

CHOICES

Summer Reading Suggestions for grades 6-8

Reading is one of the most important lifelong skills we can develop in children. And we know this summer is going to look a bit different than most, but the public libraries of Maplewood and South Orange are here to help. This list of summer reading suggestions was compiled by your librarians from the South Orange and Maplewood Middle Schools, Columbia High School, and the public libraries. Physical copies are available at Maplewood Memorial Library, Hilton Branch Library, and South Orange Public Library as well as your local book store, but we have linked ebooks and eaudiobooks where available for ease of access. These links may change and new titles may be added, so please search our platforms if you're having a hard time accessing a title.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer and Happy Reading!



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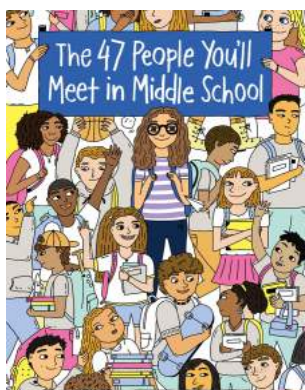


Eryn Degnan, MMS
Lora Tazewell, SOMS
Suzanne Ng, CHS
Jeffrey Cosgrave, CHS

FICTION

Information Key

	Series		Global & Diverse		Local Author
	Graphic Novel		Poetry		LGBTQ+
	Realistic Fiction		Historical Fiction		Sci-Fi / Fantasy



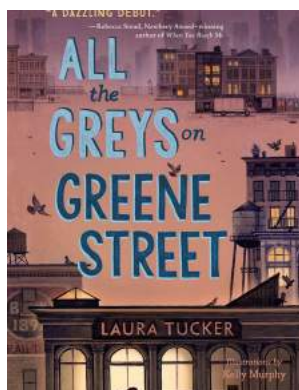
The 47 People You'll Meet in Middle School

Kristen Mahoney MML: [eBCCLS](#) | [Hoopla](#)
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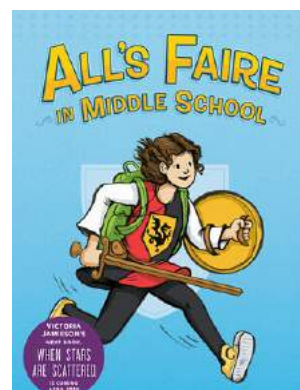
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Nnedi Okorafor
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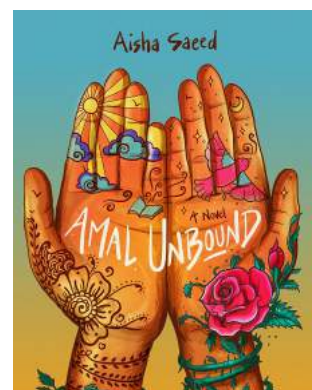
All the Greys on Greene Street

Laura Tucker
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All's Faire in Middle School

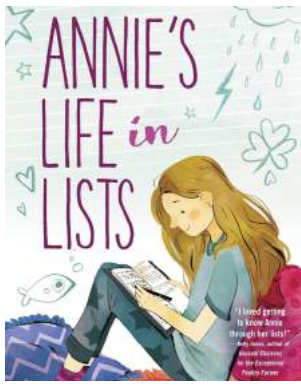
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Amal Unbound

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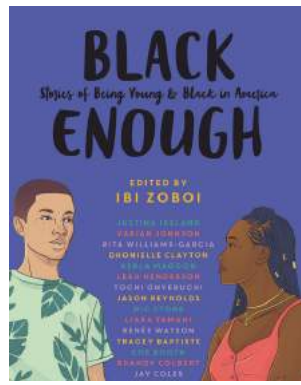
Annie's Life in Lists

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Beware the Night

Nnedi Okorafor
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Black Enough

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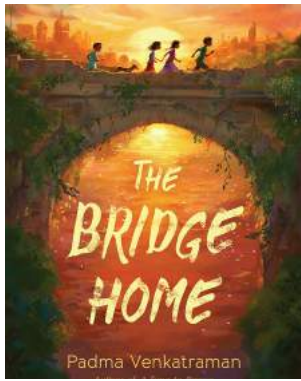
The Bone Garden

