

Rising 8th Grade Summer Reading Confirmation

Directions: Your summer reading requirements are divided into two sections, each described in the following form. This form should be completed, signed by the student and parent, and turned in by the first Friday of the school year.

Step One

- Read *Streams to the River, River to the Sea*, by Scott O'Dell.

Step Two

- Choose a book from the reading list below and read your selection in its entirety. Please write the title of your selected book and its author:

Title: _____ Author: _____

Please choose one of the following options and sign the statement below. Have your parent sign in the space provided.

_____ I completed both steps as described above.

_____ I did not complete both steps as described above. (If you choose this option, you must provide an explanation of what you did and did not complete to receive partial credit. If you do not provide an explanation, you will not receive any participation credit.)

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

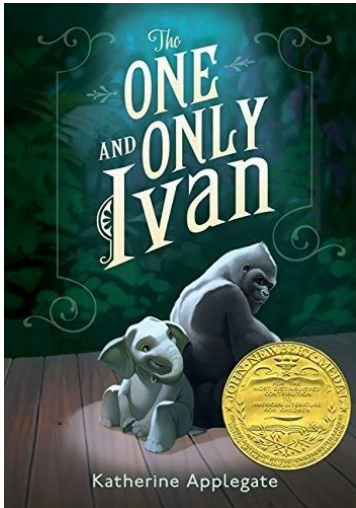
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Summer Reading List
Trinity Christian Academy
Rising 7th and 8th Grades

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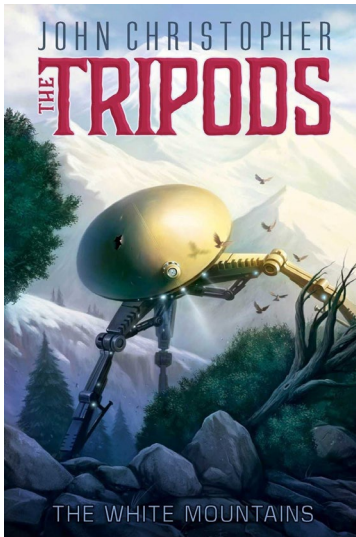
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7th-8th Fiction: Adventure, Sci Fi, Fantasy



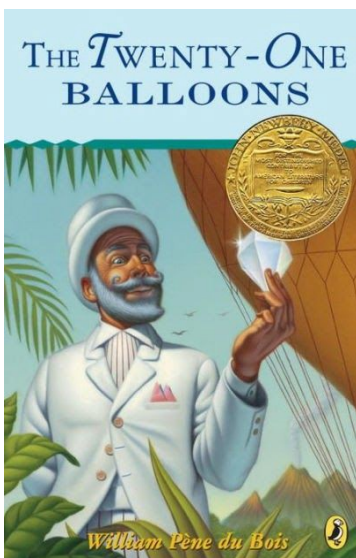
The One and Only Ivan by Applegate, Katherine

Ivan is an easygoing gorilla. Living at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade, he has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass walls of his domain. He rarely misses his life in the jungle. Instead, Ivan thinks about art and how to capture the taste of a mango or the sound of leaves with color and a well-placed line. Then he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from her family, and she makes Ivan see their home—and his own art—through new eyes. When Ruby arrives, change comes with her, and it's up to Ivan to make it a change for the better.



The White Mountains by Christopher, John

Long ago, the Tripods—huge, three-legged machines—descended upon Earth and took control, reorganizing Earth's population into feudal societies. Now people unquestioningly accept the Tripods' power. They have no control over their thoughts or their lives. But for a brief time in each person's life, in childhood, he is not a slave. For Will, his time of freedom is about to end—unless he can escape to the White Mountains, where the possibility of freedom still exists.



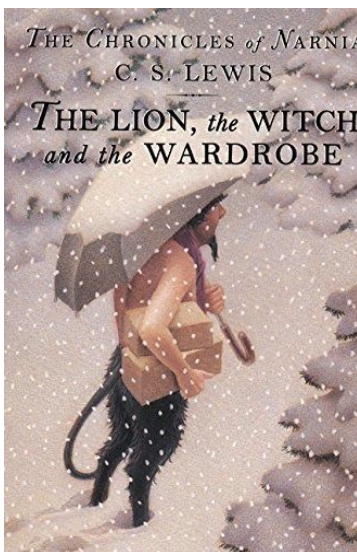
The Twenty-One Balloons by Dubois, William Pene

Professor William Waterman Sherman intends to fly across the Pacific Ocean. But through a twist of fate, he lands on the secret island of Krakatoa, where he discovers a world of unimaginable wealth, eccentric inhabitants, and incredible balloon inventions.



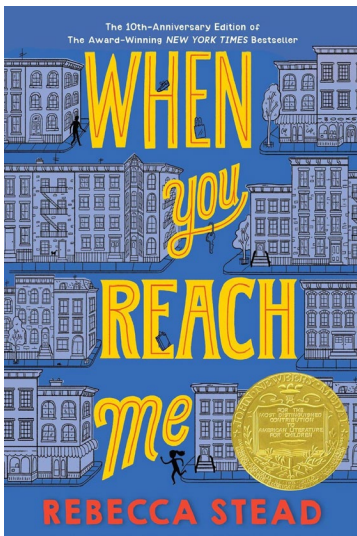
***Running Out of Time* by Haddix, Margaret Peterson**

The frontier era collides with the modern world! Jessie lives with her family in the frontier village of Clifton, Indiana. When diphtheria strikes the village and the children of Clifton start dying, Jessie's mother sends her on a dangerous mission to bring back help. But beyond the walls of Clifton, Jessie discovers a world even more alien and threatening than she could have imagined, and soon she finds her own life in jeopardy. Can she get help before the children of Clifton, and Jessie herself, run out of time?



