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Last updated: July 17, 2025 No need to dread a book report! When kids find titles that are engaging, interesting, and thought-provoking, they're hooked. If it's nonfiction, students can dissect plot, theme, and characters. If it's nonfiction, students can dissect plot, theme, and characters. If it's nonfiction, students can dissect plot, theme, and characters. If it's nonfiction, they can plunge into a subject that fascinates them or learn a lot about something they've never heard of before.
Here's a list of surefire selections for students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. For even more ideas, check out 50 Books All Kids Should Read Before They're 12. Welcome to Amys Bookshelf! Here, teachers will find carefully curated book lists for each grade level from kindergarten to twelfth grade. Moving forward, new lists filled with book
recommendations will be published weekly. Sometimes, these lists will be organized around a specific theme, like a holiday or seasonal event. Other times, they will feature rockstar books books practically guaranteed to get your students reading. Before jumping into reading recommendations, a few words about how books are selected. First, it is so
important that teachers prioritize reading interest over reading level. Students will often choose to read well above or below their reading level if they are particularly interested in a book or topic. Teachers only hurt students by limiting them to a specific selection of titles grouped according to an arbitrary number or level. Think of the books on these
lists as starting places for you and your students, but if a student wants to read up (or down), that is a-ok. Also, please note that these lists lean heavily toward modern selections as opposed to the classics many teachers are familiar with. A true renaissance is happening in childrens literature today, and the books coming out are truly exciting. One of
the factors that makes this such an exciting time for kid lit is how diverse the selection are in terms of genre, characters and subject matter. These lists will feature fiction and nonfiction selection as well as graphic novels, novels written in verse, and more. Any book list or classroom library worth its salt includes books featuring LGBTQIA+
characters, racially diverse characters, characters with disabilities, characters in the foster care system, characters from a wide variety of socioeconomic and religious backgrounds, and so on. Importantly, the diversity of the characters doesnt always need to be the focus of the literature in other words, a book featuring a black character or gay
character doesnt need to be about those individuals exploring their plackness or their gayness; those characters can have kid problems that apply to all children regardless of their race or sexual orientation. Similarly, students should be encouraged to read stories featuring people of diversity all year long not just during a month set aside to celebrate
a specific heritage. One final note: todays childrens literature does not shy away from frank discussions of gender, race, sex, sexuality, abuse, mental illness, and more nor should it. I will not censor books from these lists based on these controversial areas. What books you recommend will depend on the specific district you work in and your clientele.
I encourage you and your students to read widely without fear. Seventh grade is a time of growing apart from friends. Its a time of growing apart from friends.
lives. by Raina Telgemeier Get itHERE. In this graphic novel sequel to Smile, Raina cant wait to be a big sister, until her little sister is actually born and she realizes that babies arent a lot of fun. Over the years, they learn to stick together and stand up for each other. by Debbie Levy and illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley Get itHERE. Another picture
book biography, this time about Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. This particular biography tells Gindburgs story through her many famous dissents. Get itHERE. On the day Life Assignments are given out, 12-year-old Jonas is selected as his communitys next Receiver of Memory in this famous dystopian story. This is a must read. Author
Lois Lowry has written three companion novels to The Giver. by Jennifer L. Holm Get itHERE. Felicity and her family move to
the town of Midnight Gulch for her mothers new job, but Felicity doesnt trust that it will last long. Her mother is cursed with a wandering heart, after all. But Felicity soon learns that Midnight Gulch was once a magical place until a curse drove away all the magic. She starts to think that, if she can get the magic to return, maybe her mother will
finally settle down, too. by Brian Selznick Get itHERE. Dont let students be intimidated by the 500+ pages in this book, Hugo Cabret is a wonder. Its part graphic novel, part text, and a whole lot of wonder. Hugo survives as an orphan on the streets of London by helping wind an old clock and through thieving. All of this changes and Hugos secrets
threaten to come spilling out when he crosses paths with an old toy shop owner. Get itHERE. The Sudanese girl in 2008 who walks two hours to retrieve water, and Salva, in 1985, who becomes one of the lost boys of Sudan. This is based on a true story and is extremely powerful. by
Thanhha Lai Get itHERE. H loves her home in Vietnam, but when the Vietnam War reaches Saigon, her family boards a ship headed for the United States. H tells her story in verse, and it is based on the authors childhood. by Kelly Barnhill Get itHERE. The witch in the forest, Xan, is kind, but the people of the Protectorate dont know this. They leave
her an offering each year an offering of a child. Xan takes the children and places them with adoptive families in a neighboring town. One year, Xan decides to keep a child and raise her as her own. This child is Luna, and as Luna turns 13, her magic starts to unfold while a man from the Protectorate is on a mission to kill the witch and free his people.
by Pam Munoz Ryan Get itHERE. Echo is very impressive middle grade magical realism. This is the story of three children who are connected by a magic harmonica in the World War II era. Its hard to put down. by Aisha Saeed Get itHERE. A young Pakastani girl, Amal, is forced into indentured servitude by her villages corrupt landlord. Amal is
determined to make sure her dreams arent dashed in the process. Get itHERE. Ali Fadhil is 11 years old in 1991 when Saddam Hussein goes to war with the United States. Alis father is a medic and is sent to war. The family spends the duration of the war trying to survive. by Jenn Bishop Get itHERE. Maddies sixth grade dance is abruptly ended when
a tornado races through her town, destroying her familys home and the home of her crush, Avery. A neighbor opens their home to both Maddie and Averys families, and suddenly, Maddie is spending the summer living with the boy she likes. by Victoria Jamieson Get itHERE. Imogene, or Impy, has been homeschooled by her two parents who work at a
renaissance fair. She is convinced she has what it takes to be brave like a knight, and her noble quest is enrolling in public school, just in time to try to survive middle school. Get itHERE. Theodore Roosevelt and his two sons were given the opportunity to map an uncharted river in the Amazon jungle in 1913. They faced many dangers, and this is a
really engaging account of that journey. Get itHERE. This is a novel-length science text telling the story of mans domestication of wolves, and the ways that those early canines influenced our evolution, too. Get itHERE. This
is the life story of American Pharoah, the horse that won the Triple Crown in 2015. The story goes into great detail about the horse himself as well as the trainers, breeders, and jockey who were a part of his team. Get itHERE. Gracie likes A.J., but A.J. likes her best friend Sienna. So Gracie plays Horatio for Sienna, writing texts to A.J. for her, all the
while assuring herself that shes just fine with the arrangement. by Wendy Mass Get itHERE. Right before Jeremy but the key is missing. Jeremy sets off with his best friend to find the key and open the box. by Erin Entrada
Kelly Get itHERE. Chet Bullins pulls a prank gone wrong and shy Virgil Salinas ends up at the bottom of a well with his pet guinea pig. When three other kids, Valencia, Gen, and Kaori, realize Virgil is missing, they set out to find him. by Jack Gantos Get itHERE. Jack Gantos is grounded for life. His mom assigns him to a local neighbor to help type
obituaries for the iconic people in his town. A mystery begins to unfold as Jack notices some unusual details in the obituaries that start painting a bigger picture of intrigue. by Janet Fox Get itHERE. Kat and her brother are sent to a Scottish moor to escape the bombing of London. They wind up at Rookskill Castle and are quite convinced the castle is
haunted or worse. by Guadalupe Garcia McCall Get itHERE. Lupitas Mami is diagnosed with cancer, and Lupita abandons her adolescent worries to do everything she can to save Mamis life. This includes babysitting her seven younger siblings. This is a gorgeous coming-of-age story written in verse. by Ann E. Burg Get itHERE. Matt Pin was airlifted
from his war-torn home in Vietnam and adopted by a family in the United States. This novel in verse is a story of healing as Matt faces fears, uncertainty, and prejudice in his new home. by Cornelia Funke Get itHERE. Meggies father reads her a bedtime story and accidentally releases a villian into the real world. Meggie must stop him. This is the first
in a trilogy. by Storm written by Sue Macy and illustrated by Matt Collins Get itHERE. Yet another incredible picture book biography, this one about Gertrude Ederle who became the first woman to swim across the English Channel. Really excellent back matter gives more biographical information than the story itself. by Lauren Wolk Get itHERE.