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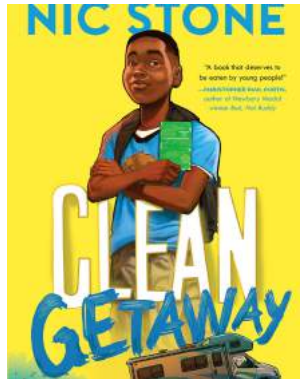
The Bride was a Boy

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The Bridge Home

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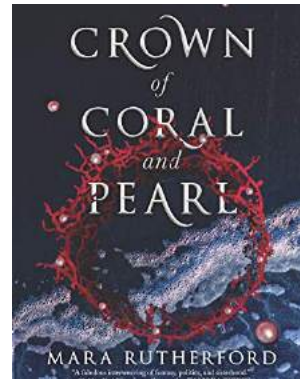
Clean Getaway

Nic Stone
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Color Me In

Natasha Diaz
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Crown of Coral and Pearl

Mara Rutherford
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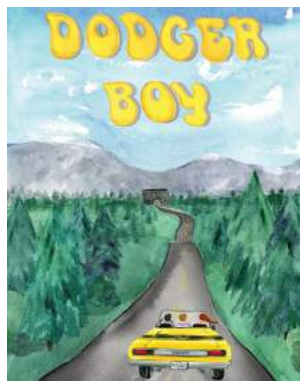
Dactyl Hill Squad

Daniel Jose Older
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Dear Haiti, Love Alaine

Moulite sisters
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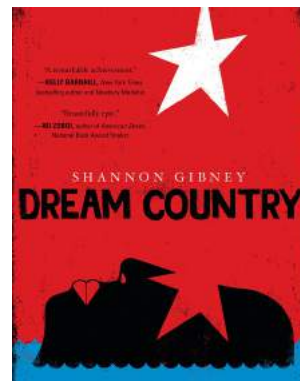
Dodger Boy

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Dragon Pearl

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Dream Country

Shannon Gibney
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A Dream So Dark

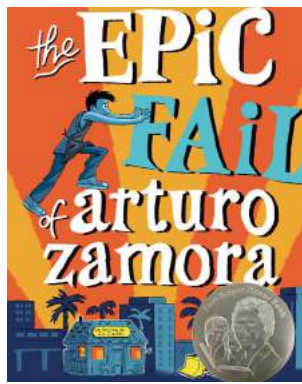
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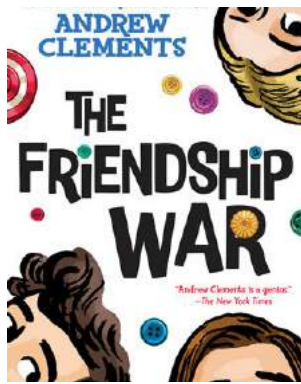
Each Tiny Spark

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The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora

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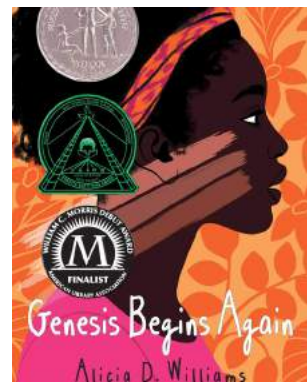
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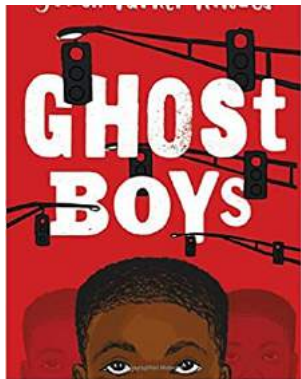
Front Desk

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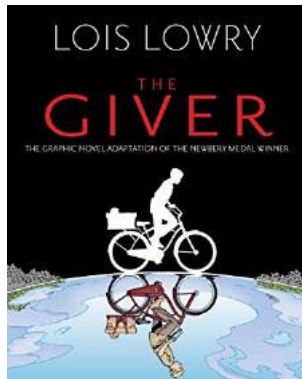
Genesis Begins Again

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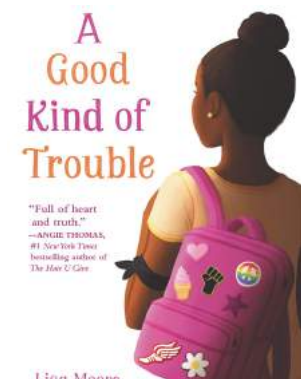
Ghost Boys

