

Alphabetical List of All Suggested Summer Reading Titles

[Amina's Voice by Hena Khan \(realistic fiction\)](#)

Amina has never been comfortable in the spotlight. She is happy just hanging out with her best friend, Soojin. Except now that she's in middle school everything feels different. Soojin is suddenly hanging out with Emily, one of the "cool" girls in the class, and even talking about changing her name to something more "American." Does Amina need to start changing too? Or hiding who she is to fit in? While Amina grapples with these questions, she is devastated when her local mosque is vandalized.

[Beanstalker and Other Hilarious ScaryTales by Kiersten White \(horror/supernatural\)](#)

Do you think you know all there is to know about fairy tales? Think again! First of all, there's only one step-mother, and you should probably check your sources before you start calling her wicked. Little Red Riding Hood gets way more than she bargained for when she strayed from the path. Cinderella is named for cinders, all right. And "The Princess and the...Pea?" gives a whole new meaning to poor accommodations.

[Between Two Skies by Joanne O'Sullivan \(realistic fiction\)](#) *Bayou Perdu, a tiny fishing town in Louisiana, is sixteen-year-old Evangeline's home. She has her friends, her beloved Mamere, and two titles in the fishing rodeo. It's a small life, but it is Evangeline's. Then Hurricane Katrina comes, and everything changes. Amid the chaos, pain, and destruction she finds Tru -- a fellow refugee, a bluesman, and a balm for Evangeline's aching heart.*

[The Bicycle Spy by Yona Zeldis McDonough \(historical fiction\)](#)

Twelve-year-old Marcel loves riding his bicycle, and dreams of competing in the Tour de France, but it is 1942 and German soldiers are everywhere, stopping him as he delivers bread from his parents' bakery around Aucoin--then one day he discovers that it is not just bread he is delivering, and suddenly he finds himself in possession of dangerous secrets about his parents and his new friend from Paris, Delphine.

[The Blackthorn Key by Kevin Sands \(mystery\)](#)

In 1665 London, fourteen-year-old Christopher Rowe, apprentice to an apothecary, and his best friend Tom try to uncover the truth behind a mysterious cult, following a trail of puzzles, codes, pranks, and danger toward an unearthly secret with the power to tear the world apart.

[Booked by Kwame Alexander \(sports/novel in verse\)](#)

Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

[Breathe: A Ghost Story by Cliff McNish \(horror/supernatural\)](#)

When he and his mother move into an old farmhouse in the English countryside, asthmatic, twelve-year-old Jack discovers that he can communicate with the ghosts inhabiting the house and inadvertently establishes a relationship with a tormented, malevolent spirit that threatens to destroy both his mother and himself.

[Cinder by Marissa Meyer \(science fiction\)](#)

Cinder, a gifted mechanic and a cyborg with a mysterious past, is blamed by her stepmother for her stepsister's illness while a deadly plague decimates the population of New Beijing, but when Cinder's life gets intertwined with Prince Kai's, she finds herself at the center of an intergalactic struggle.

[The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau \(science fiction\)](#)

The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. But now with terrifying blackouts sweeping through the streets, Lina and Doon know it's only a matter of time before the lights go out and never come back on again. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save Ember. Together, she and Doon explore long-forgotten parts of their dying city as they race to solve the mystery. If they succeed, they will have to convince everyone to follow them into danger and an exciting new world. But if they fail? The lights will burn out and the darkness will close in forever.

[Convergence \(Zodiac Legacy #1\) by Stan Lee \(mythology\)](#)

When twelve magical superpowers are unleashed on the world, a Chinese-American teenager named Steven will be thrown into the middle of an epic global chase. He'll have to master strange powers, outrun super-powered mercenaries, and unlock the mysterious powers of the Zodiac.

[Crash by Jerry Spinelli \(sports\)](#)

Crash Cogan, rising football sensation, and his friend, Mike make a regular practice of tormenting the school nerd, Penn Webb, but when Mike takes a prank too far, Crash finds himself locked in a moral dilemma.

