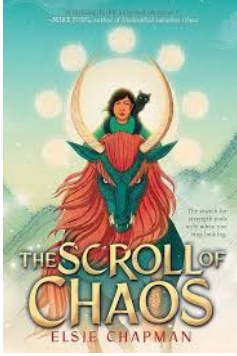


6th Grade Reads



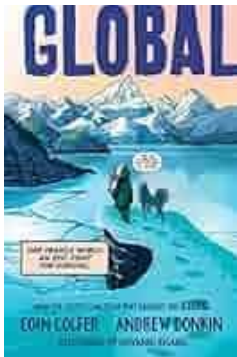


Adventure and Survival



Chapman, Elsie
The Scroll of Chaos

Twelve-year-old Astrid Xu stumbles upon an ancient Chinese scroll that she hopes is the key to curing her mother's depression, but when it transports her and her younger sister Marilla to a realm where Chinese legends are real, they suddenly find themselves caught in a war between good and evil.



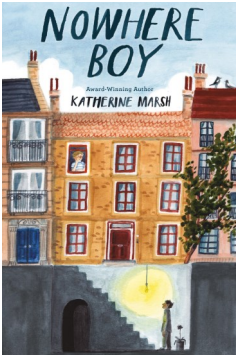
Colfer, Eoin and Andrew Donkin
Global

Twelve-year-old Sami, from a village along the Bay of Bengal, and fourteen-year-old Yuki, from Northern Canada, strive to protect their homes from the encroaching damage brought on by climate change. (*Graphic Novel*)



Diaz, Alexandra
Farewell Cuba, Mi Isla

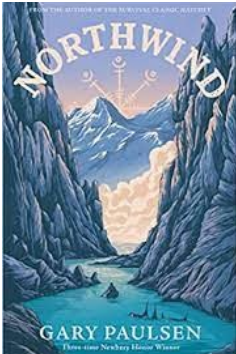
Forced to flee 1960 Cuba and seek refuge in America, Victoria and her family arrive in Miami where they must find a way to settle in this new world while trying to bring the rest of their family to safety.



Marsh, Katherine

Nowhere Boy

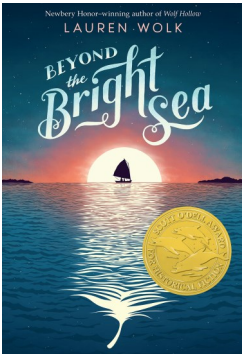
Fourteen-year-old Ahmed, a Syrian refugee, and thirteen-year-old Max, an American boy, are bound by a secret that sets them on the adventure of a lifetime.



Paulsen, Gary

Northwind

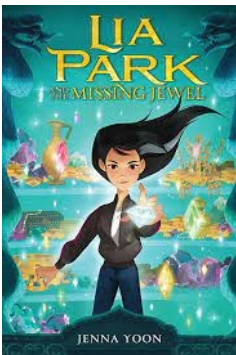
When sickness decimates his fishing village, an orphan named Leif flees north in a cedar canoe, journeying along a brutal but beautiful coastline.



Wolk, Lauren

Beyond the Bright Sea

Set adrift on the ocean in a small skiff as a newborn, twelve-year-old Crow embarks on a quest to find the missing pieces of her history.



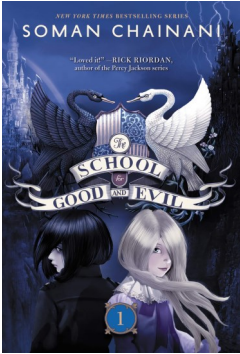
Yoon, Jenna

Lia Park and the Missing Jewel

Twelve-year-old Lia Park must venture to the undersea kingdom of the Dragon King in Korea to save her parents from an evil diviner.



Fantasy



Chainani, Soman

The School for Good and Evil

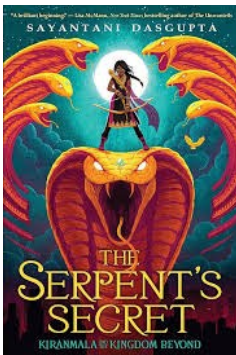
Best friends Sophie (princess wannabe) and Agatha (witchy loner) are headed to the School for Good and Evil, but their assumed destinies are reversed.



Clark, Zack Loran

The Adventurers Guild

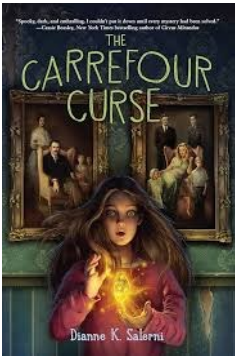
Conscripted into the dangerous Adventurers Guild, best friends Zed and Brock must defend what is left of humanity against terrible monsters in this epic fantasy.



