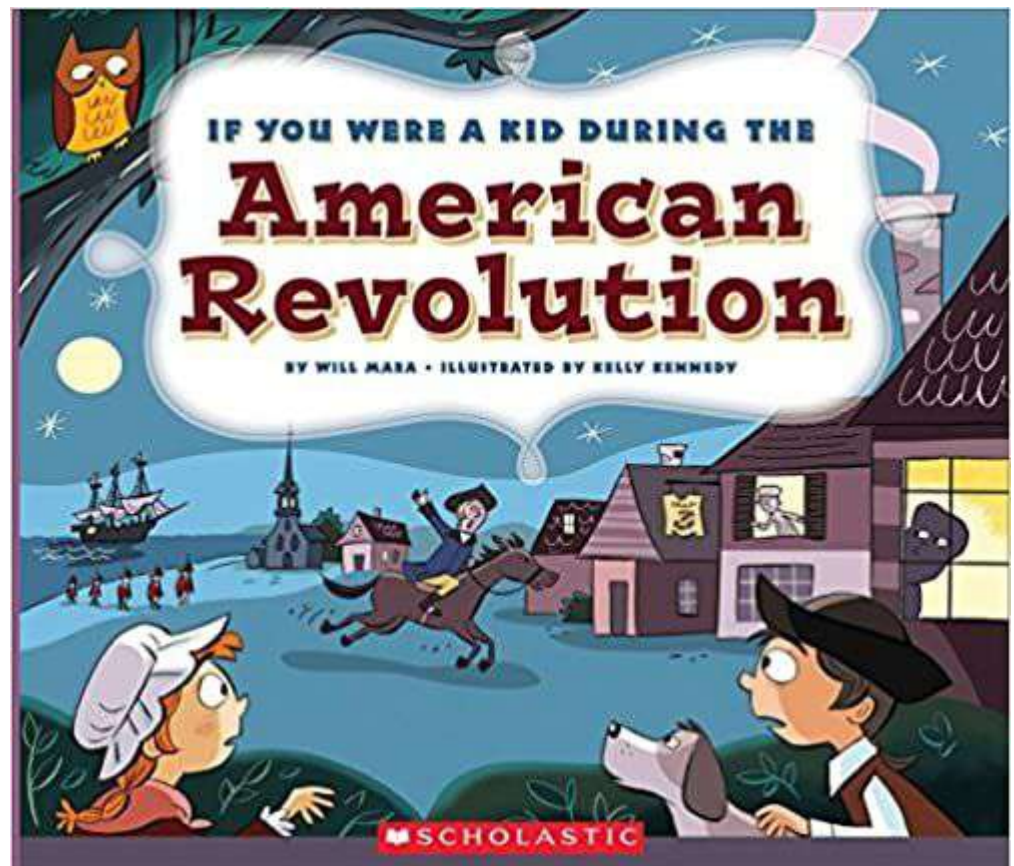
AR Quiz No.

185354 EN

Nonfiction

BL: 4.2

AR Pts: 0.5



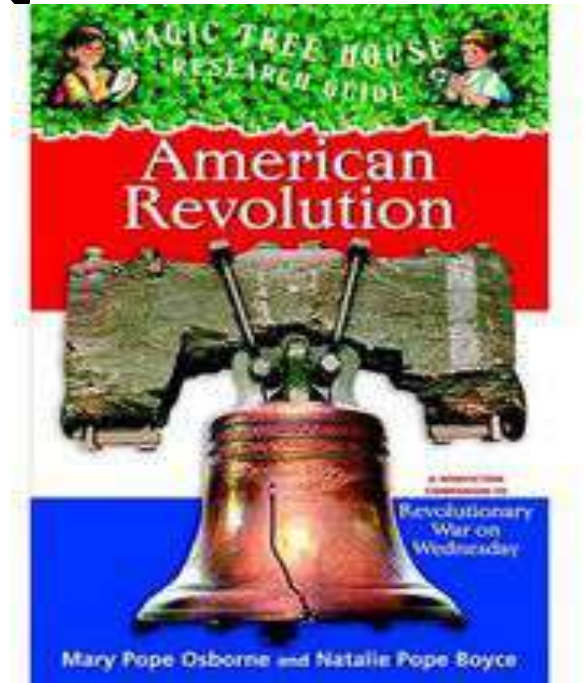
# Magic Tree House: American Revolution

[American Revolution: A Nonfiction  
Companion to Revolutionary War on  
Wednesday](#)

Osborne, Mary Pope

AR Quiz No. 84758 EN Nonfiction

IL: **LG** - BL: **4.5** - AR Pts: **1.0**

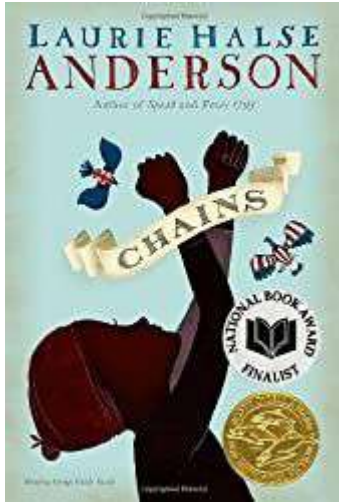


When Jack and Annie got back from their adventure in Magic Tree House #22: Revolutionary War on Wednesday, they had lots of questions. What was it like to live in colonial times? Why did the stamp Act make the colonists so angry? Who were the Minutemen? What happened at the Boston Tea Party? Find out the answers to these questions and more as Jack and Annie track the facts.

Filled with up-to-date information, photos, illustrations, and fun tidbits from Jack and Annie, the Magic Tree House Fact Trackers are the perfect way for kids to find out more about the topics they discovered in their favorite Magic Tree House adventures. And teachers can use Fact Trackers alongside their Magic Tree House fiction companions to meet common core text pairing needs.



# Seeds of America Series



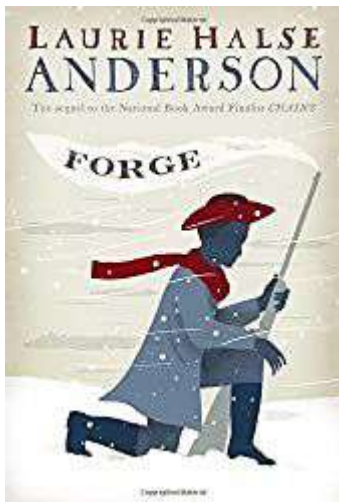
## Chains Book 1

Anderson, Laurie Halse

AR Quiz No. 125530 EN Fiction

IL: **MG** - BL: **5.2** - AR Pts: **11.0**

As the Revolutionary War begins, thirteen-year-old Isabel wages her own fight...for freedom. Promised freedom upon the death of their owner, she and her sister, Ruth, in a cruel twist of fate become the property of a malicious New York City couple, the Locktons, who have no sympathy for the American Revolution and even less for Ruth and Isabel. When Isabel meets Curzon, a slave with ties to the Patriots, he encourages her to spy on her owners, who know details of British plans for invasion. She is reluctant at first, but when the unthinkable happens to Ruth, Isabel realizes her loyalty is available to the bidder who can provide her with freedom.



## Forge Book 2

Anderson, Laurie Halse

AR Quiz No. 140499 EN Fiction

IL: **MG** - BL: **5.4** - AR Pts: **10.0**

Blistering winds. Bitter cold. And the hope of a new future. In this compelling sequel to *Chains*, a National Book Award Finalist and winner of the Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction, acclaimed author Laurie Halse Anderson shifts perspective from Isabel to Curzon and brings to the page the tale of what it takes for runaway slaves to forge their own paths in a world of obstacles—and in the midst of the American Revolution.

The Patriot Army was shaped and strengthened by the desperate circumstances of the Valley Forge winter. This is where Curzon the boy becomes Curzon the young man. In addition to the hardships of soldiering, he lives with the fear of discovery, for he is an escaped slave passing for free. And then there is Isabel, who is also at Valley Forge—against her will. She and Curzon have to sort out the tangled threads of their friendship while figuring out what stands between the two of them and true freedom.

# Sybil Ludington: Revolutionary War Rider

What would you do if your country was counting on you? If you had a message that only you could deliver? That's the story of sixteen-year-old Sybil Ludington's famous midnight ride.

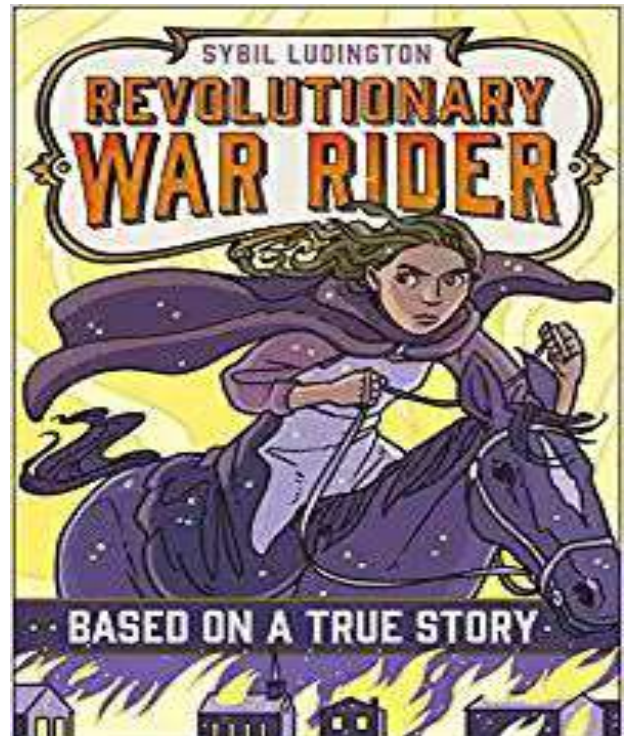
In 1777, living in what is now New York, Sybil, her colonel father, and her family are Patriots, fighting against the British in the Revolutionary War. The British, however, are not the only enemy the Ludingtons' every acquaintance, every neighbor, has the potential to be loyal to the British crown. When British troops raid Danbury, Connecticut, it is up to Sybil to get the word to her father's men. Only two years after Paul Revere's fateful ride, Sybil leaps atop her horse and rides the whole night through, avoiding near brushes with danger and successfully warning the Regiment.

[Sybil Ludington: Revolutionary War Rider](#)

Abbott, E.F.

AR Quiz No. 185777 EN Fiction

IL: **MG** - BL: **5.3** - AR Pts: **4.0**





# Sophia's War

Sophia's War: A Tale of the Revolution

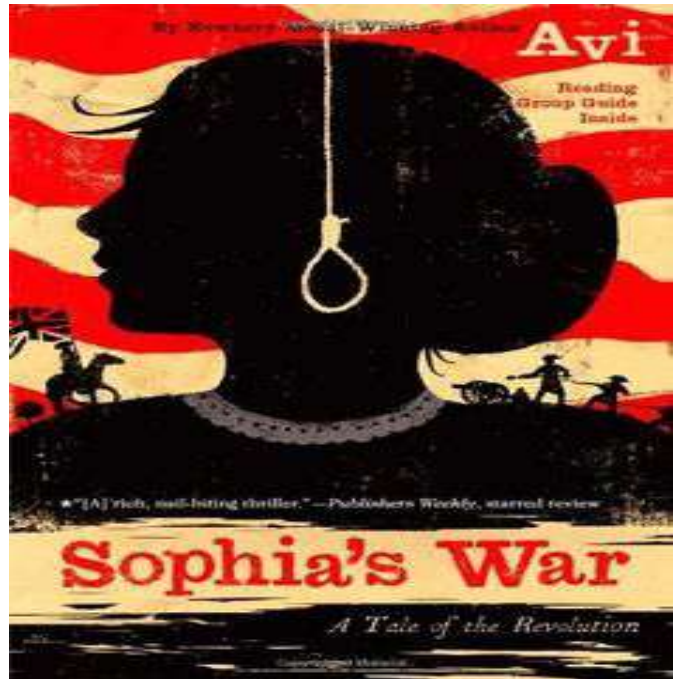
Avi

AR Quiz No. 153635 EN

Fiction

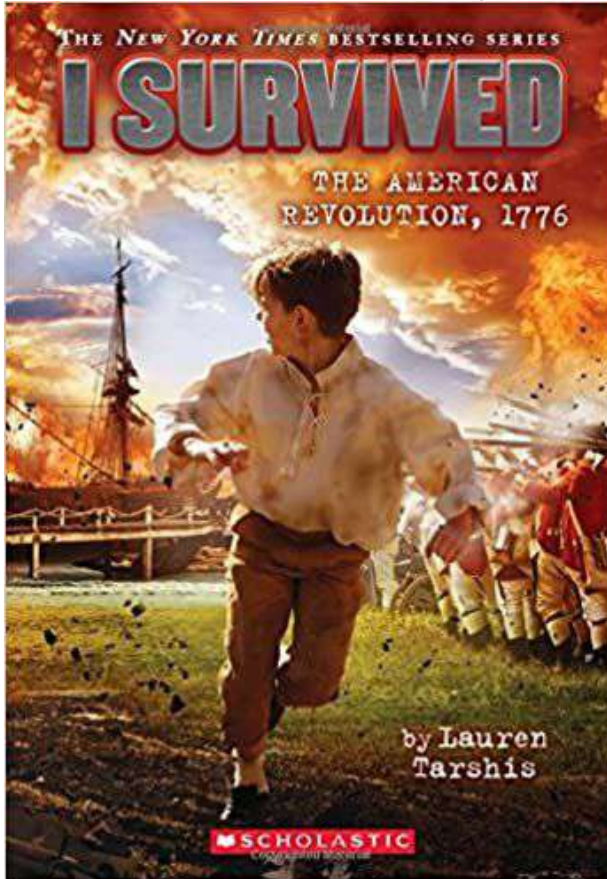
BL: 5.1

AR Pts: 9.0



Acclaimed children's author Avi's many accolades include a Newbery Medal and Boston Globe-Horn Book Award. Inspired by true stories from the American Revolution, *Sophia's War* begins in 1776, when British troops arrive on the doorstep of 12-year-old Sophia Calderwood's home in New York. After the disappearance and possible capture of her brother - and the execution of Nathan Hale - Sophia has vowed to do all she can to help the cause for independence. But the war will test her in ways she never imagined.