Jewell Parker Rhodes
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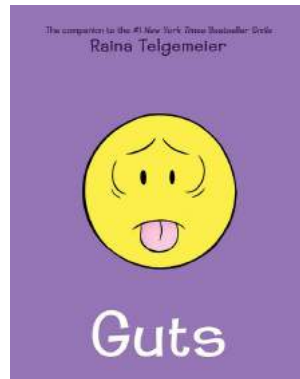
The Giver

Lois Lowry
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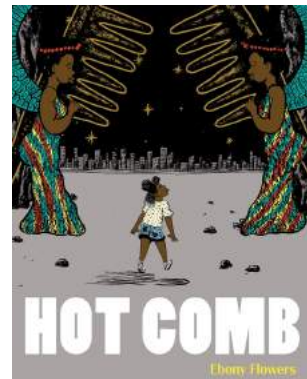
A Good Kind of Trouble

Lisa Moore Ramee
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Guts

Raina Telgemeier
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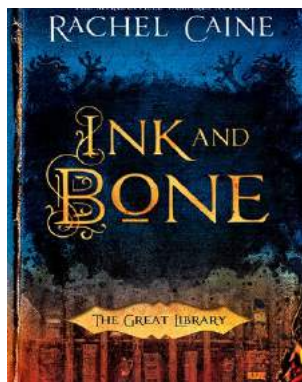
Hot Comb

Ebony Flowers



I'm Not Dying With You Tonight

Gilly Segal & Kimberly Jones
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Ink and Bone

Rachel Caine
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Internment

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The Last Last Day of Summer

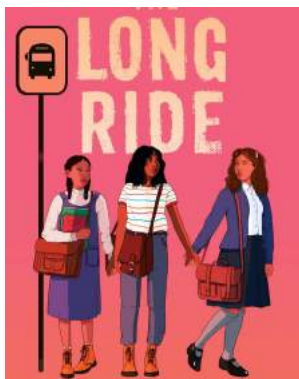
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Legacy & the Queen

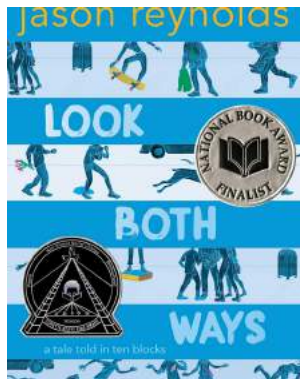
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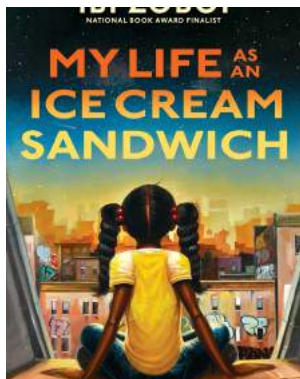
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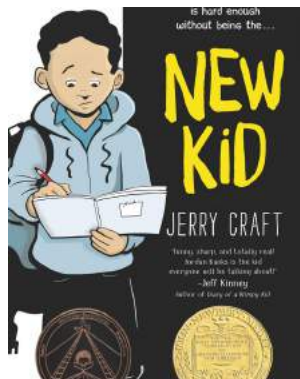
Look Both Ways

Jason Reynolds
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My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich

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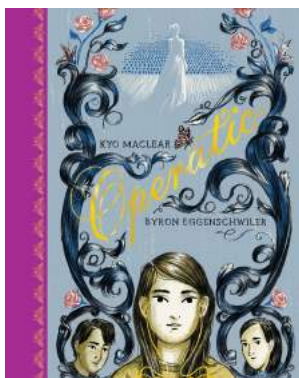
New Kid

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No Fixed Address

Susin Nielsen
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Operatic

Kyo Maclear
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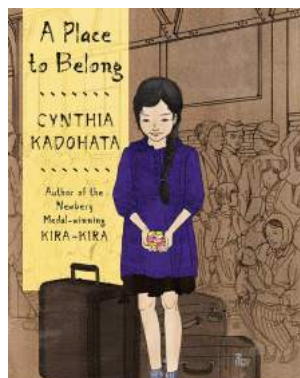
Other Words for Home

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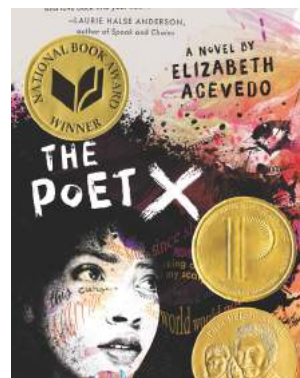
Patron Saints of Nothing