DasGupta, Sayantani

The Serpent's Secret

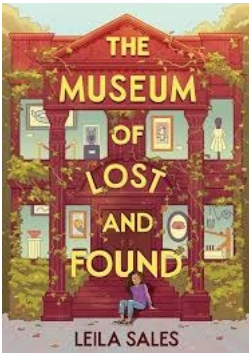
When a rakkhosh demon attacks her family on the morning of her twelfth birthday, Kiranmala discovers that her parents' fantastical stories about their ties to royalty are true, as she's whisked away by two crush-worthy princes to a parallel dimension filled with magic, winged horses, moving maps and talking birds.



Salerni, Dianne K.

The Carrefour Curse

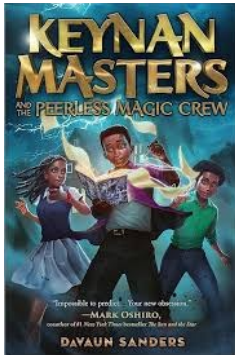
When twelve-year-old Garnet finally gets to meet her magical extended family she discovers they're all trapped in the ruins of their crumbling manor and Garnet must break a curse that has decimated three generations of Carreffours.



Sales, Leila

The Museum of Lost and Found

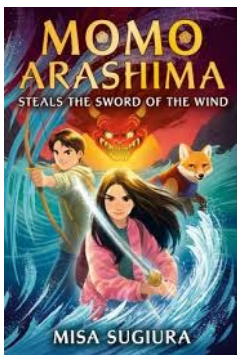
When eleven-year-old Vanessa discovers an abandoned museum, she starts filling it with her own projects and art and memories, thinking maybe, if she can put them all together in just the right way, she can finally understand why she and her relationships are the way they are.



Sanders, DaVaun

Keynan Masters and the Peerless Magic Crew

Attending Peerless Academy, Keynan Masters discovers a corrupt magic, and, unlocking his freestyling powers, sets out to unravel the school's secrets with his crew of new friends while trying to save the world from massive storms stemming from mysterious forces.



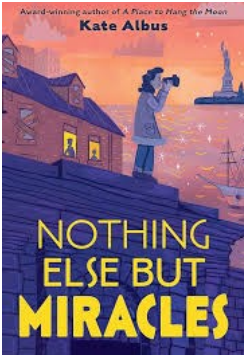
Sugiura, Misa

Momo Arashima Steals the Sword of the Wind

All Momo wants for her twelfth birthday is an ordinary life, but instead she finds out she is half human, half goddess and must unlock her divine powers to save her mother's life and keep countless evil spirits from escaping Yomi, the land of the dead.



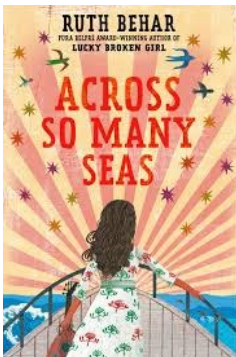
Historical Fiction



Albus, Kate

Nothing Else but Miracles

Living on their own on Manhattan's Lower East Side while their Pop is off fighting in World War II, twelve-year-old Dory Byrne and her brothers discover an abandoned hotel that proves a perfect hideout just when they need it most.



Behar, Ruth

Across So Many Seas

Spanning over five hundred years, a novel telling the stories of four girls from different generations of a Jewish family, many of them forced to leave their country and start a new life.



Draper, Sharon M.

Stella by Starlight

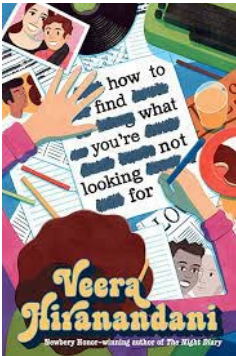
When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.



English, Karen

It All Comes Down to This

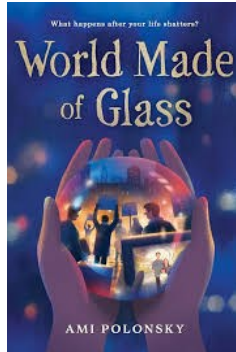
In the summer of 1965, Sophie's family becomes the first African Americans to move into their upper middle-class neighborhood in Los Angeles. When riots erupt in nearby Watts, she learns that life and her own place in it are a lot more complicated than they had seemed.