# I SURVIVED: The American Revolution, 1776



## Accelerated Reading Info

AR Quiz No. 190981 EN Fiction

Accelerated Reader Quiz Information

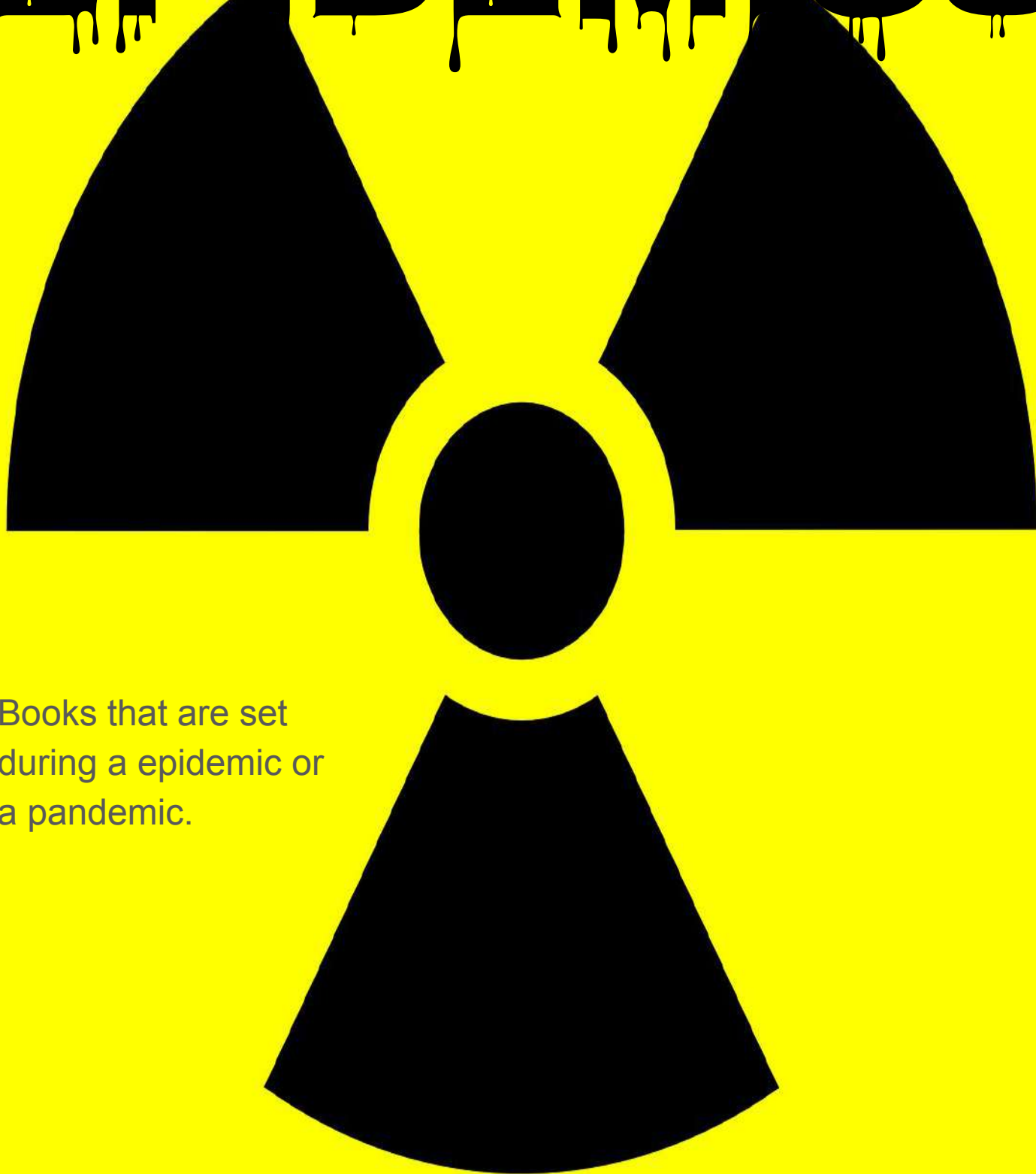
IL: MG - BL: 4.6 - AR Pts: 2.0

British soldiers were everywhere. There was no escape.

Nathaniel Fox never imagined he'd find himself in the middle of a blood-soaked battlefield, fighting for his life. He was only eleven years old! He'd barely paid attention to the troubles between America and England. How could he, while being worked to the bone by his cruel uncle, Uriah Storch?

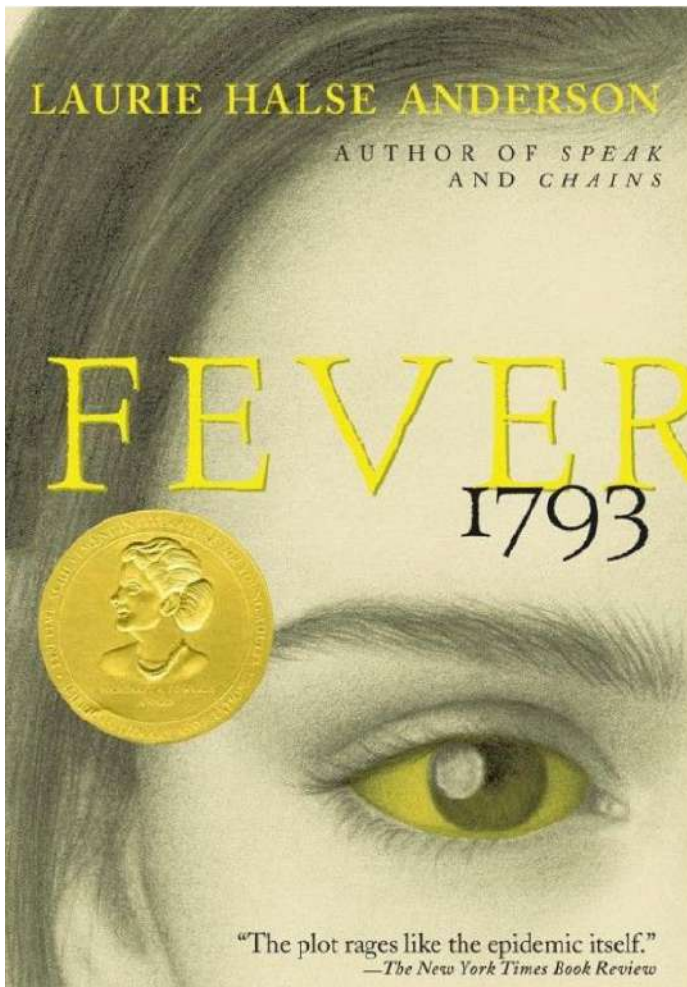
But when his uncle's rage forces him to flee the only home he knows, Nate is suddenly propelled toward a thrilling and dangerous journey into the heart of the Revolutionary War. He finds himself in New York City on the brink of what will be the biggest battle yet.

# EPIDEMICS



Books that are set  
during a epidemic or  
a pandemic.

# FEVER 1793

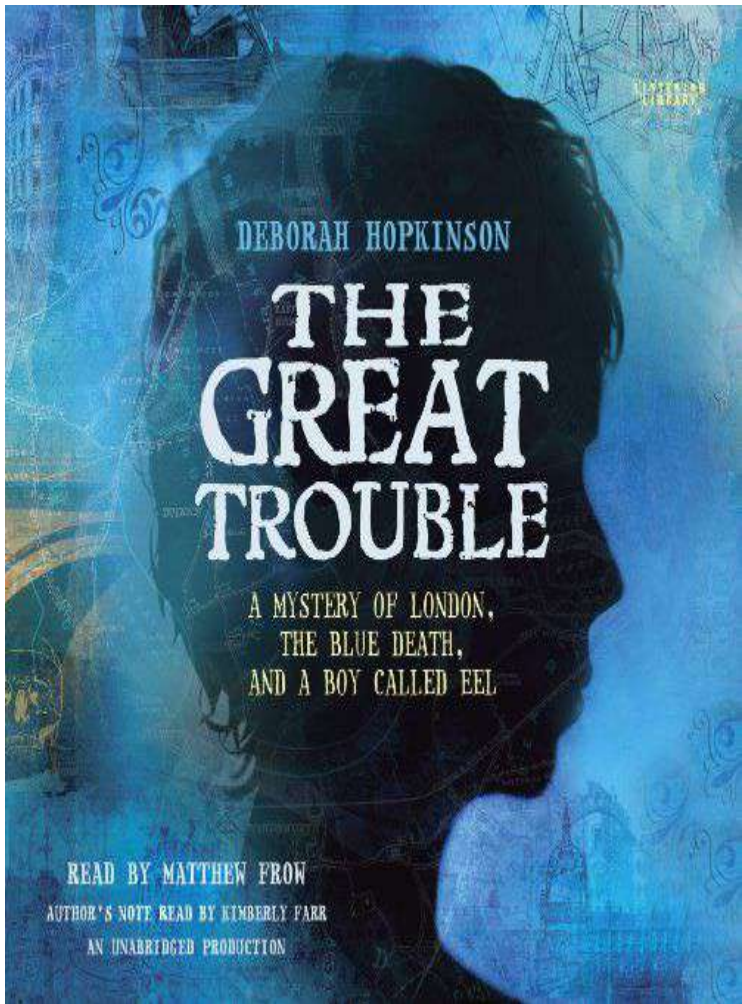


It's late summer 1793, and the streets of Philadelphia are abuzz with mosquitoes and rumors of fever. Down near the docks, many have taken ill, and the fatalities are mounting. Now they include Polly, the serving girl at the Cook Coffeehouse. But fourteen-year-old Mattie Cook doesn't get a moment to mourn the passing of her childhood playmate. New customers have overrun her family's coffee shop, located far from the mosquito-infested river, and Mattie's concerns of fever are all but overshadowed by dreams of growing her family's small business into a thriving enterprise. But when the fever begins to strike closer to home, Mattie's struggle to build a new life must give way to a new fight—the fight to stay alive.



AR Information  
Test # 161212  
4.6 Level  
7.0 Points

# THE GREAT TROUBLE



Eel has troubles of his own: As an orphan and a "mudlark", he spends his days in the filthy River Thames, searching for bits of things to sell. He's being hunted by Fisheye Bill Tyler, and a nastier man never walked the streets of London. And he's got a secret that costs him four precious shillings a week to keep safe.

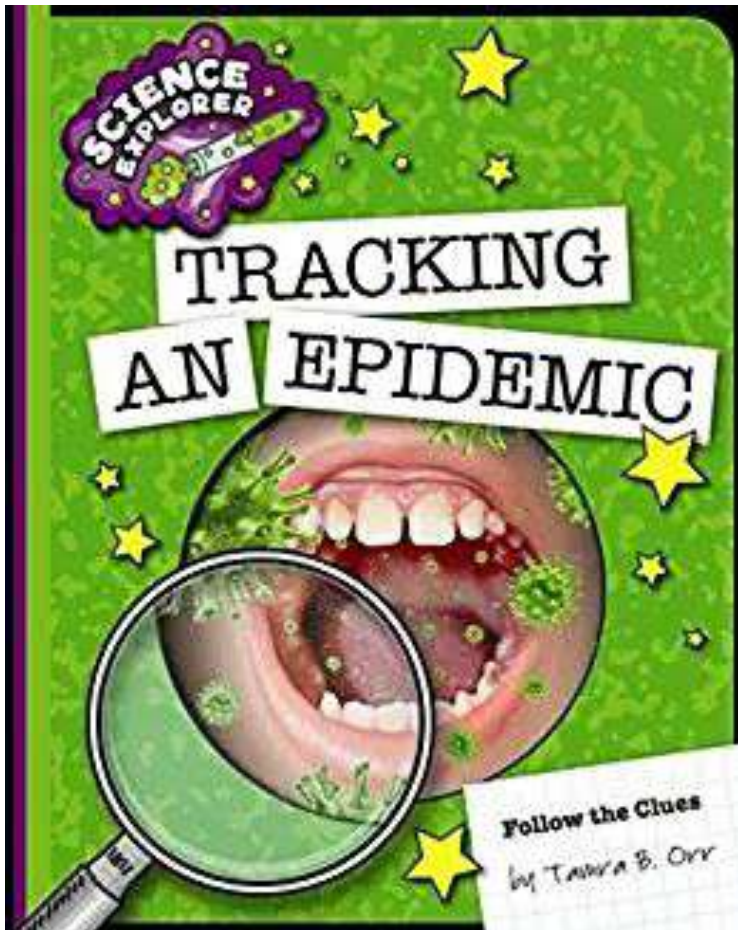
But even for Eel, things aren't so bad until that fateful August day in 1854 - the day the Great Trouble begins. Mr. Griggs, the tailor, is the first to get sick, and soon it's clear that the deadly cholera - the "blue death" - has come to Broad Street.

Everyone believes that cholera is spread through poisonous air. But one man, Dr. John Snow, has a different theory. As the epidemic surges, it's up to Eel and his best friend, Florrie, to gather evidence to prove Snow's theory before the entire neighborhood is wiped out.

Part medical mystery, part survival story, and part Dickensian adventure, Deborah Hopkinson's *The Great Trouble* is a celebration of a fascinating pioneer in public health and a gripping novel about the 1854 London cholera epidemic.

