

TEEN SUMMER READING PICKS

2021

Grade 6

Top Ten Picks

J- Juvenile MS- Middle School YA- Young Adult



Friend Me by Sheila M. Averbuch MS

Roisin hasn't made a single friend since moving from Ireland to Massachusetts. In fact, she is falling apart under constant abuse from a school bully, Zara. Roisin turns to Hailey, her online friend, to escape, but Roisin begins to suspect Hailey isn't who she claims she is after Zara has a painful accident and the police get involved.



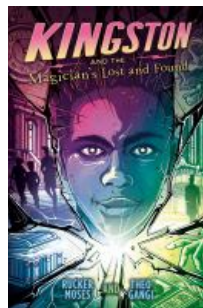
Red, White, and Whole by Rajani LaRocca MS

Reha feels torn between two worlds: school, where she's the only Indian American student, and home, with her family's traditions and holidays. When Reha finds out that her mom is sick. Really sick. Reha, who dreams of becoming a doctor even though she can't stomach the sight of blood, is determined to make her Amma well again.



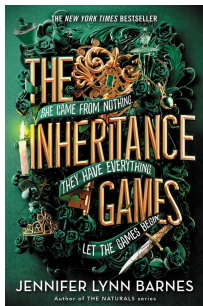
Breathing Underwater by Sarah Allen J

During a road trip, thirteen-year-old Olivia, a budding photographer, tries to recreate a Treasure Hunt she once shared with her sixteen-year-old sister, Ruth, while watching for signs that Ruth's depression is back.



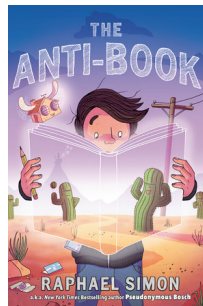
Kingston and the Magician's Lost and Found by Rucker Moses MS

Returning to Brooklyn, where his magician-father disappeared years before, twelve-year-old Kingston learns that magic is real and that if he enters the Realm, he might get his father back.



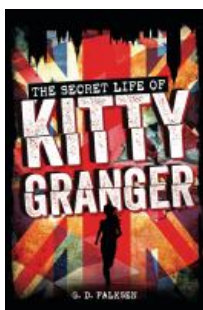
The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes YA

When a Connecticut teenager inherits vast wealth and an eccentric estate from the richest man in Texas, she must also live with his surviving family and solve a series of puzzles to discover how she earned her inheritance.



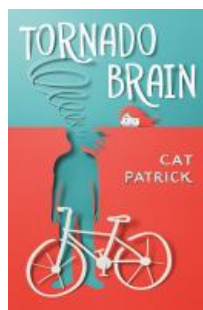
The Anti-Book by Raphael Simon MS

Mickey finds a book that promises to erase whatever is written in it, and after filling the page with all the things and people he dislikes, he finds himself in the anti-world where everything familiar is gone.



The Secret Life of Kitty Granger by G.D. Falksen MS

Sixteen-year-old Kitty Granger has always known that others consider her peculiar. She's spent her whole life learning to hide her weird traits. Until the day when she notices the mysterious man on the bus and finds herself following him, driven to know why he seems so out of place...only to accidentally uncover the location of a Russian spy ring.



Tornado Brain by Cat Patrick MS

Thirteen-year-old Frankie is just trying to figure out to get through 7th grade with diagnoses of ADHD, autism, and attention processing disorders. Then, just weeks before the end of the school year, her ex-best friend, Colette vanishes. Frankie is determined to find her before it is too late.



Alone by Megan E. Freeman J

When twelve-year-old Maddie hatches a scheme for a secret sleepover with her two best friends, she ends up waking up to a nightmare. She's alone--left behind in a town that has been mysteriously evacuated and abandoned. With no one to rely on, no power, and no working phone lines or internet access, Maddie slowly learns to survive on her own.



Coop Knows the Scoop by Taryn Souders MS

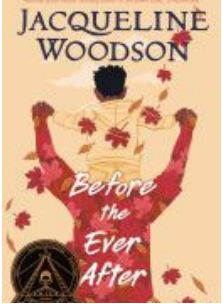
Thirteen-year-olds Cooper Goodman and Justice and Liberty Gordon investigate the eccentric residents of Windy Bottom, Georgia, after the remains of Coop's long-missing grandmother are uncovered and his Gramps is the prime suspect.

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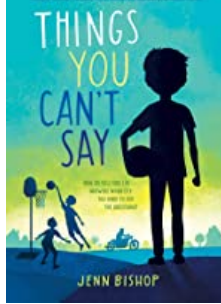
REALISTIC FICTION



Before the Ever After by Jacqueline Woodson (J)



Thanks A Lot, Universe by Chad Lucas (J)



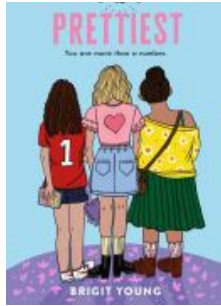
Things You Can't Say by Jenn Bishop (MS)



Girl Stuff by Lisi Harrison (MS)

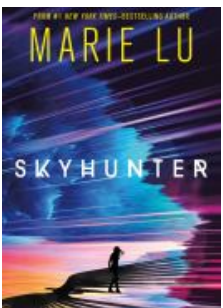


Pity Party by Kathleen Lane (MS)



The Prettiest by Brigit Young (MS)

ACTION AND SUSPENSE



Skyhunter by Marie Lu (YA)



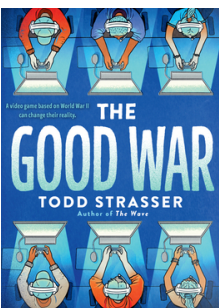
Whispering Pines by Heidi Lang (J)



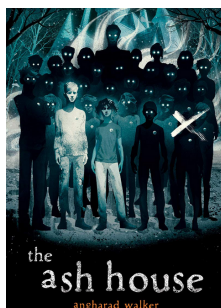
Every Missing Piece by Melanie Conklin (J)



The Pack by Lisi Harrison (J)

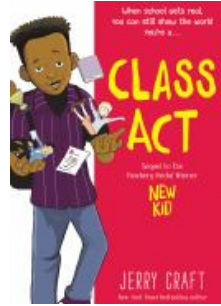


The Good War by Todd Strasser (MS)



The Ash House by Angharad Walker (MS)

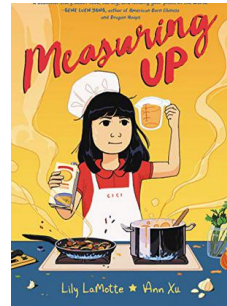
GRAPHIC NOVELS



Class Act by Jerry Craft (J)



Sprite and the Gardener by Joe Whitt (J)

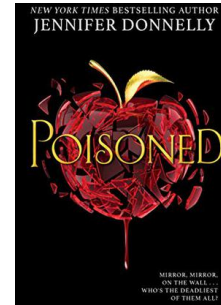


Measuring Up by Lily Lamotte (J)

FANTASY



The Language of Ghosts by Heather Fawcett (MS)

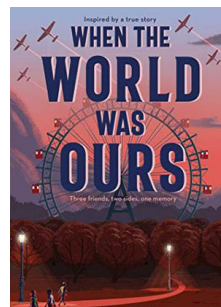


Poisoned by Jennifer Donnelly (YA)



The Accidental Apprentice by Amanda Foody (J)

HISTORICAL FICTION



When the World Was Ours by Liz Kessler (J)



Everything Sad is Untrue by Daniel Nayeri (MS)



Soul Lanterns by Shaw Kuzki (MS)

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