

Middle School Novel Recommendations

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Title, Awards, and ISBN	Author	Text Summary and Identification of How the Text Expands the Diversity of our Collection	Grade Level Unit/ Theme	Quantity
<p><i>A Long Walk to Water</i></p> <p><i>*2011 Jane Addams Children's Book Award</i></p> <p>978-0-547-25127-1</p>	Linda Sue Park	<p>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.</p> <p>Race, Geographic Location, Ethnicity (Dinka)</p>	7th Grade: Immigrant/ Refugee Experience	62
<p><i>A Time to Dance</i></p> <p><i>*2015 ALSC Notable Children's Books</i></p> <p><i>*2015 South Asia Book Award for Children's & Young Adult Literature</i></p> <p>978-0-399-25710-0</p>	Padma Venkatraman	<p>In India, a girl who excels at Bharatanatyam dance refuses to give up after losing a leg in an accident.</p> <p>Geographic Location, Ethnicity (India), Disability Representation (Physical Abilities, limb difference, limb loss)</p>	7th Grade: Facing Adversity	10
<p><i>An Edgar Allan Poe Reader</i></p> <p><i>*Classic short stories leading to the creation of the Edgar Allan Poe Mystery Award</i></p> <p>978-0-8359-0243-4</p>	Edgar Allan Poe	<p>Edgar Allan Poe was a master of tales of the mysterious and macabre. From the eerie incantations of "The Raven" to the persistent fright of "The Tell-Tale Heart," his stories and poems are unforgettable explorations of the darker side of life that still offer lessons and insight into human behavior today.</p>	8th Grade: Mystery	0

<p><i>Anything but Typical</i></p> <p><i>*2010 Schneider Family Book Award</i></p> <p>978-1-41696-378-3</p>	<p>Nora Baskin</p>	<p>Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.</p> <p>Disability Representation (Communication Style, Autism)</p>	<p>7th Grade: Realistic Fiction</p>	<p>40</p>
<p><i>Berlin Boxing Club</i></p> <p><i>*2012 Best Fiction for Young Adults</i></p> <p>978-0-06-157968-4</p>	<p>Robert Sharenow</p>	<p>In 1936 Berlin, fourteen-year-old Karl Stern, considered Jewish despite a non-religious upbringing, learns to box from the legendary Max Schmeling while struggling with the realities of the Holocaust.</p> <p>Geographic Location, Religious Beliefs</p>	<p>8th Grade: WWII</p>	<p>45</p>
<p><i>Bud, Not Buddy</i></p> <p><i>*2000 John Newbery Medal</i></p> <p>978-0-385-32306-2</p>	<p>Christopher Paul Curtis</p>	<p>Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father - the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.</p> <p>Race- African American</p>	<p>6th Grade: Perseverance/ Identity</p>	<p>58</p>
<p><i>Claudette Colvin: Twice Towards Justice</i></p> <p><i>*National Book Award Winner for Young People's Literature</i></p> <p><i>*Newbery Honor Book</i></p> <p>978-0-312-66105-2</p>	<p>Phillip Hoose</p>	<p>On March 2, 1955, Claudete Colvin refused to give her seat to a white woman on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama. Based on extensive interviews with Claudette Colvin and many others, Phillip Hoose presents the first in-depth account of an important yet largely unknown civil rights figure, skillfully weaving her dramatic story into the fabric of the historic Montgomery bus boycott and court case that would change the course of American history.</p> <p>Race- African American</p>	<p>8th Grade: Civil Rights Nonfiction</p>	<p>75</p>