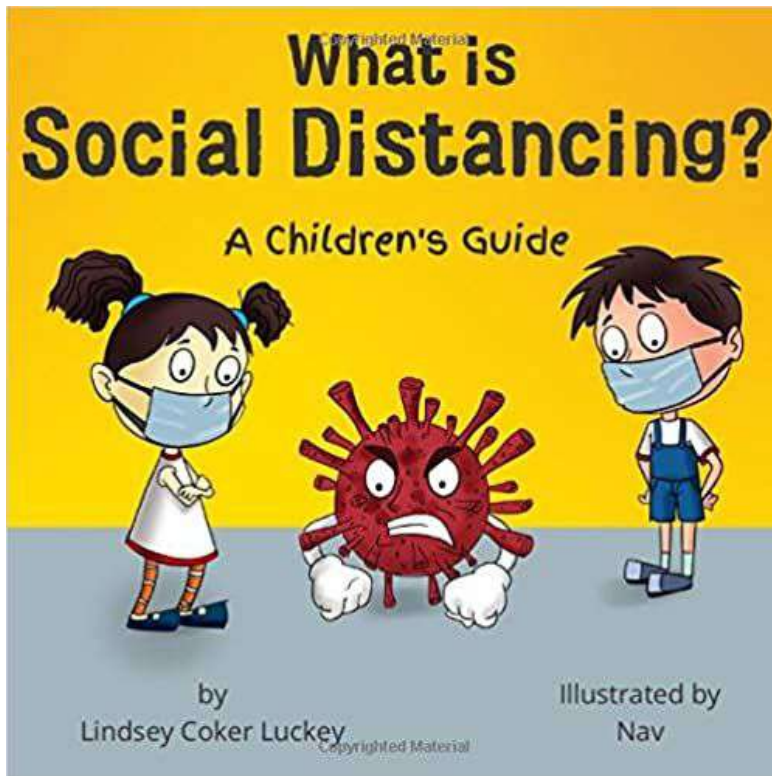


# TRACKING AN EPIDEMIC



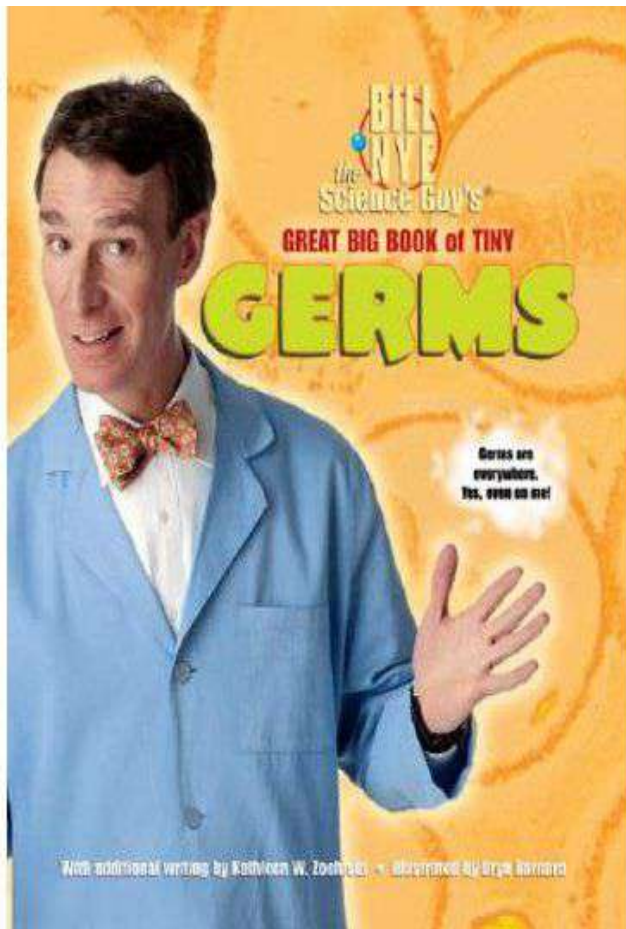
The ability to use the scientific method is key to carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks. In this book, readers in real-world situations are tasked with following clues and using the scientific method to find out what happens during the spread of an epidemic. Informational text presents evidence and facts in the form of clues and side-bar details to help children develop critical thinking skills. A summary of the situation is included to show how each chapter contributes to the whole and for a solid understanding of the topic.

# WHAT IS SOCIAL DISTANCING



The ability to use the scientific method is key to carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks. In this book, readers in real-world situations are tasked with following clues and using the scientific method to find out what happens during the spread of an epidemic. Informational text presents evidence and facts in the form of clues and side-bar details to help children develop critical thinking skills. A summary of the situation is included to show how each chapter contributes to the whole and for a solid understanding of the topic.

# GREAT BIG BOOK OF GERMS



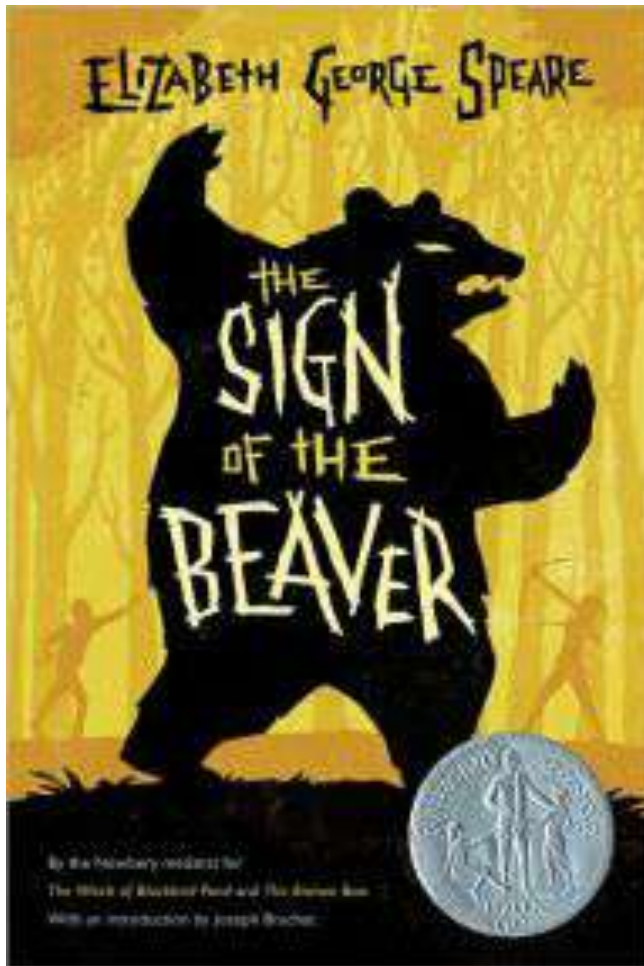
This book combines facts and humor in a look at germs, reviewing the history of diseases, explaining how the body fights germs, and introducing scientists who have made important discoveries about germs. The co-author is Kathleen W. Zoefeld.

# ***Survival***





# ***The Sign of the Beaver***



## **Accelerated Reading**

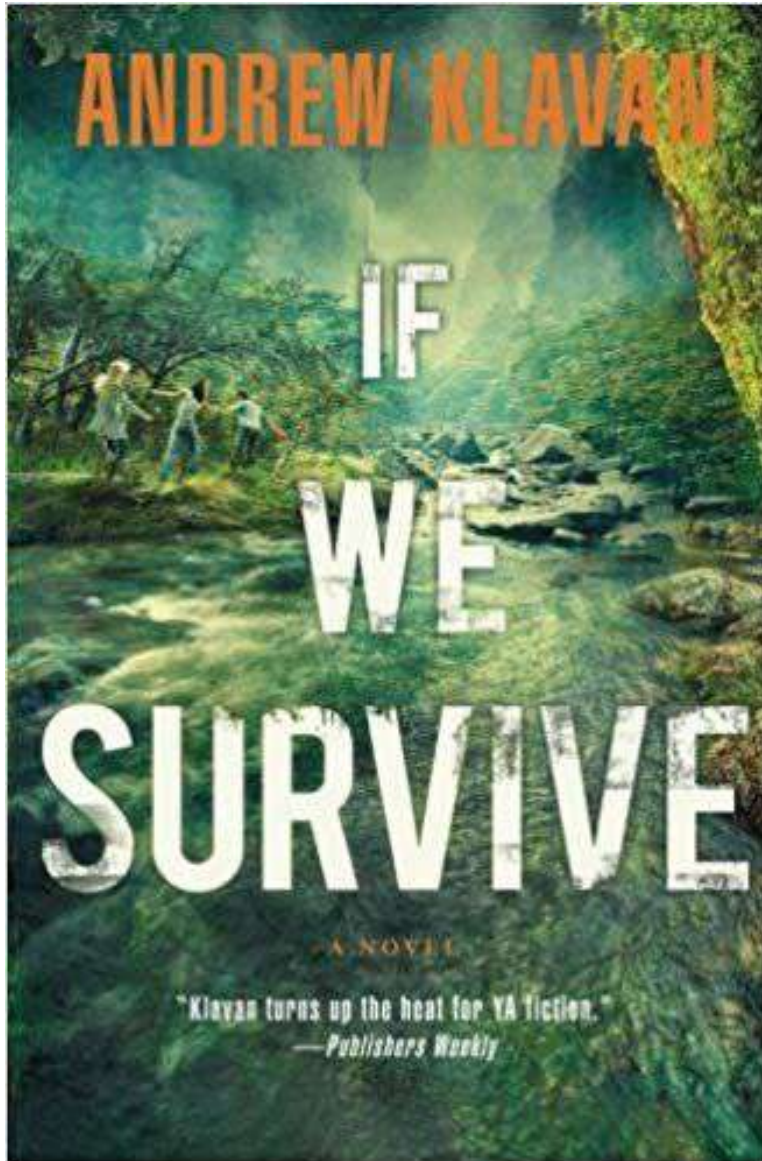
AR Quiz No. 138 Fiction

MG - BL: 4.9 - AR Pts: 5.0

When thirteen-year-old Matt is left alone to guard his family homestead in Maine, he barely survives a terrifying bee attack and has his only gun stolen, leaving him not only defenseless but unable to hunt for food. Taken on and doctored by a Native American Penobscot and his grandson, Matt repays his new friends by teaching the grandson to read. An important book about friendship, cultural differences, and overcoming prejudice, this historical novel stands the test of time.



# *If We Survive*



## **Accelerated Reading Info**

AR Quiz No. 155226 Fiction

BL: 5.0 - AR Pts: 12.0

High schooler Will Peterson and three friends journeyed to Central America to help rebuild a school. In a poor, secluded mountain village, they won the hearts of the local people with their energy and kindness. But in one sudden moment, everything went horribly wrong. A revolution swept the country. Now, guns and terror are everywhere—and Americans are being targeted as the first to die.

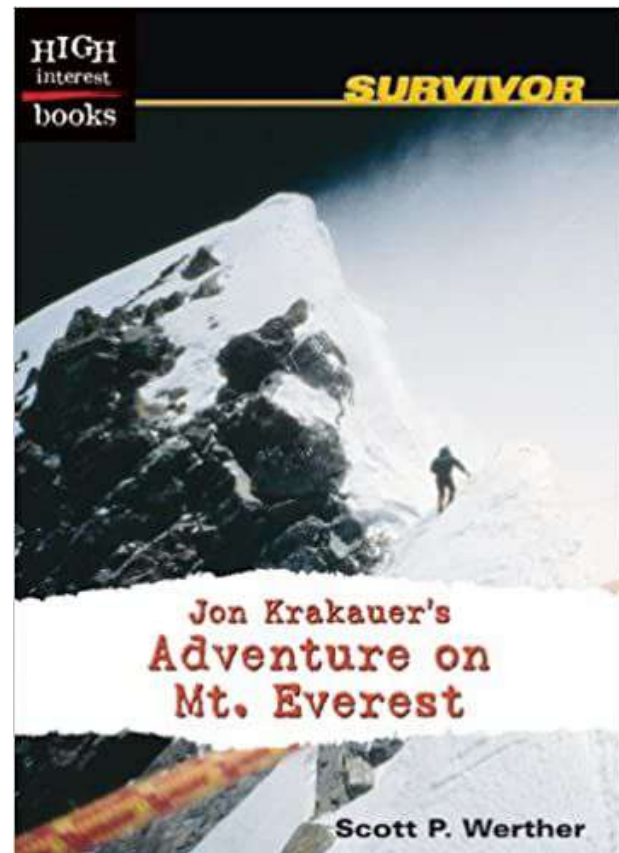
# *Jon Krakauer's Adventures on Mt. Everest*

## **Accelerated Reading**

AR Quiz No. 66661

EN Nonfiction

BL: 5.4 - AR Pts: 0.5



This book relates the 1996 experiences of Jon Krakauer, a writer for Outside magazine, as he joined a group attempting to climb to the highest point on Earth, the summit of Mt. Everest.

# Survival



## **Accelerated Reading Info**

AR Quiz No. 143177 EN Fiction

Accelerated Reader Quiz Information

IL: MG - BL: 4.0 - AR Pts: 2.0

History's most exciting and terrifying events come to life in these ten books in the New York Times bestselling I Survived series.

When disaster strikes, heroes are made.

A collectible box set of ten books in the bestselling I Survived series from author Lauren Tarshis! This set includes paperback editions of these books:



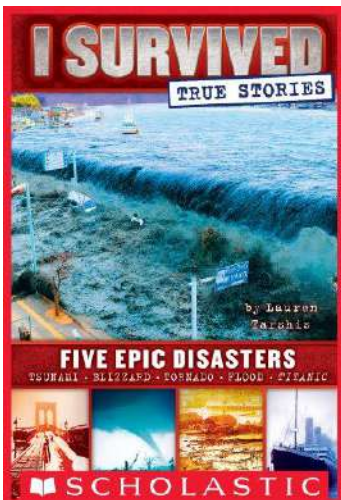
## **Accelerated Reading Info**

AR Quiz No. 153213 EN

Fiction

BL: 4.5 - AR Pts: 1.0

The three featured books are on level books from the series.



