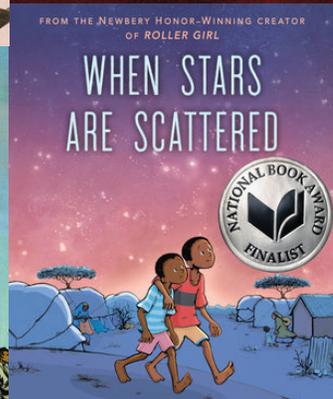
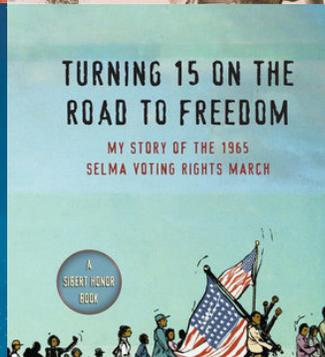
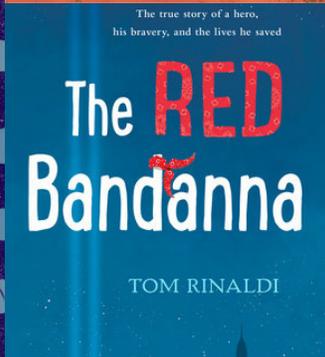
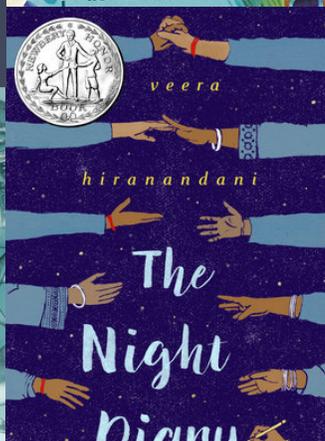
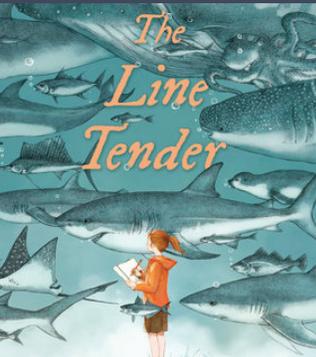
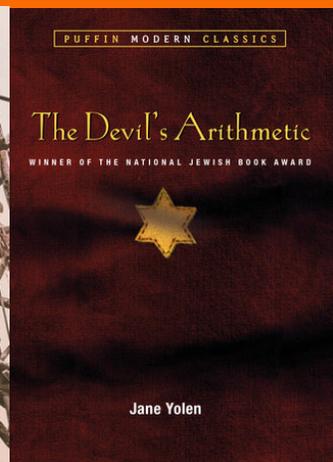
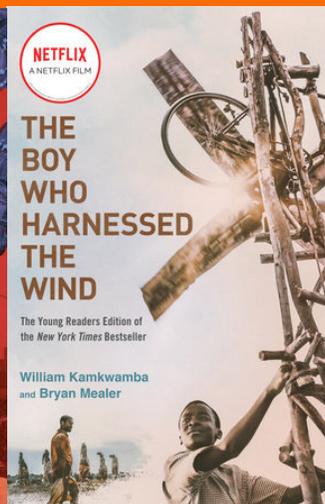
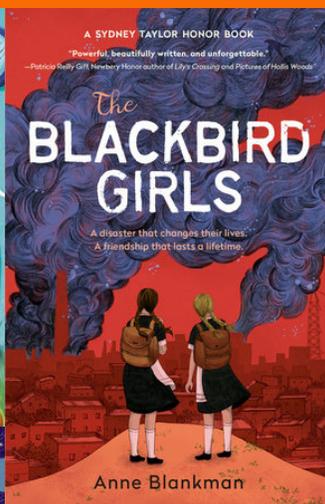
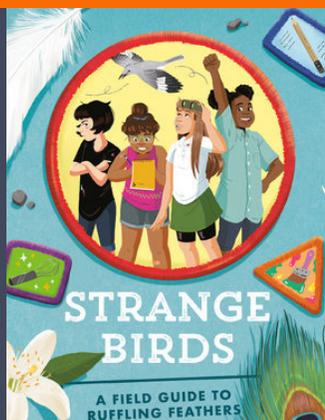




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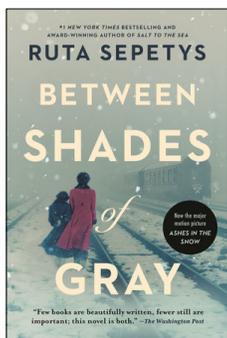
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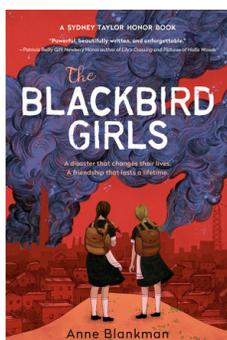
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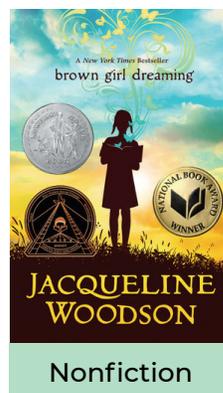
Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys. Fifteen-year-old Lina is an ordinary Lithuanian girl — until Soviet officers invade her home and force her family into a work camp. Lina documents it all in drawings. Risking everything, she includes clues to her location in her pictures, hoping they will

reach her father in the men's prison camp. But will strength, love, and hope be enough for Lina and her family to survive?

