



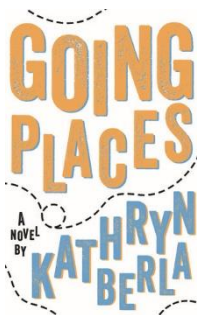
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## 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reads

### New, Upcoming, & Recommended for Fall 2018

#### Chelmsford Public Library

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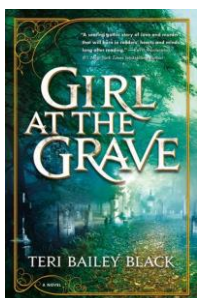


#### ***Going Places***

by Katheryn Berla

Y/Fic/Berla

Everyone had high expectations for Hudson. His fourth grade teacher even wrote to that Hudson was "going places." But everything went downhill after his father died on the battlefield of Iraq. Now facing his senior year of high school without his best friends by his side, Hudson seizes homeschooling as an opportunity to retreat from the world. But what happens during this year will prove to be anything but a retreat.



#### ***Girl at the Grave***

by Teri Bailey Black

Y/Fic/Black

Valentine has spent years outrunning her mother's legacy. But when a new murder occurs, all signs point to the daughter of a murderer. Only one person believes she is innocent—Rowan, the son of the man her mother killed. Valentine vows to find the killer, but when she uncovers the horrifying truth, she must face her dark past.



#### ***Summer Bird Blue***

by Akemi Dawn Bowman

Y/Fic/Bowman

Rumi spends a lot of time worrying she doesn't have the answers to everything. But there is one thing she is absolutely sure of—she wants to spend the rest of her life writing music with her younger sister, Lea. Then Lea dies in a car accident, and her mother sends her away to live with her aunt in Hawaii while she deals with her grief.



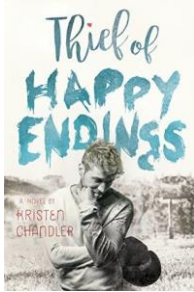
#### ***Blacklisted!***

***Hollywood, the Cold War, and the First Amendment***

by Larry Dane Brimner

Y/322.42/Brim

This is the story of 19 men—all from the film industry—who are summoned to appear before the Committee on Un-American Activities. All 19 believe that the committee's investigations into their political views are a violation of their First Amendment rights. When the first 10 of these men refuse to give the committee the simple answers it wants, they are cited for contempt of Congress and blacklisted.



## ***Thief of Happy Endings***

By Kristen Chandler  
Y/Fic/Chandler

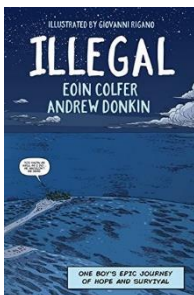
Cassidy feels like her life has been falling apart. So a summer of riding horses at a ranch camp in Wyoming sounds like just what she needs—even if she has a paralyzing fear of horses. She's determined to move past her fear, even if that means taking lessons from the insufferable junior wrangler Justin.



## ***So Done***

by Paula Chase  
Y/Fic/Chase

Jamila and Tai have been inseparable since they were toddlers, having grown up across the street from each other in Pirates Cove. As summer comes to an end, Tai can't wait for Mila to return from spending a month with her aunt in the suburbs. But both girls are grappling with secrets.



## ***Illegal***

by Eoin Colfer & Andrew Donkin  
Y/Graphic/Illegal

Ebo: alone. His sister left months ago. Now his brother has disappeared too, and Ebo knows it can only be to make the hazardous journey to Europe. Ebo's epic journey takes him across the Sahara Desert to the dangerous streets of Tripoli, and finally out to the merciless sea. But with every step he holds on to his hope for a new life, and a reunion with his sister.



## ***Screenshot***

by Donna Cooner  
Y/Fic/Cooner

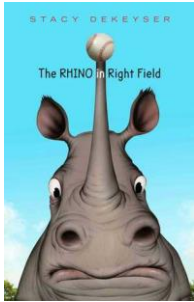
Skye's social media game is always on point. Until her best friend films an embarrassing video of Skye at a sleepover and posts it. Asha quickly deletes it, so everything's okay. Right? Then someone texts her a screenshot from the video and threatens to share it unless Skye does whatever they say.