## **Accelerated Reading Info**

AR Quiz No. 169884

EN Nonfiction

BL: 6.3 - AR Pts: 2.0



# *Native Americans*

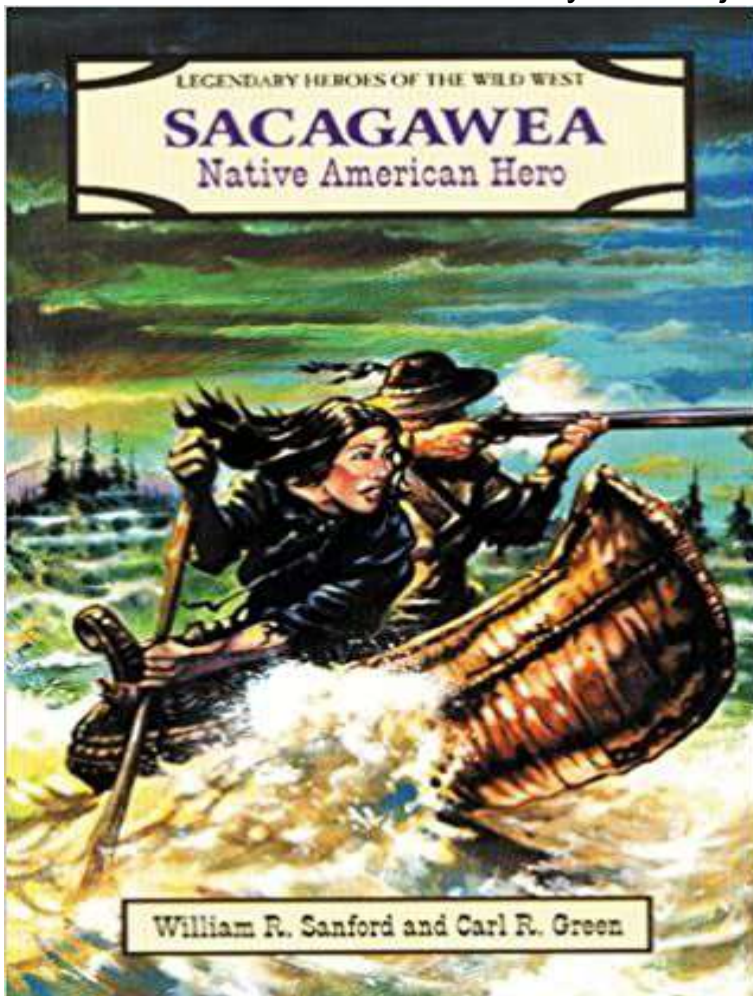
A sepia-toned portrait of a Native American man, likely from the Plains region. He has dark, wavy hair and is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. He is wearing a large, light-colored hoop earring in his left ear. His clothing consists of a dark, textured garment, possibly a robe or tunic, with a light-colored, patterned scarf or bandana tied around his neck. The background is a mottled, earthy brown.

**Fifth  
Graders  
Only**



# Sacagawea: Native American Hero

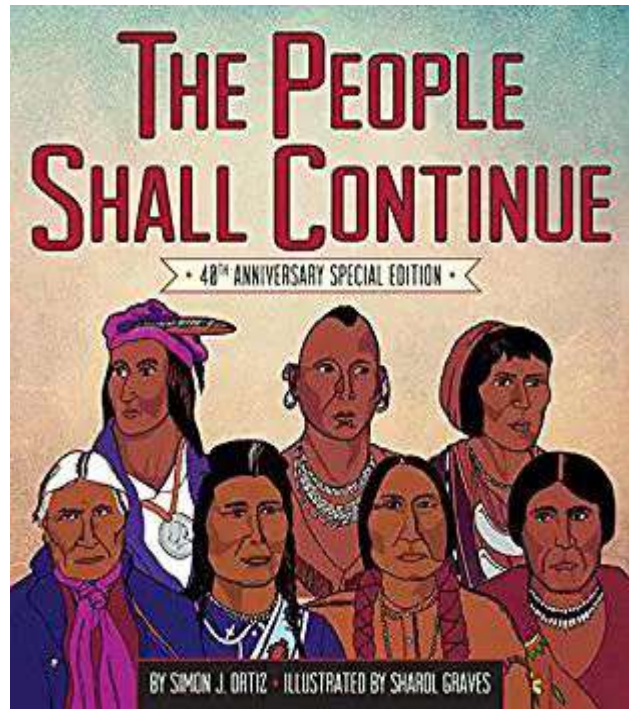
Sacagawea shines as a simply written, well-documented introduction to the Shoshone woman who acted as a guide for Lewis and Clark. The authors used expedition journals, oral histories of American Indians, and scholarly biographies as their source materials producing an understated text that is devoid of fictionalizing and speculation. Most of the book takes readers on the journey westward; the final, brief chapter follows what scanty evidence exists about Sacagawea's life after 1806. Sanford and Green document her death in 1884, rather than an earlier assumption that she died in 1812, as is cited in Della Rowland's *The Story of Sacajawea* (Dell, 1989).



Sacagawea: Native  
American Hero  
Sanford, William R.  
AR Quiz No. 14586  
EN Nonfiction  
BL: 4.9 - AR Pts: 1.0

# The People Will Continue

The People Shall Continue  
Ortiz, Simon  
AR Quiz No. 29776 EN Nonfiction  
BL: 4.2 - AR Pts: 0.5



Told in the rhythms of traditional oral narrative, this powerful telling of the history of the Native/Indigenous peoples of North America recounts their story from Creation to the invasion and usurpation of Native lands. As more and more people arrived, The People saw that the new men did not respect the land. The People witnessed the destruction of their Nations and the enslavement of their people. The People fought hard, but eventually agreed to stop fighting and signed treaties.

# How I Became a Ghost

*How I Became a Ghost*

How I Became a Ghost: A  
Choctaw Trail of Tears Story

Tingle, Tim

AR Quiz No. 165811 EN

Fiction

BL: **3.6** - AR Pts: **4.0**

by Tim Tingle

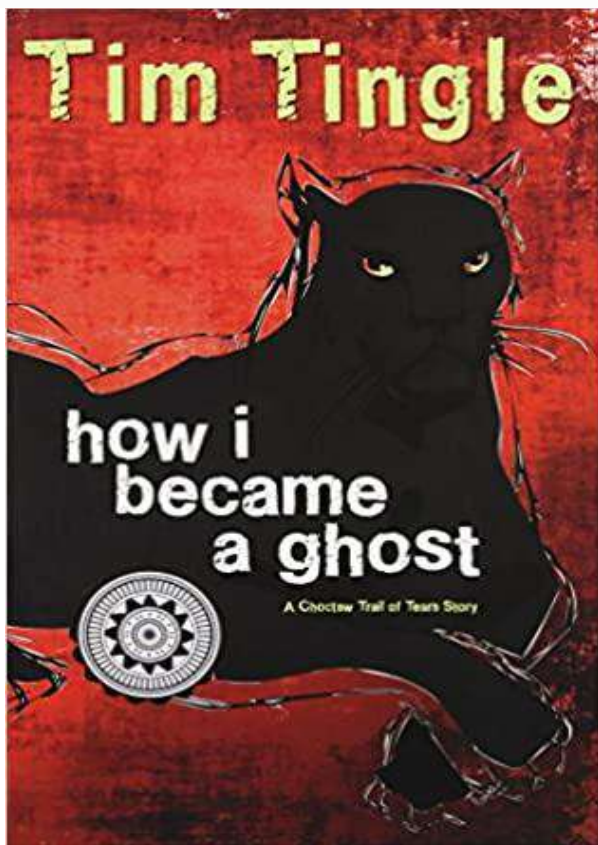
In this award-winning book, a Choctaw family makes a harrowing journey on the Trail of Tears.

Readers learn right from the start that Isaac, the 10 year old narrator, does not survive these travels.

Isaac warns people who wish they could see things before they happen that this is not as good as it sounds.

When Isaac begins to see ghosts, he realizes that he and others from his community will die. But Isaac doesn't let this stop him from doing what he can for his family and others. Other ghosts help him see what how he can help his people resist, both before Isaac dies and after.

(#ownvoices, recommended for ages 10 – 14)

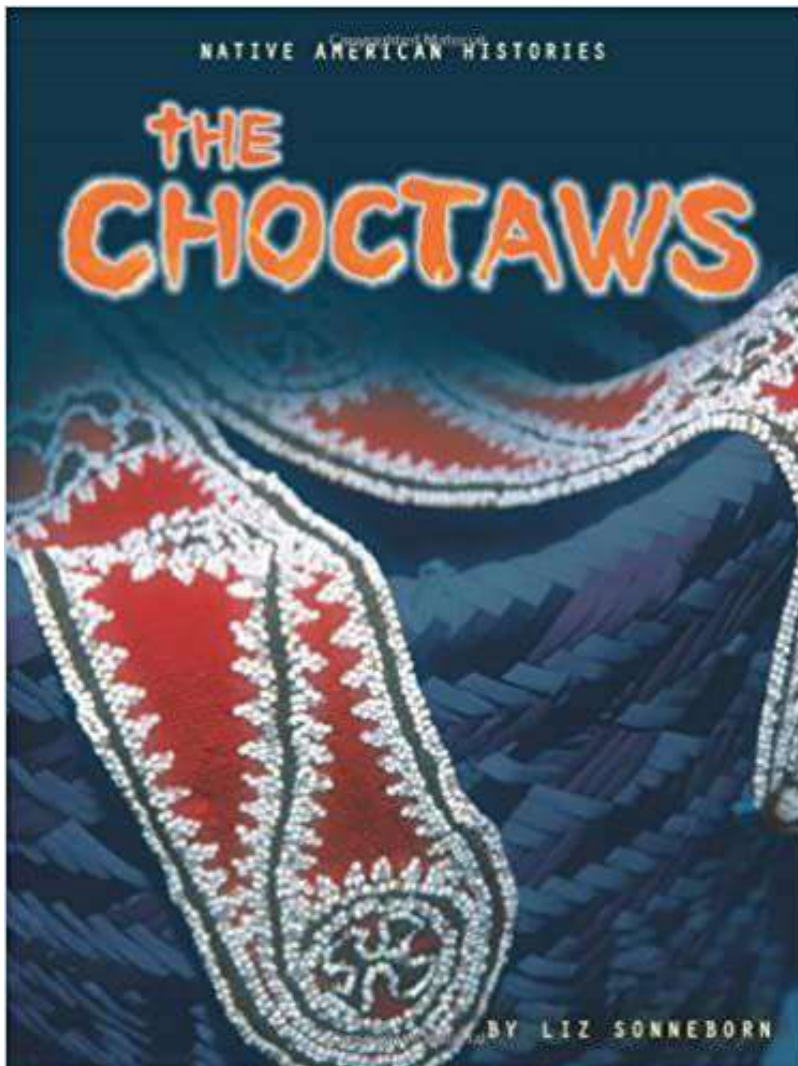




# The Choctaws

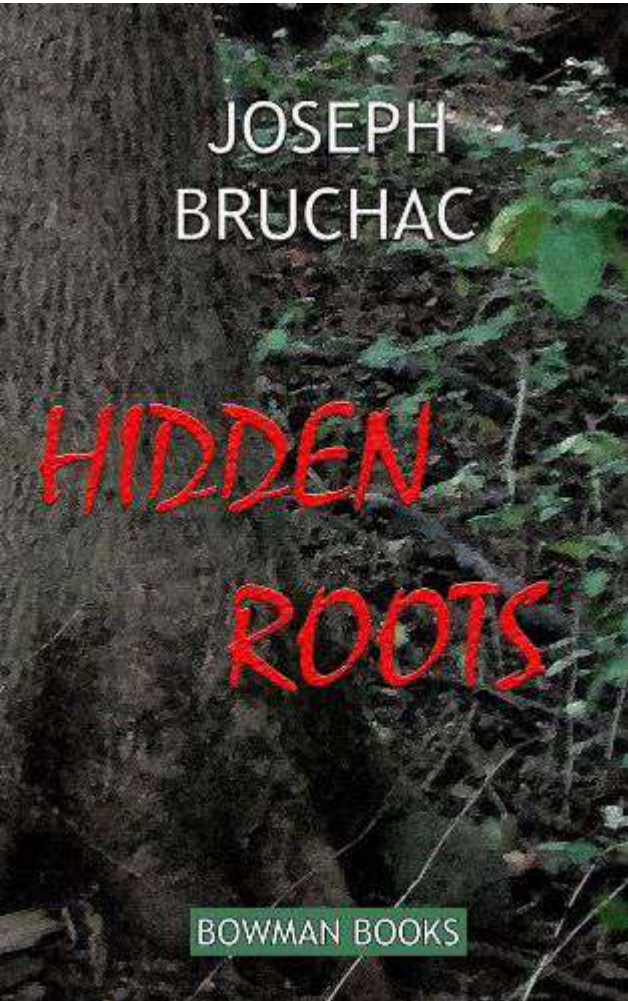
The Choctaws  
Sonneborn, Liz  
AR Quiz No. 107747 EN Nonfiction  
BL: 4.9 - AR Pts: 1.0

Discusses the history, culture, and contemporary life of the Choctaw people.