[The Crossover by Kwame Alexander \(sports\)](#)

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

Dairy Queen by Catherine Murdock (sports)

After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her.

Dead City by James Ponti (horror/supernatural)

Seventh-grader Molly has always been an outsider, even at New York City's elite Metropolitan Institute of Science and Technology, but that changes when she is recruited to join the Omegas, a secret group that polices and protects zombies.

Doll Bones by Holly Black (horror/supernatural)

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, and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick (realistic fiction)

Steven tries to deal with his complicated emotions when his brother is diagnosed with leukemia, and struggles with his school life and his desire to support his family.

Echo by Pam Munoz Ryan (historical fiction)

Lost in the Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and finds himself entwined in a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica-- and decades later three children, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California find themselves caught up in the same thread of destiny in the darkest days of the twentieth century, struggling to keep their families intact, and tied together by the music of the same harmonica.

The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya (realistic fiction)

Arturo is looking forward to a relaxing summer until Carmen, a cute, funny girl moves into his apartment complex. While he deals with his stomach turning into a deep fryer over her, a smarmy land developer rolls into town and threatens to change everything. Can thirteen-year-old Arturo save his family restaurant? Can he get the girl? Can he make his Abuela proud?..... or is he in for an EPIC FAIL?

Escape Under the Forever Sky by Eve Yohalem (adventure)

Lucy's mother, the U.S. Ambassador to Ethiopia, keeps Lucy confined to the embassy, but Lucy's desire to see what is beyond the compound walls gets her kidnapped and she must rely upon her knowledge and courage in order to escape.

The Fairy-Tale Detectives by Michael Buckley (mystery)

Fairy-tale detectives Sabrina and Daphne Grimm live in the town of Ferryport Landing, a community of fairy-tale characters, Everafters, who are now using magical disguises to remain undetected alongside their normal neighbors. Ogres work at the post office, witches run the diner, and the town mayor is the legendary Prince Charming. Can the Sisters Grimm solve the problems that befall this town?

The False Prince by Jennifer Nielsen (fantasy)

In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.

Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson (historical fiction)

In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

First Light by Rebecca Stead (adventure)

Twelve-year-old Peter and his family arrive in Greenland for his father's research, where he stumbles upon a secret his mother has been hiding from him all his life, and begins an adventure he never would have imagined possible.

Four-Four-Two by Dean Hughes (historical fiction)

Yuki Nakahara is an American. But during World War II many Japanese Americans are forced into internment camps. Yuki doesn't accept this injustice—it's his country, and he enlists in the army. Yuki and his friend Shig aren't prepared for the experiences of the "Four-FourTwo," a segregated regiment made up of Japanese-American soldiers. Before Yuki can return home, he'll face prejudices, combat, and friendships deeper than he knew possible.

Frogkisser! by Garth Nix (fantasy)

What is she to do? Princess Anya has a wicked stepfather who wants to turn the kingdom evil- and anyone in his way is changed into a frog. Anya and her talking dog escape into the dark forest, where she meets witches, wizards and a boy thief (currently enspelled as a talking newt). Can she make the magic lip gloss that will allow her kiss the frogs and turn them back to humans in time to save the kingdom?

Garvey's Choice by Nikki Grimes (novel in verse)

Preferring science and reading to the sports his father wants him to play, Garvey comforts himself with food and endures bullying before joining the school chorus, where he learns how to accept himself and bond with his father.

Ghost by Jason Reynolds (sports)

Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential.

Girl Stolen by April Henry (mystery)

When an impulsive carjacking turns into a kidnapping, Griffin, a high school dropout, finds himself more in sympathy with his wealthy, blind victim, sixteen-year-old Cheyenne, than with his greedy father.

The GollyWhopper Games by Jody Feldman (adventure)

Twelve-year-old Gil Goodson competes against thousands of other children at extraordinary puzzles, stunts, and more in hopes of a fresh start for his family, which has been ostracized since his father was falsely accused of embezzling money from Golly Toy and Game Company.

