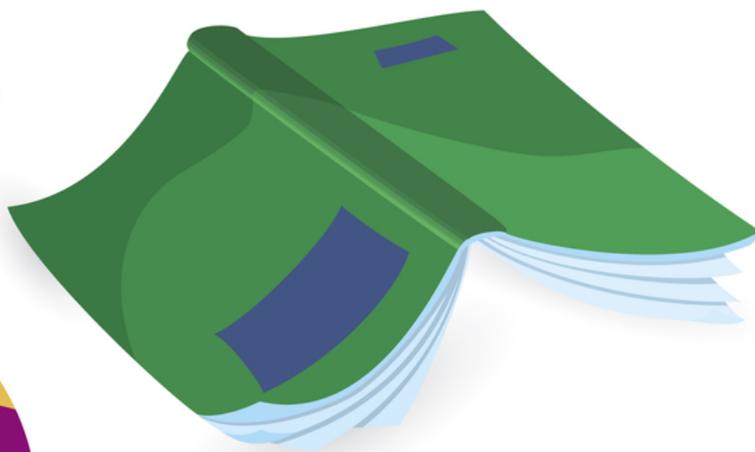


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Public Schools of Brookline, Massachusetts

Hot Off the Presses: New and Noteworthy

Carriger, Gail. ***Etiquette & Espionage*** **

In an alternate England of 1851, spirited fourteen-year-old Sophronia is enrolled in a finishing school where, she is surprised to learn, lessons include not only the fine arts of dance, dress, and etiquette, but also diversion, deceit, and espionage.

Hartman, Rachel. ***Seraphina*** ***

In a world where dragons and humans coexist in an uneasy truce and dragons can assume human form, Seraphina, whose mother died giving birth to her, grapples with her own identity amid magical secrets and royal scandals, while she struggles to accept and develop her extraordinary musical talents.

Kennedy, Caroline. ***Poems to Learn by Heart*** *

A fresh presentation of classic poems that can inspire, reassure, and challenge.

Leeds, Constance. ***The Unfortunate Son*** *

Luc, a youth born with one ear and raised by a drunken father in fifteenth-century France, finds a better home with fisherman Pons, his sister Mattie, and their ward Beatrice, the daughter of a disgraced knight, and even after being kidnapped and sold into slavery in Africa, he remains remarkably fortunate.

Levinson, Cynthia. ***We've Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March*** **

Discusses the events of the four thousand African American students who marched to jail to secure their freedom in May 1963.

Lupica, Mike. ***True Legend*** *

Fifteen-year-old Drew "True" Robinson loves being the best point-guard prospect in high school basketball, but learns the consequences of fame through a former player, as well as through the man who expects to be his manager when True reaches the NBA.

Magoon, Kekla. ***Fire in the Streets*** *

In the aftermath of Dr. King's assassination in 1968, Chicago fourteen-year-old Maxie longs to join the Black Panthers, whether or not her brother Raheem, ex-boyfriend Sam, or her friends like it, and is soon caught up in the violence of anti-war and civil rights demonstrations.

Preus, Margi. ***Shadow On the Mountain*** *

In Nazi-occupied Norway, fourteen-year-old Espen joins the resistance movement, graduating from deliverer of illegal newspapers to courier and spy.

Schrefer, Eliot. ***Endangered*** **

A girl, having travelled with her mother to an animal sanctuary for bonobos in the Congo, struggles to survive with the animals after revolution breaks out and she and the chimpanzees are forced to flee into the jungle.

Sheinkin, Steve. ***Lincoln's Grave Robbers*** *

Describes how a counterfeiting ring plotted to ransom Lincoln's body to secure the release of their imprisoned ringleader, and how a fledging Secret Service and an undercover agent conducted a daring election-night sting operation.

Take a Look: Picture Books for Older Readers

Broskol, Vera. ***Anya's Ghost*** *

Anya, embarrassed by her Russian immigrant family and self-conscious about her body, has given up on fitting in at school but falling down a well and making friends with the ghost there just may be worse.

Hicks, Faith Erin. ***Friends with Boys*** *

Maggie McKay hardly knows what to do with herself. After an idyllic childhood of homeschooling with her mother and roughhousing with her older brothers, it's time for Maggie to face the outside world, all on her own. But that means facing high school first. And it also means solving the mystery of the ghost who has silently followed Maggie throughout her entire life. Maybe it even means making a new friend, one who isn't one of her brothers.