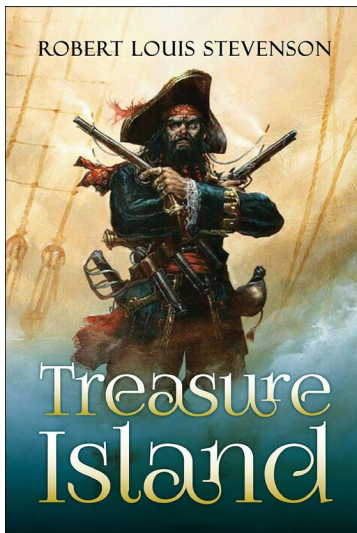
***The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe (or any other in The Chronicles of Narnia)* by Lewis, C. S.**

Journeys to the end of the world, fantastic creatures, and epic battles between good and evil—what more could any reader ask for in one book? This book has it all, written in 1949 by Clive Staples Lewis. But Lewis did not stop there. Six more books followed, and together they became known as The Chronicles of Narnia.



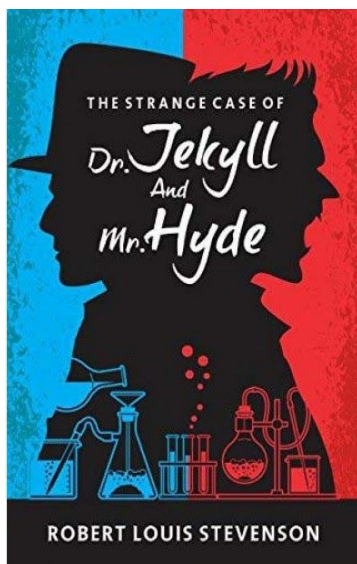
***When You Reach Me* by Stead, Rebecca**

Miranda is an ordinary sixth grader, until she starts receiving mysterious messages from somebody who knows all about her, including things that have not even happened yet. Each message brings her closer to believing that only she can prevent a tragic death. Until the final note makes her think she's too late.



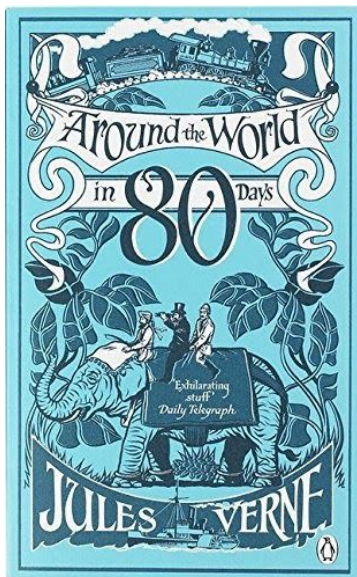
***Treasure Island* by Stevenson, Robert Louis**

Pirates, buried treasure, and action aplenty—that’s what’s served up in this fine story, mateys! After Jim Hawkins finds the map to a mysterious treasure, he sets sail in search of the fortune. Little does he realize he’s boarded a pirate ship, and that surprises and danger await him... including a showdown with Long John Silver.



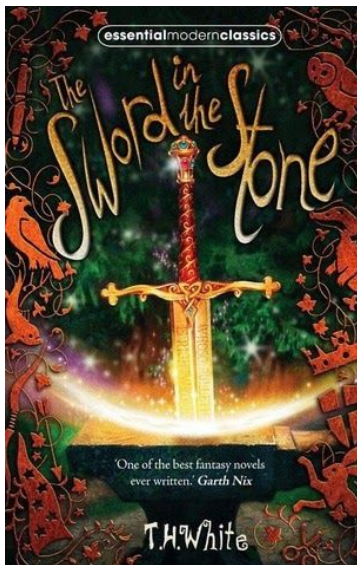
***The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Stevenson, Robert Louis**

Scientist Dr. Henry Jekyll believes every human has two minds: one good and one evil. He develops a potion to separate them from each other. Soon, his evil mind takes over, and Dr. Jekyll becomes a hideous fiend known as Mr. Hyde.



***Around the World in Eighty Days* by Verne, Jules**

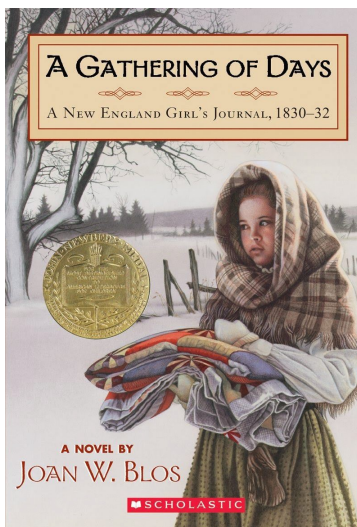
An eccentric Englishman accepts a challenge to circle the globe with unprecedented speed. Exotic locales, seemingly insurmountable obstacles, and comic relief provide a fantastic blend of adventure, entertainment, and suspense.