Hiranandani, Veera

How to Find What You're Not Looking For

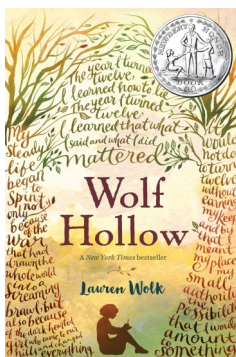
Middle schooler Ariel Goldberg must find her own voice and define her own beliefs after her big sister elopes with a young man from India following the Supreme Court decision that strikes down laws banning interracial marriage.



Polonsky, Ami

World Made of Glass

Iris opens her eyes to hard truths and the power of her voice when her father dies of AIDS in 1987.



Wolk, Lauren

Wolf Hollow

Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn to stand up for what's right in the face of a manipulative and violent new bully who targets people Annabelle cares about, including a homeless World War I veteran.



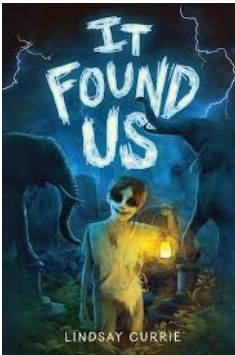
Horror and Ghosts



Berk, Josh & Sandra Mitchell

Camp Murderface

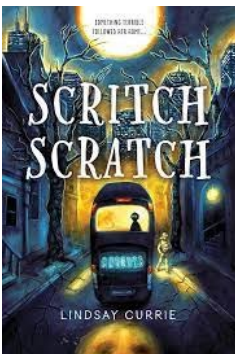
Camp Sweetwater is finally reopening, three decades after it mysteriously shut down. Campers Corryn Quinn and Tez Jones are so ready to take their summer by storm, but before they can so much as toast one marshmallow, strange things start happening.



Currie, Lindsay

It Found Us

Hazel, a twelve-year-old aspiring detective, must decode a series of ominous clues tied to a century-old tragedy to find a missing teenager before it is too late.



Currie, Lindsay

Scratch Scratch

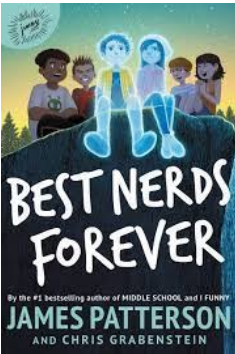
Reluctantly assisting her father on his latest ghost-themed Chicago bus tour, an avid young scientist glimpses a mysterious, sad-eyed boy in the back of the bus who disappears before she starts hearing and seeing bizarre phenomena.



Krampien, Celia

The Bellwoods Game

A group of sixth graders participating in an annual Halloween tradition to pacify the ghost of Abigail Snook quickly realize that the Bellwoods contains an even bigger threat to their town.



Patterson, James & Chris Grabenstein

Best Nerds Forever

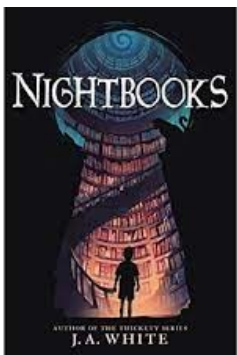
Rendered a ghost by a bicycle accident, young Finn McAllister teams up with fellow spirit Isabella Rojas to commit invisible pranks on the living, before discovering that they cannot move on to the afterlife.



Perry, Adam

Ghosts Come Rising

Hiding their gifts while staying at a Spiritualist commune in Pennsylvania, Liza Carroll and her brother, John, learn that they are at a Thin Place between the worlds of the living and the spirits, one that is threatening to break.



White, J.A.

Nightbooks

Imprisoned by Natacha, a witch, in a New York apartment, Alex must tell her a new scary story every night in order to stay alive.



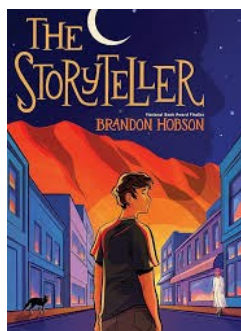
Mystery



Arguelles, Catherine

Flip Turns

Maddie just wants her classmate Lucas to leave her alone. He keeps asking her out, as if she hasn't already said no a thousand times! Focusing on her competitive swim team, Maddie tries to ignore him, hoping he'll stop harassing her. But then, when someone starts sabotaging Maddie's family-owned pool, Maddie worries it's her "admirer" trying to get even.