Hinds, Gareth. ***Odyssey*** ***

Retells, in graphic novel format, Homer's epic tale of Odysseus, the ancient Greek hero who encounters witches and other obstacles on his journey home after fighting in the Trojan War.

Tennapel, Doug. ***Ghostopolis*** *

A page-turning adventure of a boy's journey to the land of ghosts and back. Imagine Garth Hale's surprise when he's accidentally zapped to the spirit world by Frank Gallows, a washed-out ghost wrangler. Suddenly Garth finds he has powers the ghosts don't have, and he's stuck in a world run by the evil ruler of Ghostopolis, who would use Garth's newfound abilities to rule the ghostly kingdom.

Yolen, Jane. ***Foiled (series)*** **

Aliera Carstairs, having always felt like an outcast at school but special in her fencing class, falls for Avery Castle, until a fencing foil with a large ruby on the hilt that her mother found at a sale reveals to her that both Avery and the world around her are not what they seem.

Too Good To Miss: Classics

Austen, Jane. ***Emma*** ***

Emma has recently lost her sister/mother-figure to marriage and appears doomed to a lifetime of seclusion with her kindly but odd and hermitic father. To avoid such a result, at least for a time, Emma sets to matchmaking. Emma is the most lightweight and openly comedic of all Jane Austen's novels, with a likable (if clueless) heroine and a multilayered plot full of half-hidden feelings.

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Dumas, Alexandre. ***The Count of Monte Cristo*** ***

Sent to prison on a false accusation in 1815, Edmond Dantes escapes many years later and finds a treasure which he uses to exact his revenge.

Frank, Anne. ***Diary of a Young Girl*** ***

In 1942, in Nazi-occupied Holland, thirteen-year-old Anne and her family fled their home in Amsterdam and went into hiding to avoid being captured. For the next two years, they lived cloistered in the "Secret Annex" of an old office building. In her diary Anne Frank recorded vivid impressions of her experiences during this period.

Herbert, Frank. ***Dune*** ***

Set on the desert planet Arrakis, Dune is the story of the boy Paul Atrides, who would become the mysterious man known as Maud'dib. He would avenge the traitorous plot against his noble family, and would bring to fruition humankind's most ancient and unattainable dream.

Hinton, S.E. ***The Outsiders*** **

Ponyboy can count on his brothers and his friends, but not on much else besides trouble with the Socs, a vicious gang of rich kids who get away with everything, including beating up greasers like Ponyboy. At least he knows what to expect--until the night someone takes things too far.

Smith, Betty. ***A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*** **

Young Francie Nolan, having inherited both her father's romantic and her mother's practical nature, struggles to survive and thrive growing up in the slums of Brooklyn in the early twentieth century.

Taylor, Mildred. ***The Land (series)*** **

The prequel to Newbery Medal winner, Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, begins the saga of the Logan family and depicts the cruel racism in the Deep South during and after the Civil War.

Meserole, Mike. ***The Great Escape*** **

Spring, 1943; Stalag Luft III, Germany: every prisoner in the Nazi camps had one thought in mind to get out.

Nelson, Pete. ***Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice for the U.S.S. Indianapolis*** **

This story explains how the research of 11-year-old Hunter Scott uncovered the truth behind a historic WWII naval disaster aboard the USS Indianapolis and led to the reversal of the wrongful court martial of the ship's captain.

Paulson, Gary. ***Guts*** *

In Guts, Gary tells about the adventures that inspired him to write Brian Robeson's story: working as an emergency volunteer; the death that inspired the pilot's death in Hatchet; plane crashes he has seen and near-misses of his own. There's even a handy chapter on "Eating Eyeballs and Guts or Starving: The Fine Art of Wilderness Nutrition." Recipes included.

Preston, Richard. ***Hot Zone*** ***

This is the dramatic, hair-raising, and chilling story of an Ebola virus outbreak in a suburban Washington, D.C. laboratory, with descriptions of frightening historical epidemics of rare and lethal viruses.

Simpson, Joe. ***Touching the Void*** ***

Joe Simpson's gripping account of near-death in the Peruvian Andes and his struggle with issues of bravery, friendship, and sheer physical endurance.

Stone, Tanya Lee. ***Courage Has No Color, The True Story of the Triple Nickles: America's First Black Paratroopers*** **

Examines the role of African-Americans in the military through the history of the Triple Nickles, America's first black paratroopers, who fought against attacks perpetrated on the American West by the Japanese during World War II.