## ***Ruthless Magic***

by Megan Crewe  
Y/Fic/Crewe

Some will be chosen. The rest must prove themselves in the brutal Mages' Exam. Rocío has dedicated herself to earning a place in the Confederation. Their rejection leaves her reeling—and determined to fight. Finn knows he was accepted only because of his family, but he wants to prove his worth. Thrown into the testing, Rocío and Finn become unlikely allies, but the Exam is hiding horrifying secrets.



## ***The Rhino in Right Field***

by Stacy DeKeyser

J/Fic/DeKeyser

Nick wants to change his life, and the local baseball team is having a batboy contest. But there's one big problem. A 2,000-pound rhinoceros named Tank. Nick and his friends play ball right in the city zoo—and Tank lives just beyond the right field fence. Nick's experience getting the ball out of Tank's pen has left him frozen with fear whenever a fly ball comes his way. How's a lousy fielder going to win the contest?



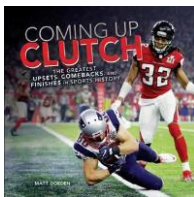
## ***Thrilling Thieves:***

***Liars, Cheats, and Double-Crossers Who Changed History***

by Brianna DuMont

J/364.1552/Dumo

Follow the trail of twelve troublemakers to uncover the dishonest origins of the Louvre museum in Paris, the modernization of New York City, and the creation of Hollywood. Enjoy learning about how much our world owes to miscreants through the tales of these thrilling thieves!



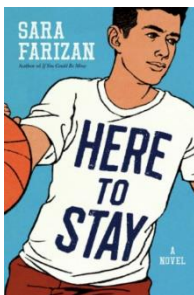
## ***Coming Up Clutch:***

***The Greatest Upsets, Comebacks, and Finishes in Sports History***

by Matt Doeden

J/796.0973/Doed

The sports world is full of epic comebacks, upsets, chokes, and clutch performances. The most memorable buzzer-beating baskets, double-digit comebacks, and unexpected meltdowns are all here!



## ***Here to Stay***

by Sara Farizan

Y/Fic/Farizan

For most of high school, Bijan has flown under the radar. He gets good grades, reads comics, hangs out with his best friend, Kenji, and secretly crushes on Elle. When he's called off the varsity bench and makes the winning basket in a playoff game, everything changes in an instant. But not everyone is happy, and someone sends the entire school a picture of Bijan photoshopped to look like a terrorist.



## ***This is How We Roll***

by Natasha Friend

Y/Fic/Friend

Quinn is a teen who loves her family, skateboarding, basketball, and her friends, but after she's diagnosed with a condition called alopecia which causes her to lose all of her hair, her friends abandon her. Nick was once a star football player, but in a freak accident—caused by his brother—he loses both of his legs. Quinn and Nick meet and find the confidence to believe in themselves again, and maybe even love.



## ***Spectacle vol. 1***

by Megan Rose Gedris  
Y/Graphic/Spectacle

Anna works as a psychic in the circus, but she doesn't believe in anything supernatural—until her twin sister Kat is murdered and comes back as a ghost. With few leads, a troupe full of secretive folk, and strange paranormal occurrences popping up around the circus, solving the case seems near impossible. But the murderer in their midst may be the least of their problems.

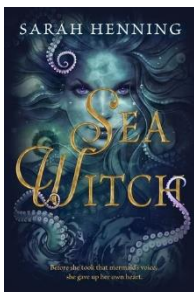


## ***My Family Divided***

***One Girl's Journey of Home, Loss, and Hope***

by Diane Guerrero  
Y/Biography/Guerrero

Before landing a spot on the megahit Netflix show *Orange is the New Black* and before her activism and work on immigration reform, Diane Guerrero was a young girl living in Boston. One day, while Guerrero was at school, her undocumented immigrant parents were taken from their home, detained, and deported. Guerrero's life, which had been full of the support of a loving family, was turned upside down.



## ***Sea Witch***

by Sarah Henning  
Y/Fic/Henning

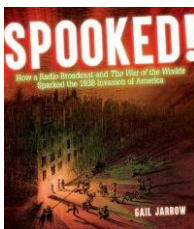
Everyone knows what happens in the end. A mermaid, a prince, a true love's kiss. But before that young siren's tale, there were three friends. One feared, one royal, and one already dead.



## ***Lifeboat 12***

by Susan Hood  
J/Fic/Hood

With Nazis bombing London, it's time for Ken to escape. He suspects his stepmother is glad to see him go, but his dad says he's one of the lucky ones to ship out aboard the SS City of Benares to safety. Life aboard the ship is grand—nine-course meals, new friends, and a life far from the bombs, rations, and his stepmum. And after five days at sea, the ship's officers announce that they're out of danger. They're wrong.



