

6th grade

2023 Montford Summer Reading

Choose 1 of the following:

A Long Walk to Water- by Linda Sue Park



Sudan · Family · Refugee · Resources · Safety ·

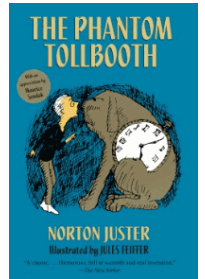
When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven. Based on the life of Salva Dut, who, after emigrating to America in 1996, began a project to dig water wells in Sudan.



Phantom Tollbooth- by Norton Juster

Fantasy · Time · Boredom · Puns · Classic

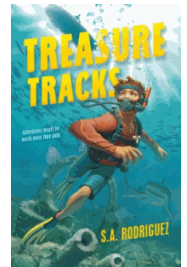
Milo finds a cure for his boredom and discovers the importance of words and numbers on a journey through a fantastical land.



Treasure Tracks- by SA Rodriguez

SCUBA · Cuban Americans · Grandfather · hurricane · treasure hunting ·

Twelve-year-old Fin drags his reluctant father on a diving hunt for a missing treasure, hoping that finding the family legacy will help his ailing Abuelo.



Winnie Zeng Unleashes a Legend- by Katie Khao

Fantasy · Chinese American · evil spirits

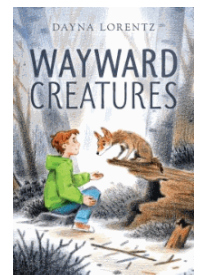
Armed with her fledgling powers, a magic cookbook, and the mentorship of a talking rabbit, sixth-grader Winnie Zeng must embrace her heritage and the powers of her ancestors to save her town from an evil spirit of Chinese legend.



Wayward Creatures-by Dayna Lorentz

forest fire · coyote · family · redemption · realistic fiction

Gabe doesn't know where he belongs anymore. His family is caught up in their own lives and his friends barely have time for him. In a desperate move for attention Gabe sets off fireworks in the woods near his house and causes a small forest fire. In the chaos of the destruction, a coyote named Rill . . . finds herself far from home. Gabe and Rill's paths irrevocably cross when Gabe is tasked with cleaning up the forest. The damage to the land and both their lives is beyond what the two can imagine. But together, they discover that sometimes it only takes one friend to find the place where you belong



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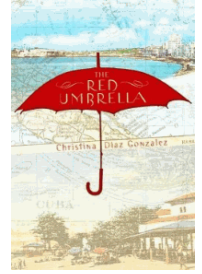
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Red Umbrella- by Christina Diaz Gonzales

Cuba·family·survival·government·adventure·historical fiction

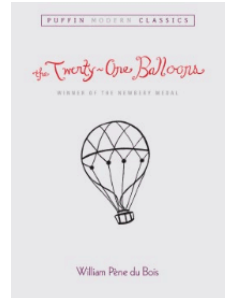
In 1961 after Castro has come to power in Cuba, fourteen-year-old Lucia and her seven-year-old brother are sent to the United States when her parents, who are not in favor of the new regime, fear that the children will be taken away from them as others have been.



The Twenty-One Balloons- by William Pene DuBois

Hot air balloons·classic·fantasy·adventure·wealth

Three weeks after leaving San Francisco in a balloon to fly across the Pacific, Professor Sherman is picked up in the Atlantic clinging to wreckage.



Skandar and the Unicorn Thief- by A.F. Steadman

unicorns·islands·magic·fantasy

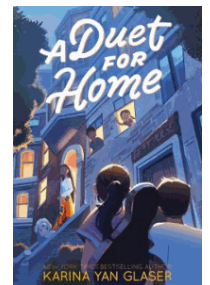
Thirteen-year-old Skandar Smith has always wanted to be a Unicorn rider, but when the mysterious Weaver steals the most powerful unicorn in the world, Skandar must face sky battles, ancient secrets, and bloodthirsty unicorns in order to save his island



A Duet for Home- by Karina Yan Glaser

homeless·family·friendship·poverty·realistic fiction·societal issues·music

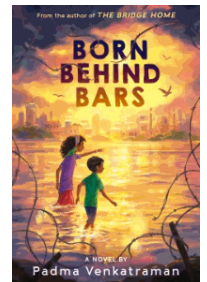
It's June's first day at Huey House, and...[she] can't bring her cherished viola inside. Before the accident last year, her dad saved tip money for a year to buy her viola, and she's not about to give it up now. Tyrell has been at Huey House for three years and gives June a glimpse of the good things about living there: friendship, hot meals, and a classical musician next door. Can he and June work together to oppose the government, or will families be forced out of Huey House before they are ready?



Born Behind Bars- by Padma Venkatraman

prison·India·Hindu·Muslim·family·survival·bravery

In Chennai, India, after spending his whole life in jail with his mother, who is serving time for a crime she did not commit, nine-year-old Kabir is suddenly released and has to figure out how to survive on his own in the outside world.



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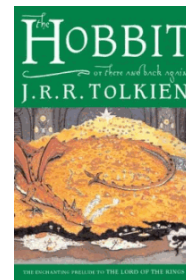
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The Hobbit- by JRR Tolkien



fantasy·classic·fantasy·dwarfs·

Bilbo Baggins, a Hobbit who only wanted to be left alone, is drawn by a wizard and a band of homeless dwarves into a quest where he confronts evil orcs, savage wolves, and the great dragon, Smaug the Magnificent.

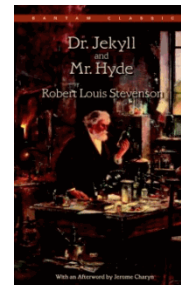


Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde- by Robert Louis Stevenson



classic·sci fi·horror·London·doctor·multiple personalities

A kind and well-respected doctor is transformed into a murderous madman by taking a secret drug of his own creation.

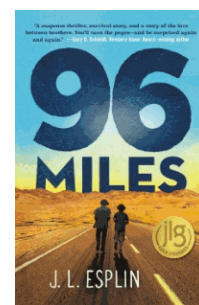


96 Miles- by J.L. Esplin



survival·brothers·diabetes·Nevada·

During a massive blackout in rural Nevada, two brothers struggle to survive without their self-reliance-obsessed dad and without enough water cross the desert for help.

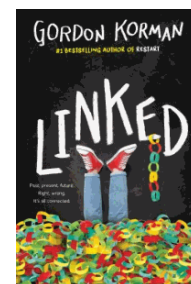


Linked- by Gordan Korman



mystery·societal issues·school·vandalism·Colorado

Link, Michael, and Dana live in a quiet town. But it's shaken up very quickly when someone sneaks into school and vandalizes it with a swastika. Nobody can believe it. How could such a symbol of hate end up in the middle of their school? The mystery deepens as more swastikas begin to appear. Some students decide to fight back and start a project to bring people together instead of dividing them further.



Long Lost- by Jacqueline West



sisters·books·library·paranormal fiction·horror·ice skating

Feeling lonely and out of place after her family moves to a new town, eleven-year-old Fiona Crane ventures to the local library, where she finds a gripping mystery novel about a small town, family secrets, and a tragic disappearance.

