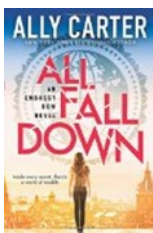


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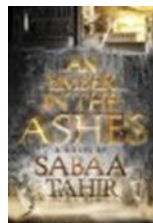
(M=Middle school, 6th grade) (J=Junior high, or 7th & 8th graders) (H=high school)

Fiction:



All Fall Down, by Ally Carter

Grace, a daredevil, an Army brat, and a rebel, is also the only granddaughter of a powerful ambassador, and she spent every summer of her childhood running across the roofs of Embassy Row. Now, at age sixteen, she's come back to stay--in order to solve the mystery of her mother's death. In the process, she uncovers an international conspiracy of unsettling proportions, and must choose her friends and watch her foes carefully if she and the world are to be saved. (M)



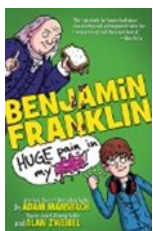
An Ember in the Ashes, by Sabaa Tahir

Laia is a Scholar living under the iron-fisted rule of the Martial Empire. When her brother is arrested for treason, Laia goes undercover as a slave at the empire's greatest military academy in exchange for assistance from rebel Scholars who claim that they will help to save her brother from execution. (H)



Backlash, by Sarah Littman

When Christian, a boy she knows only through Facebook, posts a lot of nasty comments on her page, fifteen-year-old Lara tries to kill herself--but that is only the beginning of the backlash for her sister, Sydney; her former friend Bree; and her classmates. (J)



Benjamin Franklin: Huge Pain In My... by Adam Mansbach and Alan Zweibel

The story of a most unlikely pen pal relationship between thirteen-year-old Franklin Isaac Saturday (Ike) and *the* Benjamin Franklin. 7th grader Ike is dealing with middle school changes and popularity contests, crushing hard on Clare Wanzandae and putting up with his stepfather, Dirk-the-Jerk's lame jokes. But all that changes when Ike mails his extra credit homework assignment to Ben Franklin and he writes back. Soon, things go awry. After Ike has an embarrassing moment of epic proportions in front of Claire involving a playground, non-alcoholic beer, and a lot of kettle corn, Ike decides he needs to find a way to win Claire back. With some help from his new friend, B-Fizzle, can Ike get the girl and make his mark in history? (M)



Dead to Me, by Mary McCoy

In 1948 Hollywood, a treacherous world of tough-talking private eyes, psychopathic movie stars, and troubled starlets, sixteen-year-old Alice tries to find a young runaway who is the sole witness to a beating that put her sister, Annie, in a coma. (J)



The Edge, by Roland Smith

The International Peace Ascent is the brainchild of billionaire Sebastian Plank: Recruit a global team of young climbers and film an inspiring, world-uniting documentary. The adventure begins when fifteen-year-old Peak Marcello and his mountaineer mother are helicoptered to a remote base camp in the Hindu Kush Mountains on the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. When the camp is attacked and his mother taken, Peak has no choice but to track down the perpetrators to try to save her. (date of publication: Oct. 6, 2015)(M)



The Extra by Kathryn Lasky

Is the chance to serve as an extra for Hitler's favorite filmmaker a chance at life -- or a detour on the path to inevitable extermination? In this chilling but ultimately uplifting novel, Kathryn Lasky imagines the lives of the Gypsies who worked as extras for the real Nazi filmmaker Leni Riefenstahl, by telling the story of one girl's journey. (J)

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The Iron Trial (Magisterium series #1) by Holly Black and Cassandra Clare
Warned away from magic all of his life, Callum endeavors to fail the trials that would admit him to the Magisterium only to be drawn into its ranks against his will and forced to confront dark elements from his past. (sequel coming Sept. 1: The Copper Gauntlet) (M)



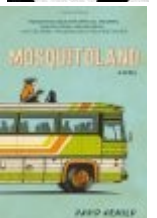
The Isle of the Lost (The Descendants) by Melissa de la Cruz
Imprisoned on the Isle of the Lost and unable to use magic, the teenaged children of Disney's most evil villains search for a dragon's eye--the key to true darkness and the villains' only hope of escape. (M)



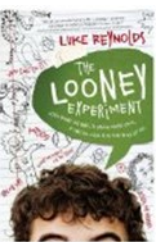
The League of Seven by Alan Gratz
When an alternate 1875 steam-driven America rediscovers electricity (the lifeblood of the Mangleborn monsters), and the secret society to protect humanity from the Mangleborn is compromised, twelve-year-old Archie must assemble a team of seven young heroes to save the world. (sequel: The Dragon Lantern) (M)



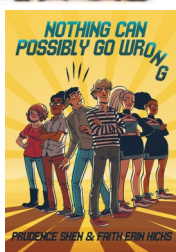
Lois Lane: Fallout, by Gwenda Bond
Lois Lane is the new girl at East Metropolis High, and her instinct to ask questions brings her and her online friend, Smallville Guy, into conflict with some bullying video gamers called the Warheads, who are being used in a dangerous virtual reality experiment.(J)