Randy Ribay
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A Place to Belong

Cynthia Kadohata
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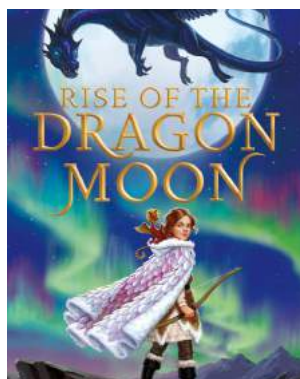
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Queen of the Sea

Dylan Meconis



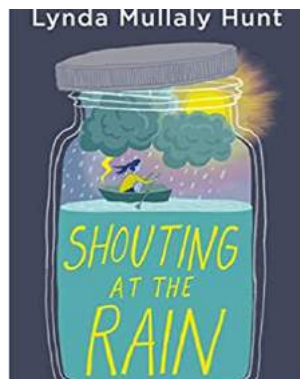
Rise of the Dragon Moon

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Sea Sirens

Amy Chu
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Shouting at the Rain

Lynda Hunt
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Song for a Whale

Lynne Kelly
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Strange Birds

Celia Perez

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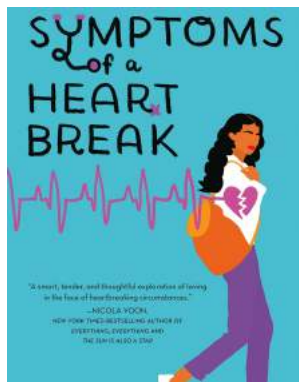


**Superman:
Dawnbreaker**

Matt de la Pena

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**Symptoms of a
Heart Break**

Sona Charaipotra

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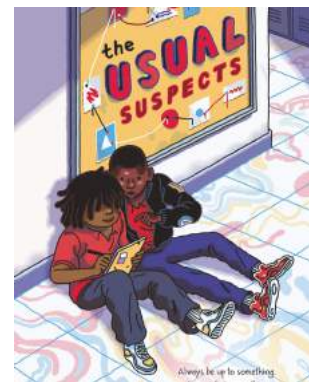


**These Witches
Don't Burn**

Isabel Sterling

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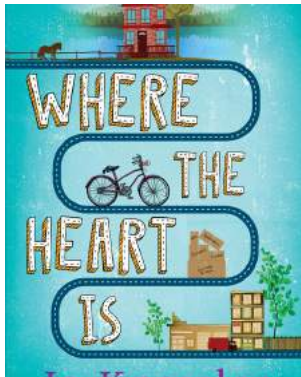


The Usual Suspects

Maurice Broaddus

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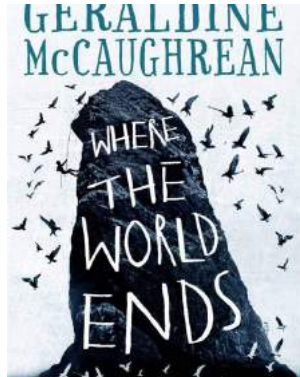
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Where the Heart Is

Jo Knowles

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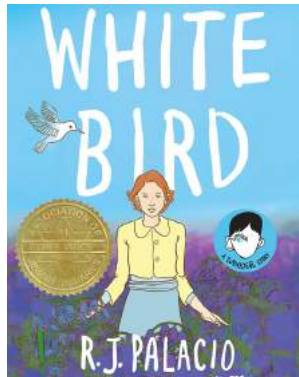


Where the World Ends

Geraldine

McCaughrean

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White Bird

R.J. Palacio

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Wilder Girls

Rory Powers

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Witchy

Ariel Slamet Ries

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With the Fire On High

Elizabeth Acevedo

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Yes No Maybe So

Becky Albertalli

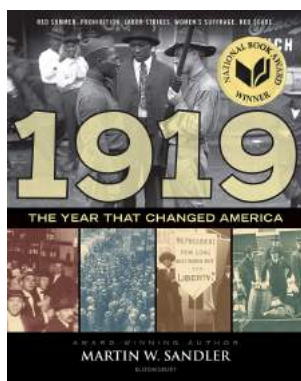
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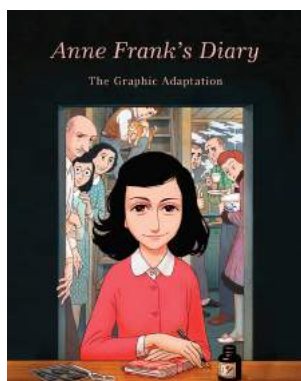
NON-FICTION