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman (horror/supernatural)

The orphan Bod, short for Nobody, is taken in by the inhabitants of a graveyard as a child of eighteen months and raised lovingly and carefully to the age of eighteen years by the community of ghosts and otherworldly creatures.

The Harlem Charade by Natasha Tarpley (mystery)

Seventh-graders Jin, Alexandra, and Elvin come from very different backgrounds and circumstances, but they all live in Harlem, and when Elvin's grandfather is attacked they band together to find out who is responsible--and the search leads them to an enigmatic artist whose missing masterpieces are worth a fortune, and into conflict with an ambitious politician who wants to turn Harlem into an historic amusement park.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling (fantasy)

Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

Hate That Cat by Sharon Creech (novel in verse)

Jack is studying poetry again in school, and he continues to write poems reflecting his understanding of famous works and how they relate to his life.

The Haunting of Gabriel Ashe by Dan Poblocki (horror/supernatural)

Since eighth-grader Gabriel Ashe moved into his grandmother's house he has been spending a lot of time playing in the woods with his new friend Seth, but the games Seth invents involve a child-eating monster called the Hunter, and Gabriel is not sure how much is imagination and how much real.

Heartless by Marissa Meyer (fantasy)

Long before she was the Queen of Hearts in Wonderland, Cath wanted to open a bake shop and fall in love. Her mother has other plans for her to marry the king, but when Cath meets Jest, she feels the pull of true attraction. At the risk of offending the king, she and Jest enter into a secret courtship, desperate to live happily ever after- but in a land thriving with magic, madness, and monsters, fate has other plans.

Hidden by Helen Frost (novel in verse)

Years after Darra Monson's father stole a minivan with Wren Abbott hiding in the back, the girls come face to face at summer camp and together they try to work through what happened to them and the impact it had on their lives.

The Hidden Oracle (The Trials of Apollo #1) by Rick Riordan (mythology)

After angering his father Zeus, the god Apollo is cast down from Olympus. He must learn to survive in the modern world until he can somehow find a way to regain Zeus's favor.

Home of the Brave by Katherine Applegate (novel in verse)

Kek, an African refugee, is confronted by many strange things at the Minneapolis home of his aunt and cousin, as well as in his fifth-grade classroom, and longs for his missing mother, but finds comfort in the company of a cow and her owner.

How to Avoid Extinction by Paul Acampora (humor)

Since the death of his grandfather, Leo's number one chore has been to chase after his grandmother who seems to wander away from home every few days. Now, Gram's decided to roam farther than ever. And despite his misgivings, Leo's going along for the ride. With his seventeen-year-old cousin, Abbey, and an old, gassy dog named Kermit, Leo joins Gram in a big, old Buick to leave their Pennsylvania home for a cross-country road trip filled with fold-out maps, family secrets, new friends, and dinosaur bones.

Impyrium by Henry J. Neff (fantasy)

The Faeregine have ruled Impyrium for over 3,000 years- but their magic and power are fading. Hazel, the youngest and most powerful Faeregrine, is happy just to study magic, but the empress has evil plans for her. Hob has been sent to the city to serve the Faeregines- and to spy on them. One wants to protect. The other wants to destroy...but which is which? When Hazel and Hob form a friendship, they may save the realm- or end it forever.

In the After by Demitria Lunetta (science fiction)

In a post-apocalyptic world where nothing is as it seems, seventeen-year-old Amy and Baby, a child she found while scavenging, struggle to survive while vicious, predatory creatures from another planet roam the Earth.

Ink and Bone by Rachel Caine (adventure)

Ruthless and supremely powerful, the Great Library is now a presence in every major city, governing the flow of knowledge to the masses. Alchemy allows the Library to deliver the content of the greatest works of history instantly, but the personal ownership of books is expressly forbidden ... When his friend inadvertently commits heresy by creating a device that could change the world, Jess discovers that those who control the Great Library believe that knowledge is more valuable than any human life--and soon both heretics and books will burn

The Inquisitor's Tale by Adam Gidwitz (fantasy)

Three children and their holy dog have somehow made an enemy of the King of France. Each has a supernatural gift that makes some people revere them, while others fear them. No one person knows the whole tale, so many storytellers come together to relate the story of these young travelers and their enemies. There will be bloody battles, hungry quicksand, and magical healings on the way to this adventure's end.

