

## McDonogh Middle School Fifth and Sixth Grade Reading List

Please refer to the [Middle School Summer Reading and Writing Requirements](#) for more information on required reading for Middle School students.

### ADVENTURE



#### **Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George**

Lost in the Alaskan wilderness, an Eskimo girl is gradually accepted by a pack of wolves that she learns to love. Newbery Award



#### **The Forbidden Stone by Tony Abbott**

Wade, Lily, Darrell, and Becca fly from Texas to Germany for the funeral of an old family friend. But instead of just paying their respects, they wind up on a dangerous, mind-blowing quest to unlock an ancient, guarded secret that could destroy the fate of the world.



#### **Far North by Will Hobbs**

Two teens, Jake and his Dene Indian roommate Raymond, follow the lead of one of the elders, Johnny Raven, to survive after their plane crash lands in the Canadian wilderness.



#### **Fish by Gregory Mone**

Eleven-year-old Fish, seeking a way to help his family financially, becomes a reluctant cabin boy on a pirate ship where he soon makes friends and enemies and is asked to help decipher clues that might lead to a legendary treasure.



#### **Cosmic by Frank Boyce Cottrell**

Frequently mistaken for an adult because of his mature appearance, 12-year-old Liam tires of the few benefits he's been able to take advantage of. As a result, he cons his way onto a spaceship for civilians by pretending to be an adult chaperon, a situation that lands him worlds from home.



### **The Bad Beginnings by Lemony Snicket**

After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that the distant relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune.



### **Hatchet by Gary Paulsen**

Dramatic, heart-stopping story of a boy who, following a plane crash in the Canadian wilderness, must learn to survive with only a hatchet and his own wits. Newbery Honor



### **Holes by Louis Sachar**

The leaders of a juvenile detention center claim to build character by enforcing the daily digging of holes. New inmate Stanley must find his courage in order to dig up the truth. Newbery Award winner. Black-eyed Susan



### **Into the Volcano by Don Wood (graphic novel)**

While their parents are away doing research, brothers Duffy and Sumo Pugg go with their cousin, Mister Come-and-Go, to Kokalaha Island, where they meet Aunt Lulu and become trapped in an erupting volcano..



### **Time For Andrew: A Ghost Story by Mary Downing Hahn**

When he goes to spend the summer with his great-aunt in the family's old house, eleven-year-old Drew is drawn eighty years into the past to trade places with his great-great-uncle who is dying. Black-eyed Susan



### **The Wild Robot by Peter Brown**

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.



**Running Out of Time by Margaret Peterson Haddix**

When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840 village, thirteen-year-old Jessie discovers it is actually a 1996 tourist site under unseen observation by heartless scientists, and it's up to Jessie to escape the village and save the lives of the dying children. Black-eyed Susan



**Swindle by Gordon Korman**

After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palomino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, sixth-grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back. He plans to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the SmartPick fruit picker. Black-eyed Susan



**The Great Green Heist by Varian Johnson**

Jackson Greene has a reputation as a prankster at Maplewood Middle School, but after the last disaster he is trying to go straight—but when it looks like Keith Sinclair may steal the election for school president from Jackson's former best friend Gabriela, he assembles a team to make sure Keith does not succeed.



**Loot By Jude Watson**

When Alfie McQuinn, the notorious jewel thief, is killed on a job, his last words to his son, March, are to "find jewels" and this instruction leads the boy to Jules, the twin sister he never knew he had--and the perfect partner to carry on the family business.



**The Five Ancestors: Tiger by Jeff Stone**

Five young warrior-monk brothers survive an insurrection and must use the ancient arts to avenge their Grandmaster.



**Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein**

Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous game maker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape. Black-eyed Susan



**Nerds by Michael Buckley**

While running a spy network from their elementary school, five unpopular misfits combine their talents and use cutting-edge gadgetry to fight evil around the world.

### Award Winners



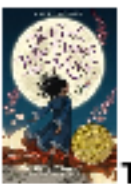
**Little Women by Louisa May Alcott**

A chronicle of the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young women in nineteenth-century New England.



**National Velvet by Enid Bagnold**

A fourteen-year-old English girl wins a horse in a raffle, trains it, and rides it in the Grand National steeplechase.



