

# 6<sup>th</sup> grade

## 2024 Montford Summer Reading

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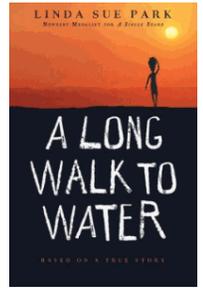
A Long Walk to Water- by Linda Sue Park



*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.

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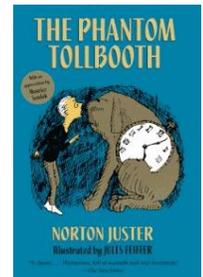


Phantom Tollbooth- by Norton Juster

*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.

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Falling Short- by Ernesto Cisneros

*basketball·growing up·friendship·family·SSYRA*

Best friends Isaac and Marco--one athletically gifted and one academically gifted--have more in common than they realize when their goals intersect, forcing them to find a way to support each other so they don't fall short.

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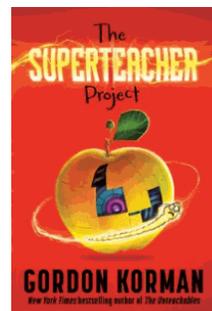


The Superteacher Project- by Gordon Korman

*school·AI·humor·robot·field hockey·SSYRA*

Oliver Zahn, spitball champion and self-declared rule-wrecker of Brightling Middle School, is not a fan of his new homeroom teacher, Mr. Aidact. The guy is sort of stiff, never cracks a smile, and refers to them as "pupils." The worst part is he catches Oliver before he can pull any of his signature pranks! But as the weeks go by, they start to realize that Mr. Aidact is not what they expected. When the girls' field hockey team needs a new coach, he suddenly turns out to be an expert. Against all odds, Mr. Aidact starts to become the most popular teacher at Brightling.

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Over and Out- by Jenni L. Walsh



*historical fiction·polio·inventor·Berlin Wall·spying·family·SSYRA*

Sophie has spent her entire life behind the Berlin Wall, guarded by land mines, towers, and attack dogs. A science lover, Sophie dreams of becoming an inventor... but that's unlikely in East Berlin. Though she tries to avoid their notice, when her beloved neighbor is arrested, Sophie is called to her principal's office. There, a young officer asks Sophie if she'll spy on her neighbor after she is released. She is backed into a corner, until she finds out, for the first time, that she has family on the other side of the Wall, in the West.



# 7th grade

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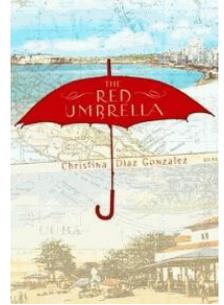


Red Umbrella- by Christina Diaz Gonzales

*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.

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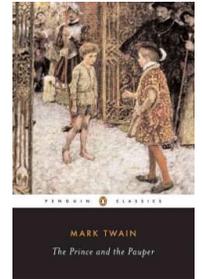


The Prince and the Pauper- by Mark Twain

*Folklore·classic·princes·London*

Tom Canty and Edward Tudor could have been identical twins. Their birthdays match, their faces match, but there the likeness stops. For Edward is a prince, heir to King Henry VIII, whilst Tom is a miserable pauper. Edward is thrown out of the palace in rags, leaving ignorant Tom to play the part of a royal prince.

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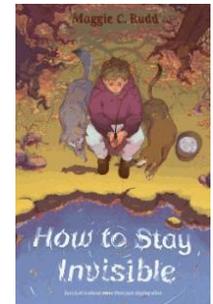


How to Stay Invisible-by Maggie C. Rudd

*·survival·dog·veteran·fishing·SSYRA*

When twelve-year-old Raymond and his pup Rosie are abandoned by his family, he uses his wilderness skills to survive in the woods, but as winter comes, he realizes his wits are not enough, and that perhaps it is time he starts trusting others with his secret.

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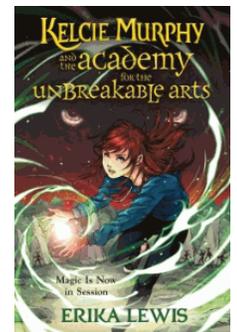


Kelcie Murphy and the Academy for the Unbreakable Arts- by Erika Lewis

*fantasy·hidden powers·family·SSYRA*

The Otherworld is at war. The Academy for the Unbreakable Arts trains warriors. It means learning to fight with a sword. And Kelcie Murphy-a foster child raised in the human world-is dying to attend. It means harnessing her hidden powers and-most importantly-finding out who her parents are, and why they abandoned her. When Kelcie tests into the school, she learns that she's a Saiga, one of the most ancient beings in the Otherworld.

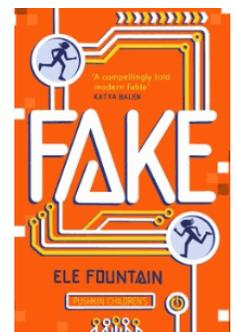
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Fake- by Ele Fountain

*scifi·dystopian·hacking·music·family·bravery·SSYRA*

In a digital world it's hard to know what's real. Imagine a world where your only friends are virtual, and big tech companies control access to food, healthcare and leisure. This is Jess's world. But when she turns fourteen, Jess can go to school with other children for the first time. Jess risks everything by using skills forbidden in the cyber-world, only to stumble on something explosive. Something that will turn her whole world upside down.



# 8th grade

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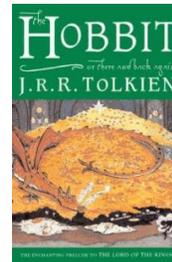
The Hobbit- by JRR Tolkien



*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.

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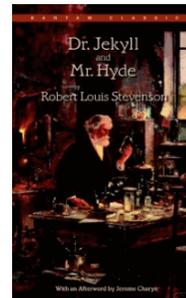
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde- by Robert Louis Stevenson



*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.

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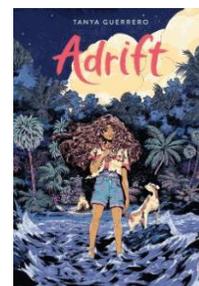
Adrift- by Tanya Guerrero



*Adventure·survival·deserted island·Indonesia·willpower·cousins·SSYRA*

Cousins Coral and Isa are so close that they're practically siblings, and the two girls grew up on the same small island. When Coral and her parents leave on a months-long sea voyage amid the islands of Indonesia, Isa is devastated that they'll be kept apart. Then the unthinkable happens, and Coral's boat capsizes at sea, where her parents vanish. Washed up on a deserted island, alone and wracked by grief, she must find the strength within to survive, and find her way back home.

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New Dragon City- by Mari Mancusi



*fantasy·dystopian·survival·New York City·SSYRA*

No one predicted the dragon apocalypse. The dragons came suddenly and decimated the world as we knew it, including New York City. Now, three years later, Noah, his hardcore survivalist father, and a ragtag group of survivors are barely scraping by in this new reality. Kids scavenge not only for materials in abandoned homes but also for leftover books at the library. Noah teams up with his fire-breathing ally to find out if peace between humans and dragons is really possible.

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The Mystery of Radcliffe Riddle- by Taryn Souders



*mystery·Georgia·treasure·history·SSYRA*

When Grady and his dad learn that the town oddball, Eudora "Kooky" Klinch left something for them in her will, they can only imagine what it might be. With the help of his friends Thad, Clemmie, and the town dog Ophelia, Grady is determined to crack the clues and find the treasure. But when someone tries to break into Grady's house one night, he realizes there's more at risk than he bargained for, and solving this mystery just got a lot more dangerous.