Get Real: Nonfiction

Bragg, Georgia. ***How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous*** *

Over the course of history men and women have lived and died. In fact, getting sick and dying can be a big, ugly mess--especially before the modern medical care of today. How They Croaked relays all the gory details of how nineteen world figures gave up the ghost.

Freedman, Russell. ***The War to End All Wars: World War I*** **

An introduction to World War I that explains its relevance as a conflict that involved many nations and casualties while introducing modern weaponry and military strategies that have shaped all subsequent wars.

Kettlewell, Caroline. ***Electric Dreams*** ***

An inspirational tale of how the outlandish idea of building an electrically powered car energized and transformed high school students in an economically stressed community.

It Could Happen: Realistic Fiction

Bauer, Joan. ***Close to Famous*** *

Foster has a big secret; she can't read. With the help of a retired movie star, she overcomes her struggles and wins over hearts with her exceptional baked goods.

Berk, Josh. ***The Dark Days of Hamburger Halpin*** **

Having left a school for the deaf, Will survives at his first public school with a lot of lip-reading, texting, and the friendship of another social outcast, Devon Smiley. Together, the two students investigate the mystery surrounding the death of a classmate while on a field trip.

Budhos, Marina. ***Tell Us We're Home*** **

Three immigrant girls from different parts of the world meet and become close friends in a small New Jersey town where their mothers have found domestic work, but their relationships are tested when one girl's mother is accused of stealing a precious heirloom.

Life Stories: Biography

Cofer, Judith Ortiz. ***Call Me Maria*** *

Maria is a girl caught between two worlds: Puerto Rico and New York City. While her mother remains on the island, Maria lives with her father, the super of their building. As she struggles to lose her island accent, Maria does her best to find her place within the unfamiliar culture of the barrio

Dessen, Sarah. ***Keeping the Moon*** **

Fifteen-year-old Colie, a former fat girl, spends the summer working as a waitress in a beachside restaurant, staying with her overweight and eccentric Aunt Mira, and trying to explore her sense of self.

Mass, Wendy. ***Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life*** **

Jeremy's summer takes an unexpected turn when a mysterious wooden box arrives in the mail. He is supposed to open it in one month on his thirteenth birthday. The problem is the keys are missing and his quest to find them and much more begins.

McCormick, Patricia. ***Purple Heart*** **

When Private Matt Duffy wakes up in an army hospital in Iraq, he's honored with a Purple Heart. Matt doesn't feel like a hero because of a war memory that haunts him and a head injury that makes it hard for him to put his experiences together.

Mulligan, Andy. ***Trash*** **

Fourteen-year-olds Raphael and Gardo team up with a younger boy, Rat, to figure out the mysteries surrounding a bag Raphael finds during their daily life of sorting through trash in a third-world country's dump.

Schmidt, Gary. ***Okay for Now*** **

As a fourteen-year-old who just moved to a new town, with no friends and a louse for an older brother, Doug Swietek has everything stacked against him. As Doug struggles to be more than the "skinny thug" that his teachers and the police think him to be, he finds an unlikely ally in Lil Spicer. In Lil, Doug finds the strength to endure an abusive father, the suspicions of a whole town, and the return of his oldest brother, forever scarred, from Vietnam.

Silberberg, Alan. ***Milo: Sticky Notes and Brain Freeze*** *

Loveable thirteen-year-old geek Milo Cruikshank finds reasons for frustration at every turn, from the annoying habits of his neighbors to his futile efforts to get Summer Goodman to realize his existence. The truth is, ever since Milo's mother died, nothing has gone right.

Sonnenblink, Jordan. ***After Ever After*** *

This sequel to *Drums, Girls, & Dangerous Pie* focuses on Jeffrey's year in eighth grade and his determination to adjust to a learning disability and a physical handicap, as well as changes in his family structure.

Bernstein, Richard. ***A Girl Named Faithful Plum: The True Story of a Dancer from China and How She Achieved Her Dream*** **

In 1977, when Zhongmei Lei was eleven years old, she learned that the prestigious Beijing Dance Academy was having auditions. She'd taken dance lessons, but everyone said a poor country girl would never get into the academy, especially without connections in the Communist Party, but Zhongmei, whose name means Faithful Plum, persisted, even going on a hunger strike, until her parents agreed to allow her to go. She eventually beat out 60,000 other girls for one of 12 coveted spots. But getting in was easy compared to staying in, as Zhongmei soon learned.