Jack by Lisa Shurtliff (fantasy)

Relates the tale of Jack who, after trading his mother's milk cow for magic beans, climbs a beanstalk to seek his missing father in the land of giants.

Last Day on Mars by Kevin Emerson (science fiction)

Earth is gone, burned to a cinder when the sun began going supernova. The human race has fled to Mars, but it's only a temporary solution. Liam and Phoebe will be on the last starliner to depart Mars...or so Liam thinks. Before this day is over, they will discover that the human race is just one of many in our universe locked in a dangerous struggle for survival.

The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier (humor)

Ever since the monster apocalypse hit town, average thirteen-year-old Jack Sullivan has been living in his tree house, which he's armed to the teeth with catapults and a moat, not to mention video games and an endless supply of Oreos and Mountain Dew scavenged from abandoned stores. But Jack alone is no match for the hordes of Zombies and Winged Wretches and Vine Thingies, and especially not for the eerily intelligent monster known only as Blarg. So Jack builds a team: his dorky best friend, Quigley; the reformed middle school bully, Dirk; Jack's loyal pet monster, Rover; and Jack's crush, June. With their help, Jack is going to slay Blarg, achieve the ultimate Feat of Apocalyptic Success, and be average no longer! Can he do it?

Legend by Marie Lu (science fiction)

In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, fifteen-year-olds Day, a famous criminal, and prodigy June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover that they have a common enemy.

Life as we Knew It by Susan Pfeffer (science fiction)

Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan (mythology)

Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon, and is sent to Camp Half Blood where he is befriended by a satyr and the demigod daughter of Athena who join him in a journey to the Underworld to retrieve Zeus's lightning bolt and prevent a catastrophic war.

Love that Dog by Sharon Creech (novel in verse)

A young student, who comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem.

Me and Marvin Gardens by Amy Sarig King (fantasy)

Obe Devlin spends a lot of his time cleaning up the creek that runs through what little is left of his family's once extensive farmland, and worrying about what the developers are doing nearby, and the pollution it is causing--but one day he finds a strange creature by his creek that eats plastic, and soon the animal he calls Marvin Gardens becomes his personal secret, which he believes needs to be protected from pretty much everybody.

Miles Morales, Spider-Man by Jason Reynolds (adventure)

Miles Morales' spidey-sense has been out of whack. He can't shake the nightmares or the buzz every day in history class amidst his teacher's suspicious lectures on the historical "benefits" of slavery. Something's off, but he has no idea what it might be. After being set up and then suspended, Miles wonders if he's even cut out to be a superhero. As his scholarship is threatened, Miles uncovers an evil in his school- now all he can do is suit up.

Moving Target by Christina Diaz Gonzalez (adventure)

In this exciting and action-packed adventure, a young girl discovers her secret ancient bloodline. Cassie Arroyo, an American studying in Rome, has her world ripped apart when someone tries to kill her father, an art history professor at an Italian university. Is she their next target?

Ms. Bixby's Last Day by John Anderson (realistic fiction)

Ms. Bixby unexpectedly announces that she is very sick and won't be able to finish the school year, and Topher, Brand and Steve come up with a plan to tell her how much she means to them.

N.E.R.D.S. by Michael Buckley (humor)

Combining all the excitement of international espionage and all the awkwardness of elementary school, NERDS, featuring a group of unpopular students who run a network from inside their school, hits the mark. With the help of cutting-edge science, their nerdy qualities are enhanced and transformed into incredible abilities!

