

Code Talker

MS Fiction Bruchac

After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.

Doll Bones

J Fiction Black

Zach, Alice, and Poppy, friends from a Pennsylvania middle school who have long enjoyed acting out imaginary adventures with dolls and action figures, embark on a real-life quest to Ohio to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl.

Drums, Girls Dangerous Pie

MS Fiction Sonnenblick

When his younger brother is diagnosed with leukemia, thirteen-year-old Steven tries to deal with his complicated emotions, his school life, and his desire to support his family.



El Deafo

MS GN Bell

Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers!

Eragon

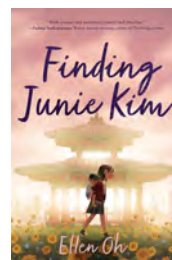
MS Fiction Paolini, Christopher

Fifteen-year-old Eragon believes that he is merely a poor farm boy—until his destiny as a Dragon Rider is revealed. Gifted with only an ancient sword, a loyal dragon, and sage advice from an old storyteller, Eragon is soon swept into a dangerous tapestry of magic, glory, and power. Now his choices could save—or destroy—the Empire.

Finding Junie Kim

J Fiction Oh, Ellen

A tale based on true events follows the coming-of-age of a girl who is motivated by an act of racism at school to learn about her ancestral heritage and her grandparents' experiences as lost children during the Korean War.



Free Lunch

MS 362.7 OGL

This is the author's story of starting middle school on the free lunch program. During the first semester in sixth grade, Rex and his baby brother often went hungry, wore secondhand clothes, and were short of school supplies, and Rex was on his school's free lunch program. Grounded in the immediacy of physical hunger and the humiliation of having to announce it every day in the school lunch line ...

Ghost Boys

MS Fiction Rhodes

After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a white police officer, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till.



The Legend of Auntie Po

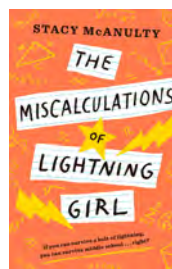
MS GN Khor, Shingyin

Aware of the racial tumult in the years after the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act, Mei tries to remain blissfully focused on her job, her close friendship with the camp foreman's daughter, and telling stories about Paul Bunyan—re-invented as Po Pan Yin (Auntie Po), an elderly Chinese matriarch.

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl

J Fiction McAnulty

A lightning strike made Lucy, twelve, a math genius but, after years of homeschooling, her grandmother enrolls her in middle school and she learns that life is more than numbers.



The Nazi Hunters

MS 940.5318 Bas

Recounts how, sixteen years after the end of World War II, a team of undercover Israeli agents captured the Nazi war criminal, Adolf Eichmann, in a remote area of Argentina and brought him to trial in Israel for crimes committed during the Holocaust.



Projekt 1065

MS Fiction Gratz

It is 1943, and thirteen-year-old Michael O'Shaunessey, son of the Irish ambassador to Nazi Germany in Berlin, is also a spy for the British Secret Service, so he has joined the Hitler Youth. But when he is asked to find out more about "Projekt 1065" both him and his parents' lives get a lot more dangerous.

Ranger's Apprentice

MS Fiction Flanagan, John

When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.

Rise Up! : How you can join the fight against racism

MS 305.800973 FLE

Provides young readers with a first-of-its-kind resource for understanding racial injustice and its continued impact on the US today, addressing questions like: Why are white supremacists still openly marching in America? And why are undocumented children of color separated from their families and housed in cages?

The School for Good and Evil

J Fiction Chainani, Soman

Best friends Sophie and Agatha are training to be fairy tale heroes and villains but when they become lost in the Endless Woods, their fortunes are reversed: Sophie is put in the School for Evil while Agatha is sent to the School for Good.

Small Spaces J Fiction Arden

After eleven-year-old Ollie's school bus mysteriously breaks down on a field trip, she has to take a trip through scary woods, and must use all of her wits to survive. She must stick to small spaces



Spirit Hunters J Fiction Oh, Ellen

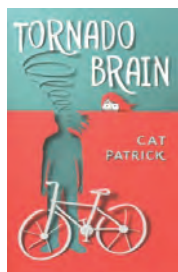
Harper doesn't trust her new home from the moment she steps inside, and the rumors are that the Raine family's new house is haunted. Harper isn't sure she believes those rumors, until her younger brother, Michael, starts acting strangely.

They Called Us Enemy J Graphic Novels Takei, George

Takei's firsthand account of years spent in an American concentration camp, the joys and terrors of growing up under legalized racism, his mother's hard choices, his father's faith in democracy, and the way those experiences planted the seeds for his astonishing future

Tornado Brain MS Fiction Patrick, Cat

Frankie's big emotions and sensory processing difficulties make friendship hard, but she did have two best friends once - her twin sister and Colette. Now Colette has gone missing and the twins are the only ones who might know where she's gone.



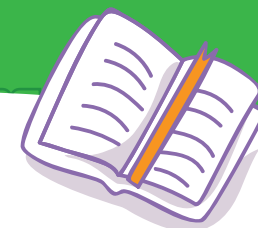
Wink MS Fiction Harrell, Rob

Twelve-year-old Ross Maloy just wants to be normal. Not to have a rare eye cancer, not to lose his hair, not to have to wear a weird hat or have a goopy eye full of ointment. Just normal. But with a sudden and horrifying diagnosis, Ross can't help standing out. Just when Ross starts to feel like he's losing his footing, he discovers how music, art, and true friends can change everything.



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6-7th Grade



Anya's Ghost MS GN Brosgol

Anya, embarrassed by her Russian immigrant family and self-conscious about her body, has given up on fitting in at school but falling down a well and making friends with the ghost there just may be worse.



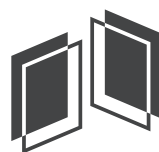
Artemis Fowl MS GN Artemis Fowl

When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.



Before the Ever After MS Fiction Woodson, Jacqueline

For as long as ZJ can remember, his dad has been every-one's hero. As a charming, talented pro football star, he's as beloved to the neighborhood kids he plays with as he is to his millions of adoring sports fans. But lately life at ZJ's house is anything but charming. His dad is having trouble remembering things ...



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