Busby, Maya. ***The Year We Disappeared: A Father-Daughter Memoir*** ***

When Cylin Busby was nine, she was obsessed with the Muppets and her turtle, then, one night, everything changed. Her police officer father, John, was driving to work when someone leveled a shotgun at his window. Overnight, the Busbys went from being the "family next door" to one under 24-hour armed guard. The shooter was still on the loose, and it seemed a matter of time before he'd come after John or his family. With their lives unraveling and unsafe, they left everything and everyone they had ever known and simply disappeared.

Engle, Margarita. ***The Poet Slave of Cuba: A Biography of Juan Francisco Manzano*** **

Juan Francisco Manzano was born in 1797 into the household of wealthy slave-owners in Cuba. He spent his early years at the side of his owner's wife, entertaining her friends. His poetry was his outlet, reflecting the beauty and cruelty of his world.

Herriot, James. ***All Creatures Great and Small*** ***

Take an unforgettable journey through the English countryside and into the homes of its inhabitants, four-legged and otherwise--with the world's best-loved animal doctor.

Hoose, Phillip. ***Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice*** **

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

Kamkwamba, William. ***The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*** **

Forced to drop out of school when famine hits his village, which has no electricity or running water, a Malawi boy tinkers with scrap metal and builds a windmill that lights a few bulbs and catches the world's attention.

Paulsen, Gary. ***How Angel Peterson Got His Name*** *

When you grow up in a small town in the north woods, you have to make your own excitement. High spirits, idiocy, and showing off for the girls inspire Gary Paulsen and his friends to attempt a number of reckless stunts.

Sheinkin, Steve. ***Notorious Benedict Arnold*** ***

Most people know that Benedict Arnold was America's first, most notorious traitor. Few know that he was also one of its greatest war heroes. This accessible biography introduces young readers to the real Arnold: reckless, heroic, and driven. Packed with first-person accounts, astonishing battle scenes, and surprising twists, this is a gripping and true adventure tale.

Out of This World: Fantasy & Science Fiction

Adams, Douglas. ***The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy (series)*** **

Seconds before Earth is demolished to make room for a galactic freeway, an earthman is saved by his friend. Together they journey through the galaxy.

Bacigalupi, Paolo. ***Shipbreaker*** **

In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl.

Card, Orson Scott. ***Ender's Game (series)*** **

Young Ender Wiggin may prove to be the military genius earth needs to fight a desperate battle against a deadly alien race that will determine the future of the human race.

Cashore, Kristin. ***Graceling (series)*** **

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace of killing and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.

Christopher, John. ***The White Mountains (series)*** **

Long ago, the Tripods--huge, three-legged machines descended upon Earth and took control. Now people unquestioningly accept the Tripods' power. They have no control over their thoughts or their lives, but for a brief time in each person's life--in childhood, he is not a slave. For Will, his time of freedom is about to end, unless he can escape to the White Mountains, where the possibility of freedom still exists.

Clayton, Emma. ***The Roar (series)*** **

In an overpopulated world where all signs of nature have been obliterated and a wall has been erected to keep out plague-ridden animals, twelve-year-old Mika refuses to believe that his twin sister was killed after being abducted, and continues to search for her in spite of the dangers he faces in doing so.

Croggon, Alison. ***The Naming: the First Book of Pellinor (series)*** ***

A manuscript from a lost civilization tells the story of sixteen-year-old Maerad, a girl with a growing gift for magic, as she escapes slavery and, with the help of Cadvan, a mysterious traveler, embarks on a dangerous journey to save her world.

Dashner, James. ***The Maze Runner (series)*** **

Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.

Falls, Kat. ***Dark Life (series)*** **

Ty has spent his whole life living deep undersea. When outlaws attack his homestead, he finds himself in a fight to save the only home he has ever known. Joined by Gemma, a girl from Topside, Ty ventures into the frontier's rough underworld and discovers some dark secrets to Dark Life. Secrets that threaten to destroy everything.

Farmer, Nancy. ***Sea of Trolls (series)*** **

This exciting fantasy takes place during the Viking raids of the Anglo-Saxons in the late 700s. Jack thought he was just an ordinary farm boy until he became an apprentice to the local bard, who is teaching him music, but also the magic of the Life Force. When his village is attacked by Viking berserkers, and he and his little sister are taken as thralls, he doesn't know the perils in store for him, in order to survive and maybe get home, he'll have to learn to deal with the Northmen, face down dragons, brave the perils of troll country, and learn more about magic than he ever thought possible.