The Sword in the Stone (Part 1 of the book *The Once and Future King*) by White, T. H.

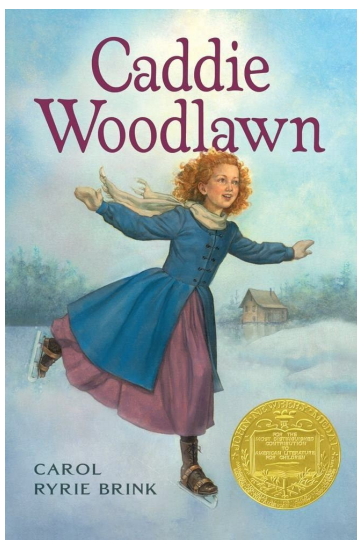
Before there was a famous king named Arthur, there was a curious boy named Wart and a kind old wizard named Merlyn. Transformed by Merlyn into the forms of his fantasy, Wart learns the value of history from a snake, of education from a badger, and of courage from a hawk—the lessons that help turn a boy into a man.

7th-8th Fiction: Historical



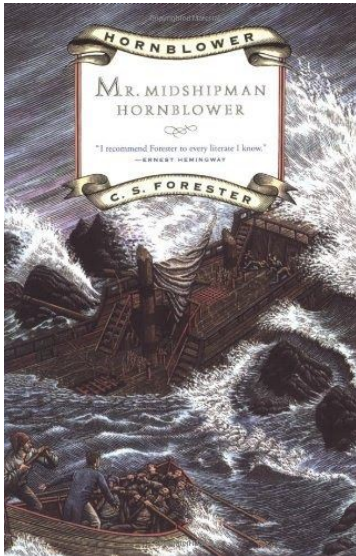
***A Gathering of Days* by Blos, Joan W.**

“I, Catherine Cabot Hall, aged 13 years, 6 months, 29 days... do begin this book.” So begins the journal of a girl coming of age in nineteenth-century New Hampshire. Catherine records both the hardships of pioneer life and its many triumphs. Even as she struggles with her mother’s death and father’s eventual remarriage, Catherine’s indomitable spirit makes this saga an oftentimes uplifting and joyous one.



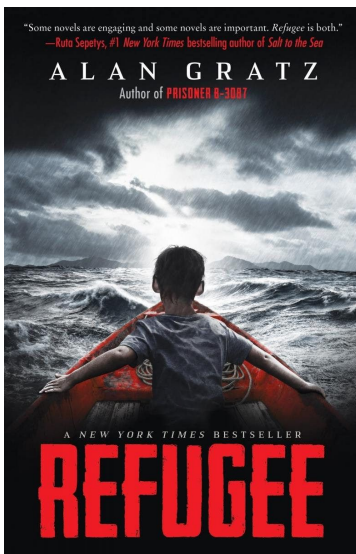
***Caddie Woodlawn* by Brink, Carol Ryrie**

Caddie Woodlawn is a real adventurer. She’d rather hunt than sew and plow than bake, and tries to beat her brother’s dares every chance she gets. Caddie is friends with Indians, who scare most of the neighbors—neighbors who, like her mother and sisters, don’t understand her at all. Caddie is brave, and her story is special because it’s based on the life and memories of Carol Ryrie Brink’s grandmother, the real Caddie Woodlawn.



Mr. Midshipman Hornblower (or any other in the Hornblower Saga) by Forester, C. S.

Here we meet Horatio Hornblower, a young man of 17, in this first volume of what becomes the 11 volume set about the career of this British Naval officer fighting against Napoleon and his tyranny of Europe as an inexperienced midshipman in January 1794. Through many adventures, Hornblower becomes a man and develops the strength of character which will make him a hero to his men, and to all England.



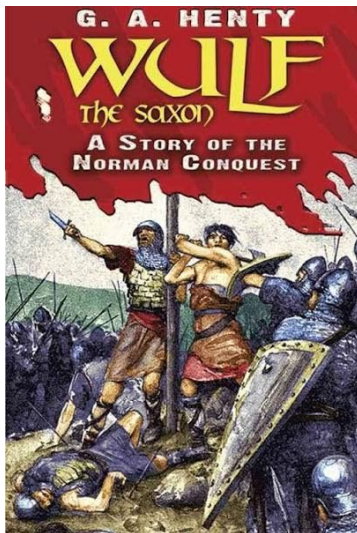
Refugee by Gratz, Alan

Three different kids. One mission in common: ESCAPE. Josef is a Jewish boy in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world... Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety and freedom in America... Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe... All three young people will go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers—from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But for each of them, there is always the hope of tomorrow.



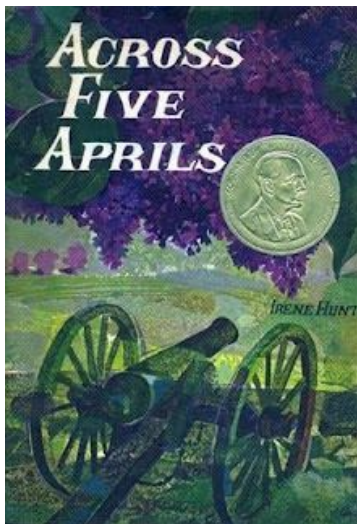
The Adventures of Robin Hood by Green, Roger Lancelyn

Robin Hood is champion of the poor and oppressed against the cruel power of Prince John and the brutal Sheriff of Nottingham. He takes refuge with his Merrie Men in the vast Sherwood Forest, emerging time and again to outwit his enemies with daring and panache.