# Hidden Roots



Hidden Roots  
Bruchac, Joseph  
AR Quiz No. 77125 EN Fiction  
BL: 4.8 - AR Pts: 3.0

"Hidden Roots" focuses on the greater impact that the generations of Abenaki that followed had to deal with. Readers will learn about the loss of identity, history and culture; lack of self worth and fear that Abenaki people were feeling, and still feel today. Middle grade readers love to see life as "being fair", and will totally understand that life is not fair in this story. This is a book that should be read in every middle school class, so that this history will not be forgotten, and never be repeated.

# *In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse*

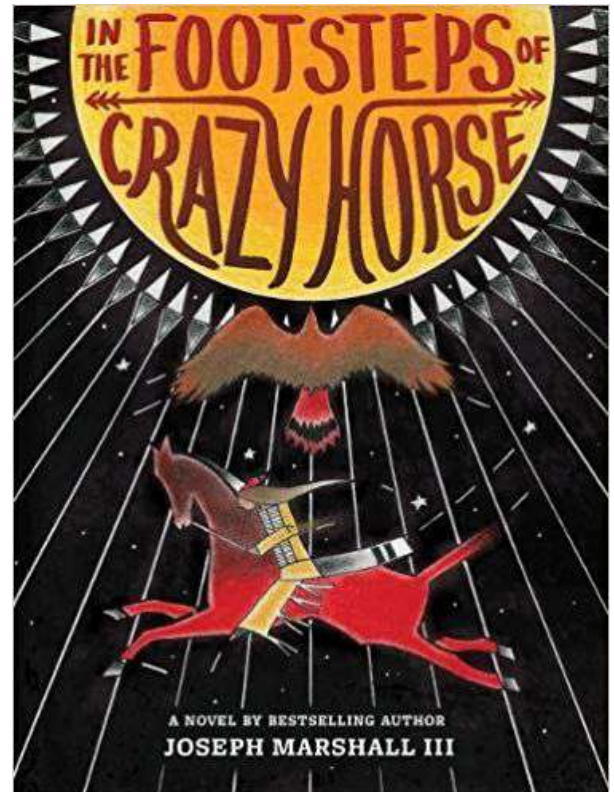
Jimmy McClean is a Lakota boy—though you wouldn't guess it by his name: his father is part white and part Lakota, and his mother is Lakota. When he embarks on a journey with his grandfather, Nyles High Eagle, he learns more and more about his Lakota heritage—in particular, the story of Crazy Horse, one of the most important figures in Lakota and American history. The book follows the heroic deeds of the Lakota leader who took up arms against the US federal government to fight against encroachments on the territories and way of life of the Lakota people, including leading a war party to victory at the Battle of the Little Bighorn. Along with Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse was the last of the Lakota to surrender his people to the US army. Through his grandfather's tales about the famous warrior, Jimmy learns more about his Lakota heritage and, ultimately, him

## [In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse](#)

Marshall III, Joseph

AR Quiz No. 180018 EN Fiction

 BL: 4.7 - AR Pts: 4.0



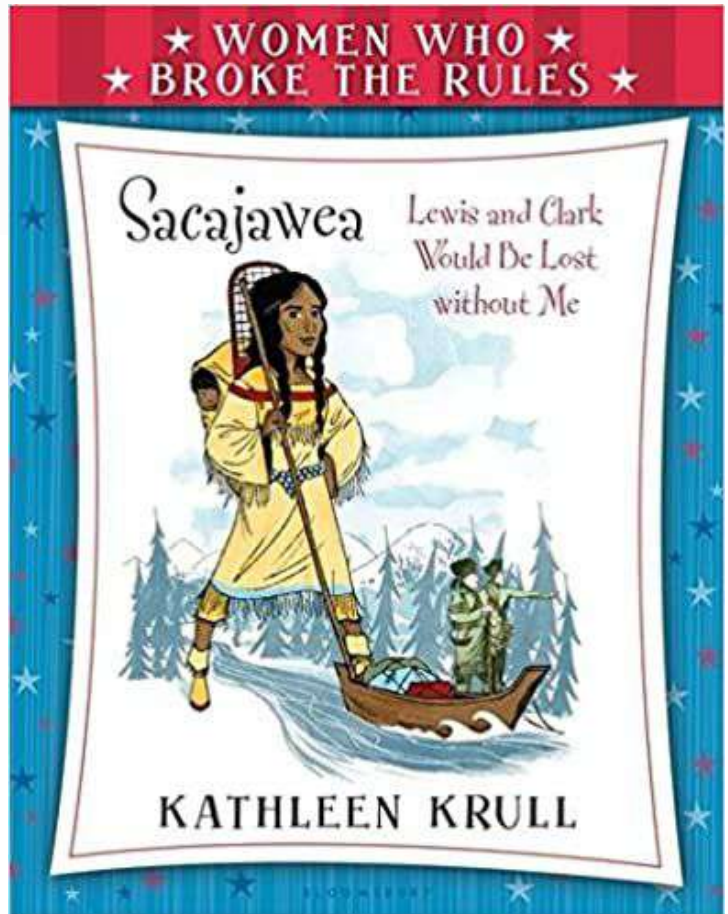
# Sacajawea

Sacajawea: Lewis and Clark Would Be Lost Without Me

Krull, Kathleen

AR Quiz No. 174780 EN Nonfiction

IL: LG - BL: 5.4 - AR Pts: 1.0



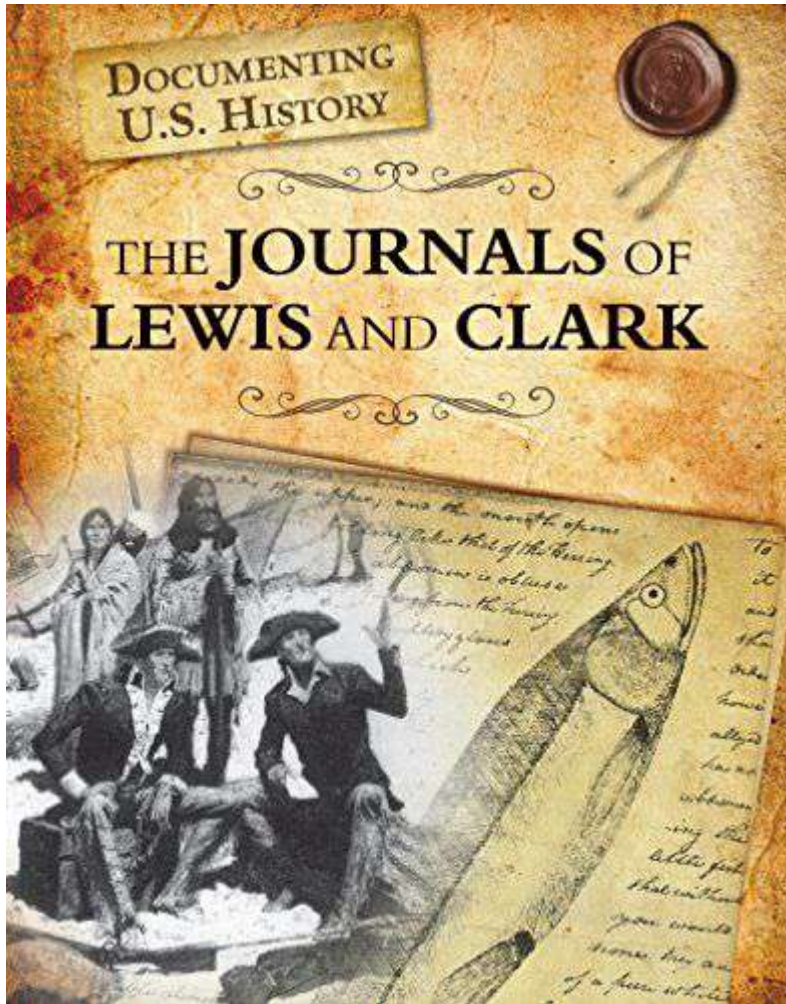
"Well-behaved women seldom make history." -Laurel Thatcher Ulrich

Many awe-inspiring women have changed the course of history. From fighting for social justice and women's rights to discovering and shaping our amazing country, women have left an indelible mark on our past, present, and future. But it's not easy to affect change, and these women didn't always play by the rules to make a difference! Kathleen Krull blends history and humor in this accessible young biography series.

Sacajawea was only sixteen when she made one of the most remarkable journeys in American history. She traveled over four thousand miles by foot, canoe, and horse—all while carrying a baby on her back! Without her, the Lewis and Clark expedition might have failed. Two hundred years later, we still can see how her unique journey demonstrated the strength and value of women.



# The Journals of Lewis and Clark



## Accelerated Reading Info

AR Quiz No. 152030 EN Nonfiction

IL: MG - BL: 5.8 - AR Pts: 1.0

Learn about the journals of Lewis and Clark, fascinating documents kept by the famous U.S. explorers. Find out about the perilous journey they took to explore our fascinating continent!



*Welcome to my World*



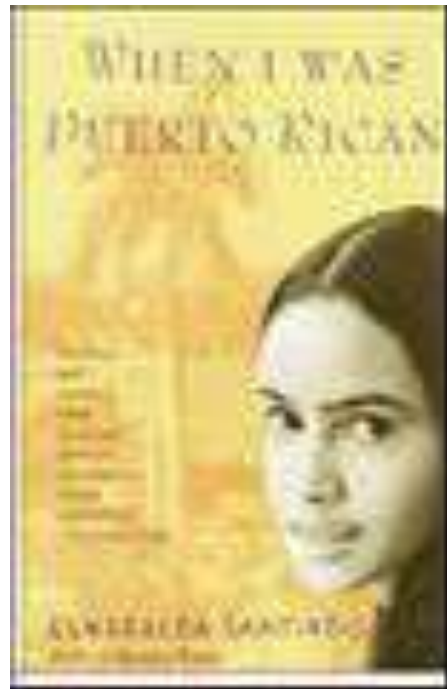
# *When I Was Puerto Rican*

*When I Was Puerto Rican*

Santiago, Esmeralda

AR Quiz No. 20915 EN Fiction

IL: **UG** - BL: **6.0** - AR Pts: **13.0**



**This book is the memoirs of the author's childhood and youth in Puerto Rico and New York City.**



# *P.S. Be Eleven*

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Williams-Garcia, Rita

AR Quiz No. 158513 EN Fiction

IL: **MG** - BL: **4.6** - AR Pts: **8.0**



**Things are changing in the Gaither household. After soaking up a "power to the people" mind-set over the summer, Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern return to Brooklyn with a newfound streak of independence. The plot contains an episode of child abuse. Book #2**

# *Drawing from Memory*

*Drawing from Memory*

Say, Allen

AR Quiz No. 146341 EN Fiction

IL: **MG** - BL: **4.1** - AR Pt: **1.0**



**Chronicling his journey as an artist during World War II, when he apprenticed under Noro Shinpei, Japan's premier cartoonist, this book is Allen Say's own story of his path to becoming the renowned artist he is today.**



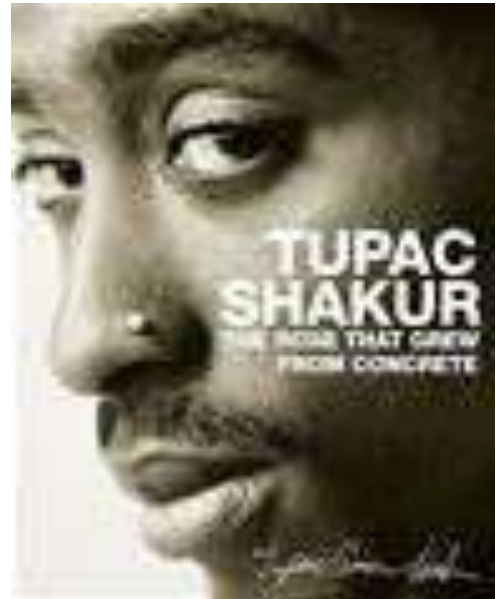
# *The Rose That Grew from Concrete*

*The Rose That Grew from  
Concrete*

Shakur, Tupac

AR Quiz No. 83817 EN Fiction

IL: **UG** - BL: **6.3** - AR Pt: **1.0**



**Written in his own hand at the age of nineteen, this collection of poems conveys Tupac Shakur's most honest and intimate thoughts, giving insight into his enigmatic life and its many contradictions.**

# *Drita, My Homegirl*

*Drita, My Homegirl*

Lombard, Jenny

AR Quiz No. 105850 EN Fiction

IL: **MG** - BL: **3.9** - AR Pts: **4.0**



**When ten-year-old Drita and her family, refugees from Kosovo, move to New York, Drita is teased about not speaking English well, but after Maxine is forced to learn about Kosovo as a punishment for teasing Drita, the two girls become friends.**

# *One Crazy Summer*

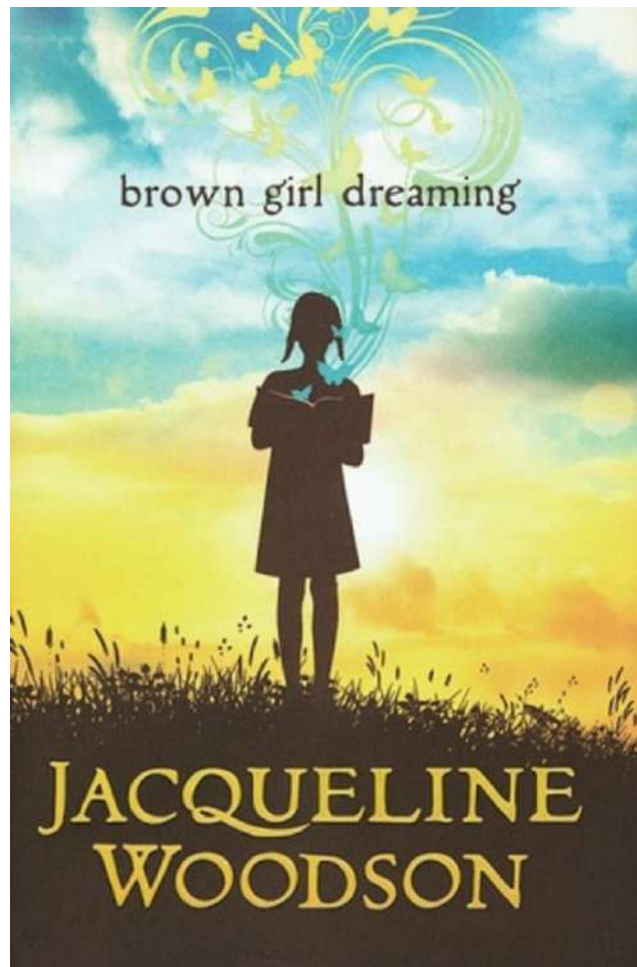
One Crazy Summer  
Williams-Garcia, Rita  
AR Quiz No. 135338 EN Nonfiction  
IL: MG BL: 4.6 - AR Pts: 7