Fisher, Catherine. ***Incarceron (series)*** ***

Incarceron, a futuristic prison, sealed from view, where the descendants of the original prisoners live in a dark world torn by rivalry and savagery. A young prisoner, Finn, has haunting visions of an earlier life, and cannot believe he was born here and has always been here. In the outer world, Claudia, daughter of the Warden of Incarceron, is trapped in her own form of prison, a futuristic world constructed beautifully to look like a past era.

Pfeffer, Susan Beth. ***Life As We Knew It (series)*** ***

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

Stiefvater, Maggie. ***Scorpio Races*** **

Nineteen-year-old returning champion Sean Kendrick competes against Puck Connolly, the first girl ever to ride in the annual Scorpio Races, both trying to keep hold of their dangerous water horses long enough to make it to the finish line.

Walden, Mark. ***H.I.V.E. (Higher Institute of Villainous Education)*** *

When they are swept away to a hidden academy for training evil geniuses, Otto, a brilliant orphan; Wing, a sensitive warrior; Laura, a shy computer specialist; and Shelby, an infamous jewel thief, plot to beat the odds and escape.

Westerfeld, Scott. ***Uglies (series)*** **

Just before their sixteenth birthdays in a futuristic society, when they will be transformed into beauties whose only job is to have a great time, Tally's best friend runs away and Tally must find her and turn her in, or never become pretty at all.

Wrede, Patricia. ***Sorcery and Cecelia, or the Enchanted Chocolate Pot*** **

In 1817 in England, two young cousins, Cecilia living in the country and Kate in London, write letters to keep each other informed of their exploits, which take a sinister turn when they find themselves confronted by evil wizards. (series)

Page-turners: Mystery & Adventure

Abrahams, Peter. ***Down the Rabbit Hole (series)*** **

Ingrid is in the wrong place at the wrong time. Or at least her shoes are. Getting them back will mean getting tangled up in a murder investigation as complicated as the mysteries solved by her idol, Sherlock Holmes. But as things in Echo Falls keep getting curiously and curiously, Ingrid realizes she must solve the murder on her own before it's too late!

Bedford, Martyn. ***Flip*** ***

One December morning, 14-year-old Alex goes to wake up in the wrong bedroom, in an unfamiliar house, in a different part of the country, and it's the middle of June. Six months have disappeared overnight. The family at the breakfast table are total strangers. When he looks in the mirror, he sees another boy's face staring back at him. A boy named Flip.

Bradley, Alan. ***The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*** **

At the once-grand mansion of Buckshaw, young Flavia de Luce, an aspiring chemist with a passion for poison, is intrigued when a dead bird is found on the doorstep, a postage stamp pinned to its beak. Hours later, Flavia finds a man lying in the cucumber patch dying. For Flavia, who is both appalled and delighted, life begins in earnest when murder comes to Buckshaw.

Carey, Benedict. ***The Island of the Unknowns: A Mystery*** **

This gripping mystery follows outcasts Lady Di and Tom Jones as they try to save their woebegone island community. People have started to vanish, and no one seems to care, including their beloved math tutor, Mrs. Clarke. Mrs. Clarke has left them math clues that lead them all over the trailer park and into the Folsom Energy Plant itself, where the gang of misfits uncover the sordid truth about what's really happening.

Cummings, Priscilla. ***Red Kayak*** *

Tragedy strikes when a kayak turns over in the Chesapeake Bay. Thirteen year old Brady who is on the rescue team, investigates the cause of the accident and he doesn't like what he finds out.

Hoobler, Dorothy. ***The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn (series)*** *

While attempting to solve the mystery of a stolen jewel, Seikei, a merchant's son who longs to be a samurai, joins a group of kabuki actors in eighteenth-century Japan. When a priceless ruby intended for the shogun, the military governor of Japan, is stolen by a ghost, Seikei finds himself having to display all the courage of a samurai.

Lane, Andrew. ***Death Cloud: Sherlock Holmes-The Legend Begins*** **

It is the summer of 1868, and Sherlock Holmes is fourteen. On break from boarding school, he is staying with eccentric strangers, his uncle and aunt, in their vast house in Hampshire. When two local people die from symptoms that resemble the plague, Holmes begins to investigate what really killed them, helped by his new tutor, an American named Amyus Crowe. So begins Sherlock's true education in detection, as he discovers the dastardly crimes of a brilliantly sinister villain of exquisitely malign intent.

Lee, Y. S. ***The Agency: A Spy in the House (series)*** **

Rescued from the gallows in 1850s London, young orphan and thief Mary Quinn is offered a place at Miss Scrimshaw's Academy for Girls where she is trained to be part of an all-female investigative unit called The Agency.