Various titles by Henty, G. A.

G.A. Henty (1832-1902) was a prolific English writer of historical adventure stories for children. The stories in these novels feature heroic exploits in a multitude of wars ranging from the Punic to the American Civil, as well as the more domestic dangers of homesteading in a variety of inhospitable environments.



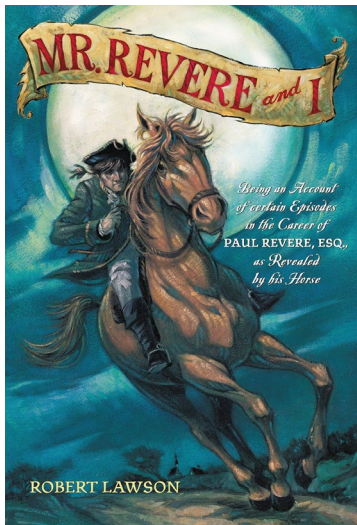
***Across Five Aprils* by Hunt, Irene**

In April 1861, nine-year-old Jethro is excited about the North and South going to war. His understanding of the conflict changes after he watches people fight through five consecutive Aprils.



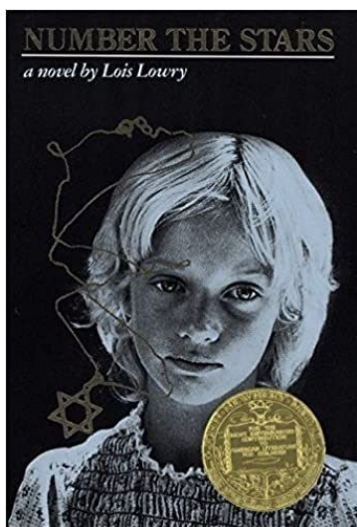
***Ben and Me* by Lawson, Robert**

Ever wonder where inventors get their ideas? As it turns out, the great inventor Benjamin Franklin got his best ideas from a mouse named Amos! Once you read this funny and wise tale, you'll never think of Ben Franklin—or American history—quite the same way.



***Mr. Revere and I* by Lawson, Robert**

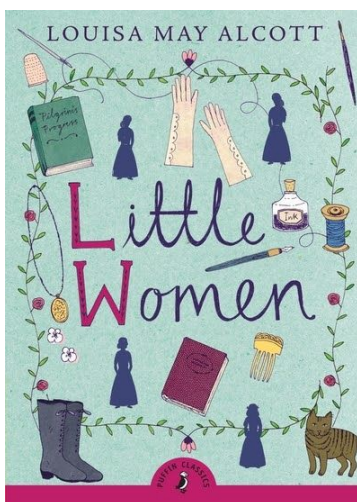
Paul Revere didn't make his famous midnight ride alone. Meet a patriot unlike any other: Scheherazade, the mare who doesn't mind mentioning she was once the fastest and most admired horse in the King's army. But on arrival in America, "Sherry" is quickly let down by her British rider and recruited by Sam Adams to join the Sons of Liberty. Before long, she finds herself teamed with Raul Revere to play a key—if unnoticed—role in the American Revolution.



***Number the Stars* by Lowry, Lois**

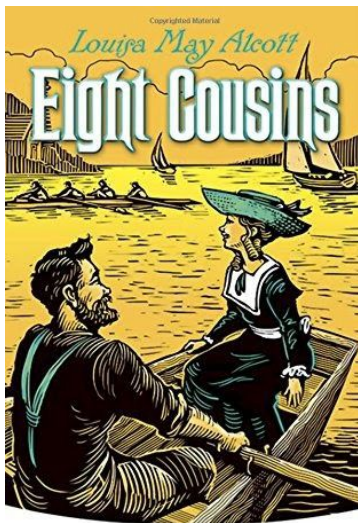
Ten-year-old Annemarie Johansen and her best friend Ellen Rosen often think of life before the war. It's now 1943 and their life in Copenhagen is filled with school, food shortages, and the Nazi soldiers marching through town. When the Jews of Denmark are "relocated," Ellen moves in with the Johansens and pretends to be one of the family. Soon Annemarie is asked to go on a dangerous mission to save Ellen's life.

7th-8th Fiction: Realistic



***Little Women* by Alcott, Louisa May**

Grown-up Meg, tomboyish Jo, timid Beth, and precocious Amy. The four March sisters couldn't be more different. But with their father away at war, and their mother working to support the family, they have to rely on one another. Whether they're putting on a play, forming a secret society, or celebrating Christmas, there's one thing they can't help wondering: will Father return home safely?