A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielsen (historical fiction)

With the rise of the Berlin Wall, twelve-year-old Gerta finds her family suddenly divided. She, her mother, and her brother Fritz live on the eastern side, controlled by the Soviets. Her father and middle brother, who had gone west in search of work, cannot return home. Gerta knows it is dangerous to watch the wall, to think forbidden thoughts of freedom, yet she can't help herself. She sees the East German soldiers with their guns trained on their own citizens; she, her family, her neighbors and friends are prisoners in their own city. No one can be trusted. Will Gerta and her family find their way to freedom?

The Night Gardener by Jonathan Auxier (horror/supernatural)

Irish orphans Molly, fourteen, and Kip, ten, travel to England to work as servants in a crumbling manor house where nothing is quite what it seems to be, and soon the siblings are confronted by a mysterious stranger and secrets of the cursed house.

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate (novel in verse)

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse (novel in verse)

In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.

Pandora Gets Jealous by Carolyn Hennesy (mythology)

Thirteen-year-old Pandy is hauled before Zeus and given six months to gather all of the evils that were released when the box she brought to school as her annual project was accidentally opened.

Piecing me Together by Renee Watson (realistic fiction)

Scholarship student Jade has worked hard for everything she has, including a spot on a school trip to Costa Rica. Instead, she's invited to join Women to Women, a mentorship program for "at-risk" girls. Except really, it's for black girls. From "bad" neighborhoods. Jade doesn't think she needs the kind of support her mentors want to provide. Can she get these successful women- and her school's faculty- to see her for who she really is?

Planet Tad by Tim Carvell (humor)

Twelve-year-old Tad has a plan to make seventh grade his most awesome year, but he must overcome a devious little sister, an embarrassing summer job, a science fair project gone awry, and other obstacles.

Projekt 1065 by Alan Gratz (historical fiction)

It's the height of World War II. Michael O'Shaunessey, son of the Irish ambassador to Nazi Germany, lives with his family in Berlin. But Michael, like his parents, is a spy. He joins the Hitler Youth, taking part in their horrific games and book-burning, despising everything they stand for but using his insider knowledge to bring important information back to his parents and the British Secret Service. When Michael is tasked to find out more about Projekt 1065, a secret Nazi mission, things get even more complicated. He must prove his loyalty to the Hitler Youth at all costs -even if it means risking the lives of his family... and himself.

Red Pyramid by Rick Riordan (mythology)

Brilliant Egyptologist Dr. Julius Kane accidentally unleashes the Egyptian God Set, who banishes the doctor to oblivion and forces his two children to embark on a dangerous journey, bringing them closer to the truth about their family and its links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs.

Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard (fantasy)

In a world divided by blood--those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities--seventeen-year-old Mare, a Red, discovers she has an ability of her own. To cover up this impossibility, the king forces her to play the role of a lost Silver princess and betroths her to one of his own sons. But Mare risks everything and uses her new position to help the Scarlet Guard--a growing Red rebellion--even as her heart tugs her in an impossible direction.

Refugee by Alan Gratz (historical fiction)

Josef, a Jewish boy in 1930s Nazi Germany, flees the concentration camp. Isabel, a 1994 Cuban girl, tries to escape riots and unrest. Mahmoud's homeland is torn apart by war in 2015 Syria. All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers, from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is hope of tomorrow- and shocking connections that tie their stories together in the end.

Rise of the Wolf (Wereworld #1) by Curtis Jobling (fantasy)

Sixteen-year-old Drew flees his father's farm after he suddenly transforms into a werewolf, but, while hiding out in remote parts of Lysia, Drew is captured by Lord Bergan's men and forced to battle with other creatures as he tries to prove he is not the enemy.

The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen (sports)

When a school bus accident leaves sixteen-year-old Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb and her track team finds a way to help rekindle her dream of running again.