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Martin Sandler
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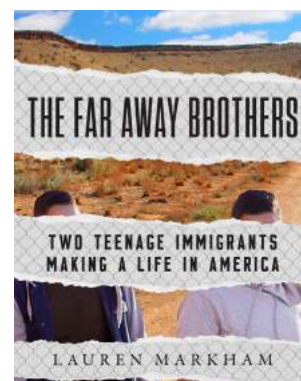
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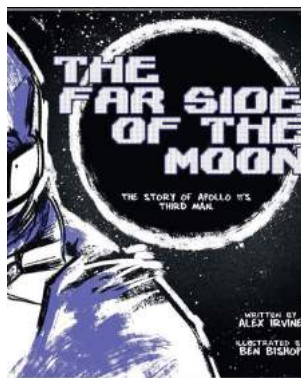
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Ari Folman & David Polonsky
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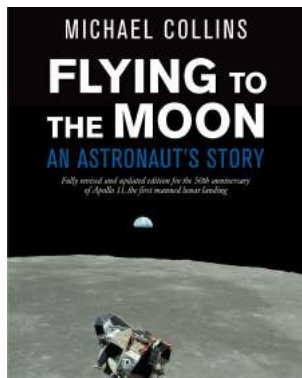
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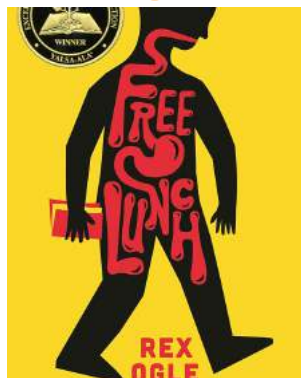
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Lauren Markham
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The Far Side of the Moon
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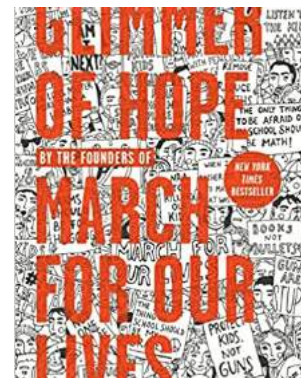
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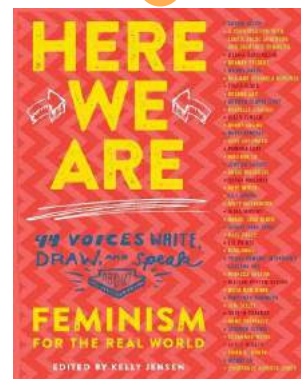
Free Lunch
Rex Ogle
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Girl Code
Andrea Gonzalez & Sophie Houser
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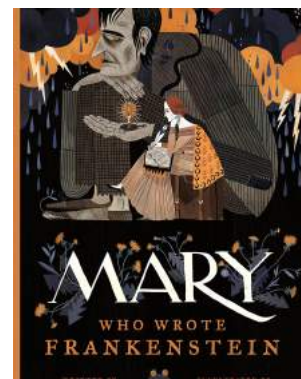
Glimmer of Hope
The March for Our Lives Founders
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Here We Are
Kelly Jensen
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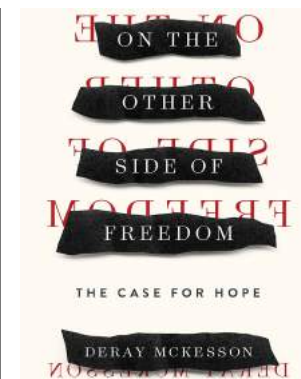
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Eoin Colfer & Andrew Donkin
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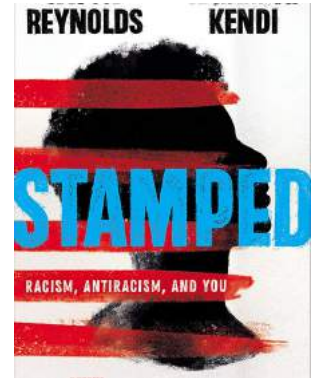
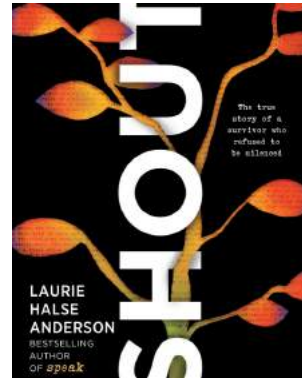
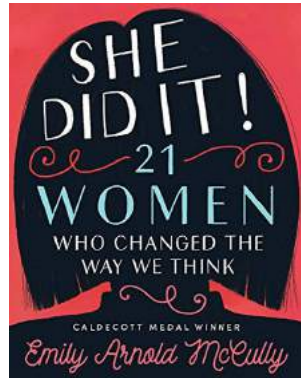
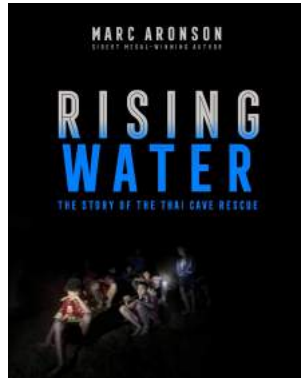
Mary Who Wrote Frankenstein
Julia Sarda
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No One is Too Small To Make a Difference
Greta Thunberg
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On the Other Side of Freedom
DeRay McKesson
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Reaching for the Moon