**The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Regan Barnhill**

An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her. Newbery Award



**The Little Prince by Joann Sfar (Graphic Novel)**

A graphic novel version of the story of an aviator whose plane is forced down in the Sahara Desert where he encounters a little prince from a small planet who relates his adventures in seeking the secret of what is important in life.



**Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson**

A boy and girl become inseparable friends as they create an imaginary, secret kingdom in the woods called Terabithia that can be reached only by swinging across a creek bed on a rope.

Newbery Award



**Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli**

Maniac Magee earns his name by running away from an unloving home, living in the zoo, and bringing people closer together. Newbery Award



**Dicey's Song by Cynthia Voigt**

After being abandoned by their mother, Dicey, her brothers, and her sister must start a new life with a grandmother who at first rejects them. Newbery Award winner.



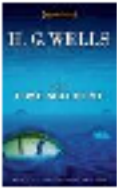
**The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis**

A noble lion joins four children who work to free Narnia from the spell of the white witch.



**Sounder by W. Armstrong**

When an African American family faces the father's arrest and their loyal dog Sounder is shot, their troubles seem overwhelming. Newbery Award winner.



**The Time Machine by H. G.Wells**

The Time Traveler is transported into the distant future and learns a devastating truth about humankind.



**From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by**

**E.L.Konigsberg**

Newbery award-winning book about two children who run away to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where they come upon a mysterious statue.



**When a Monster Calls by Patrick Ness**

Thirteen-year-old Conor awakens one night to find a monster outside his bedroom window, but not the one from the recurring nightmare that began when his mother became ill—an ancient, wild creature that wants him to face truth and loss. Carnegie Medal.

## Realistic Fiction



**Out of my Mind by Sharon Draper**

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time. Black-eyed Susan



**Ellie's Story: A Dog's Purpose Novel by Bruce W. Cameron**

Trained as a search-and-rescue dog since puppyhood, Ellie can track and find people who are physically lost, but it is her owners, widower Jakob and lonely Maya, who challenge her to find a way to save people who are lost in other ways. Black-eyed Susan



**Blackbird Fly by Erin Entrada Kelly**

Bullied at school, eighth-grader Apple, a Filipino American who loves the music of the Beatles, decides to change her life by learning how to play the guitar.



**My Life as a Book by Janet Tashjian**

Dubbed a "reluctant reader" by his teacher, twelve-year-old Derek spends summer vacation learning important lessons even though he does not complete his summer reading list.



**Moo by Sharon Creech**

Follows the efforts of twelve-year-old Reena, who has recently moved to rural Maine, to adjust to a new environment while unexpectedly bonding with an ornery cow.



**Wild Girl By Patricia Reilly Giff**

When twelve-year-old Lidie leaves Brazil to join her father and brother on a horse ranch in New York, she has a hard time adjusting to her changed circumstances, as does a new horse that has come to the ranch.



**The Dreamer by Pam Ryan Munoz**

A fictionalized biography of the Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda. Though he grew up a painfully shy child who was ridiculed by his overbearing father, he became one of the most widely-read poets in the world.



**The Unforgotten Coat by Frank Cottrell Boyce**

When two Mongolian brothers unexpectedly appear one morning in her sixth grade class, Julie, who lives in a town named Bootle near Liverpool becomes their new friend and "Good Guide," navigating them through soccer, school uniforms, and British slang.



### **Patina by Jason Reynolds**

"A newbie to the track team, Patina "Patty" Jones must learn to rely on her family and teammates as she tries to outrun her personal demons"--.



### **Schooled by Gordon Korman**

Homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Capricorn (Cap) Anderson has never watched television, tasted a pizza, or even heard of a wedgie, but when his grandmother lands in the hospital, Cap is forced to move in with a guidance counselor and attend the local middle school.



### **Garvey's Choice by Nikki Grimes**

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



### **The Batboy by Mike Lupica**

Even though his mother feels baseball ruined her marriage to his father, she allows fourteen-year-old Brian to become a bat boy for the Detroit Tigers, who have just drafted his father back onto the team.