Annabelle recognizes a bully as soon as Betty Glengarry moves to town. Bettys bullying soon makes reclusive neighbor Toby, a friend of Annabelles, a target. She determines she will put a stop to Betty. by Philip Pullman Get itHERE. Orphan Lyra Belacqua lives a happy life among the scholars of Jordan College until one day her uncle, Lord Asriel visits
the college along with Mrs. Coulter. Both adults seem to hold the key to the epidemic of children who have been disappearing lately. This is the first in a bestselling trilogy that warns about the corrupting power of religion (and is thus controversial and often challenged). by Margaret Peterson Haddix Get itHERE. This dystopian novel imagines a world
where parents are only allowed two children. Luke is a third, a shadow child, and he lives his life in hiding. This is the first book in the Shadow Children series. Get itHERE. Trudy Mixer is 12 years old and life is pretty rough. Her beloved Beatles when
they come to Boston, quite the feat for a middle schooler living in Rhode Island. by Elissa Brent Weissman Get itHERE. Imani, who is adopted, decides she is finally ready to find her birth parents. Her search turns inward when her great-grandmother passes away and Imani finds her diary, which details her fleeing from the Nazi regime. by Tracy
Barrett Get itHERE. Princess Marabel has lived in the shadow of her twin brother, Marco, her whole life. But on their thirteenth birthday, Marco is kidnapped and Marabel has a chance to save the day. by North Henderson Get itHERE. Doreen Green is a friend of Tony Stark, and like most of Starks friends, she has a superhero alter ego as Squirrelated the same of the 
Girl. She is a college student by day and crime-fighting superhero at night. This is the first of five volumes. Get itHERE. George is an orphan, and when he finds out that his family heirloom, a map to the Star of Victory, has been stolen, its the last straw. He sets out, along with Ada Lovelace, to get the map back. by Gregory Zuckerman with Gabriel
and Elijah Zuckerman Get itHERE. The women profiled in this nonfiction book are household names Simone Biles, Venus and Serena Williams, and so many more. This is a collection of biographies of women athletes who overcame tremendous obstacles to rise to the top in their sports. Get itHERE. This book tackles difficult issues like the gun debate
and domestic violence through the eyes of Zoey. Zoey, her siblings, and her mom live with Lenny in the most comfortable home theyee ever known. When Zoey is asked to join the debate team, she starts noticing things through different eyes and finds a voice to speak up. by Barbara OConnor Get itHERE. Charlie does not know what it means to have
a put together family. She is sent to live in the Blue Ridge Mountains with her aunt and uncle. Here, she meets a stray dog christened Wishbone and meets Howard, who becomes her close friend. This book deals heavily with the theme of abandoned children, making it a read that is at time difficult. by John David Anderson Get itHERE. Cell phones
are banned from Branton Middle School, so the kids must resort to leaving old-fashioned notes for each other in the form of sticky notes left around the school. This book looks at the power of words to hurt and to heal. by Leah Henderson Get itHERE. Mor made a promise to his father on his fathers death bed to keep his sisters safe and keep the
family together. Yet, try as he might, the pressures of these promises seem to great for an 11 year old. This novels back drop is modern-day Senegal. by Hena Kahn Get itHERE. Amina, a Pakistani-American girl, faces all the usual pressures of middle school. Her best friend starts talking about changing her name to something more American and
Amina starts grappling with her identity. Meanwhile, a neighborhood mosque is vandalized in a hate crime. by Wendelin Van Draanen Get itHERE. Wren is enrolled in a survivalist wilderness therapy class after her parents dont know how to handle her anymore. She arrives at camp bitter and angry, but during her eight-week stay in the wild, she finds
redemption. by Paula Danziger Get itHERE. Marcy finds her life pretty boring. School is stupid. Her dad verbally abuses her and her mother. But when Ms. Finney becomes Marcys English teacher and actually treats her like a person, Marcy checks back into life. by Jewell Parker Rhodes Get itHERE. Ninth Ward is about a 12-yera-old girl who lives
through Hurricane Katrina with her family and friends in New Orleans. It does a nice job contextualizing and explaining the natural disaster to children. by Jack Cheng Get itHERE. Alexs hero is astronomer Carl Sagan. Sagan launched his Golden Record into space and Alex dreams of doing the same with an iPod containing his podcast. by Erin Teagan
Get itHERE. Madeline Little wants to be a scientist, and she doesnt have time for the fun and games of other kids her age. She doesnt want to start middle school, she just wants to run experiments in her fathers lab. by Kelly Yang Get itHERE. Mias family lives in a motel. Her parents, immigrants themselves, secretly hide away other immigrants in
empty motel rooms, putting the whole family at risk. On top of that, Mia dreams of being a writer, though her first language isnt English and her mother suggests she sticks to math. Shes in for a tough year! by Caela Carter Get itHERE. Siblings Flora and Julian dont trust the foster care system that has shuttled them from home to home, and they
certainly dont trust their adoptive parents. With the help of their new mom, the two siblings research their past so they can learn to trust again. by Clare Vanderpool Get itHERE. Jack and Early are friends at a boys boarding school in Maine. During a school break, they set out to hike the Appalachian Trail searching for a black bear. This story is their
odyssey, as they meet new friends (and enemies) and learn about themselves in the process. Get itHERE. In this alternate history, the Morningstar Twins helped build New York City into the city it is today. The twins disappeared, leaving the Old York Cipher behind them, a puzzle constructed by the architects that no one has been able to solve until,
that is, three modern-day kids band together to see if they can crack the code. by Tony Abbott Get itHERE. Denis died seven years ago and has been stuck in limbo ever since, because his twin brother Matt cannot let him go. Denis goes back to help Matt uncover the mysterious circumstances surrounding his death so that he and his family can be at
peace. The benefits of reading cannot be overstated. Reading leads to increased empathy, a robust vocabulary, stronger problem-solving skills, and better emotional intelligence. Reading is even correlated with success later in life. For middle-school students, strong reading skills are critical. Not only does reading help them succeed in English class,
but literacy skills become increasingly important as history, geography, and science introduce more complex ideas. One way to ensure that your middle-school students read and comprehend literature is by assigning them book reports, but say the words book reports, and youll probably have a class staring at you, looking less than thrilled. At
Adaptively, we constantly seek ways to equip educators to engage their students. So, weve put together some creative book-report ideas to encourage your students to tackle their assigned reading and book reports eagerly and excitedly! Check out These 11 Creative Book-Report Ideas for Middle Schoolers: 1. Create a Diary for One of the
Characters Have your students choose a character from the book? How do they react to the main characters perspective. Emphasize that they should focus on this characters perspective. Emphasize that they should focus on this characters perspective.
Draw a MapIf your student is reading a book that involves a lot of travel, have them draw a map. Whether the location is read or imaginary, plotting and labeling the most significant sites will be a good exercise in reading comprehension. Then, on the back of the map, the student can write descriptions of the mapped settings. Interview the
CharacterHave the student write out an interview with one of the characters. They can write the questions like a reporter and then answer them as the Character questions. Then, have the other students can dress up as their favorite book characters with this fun take on book reports. Then, have the other students ask each character questions. The
can create a good mix of plot-related questions (What did you do to overcome that challenge?) and fun questions (If you were living today, what would your favorite movie be?).5. Create a Comic Book or Graphic NovelDo you have any artistic students? Have them choose a scene from the novel and create a comic-book version. They can draw pictures
and include relevant dialogue in word bubbles.6. Write a Letter to a FriendInstead of writing a standard book report, have your students write a letter recommending their book to a friend. The letter should include information about the plot and characters. It should also include reasons why the friend would like the book (You like scary stories, or It
was so funny, I couldnt put it down.).7. Write a PoemHave your students write a poem about their book. You can also ask your students to write their poetry in the style of a famous poet like Shakespeare or E. E. Cummings.8. Book in a BoxLet your students decorate the inside of a box with representational items or pictures from their books. You can
display their dioramas around the classroom. 9. Create a Yearbook With this idea, a student can draw pictures from the story. First, the student can draw pictures from the characters round the characters or cut out pictures from the story.
a brief character description and assign each one a superlative. 10. Rewrite the EndingThis book-report idea allows students to use flexible thinking to explore optional ideas. Students can offer another way the book could have ended and discuss if the change would affect the storys tone or overall message. 11. Write a SequelStudents can compose a
short sequel to the book. How much time has passed? What are the characters doing now? What has changed since the end of the book? There you looking for more ways to supercharge your schools classrooms? Adaptivelys enrichment
programs and game-based learning strategies will keep your students engaged and learning throughout the school year and over the summer months. Contact us today to see how we can help improve your schools learning outcomes. There are so many upper middle grade books for 7th graders in middle school ages 12 and 13, so how do you find the
best book reading choices for your 7th grade student or child? Using my background as a teacher, parent, and book reviewer, Ive written a curated list of my top book picks with reviews for 7th graders to help you find good middle-grade books for 7th graders with different interests, topics, and genres! I update this book list on a monthly basis to
include the newest releases! For a bit easier books, read theBest Books for 6th Graders, 11 Year Olds. Also, look for the label SHORT by the genre tag to find books that are shorter reads. For short nonfiction books, which I love giving to readers, try this book list. For more challenging books, check out myBest Book for Teens listorChallenging Books
for Young Advanced Readers. What are the best book series for 7th graders? Best Book Series for 7th Graders Blood in the Water written by Tiffany JacksonMURDER MYSTERYIf your readers like tight writing with action, adventure, and mystery, this middle grade book is unputdownable! When Kaylani stays for the summer with her incarcerated dads
rich former employers as a summer charity case, you can imagine how well its going to go. Snide remarks and rudeness are the worst of it. . . until an older teenage boy gets murdered! Now the strange-acting older sister in the family is a suspect. Kaylani decides to solve the mystery herself which leads to new friends, alliances with the frenemy sister,
and before longdanger. Because someone doesnt want her to find out the truth. And will kill anyone who gets in their way . . . Amari and the Night Brothersby B.B. AlstonFANTASYFantastic fantasy world-building, excellent writing, a strong Black female heroine, and a surprise plot twist ending are just a few reasons youll love this book. Amaris
beloved older brother has vanished but she gets a virtual message from him revealing that shes a magician and will get to attend a secret magician school. At the school, she discovers shes actually an outlawed dark magic magician and will get to attend a secret magician school. At the school so she can find her missing brother who
used to attend there. The Trouble with Heroes written by Kate MessnerREALISTIC / VERSEFrom the incredibly authentic first-person voice to the compelling verse and multimodal format, this is one of the best middle grade books of 2025. This heartfelt story explores the healing power of nature, poetry, and dogs as a boys anger and grief turn into
something else. I cried at the end and predict that you will, too. We meet Finn after his angry rage that knocked over a tombstone, resulting in an unusual punishmenthe must climb the 47 Adirondack high peaks during the summer. Not only that, hes supposed to complete a poetry assignment focused on heroes or hell flunk English. He hates both his
assignments. And hes mad about his first responder dads death, among other things. How to Stay Invisible by Maggie C. RuddREALISTICA heartbreaking and hopeful survival story. Raymonds neglectful parents abandon him completely so he takes his dog Rosie, and they set up camp in the woods behind his middle school. There, he survives on his
own, foraging in dumpsters and fishing for food as he continues to attend school. When a playful coyote hurts Rosie, he meets an old man who helps them both which is especially significant because its over the Christmas break when he cant get dumpster food from school. Raymond doesnt want to tell anyone, including the old man or his two friends
at school, what hes surviving, but the truth comes out when another boy discovers his campsite and a snake bite almost kills him. HOW TO STAY INVISIBLE is a powerful story of grit, survival, and longing for family. Alliesby Alan GratzHISTORICAL FICTIONWritten from many different voices about one day in history, readers easily can see the
massive amount of cooperation, planning, and troops from different countries involved in D-Day(when the Allies invaded France at Normandy.) We hear from an American teenage soldier who was born in Germany, a French Algerian girl whose mom who is a recently captured spy, a Canadian paratrooper who lands in the wrong spot, and an American
that you cant put down, read this one next. Its Christmas Eve. Alis friend Gabe is missing, his FBI-agent dad is falsely accused of murdering an old man, and someone broke into their house while they were at church and stole his dads service weapon. Ali knows he has to try to fix things, starting by finding his friend Gabe. Dont miss book two, Like
Father, Like Son. The Probability of Everything by Sarah EverettREALISTIC(For this book review, Im not going to tell you too much about the story because it would spoil your reading experience.) Kemi adores her close-knit family, her African American artist mom, her baby sister, a baby sibling on the way, and most of all, her beloved Nigerian dad.