In 1968, after traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland to spend a month with the mother they barely know, 11-year-old Delphine and her sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover their mother wants them to attend a Black Panther summer camp. Book #1

# *brown girl dreaming*

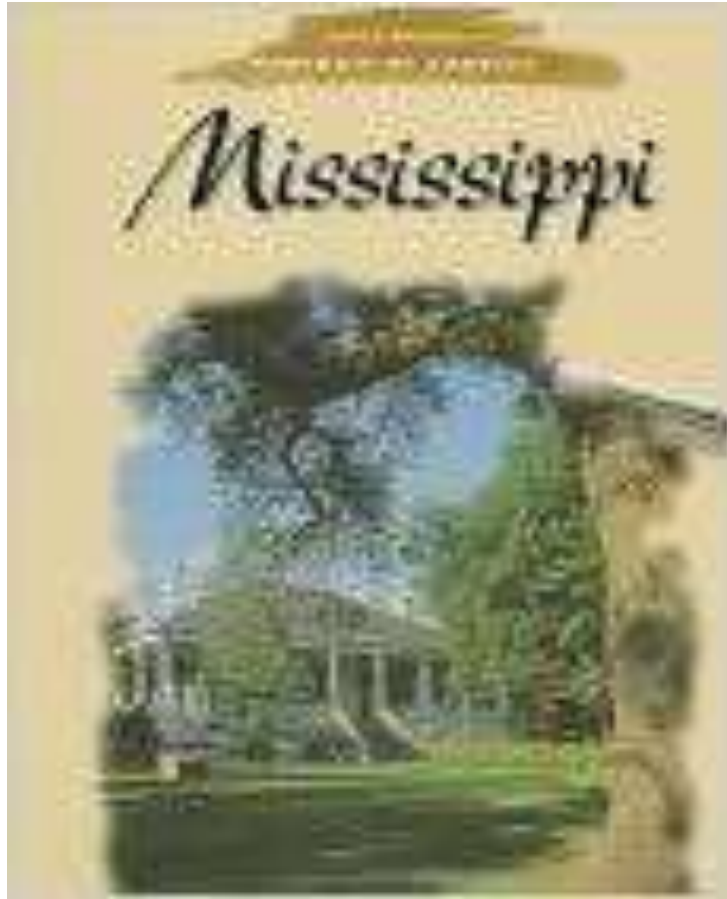
Woodson's  
verse memoir  
tells the story of  
coming of age  
during the Civil  
Rights  
Movement.



Brown Girl Dreaming  
Woodson, Jacqueline  
AR Quiz No. 168140  
Nonfiction  
BL: 5.3 - AR Pts: 5.0



# Mississippi



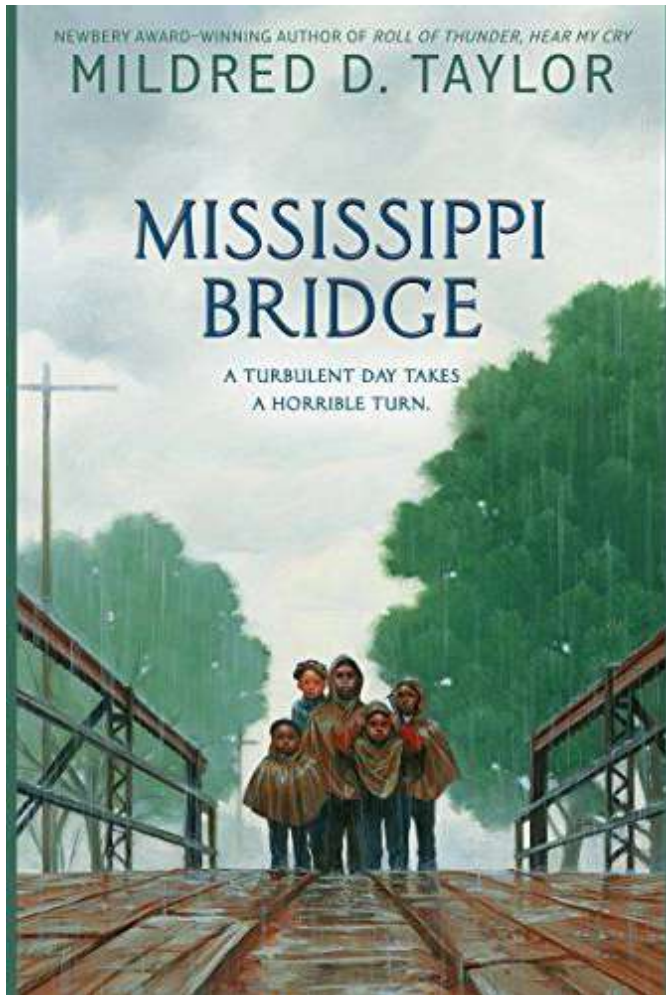
Discusses the history, economy, culture, and future of Mississippi

## **Accelerated Reading Info**

AR Quiz No. 24768 EN Nonfiction

IL: MG - BL: 6.7 - AR Pts: 1.0

# Mississippi Bridge



## **Accelerated Reading Info**

Mississippi Bridge

Taylor, Mildred D.

AR Quiz No. 5431 EN Fiction

IL: MG - BL: 4.2 - AR Pts: 1.0

Another powerful story in the Logan Family Saga and companion to Mildred D. Taylor's Newbery Award-winning *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*. A day of conflict and tragedy. Jeremy Simms watches from the porch of the general store as the weekly bus from Jackson comes through his town. His neighbor, Stacey Logan, and Stacey's brothers and sister are there to see their grandmother off on a trip. Jeremy's friend, Josias Williams, is taking the bus to his new job. But Josias and the Logans are black, and in Mississippi in the 1930s, black people can't ride the bus if that means there won't be enough room for white people to ride. When several white passengers arrive at the last minute, the driver sends Josias and Stacey's grandmother off the bus. Then comes a terrifying moment that unites all the townspeople in a nightmare that will change their lives forever.

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# Last Day On Mars

While waiting to leave Mars before it burns up just as Earth did, Liam and his friend Phoebe discover some facts about time and space and realize that the human race is just one of the races trying to survive in space.

Last Day On Mars  
AR Quiz No. 187913 EN  
Fiction  
IL: MG BL: 5.2 AR Pts: 10.0

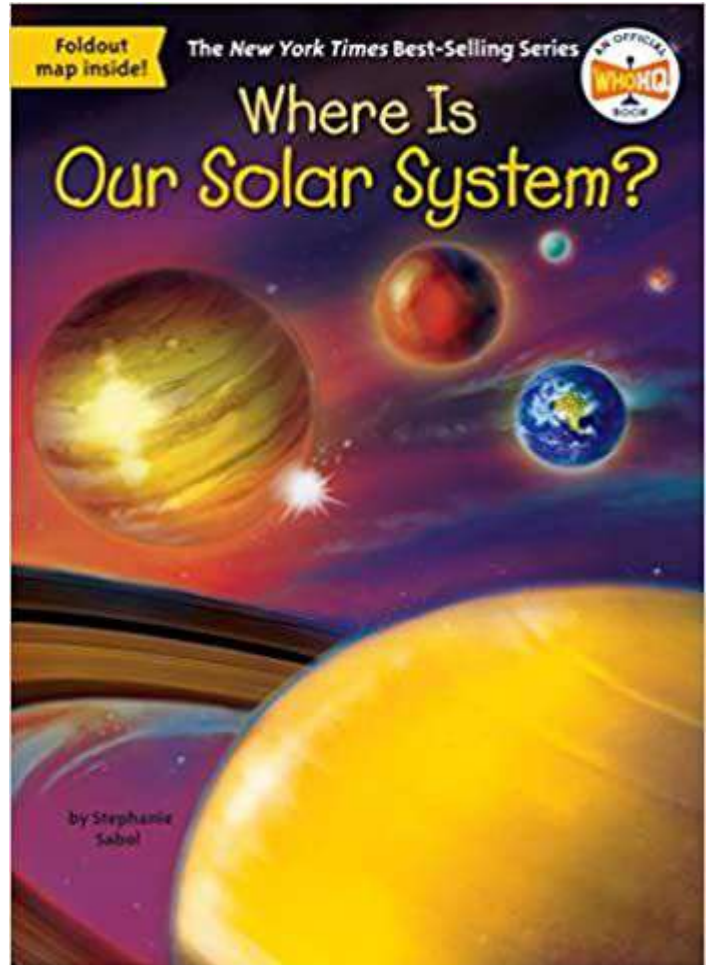




# Where Is Our Solar System?

This engaging book chronicles the beginning of the modern age of astronomy and follows later discoveries, including NASA's current missions in space.

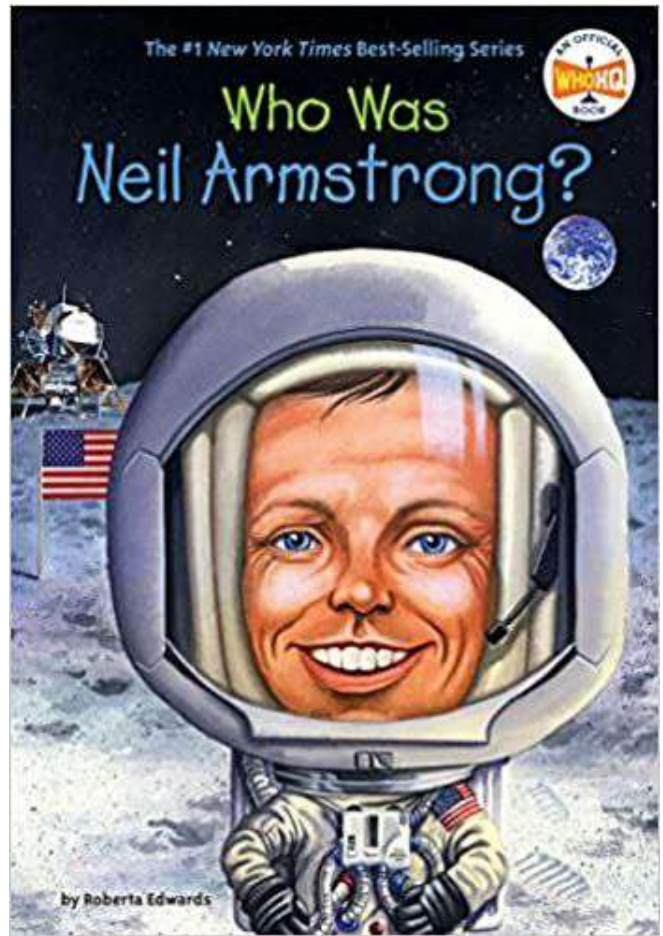
Where Is Our Solar System?  
AR Quiz No. 192729 EN  
Nonfiction  
IL: MG BL: 5.3 AR Pts: 1.0



# Who Was Neil Armstrong?

Explore the life of Neil Armstrong, the American astronaut who, in 1969, became the first person ever to set foot on the Moon.

Who Was Neil Armstrong?  
AR Quiz No. 126708 EN  
Nonfiction  
IL: MG BL: 5.4 AR Pts: 1.0



# Journeys to Outer Space



## **Accelerated Reading**

AR Quiz No. 501832

Nonfiction

BL: 6.9 - AR Pts: 1.0

"How soon can you board a rocketship to Mars? And how will you survive when you get there? There are so many challenges to overcome in sending a human into space, such as problems of distance, fuel, and propulsion. This compelling book describes the history and future of space travel and the exciting areas of research travel presents."

# Outer Space: Junior Genius Guides

## Accelerated Reading

AR Quiz No. 185050

Nonfiction

BL: 6.7 - AR Pts: 3.0



Let your inner astronaut explore outer space with this interactive trivia book from Jeopardy! champ and New York Times bestselling author Ken Jennings. With this book about space you'll become an expert and wow your friends and teachers with out-of-this-world facts: Did you know that Mars has a volcano bigger than the state of Arizona? Or that there's a star with a diamond the size of our moon at its core? With great illustrations, cool trivia, and fun quizzes to test your knowledge, this guide will have you on your way to whiz-kid status in no time!