Hobson, Brandon

The Storyteller

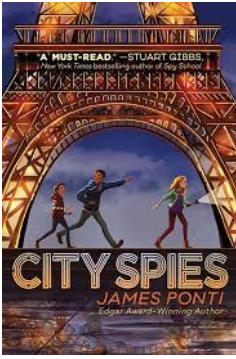
Ziggy's mother disappeared ten years ago, one of the many Native women who have mysteriously gone missing, and Ziggy believes a secret cave may hold the key--so with his sister, Moon, and friends Alice and Corso, he sets out to find the cave and solve the mystery of his family's origins.



Patterson, James & Keir Graff

Minerva Keen's Detective Club

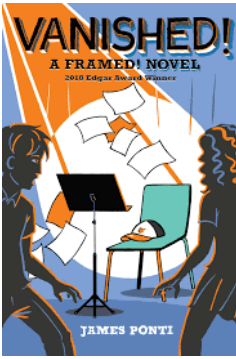
Twelve-year-old Minerva Keen forms a detective club to uncover who is poisoning residents of her storied Chicago apartment building, knowing that any one of her neighbors could be the poisoner--or the next victim.



Ponti, James

City Spies

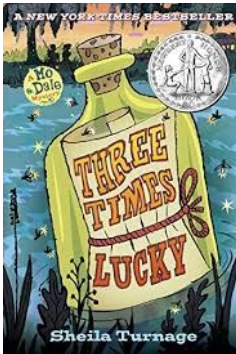
Sara Martinez is facing years in the juvenile detention system for hacking into the foster care computer system to prove that her foster parents are crooks. She gets a second chance when a mysterious man offers her a chance to join a group of MI6 affiliated spies.



Ponti, James

Vanished!

In Washington, D.C., twelve-year-old Florian Bates, a consulting detective for the FBI, and his best friend Margaret, must uncover the truth behind a series of private middle school pranks that may or may not involve the daughter of the President of the United States.



Turnage, Sheila

Three Times Lucky

Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a café and co-parent of Mo with his cook, Miss Lana, seems implicated in a murder.

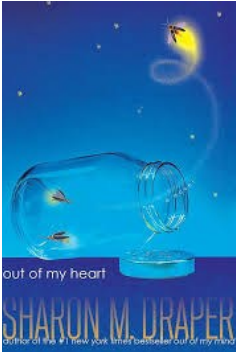


Yee, Lisa

The Misfits: A Royal Conundrum

Dropped off at the strangest boarding school ever, Olive discovers the “reforming arts” academy isn’t what it seems, as she joins an elite group of misfits who fight crime and need her help to stop the heist of the century.

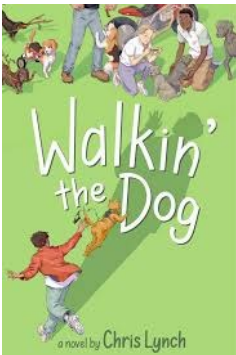
Realistic Fiction



Draper, Sharon M.

Out of My Heart

Because she loves horses but is scared of them, Melody wants to conquer her fears, so she hopes a summer camp will be the place to welcome someone with cerebral palsy who wants to learn to ride.



Lynch, Chris

Walkin' the Dog

After years of homeschooling, laid-back Louis hopes he can stay under the radar when he starts regular high school in the fall, but when a favor for a neighbor and his stinky canine companion unexpectedly turns into a bustling dog-walking business, Louis finds himself meeting an unprecedented number of new friends.



Marks, Janae

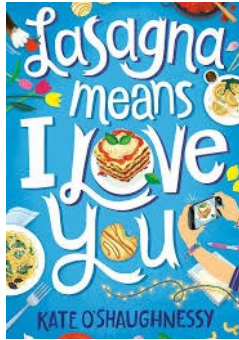
A Soft Place to Land

Twelve-year old Joy dreams of writing music for the movies, but first she has to survive her family's move into a small apartment when her father loses his job.



Matson, Morgan
Firefly Summer

When her estranged grandparents invite her to stay with them in the Poconos for the summer, Ryanna meets so many relatives on her late mom's side of the family and discovers a whole new side of herself.



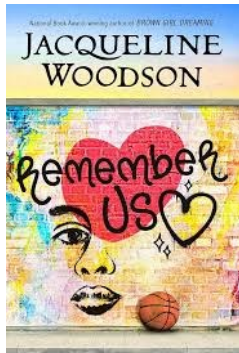
O'Shaughnessy, Kate
Lasagna Means I Love You

When eleven-year-old foster kid Mo finds a handmade cookbook filled with someone else's family recipes, she collects the stories behind them and builds a website to share them, secretly hoping a long-lost relative will find her and give her a family recipe all her own.