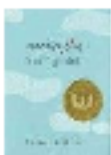
### **Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova (Graphic Novel)**

After shunning Jaime, the school nerd, on her first day at a new middle school, Penelope Torres tries to blend in with her new friends in the art club, until the art club goes to war with the science club, of which Jaime is a member.



### **Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli**

In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.



### **Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine**

Ten-year-old Caitlin, who has Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to understand emotions, show empathy, and make friends at school, while at home she seeks closure by working on a project with her father.

**The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davis**



**The Crossover by Kwame Alexander**

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



**El Deafo by Cece Bell**

The author recounts in graphic novel format her experiences with hearing loss at a young age, including using a bulky hearing aid, learning how to lip read, and determining her "superpower." Black-eyed Susan



**Counting By 7's by Holly Goldberg Sloan**

Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.



**The Marvels by Brian Selznick**

In 1766, a boy, Billy Marvel, is shipwrecked, rescued, and goes on to found a brilliant family of actors that flourishes in London until 1900--and nearly a century later, Joseph Jervis, runs away from home, seeking refuge with his uncle in London, and is captivated by the Marvel house, with its portraits and ghostly presences.



**Habibi by Naomi Shihab Nye**

When fourteen-year-old Liyanna, her younger brother, and her parents move from St. Louis to a new home between Jerusalem and the Palestinian village where her father was born, they face many changes and must deal with the tensions between Jews and Palestinians.



**Chomp by Carl Hiaassen**

When the difficult star of the reality television show "Expedition Survival" disappears while filming an episode in the Florida Everglades using animals from the wildlife refuge run by

Wahoo Crane's family, Wahoo and classmate Tuna Gordon set out to find him while avoiding Tuna's gun-happy father.



### **The Walk-on by John Feinstein**

After moving to a new town his freshman year in high school, Alex Myers is happy to win a spot on the varsity team as a quarterback but must deal with the idea of not playing for two years since the first-string quarterback is not only a local hero, he is also the son of the corrupt head coach.



### **Book Scavenger by Jennifer Bertman Chambliss**

Just after twelve-year-old Emily and her family move to San Francisco, she teams up with new friend James to follow clues in an odd book they find, hoping to figure out its secrets before the men who attacked Emily's hero, publisher Garrison Griswold, solve the mystery or come after the friends.



### **The Million Dollar Putt by Dan Gutman**

Assisted by his neighbor, Birdie, blind thirteen-year-old Ed "Bogie" Bogard will win one million dollars if he can sink a ten-foot putt in Hawaii's fifth annual Angus Killick Memorial Tournament.



### **The Other Half of my Heart by Sundee Frazier**

Twin daughters of interracial parents, eleven-year-olds Keira and Minna, have very different skin tones and personalities, but it is not until their African American grandmother enters them in the Miss Black Pearl Pre-Teen competition in North Carolina that red-haired and pale-skinned Minna realizes what life in their small town in the Pacific Northwest has been like for her more outgoing, darker-skinned sister.



### **Stanford Wong Flunks Big-Time by Lisa Yee**

After flunking sixth-grade English, basketball prodigy Stanford Wong must struggle to pass his summer-school class, keep his failure a secret from his friends, and satisfy his academically demanding father.



**Fish In a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt**

Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read



**Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls**

A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.



**How to Steal a Dog by Barbara O'Connor**

Living in the family car in their small North Carolina town after their father leaves them virtually penniless, Georgina is desperate to improve their situation. She persuades her brother to help her in an elaborate scheme to get money by stealing a dog and then claiming the reward that the owners are bound to offer.



**Nature Girl by Jane Kelley**

While spending the summer in Vermont, eleven-year-old Megan gets lost on the Appalachian Trail and decides to hike to Massachusetts to visit her best friend.



**Left Out by Tim Green**

Struggling to overcome his hearing impairment and the way others see him because of it, Landon uses his height and strength to prove himself on the football team without initial success before befriendng a star player who understands how Landon feels about being different.



**Ms. Bixby's Last Day by John David Anderson**

Loving their gifted teacher, who makes them feel like the indignity of school is somehow worthwhile, three boys are dismayed when the teacher falls ill and leaves for the rest of the school year, a situation that compels them to share their stories while cutting class and journeying across town together on a fateful day.