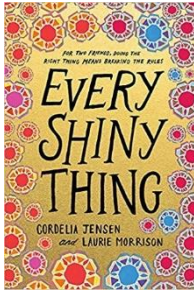
## ***Spooked!:***

***How a Radio Broadcast and War of the Worlds Sparked the 1938 Invasion of America***

by Gail Jarrow  
Y/791.4472/Jarr

On the night of October 30, 1938, thousands of Americans panicked when they believed that Martians had invaded Earth. What appeared to be breaking news about an alien invasion was, in fact, a radio drama. Some listeners became angry, and the reaction to the broadcast sparked a national discussion about fake news.



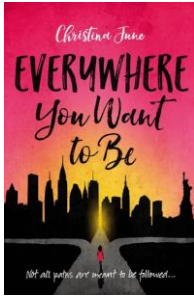


## ***Every Shiny Thing***

by Cordelia Jensen

Y/Fic/Jensen

Lauren prides herself on being a good sister, and Sierra is used to taking care of her mom. When Lauren's parents send her brother to a boarding school for teens on the autism spectrum and Sierra moves to a foster home, both girls are lost until they find each other. But when Lauren recruits Sierra to help with a Robin Hood scheme to raise money for autistic kids, Sierra has a lot to lose if the plan goes wrong.



## ***Everywhere You Want to Be***

by Christina June

Y/Fic/June

When Matilda gets injured senior year, she watches her dreams of becoming a dancer slip away. So when she gets the opportunity to spend the summer with a New York dance troupe, nothing can stop her from saying yes. Tilly's mother allows her to go on two conditions: one, Tilly will regularly visit her abuela in New Jersey, and two, after the summer, she'll give up dancing.



## ***Wavehouse***

by Alice Kaltman

Y/Fic/Kaltman

Anna is a surfer. But surf culture bores Anna—she harbors a secret desire to be an artist. It's not the most practical dream in Kendall's Watch, a beach town where most kids think 'Current Events' have something to do with ocean tides. But then a series of events are set in motion that will change Anna's life forever; events that raise difficult questions about love, honesty, betrayal and family ties.

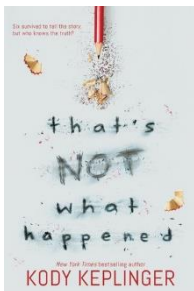


## ***Wild Blues***

by Beth Kephart

Y/Fic/Kephart

Thirteen-year-old Lizzie relates, through a victim statement, her harrowing journey through the Adirondacks seeking her disabled friend, Matias, who was kidnapped by escaped convicts. How far will she go to save the people she loves?



## ***That's Not What Happened***

by Kody Keplinger

Y/Fic/Keplinger

In the three years since the Virgil County High School Massacre, a story has grown up around one of the victims, Sarah McHale, that says she died proclaiming her Christian faith—but Leanne Bauer was there, and knows what happened, and she has a choice: stay silent and let people believe in Sarah's martyrdom, or tell the truth.

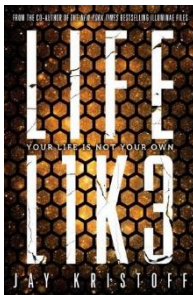


## ***Running Through Sprinklers***

by Michelle Kim

Y/Fic/Kim

It's only ever been the two of them. Two halves of the same person. Best friends forever—until they aren't. Everything has changed this year. Nadine has suddenly skipped a grade and gone to high school without Sara. No matter how hard she fights to save their friendship, Sara can feel it slipping away.



## ***Lifelike***

by Jay Kristoff

Y/Fic/Kristoff

When Eve discovers the ruins of an android boy in the scrap pile she calls home, her entire world comes crashing down. With her best friend and her robotic conscience, Cricket, in tow, she and Ezekiel will trek across deserts of irradiated glass, infiltrate towering megacities and scour the graveyard of humanity's greatest folly to save the ones Eve loves, and learn the dark secrets of her past.



## ***Rules of the Ruff***

by Heidi Lang

Y/Fic/Lang

Twelve-year-old Jessie is in for a long summer at her aunt and uncle's house. Her cousin Ann has a snotty new best friend, which leaves Jessie all alone. But Jessie is industrious, and—not content with being ignored all summer—she convinces Wes, a grouchy neighborhood dog walker, to take her on as his apprentice.