<p><i>Code Talker</i></p> <p>*2006 Best Books for Young Adults</p> <p>978-0-8037-2921-6</p>	<p>Joseph Bruchac</p>	<p>After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.</p> <p>Race - Native American</p>	<p>8th Grade: WWII</p>	<p>75</p>
<p><i>Diamond in the Desert</i></p> <p>978-0-14242437-7</p>	<p>Kathryn Fitzmaurice</p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Tetsu eats, sleeps and breathes baseball. It's all he ever thinks about. But after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Tetsu and his family are forced from their home into an internment camp in the Arizona desert with other Japanese Americans, and baseball becomes the last thing on his mind. The camp isn't technically a prison, but it sure feels like one when there's nothing to do and no place to go. So when a man starts up a boys' baseball team, Tetsu is only too eager to play again. But with his sister suddenly falling ill, and his father taken away for questioning, Tetsu is forced to choose between his family and his love of the game.</p> <p>Race - Asian-American</p>	<p>6th Grade: Deep Dive into Literature</p>	<p>0</p>
<p><i>Elephant Run</i></p> <p>*2009 Best Books for Young Adults</p> <p>978-1-42310402-5</p>	<p>Roland Smith</p>	<p>Nick's father and others are taken prisoner when his plantation in Burma is invaded by the Japanese in 1941, leaving Nick and his friend Mya to risk their lives in order to free them from the POW camp.</p> <p>Geographic Location</p>	<p>8th Grade: WWII</p>	<p>12</p>
<p><i>Ella Enchanted</i></p> <p>*1998 Newbery Honor Book</p> <p>978-0-06-027510-5</p>	<p>Gail Carson Levine</p>	<p>At her birth, Ella of Frell receives a foolish fairy's gift—the “gift” of obedience. Ella must obey any order, whether it's to hop on one foot for a day and a half, or to chop off her own head! But strong-willed Ella does not accept her fate...Against a bold backdrop of princes, ogres, giants, wicked stepsisters, and fairy godmothers, Ella goes on a quest to break the curse forever.</p>	<p>6th Grade: Deep Dive into Literature</p>	<p>0</p>

<p><i>Fire in the Hills</i> 978-0-14-241200-8</p>	<p>Donna Jo Napoli</p>	<p>Upon returning to Italy, fourteen-year-old Roberto struggles to survive, first on his own, then as a member of the resistance, fighting against the Nazi occupiers while yearning to reach home safely and for an end to the war.</p> <p>Geographic Location</p>	<p>8th Grade: WWII</p>	<p>35</p>
<p><i>Free at Last: The Language of Dr. King's Dream</i> 978-0-88092652-2</p>	<p>Michael Clay Thompson</p>	<p>This examination of Dr Martin Luther King Jr's I have a Dream speech, looks at the poetry, grammar and vocabulary of the most important modern statement of America's commitment to the equality of its citizens.</p> <p>Race- African American</p>	<p>8th Grade: Civil Rights Movements (Fast Paced Language Arts)</p>	<p>40</p>
<p><i>Gandhi: My life is my Message</i> *2015 Great Graphic Novel for Teens 978-9-38074122-2</p>	<p>Jason Quinn</p>	<p>A graphic novel exploration of the life of Gandhi who helped gain independence for his country through passive resistance and non-violence.</p> <p>Ethnicity (Indian), Geographic location</p>	<p>7th Grade: Comparing Revolutions (Fast Paced Language Arts)</p>	<p>10</p>
<p><i>Ghost: Track Book One</i> 978-1-48145-015-7</p>	<p>Jason Reynolds</p>	<p>Ghost is Castle Cranshaw's new nickname -- he gave it to himself and it sticks when he challenges a track team's best sprinter to a race. Running is as easy for him as breathing, probably because he's been doing it all his life. An emerging track star with a past, Ghost has to figure out why he runs -- is it toward what his life could be or away from his past? Luckily, he has new friends on the team, his coach, and even his mom to help him figure it all out.</p> <p>Race: African-American</p>	<p>7th Grade: Realistic Fiction</p>	<p>133</p>
<p><i>Ground Zero</i> 978-1-33824575-2</p>	<p>Alan Gratz</p>	<p>Brandon is visiting his dad on the 107th floor of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 when the attack comes; Reshmina is a girl in Afghanistan who has grown up in the aftermath of that attack but dreams of peace, becoming a teacher and escaping her village and the narrow role that the Taliban believes is appropriate for women--both are struggling to survive, both changed forever by the events of 9/11.</p>	<p>7th Grade Identity & Perspective Taking</p>	<p>90</p>