London, Jack. ***The Call of the Wild*** **

Buck is a St. Bernard/Scotch Shepherd mix dog living in the sun-kissed valley of Santa Clara, California, but when he is stolen and transported up to frozen lands of the Yukon, he discovers an existence almost beyond his comprehension. In this is straight out adventure in the frozen North, Buck hears the call of the wild.

Morton-Shaw, Christine. ***The Hunt for the Seventh*** **

"Find the Seventh." That whispered phrase haunts Jim in this eerie mystery of death, ghosts, family secrets, and ancient rites and prophecy.

Roberts Willo Davis. ***Twisted Summer*** *

Cici is devastated when she learns that her friend, Brody, is being considered the prime suspect in the murder of a young girl in town and begins her own search to find the real murderer, in investigation that put her in danger.

Sedgwick, Marcus. ***Revolver*** *

Fourteen-year-old Cici and her mom were visiting their family and friends at a Michigan cabin called Crystal Lake where they usually go to for the summer. They had missed going last year and couldn't wait to meet up with everyone again. Cici was especially excited because Jack, the boy she liked, would be there. It would be all fun and games, right? When Cici finds out from her cousin, Ginny, that someone had murdered Zoe Cyrek the year before, the plot takes a chilling turn.

Silvey, Craig. ***Jasper Jones*** ***

Charlie Bucktin, a bookish thirteen year old, is startled one summer night when Jasper Jones, an outcast in their small Australian mining town, comes to ask for Charlie's help. Charlie follows him into the night where Charlie witnesses Jasper's horrible discovery. With the secret like a brick in his belly, Charlie is pushed and pulled by a town closing in on itself in fear and suspicion. In the simmering summer where everything changes, Charlie learns why the truth of things is so hard to know, and even harder to hold in his heart.

Werlin, Nancy. ***Black Mirror*** **

Convinced her brother's death was murder rather than suicide, sixteen-year-old Frances begins her own investigation into suspicious student activities at her boarding school.

Play Ball!: Sports Books

Brooks, Bruce. ***The Moves Make the Man*** **
Jerome Foxworthy, the Jayfox to his friends, likes to think he can handle anything. He handled growing up without a father. He handled being the first black kid in school. And he sure can handle a basketball. Then Jerome meets Bix Rivers, mysterious and moody, but a great athlete. So Jerome decides to teach Bix his game. He can tell that Bix has the talent. All he's got to do is learn the right moves.

Bruchac, Joseph. ***Warriors*** *
Jake has left the reservation for Weltime Academy and entered a different world. Others at the school loved lacrosse, too, but not like Jake. Coach Scott trained them hard, offering violent stories about Indians that Jake knew were untrue. How could he make them understand the real game?

Carlin, John. ***Invictus: Nelson Mandela and the Game that Made a Nation*** ***
After being released from prison and winning South Africa's first free election, Nelson Mandela presided over a country still deeply divided by fifty years of apartheid. His plan was ambitious if not far-fetched: use the national rugby team, the Springboks, long an embodiment of white-supremacist rule, to embody and engage a new South Africa as they prepared to host the 1995 World Cup. The string of wins that followed not only defied the odds, but capped Mandela's miraculous effort to bring South Africans together again in a hard-won, enduring bond.

D'Orso, Michael. ***Eagle Blue: A Team, a Tribe, and a High School Basketball Season in Arctic Alaska*** ***
Author Michel D'Orso shadows the Fort Yukon Eagles through an Arctic winter of fifty-below-zero temperatures and near-round-the-clock darkness as the Eagles criss-cross Alaska in pursuit of their, and their village's dream, to win the basketball championship.

Deuker, Carl. ***Payback Time*** ***
Student sports reporter Mitch investigates his football coach on suspicion of corruption in order to determine why the best athlete at his high school, Angel, does nothing but stand on the sidelines.

Feinstein, John. ***Change-up: Mystery at the World Series (series)*** **
While covering the World Series, teen reporters Stevie Thomas and Susan Carol uncover some inconsistencies in the life story of a popular new pitcher and begin to investigate.

Hawk, Tony. ***Tony Hawk: Professional Skateboarder*** *
In this young adult autobiography, Tony Hawk shares the stories from his life that have helped him become a skateboarding hero.

Kephart, Beth. ***Undercover*** **
High school sophomore Elisa is used to observing while going unnoticed except when classmates ask her to write love notes for them, but when she falls for one of those classmates, her life takes an unexpected turn.