A Legendary Painter, a Shocking Heist, and the Birth of a Global Celebrity written by Nicholas Day, illustrated by Brett HelquistNONFICTIONYou will love the incredible writing, the fun illustrations, the biographical information about the curious, brilliant, and distractable Leonardo Da Vinci, the other art heists from the poorly guarded Louvre (one
eat, he shouldnt trust anyone, and nobody loves him. Hisanorexiagets so bad that hes hospitalized with the Voice sabotaging him every step of the way. But after months of struggle, Jake finds a glimmer of hope and it makes all the difference. The writing is exquisite every word, every line break, every capitalization, every bit of dialogue brings us on
this painful journey. Racing the Cloudsby Sydney DunlapREALISTIC FICTIONI could not put this book down its so well written with exceptional character development and plotting! Sage, a 13-year-old girl stuffing her emotions of guilt while memories of the past continue to haunt her. She hopes that going to visit the grandparents shes never met will
fix whats wrong. But it doesnt turn out how shed hoped, at least not at first. The only thing good about her visit is her new friend from the airplane and the stray dog she rescues. This hopeful, heartfelt story deals with feelings, growing up, addiction, and the healing power of a dog. The back matter is particularly helpful with more in-depth information
and a discussion guide. Keeping Pace written by Laurie MorrisonREALISTIC With one of the strongest first-person narrative voices Ive ever read, this exceptional story is about perfectionism, divorce, first crushes, and finding your place in the world. Grace is an achievement-oriented girl whose middle school years have been devoted to being the topping the topping the topping and finding your place in the world.
including her cousin and dad. The Other Side of Tomorrow written by Tina Cho, illustrated by Deb JJ Lee REALISTIC GRAPHIC NOVEL IN VERSEYoull be moved by the courage the two main characters show in the face of their difficult daily lives in North Korea who make harrowing escapes to China, imprisonment, another escape to Thailand, more
hiding, and eventual escape to the U.S. despite danger chasing them every step of the way. The writing is extraordinary because its in verse poetic, emotional, and surprising in a graphic novel. The graphic illustrations are stunning. This is such an important story. Youll finish it and realize that this level of hardship is unlike anything we face in a first
world country. Rain Risingby Courtne ComrieREALISTICRAIN RISING is a multilayered story about mental health, racism, family, friendship, and self-love with a main character that youll cheer on through her complicated growing-up journey. Rains older brother Xander gets brutally attacked and barely speaks anymore. Rain can barely cope. In an
after-school group, she starts to make new friends, and she slowly finds her way back to health through therapy and group support. Intense and heart-putting back to make new friends, and she slowly finds her way back to health through therapy and group support. Intense and heart to make new friends, and she slowly finds her way back to health through therapy and group support. Intense and heart breaking and h
GitwitzHISTORICAL FICTIONMax is a super-smartJewishboy living in Germany during World War II. He loves his family and tinkering with radios. Then, his parents send Max to safety on the Kindertransport. Hes joined by two personality-filled (grumpy) mythical creatures, a dybbuk and a kobold, living on his shoulders. Once in England, Maxs sole
focus is returning to Germany to help his parents. His clever tactics impress the British spies, and the government agrees to recruit Max if he can pass their rigorous spy training. Brilliant, exciting, and funny! The Squad written by Christina is a middle school
student who dreams of becoming a cheerleader. Shes figuring out if she can be her true self or if shes half a person and navigating the big feelings about her parents divorce. With themes of racism, identity, crushes, and friendship, this realistic sequel to The Tryout feels authentic to a middle school experience and the heartbreak of a divorce. A
Monster Callsby Patrick Ness, illustrated by Jim KayMAGICAL REALISMWorth reading and rereading because there are layers of meaning, skillful writing, and a haunting truthtelling that resonates with us all. Ever since Conors mom got breast cancer, a wild, ancient tree monster visits Conors nightmares. The monster demands that Conor admit the
truth about his mother, but Conor refuses. In the awake world, Conor moves in with his cold, unfriendly grandmother. The metaphorical nightmare echoes Conors real-world experiences as we journey with him into pain, loss, and eventually, healing. Astonishing and powerful, this is one of the best books Ive EVER read. Gone to the Woodsby Gary
PaulsenMEMOIRThis is a compelling, disturbing, and hopeful childhood story of hardship and survival with moments of kindness and time in nature that sustain the neglected, determined young boy. I highly recommend this book for 7th grader book clubs and 12-year-olds who likesurvival stories. What Happened to Rachel Riley?by Claire
SwinarskiREALISTIC / SEXUAL HARASSMENTStunning, thought-provoking, and anger-inducing, this is a superbly written story about an ostracized middle school girl and the new student determined to figure out whyIts about sexual harassment and negligent teachers, girls touched without consent, and the path out of that shame toward justice and
empowerment. I highly recommend this middle grade book for middle schoolbook clubsand everyone! The Last Cuentistaby Donna Barba HigueraSCIENCE FICTIONPetra is on a spaceship traveling to a new home after the Earth is destroyed. When Petra awakens, she learns that her parents have been killed and her brother is missing, plus all the
other humans memories have been erased. Except for hers! Petra is determined to foil the sinister Collectives plan to control everyone, but she plays the part of a mind-controlled teenager and secretly shares Mexican cuentos with the other Zetas. Her determination will save not only the Zetas but possibly an entire civilization of settlers. Petra is a
brave, fierce girl who shows us that we are less than human without art, music, and stories. Haba una vez And Then Boomby Lisa FippsREALISTIC /POVERTY/VERSEJoeexperiences so many bad things that his first person narration takes us on an emotional, difficult journey that sometimes is hard to read. And then, boom! Even more bad things
happen. (IKR?) When his mom abandons him again, he lives with his grandma in her trailer home where hes happy and finally has food. Until, Im not going to spoil it for you. But Joe finds kindness from his friends, the manager of the trailer park, and the dog that he rescues. Written in first person verse, And Then, Boom!takes readers on an emotiona
journey of heartbreak to hope about poverty, friendship, family, kindness, and love. The Night Warby Kimberly Brubaker BradleyHISTORICAL FICTIONWhen the French in Paris round up the Jews for Nazi prison camps, Miri and her neighbors baby escape with the help of a Catholic nun. To help them survive, Miri is renamed and sent to a Catholic
school for safety and her baby sister is adopted by a Catholic family. At the school, Miri begins to help other Jews flee Nazi-controlled France and is helped by the complicated ghost of Catherine de Medici, who thinks Miri is her gardener. But when Miri finds out that her little sister is about to be baptized, she plans their escapefor the next day. Miri
is a heroic main character with an emotionally compelling story. A Duet for Homeby Karina Yan GlaserREALISTIC /HOMELESSNESSA powerful story with complex, three-dimensional characters about grief, family, community, and homelessness. When their family becomes homeless after her dad dies, June helps her little sister and non-speaking mon
get settled at Huey House. Despite the shock of their new situation, June finds kindness from many of the people at the shelter. But when Mrs. G, their social worker gets fired for not agreeing to the citys new homeless policies, June helps organize a protest and discovers that home isnt a place and family isnt always blood. The Braveby James
BirdREALISTICWhen Collin, a neurodiverse boy, gets kicked out of another school, his neglectful father sends Collin to live with his mom. Collin has never met his mother but hes curious to meet her and live on the Ojibwe reservation. Living with her is a totally different experience than his previous home because with his mother, hes welcomed and
not judged. He befriends the neighbor girl who teaches Collin how to be brave. Which he needs. And so does she because shes going to be a butterfly soon Maybe He Just Likes Youby Barbara DeesREALISTICMiddle schooler Mila is feeling trapped a group of basketball-playing boys is getting too close, grabbing her, touching her, and then telling her
that shes imagining it. Ignoring doesnt stop the behaviors, neither does telling an adult, telling her friends, or wearing baggier clothing. Now her toxic friend Zara is acting mad and jealous that Milas getting the boys attention. Unexpectedly, Mila finds her strength when she starts karate classes. That helps her find what works to put a stop to the
harassment. This is one of the essential books for 7th graders; it should be shared widely with middle school boys and girls. House Arrestby K.A. HoltREALISTICY and love over his challenging situation. Timothy is under house arrest
for the next year, living with a brother who needs constant medical care, and feeling so much pain over his big life changes. Part of his year-long punishment is to meet with a probation officer, meet with a therapist, and write in a journal which is the book were reading. When his little brother gets assigned an abusive new nurse, Timothy feels like
even if he gets thrown in juvie, he must do something drastic to help his brother. Written in poetic verse, this great book speeds along and pulls your heart along with it. Enemies in the Orchard written by Dana VanderLugt HISTORICAL FICTIONIf you love reading the poetry of a novel in verse, you must read this lovely middle-grade historical fiction with it.