		Ethnicity (Afghanistan), Geographic Location		
<p><i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i></p> <p>*BBC list of 100 'most inspiring' novels - issued by BBC News</p> <p>978-1-60512-021-8</p>	Arthur Conan Doyle	<p>Sherlock Holmes is asked to investigate the tale of a hound that haunts the lonely moors around the Baskervilles' ancestral home.</p> <p>Geographic Location</p>	8th Grade: Mystery	0
<p><i>I am Malala (YA Edition)</i></p> <p>*2015 Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People</p> <p>978-0-316-32791-6</p>	Malala Yousafzai/ P McCormack	<p>Malala Yousafzai describes her fight for education for girls under Taliban rule, the support she received from her parents to pursue an education, and how the Taliban retaliated against her by trying to kill her.</p> <p>Ethnicity (Pashtun), Geographic Location</p>	8th Grade: Memoir	0
<p><i>Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus</i></p> <p>*2017 Junior Library Guild Selections</p> <p>978-1-45492-345-9</p>	Dusti Bowling	<p>Aven Green loves to tell people that she lost her arms in an alligator wrestling match, or a wildfire in Tanzania, but the truth is she was born without them. And when her parents take a job running Stagecoach Pass, a rundown western theme park in Arizona, Aven moves with them across the country knowing that she'll have to answer the question over and over again. Her new life takes an unexpected turn when she bonds with Connor, a classmate who also feels isolated because of his own disability, and they discover a room at Stagecoach Pass that holds bigger secrets than Aven ever could have imagined.</p> <p>Disability Representation (Physical Abilities, Limb difference)</p>	7th Grade: Facing Adversity	160
<p><i>Joseph Stalin</i> (Supplemental nonfiction text paired with <i>Animal Farm</i>)</p> <p>*#78 in Teen & Young Adult European History on Amazon</p> <p>978-0-53120755-0</p>	Sean McCollum	<p>Examines the life and misdeeds of Russian leader Joseph Stalin, discussing how his efforts to turn the Soviet Union into a world power led to the displacement and deaths of millions of people.</p> <p>Geographic Location</p>	8th Grade: Allegory	0

<p><i>Knight in Rusty Armor</i></p> <p>978-0-87980421-3</p>	<p>Robert Fisher</p>	<p>Join the knight as he faces a life-changing dilemma upon discovering that his shining armor cannot be removed. As he searches for a way to free himself, he receives guidance from the wise sage Merlin the Magician who encourages the knight to embark on the most difficult crusade of his life. With the help of an intuitive little creature named Squirrel and a loyal, clever pigeon, Rebecca, the knight travels the Path of Truth where he meets his real self for the first time. As he passes through the castles of Silence, Knowledge, and Will and Daring, the knight confronts the Universal Truths that govern his life, and ours. The knight's journey reflects our own, filled with hope and despair, belief and disillusionment, laughter and tears. His insights become our insights as we follow along on this intriguing adventure of self-discovery. Anyone who has ever struggled with the meaning of life and love will discover profound wisdom and truth as this delightful fantasy unfolds.</p>	<p>8th Grade: Identity</p>	<p>0</p>
<p><i>Lions of Little Rock</i></p> <p><i>*Winner of the New-York Historical Society Children's History Book Prize</i> <i>*A New York Times Book Review Editor's Choice</i></p> <p>978-0-14-242435-3</p>	<p>Kristin Levine</p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Marlee develops a strong friendship with Liz, the new girl in school, but when Liz suddenly stops attending school and Marlee hears a rumor that her friend is actually an African American girl passing herself off as white, the two young girls must decide whether their friendship is worth taking on integration and the dangers it could bring to their families.</p> <p>Race - African-American</p>	<p>6th Grade: Deep Dive into Literature</p>	<p>0</p>
<p><i>March: Book One</i></p> <p><i>*2014 Coretta Scott King Book Awards</i> <i>*ALSC Notable children's Books</i></p> <p>978-1-60309-300-2</p>	<p>John Lewis</p>	<p>The life of late U.S. Congressman and civil rights activist John Lewis is presented in this graphic novel memoir. As John Lewis gets ready to join the distinguished guests at the January, 2009, inauguration of Barack Obama as the first African American president of the United States, Senator John Lewis recounts memories from his childhood and the early days of the Civil Rights Movement. Focusing on his youth in rural Alabama, his meeting with Martin Luther King Jr., and the birth of the Nashville Student Movement.</p> <p>Race- African American</p>	<p>8th Grade: Civil Right</p>	<p>160</p>

