

The Last Book in the Universe by Rodman

Philbrick After an earthquake has destroyed much of the planet, an epileptic teenager nicknamed Spaz begins the heroic fight to bring human intelligence back to the Earth of a distant future. (SciFi)

Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson

Entirely written in free verse. Lonnie has lost his parents in a fire, leaving him and his younger sister orphaned. They each go to separate foster homes, and he writes poetry to help him make sense of his difficult young life. (Realistic Fiction)

Loser by Jerry Spinelli

This book follows Donald Zinkoff from 1st to 6th grade. He is one of those children who seem not to notice they are a bit different. Other children don't notice either, for a while. When they do, Zinkoff gets a new name, Loser, a name he finds hard to shake. (Realistic Fiction)

A Mango-Shaped Space by Wendy Mass

Thirteen-year-old Mia appears to be the most normal kid in her family, until she reveals her secret. She sees numbers, letters, and sounds as colors which flash in her head. When she begins to have trouble in school, she discovers her secret is a learning disability. She feels like a freak, until she meets others like her. A touching family story. (Realistic Fiction)

Ruby Electric by Theresa Nelson

Twelve-year-old Ruby Miller, movie buff and aspiring screen writer, tries to resolve the mysteries surrounding her little brother's stuffed woolly mammoth and their father's five year absence. (Realistic Fiction)

The Sea of Trolls by Nancy Farmer

After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his little sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen, leading Jack to undertake a vital quest to Jotunheim, home of the trolls. (Fantasy)

Snow-Walker by Catherine Fisher Gudrun, a Snow-Walker, is an evil sorceress from the North seizes control of Jarlshold. Her one weakness is her son, Kari, who lives in exile, until the cousins Jessa and Thorkil join forces with him to defeat Gudrun. He must choose to be a Snow-Walker or free the people of Jarlshold. (Fantasy)

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. (Realistic Fiction)

Stravaganza: City of Masks by Mary Hoffman

In modern day England, Lucien has cancer. While in the hospital he receives an ancient notebook. He finds if he falls asleep with the notebook it takes him to a parallel world resembling Venice, where he is healthy. He meets Ariana and enters the political intrigues surrounding the Duchess who rules this city. (Fantasy)

The Supernaturalist by Eoin Colfer In futuristic Satellite City, fourteen-year-old Cosmo Hill escapes from his abusive orphanage and teams up with three other people who share his unusual ability to see supernatural creatures, and together they determine the nature and purpose of the swarming blue Parasites that are invisible to most humans. (SciFi)

Tangerine by Edward Bloor Twelve-year-old Paul and his family move from Houston to Tangerine Florida. Paul struggles to play soccer with his poor eyesight and to keep from being overshadowed by his football hero brother. Over time he begins to remember the mysterious events that nearly blinded him. (Mystery)

Trouble Don't Last by Shelley Pearsall Samuel, an 11-year-old Kentucky slave, is always getting into trouble. He gets swept up by Harrison (an older slave who helped to raise him) in an escape. The two have a dangerous trip via the Underground Railroad to freedom in Canada. (Historical Fiction)

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6 & 7 Grade

Book List



Airborn by Kenneth Oppel Matt Cruse defends his beloved airship against sky pirates and wild flying cats, while falling for the lovely, wealthy Kate. (Fantasy)

All the Way Home by Patricia Reilly Giff In 1941 Brooklyn, Mariel is adopted by the nurse who cared for her when she had polio. When a boy from her hometown comes to live with them, he helps Mariel find out what happened to her mother and to feel better about herself. (Historical Fiction)

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 until he gets a glimpse of a child hiding in the house across the way. (SciFi)

The Body of Christopher Creed by Carol Plum-Ucci Christopher Creed is a joke to everyone at his school, but when he disappears, Torey Adams and his friends become obsessed with him. They have to find him to clear their name. (Mystery)

The Boy Who Couldn't Die by William Sleator When his best friend dies in a plane crash, sixteen-year-old Ken has a ritual performed that will make him invulnerable, but soon learns that he had good reason to be suspicious of the woman he paid to lock his soul away. (Horror)

Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett Eleven-year-old friends, Petra and Calder become involved in a mysterious international art scandal. They may be the only ones able to solve the mystery and stop a brilliant criminal mind. (Mystery)

Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen by Dyan Sheldon In her first year at a suburban New Jersey high school, Mary Elizabeth Cep, a.k.a. "Lola," sets her sights on the lead in the annual drama production, and finds herself in conflict with the most popular girl in school. (Realistic Fiction)

Coraline by Neil Gaiman Coraline loves to explore. One day she discovers a door which takes her to another apartment, just like her own but different. At first it seems exciting and wonderful, then she realizes it is horribly wrong, and that she is trapped by a creature who wants to be her mother. Coraline must rescue her parents and other trapped children from this bizarre other world. (Fantasy/Horror)

The Dark Side of Nowhere by Neal Shusterman Jason Miller is living a perfectly content and boring life in this small town. But when his best friend dies mysteriously he begins to discover that something is really wrong with the adults in his town. (SciFi)

Dillion Dillion by Kate Banks The summer Dillion turns 10 he finds out the reason for his unusual name and watches over a family of loons on an island near their vacation home in New Hampshire. (Realistic Fiction)

Earthborn by Sylvia Waugh 12-year-old Nesta's biggest problem was a bully at school, until her parents tell her that they are from a distant planet and they have been called to return. Nesta doesn't want to leave the only home she has ever known and will do anything to stay on Earth. (SciFi)

Færie Wars by Herbie Brennan Distressed by the disintegration of his family's world, Henry offers to help the elderly Mr. Fogerty around the house. He expects to find a mess, but instead he discovers a Færie Prince attempting to escape from the Færies of the Night. (Fantasy)

Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen When Brice moves in across the street from Juli, she immediately loves him, he immediately hates her. Alternating chapters show events from each character's point of view. As the children grow up their feelings for each other change. (Realistic Fiction)

Game of Sunken Places by M.T. Anderson When two boys stay with an eccentric relative at his mansion in rural Vermont, they discover an old-fashioned board game that draws them into a mysterious adventure. (SciFi)

Goose Chase by Patrice Kindl Alexandria, an enchanted Goose Girl, who cries diamond tears and has gold dust falling from her hair, is wooed by a cruel King and a dim-witted Prince. While escaping them, with her 12 beloved geese she is imprisoned in a tower, then enslaved by ogresses, until finally finding her place in the world. (Fantasy)

The Goose Girl by Shannon Hale On her way to marry a prince she's never met, Princess Anidori is betrayed by her guards and her lady-in-waiting and must become a goose girl to survive until she can reveal her true identity and reclaim the crown that is rightfully hers. (Fantasy)

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site. (Realistic Fiction)

Iqbal by Francesco D'Adamo A fictionalized account of the Pakistani child who escaped from bondage in a carpet factory and went on to help liberate other children like him before being gunned down at the age of thirteen. (Historical Fiction)

The Kite Rider by Geraldine McCaughrean Set in ancient China, 12-year-old Haoyou loses his father and becomes the head of his family. To support his mother and young sister he makes beautiful kites. Before he can sell them, his jealous uncle, rejected by Haoyou's mother, burns down their home. Haoyou joins the Jade Circus as a kite rider to support his family, and has many adventures. (Historical Fiction)