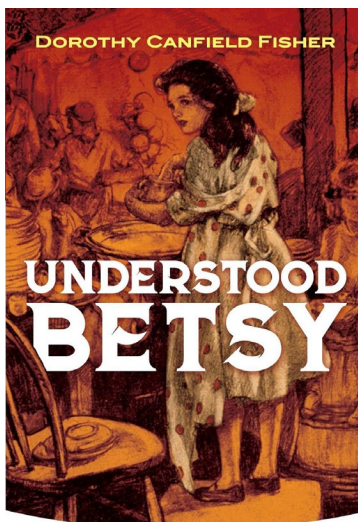
***Eight Cousins* by Alcott, Louisa May**

When Rose Campbell, a shy orphan, arrives at “The Aunt Hill” to live with her six aunts and seven boisterous male cousins, she is quite overwhelmed. How could such a delicate young lady, used to the quiet hallways of a girls’ boarding school, exist in such a spirited home? It is the arrival of Uncle Alec that changes everything. Much to the horror of her aunts, Rose’s forward-thinking uncle insists that the child get out of the parlor and into the sunshine. And with a little courage and lots of adventures with her mischievous but loving cousins, Rose begins to bloom.



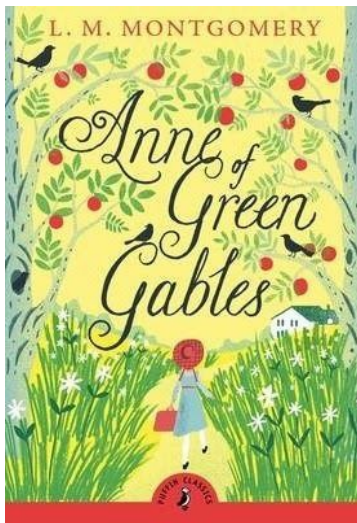
***The Secret Garden* by Burnett, Frances Hodgson**

After losing her parents, young Mary Lennox is sent from India to live in her uncle’s gloomy mansion on the wild English moors. She is lonely and has no one to play with, but one day she learns of a secret garden somewhere in the grounds that no one is allowed to enter. Then Mary uncovers an old key in a flowerbed—and a gust of magic leads her to the hidden door. Slowly she turns the key and enters a world she could never have imagined.



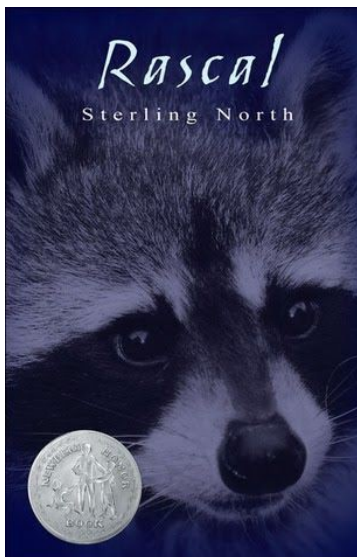
***Understood Betsy* by Fisher, Dorothy Canfield**

When Elizabeth’s aunt gets sick, the nine-year-old girl is sent to live with “those horrid Putney cousins.” Nothing, even her name, is ever the same again.



***Anne of Green Gables* by Montgomery, Lucy Maud**

As soon as Anne Shirley arrives at the snug white farmhouse called Green Gables, she is sure she wants to stay forever... but will the Cuthberts send her back to the orphanage? Anne knows she's not what they expected—a skinny girl with fiery red hair and a temper to match. If only she can convince them to let her stay, she'll try very hard not to keep rushing headlong into scrapes and blurting out the first thing that comes to her mind. Anne is not like anyone else, the Cuthberts agree; she is special—a girl with an enormous imagination. This orphan girl dreams of the day when she can call herself Anne of Green Gables.



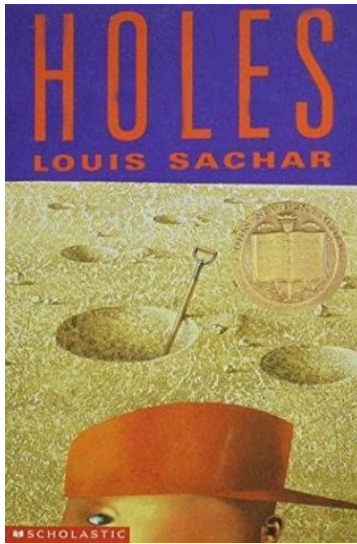
***Rascal* by North, Sterling**

Nothing is surprising in the North household, not even Sterling's new pet raccoon. Rascal is only a baby when Sterling brings him home, but soon the two are best friends, doing everything together—until the spring day when everything suddenly changes.



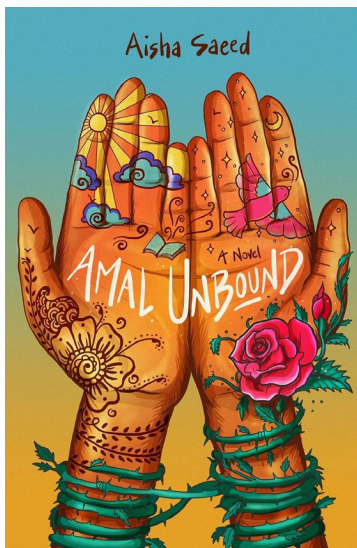
***Wonder* by Palacio, R. J.**

August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face.