**Falling Towers by Jewell Parker Rhodes**

While learning about September 11th, fifth grader Dèja (born after the attacks) realizes how much the events still color her world.

## MYSTERY



### **Among the Hidden** by Margaret Peterson Haddix

A government decree allows each family only two children. For Luke, a third child, this has meant a lifetime of hiding. But could a stray glimpse of a child hiding in the house across the way lead to freedom? Black-eyed Susan



### **Bearwalker** by Joseph Bruchac

Although he is the littlest student in his class, thirteen-year-old Baron Braun calls upon the strength and wisdom of his Mohawk ancestors to face both man and beast when he tries to get help for his classmates, who are being terrorized during a school field trip in the Adirondacks.



### **Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity** by Mac Barnett

When twelve-year-old Steve Brixton, a fan of Bailey Brothers detective novels, is mistaken for a real detective, he must elude librarians, police, and the mysterious Mr. E as he seeks a missing quilt containing coded information.



### **The Case of the Deadly Desperados** by Caroline Lawrence

In 1862 Nevada Territory, after finding his foster parents murdered and scalped, twelve-year-old Pinky Pinkerton, son of a railroad detective and a Sioux Indian, inherits a valuable deed and must hide from dangerous Whittlin Walt and his gang of desperados.



### **Hold Fast** by Blue Balliett

On a cold winter day in Chicago, Early's father disappeared, and now she, her mother and her brother have been forced to flee their apartment and join the ranks of the homeless—and it is up to Early to hold her family together and solve the mystery surrounding her father.



### **On the Run: Hunting the Hunter by Gordon Korman(series)**

With their parents facing life in prison, Aidan and Meg Falconer race against time to evade the authorities and an unknown attacker to prove their innocence.



### **The Scandalous Sisterhood of Prickwillow Place by Julie Berry**

"Seven very proper Victorian young ladies conspire to hide a murder from the authorities at their boarding school" --.



### **The Potato Chip Puzzle by Eric Berlin**

Winston and his friends enter an all-day puzzle contest to win fifty-thousand dollars for their school, but they must also figure out who is trying to keep them from winning. Puzzles for the reader to solve are included throughout the text.



### **Sammy Keyes and Psycho Kitty Queen by Wendelin Van Draanen**

When cats begin to mysteriously disappear in Santa Martina, thirteen-year-old friends Sammy and Holly start snooping around town to find out what is happening.



### **Shift by Jennifer Bradbury**

Best friends Win and Chris take a cross-country bicycle trek from West Virginia to Washington state. Win abandons Chris in Montana with no explanation, so Chris finishes the trip solo, thinking everything is fine . until an FBI agent shows up to question him about the details of their trip.



### **The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin**

The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

## FANTASY AND SCIENCE FICTION



### **Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt**

A family accidentally stumbles upon a spring with water endowing them with the gift of eternal life. Seventy years later, without having grown a day older, a young girl discovers them and learns their secret.



### **Hereville: How Mirka Got her Sword by Barry Deutsch**

Longing to fight dragons, spunky ten-year-old Mirka Herschberg hones her skills in her Orthodox Jewish community before accepting a challenge from a witch to defeat a giant troll.



### **A Tangle of Knots by Lisa Graff**

Destiny leads 11-year-old Cady to a peanut butter factory, a family of children searching for their own Talents, and a Talent Thief who will alter her life forever. Includes cake recipes.



### **Gabriel Finley and the Raven's Riddle by George Hagen**

Eleven-year-old Gabriel, with the help of the young raven Paladin, which whom he has a magical bond, travels to the foreboding land of Aviopolis, where he must face challenges and unanswerable riddles to rescue his long-missing father.



### **Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer (series)**

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



### **The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau**

In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions. Black-eyed Susan



**The Dark Hills Divide by Patrick Carman**

Twelve-year-old Alexa realizes her lifelong wish when she finds the key to a secret passageway leading out of the walled city of Bridewell allowing her the freedom to explore the mysterious forests and mountains that lie beyond its confines.



**The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo**

A young mouse named Despereaux Tilling is banished by his father to the foul, rat-filled dungeon because of his love for a human princess.