<p><i>March: Book Two</i></p> <p>*2015 Center for the Study of Multicultural Children's Literature Best Books</p> <p>978-1-60309-400-9</p>	<p>John Lewis</p>	<p>The second volume of this graphic novel memoir trilogy follows U.S. Congressman John Lewis's activism and leadership in the Civil Rights Movement in the early 1960s.</p> <p>Race- African American</p>	<p>8th Grade: Civil Right</p>	<p>160</p>
<p><i>March: Book Three</i></p> <p>*2016 National Book Award for Young People's Literature</p> <p>*2017 YALSA Nonfiction Award</p> <p>*2017 Coretta Scott King Book Awards</p> <p>2017 Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal</p> <p>978-1-60309-402-3</p>	<p>John Lewis</p>	<p>The third and final volume of U.S. Congressman John Lewis's graphic novel memoir opens in September, 1963. At the time, Lewis was a leader in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which became increasingly involved in voting rights efforts. Details of those efforts, and the work of activists like Fannie Lou Hamer and Bob Moses, are the focus. The narrative's climax is the signing of the Voting Rights Act in 1965.</p> <p>Race- African American</p>	<p>8th Grade: Civil Rights</p>	<p>195</p>
<p><i>My Friend the Enemy</i></p> <p>*2015 Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People</p> <p>978-0-54-566542-1</p>	<p>Dan Smith</p>	<p>In 1941, having a German plane crash near your house is exciting, but when twelve-year-old Peter Dixon and his friend Kim find a wounded German airman, Peter is faced with a dilemma--should he help take care of the man as Kim wants to do, or report him to the soldiers searching for him?</p> <p>Geographic Location</p>	<p>8th Grade: WWII</p>	<p>40</p>
<p><i>Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes</i></p> <p>978-0-316-43852-0</p>	<p>Edith Hamilton</p>	<p>Presents an introduction to classical mythology, and features a selection of myths, grouped in the categories of gods, the creation, and the earliest heroes; stories of love and adventure; great heroes before the Trojan War; heroes of the Trojan War; great families of mythology; less important myths; and mythology of the Norsemen. <i>Mythology</i> is Edith Hamilton's masterpiece--the standard by which all other books on mythology are measured.</p>	<p>8th Grade: Mythology (Fast Paced Language Arts)</p>	<p>0</p>