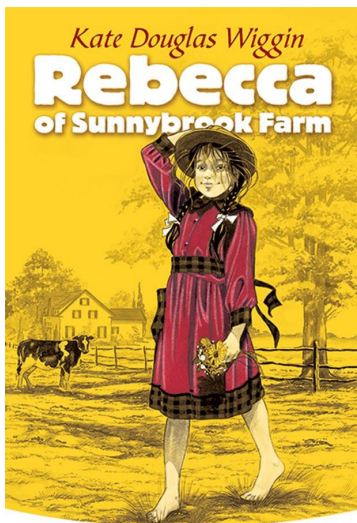
***Holes* by Sachar, Louis**

Stanley Yelnats is under a curse. A curse that began with his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather and has since followed generations of Yelnats. Now Stanley has been unjustly sent to a boys' detention center, Camp Green Lake, where the warden makes the boys "build character" by spending all day, every day, digging holes: five feet wide and five feet deep. It doesn't take long for Stanley to realize there's more than character improvement going on at Camp Green Lake. The boys are digging holes because the warden is looking for something. Stanley tries to dig up the truth in this inventive and darkly humorous tale of crime and punishment—and redemption.



***Amal Unbound* by Saeed, Aisha**

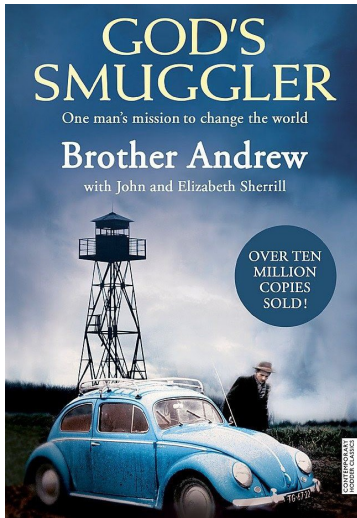
Life is quiet and ordinary in Amal's Pakistani village, until the unimaginable happens—after an accidental run-in with the son of her village's corrupt landlord, Amal must work as his family's servant to pay off her own family's debt. Life at the opulent Khan estate is full of heartbreak and struggle for Amal. Most troubling, though, is Amal's growing awareness of the Khans' nefarious dealings. When it becomes clear just how far they will go to protect their interests, Amal realizes she will have to find a way to work with others if they are ever to exact change in a cruel status quo.



***Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm* by Wiggin, Kate Douglas**

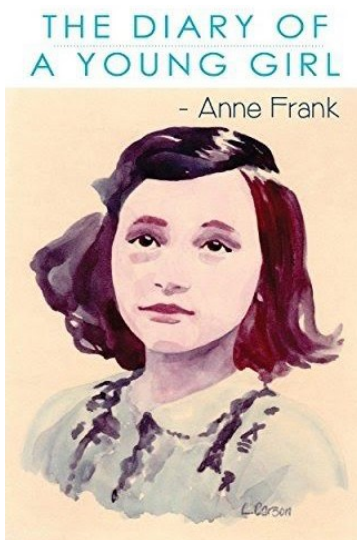
Eleven-year-old Rebecca Randall is quite a handful—and now she's leaving her beloved Sunnybrook Farm to live with her well-to-do elderly aunts and get an education. But they were expecting Rebecca's quiet, hard-working older sister instead. Can the bright-eyed and talkative girl win them over... especially her strict, rule-bound Aunt Miranda?

7th-8th Nonfiction: Biography



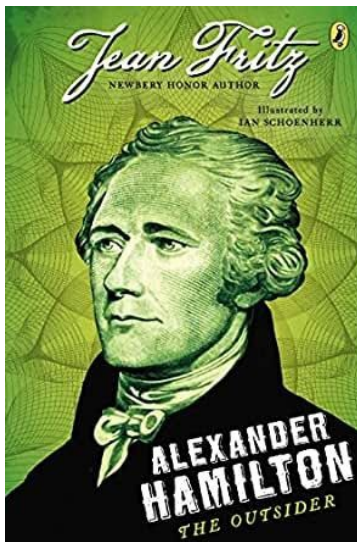
***God's Smuggler* by Brother Andrew**

As a boy he dreamed of being a spy undercover behind enemy lines. As a man he found himself undercover for God. Brother Andrew was his name, and for decades his life story has awed and inspired millions. The bestseller tells of the young Dutch factory worker's incredible efforts to transport Bibles across closed borders-and the miraculous ways in which God provided for him every step of the way.



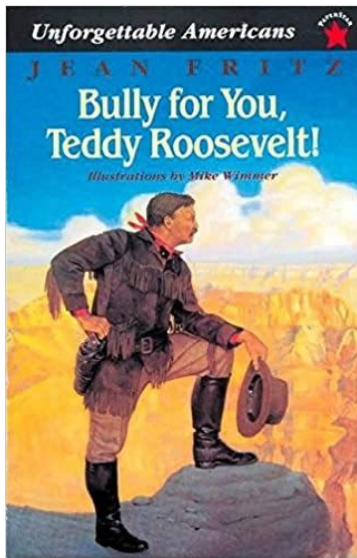
***The Diary of a Young Girl* by Frank, Anne**

In 1942, with the Nazis occupying Holland, a thirteen-year-old Jewish girl and her family fled their home in Amsterdam and went into hiding for two years. Cut off from the outside world, they faced hunger, boredom, the constant cruelties of living in confined quarters, and the ever-present threat of discovery and death. Anne Frank's diary covering this period is thoughtful, moving, and surprisingly humorous. Her account offers a fascinating commentary on human courage and frailty and a compelling self-portrait of a sensitive and spirited young woman whose promise was tragically cut short.