story about a time during WWII when German Prisoners of War were shipped to the U.S. to become laborers. 13-year-old Claires dad needs help with their orchard for the apple harvest, so he hires theenemyPOWs. Narrated in dual points of view, Claire forms a tentative relationship with a German teenager named Karl, a boy who struggles with his
Nazi past, wants to do better, and dreams of life after the war. Claire dreams of continuing her education to become a nurse and hopes her brother will return home safely from the war. VanderLugt deftly weaves reckoning, relationships, grief, and forgiveness through this heartfelt narrative. Highly recommended! Onyx and Beyond written by Amber
McBride HISTORICAL FICTION / DEMENTIA224 pagesOnyx is a solitary Black boy in the 1960s clinging to the two most important things in his life the meaning of his treasured rocks and hiding his moms deteriorated brain condition from the world. So, he takes care of himself when his mom forgets to get up during the day. And he tries to do what
his grandma in the sky told him to do fly. He even tries literal wings, which, not surprisingly, doesnt work. Then, he decides to steal a moon rock. But when hes caught, hes even more surprised to discover that he has more support than he knew, and maybe its his community that gives him wings. This is a moving first-person historical fiction story of
perseverance and hope. Note: includes the word ass. BUY ON AMAZONBUY ON BOOKSHOP Lifeboat 5 written by Susan Hood (Companion to Lifeboat 12) HISTORICAL FICTION VERSE272 pagesBeautiful poetic writing in verse narrates the incredible story of Bess, who is happy to escape the bullies and bombs in London on a ship evacuating kids
like she and her brother Louis to Canada during World War II. Bess meets her first friend on the ship and has funand good food. Its great until the brutal Atlantic, battered by wind and waves as one person after another dies. She spends a harrowing night in
the ocean, holding on for her friends sake. Hood includes extensive back matter about her research, the facts, and photos as well as information about the poetic forms she used in the book. Because this book includes death, this book may disturb sensitive readers. A memorable true story of friendship, survival, and history! BUY ON AMAZONBUY ON
BOOKSHOP Find Her written by Ginger Reno CONTEMPORARY / NATIVE AMERICAN224 pagesThe storys themes of kindness and protecting others revolve around the heartbreaking mystery and loneliness of a missing mom. This is an exceptionally written story about Wren, a half-Cherlkee 12-year-old who lives with her grandma and police chief
dad and whose mom has been missing for five years. Even though she wants to find her mom, most of all, Wren is good at finding lost pets. But lately, she finds the missing pets, and theyve been severely abused. A new friend at school helps with her pet finding, but Wren begins to suspect that hes being abused, too and its all tied together. Note: The
animal abuse could bother sensitive readers, and the book includes the words badass and crap. Sona and the Golden Beastswritten by Rajani LaRoccaFANTASYIn a world divided by race, Sona rescues a forbidden but sacred wolf, Sona
flees to her grandmothers after learning that shes an illegal child of both the ruling class and the persecuted class. To save her sick grandmother from the goldstorm, Sona and her mistrustful cousin travel across the country to find the sacred drops that are only given to the worthy and give them to her grandmother. Its an exciting adventure in a
unique world reminiscent of Indias history in which our heroine faces moral quandaries, the complexities of humanity, and the power of forgiveness and kindness. Im From Here, Toowritten by Kashmira SethREALISTIC, VERSEThis first-person verse novel about a 13-year-old Sikh boy who is bullied at school and struggles with anxiety will tug at your
heartstrings. As you read, youll feel the challenges he faces, learn about his culture and religion, and admire the way he leans into his faith to grow and accept himself. Last Dragon on Mars written by Scott ReintgenFANTASY SCI FICool world building, brilliant character development, and an exciting plot filled with betrayal, twists, and surprises
make this an enthralling must-read novel. In a universe where every star, planet, and moon has a dragon who can travel through space, Lunar Jones is an orphan on Mars, where the humans are dying. Hes a scrappy survivor who stumbles upon a dangerous secreta new dragon and a military crew. The dragon picks Lunar as his human bonded, saving
Lunar and his scrapper friends lives. Now, they must train with a crew that resents them to save Mars. The Girl Who Sang: A Holocaust Memoir of Hope and Survivalwritten by Estelle Nadel, Sammy Strout, art by Sammy Strout Historia family and singing
in Poland.But everything changed when she was seven years old, and the Nazis came. The Nazis took her father, who was never seen again and the rest of her family fled into hiding. Kind neighbors hid Enias family in an attic, but soon, it was only Enia and her brother in hiding for several years. Despite deaths, betrayal, and years of hiding, Enias
survival instincts carried her through. This is a beautifully crafted historical fiction graphic biography for ages 10+. Itsan emotional journey of survival, love, and hopein the most harrowing times. I highly recommend thisgraphic novel, now more than ever. Handsby Torrey MaldonadoCONTEMPORARY (SHORT)Trev thinks a lot about throwing
hands. He starts learning how to box so he can protect his mom and sisters when his stepdad gets out of jail. But when his uncle Erankie all ask him why and encourage him to use his hands differently than
fighting, including for his drawings. Maldonado writes shorter books so keep that in mind if your 7th grader is looking for a short book. The Ruins of Gorlan: Rangers Apprenticebook 1 by John A. FlanaganFANTASYWill is apprenticed to become a Ranger, a job hes unsure about. But as he develops a relationship with his master and learns what being
a Ranger is all about (spying for the kingdom,) and comes to embrace his new life. When an old enemy of the kingdomsends out dangerous beasts to attack Willsmaster, Will is instrumental in getting help and killing the creatures. Action, fantasy, adventure, friendship, excellent writing this book series has it all! Rangers Apprentice a must-read,
mesmerizing epic fantasy. Starfishby Lisa FippsREALISTIC / BODY IMAGE & SIZE /VERSEHeartbreaking and bullying, to define herselfnotbased on what others say but on who she really is. Ellies mom wont buy her new clothes because
she thinks it encourages Ellies weight gain and is pushing for a dangerous gastro-bypass surgery. Fortunately, Ellie gets support from an understanding therapist who helps her move from powerless to powerful and accept herself as she isbeautiful and worthy. Shark Teeth by Sherri WinstonREALISTIC FICTIONA deeply moving story of 12-year-old
Sharkita, who has been in and out offoster caresince she was three and is the primary parent for her two younger siblings, one of whom has special needs. Returning home from foster care, Sharkita hopes things will be different but is waiting for her mama to be herself again, leaving them alone for days and drinking too much. When her best friend
convinces Sharkita to go out for twirling with the cool new Vice Principal coach, its the first time shes done something for herself and not her siblings. Then, when the unthinkable happens, Sharkitas life of constant crisis and debilitating anxiety is revealed and maybe the worst thing ever will lead to something better. Code Name Kingfisherwritten by
Liz KesslerHISTORICAL FICTION WWIIWritten from four points of view (which WHAT A FEAT!), thismiddle grade historical fiction novel is moving, well-written, and fascinating. In the present day, Liv gets a school assignment to research her family history, but her Bubbe, who is in a nursing home, wont talk about her past. When Liv and her
classmate clean out Bubbes attic, they discover pieces of Bubbes secret past. In the past, Bubbe aka. Mila is a Jewish girl in Holland sent with her sister to live with a Christian family for safety. Milas sister writes about her heritage and how her
Bubbe and her sister stood up to the Nazi bullies gives Liv the courage to do the same the present day. Incredible. Telephone of the Treewritten by Alison McGheeREALISTIC / LGBTQ+Tear alerthis book will make you cry SO HARD! Ayla always relied on her friendship with her nonbinary best friend Kiri who is gone. Ayla is waiting for Kiri to get
back. When a telephone appears on her tree, she wonders if its magic. It seems to help people who stop to talk to their loved ones who have died. Ayla refuses to use the telephone for a long time. When she does accept what happened, its heartbreaking to witness her grief. The Songbird and the Rambutan Treeby Lucille AbendadonHISTORICAL
FICTIONSet in the Dutch East Indies during World War II, this is a stunning based-on-a-true story about friendship, survival, grief, prejudice, and equity. Emmys best friend is Bakti, a Javenese boy whose mom cooks for Emmy and her dad. Shes shocked to learn Baktis angry because he cant go to school and his support for the Japenese invasion. When
the Japanese invade, they separate Emmy from her dad, and shes sent to a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp for several years. As she survives the camps death and starvation and befriends her former enemy, she learns whats important. Its a moving story with an interesting history that I couldn't put down! Willa of the Woodby Robert
BeattyHISTORICALFANTASYSet in the time of early American settlers, this isa beautiful story of love about a night spirit who is still connected to the powerful wood magic of her ancestors. When Willa accidentally discovers that her clan is keeping human captives and forbidden technology, her Faeran clan leader wants her dead. Fleeing the danger
of her home, Willa cautiously observes a human man, slowly learning to trust him. When she realizes that one of his children was one of the human captives she saw, Willa knows she must return to her clan and make things right. No Place Like Home by James BirdREALISTIC / HOMELESSNESS / OJIBWEBeautiful character development, vivid details
and a strong narrative voice draw you into this story about homelessness, Ojibwe culture, growing up, family, and the love of a dog. Based on James childhood, Opin is a sweet, hopeful boy who lives with his mom and his older brother, who
comes and goes as he pleases. When Opin finds a hurt dog, the love of a dog fills a friend void for Opinuntil his brother takes the dog away. Despite the challenges of Opins life, beauty and joy are threaded throughout this compelling story that is one of the best of 2023. *Sensitive readers, there are a few swear words. Rare Birds by Jeff
MillerREALISTIC / SAD288 pagesGrahams mom moves them to Florida to wait for a heart transplant. When his mome friend and his angry son. Fortunately, at the hospital, he befriends a girl named Lou. When he finds his mome friend and his angry son. Fortunately, at the hospital, he befriends a girl named Lou. When he finds his mome friend and his angry son. Fortunately, at the hospital, he befriends a girl named Lou. When he finds his mome friend and his angry son. Fortunately, at the hospital, he befriends a girl named Lou. When he finds his mome friend and his angry son.
Kite. But because theres prize money for finding the bird, bully kids not only thwart them but endanger themstranding Lou and Graham in a swamp with a giant alligator and no cell service. The friends search is filled with challenges, which they face with bravery and determination, including the truth about Lou. I loved the two-page chapter lengths
and the emotionally resonate story of friendship and family that will make you cry. Free Lunchby Rex OgleREALISTIC / MEMOIRPowerful, memorable, and beautifully written for mature readers, Ogle writes about surviving his poverty and violence-filled childhood. Its sixth grade, and every lunch, Rex must loudly announce to the hard-of-hearing lunch
ladies that he gets free lunch. Not only is Rex shamed by free lunch but also his outfits and constant hunger and violent home life. Its ultimately a story of survival that may be relatable to some readers and will build empathy in others. Ghost Boysby Jewell Parker RhodesREALISTICThisbook brilliantlyaddresses the very real issue of police violence
against black children, but it does not vilify or stereotype. The author shows us the complexity of issues and the humanity of a police officer from the perspective of his daughter, is the only one who can see and talk to him except for the other ghost boys who were
also killed in racially motivated violence. Its a well-written, fast-paced read but one that is going to stay with you as you ponder the important topics it addresses. Lockwood & Co The Screaming Staircaseby Jonathan StroudGHOST ADVENTUREDangerous ghosts and spirits are appearing everywhere in London, but only certain kids can see
them. Teens Lucy, Anthony, and George badly need money for their ghost-hunting agency, Lockwood & Co., so they take a perilous job that, if the ghosts have their way, may just be their last. Its also abook made into a Netflix show! BOXED SET. Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactusby Dusti BowlingREALISTICAven Green is used to making up
creative stories for why she doesnt have any arms. Especially now in Arizona where her parents are the new managers of a rundown theme park. She befriends a boy at school who, like her, feels different and isolated from the other kids. His name is Connor and he has Tourette Syndrome. Together, he, another new friend named Zion, and Aven
investigate a mysterious storage shed that connects to Avens past. This story is about restorative friendship, facing your fears, and discovering your fears, and discovering your fears, and discovering your fears, and surprises. Marjans alone and the
owner of her dads veterinary practice since he died, even though shes only a sophomore in high school. When asked to help a sick gryffin, shes shocked to discover her fathers life, including if he was murdered, but the world of magical creatures is confusing
and filled with trickery. Marjan isnt sure if she can trust her instincts about mythical creatures. Worth every page! Black Bird, Blue Roadby Sofiya PasternackHISTORICAL FANTASYSet in the historical Turkic Jewish
empire of Khazaria. Zivas beloved twin brother with leprosy continues to deteriorate, and she learns hell be taken by her uncle, so she steals him away to search for a cure. Along their journey, they meet a half-demon boy who tells them about a mythical city where the Angel of Death can not enter. They journey toward the city and Ziva clings to the
hope that the city will be the answer to everything. Shell bargain and beg with Death, but ultimately, shell have to accept that in life, we all must die. This feels like an epic adventure and will sure to be a favorite new book. An Ember in the Ashesby Sabaa TahirHISTORICAL / FANTASYPart historical (ancient Rome) and part fantasy, Elias and Laia live
in aworld that enslaves them both in different ways Elias with fighting and Laia with serving and spying. This is an epic page-turning series with lots of mystery, action, and a hint of romance. Its SO good that its one of the most popular YA books right now but one that could be read by younger readers in 7th grade. The Fortby Gordon
KormanREALISTICTension-filled, disturbing, and powerful, this story alternates the points of view of a group of boys who are each dealing with their own struggles including poverty, OCD, bullying, and domestic abuse. When the boys discover an abandoned bomb shelter in the forest, they make it their fort, which becomes a special and safe place.