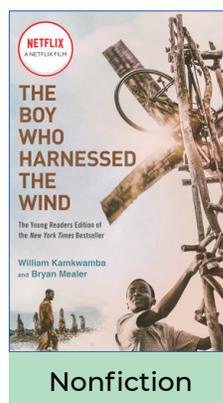


The Blackbird Girls by Anne Blankman. When a reactor at the nuclear power plant where their fathers work—Chernobyl—has exploded, neighbors Valentina and Oksana, who've always been enemies, have to learn to trust each other as they find themselves on a train bound for Leningrad.

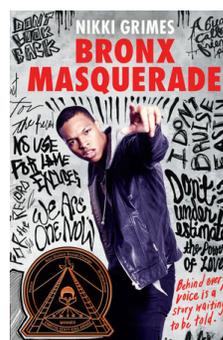
With converging plot threads to WWII and how Jewish refugees came to Eastern Europe, this is a powerful novel about how hatred, intolerance, and oppression are no match for the power of true friendship.



Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson. In vivid poems, Woodson shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement.

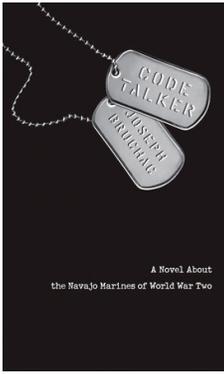


The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer, illustrated by Anna Hymas. A gripping memoir of survival and perseverance about the heroic young inventor who brought electricity to his Malawian village.



Bronx Masquerade by Nikki Grimes. When Wesley Boone writes a poem for his high school English class, some of his classmates clamor to read their poems aloud too. Soon they're having weekly poetry sessions and, one by one, the eighteen students are sharing their thoughts and feelings

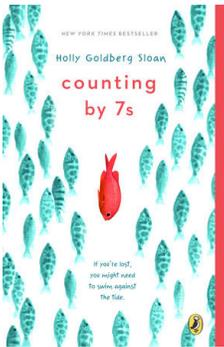
with each other. Their words and lives show what lies beneath the skin, behind the eyes, beyond the masquerade.



Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac. This fictional story is about Ned Begay, a sixteen-year-old Navajo boy who becomes a Navajo code talker during World War II. This deeply affecting novel honors all of those young men, like Ned, who dared to serve, and it honors the culture and language of the Navajo Indians.

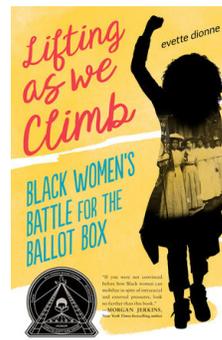


Legend by Marie Lu. What was once the western United States is now home to the Republic, a nation perpetually at war with its neighbors. When June's brother is murdered and Day becomes the prime suspect they find themselves caught in the ultimate game of cat and mouse. They are enemies until they uncover the secret that brought them together, and everything changes.



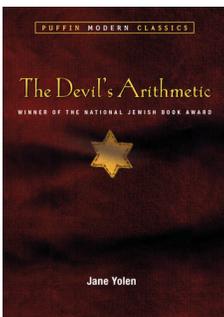
Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan. Willow Chance is a twelve-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. With the help of her adoptive parents, she has managed to lead a quietly happy life. but after losing them,

Willow begins a journey to find a fascinatingly diverse and fully believable surrogate family.

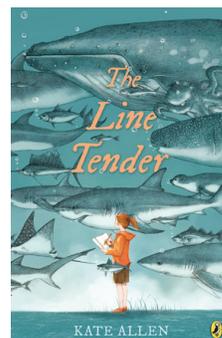


Lifting As We Climb by Evette Dionne. The important, overlooked story of Black women as a force in the suffrage movement—when fellow suffragists did not accept them as equal partners in the struggle.

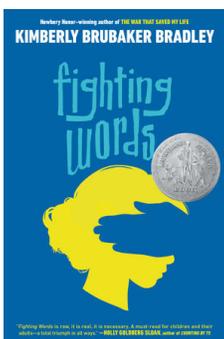
Nonfiction



The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen. Hannah is tired of holiday gatherings—all her family ever talks about is the past. But this year's Passover Seder will be different—Hannah will be mysteriously transported into the past . . . and only she knows the unspeakable horrors that await.