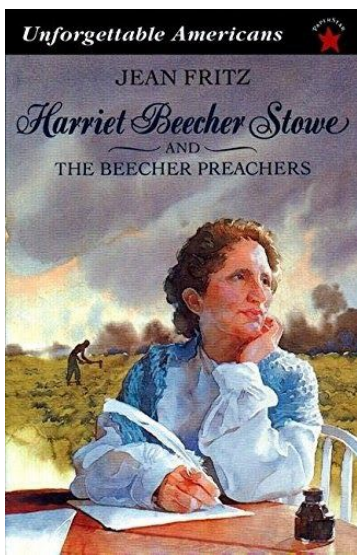
***Alexander Hamilton: The Outsider* by Fritz, Jean**

One of America's most influential and fascinating founding fathers, Alexander Hamilton was born in the British West Indies and arrived in New York as an outsider. Even so, he fought in the Revolution and became Washington's most valuable officers. He was there with Washington, Madison, and the others writing the Constitution. He was the first Secretary of the Treasury as the country struggled to become unified and independent. He was fiercely spirited right up his fateful duel with Aaron Burr.



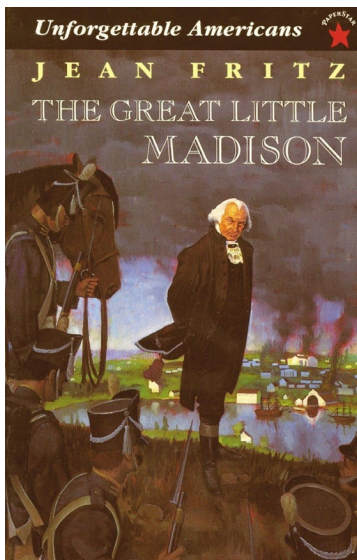
***Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt!* by Fritz, Jean**

Conservationist, hunter, family man, and politician, Teddy Roosevelt commanded the respect and admiration of many who marveled at his energy, drive and achievements.



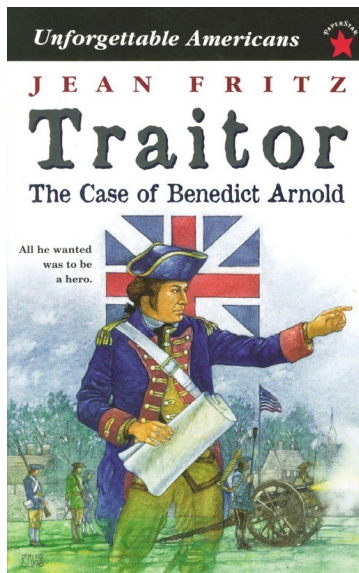
***Harriet Beecher Stowe and the Beecher Preachers* by Fritz, Jean**

Harriet Beecher Stowe grew up in a family in which her seven brothers were expected to be successful preachers and the four girls were never to speak in public. But slavery made Harriet so angry she couldn't keep quiet. Although she used a pen rather than her voice to convince people of the evils of slavery, she became more famous than any of her brothers. She firmly believed that words could make change, and through her writing, Harriet Beecher Stowe hastened the Civil War and changed the course of American history.



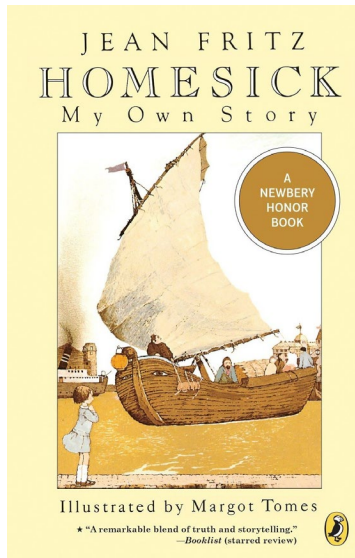
***The Great Little Madison* by Fritz, Jean**

In the days before microphones and TV interviews, getting people to listen to you was not an easy task. But James Madison used his quiet eloquence, intelligence and passion for unified colonies to help shape the Constitution, steer America through the turmoil of two wars, and ensure that our government, and nation, remained intact.



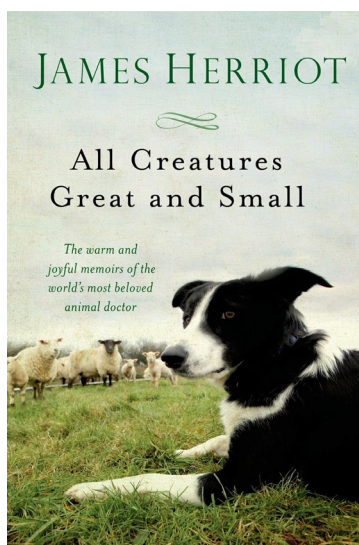
***Traitor: The Case of Benedict Arnold* by Fritz, Jean**

Benedict Arnold always carried things too far. As a boy he did crazy things like climbing atop a burning roof and picking a fight with the town constable. As a soldier, he was even more reckless. He was obsessed with being the leader and the hero in every battle, and he never wanted to surrender. He even killed his own horse once rather than give it to the enemy. Where did the extremism lead Arnold? To treason, the heinous crime of treason against the United States during the American Revolution.