<p><i>On Thin Ice</i></p> <p>*2020 Junior Library Guild Selections</p> <p>978-0-545-49590-5</p>	<p>Michael Northrop</p>	<p>The way twelve-year-old Ked Eakins of Norton, Maine, sees it his life has been stolen from him, piece by piece; first by kyphosis, a spinal abnormality which has made him a social outcast at school and a target for the school bully, by his friends who have recently abandoned him, by his mother who left for the West Coast taking the insurance which might have saved him with her, and by his father who is a gambling addict who has lost the rent money--but Ked is a builder, and using the school's Maker Space he intends to build his life back, and maybe make a few real friends, and save his father while he is at it.</p> <p>Disability Representation (Physical Abilities, Kyphosis) Socio-economic and Parental status</p>	<p>7th Grade: Facing Adversity</p>	<p>5</p>
<p><i>Out of my Mind</i></p> <p>*2011 The Josette Frank Award</p> <p>*2011 Notable Children's Books in the Language Arts Award</p> <p>978-1-41697-170-2</p>	<p>Sharon Draper</p>	<p>Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.</p> <p>Disability Representation (Physical Abilities, Cerebral Palsy)</p>	<p>7th Grade: Realistic Fiction</p>	<p>110</p>
<p><i>Petey</i></p> <p>*1999 Best Books for Young Adults</p> <p>978-1-423-13174-8</p>	<p>Ben Mikaelson</p>	<p>In 1922 Petey, who has cerebral palsy, is misdiagnosed as an idiot and institutionalized; sixty years later, still in an institution, he befriends a boy and shares with him the joy of life.</p> <p>Disability Representation (Physical abilities, Cerebral Palsy)</p>	<p>7th Grade: Facing Adversity</p>	<p>35</p>
<p><i>Phineas Gage</i></p> <p><i>A Gruesome But True Story about Brain Science</i></p> <p>*ALA Notable Children's Book and Best Book for Young Adults</p> <p>978-0-618-05252-3</p>	<p>John Fleischman</p>	<p>In 1848, Phineas Gage was just a normal man in Cavendish, Vermont, working as a railroad construction foreman when a thirteen-pound iron rod shot through his brain. Defying all expectations, he went on to live another eleven years.</p>	<p>7th Grade: Facing Adversity</p>	<p>0</p>

<p><i>Refugee</i></p> <p>*2018 Best Fiction for Young Adults *2018 Sydney Taylor Book Award</p> <p>978-0-545-88083-1</p>	<p>Alan Gratz</p>	<p>Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.</p> <p>Geographic Location, Non-Native</p>	<p>7th Grade: Immigrant, Refugee Experience</p>	<p>425</p>
<p><i>Restart</i></p> <p>*2020 Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award Illinois Children's Choice Award</p> <p>978-1-33805377-7</p>	<p>Gordan Korman</p>	<p>Chase's memory just went out the window. Chase doesn't remember falling off the roof. He doesn't remember hitting his head. He doesn't, in fact, remember anything. He wakes up in a hospital room and suddenly has to learn his whole life all over again . . . starting with his own name. He knows he's Chase. But who is Chase? When he gets back to school, he sees that different kids have very different reactions to his return. Some kids treat him like a hero. Some kids are clearly afraid of him. One girl in particular is so angry with him that she pours her frozen yogurt on his head the first chance she gets. Pretty soon, it's not only a question of who Chase is--it's a question of who he was . . . and who he's going to be. From the #1 bestselling author of Swindle and Slacker, Restart is the spectacular story of a kid with a messy past who has to figure out what it means to get a clean start.</p> <p>Education: Physical Ability (Amnesia)</p>	<p>7th Grade Facing Diversity</p>	<p>95</p>
<p><i>Revolution of Evelyn Serrano</i></p> <p>*2013 ALSC Notable Children's Books</p> <p>978-0-545-32506-6</p>	<p>Sonia Manzano</p>	<p>It is 1969 in Spanish Harlem, and fourteen-year-old Evelyn Serrano is trying hard to break free from her conservative Puerto Rican surroundings, but when her activist grandmother comes to stay and the neighborhood protests start, things get a lot more complicated--and dangerous.</p> <p>Ethnicity (LatinX)</p>	<p>8th Grade: Coming of Age (Fast Paced Language Arts)</p>	<p>160</p>