Lee, Marie. ***Necessary Roughness*** **
Sixteen-year-old Korean American Chan moves from Los Angeles to a small town in Minnesota, where he must cope not only with racism on the football team but also with the tensions in his relationship with his strict father.

Roberts, Kristi. ***My Thirteenth Season*** *
Already downhearted due to the loss of her mother and her father's overwhelming grief, thirteen-year-old Fran decides to give up her dream of becoming the first female in professional baseball after a coach attacks her just for being a girl.

Van Draanen, Wendelin. ***The Running Dream*** **
Jessica thinks her life is over when she loses a leg in a car accident. Who cares about walking when you live to run? Jessica struggles to cope with crutches and a new prosthetic, while people who don't know what to say, act like she's invisible. Which she could handle better if she weren't aware that she'd done the same thing herself to a girl with CP named Rosa. A girl who is going to tutor her through all the math she's missed. A girl who sees right into the heart of her.

Volponi, Paul. ***Final Four*** **
Four players with one thing in common: the will to win. Malcolm wants to get to the NBA ASAP. Roko wants to be the pride of his native Croatia. Crispin wants the girl of his dreams. M.J. just wants a chance. March Madness is in full swing, and there are only four teams left in the NCAA basketball championship. As the last moments tick down on the game clock, you'll learn how each player went from being a kid who loved to shoot hoops to a powerful force in one of the most important games of the year. Which team will leave the Superdome victorious? In the end it will come down to which players have the most skill, the most drive, and the most heart.

Way Back When: Historical Fiction

Anderson, Laurie Halse. ***Chains (series)*** **
As the Revolutionary War begins, thirteen-year-old Isabel wages her own fight for freedom. Promised freedom upon the death of their owner, she and her sister instead become the property of a malicious couple who have no sympathy for the American Revolution and even less for Ruth and Isabel. When Isabel meets Curzon, a slave with ties to the Patriots, he encourages her to spy on her owners, who know details of British plans for invasion. She is reluctant at first, but when the unthinkable happens to her sister, Ruth, Isabel realizes her loyalty is available to the bidder who can provide her with freedom.

Burg, Ann E. ***All the Broken Pieces*** **
Two years after being airlifted out of Vietnam in 1975, Matt Pin is haunted by the terrible secret he left behind and, now, in a loving adoptive home in the United States, a series of profound events forces him to confront his past.

Cushman, Karen. ***Catherine, Called Birdy*** **
The thirteen-year-old daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life,

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particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off.

Davis, Tanita. ***Mare's War*** **

Teens Octavia and Tali learn about strength, independence, and courage when they are forced to take a car trip with their grandmother, who tells about growing up Black in 1940s Alabama and serving in Europe during World War II as a member of the Women's Army Corps.

Fleischman, Paul. ***Bull Run*** **

Northerners, Southerners, generals, couriers, dreaming boys, and worried sisters describe the glory, the horror, the thrill, and the disillusionment of the first battle of the Civil War.

Gonzalez, Christina Diaz. ***The Red Umbrella*** *

In 1961 after Castro has come to power in Cuba, fourteen-year-old Lucia and her seven-year-old brother are sent to the United States when her parents fear that the children will be taken away from them as others have been.

Hughes, Dean. ***Soldier Boys*** **

Two boys, one German and one American, are eager to join their respective armies during World War II, and their paths cross at the Battle of the Bulge.

Levine, Kristin. ***The Lions of Little Rock*** **

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.

Magoon, Kekla. ***The Rock and the River*** **

In 1968 Chicago, fourteen-year-old Sam Childs is caught in a conflict between his father's nonviolent approach to seeking civil rights for African Americans and his older brother, who has joined the Black Panther Party.

Myers, Walter Dean. ***Fallen Angels*** **

Seventeen-year-old Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army in the summer of 1967 and spends a devastating year on active duty in Vietnam.

Pausen, Gary. ***Woods Runner*** *

Paulsen provides a stark glimpse of just how awful the American Revolutionary war really was for those who suffered through it. Soon after the uprising in Concord and Lexington, 16 year old Samuel, returns home to find his home burned down, the neighbors slaughtered, and his parents missing. Samuel tracks his captured parents through the countryside to British-held New York encountering grave dangers along the way.