# Space Case

## Accelerated Reading

AR Quiz No. 168789

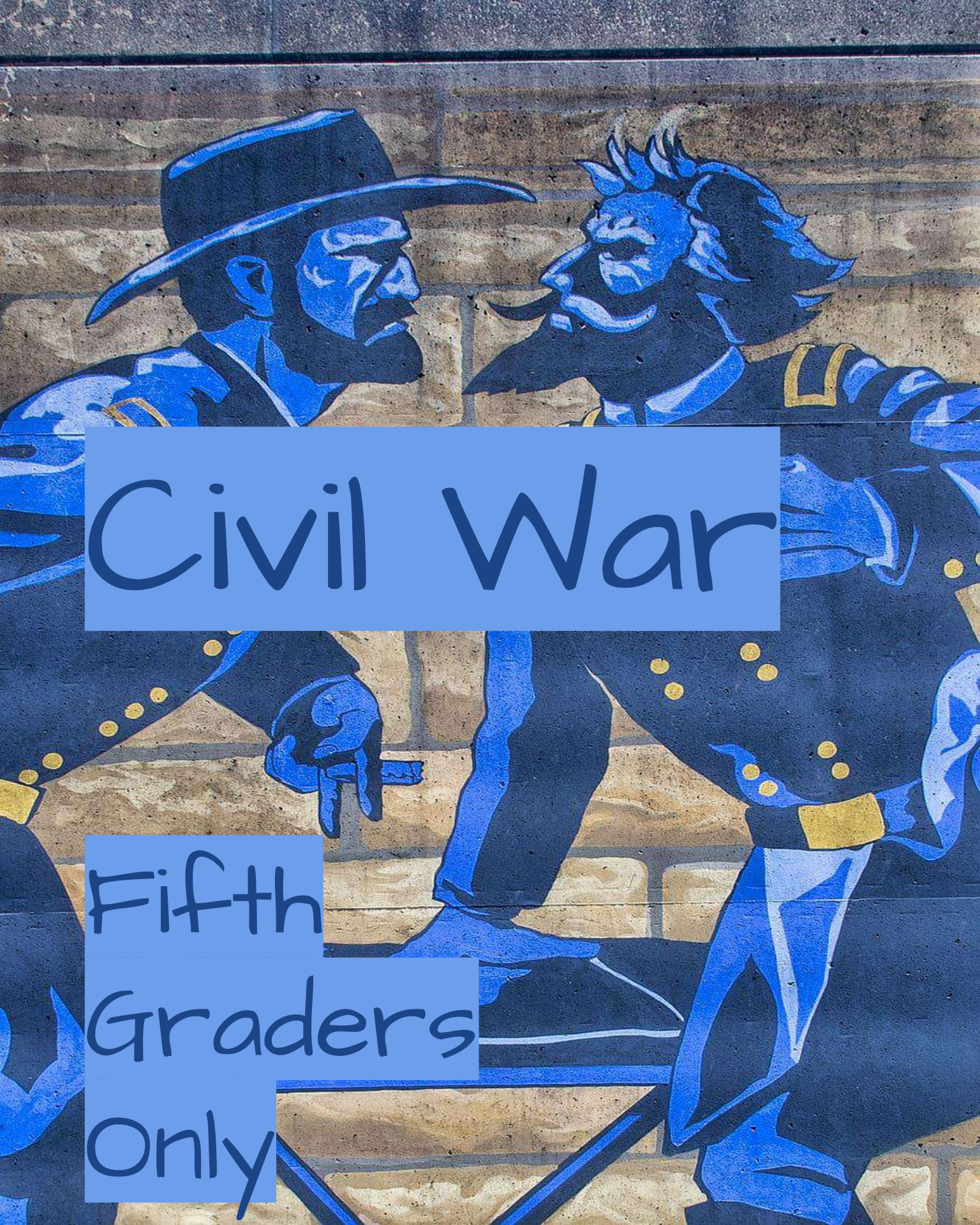
Fiction

BL: 5.3 - AR Pts: 11.0



This series was AMAZING! It was a **murder mystery on the moon**. I can never turn down a good, realistic sci-fi PLUS murder mystery. It has it all! It was placed in 2040 and their second-in-command had died. He had walked out the airlock (to the moon's surface) with his space suit on wrong— he died in seconds. Everyone thought he had gone crazy, but Dashiel Givson suspected differently. Murder. The first book is almost mirrored in the second —the base commander this time disappears. With just enough breaking the rules, they can figure out where she is and who did it.





# Civil War

Fifth  
Graders  
Only



# Soldier's Heart

## Soldier's Heart

Paulsen, Gar

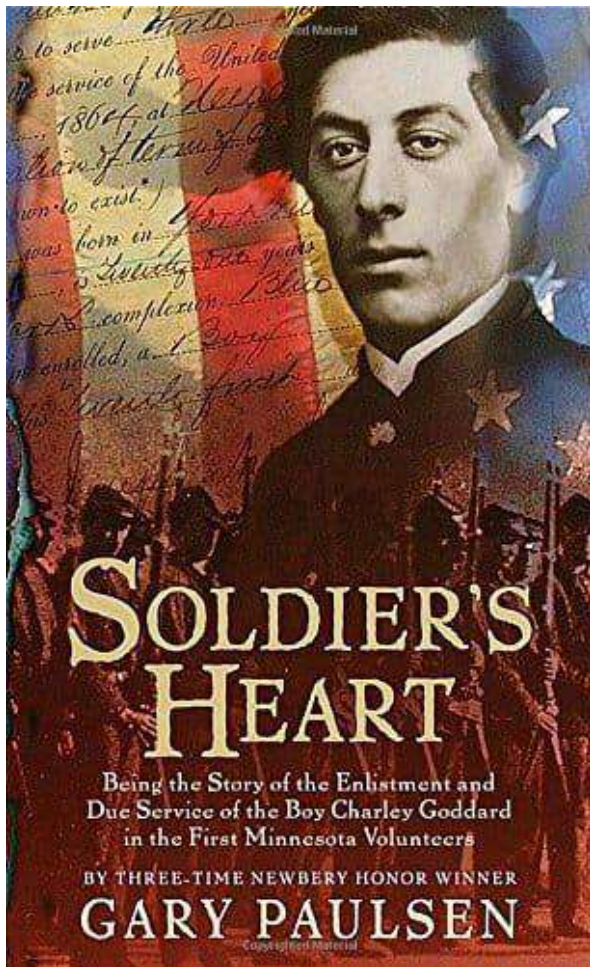
AR Quiz No. 20135 EN

Fiction

BL: 5.7 - AR Pts: 2.0

*Soldier's Heart* by Gary Paulsen (ages 12+)

*"War is always, in all ways appalling,"* Paulsen writes in the forward. He explains that most men who fought came home profoundly changed (what we now call PTSD), said to have *"soldier's heart."* This is the fictional story of 15-year old Charley who joins the Minnesota Volunteers, not even knowing for what he was fighting but hoping for excitement. He doesn't get it; only drills, horrors, and survival. Later, at age 19, he'll return home a very different person. Vivid descriptions set the different scenes — which in a war is nothing pleasant — so just be aware that there is a LOT of gruesomeness.



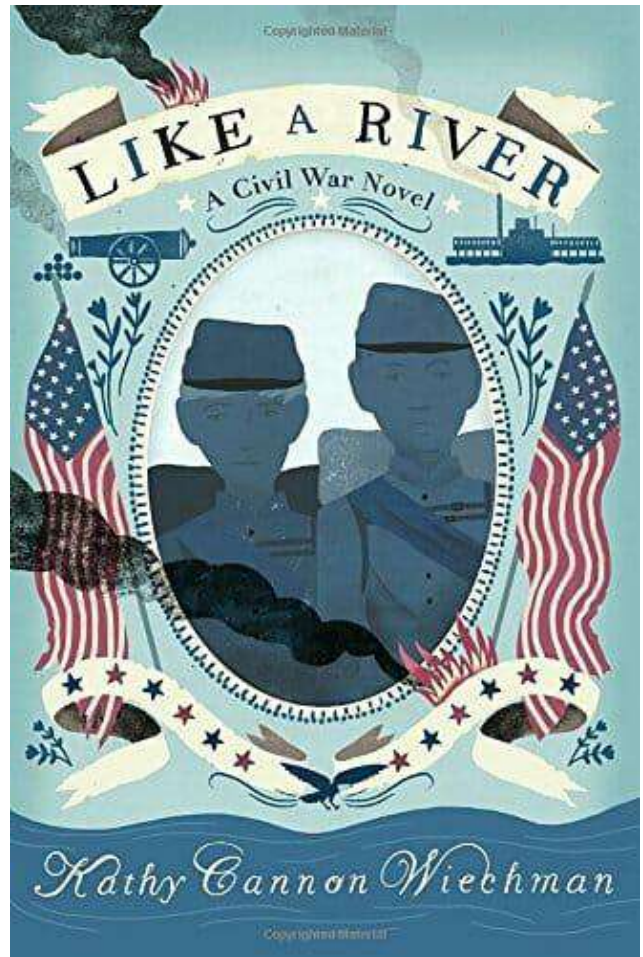


# Like a River

## *Like a River: A Civil War Novel*

by Kathy Cannon  
Wiechman (ages 10 – 13)

This book follows the intersecting stories of two underage kids, Leander and Polly, who both enlist in the Civil War for different reasons. Their journeys are hard: battles, prison, hospitals, and suffering. The teens learn more than they ever imagined about loyalty, friendship, family, and most of all, courage.



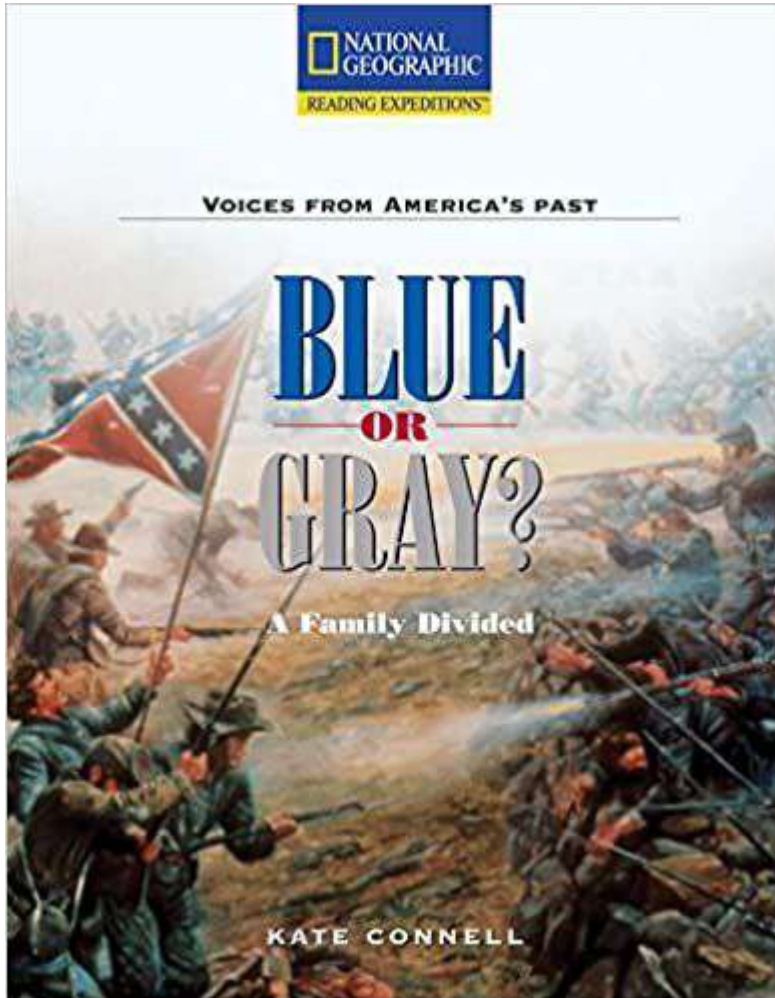
### [Like a River: A Civil War Novel](#)

Wiechman, Kathy Cannon

AR Quiz No. 172586 EN Fiction

IL: **MG** - BL: **5.1** - AR Pts: **8.0**

# Blue or Gray?



Meet the Shaws and the Abbotts and see how the Civil War tore this family apart and divided the nation.