<p><i>Rules</i></p> <p>*2007 Schneider Family Book Award</p> <p>978-0-439-44382-1</p>	<p>Cynthia Lord</p>	<p>Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.</p> <p>Disability Representation, (Communication style/skills, Autism) (Physical abilities, quadriplegia, mobility needs)</p>	<p>6th Grade: Rules for Life</p>	<p>85</p>
<p><i>Summer of the Mariposas</i></p> <p>*2012 SLJ Best Books of the Year</p> <p>*2013 The Amelia Bloomer Book List</p> <p>978-1-62014-010-9</p>	<p>Guadalupe Garcia McCall</p>	<p>In an adventure reminiscent of Homer's Odyssey, fifteen-year-old Odilia and her four younger sisters embark on a journey to return a dead man to his family in Mexico, aided by La Llorona, but impeded by a witch, a warlock, chupacabras, and more.</p> <p>Ethnicity (LatinX), Geographic Location</p>	<p>8th Grade: Folklore</p>	<p>100</p>
<p><i>The Green Glass Sea</i></p> <p>978-0-14241149-0</p>	<p>Ellen Klages</p>	<p>While her father works on the Manhattan Project, eleven-year-old gadget lover and outcast Dewey Kerrigan lives in Los Alamos Camp, and becomes friends with Suze, another young girl who is shunned by her peers.</p> <p>Parental Status</p>	<p>8th Grade: WWII</p>	<p>0</p>
<p><i>The Little Prince</i></p> <p>*NYTimes Bestseller</p> <p>*One of the most widely translated books of all time (Smithsonian Mag, The Beloved Classic Novel "The Little Prince" Turns 75 Years Old, April 3, 2018)</p> <p>978-1-32847-975-4</p>	<p>Antoine de Saint-Exupéry</p>	<p>Written during World War II, The Little Prince tells of the friendship between the narrator, an aviator stranded in the Sahara desert, and a mysterious boy he encounters there. Ruler of a tiny asteroid of which he is the only inhabitant, the Little Prince chats disarmingly about his curious adventures in space and since arriving on earth; of his distant home; and of his love for a beautiful and capricious rose, to whom he longs to return.</p> <p>Geographic Location</p>	<p>6th Grade: Symbolism (Fast Paced Language Arts)</p>	<p>0</p>
<p><i>The Port Chicago 50</i></p> <p>*2020 Margaret A. Edwards Award</p> <p>978-1-59643-796-8</p>	<p>Steve Sheinkin</p>	<p>Describes the fifty black sailors who refused to work in unsafe and unfair conditions after an explosion in Port Chicago killed 320 servicemen, and how the incident influenced civil rights.</p>	<p>8th Grade: Civil Rights Nonfiction</p>	<p>85</p>

		Race- African American		
<p><i>The Rock and the River</i></p> <p>*2021 Margaret A. Edwards Award *2010 Coretta Scott King Book Awards * 2010 ALSC Notable Children's Books</p> <p>978-1-43288-968-5</p>	Kekla Magoon	<p>In 1968 Chicago, fourteen-year-old Sam Childs is caught in a conflict between his father's nonviolent approach to seeking civil rights for African-Americans and his older brother, who has joined the Black Panther Party.</p> <p>Race- African American</p>	8th Grade: Coming of Age	40
<p><i>The Silence Between Us</i></p> <p>*2020 Schneider Family Book Award *2019 ALSC Notable Children's Books</p> <p>978-0-310-76616-2</p>	Alison Gervais	<p>When Maya is forced to attend a hearing school, she sets out to prove that her lack of hearing won't stop her from chasing her dreams.</p> <p>Disability Representation (Communication Difference, Deafness, Deaf Culture)</p>	7th Grade: Facing Adversity	60
<p><i>Trouble</i></p> <p>*Society of Midland Authors Award Nominee for Children's Fiction (2009) *Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award Nominee (2011) *Schmidt is a multiple National Book Award Finalist, he has also won the Newberry and Printz Honors</p> <p>978-0-547-33133-1</p>	Gary D. Schmidt	<p>Fourteen-year-old Henry, wishing to honor his brother Franklin's dying wish, sets out to hike Maine's Mount Katahdin with his best friend and dog, but fate adds another companion--the Cambodian refugee accused of fatally injuring Franklin--and reveals troubles that predate the accident.</p> <p>Race-Asian American & Socioeconomic Status</p>	7th Grade: Immigrant/ Refugee Experience	20
<p><i>The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle</i></p> <p>*2018 Junior Library Guild Selections *2019 Schneider Family Book Award *2019 ALSC Notable Children's Books</p>	Leslie Connor	<p>Mason Buttle is the biggest, sweatiest kid in his grade, but learning disabilities are compounded by grief. Fifteen months ago, Mason's best friend, Benny Kilmartin, turned up dead in the Buttle family's orchard. An investigation drags on, and Mason, honest as the day is long, can't understand why Lieutenant Baird won't believe the story Mason has told</p>	7th Grade: Facing Adversity	110