When one boy, the outsider who isnt friends with everyone yet, figures out whats happening with the abused boy who is secretly sleeping in the fort, all the friends try to help him, but its tricky and complicated. Barren Grounds: The Misewa Sagaby David A. RobertsonFANTASY /INDIGENOUS CULTUREFosterkids with Indigenous heritage, Morgan
and Eli, discover a portal in the attic leading to a magical world of Cree language and mythology. Its a world with talking animals who walk on two legs and need their help. Ochek, the Fischer, asks the kids to end the starving communitys forever winter by finding the human man who stole all the birds and, with them, summer. Their dangerous guest
triggers Morgans memories of her mother and a new perspective on who she is. The children travel far with their new friends and experience danger and trials in order to save this beautifully-crafted story about a young, naive giant
named Berg who is searching for his place in the world. He doesnt want to be like the monstrous but because hes so innocent, hes tricked and becomes a prisoner of a town. This one of my favorite books for 7th graders about trust, hope, belonging, friendship, and truth. Steelheartby Brandon SandersonSCI-FII love this unique world with its plot twists
and turns. Epics are super-powerful, evil god-like creatures who control the worlds cities. Because Davids father was killed by Chicagos Epic named Steelheart, David wants revenge. He joins the rebel group, the Reckoners, to learn how to assassinate Steelheart, David wants revenge. He joins the rebel group, the Reckoners, to learn how to assassinate Steelheart a next to impossible feat for a regular human like him. This is a page-turning,
mesmerizing YA book series. Boxed Set HERE. Children of the Foxby Kevin SandsFANTASY ADVENTURECallans a gaffer who joins a group of kids who are hired by a Weaver to steal something magical called the Eye. Its a tricky job with not enough time to plan and all the kids know its dangerous but the monetary reward is too tempting. The misfits
use their individual skills including climbing, mapping, acrobatics, and knife throwing to plan a heist in less than a week. Its an exciting, complex, and unexpected plot involving magic and mythological gods from the stories with themes of problem-solving, friendship, and trust that ends with both an amazing resolution and a cliffhanger. Escape from
Atlantisby Kate OHearnADVENTUREDont miss this wildly inventive, exciting, and thought-provoking adventure. Riley, her dad, her cousin, and her aunt are sailing in the Bermuda Triangle when theyre attacked by a leviathan. Riley and her aunt are sailing in the Bermuda Triangle when theyre attacked by a leviathan. Riley and her aunt are sailing in the Bermuda Triangle when theyre attacked by a leviathan.
people. They soon learn the sinister truth of the rule-centric community and are determined to escape. What a great book for 7th graders! Charlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows by Ryan CalejoFANTASYCharlie Hernandez and t
and meets the MYTHS in real life like calacas, mukis, and El Justo Juez that hes really freaked out. Fortunately, a persistent classmate Violet Rey (also his crush) helps Charlie follow the clues to find out what happened to his parents and discover what it has to do with La Mano Peluda and the prophesied Morphling who is meant to save the world.
Across the Desertby Dusti BowlingREALISTIC/ DRUG ADDICTIONAcross the Desertis a stunning story about a brave girl who has been secretly dealing with her mothers opioid addiction. Jolene is the only person who knows that her only friend Addie has crashed her ultralight plane alone in the middle of the desert. So Jolene steals her moms phone
and credit card to takes the bus as close as she can to Addies location. On the bus, she meets a kind and helpful teenager named Marty who, despite Jolenes reluctance and mistrust, helps Jolene. The story is about trust, relationships, boundaries, addiction, survival, and family; its also an emotional journey of inner and outer strength that leads to hope
and healing. Taking Up Spaceby Alyson GerberREALISTIC/ BODY DYSMORPHIA & EATING DISORDERSS arahs moms dysfunctional relationship with food is affecting Sarah who now thinks that her slowness in basketball is related to eating too much or too many unhealthy foods, instead of being from the normal growing pains of puberty. Shes
confused, starving herself, and stressed out. Finally, a friend pushes Sarah to get helpand, help is just what Sarah needs to understand the truth about her body, what health truly is, and how her moms disordered eating has affected her. EXCELLENT! A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue ParkREALISTICThis is the amazing & powerful biography of a
boy with courage and hope who walked across Africa to find a better life. We also learn the story of an African village for whom water is a two-hour walk, and how the boy, now a man, builds a well for the village. A good book for 7th graders! The Fire, The Water, and Maudie McGinn by Sally J. PlaMaudie is an autistic girl staying with her father for
the summer but a California fire forces them from their cabin. She and her dad looks for work, Maudie works up her courage to ask an older surfer woman for lessons. She spends the summer worrying about her big secret
and learning to surf, hoping to win the beginning surfer competition at the end of the summer. Maudie makes a new friend who is friendly and neurodiverse like her. All of these things help her consider that she is more than what her mom and her abusive stepdad think of her. This is a moving coming of age story of a girl who learns to thrive instead
of survive. 96 Milesby J.L. EsplinSURVIVALDad always said if things get desperate, its okay to drink the water in the toilet bowl. Isnt this a great first sentence? An apocalyptic event has happened, theres no electricity, the brothers are alone, and all their dad and their survival supplies are stolen at gunpoint. Now John and Stewart are on the road
trying to get to a friends ranch for their supplies. Its not going welltheyve picked up a girl and her little brother, not to mention Stewart is nonstop fighting with John. If you like survival stories, sibling stories, and adventure, this is a great choice. Attack of the Black Rectanglesby A.S. KingREALISTICMulti-layered and compelling with themes of
censorship, family, crushes, and growing up6th grade Mac lives in a town that bans Halloween, pizza delivery, bright house colors, and staying out past curfew. At school, his book group notices that certain words and phrases are blacked out inThe Devils Arithmetic place. At school, his book group notices that certain words and phrases are blacked out inThe Devils Arithmetic place.
fight back. A First Time for Everythingby Dan SantatMEMOIRIn this memoir, Dan describes a transformative trip during the summer before high school that helped him grow from awkward and insecure to confident and outgoing. The trip gave the students lots of freedom. He tries beer and cigarettes. He meets a cute girl and finds the courage to get
to know her, even sharing a kiss. He falls in love with the cultures and languages, too. Readers will probably want their own European experiences, too. Although, I hope that the kids would be better supervised than Dan was! Omar Risingby Aisha SaeedREALISTICA superb book of determination, resiliency, and community set in Pakistan. Omar gets a
scholarship to attend a prestigious Pakistani boarding school, a step in fulfilling his dream of becoming an astronomer and buying his mom a house. But, his hopes are dashed when hes told that scholarship students must work, must get A+ grades, and cant do sports or clubs. Omar is grateful for his new friends and teachers but hes worried hell lose
it all, so he studies all the time, even asking for tutoring help from the strict headmaster. Despite his efforts, his grades arent enough and he gets kicked out. Until, his classmates support him with a walk-out and the headmaster gets the board to change their mind, and the rules. The Door by the Staircaseby Katherine Marsh, illustrations by Kelly
MurphyFANTASY / FAIRY TALEMiddle schoolers will LOVE thisfantasticBaba Yaga story about a brave and smart orphan girl, Mary, who wants a home, even if its with Baba Yaga story about a brave and smart orphan girl, Mary, who wants a home, even if its with Baba Yaga. She just has to figure out how to be sure Baba Yaga wont eat her, and she does so with help from her friend Jacob and MAGIC! House of the Scorpion by Nancy
FarmerDYSTOPIANThis Newbery winner grabs your attention immediately with an unbelievable (but kind-of believable) story of a boy named Matt who is a clone of the leader of Opium, El Patrn. He realizes that hes not the first El Patrn clone and learns of a sinister reason why hes the only Patron clone still alive. Next in the series is The Lord of
Opium. This is another YA book that 7th graders can read and will love. Orbiting Jupiterby Gary D. SchmidtREALISTICJoseph is an abused boy with a violent father, a parent at age thirteen, and is now living as a foster kid with Jacks family on their organic farm. As he learns to trust them, we slowly learn about Josephs deep love for a rich girl named
Maddie, his daughter named Jupiter, who hes never seen, and his shattering heartbreak. This is an amazing story painful vet filled with redemption and hope beautifully written and one that will give readers so much to ponder. Front Deskby Kelly Yang REALISTIC Mia and her parents have struggled ever since moving to America from China. When her
parents take a new live-in job at a motel, they end up working around the clock for very little pay. Mia helps out by working at the front desk. She befriends the weekly tenants and uses her English skills to write letters advocating other people in tough spots like her uncle whose sweatshop boss has taken his passport and weekly, Hank, who needs a
letter of recommendation to get a job. This book is more than a memorable coming-of-age immigrant story, its also about tolerance and diversity and a must-read story you wont soon forget. Winterhouseby Ben Guterson, illustrated by Chloe BristolMYSTERYElizabeth, an orphan, is unexpectedly sent to a large, stately hotel with a kind, grandfatherly
proprietor for Christmas vacation. There, she discovers a magical book, a sinister couple, a family mystery, and the characters are enchanting. See You in the Cosmosby Jack ChengREALISTICLuminous and heartfelt, 11-year-old Alex
Petroskis story will grab your heart and expand it. His dream is to launch a rocket into space with his iPod of recordings aboutlife on earth. The story is a transcription of what he records on the way and there, his tripLas Vegas to find information abouthis
deceased father, and his unique, innocent perspective that tries to make sense of the world. Unwantedsby Lisa McMannFANTASYIn this society, you are sorted as Wanted, Necessary, and Unwanted and is sent to die. But instead of death, Alex is rescued by a magician who has created a secret, magical haven for the Unwanteds
where they live and train to use their magic skills. I love the creative magical characters in this world, like Alexs art teacher an octagator! Heres the problem Alex is a twin whose brother is a Wanted. Alex risks the safety of his new home to see his twin in the old world. His actions reveal the secret world and war breaks out. Sara and the Search for
Normalby Wesley KingREALISTIC /MENTAL ILLNESSSara wants to be cured of her mental illnesses and be normal like other kids so she makes a friend; a friend who is covered in hidden bruises. Sara and Erin think of themselves as Star Children, kids wth
alien DNA. Its profoundly sad to witness Saras self-loathing. For readers, its a valuable opportunity to see inside Saras mind and how painful it is to have an invisible disease. The Van Gogh Deceptionby Deron HicksMYSTERY/ADVENTUREWritten like an adult suspense novel, this is one of the best edge-of-your-seat mystery books for middle grade
that Ive ever read. The author jumps around, showing various incidents and people. Youll have no idea what is going on or what will happen next. A boy with no memory is found at the National Gallery staring at a Degas sculpture. Strangely, this boy does know a great deal about art and artists. Soon we learn hes being hunted by a team of
professional bad guys. The boy, Art, and his foster sister escape from several kidnapping attempts and begin to unravel who he is and whats going on. Long Way Down: The Graphic Novelby Jason ReynoldsREALISTIC / GRAPHIC NOVELAn illustrated version of Jason Reynolds free verse book about Will, a teenager who witnesses his own brother get