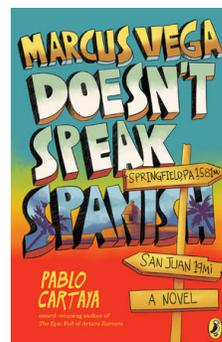


The Line Tender by Kate Allen. After a series of loss, Lucy picks up the work of her mom, a marine biologist studying sharks, to help her and her community process their grief. A story of nature's enduring mystery and a girl determined to find meaning and connection within it.

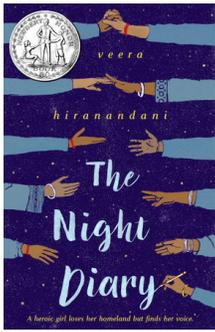


Fighting Words by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. In this powerful novel that explodes the stigma around child sexual abuse and leaves an intense tale with compassion and humor, Kimberly Brubaker Bradley tells a story about two sisters, linked by love and trauma, who must find their

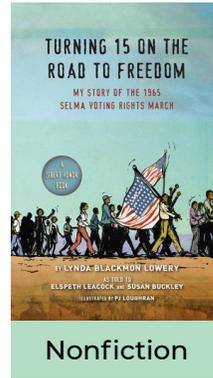
own voices before they can find their way back to each other.



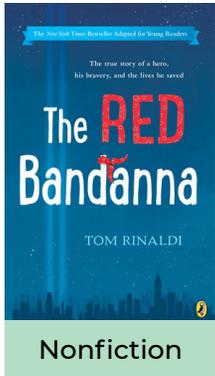
Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya. One boy's search for his father leads him to Puerto Rico in this moving middle-grade novel, for fans of *Ghost* and *See You in the Cosmos*.



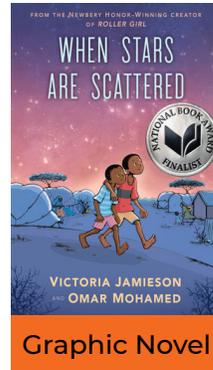
The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani. It's 1947, and India has been separated into two countries: Pakistan and India. Half-Muslim, half-Hindu twelve-year-old Nisha doesn't know where she belongs anymore. When Papa decides it's too dangerous to stay in what is now Pakistan, Nisha and her family become refugees.



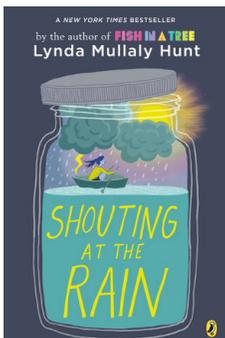
Turning 15 On the Road to Freedom by Lynda Blackmon Lowery, illustrated by PJ Loughran. A memoir of the Civil Rights Movement from one of its youngest heroes—now in paperback will an all-new discussion guide.



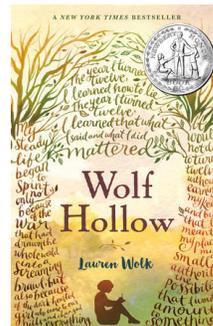
The Red Bandanna by Tom Rinaldi. An accessible young readers' adaptation of his *New York Times* bestselling book. This powerful story of making a difference through our actions is perfect for helping the post-9/11 generation understand this historic day through the eyes of one young man.



When Stars are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed, illustrated by Victoria Jamieson and Iman Geddy. A remarkable graphic novel about growing up in a refugee camp, as told by a former Somali refugee.



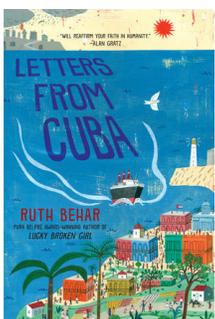
Shouting at the Rain by Lynda Mullaly Hunt. A compelling story about perspective and learning to love the family you have from the author of *Fish in a Tree*.



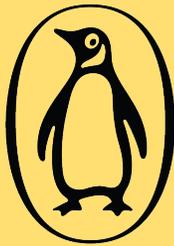
Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk. When the new girl in school begins to bully Toby, an odd but kind World War I veteran, Annabelle must find the courage to stand as a lone voice for justice.



Strange Birds by Celia C. Pérez. A story of four kids who form an alternative Scout troop that shakes up their sleepy Florida town. With themes of environmental activism, feminism, and class in a wildly fun read, this is a perfect read for fans of *Hoot*.



Letters From Cuba by Ruth Behar. The inspiring story of a Jewish girl who escapes Poland to make a new life in Cuba, where she works to rescue the rest of her family.



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