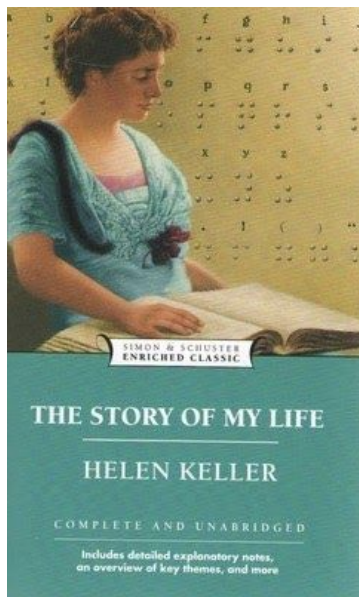
***Homesick: My Own Story* by Fritz, Jean**

This fictionalized autobiography tells the heartwarming story of a little girl growing up in an unfamiliar place. While other girls her age were enjoying their childhood in America, Jean Fritz was in China in the midst of political unrest. Jean Fritz tells her captivating story of the difficulties of living in an unfamiliar country at such a difficult time.



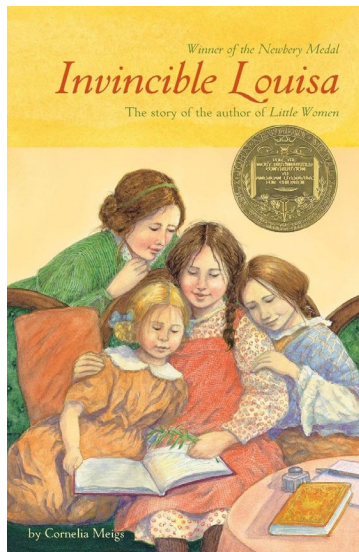
***All Creatures Great and Small* by Herriot, James**

Delve into the magical, unforgettable world of James Herriot, the world's most beloved veterinarian, and his menagerie of heartwarming, funny, and tragic animal patients. For over forty years, generations of readers have been thrilled by Herriot's marvelous tales, deep love of life, and extraordinary storytelling abilities. For decades, Herriot roamed the remote, beautiful Yorkshire Dales, treating every patient that came his way from smallest to largest, and observing animals and humans alike with his keen, loving eye.



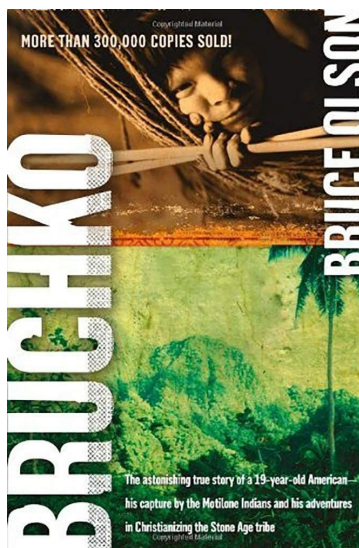
The Story of My Life by Keller, Helen

When she was 19 months old, Helen Keller (1880–1968) suffered a severe illness that left her blind and deaf. Not long after, she also became mute. Her tenacious struggle to overcome these handicaps-with the help of her inspired teacher, Anne Sullivan-is one of the great stories of human courage and dedication. In this classic autobiography, first published in 1903, Miss Keller recounts the first 22 years of her life, including the magical moment at the water pump when, recognizing the connection between the word “water” and the cold liquid flowing over her hand, she realized that objects had names.



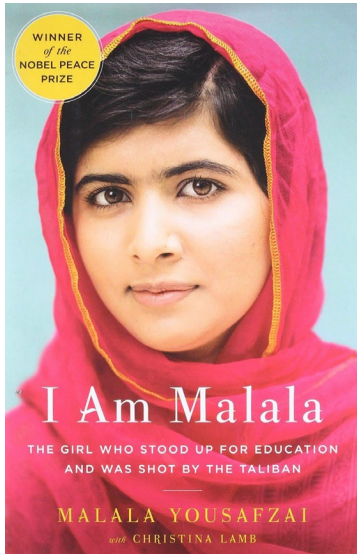
Invincible Louisa: The Story of the Author of Little Women by Meigs, Cornelia

A biography tracing the fascinating life of Louisa May Alcott from her happy childhood in Pennsylvania and Boston to her success as a writer of such classics as Little women.



Bruchko by Olson, Bruce

What happens when a nineteen-year-old boy leaves home and heads into the jungles to evangelize a murderous tribe of South American Indians? For Bruce Olson, it meant capture, disease, terror, loneliness, and torture. But what he discovered by trial and error has revolutionized the world of missions.



***I Am Malala: The Story of the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban* by Yousafzai, Malala**

When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, when she was fifteen, she almost paid the ultimate price. She was shot in the head at point-blank range while riding the bus home from school, and few expected her to survive. Instead, Malala's miraculous recovery has taken her on an extraordinary journey from a remote valley in northern Pakistan to the halls of the United Nations in New York. At sixteen, she has become a global symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize laureate.