Perkins, Mitali. ***Secret Keeper*** **

Calcutta, India, in 1977 and told from the viewpoint of Asha Gupta, 16. With her father seeking work in America, Asha, together with her older sister, Reet, and their depressed mother, must move in with relatives, who are not at all welcoming. Unlike Reet, Asha is dismissed as having little chance of snaring a good husband, which is all a "good" Bengali girl should do. She keeps quiet about her college dreams except with the boy next door, whom she befriends in

secret, but as things get worse at home, she must rescue Reet from a horrific arranged marriage.

Preus, Margi. ***Heart of a Samurai*** **

It is 1841 a freak storm washes Manjiro and his four fishing companions onto a tiny island far from their Japanese homeland where they are rescued by an American whaling ship. Based on a true story of the first Japanese person to enter the United States.

Stuber Barbara. ***Crossing the Tracks*** **

In Missouri in 1926, fifteen-year-old Iris Baldwin discovers what family truly means when her father hires her out for the summer as a companion to a country doctor's invalid mother.

Weyn, Suzanne. ***Distant Waves: A Novel of the Titanic*** **

Daughters of a famed clairvoyant, the five Taylor sisters have moved to turn-of-the-twentieth-century Spirit Vale, where their mother makes a living talking to the dead. The future, however, is something even she cannot see clearly. The sisters all seem poised to move in different directions--science, society, fame, even the spirit world--but all of their destinies converge on board the doomed Titanic.

Zusak, Markus. ***The Book Thief*** ***

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel, a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

Just For Fun: Humor

Gantos, Jack. ***Jack's Black Book: What Happens When You Flunk an IQ Test? (series)*** **

In just a few months, Jack is humiliated by a gorgeous synchronized swimmer, gets a tattoo the size of an ant on his big toe, flubs an IQ test and nearly fails wood shop, and has to dig up his dead dog not once but twice. It's all here in Jack's black book.

Korman, Gordon. ***Born to Rock (series)*** **

High school senior Leo Caraway, a conservative Republican, learns that his biological father is a punk rock legend.

Korman, Gordon. ***Schooled*** *

Capricorn Cap Anderson has been homeschooled by his hippie grandmother, Rain. When Rain is injured in a fall, Cap is forced to attend the local middle school. Although he knows a lot about Zen Buddhism, nothing has prepared him for the politics of public school.

Peck, Richard. ***Year Down Yonder (series)*** *

In this Newbery Honor book, Chicago-bred Mary Alice has been sentenced to a year-long stay in rural Illinois with her irrepressible, rough and gruff grandmother. Soon, however, she becomes Grandma's partner in crime, helping to carry out madcap schemes to benefit friends and avenge enemies.

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Perkins, Lynne Rae. ***As Easy as Falling Off the Face of the Earth*** *

A teenaged boy encounters one comedic calamity after another when his train strands him in the middle of nowhere, and everything comes down to luck.

Prachett, Terry. ***Wee Free Men: A Story of Discworld (series)*** **

A young witch-to-be named Tiffany teams up with the Wee Free Men, a clan of six-inch-high blue men, to rescue her baby brother and ward off a sinister invasion from Fairyland.

Rex, Adam. ***The True Meaning of Smekday*** **

Twelve-year-old Gratuity Tucci has a hard time writing an essay on "The True Meaning of Smekday" due to her complex life after Earth was overtaken by aliens and her mother was kidnapped and taken to Happy Mouse Kingdom in Florida.

A Way with Words: Poetry

Aquado, Bill and Richard Newirth. ***Paint Me Like I Am*** *

Teens who have taken part in writing programs run by a national nonprofit organization called Writers Corps are represented in this collection of poems which convey the words in the diverse voices of teenagers everywhere.

Koertge, Ron. ***Shakespeare Bats Cleanup (series)*** **

Fourteen-year-old Kevin Boland is an MVP first baseman whose whole life revolves around baseball. Diagnosed with mono, he is forced to stay at home for months while he recuperates. Bored, Kevin borrows his father's book of poetry and starts writing his own. At first, he just has fun imitating haiku and sonnets, but he soon begins writing insightful verse, both funny and serious, in which he records his candid observations about life in junior high, romance, his dreams of baseball stardom, and his grief over the recent death of his mother.

Myers, Walter Dean. ***Street Love*** **

This story, told in free verse, is set against a background of street gangs and poverty in Harlem in which seventeen-year-old African-American Damien takes a bold step to ensure that he and his new love will not be separated.

Nye, Naomi Shihab. ***What Have You Lost?*** **

What have you lost? A friend? A brother? A wallet? A memory? A meaning? A year? Each Night Images, dream news, fragments, flash then fade. These darkened walls. Here, I say. Climb into this story. Be remembered.

Notes