Katherine Johnson
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Rising Water

Marc Aronson
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She Did It!

Emily McCully
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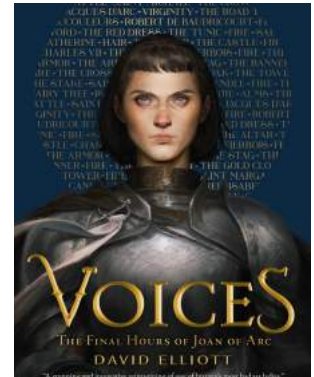
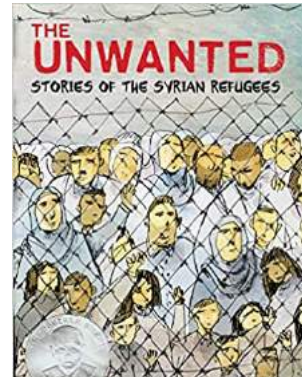
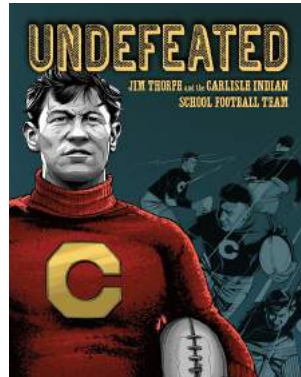
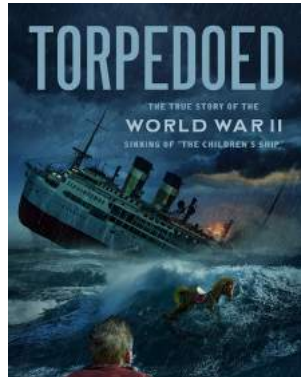
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Stamped

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& Ibram Kendi
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Suffragette

David Roberts
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Torpedoed

Deborah Heiligman
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Undefeated

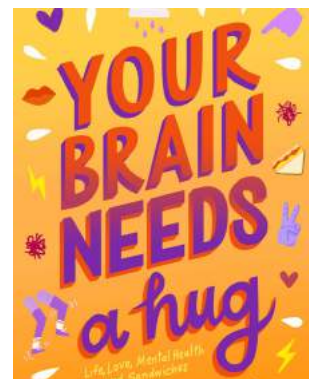
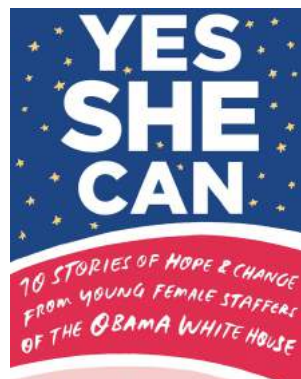
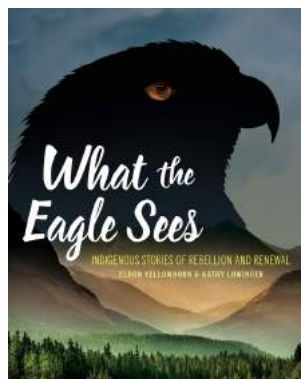
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The Unwanted

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