The Schwa Was Here by Neal Shusterman (realistic fiction)

When Anthony "Antsy" Bonano and his friends meet Calvin Schwa, they are impressed and puzzled by his ability to appear and disappear before their very eyes. Antsy concocts a money-making scheme based on the Schwa's invisibility that seems promising until he and his friends overreach and are caught by the town's legendary mean millionaire, Mr. Crawley. Their resulting community service project--walking the 7 virtues and 7 vices (Crawley's 14 afghan hounds) and going out with Crawley's granddaughter Lexie--cements and ultimately challenges friendships.

Scythe by Neal Shusterman (science fiction)

In a perfect world with no hunger, no disease, no war, and no death, scythes are the only ones who can end life—and they are commanded to do so, in order to keep the size of the population under control. Citra and Rowan are chosen to apprentice to a scythe—a role that neither wants. These teens must master the "art" of taking life, knowing that the consequence of failure could mean losing their own.

Short by Holly Goldberg Sloan (realistic fiction)

Julia is short for her age, but by the end of the summer run of The Wizard of Oz, she'll realize how big she is inside. She can't sing or dance, but when the director of Oz casts her as a Munchkin, she begins to see herself in a new way. Soon, she doesn't want to fade into the background- and it's a good thing, because her director has more big plans for Julia!

Slider by Pete Hautman (realistic fiction)

Hoping to win a cash prize in a pizza eating contest after racking up a tab on his mother's credit card, David must juggle his competitive eating training with the responsibility of looking after his autistic younger brother

Spirit Hunters by Ellen Oh (horror/supernatural)

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. The whole atmosphere gives Harper a sense of Deja vu, but she can't remember why. She knows that the memories she's blocking will help make sense of her brother's behavior and the strange and threatening sensations she feels in this house, but will she be able to put the pieces together in time?

Spy School by Stuart Gibbs (adventure)

Twelve-year-old Ben Ripley leaves his public middle school to attend the CIA's highly secretive Espionage Academy, which everyone is told is an elite science school.

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli (realistic fiction)

At first the students at Arizona's Mica High School are captivated by Stargirl Caraway's unusual, carefree behavior; however, she is soon shunned for everything that makes her unique in this story that pits individuality against conformity.

The Sword of Summer (Magnus Chase #1) by Rick Riordan (mythology)

Magnus Chase has always been a troubled kid. Since his mother's mysterious death, he's lived alone on the streets of Boston, surviving by his wits, keeping one step ahead of the police and the truant officers. One day, he's tracked down by an uncle he barely knows—a man his mother claimed was dangerous. Uncle Randolph tells him an impossible secret: Magnus is the son of a Norse god. The Viking myths are true. The gods of Asgard are preparing for war. Trolls, giants and worse monsters are stirring for doomsday. To prevent Ragnarok, Magnus must search the Nine Worlds for a weapon that has been lost for thousands of years. When an attack by fire giants forces him to choose between his own safety and the lives of hundreds of innocents, Magnus makes a fatal decision. Sometimes, the only way to start a new life is to die.

Stef Soto, Taco Queen by Jennifer Torres (realistic fiction)

Mexican-American Stef Soto is hoping to break free from her overprotective parents and embarrassing reputation from her family's taco truck business, but she soon learns that family, friendship, and the taco truck are important and wonderful parts of her life

The Tapper Twins Go to War (with each other) by Geoff Rodkey (humor)

Twelve-year-old twins, Claudia and Reese, who couldn't be more different...except in their determination to come out on top in a vicious prank war. But when the competition escalates into an all-out battle that's fought from the cafeteria of their New York City private school all the way to the fictional universe of an online video game, the twins have to decide if their efforts to destroy each other are worth the price.

The Terrible Two by Mac Barnett (humor)

Miles Murphy is not happy to be moving to Yawnee Valley, a sleepy town that's famous for one thing and one thing only--cows. In his old school, everyone knew him as the town's best prankster, but Miles quickly discovers that Yawnee Valley already has a prankster, and a great one. If Miles is going to take the title from this mystery kid, he is going to have to raise his game. It's prankster against prankster in an epic war of trickery, until the two finally decide to join forces and pull off the biggest prank ever seen--a prank so huge that it would make the members of the International Order of Disorder proud.