**Star Wars: Jedi Academy by Jeffrey Brown**

When Roan's application to pilot school is rejected, he finds he has been invited to study under Master Yoda at the Jedi Academy.



**Inkheart by Cornelia Funke**

In this spellbinding tale of adventure and magic, Meggie's father possesses an extraordinary, and sometimes dangerous, magical power. When he reads aloud from a book, the characters come alive!



**The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate**

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



**Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine**

In a story based on Cinderella, Ella is "blessed" at birth with the gift of obedience. The blessing, however, is really a horror for Ella, especially after her mother dies. Newbery Honor



**Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh by Robert O'Brien**

Mrs. Frisby, a mouse, gets help from a super intelligent race of rats developed by doctors at NIMH. Newbery Award



**The Name of this Book is Secret by Pseudonymous Bosch**

This **book** begins with a warning: "Do not read beyond this page!" Though the brain teasers and coded messages in this supernatural mystery will make you curious about what happens next, beware! As you read, you (like Max-Ernst and Cass, the **book's** eccentric 11-year-old heroes) might learn secrets that put you in mortal danger at the hands of a covert, immortality-obsessed cult.



**The Girl Who Could Fly by Victoria Foster**

When homeschooled farm girl Piper McCloud reveals her ability to fly, she is quickly taken to a secret government facility to be trained with other exceptional children, but she soon realizes that something is very wrong and begins working with brilliant and wealthy Conrad to escape. Black-eyed Susan



**The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer Holm**

Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging, and consequently has turned into a teenager—which makes for complicated relationships when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter. Black-eyed Susan



**Five Kingdoms by Brandon Mull**

Whisked through a portal to The Outskirts, an in-between world, sixth-grader Cole must rescue his friends and find his way back home—before his existence is forgotten.



**Magyk by Angie Sage**

A cast of magical and bizarre characters battle the forces of Darke Magyk, attempting to save the life of the princess from the Supreme Custodian.



**Revenge of the Witch by Joseph Delaney**

Young Tom, the seventh son of a seventh son, starts work as an apprentice for the village spook, whose job is to protect ordinary folk from "ghouls, boggarts, and all manner of wicked

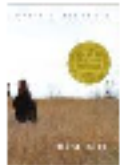
Beasties." Black-eyed Susan



**Savvy by Ingrid Law**

Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her 'savvy'--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.

## HISTORICAL FICTION



**Kira Kira by Cynthia Kadohata**

This story chronicles the close friendship between two Japanese-American sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950s and early 1960s, and the despair when one sister becomes terminally ill.



**Countdown by Deborah Wiles**

The fearful events of the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis are witnessed by eleven-year-old Franny, who finds her life and perspectives changing throughout the course of a week that is also marked by difficult family issues.



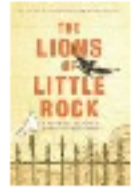
**After The War by Carol Matas**

After being released from Buchenwald at the end of World War II, fifteen-year-old Ruth joins the underground organization Berihah, and risks her life to lead a group of children across Europe to Palestine.



**The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley**

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



**Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine**

In 1958 Little Rock, Arkansas, painfully shy twelve-year-old Marlee sees her city and family divided over school integration, but her friendship with Liz, a new student, helps her find her voice and fight against racism.



**Breaking Stalin's Nose by Eugene Yelchin**

In the Stalinist era of the Soviet Union, ten-year-old Sasha idolizes his father, a devoted Communist, but when police take his father away and leave Sasha homeless, he is forced to examine his own perceptions, values, and beliefs.



**Al Capone Does my Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko**

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister



**Sweetgrass by Jan Hudson**

A fifteen-year-old Blackfoot Indian girl is kept from marrying the man she loves until she can prove herself during a year of devastation for her tribe.



**One Came Home by Amy Timberlake**

In 1871 Wisconsin, thirteen-year-old Georgia sets out to find her sister Agatha, presumed dead when remains are found wearing the dress she was last seen in, and before the end of the year gains fame as a sharpshooter and foiler of counterfeiters.



**The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen**

Hannah resents the traditions of her Jewish heritage until time travel places her in the middle of a small Jewish village in Nazi-occupied Poland.