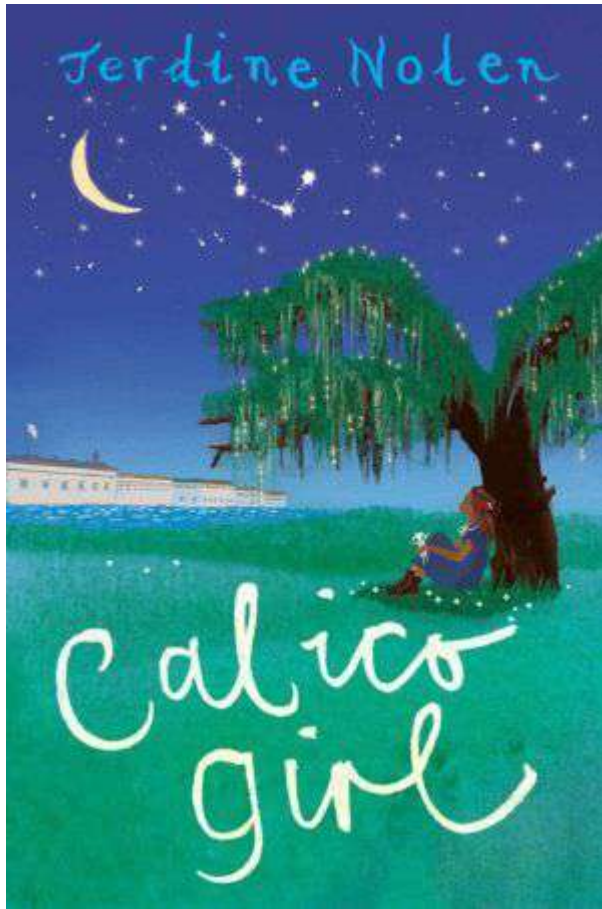
## **Accelerated Reader Info:**

AR Quiz No. 63801

Nonfiction

BL: 4.4 - AR Pts: 1.0

# Calico Girl



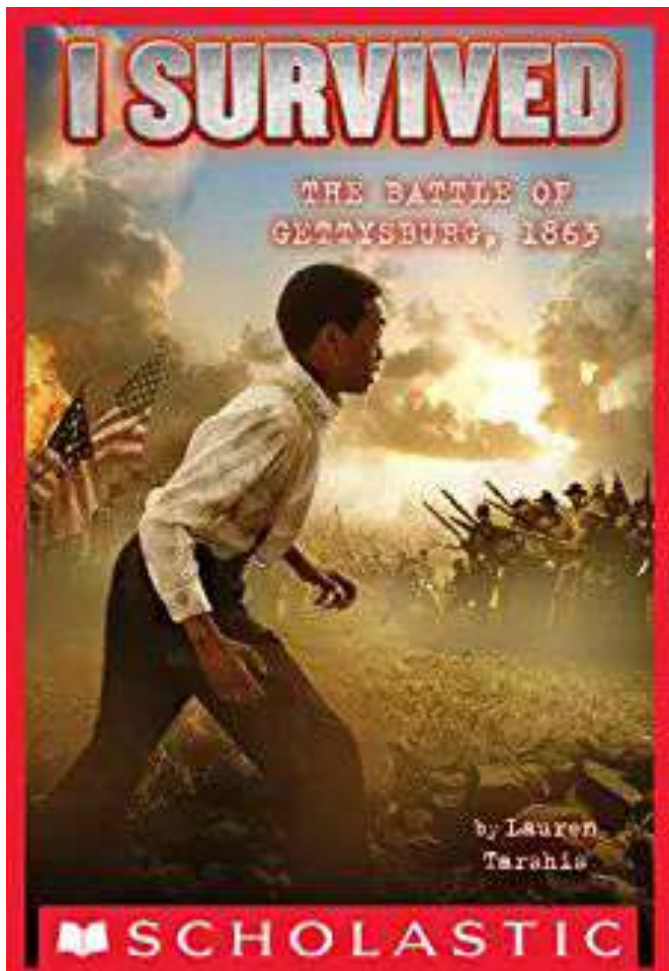
Learn about an little known part of history at the beginning of the Civil War when Fort Sumter became a safe refuge for slaves, dubbed “Freedom’s Fortress” in this story about Callie, a slave slave with a freeman father who learns that Fort Sumter will take them and they’ll be free. Callie and her family flee their plantation home for the Fort. There, the family loses her little brother to sickness yet manages to make themselves a new home. Callie even goes to school for the first time.

## Accelerated Reader Info:

AR Quiz No. 189299 EN Fiction

IL: **MG** - BL: **5.1** - AR Pts: **5.0**

# I Survived: The Battle of Gettysburg, 1863



It's 1863, and Thomas and his little sister, Birdie, have fled the farm where they were born and raised as slaves. Following the North Star, looking for freedom, they soon cross paths with a Union soldier. Everything changes: Corporal Henry Green brings Thomas and Birdie back to his regiment, and suddenly it feels like they've found a new home. Best of all, they don't have to find their way north alone--they're marching with the army. But then orders come through: The men are called to battle in Pennsylvania. Thomas has made it so far . . . but does he have what it takes to survive Gettysburg?

## **Accelerated Reader Info:**

AR Quiz No. 156538 EN Fiction

IL: MG - BL: 4.6 - AR Pts: 2.0



# Emotions

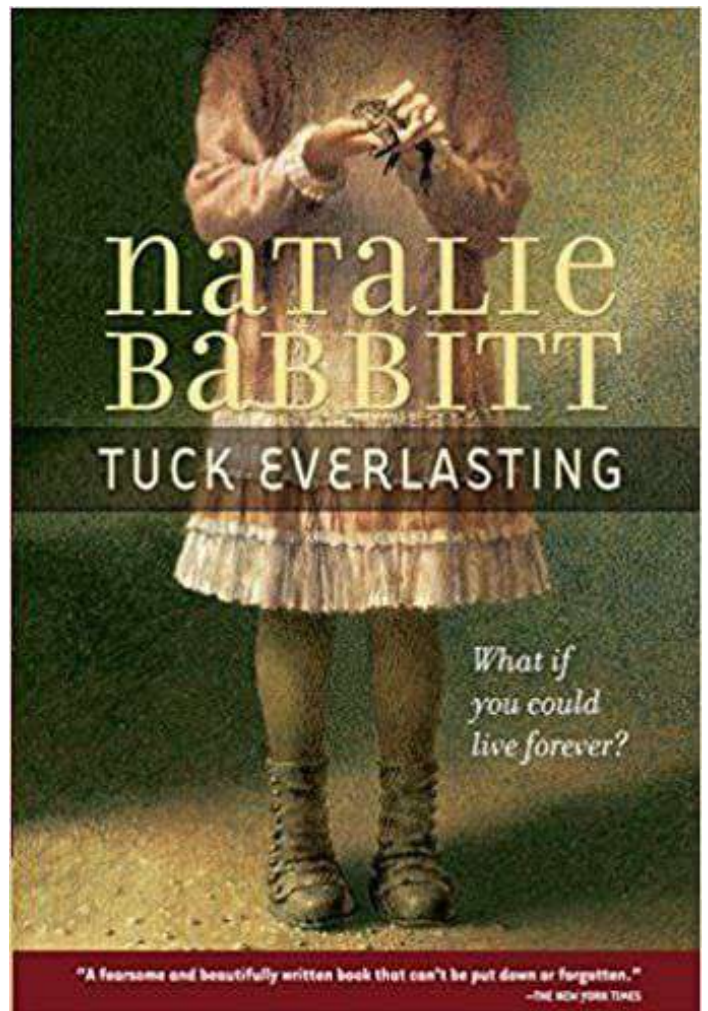
BOOKS THAT HAVE THEMES AND OR  
CONNECTIONS TO SOCIAL  
EMOTIONAL SUBJECTS.



# Tuck Everlasting

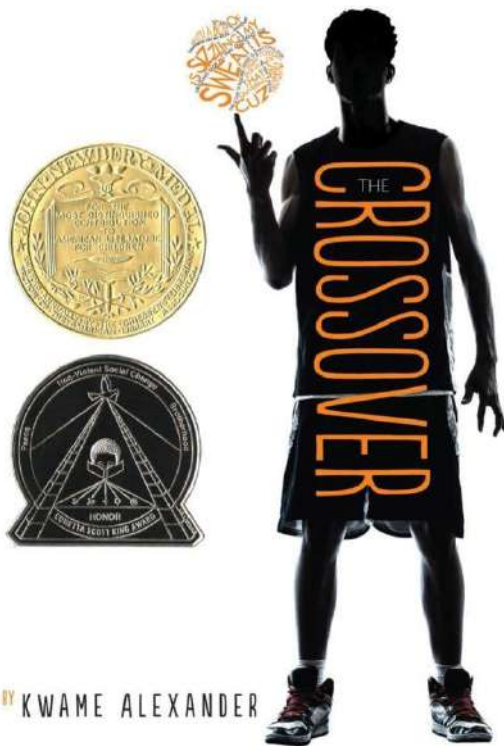
Is eternal life really that wonderful? Ten-year-old Winnie Foster discovers that, for the immortal Tuck family, the answer is more complicated than you might expect.

Tuck Everlasting  
Babbitt, Natalie  
AR Quiz No. 247  
Fiction  
BL: 5.0 - AR Pts: 4.0



# CROSSOVER

"BOLD! EXPLOSIVE! . . . I LOVE *THE CROSSOVER*. EVERYONE WILL." —NIKKI GIOVANNI



Basketball-loving twins Josh and Jordan find their way through isolation and conflict in this novel in verse by master poet, Kwame Alexander.

The Crossover  
Alexander, Kwame  
AR Quiz No. 164734  
Fiction  
BL: 4.3 - AR Pts: 2.0



# Stargirl

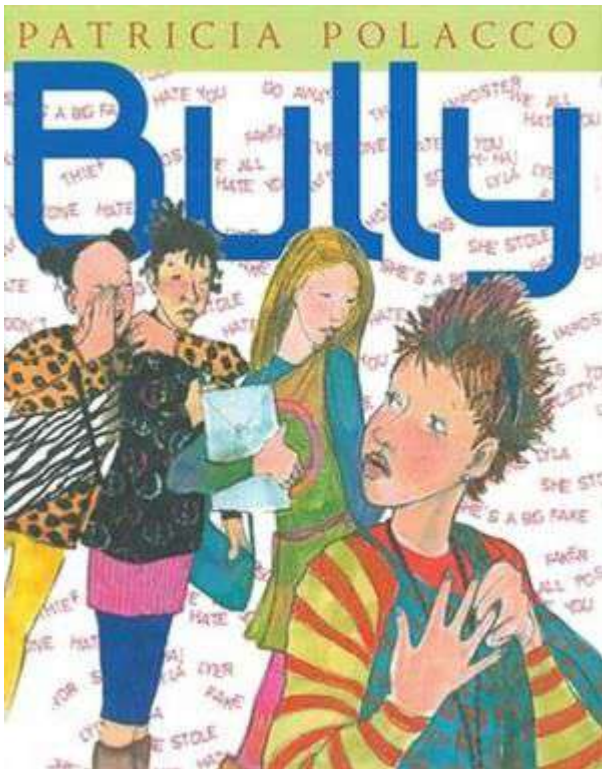
Leo's a normal kid in a normal town. When Stargirl shows up with her rat, her ukelele, and her crazy ideas, nobody knows quite what to make of her.

Stargirl  
Spinelli, Jerry  
AR Quiz No. 41562  
Fiction  
BL: 4.2 - AR Pts: 6.0



# Bully

Here's a book that takes on cyber bullying and cliques. When students begin teasing classmates on Facebook, Lyla knows something needs to be done. This is a perfect read for our increasingly digitally savvy students.



Bully  
Polacco, Patricia  
AR Quiz No. 154340  
Fiction  
BL: 4.1 - AR Pts: 0.5

# Wonder

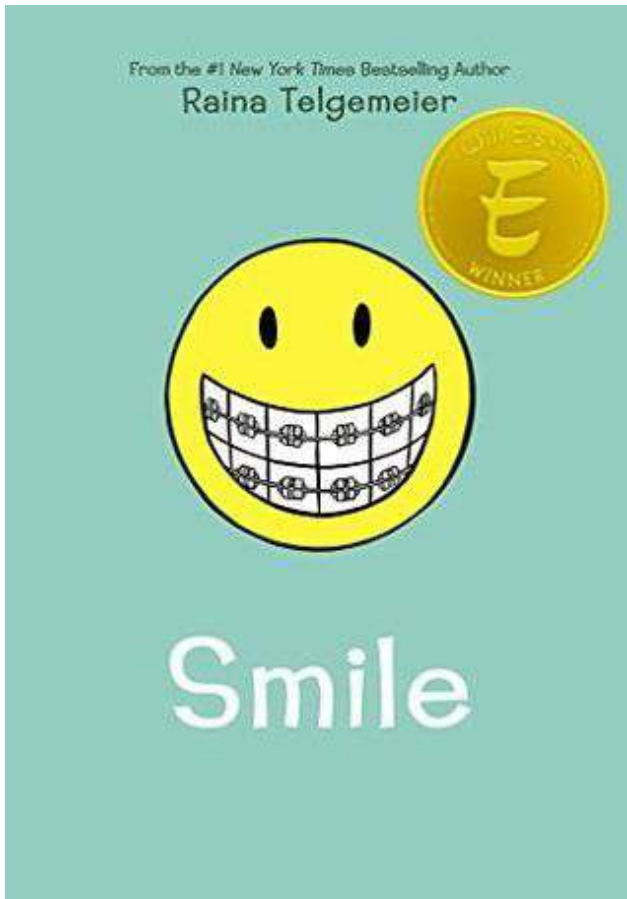
August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. WONDER, now a #1 New York Times bestseller and included on the Texas Bluebonnet Award master list, begins from Auggie's point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others. These perspectives converge in a portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance.



Wonder  
Palacio, R.J.  
AR Quiz No. 149900  
Fiction  
BL: 4.8 - AR Pts: 11.0



# Smile



Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But one night after Girl Scouts she trips and falls, severely injuring her two front teeth, and what follows is a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off-again braces, surgery, embarrassing headgear, and even a retainer with fake teeth attached. And on top of all that, there's still more to deal with: a major earthquake, boy confusion, and friends who turn out to be not so friendly. This coming-of-age true story is sure to resonate with anyone who has ever been in middle school, and especially those who have ever had a bit of their own dental drama.

Smile

Telgemeier, Raina

AR Quiz No. 135787

Nonfiction

BL: 2.6 - AR Pts: 1.0

# Perfect

To others, 12-year-old Molly seems perfect. In order to keep this outward appearance of perfection, she must always have her pencils sharpened just right, have her glass figurines lined up just so, and constantly count by fours in her head. When her mother temporarily moves out to pursue a job far away, Molly's OCD-like habits become more extreme and she feels like her life is falling apart. But, she's afraid to get help from anyone — even her family and closest friends. Youanna, 11, raves, this is “the best book I have ever read! If I were to write a review, it would be easy. One word: AWESOME!!!!”

Finding Perfect  
Swartz, Elly  
AR Quiz No. 187062  
Fiction  
BL: 3.7 - AR Pts: 6.0



# Some Kind of Happiness



Finley Hart is sent to her grandparents' house for the summer while her parents try to work out their marital differences. Her depression, which has been an ongoing struggle, is intensified while living away from home with her grandparents and cousins. Her only way to escape is to go to Everwood, a fantasy kingdom that exists only in her notebook. But, when Everwood becomes a real physical place to her and her cousins, the lines between fantasy and truth begin to blur. Finley finds herself on an adventure to uncover the secrets and save Everwood — and herself. Gabriella, 12, gives it five stars, "This book completely captured my heart. I would totally recommend this book to everyone!"

Some Kind of Happiness  
Legrand, Claire  
AR Quiz No. 184703  
Fiction  
BL: 3.9 - AR Pts: 10.0