Sumner, Jamie
The Summer of June

Eleven-year-old June is determined to beat her anxiety and become the lion she knows she is, instead of the mouse everyone sees, and with the help of Homer Juarez, the poetry-reciting soccer star, she starts a secret library garden and hatches a plan to make her dreams come true.



Woodson, Jacqueline
Remember Us

The summer before seventh grade, as the constant threat of housefires looms over her Brooklyn neighborhood, basketball-loving Sage is trying to figure out her place in her circle of friends, when a new kid named Freddy moves in.



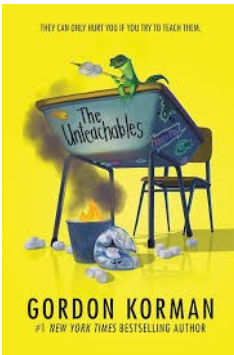
School Stories



Davis, Tanita

Figure it Out, Henri Weldon

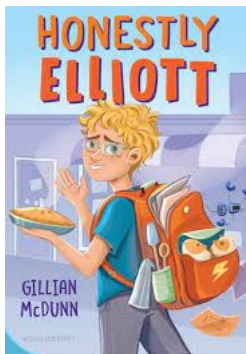
Henri has attended a special school for her learning disability, dyscalculia, but when she is mainstreamed, she finds herself struggling to balance other parts of her life, and not just in math class.



Korman, Gordon

The Unteachables

The Unteachables never thought they'd find a teacher who had a worse attitude than they did. And Mr. Kermit never thought he would actually care about teaching again. Over the course of a school year, though, room 117 will experience mayhem, destruction and maybe even a shot at redemption.



McDunn, Gillian

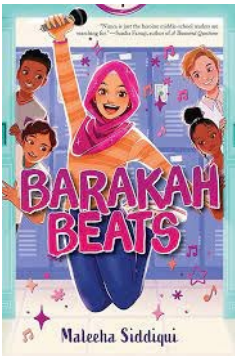
Honestly Elliott

Struggling with ADHD, loneliness, and connecting with his divorced father who would rather see him embrace sports instead of cooking, sixth-grader Elliott finds an unlikely friend in popular, perfect Maribel when the two are paired in a school-wide contest.



Respicio, Mae
Isabel in Bloom

Starting a new school in San Francisco, twelve-year-old Isabel, newly arrived from the Philippines, struggles to make friends until she joins the gardening and cooking clubs, where she starts to bloom.



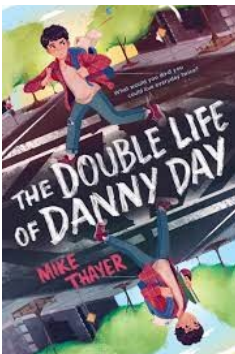
Siddiqui, Maleeha
Barakah Beats

Leaving Islamic school to attend “real school,” twelve-year-old Nimra Sharif, joins the school’s popular eighth grade boy band, Barakah Beats, in an attempt to fit in, even though she was taught that music isn’t allowed in Islam, forcing her to make a difficult decision.



Swartz, Elly D.
Dear Student

A girl with social anxiety becomes the secret voice of the advice column in her middle school newspaper.

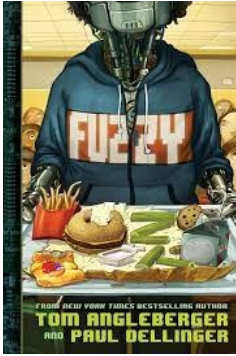


Thayer, Mike
The Double Life of Danny Day

Danny Day, age eleven, lives every day twice, which allows him to skip class, play video games for hours, and try to bring down bullies at his new middle school.



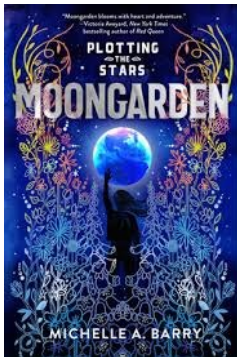
Science Fiction



Angleberger, Tom

Fuzzy

When Max (Maxine Zealster) befriends her new robot classmate Fuzzy, she helps him navigate Vanguard Middle School and together they reveal the truth behind the Robot Integration Program.



Barry, Michelle A.

Moongarden

Crumbling under the pressure at her elite school on the moon, misfit Myra Hodger discovers a lab full of toxic plants and uses her botanical magic to weed out its secrets, but quickly discovers some will do anything to take those secrets to the grave.