Mosquitoland, by David Arnold
When she learns that her mother is sick in Ohio, Mim confronts her demons on a thousand-mile odyssey from Mississippi that redefines her notions of love, loyalty, and what it means to be sane. (H for language)



The Looney Experiment by Luke Reynolds
Atticus Hobart couldn't feel lower. He's in love with a girl who doesn't know he exists, he is the class bully's personal punching bag, and to top it all off, his dad has just left the family. Into this drama steps Mr. Looney, a 77-year-old substitute English teacher with uncanny insight and a most unconventional approach to teaching. But Atticus soon discovers there's more to Mr. Looney's methods than he'd first thought. And as Atticus begins to unlock the truths within his own name, he finds that his hyper-imagination can help him forge his own voice, and maybe—just maybe—discover that the power to face his problems was inside him all along. (M)



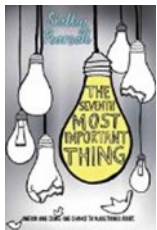
Nothing Can Possibly Go Wrong by Faith Erin Hicks (Graphic Novel)

What happens when the school threatens to give the Robotics Club's money to the cheerleaders? All-out war! (M)



Red Queen, by Victoria Aveyard
In a world divided by blood -- those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities—Mare is a Red, a thief in a poor village, until a twist of fate throws her in front of the Silver court. Before the king, princes, and all the nobles, she discovers she has an ability of her own. To cover up this impossibility, the king forces her to play the role of a lost Silver princess, betrothing her to one of his sons. As Mare is drawn further into the Silver world, she risks everything to use her new position to help the Scarlet Guard -- a Red rebellion -- even as her heart tugs her in an impossible direction. (J)

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The Seventh Most Important Thing, by Shelley Pearsall

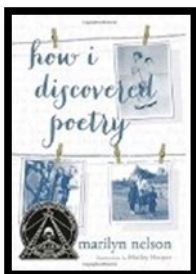
In 1963, thirteen-year-old Arthur is sentenced to community service helping the neighborhood Junk Man after he throws a brick at the old man's head in a moment of rage, but the junk he collects might be more important than he suspects. Inspired by the work of American folk artist James Hampton. (date of publication: Sept. 8, 2015)(M)



When, by Victoria Laurie

Sixteen-year-old Maddie Flynn cannot help but see the death date of everyone she meets or sees in a photograph or on-screen, and her alcoholic mother exploits this by having her do readings for money, but when Maddie predicts the death of a young boy, she becomes the center of an FBI investigation. (M)

NONFICTION:



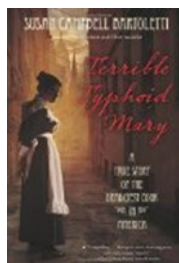
How I Discovered Poetry (memoir)

A powerful and thought-provoking Civil Rights era memoir from one of America's most celebrated poets. Looking back on her childhood in the 1950s, Newbery Honor winner and National Book Award finalist Marilyn Nelson tells the story of her development as an artist and young woman through fifty eye-opening poems. Readers are given an intimate portrait of her growing self-awareness and artistic inspiration along with a larger view of the world around her: racial tensions, the Cold War era, and the first stirrings of the feminist movement. A first-person account of African-American history. (M)



Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina by Michaela DePrince (autobiography)

The memoir of Michaela DePrince, who lived the first few years of her life in war-torn Sierra Leone until being adopted by an American Family. Now seventeen, she is one of the premiere ballerinas in the United States. (J)



Terrible Typhoid Mary: A True Story of the Deadliest Cook in America by Susan Bartoletti (biography)

What happens when a person's reputation has been forever damaged? With archival photographs and text among other primary sources, this riveting biography of Mary looks beyond the tabloid scandal of Mary's controversial life. How she was treated by medical and legal officials reveals a lesser-known story of human and constitutional rights, entangled with the science of pathology and enduring questions about who Mary Mallon really was. How did her name become synonymous with deadly disease? And who is really responsible for the lasting legacy of Typhoid Mary? (M)



We Should Hang Out Sometime (Embarrassingly, A True Story), by Josh Sundquist (memoir)

"When I was twenty-five years old, it came to my attention that I had never had a girlfriend. At the time, I was actually under the impression that I was in a relationship, so this bit of news came as something of a shock." Why was Paralympic ski racer and cancer survivor Josh still single? To find out, he tracked down the girls he had tried to date since middle school and asked them straight up: what went wrong? The results of Josh's semiscientific, wholly hilarious investigation are captured here. This story is about looking for love--or at least a girlfriend--in all the wrong places. (H)

Buckeye Children's and Teen Book Award 2015 nominees:

Grades 6-8:

The Neptune Project by Polly Holyoke

A group of kids who have been genetically altered to survive in the ocean must embark on a dangerous underwater journey to find refuge--and maybe even a way to save the world.

Sisters by Raina Telgemeier (Graphic Novel)

Gilded by Christina Farley

El Deafo by Cece Bell (Graphic Novel)

Teen:

Crimson Forest by Christine Gabriel

Not a Drop to Drink by Mindy McGinnis

In a Handful of Dust by Mindy McGinnis

Fangirl by Rainbow Rowell

This One Summer by Mariko and Jillian Tamaki (Graphic Novel)

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