**The Ninth Ward by Jewell Parker Rhodes**

In New Orleans' Ninth Ward, twelve-year-old Laneshia can see spirits. She and her adopted grandmother have no choice but to stay and do their best to survive as Hurricane Katrina bears down upon them.



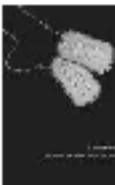
**Paperboy by Vince Vawter**

When an eleven-year-old boy takes over a friend's newspaper route in July, 1959, in Memphis, his debilitating stutter makes for a memorable month.



**Cracker by Cynthia Kadohata**

A young soldier in Vietnam bonds with his bomb-sniffing dog.



**Code Talker by Joseph Burchac**

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



**One-Handed Catch by Mary Jane Auch**

After losing his hand in an accident in his father's butcher shop in 1946, sixth-grader Norman uses hard work and humor to learn to live with his disability and to succeed at baseball, art, and other activities.



**Hitler's Canary by Sandi Toksvig**

Ten-year-old Bamse and his Jewish friend Anton participate in the Danish Resistance during World War II.



**Soldier Bear by Tak Dumon**

An orphaned Syrian brown bear cub is adopted by Polish soldiers during World War II and serves for five years as their mischievous mascot in Iran and Italy. Based on a true story.



**The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth Speare**

Kit makes friends with a lonely old woman, thought by the Puritans to be a witch. Soon she is standing trial for witchcraft. Newbery Award



**The Elephant in the Garden by Michael Morpurgo**

Devastated to learn that an orphan elephant in the Dresden zoo where their mother works is to be euthanized in anticipation of an upcoming bombing, Lizzie and Karl persuade the zoo director to let them keep the elephant in their garden.



**The Cay by Theodore Taylor**

A prejudiced, blind, white boy is stranded on a West Indian Island with an old black man.



**The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt**

During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in.



### **Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper**

When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.

## NON-FICTION



### **Leon's Story by Leon Tillage**

A custodian from Baltimore's Park School recalls his childhood through the years of Jim Crow segregation in this Newbery-nominated biography.



### **I Will Always Write Back by Caitlin Alifirenka**

Chronicles the friendship between an American girl and her pen pal from Zimbabwe, discussing how a class assignment was the beginning of a correspondence that spanned six years and changed two lives.



### **Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank**

Famous diary of a young Jewish girl hiding from the Nazis with seven others in an attic in Amsterdam during World War II.



### **Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance by J. Armstrong**

When their ship, Endurance, became icebound in Antarctica and sank in 1914, Sir Ernest Shackleton and his twenty-seven crewmen were 100 miles from land! Unbelievably, they all survived this true adventure.



### **Alone Across the Arctic: One Woman's Epic Journey by Dog Team by Pam**

## Flowers

An exciting memoir recounting Pam Flowers's 2,500-mile journey across the North American Arctic.



### **The Voice that Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights by Russell Freedman**

This Newbery Honor book celebrates the life of the great African American vocalist Marian Anderson. In a time of vicious segregation, she thrilled a crowd of 75,000 at the Lincoln Memorial, profoundly affecting the nation with her talent. Robert F. Sibert Award.



### **An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793 by Jim Murphy**

Provides an account of the yellow fever epidemic that swept through Philadelphia in 1793, discussing the chaos that erupted when people began evacuating in droves, leaving the city without government, goods, or services, and examining efforts by physicians, the Free African Society, and others to cure and care for the sick.



### **The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights by Steve Sheinkin**

Presents an account of **the** 1944 civil rights protest involving hundreds of African-American Navy servicemen who were unjustly charged with mutiny for refusing to work in unsafe conditions after **the** deadly **Port Chicago** explosion.



### **Bomb : The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Sheinkin**

Examines the history of the atomic bomb, discussing the discovery of the behavior of uranium when placed next to radioactive material, the race to build a bomb, and the impact of the weapon on societies around the world. Newbery Honor.



### **Team Moon : How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon by Catherine Thimmesh**

This book chronicles the Apollo 11 mission and the spaceflight that landed the first man on Earth's moon on July 20, 1969, emphasizing the contributions and reactions of the thousands of people who made the mission successful.