shot. He needs to follow The Rules and take revenge on the killer. But, as he travels seven floors in an elevator, each level provides an encounter with a deceased person, and their conversations halt Wills plans and reveal to him the bigger story of what really happened with his brother. Bombby Steve Sheinkin, illustrated by Nick BertozziHISTORY /
GRAPHIC NOVELThree major storylines depict the significant historical events around the making of the atomic bomb. The Stories depict the significant historical events around the making of the atomic bomb. The stories
are fascinating, more so because theyre based on actual events, but I did get bogged down with some of the science. Sheinkin and Bertozzi successfully capture the urgency scientists felt to compete with other countries and their singular focus.*some bad language Bloomby Kenneth OppelSCI-FIGet ready for a wild ride of suspense, action, adventure,
science fiction, and coolness!!Bloom tells the story of three kids who are not affected by the strange-looking plants that appear out of nowhere and take over land all over the world, covering houses and streets, swallowing animals and people but doing nothing to these kids. Scientists figure out that the plants are an alien invasionand think these kids
may be the only chance they have to stop them. To avoid spoilers, Ill just tell you that its an AWESOME storyand ends on a crazy cliffhanger. Sky Full of Songby Susan Lynn MeyerHISTORICAL FICTIONShoshana, her mom, and her siblings flee Jewish persecution in Ukraine in 1905 for North Dakota to a mud house on the plains with her father and
brother. But being Jewish isnt always accepted, even in this new country. And Shoshana wants to fit in so much that she agrees to participate in the Christmas activities. Ultimately, Shoshana learns (with a little help from her sister Libke) to be proud of being Jewish, even when others dont accept her. Stunning writing with a loveable main character
makes this a middle grade book that you wont want to miss. The Bridge Home by Padma VenkatramanREALISTICSet in India, Viji writes this story as letters to you, her little sister Rukku who has intellectual disabilities. Viji tells how the two of them ran away from an abusive father to the big city where they met two friendly brothers and lived with
them under a bridge, scrabbling to survive by collecting trash. Their lives are hard but made easier by the two boys, their new brothers. When Rukku gets a terrible cough and fever, so does one of the brothers. When Rukku gets a terrible cough and fever, so does one of the brothers. And what happens next almost destroys Viji. Ultimately, it is the kindness of her new family that helps her to see more than misery in the
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world. Its an honest, eye-opening story that reveals the plight of many homeless children in India and yet, finds a way to be hopeful, too. The Crossover by Kwame AlexanderREALISTICBecause this is a fast read but packs a big punch. Basketball player and twinJosh narrates his life in quarters, just like the game he plays. He

writes about missing his twin when his twin, Jordan, gets a girlfriend; about getting in trouble when he hits Jordan in the face with a basketball; and aboutwatching his father as his heart fails. This is acoming-of-age, gripping story about a boy who is just trying to figure out life like most boys at age 12. Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg

SloanREALISTICThis book is AMAZING, beautiful, moving, and life-changing! 12-year-old Willow is a genius with limited social skills (its never stated but we might guess shes got Aspergers) whose adopted parents are killed in a car crash leaving her so confused without her parents support. But Willow pushes on and finds a most unexpected new family in the back of a nail salon. Bookedby Kwame AlexanderREALISTICAlexander skillfully writes about the teenage human condition he just gets it!12-year old Nick struggles with his parents separation, a school bully, and the awkwardness of afirst crush. The only thing that feels right is soccer. That is until he gets injured and cant play. Written in free verse, this is a lyrical, fast-paced story that feels honest and relatable. Winkby Rob HarrellREALISTIC / CANCERA funny cancer memoir for kids who like humorous but emotion-filled stories. When Ross is diagnosed with a rare kind of tumor, he immediately starts radiation treatment. His eye is goopy, he has to wear a hat, and his hair starts falling out in clumps made funny with his cartoon drawings. A goofy, kind-hearted radiation tech gets Ross interested in alternative punk music, and in order to impress a girl, Ross asks the tech for guitar lessons. Turns out, the guitar and his new music, help Ross both express his frustrations and find his joy, leading to some surprising results. Not an Easy Winby Chrystal B. GilesREALISTICLawrence has been beaten up by a group of bullies, blamed for the fighting, and kicked out of the mostly-white school. His Granny tells him he cant stick around the house. A kind, older neighbor takes Lawrence to his work at the local rec center where Lawrence helps out while doing online school and learning to play chess. Through the wisdom of his neighbor and learning to focus on chess, Lawrence finds purpose and inner fortitude that leads to his success in life and in chess. Before the Ever Afterby Jacqueline WoodsonREALISTIC / VERSEWritten in verse with precise text, this is an important book to bring awareness to CTE as well as show families in grief.Z[s professional football player dad is changing. Hes stopped playing, gets terrible headaches, surprising anger outbursts, and forgets Z[s name. Z] contrasts this with memories of his dad before the ever after; the before dad who played with Z[, made him breakfast, and treated his friends like family. Now, there are a lot of doctors appointments and not much hope. Its real, raw, and profoundly sad to watch ZJ slowly lose the dad he once knew. Invisibleby Christina Diaz Gonzalez, illustrated by Gabriela EpsteinREALISTIC/GRAPHIC NOVELSpanish-speaking kids are thrown together to complete before-school community service hours. When the kids notice thehomeless mom and her child livingin a van, they try to help with leftover food. But they get into trouble with the mean cafeteria lady who thinks theyre stealing and watches them like theyre delinquents. This is a story about kindness, racism, differences, and marginalized individuals both non-English speakers and homeless individuals. Its excellent, and I love the Spanish dialogueuts. written first with English-translated text second. Violets Are Blueby Barbara DeeREALISTIC/DIVORCE/ ADDICTIONWrens mom is skipping work, sleeping more, and not eating. Despite her moms strange behavior, Wren finds purpose in doing special FX makeup. At school, her new friends convince her to do the makeup for the school musical, Wicked. Then, her moms situation reaches a breaking point and Wren discovers the secret her moms been keeping she has an opioid addiction. As usual, Dee writes about difficult topics, in this case, addiction and divorce, in a compelling, relatable story with complex, sympathetic characters, and an interesting plot. Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocksby Jason ReynoldsREALISTIC (SHORT) Tenshort stories and incredible depth of character development, Reynolds fiction feels truthful so much so that Im so very glad that Im not inmiddle schoolday ends. With complex backstories and incredible depth of character development, Reynolds fiction feels truthful so much so that Im so very glad that Im not inmiddle schoolday ends. With complex backstories and incredible depth of character development, Reynolds fiction feels truthful so much so that Im so very glad that Im not inmiddle school anymore. What kinds of topics are these kids dealing with? Bullying, fear of dogs, parents who have cancer, stealing, comedian goals, OCD, skateboarding, and friendships. Some stories are funny, some are serious, and all ring true. A Night Dividedby Jennifer A. NielsenHISTORICALOvernight, a fence with armed guards divides Berlin. Gerta is stuck on the east side with her brother and mother while their father and another brother already escaped to the west. Gretas father gets her a message that sets her on a course to dig a tunnel to the west. Its dangerous but Gretas determined. Excellent. Snow White: A Graphic Novel by Matt PhelanGRAPHIC NOVEL / FAIRY TALEIn this reimagined Snow White story, set in New York City in the 1920s, Snow Whites dad is a Wall Street king, her stepmother is a Zigfield Follies star, and her seven small protectors are street kids. ItsSO interesting how Phelan usesthis historical setting to animate a familiar fairy tale. The black and white illustrations set the tone for this dark story with a happy ending Science of Breakable Things by Tae KellerCOMING. OF-AGE / MENTAL ILLNESSNatalie wants to figure out how to help her depressed mother. As Natalie prepares for an egg drop contest with two other kids, she looks at her mother away on a special trip. Its a beautiful, well-done story and a compassionate look at depression. The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly BarnhillFANTASYWonderfullycrafted and imagined, this 2017 Newbery award winner isa fairy tale of sorts about a good witch who rescues one of the towns many abandoned (sacrificed) babies instead of giving her to another town to adopt and love. Shes a special baby named Luna who accidentally becomes infused with moon magic. Its also the story of the babys magical, bereaved mother, a wicked witch who feedsoff sorrow, a woodcarver who wants justice, and most of all, an amazing girl named Luna. Pretty by Justin SayreREALISTIC / COMING OF AGEBeautifully written and plotted, Justin Sayre has created a coming-of-age masterpiece not to be missed. Sophie life is complicated. Hiding her moms alcohol addiction affects everything, even her schoolwork. When her mother leaves for a trip, her aunt moves in and gently helps Sophie learn about being a strong, beautiful, biracial woman. Sophie blossoms with the love and kindness of her aunt. Soon, Sophie must decide what shell do next move with her aunt or stay with her mother who eventually returns home from rehab. Brothers Keeper by Julie LeeHISTORICAL FICTIONA powerful read that captures the fearful culture of North Korea, the marginalization of females, and the bond between siblings. As war erupts between North and South Korea, Sora and her family decide to flee from North Korea but she and her little brother are separated from their family. They experience death, kidnapping, starvation, killings, sickness, and winters brutal cold with the Red Army marching right behind them. Danger and Other Unknown Risks by Ryan North and Erica Hendersonreview by Jemma TaylorADVENTURE / GRAPHIC NOVELThis book is genuinely one of my new favorite graphic novels EVER. The world collapsed on New Years Day of the past, and everyone had to rebuild their lives in the new post-apocalyptic society. Everything sucks, but Marguerite is the chosen one who will save the world. (Or is she?) With visually stunning art, a creative setting, and a fantastic story, I cannot recommend this book enough. The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnultyREALISTIC / BOOKS ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS OCDMy daughter and I could not put this book down itS a thoughtful coming-of-age story about a girl genius with OCD whose grandma wants her to go to public middle school to make one friend, read one non-math book, and join one school activity. Surprisingly, Lucy does find friends and more than that, too. A well-written, heart-warming story! Night Raven: The Moonwind Mysteries written by Johan Rundberg, translated by A.A. PrimeHISTORICAL MYSTERYAn excellent, page-turning mystery set in 1880s Sweden about an orphan girl named Mika whose survival skills include an eye for detail, connections, and deductions! After an abandoned baby is dropped into her arms in the middle of the night, a police detective recruits her to assist him in identifying a dead body and then investigating a prison cell all in pursuit of a copycat serial killer. But Mika realizes its not a copycat serial killer. This observant heroine is my favorite kind resourceful, aspirational, and interesting. I cant wait for more books in the series. (Sensitive readers: Includes the word cr*p.) Words on Fire by Jennifer A. NielsenHISTORICAL FICTIONLearn the history of Lithuanias book smugglers as well as the fundamental truth that books give readers freedom from oppression; books keep alive a language, culture, and identity, no matter how hard someone tries to erase it. Audra doesnt know her parents are book smugglers until they are arrested by the Cossacks. She