978-0-06-249143-5		<p>about that day. When Mason's new friend, tiny Calvin Chumsky, goes missing, Mason finds himself in trouble again. He's desperate to figure out what happened to Calvin, and eventually, Benny. But will anyone believe him?</p> <p>Disability Representation (Learning Disability)</p>		
<p><i>Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom</i></p> <p>*2016 Robert F. Silbert Informational Book Medal</p> <p>*2016 Jane Addams Children's Book Awards</p> <p>*2016 ALSC Notable Children's Books</p> <p>978-0-8037-4123-2</p>	Lynda Lowery	<p>Lynda Blackmon Lowery recounts her experiences as the youngest marcher on the 1965 voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.</p> <p>Race- African American</p>	8th Grade: Civil Rights Nonfiction	0
<p><i>The Wednesday Wars</i></p> <p>*2008 John Newbery Medal</p> <p>*2008 ALSC Notable Children's Books</p> <p>*2008 Notable Children's Books in the Language Arts Award</p> <p>978-0-618-72483-3</p>	Gary D. Schmidt	<p>During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in.</p> <p>Socio-economic Status</p>	7th Grade: Diversity	140
<p><i>Weedflower</i></p> <p>*2007 Jane Addams Children's Book Award</p> <p>978-0-689-86574-9</p>	Cynthia Kahdohata	<p>After twelve-year-old Sumiko and her Japanese-American family are relocated from their flower farm in southern California to an internment camp on a Mojave Indian reservation in Arizona, she helps her family and neighbors, becomes friends with a local Indian boy, and tries to hold on to her dream of owning a flower shop.</p> <p>Race - Asian</p>	8th Grade: WWII	45
<p><i>When My Name Was Keoko</i></p> <p>*2003 Jane Addams Children's Book</p>	Linda Sue Park	<p>With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War</p>	8th Grade: WWII	62

<p><i>Awards</i> *2003 ALSC Notable Children's Books 978-0-547-72239-9</p>		<p>II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely. Geographic Location, Ethnicity (Korean)</p>		
<p><i>When Stars are Scattered</i> *2021 Schneider Family Book Award *2021 Odyssey Award *2021 Kids' Book Choice Awards *2021 The Josette Frank Award *2021 Charlotte Huck Award 978-0-525-55391-5</p>	<p>Victoria Jamieson</p>	<p>Omar and his younger brother Hassan live in a refugee camp, and when an opportunity for Omar to get an education comes along, he must decide between going to school every day or caring for his nonverbal brother in this intimate and touching portrayal of family and daily life in a refugee camp Geographic Location, Non Native, Ethnicity (Somalian)</p>	<p>7th Grade: Immigrant/ Refugee Experience</p>	<p>120</p>
<p><i>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</i> *2010 John Mewbery Medal *2010 Indies Choice Book Awards *ALSC Notable Children's Books 978-0-316-03863-8</p>	<p>Grace Lin</p>	<p>Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River. Race- Asian</p>	<p>6th Grade: Folktales (Fast Paced Language Arts)</p>	<p>85</p>