### **Shelter dogs : Amazing Stories of Adopted Strays by Peg Kehret**

Eight stray dogs that were adopted from animal shelters and went on to become service dogs, actors, and heroes.



### **We are the Ship by Kadir Nelson**

A history of the Negro Leagues, baseball teams which flourished in the early twentieth century as a result of discrimination against black baseball players.



### **Tales from the Dugout : The Greatest True Baseball Stories Ever Told**

by **Mike Shannon**

Batter up—here comes the most memorable collection of anecdotes about the national pastime ever assembled.



### **Girls got Game:Sports Stories and Poems edited by Sue Macy**

A collection of short stories and poems written by and about young women in sports.



### **Knucklehead : Tall Tales & Mostly True Stories of Growing Up**

**Scieszka** by **Jon Scieszka**

How did Jon Scieszka get so funny? He grew up as one of six brothers with Catholic school, lots of comic books, lazy summers at the lake with time to kill, babysitting misadventures, TV shows, and jokes told at family dinner.



### **Cleopatra Rules! : The Amazing Life of the Original Teen Queen**

by **Vicky Alvear Shecter**

Examines the life of Cleopatra, discussing her rule at an early age, alliances, acquisition of land for Egypt, enemies, and other related topics.



### **Amelia Lost : the Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by**

**Candace Fleming**

Traces the life of female aviator Amelia Earhart from her childhood to her final flight, discusses the extensive search for her and her missing plane, and includes photographs, maps, handwritten notes by Amelia, and sidebars.



### **Claudette Colvin : Twice Toward Justice by Phillip Hoose**

Presents an account of fifteen-year-old Claudette Colvin, an African-American girl who refused to give up her seat to a white woman on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama, nine months before Rosa Parks, and covers her role in a crucial civil rights case.



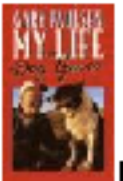
### **Temple Grandin: How the Girl who Loved Cows Embraced Autism and Changed the World by Sy Montgomery**

Examines the life and accomplishments of Temple Grandin, whose childhood diagnosis of autism and love of cows led her to revolutionize the livestock industry.



### **Truce : The Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting by Jim Murphy**

Tells the story of the December 25, 1914 truce between German and British soldiers as they laid down their weapons and met in No Man's Land to celebrate Christmas.



### **My Life in Dog Years by Gary Paulsen.**

The author describes how dogs have had an impact on his life from childhood through the present day, recounting the stories of his first dog, Snowball, in the Philippines; Dirk, who protected him from bullies; and Cookie, who saved his life.



### **Not Your Typical Book About the Environment by Elin Kelsey**

This non-fiction text offers a look at the environment and the future, discussing such topics as eco-fabrics, plastics, food growing, and energy conservation.



### **How Big is Your Energy Footprint? by Paul Mason**

This book examines the impact humans have on the environment when using energy and offers examples of sustainable living.



### **Can Lightning Strike the Same Place Twice? And Other Questions About Earth, Weather and the Environment by Joanne Mattern**

Mattern poses seventeen statements about Earth, weather, and the environment. Find out which ones are right, which ones are wrong, and which ones still stump scientists!



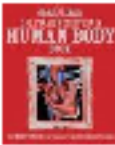
**Made in China: Ideas and Inventions from Ancient China by Suzanne Williams**

Williams describes the discoveries and inventions of the ancient Chinese from four thousand years ago through the sixteenth century.



**Your Travel Guide to Ancient Mayan Civilization by Nancy Day**

Readers journey back in time to experience life during the Mayan civilization.



**Dr. Frankenstein's Human Body Book by Richard Walker**

The reader becomes the good doctor's trusty lab assistant as he reconstructs a human body from a skeleton.



**Isaac Newton by Kathleen Krull**

Isaac Newton was not only brilliant, but he was also secretive, vindictive, and obsessive. Here is a portrait of the man, contradictions and all, that places him against the backdrop of seventeenth-century England, a time of plague, the Great Fire of London, and two revolutions.



**Ancient Egypt: An Interactive History Adventure by Heather Adamson**

Explore the life and times of the era known as Ancient Egypt.