flees to their contacts house but she herself cant read or write. She slowly learns and develops a passion for stories. Not only that, she became a clever smuggler. Above World by Jenn ReeseSCI-FIHumans are created to live in tech-dependent, animal-morphed groups with different climates and groups: mer people, snake try to convince the Equian colonies that the evil Karl Strand is trying to take over Above World. Harbor Me by Jacqueline WoodsonREALISTICHarbor Metackles some very big issues including race, immigration, bullying, learning differences. They bond during a special kids-only time on Friday afternoons where they share their stories, many of which Haley records on a tape recorder. Even as she learns about the other kids who are, Haley is reluctant to share that her own dad is in jail for the car accident killing her mother. Circus Mirandusby Cassie BeasleyMAGICAL REALISMYoull fall in love with this magical story about a lonely boy whose beloved grandfather and Micahhope the Lightbender in the Circus Mirandus who owes the grandfather once loved so much. Its an adventure filled with emotion and faith. The Outcasts: Brotherband Chronicles, Book 1 by John FlanaganADVENTUREA well-written story of a young, fatherless boy named Hal whose mom was an Araluen slave. To survive the towns prejudice against him, he ishelped by another outcast, his dead fathers former shipmate, a one-armed recovering drunk. When its time for his Brotherband training, he becomes the leader of a rag-tag group of boys. Theyll compete against better, stronger teams who dont always play fair. The stakes are high and Hal must win even with his group of misfits. Captain Superlative by J. S. PullerREALISTICRight from the start, we know Captain Superlative is gone. This foreshadowing kept me reading with curiosity. The big lesson our main character, Janey, learns is about not standing by when injustice is happening. She learns this from a girl dressed in a swimsuit, wig, mask, and high tops who arrives at her middle school and changes everything. Read this with a book club or with a friend! Edge of Extinction The Ark Plan by Laura MartinADVENTUREThis is an awesome dystopian story about a dangerous world where cloned dinosaurs have taken over. Sky leaves the safety of the underground city in order to find her dad. Barely outside a day, she and her friend Shawn are rescued from hungry dinosaurs by a boy who lives in a treetop enclave. When his enclave is attacked by Noahs soldiers looking for her, Sky realizes that everything she believed about Noah is wrong. The Case of the Left-Handed Lady: An Enola Holmes Mystery(series) by Ahisma by Supriya KelkarHISTORICAL FICTIONAnjalis parents join the freedom movement against the British government. Through her parents, Anjali begins to see her world differently including the poverty-stricken caste of many people call the Untouchables. Other Indian families do not like the changes her family is making. Then, Anjalis mom is thrown in jail! The Loop by Ben OliverDYSTOPIANThe world is one government under the control of an AI called Happy. Lukas a prisoner in The Loop, a barbaric prison for death row inmates who escape death if theyll allow experimental surgeries. After Group As experimental surgeries. After Group As experimental surgeries into smiley killers, Luka escapes when his prison warden tries to kill him. Its a crazy, fast-paced adventure of life and death that is impossible to put down. Sweepby Jonathan AuxierHISTORICAL MAGICAL REALISMSet in Victorian London, this is a beautiful, bittersweet story about a plucky girl and her protector golem find a new place to live but must stay vigilant so her old master doesnt find them. On their own, they are helped by a street boy and a kind Jewish teacher. This is an irresistible story that will expand your heart. Boy, Everywhereby A.M. DassuIMMIGRATIONSamis family flees from modern Syrian life to detention in England and a new home in England with hateful relatives. We feel Samis emotions every step of this journey from thinking about playingvideo gamesand soccer to his worry about capsizing in an overcrowded boat in the ocean and to blaming himself for his mom and sister being at the mall when it was bombed. In sharing his experiences, readers will see how much they can relate to Sami who is just a regular kid trying to be safe. Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse AndersonHISTORICAL FICTIONThis is a well-written story about a real-life historical event when Philadelphia was the U.S. capital city and yellow fever killed thousands of citizens. We follow Mattie, a brave young girl, who struggles to survive in an abandoned and diseasedcity. Shes lost her grandfather to looters and doesnt know where her mother has gone but fortunately finds help from their coffeehouses former cook, Eliza. The Inquisitors Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog by Adam Gidwitz, illustrated by Hatem AlyHISTORICAL FICTIONThis is the story of three children and Their Holy Dog by Adam Gidwitz, illustrated by the King. Fascinating writing shares pieces of the kids stories from third-hand witnesses as retold in an inn. The writing, the story, the characters, and the themes all pack a big punch adding up to a compelling novel, one of the best Ive ever read. (Sensitive readers: There are two scenes with a lot of blood and a few bad words.) Baba Yagas Assistantby Marika McCoola, illustrated by Emily CarrollFAIRY TALE/GRAPHIC NOVELAfter her grandmother dies, and her father remarries, Masha becomes Baba Yagas tests. Excellent storytelling and illustrations Dorothy Must Die by Danielle PaigeFANTASYIn this YA Wizard of Oz remix, Dorothy is evil and Amy Gunn, the other girl from Kansas, is recruited to help the freedom fighters fix and free all of Oz. Great writing plus an unexpected plot make this hard to put down! Goodbye Strangerby Rebecca SteadREALISTICThis is middle school at its most intimate and revealing where friends experience the challenges of growing up, from an embarrassing sexting photo mistake to a shameful friend betrayal, and where we see the power of forgiveness and love. Would this make your best books for 7th grader lists? Greetings From Witness Protection by Jake BurtADVENTURE/ REALISTICA winsome story of adventure and finding where you belong. Nicki leaves the group home to live with a family in the witness protection program. She likes her newest foster family and takes her role seriously. She must stay vigilant against potential threats, not stand out, and try to keep her kleptomania under control. As she grows closer to her new family, both their past and herscatch up to them. Loot by Jude WatsonADVENTUREWhen Marchs dad falls off a building in his last jewel robbery (accident or not?), March is sent to foster care where he meets the twin he didnt know he had. With the help of two friends at the foster home, they decide to escape and finish Marchs dads plan to steal all the cursed Moonstones. The Story That Cannot Be Told by J. Kasper KramerHISTORICAL FICTIONOur complex, likable story-loving heroine Ileana lives in Romania under a real-life, evil leader named Ceausescu. During his totalitarian regime, spies were everywhere. So were disappearances, death, rationing, and fear of saying the wrong thing. Ileana is an ordinary girl who finds joy and solace in stories, especially the folktales her father tells her and the ones she writes in her journal. As we read about her life, interwoven in the chapters is a folktale about a brave princess named Ileana who survives thanks to her wit and bravery. The Watcher by Joan Hiatt HarlowHISTORICAL FICTIONAmerican-raised Wendys Nazi-spymom takes her to live in Germany during World War II. Wendy doesnt even speak the language and feels overwhelmed with her mothers zeal for Hitler. But when Wendy starts working at Lebensborn, the place where only Aryan children live many who wereforciblyremoved from their parents she sees the truth. The Neptune Projectby Polly HolyokeSCI-FIWhen the government cracks down and discovers her moms secret lab, Nere learns that her mom has experimented on her and many other kids who are part of the Neptune Project, traveling to where her not-really-dead-after all father has built an underwater headquarters. The journey is dangerous and theres tension within the group. Will they survive the trip and if they do, to what end? Whichwoodby Tahereh MafiFANTASYThis beguiling story of Whichwood captures the humanity of loneliness, love, and lifes purpose inside a beautiful story of a mordeshoor girl with the magic of the dead in a town that no longer values her work. Two young strangers appear on Laylees doorstep to help. They get a second chance to help Laylee not just escape an unjust prison sentence but find happiness as well. This requires help from their buggy friend and thousands of reanimated corpses. Its not your average story, its better brilliant. Mockingbirdby Kathryn ErskineREALISTICCaitlins brother Devon is killed in a school shooting, leaving Caitlin, who has Aspergers, to make sense of the world on her own, without his compassionate and understanding guidance. Her father isnt helpful, hes lost in his grief. So when Caitlin reads about grief and closure, she decides to go after closure in a literal, hands-on way. And it will help both her and honest. The School for Good and Evilby Soman ChainaniFANTASYTwo girls are selected to attend the school for villains and school for heroes. Only all your stereotypes will be blown out of the water with which girl goes where. This book series for 12 year olds will make you think deeply about what makes someone good, friendship, and love. Boxed Set HERE. Clickd by Tamara Ireland StoneREALISTIC / STEMAt coding camp, Allie makes an app to help kids can find new friends. When she returns to school, she releases it only to discover it has a major glitch. Relatable and engaging, this is a cool STEM-themed story of a middle school girls coding project that has unexpected consequences both positive and negative. Will the social media issues be applicable in this book for 7th graders? I think so. It All Comes Down to This by Karen EnglishHISTORICAL FICTIONExperience the 60s in Los Angeles, a turbulent time of racism and burgeoning activism, from the perspective of Sophie, a sweet black girl who lives in an all-white neighborhood. Her parents marriage is in trouble, her sister is about to leave for college, and her best (white) friend has moved on. Surprisingly, Sophies strict, disapproving housekeeper becomes an ally, something Sophie needs during the challenges of life and growing up. The Benefits of Being an Octopus by Ann BradenREALISTIC / POVERTYThis is a well-written story with an emotional poignancy about poverty and relationships. Zoey is trying to stay hidden to survive her life living with her siblings, mom, and her moms newest boyfriend in his trailer. She cares for her siblings while her mom works, trying not to make a mess or too much noise. A kind teacher at school encourages Zoey to join the debate club which gives Zoey the courage to talk to her mom about everything. Sea of Trollsby Nancy FarmerFANTASYA bard, a boy, a band of Viking berserkers, trolls, dragons, and a quest what more could you want in a series? This is one of those cant put it down books that will keep you up all night reading and I loved it. (Actually, I love all Farmers books.) Your kids will enjoy reading a new adventure in Norse and Old English mythology. Trowbridge Road by Marcella PixleyREALISTICA beautiful story of misfit friends set in the 1980s. Two emotionally abandoned children become friends when Ziggys abandoned at his grandmothers house. June Bug is starving because theres no food in the house. Luckily, Ziggys Nana Jean notices and offers June Bug love, food, and safety. The friends imaginary world helps them deal with the neighborhood bullies and family troubles. Its a complex story with friendship, love, and redemption. The Great Trouble: A Mystery of London, the Blue Death, and A Boy Called Eel by Deborah HopkinsonHISTORICAL FICTIONWow. Youll not only learn a TON from this historical fiction book for 7th graders, but it is thoroughly mesmerizing! Eel is an orphan who turns one of his odd jobs into saving lives when he helps a real historical person, Dr. Snow, determine if the water pump in Eels neighborhood is the source of the deadly cholera. Thrones of Bones Frostborn by Lou AndresFANTASYTwo misfits a boy named Karn who is only good at playing a board game, and a girl named Thianna who is a half-human, half-giantess unexpectedly partner to survive deadly soldiers, undead warriors, trolls, and a dragon. I absolutely loved this adventure and cant wait for the next in the series. Plus, Im so happy to see that Norse mythology is growing in