The Thing About Georgie by Lisa Graff (realistic fiction)

Georgie's dwarfism causes problems, but he could always rely on his parents, his best friend, and classmate Jeanie the Meanie's teasing, until a surprising announcement, a new boy in school, and a class project shake things up.

Ungifted by Gordon Korman (humor)

Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.

The Unlucky Lottery Winners of Classroom 13 by Honest Lee and Matthew J. Gilbert (realistic fiction)

Unlucky teacher Ms. Linda LaCrosse wins the lottery and shares her winnings with her class. The students fulfill their dreams with their newfound wealth, but they soon learn that winning the lottery is not all that lucky

The Van Gogh Deception by Deron Hicks (mystery)

When a tween is discovered in Washington DC's National Gallery without any memory of who he is, a race begins to unravel the greatest mystery of all: his identity. As the stakes rise, the boy must piece together clues of his origins while trying to stop one of the greatest art frauds ever attempted. Check out the QR codes woven throughout to bring the art straight to your phone.

The War That Saved my Life by Kimberly Bradley (historical fiction)

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

Warcross by Marie Lu (science fiction)

Emika Chen didn't mean to glitch into the opening tournament of Warcross and get exposed to the entire world- she just wanted to hack her way into a valuable power-up. Instead of facing jail, she's invited into the tournament with the top-secret task of stopping the real threat to the game. But as she's drawn deeper into the world of Warcross, Emika finds it's not so easy to know who to trust.

Wedgie & Gizmo by Suzanne Selfors (humor)

While his human Elliot adjusts to his new home and stepfamily, Gizmo, an evil genius guinea pig, searches for a new evil lair where he can plot to take over the world, but Gizmo is constantly thwarted by Elliot's little stepsister Jasmine (who likes to play dress-up), Abuela (who may or may not like to eat cavies), and Wedgie (a Corgi superhero and Gizmo's nemesis).

Well, That Was Awkward by Rachel Vail (realistic fiction)

One day, Gracie can't breathe, can't walk, can't anything- and the reason is tall and weirdly good-looking: A.J. But A.J. likes Gracie's best friend Sienna. Obviously Gracie is happy for Sienna...super happy. She helps Sienna compose the best texts, responding to A.J.'s surprisingly funny and appealing texts. Because Gracie is fine. Always! She's had lots of practice being the sidekick, second-best. It's all good. Well, almost all. She's trying.

When by Victoria Laurie (mystery)

Sixteen-year-old Maddie Flynn cannot help but see the death date of everyone she meets or sees in a photograph or on-screen, and her alcoholic mother exploits this by having her do readings for money, but when Maddie predicts the death of a young boy, she becomes the center of an FBI investigation.

Wild Bird by Wendelin Van Draanen (realistic fiction)

When Wren is "kidnapped" and sent to a wilderness camp to help her deal with her alcohol and drug addiction, she thinks her parents are just trying to get rid of her. In her fury, she struggles through the first days in the Utah desert, but this could be Wren's last chance.

The Wishing Spell (Land of Stories #1) by Chris Colfer (fantasy)

Through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about.

Wonder by R.J. Palacio (realistic fiction)

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunts and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.

Woof: a Bowser and Birdie Novel by Spencer Quinn (mystery)

Bowser is a mutt, just adopted by eleven-year-old Birdie Gaux and her grandmother, but when they all get home to Grammy's bait and tackle shop in the bayou they discover that their prize stuffed marlin has been stolen--so Bowser decides to investigate, and things quickly become complicated and dangerous.

York: The Shadow Cipher by Laura Ruby (fantasy)

In 1798, the Morningstarr twins arrived in New York City with dazzling designs and technology no one had ever seen before. Then...they disappeared. In the present day, much of their technology remains, along with their unsolved Old World Cipher. When a developer starts plans to demolish the Morningstarr buildings, Tess, Theo, and Jaime must follow the clues around the city and solve the unsolvable cipher, their only chance to save their home