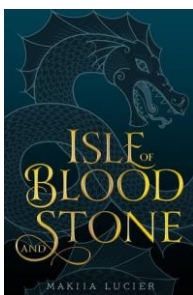


## ***Letting go of Gravity***

by Meg Leder

Y/Fic/Leder

Charlie and Parker are twins—but they're polar opposites. He's fearless, outgoing; she's careful, reserved. And Charlie is officially in remission from cancer. Parker lands a prestigious summer internship at the hospital and is headed to Harvard in the fall to study pediatric oncology—and her relationship with Charlie has been on the rocks. Parker meets Finn, who's been leaving strange graffiti messages all over town. Those messages—and Finn—make Parker feel free to doubt, free to make mistakes, and free to confront the truth that she has been hiding from for a long time.



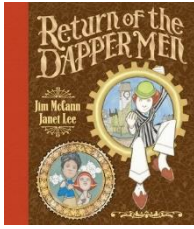
## ***Isle of Blood and Stone***

***(Tower of Winds #1)***

by Makiia Lucier

Y/Fic/Lucier

Nineteen-year-old Elias is a royal explorer, a skilled mapmaker, and the new king of del Mar's oldest friend. Soon he will embark on the adventure of a lifetime, an expedition past the Strait of Cain and into uncharted waters. Nothing stands in his way...until a long-ago tragedy creeps back into focus, threatening all he holds dear.



## ***Return of the Dapper Men***

by Jim McCann & Janet K. Lee

Y/Graphic/Dapper

Ayden, the only boy to still ask questions; Zoe, the robot girl all other machines hold dear; and the Dapper Man known only as "41" must discover what happened that made time stop, understand what their true places are in this world, and learn what "tomorrow" really means. The sun is setting for the first time in memory, and once that happens, everything changes.



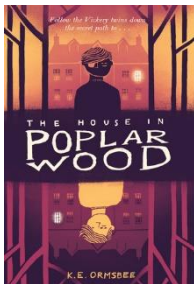
## ***Seafire***

***(Seafire #1)***

by Natalie C. Parker

Y/Fic/Parker

After her family is killed by corrupt warlord Aric Athair and his bloodthirsty army, Caledonia Styx is left to chart her own course on the deadly seas. She captains her ship, the Mors Navis, with a crew of girls and women whose lives have been turned upside down by Aric and his men. The crew has one mission: take down Aric's fleet.

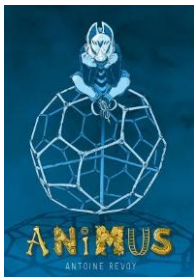


## ***The House in Poplar Wood***

by K.E. Ormsbee

Y/Fic/Ormsbee

Lee and Felix live in a house in Poplar Wood where, because of the "Agreement," their mother serves Memory, and their father assists Death, and only Lee is allowed to leave the house. But when a local girl is murdered, Gretchen Whipple, daughter of the mayor, offers the boys a deal--help her solve the crime and she will help them break the Agreement and regain their freedom.



## ***Animus***

by Antoine Revoy

Y/Graphic/Animus

The residents of a quiet Japanese neighborhood have slowly come to realize that inauspicious, paranormal forces are at play in the most unlikely of places: the local playground. Two friends, a young boy and girl, resolve to exorcise the evil that inhabits it.



## ***For Every One***

by Jason Reynolds

Poetry/Reynolds

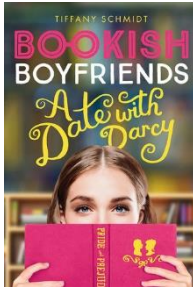
Dreams take time. They involve countless struggles. But no matter how many times a dreamer gets beat down, the drive and the passion and the hope never fully extinguish—because just having the dream is the start you need, or you won't get anywhere anyway, and that is when you have to take a leap of faith.



## ***Skyward***

by Brandon Sanderson  
Y/Fic/Sanderson

The remnants of the human race, driven almost to extinction, are trapped on a planet that is constantly attacked by alien starfighters. Spensa longs to be a pilot. When she discovers an ancient ship, she realizes this dream might be possible—assuming she can repair the ship, go to flight school, and persuade the strange machine to help her. Because this ship, uniquely, appears to have a soul.