popularity with writers. A Tale of Highly Unusual Magicby Lisa PapademetriouMAGICAL REALISMTwo girls in two locations (Texas and Pakistan) each discover a magical book, The Exquisite Corpse, in which a love story appears that will eventually connect the girls to each other and their histories. Its a beautifully written book of friendship and selfdiscovery. The London Eye Mysteryby Siobhan DowdMYSTERYThis middle-grade novel great for 12-year-olds is a puzzling mystery that only the boy named Ted who seems to be on the spectrum (his brain is different but not explained) can solve. How did his cousin disappear from a closed pod on the London Eye? The enjoyable action and intrigue will keep your attention throughout and youll wonder why you didnt guess the ending before Ted. Easy Reader Books for 5- and 6- year oldsBooks for 5th graders, 10-year oldsBooks for 6- and 7- Year OldsBooks for 5th graders, 11-year oldsBooks for 7th graders, 8-year oldsBooks for 5th graders, 10-year oldsBooks for 6- and 1- Year OldsBooks for 5- and 6- year oldsBooks for 5- year oldsBooks for 5- 12-year oldsYA Books Adventure Books for KidsFantasy Books for KidsFunny Books for KidsFunny Books for KidsFunny Books for KidsFantasy Books Fantasy Books Fantasy Books Fantasy award-winning teacher & literacy trainer, author, author coach and publicist at Imaginarium Author Solutions, and freelances for publications online and in print, including Penguin Random House's Brightly website. She is passionate about matching kids with books that they'll love. Literature Units Lets face it: Older middle grade books that are cool enough for them like those on this list. Seventh graders are on the brink of teenage life and may relate most strongly to books about body image, crushes, and similar topics. Theyre also more able to tolerate tastefully done stories about sexual harassment, domestic violence, addiction, serious mental illness, and other harsh, unpleasant realities of life. On this list, youll find middle grade and teen books that hit all of these themes. Of course, as always mentioned, seventh graders can always read up or down. They can read and enjoy many of the books Ive recommended for 6th graders, as well as books for 8th graders, and book discussion guides, to inspire you. You can also buy the standalone printablefrom our shop. If youre curious about the content of the books on my list, you can get access to my Content Notes Database, where I share information about what to expect from all the books on my lists. Here are some of my favorite books for 7th graders: Mysteries Coming-of-Age Stories 13-year-old Kass is new to a Catholic private school where shes on the dive team. Shes left behind her best friend Aleah, with whom shes struggling to stay in touch, and feels a bit lost in the social circles of her new school, where dive queen Amber reigns supreme. Then Kass meets Miles. Miles is a teen dropout whom Kass encounters dumpster diving outside her school. The two begin as the school where shes on the dive team. tentative friendship as Miles shares his philosophy about dumpster diving while giving her peeks into the turmoil of his life, his veteran dad, who has PTSD and memory issues, his absentee mother, and their financial dire straits. As Kasss eyes are opened to the world in a different way, her own life begins to undergo small shifts, until one event changes her and Miles relationship forever. I read this is one huge gulp. Its so poignant and filled with longing. This book will get tweens thinking and talking about right and wrong, family, friendship, sports, ambition, social classes, and the consequences of their actions. I adored it and think it is the perfect upper middle grade book for fans Morrisons Up for Air and Choldenkos The Tenth Mistake of Hank Hooperman. Ages 11 + Sci-Fi/Dystopia Romance Action/Adventure/Survival Jo (aka Josephine, named after Jo March) is still reeling from her parents divorce and her fathers decision to leave them for his girlfriend and her family. To prove that she and her mom can handle life withou him, Jo and her mom embark on a 100+ mile hike along Lake Superior to the Lutsen Gondola, carrying their backpacks, dehydrated food, tents, and adverse weather, they learn to find their inner strength to move on and to forgive Tim, Jos father. Just Keep Walkingis a triumphant celebration of adventure, perseverance, and the healing power of the outdoors. Ages 9+ Historical Fiction Elsbeth Culpepper is a house servant in 1776 Boston when the Patriots start to gain an advantage over the British. Her boss is a British loyalist and flees to Britain, leaving her in his home, even as her own father goes missing. Soon, the Pike family, their rambunctious children, a teen girl in their care, and their mean-spirited housekeeper move into the house. As the Revolutionary War continues, a smallpox epidemic begins to rage, throwing Elsbeths life into disarray. This is a very slice-of-life story buoyed by a strong protagonist, a thread of mystery, the hijinks of a large family, and the historical background. I loved that this book is set in the 1700s because theres a real gap in the market, and I became increasingly invested in Elsbeth as the story progressed. Still, this book is more coming-of-age in the time of smallpox than it is a Revolutionary War story, and it is over 400 pages, so it is probably best for stronger upper middle school readers with a special fondness for historical fiction. Ages 10+ Verse Novels This is an incredible (mostly) verse novel about a boy who vandalizes a gravestone of a 46er Adirondack woman and is tasked with hiking all 46 peaks as reparations. I read this one from start to finish in a single day, and I loved the multiple formats written in posters, pictures, text messages, letters, recipes, and yes, verse. Finn is angry a lot, and the hike introduces him to people who knew his dad and a slobbering dog, Seymour. This one combines adventure, heart, mystery, suspense, and flashbacks in a beautifully crafted narrative. Its just really clever, has a strong kid appeal, and is full of emotional depth. Ages 10+ Graphic Novel A First Time for Everythingis Dan Santats new graphic memoir about his school bring his time helping his mom, who has Lupus, and gets teased a bit by some girls in his grade. Thankfully, his parents are determined that he see the world, and they support his European trip. As they visit Germany, France, Switzerland, and England, Dan is swept up in many, many firsts, making for a life-changing trip. A First Time for Everythingis a stellar, relatable graphic novel about growing up, wading through the awkward tween years, and finding ones voice. Ages 10+ Sports Stories When Rory moves to Cincinnati, Ohio, with her dad after her parents separation, she meets Abby, a tall fellow basketball lover, and the two become fast friends. Imagine their shock when they find out that their dads cant stand each other and not because they coach the citys rival basketball teams but because of something that happened years ago when THEY were middle schoolers. Bishop takes us through the girls lives as they dig into what happened between their dads, and a ball-playing nun in their lives. Free Throws, Friendship, and Other Things We Fouled Upis a fast-paced and compelling book about true friendships, family secrets, forgiveness, and basketball. Ages 9+ Pin This Post Afoma Umesi is the founder and editor of Reading Middle Grade where she curates book lists and writes book reviews for kids of all ages. Her favorite genre to read is contemporary realistic fiction and she'll never say no to a graphic novel. Here you will find some really good book report ideas for 7th graders that are a hit with teachers and students. Not only are these creative book report ideas for middle school kids fun, but they also stretch the imagination, promote critical thinking, and encourage seventh graders to show what they know in a creative way. Whether you seek ways how to make a book report fun or want ideas about types of book reports for students, this collection of book report ideas for 7th grade will serve you well. These 7th-grade book report ideas can be used for any subject and for all learning abilities. Whats more, even your reluctant students will be engaged with these projects! Students will write a letter to one of their favorite authors or write a letter to the author of a book that they are currently reading. They may want to include in the letter at least three things that like about the authors book, questions about any of the characters or about the authors like about any her become an author, any other relevant information of interest to the students. You may want to provide a rubric of some sort so that students know exactly what to include in their letters. If youre looking for digital book report ideas, this one is a good fit. Plus it uses an online platform with which most students are familiar. For this project, students will create a Google Slides or PowerPoint presentation about their book. Presentation about the book, a comparison of the book, anything else that requires students to think critically about the book. Related Content: 9 FREE Book Report Templates For 7th Grade This is arguably one of the most interesting book report, students will analyze the many sides of each of the characters in their books. Considering the characters personality, gender, age, condition, preferences, etc., students will write a to-list for him/her. This will require inferring skills plus creativity on the students to list? And why? For each character, instruct students to list at least 10 actionable items along with an explanation. Present the idea to your seventh graders that they will be in charge of turning their book into an advertisement. They must think, What can I do to make people want to read this book? Thats the main idea of their book without giving away any juicy details. The goal is to entice the reader of the ad to actually read the book. Before assigning this project, you may want to first design an ad as a whole class so that students see the process and gain an overview of what it looks like to make an advertisement. You could also show them real-life examples of ads using Google images. This is a really fun book report idea that stretches 7th graders creativity. For this project, students will pretend that their book is about to become a major movie, and they have been selected to design the promotional poster. Their posters must be appealing to the eye and persuasive. Following are some poster guidelines that you may want to require of students The poster must include the title, author, list of the main characters, and the actors who will play them. The poster should have lots of persuasive words and phrases that will motivate middle schoolers to go see the film. The poster should have an image or images that tease the main idea of the movie. Related Content: 11 Middle School Book Report Ideas You Have Not Considered One of the easiest (but very effective) books. This idea works best for nonfiction texts. Heres what students will do They will select a topic from their books that they would like to explore more. For example, if they are reading a book on recycling, maybe somewhere in the book it mentions global warming. So the student may choose to conduct research on an author, a setting presented in a book, an animal, a historical era, etc. Nonfiction books are filled with so many interesting ideas, so the possibilities are numerous as to what students may research. Provide a research template for students to record their information. Students will promote their books by drafting a 15 to 60-second radio commercial. It is very helpful (maybe even necessary) to do this activity as a whole class assignment first so that students observe the proper way to create a radio commercial. A few guidelines to consider Direct the message to a specific audience when writing the radio commercial interesting by adding a jingle. End with a request. What do you want the audience to do as a result of hearing the commercial? This is called a call to action. This is one of the more challenging book report ideas for 7th graders, but its well worth it if students are up to the task. See this radio commercial activity to kickstart this book report project. Now you have a resource of good book report ideas for 7th graders that you can use to engage students in improving their literacy and academic skills. What a fun and creative way to assess their understanding of a topic or subject. Used in the Seton Curriculum for Grade 7 Book Reports. Includes The Singing Tree, Men of Iron, Augustine Came to Kent, Johnny Tremain, Anne of Green Gables, and The Crystal Snowstorm. 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