Gibbs, Stuart

Space Case: A Moon Base Alpha Novel

Dashiell Gibson, who lives on Moon Base Alpha, has to solve a murder of one of the moon's most prominent doctors.



Higuera, Donna Barba
Alebrijes

When thirteen-year-old Leandro takes the fall for his sister and is exiled, he embarks on a perilous journey beyond the city's walls where he encounters mutant monsters, wasteland pirates, and fellow outcasts as he tries to save his sister and fellow Cascabeles from the oppressive regime.



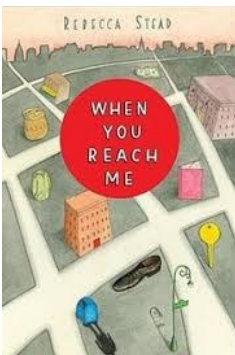
Kuhlman, Evan
Brother From a Box

Sixth-grader Matt Rambeau finds out what it is like to have a brother when his father, a computer genius, creates a robot kid that goes to school with Matt, shares his feelings and ideas, plays, does chores, fights for his "life" when chased by spies, and becomes a part of the family.



McCulloch, Amy
Jinxed

After fourteen-year-old Lacey Chu repairs a highly advanced smartphone/robotic pet companion, or baku, called Jinx, the baku gets her into her dream school, Profectus, where she is exposed to dangerous secrets.

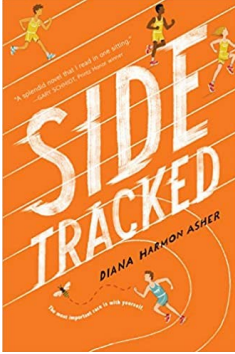


Stead, Rebecca
When you Reach Me

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980s television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space.



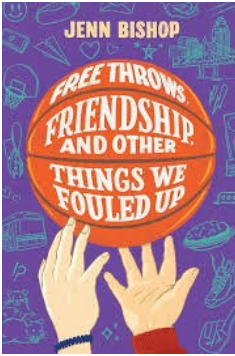
Sports



Asher, Diana Harmon

Sidetracked

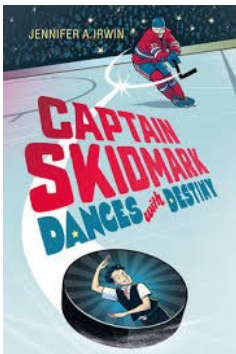
Joseph Friedman is friendless and puny, with ADD to boot. He spends most of his time avoiding the class bully and hiding out in the Resource Room, but the Resource Room teacher encourages him to join the school cross country team where he meets Heather, a new student who's tough, athletic and refuses to be pushed around by anybody.



Bishop, Jenn

Free Throws, Friendship, and Other Things We Fouled Up

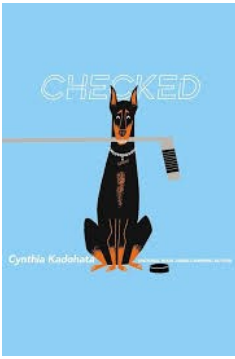
New to Cincinnati, where her father is now coach of the University basketball team, eighth-grader Aurora finds herself isolated by the heated team rivalries--especially when it turns out her new friend Abby's father has a mysterious feud with Rory's father that threatens her new friendship.



Irwin, Jennifer A.

Captain Skidmark Dances with Destiny

Will is generally miserable at the middle school where his father is principal. After his father refuses to let him attend dance school, Will finds common ground with his seventeen-year-old hockey-star cousin, Alex, because Alex's father also will not listen to what his son wants.



Kadohata, Cynthia

Checked

To help his dog through cancer treatment, Conor gives up hockey and finds himself considering who he is without the sport that has defined him, and connecting more with his family and best friend.



Kapit, Sarah

Get a Grip, Vivy Cohen!

Eleven-year-old knuckleball pitcher Vivy Cohen, who has autism, becomes pen pals with her favorite Major League baseball player after writing a letter to him as an assignment for her social skills class.



Lupica, Mike

Lone Stars

When Coach Coop, a former star player for the Dallas Cowboys, starts exhibiting side effects from the many concussions he suffered while playing professionally, twelve-year-old wide receiver Clay Hollis becomes determined to help him get through the football season until Thanksgiving.



Rivera, Lilliam

Barely Floating

Twelve-year-old Natalia's dream of becoming a synchronized swimmer is in jeopardy when her parents decide they are against a sport that emphasizes looks, but Nat is determined to change their minds.



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