## ***A Date with Darcy***

by Tiffany Schmidt  
Y/Fic/Schmidt

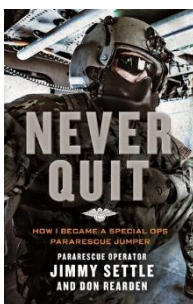
Merrilee thinks boys are better in books, chivalry is dead, and there'd be nothing more romantic than having just one guy woo her like the heroes in classic stories. She's about to get the chance to test these daydreams when she, her best friend, Eliza, and her younger sister, Rory, transfer into Reginald R. Hero High, where all their fantasies come true—often with surprising consequences.



## ***City of Ghosts***

by Victoria Schwab  
Y/Fic/Schwab

Cassidy Blake's parents are a (somewhat inept) ghost-hunting team. But Cass herself can REALLY see ghosts. And in Scotland, Cass is surrounded by ghosts, not all of them friendly. Then she meets Lara, a girl who can also see the dead. But Lara tells Cassidy that as an In-betweener, their job is to send ghosts permanently beyond the Veil.

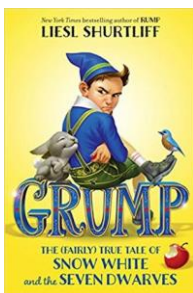


## ***Never Quit:***

### ***How I Became a Special Ops Pararescue Jumper***

by Jimmy Settle  
Y/Biography/Settle

After being shot in Afghanistan, Jimmy returns to battle with his teammates for a heroic rescue. In a suicide rescue mission, his team risks their lives again. When his helicopter is hit, Jimmy finds himself forced to leave some of his own team behind. He will have to risk everything to get back and save his brothers.



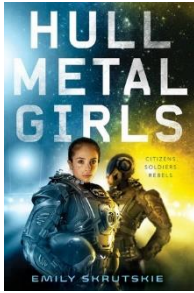
## ***Grump:***

### ***The (Fairly) True Tale of Snow White and the Seven Dwarves***

by Liesl Shurtliff  
J/Fic/Shurtliff

Ever since he was a dwarfling, Borlen has dreamed of visiting The Surface, so when opportunity knocks, he leaves his cavern home behind. At first, Queen Elfrieda Veronika Ingrid Lenore is the best friend Grump always wanted. But as time goes on, Grump starts to suspect that Queen E.V.I.L. may not be as nice as she seems.

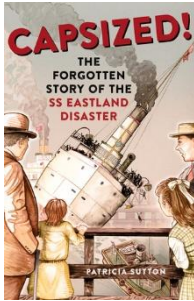




### ***Hullmetal Girls***

by Emily Skrutskie  
Y/Fic/Skrutskie

In a unit of new recruits vying for top placement, Aisha's and Key's paths collide, and the two must learn to work together—a tall order for girls from opposite ends of the Fleet. But a rebellion is stirring, pitting those who yearn for independence from the Fleet against a government struggling to maintain unity.

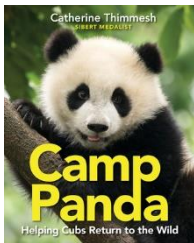


### ***Capsized!:***

#### ***The Forgotten Story of the SS Eastland Disaster***

by Patricia Sutton  
J/917.7311/Sutt

The Eastland disaster took more passenger lives than the Titanic and stands today as the greatest disaster on the Great Lakes. *Capsized!* details the events leading up to the fateful day and provides a minute-by-minute account of the ship's capsizing.



### ***Camp Panda: Helping Cubs Return to the Wild***

by Catherine Thimmesh  
J/599.789/Thim

Roughly a thousand years ago, an estimated 23,000 pandas roamed wild and free through China. But within the past forty years, more than fifty percent of the panda's already shrinking habitat has been destroyed by humans. Despite the seemingly insurmountable odds, the panda is making a comeback. How? By humans teaching baby pandas how to be wild and stay wild!



### ***Things Jolie Needs to Do Before She Bites It***

by Kerry Winfrey  
Y/Fic/Winfrey

Jolie's a lot of things, but she knows that pretty isn't one of them. She's months out from having a procedure to correct her underbite, and she cannot wait to be fixed. While her family watches worst-case scenario TV shows, Jolie realizes that she could die under the knife. She and her best friends Evelyn and Derek decide to make a *Things Jolie Needs To Do Before She Bites It* list. Things like: eat every appetizer on the Applebee's menu and kiss her crush, Noah Reed.

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