



### **The Best Man by Richard Peck**

"Archer has four important role models in his life--his dad, his grandfather, his uncle Paul, and his favorite teacher, Mr. McLeod. When Uncle Paul and Mr. McLeod get married, Archer's sixth-grade year becomes one he'll never forget"--Provided by publisher.

### **The Blackthorn Key by Kevin Sands**

"In 1665 London, fourteen-year-old Christopher Rowe, apprentice to an apothecary, and his best friend Tom try to uncover the truth behind a mysterious cult, following a trail of puzzles, codes, pranks, and danger toward an unearthly secret with the power to tear the world apart."



### **The Boys Who Challenged Hitler by Phillip Hoose**

"tells the story of a group of boy resistance fighters in Denmark after the Nazi invasion during World War II."  
YA

### **Echo by Pam Muñoz Ryan**

"Lost in the Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and finds himself entwined in a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica--and decades later three children, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California find themselves caught up in the same thread of destiny in the darkest days of the twentieth century, struggling to keep their families intact, and tied together by the music of the same harmonica."



### **Falling Over Sideways by Jordan Sonnenblick**

"Harassed at her middle school, not taken seriously at home, and with a "perfect" older brother, Matthew, to live up to, thirteen-year-old Claire has always felt like her life was cursed--then one morning, when she and her beloved father are talking at breakfast, her father suddenly falls over with a stroke, and suddenly everything changes."  
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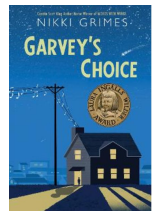
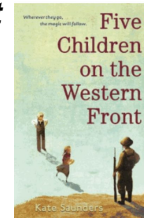


### **Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt**

"Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read"--Provided by publisher.

### **Five Children on the Western Front by Kate Saunders**

"In 1914, on the eve of the First World War, Cyril is off to fight, Anthea is at art college, Robert is a Cambridge scholar, and Jane is at high school when the sand fairy, Psammead, suddenly reappears, and his magic has a more serious purpose than when the siblings were children."



### **Garvey's Choice by Nikki Grimes**

Preferring science and reading to the sports his father wants him to play, Garvey comforts himself with food and endures bullying before joining the school chorus, where he learns how to accept himself and bond with his father.

### **Ghost, by Jason Reynolds**

"Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential"--Provided by publisher.



### **Ghosts by Raina Telgemeier**

"Catrina and her family have moved to the coast of Northern California for the sake of her little sister, Maya, who has cystic fibrosis--and Cat is even less happy about the move when she is told that her new town is inhabited by ghosts, and Maya sets her heart on meeting one."

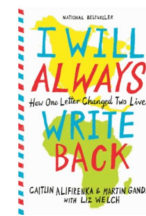
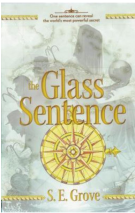


### **The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill**

"An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her."--Provided by publisher.

### **The Glass Sentence by S.E. Grove**

"In 1891, in a world transformed by 1799's Great Disruption--when all of the continents were flung into different time periods--thirteen-year-old Sophia Tims and her friend Theo go in search of Sophia's uncle, Shadrack Elli, Boston's foremost cartographer, who has been kidnapped."

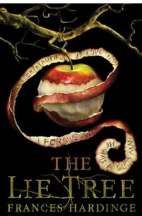


### **I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives by Caitlin Alifirenka**

"With Liz Welch. Seventh grader Caitlin selects a pen pal from Zimbabwe, the most exotic place she has heard of. Caitlin and Martin correspond for six years, building a friendship and trust that widens Caitlin's world view and allows Martin to be honest about his incredible challenges." Horn Book

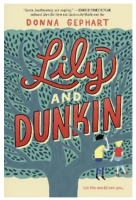
### **The Lie Tree by Frances Hardinge**

"On an island off the south coast of Victorian England, fourteen-year-old Faith investigates the mysterious death of her father, who was involved in a scandal, and discovers a tree that feeds upon lies and gives those who eat its fruit visions of truth."  
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### **Pax by Sara Pennypacker**

"After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back"--Provided by publisher.



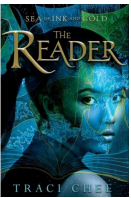
**Lily and Dunkin by Donna Gephart**

"Lily Jo McGrother, born Timothy McGrother, is a girl. But being a girl is not so easy when you look like a boy. Especially when you're in the eighth-grade. Norbert Dorfman, nicknamed Dunkin Dorfman, is bipolar and has just moved from the New Jersey town he's called home for the past thirteen years. This would be hard

enough, but the fact that he is also hiding from a painful secret makes it even worse. One summer morning, Lily Jo McGrother meets Dunkin Dorfman, and their lives forever change"--Provided by publisher

**Raymie Nightingale by Kate DiCamillo**

"Hoping that if she wins a local beauty pageant her father will come home, Raymie practices twirling a baton and performing good deeds as she is drawn into an unlikely friendship with a drama queen and a saboteur."



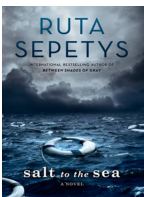
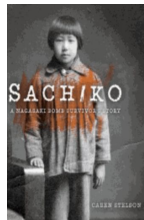
**The Reader by Traci Chee**

"Set in a world where reading is unheard-of, Sefia makes use of a mysterious object to track down who kidnapped her aunt Nin and what really happened the night her father was murdered"--Provided by publisher.

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**Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story by Caren Stelson**

"Read the true story of a young girl who survived the Nagasaki atomic bomb and her long journey to find peace. This compelling, well-researched narrative offers readers a remarkable new perspective on the final moments of World War II and their aftermath."



**Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys**

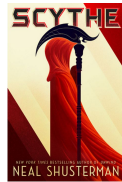
"World War II draws to a close, refugees try to escape the war's final dangers, only to find themselves aboard a ship with a target on its hull"--Provided by publisher

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**The Scorpio Races by Maggie Stiefvater**

"Nineteen-year-old returning champion Sean Kendrick competes against Puck Connolly, the first girl ever to ride in the annual Scorpio Races, both trying to keep hold of their dangerous water horses long enough to make it to the finish line."

YA



**Scythe by Neal Shusterman**

"In a world where disease has been eliminated, the only way to die is to be randomly killed ('gleaned') by professional reapers ('scythes'). Two teens must compete with each other to become a scythe--a position neither of them wants. The one who becomes a scythe must kill the one who doesn't."

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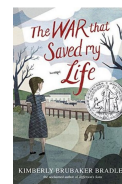


**Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper**

"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."

**The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin**

"Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson" who "wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death."



**The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley**

"A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother."

**When the Sea Turned to Silver by Grace Lin**

"Pinmei, a storyteller's granddaughter, must find the Luminous Stone that Lights the Night to rescue her grandmother, who has been



kidnapped by the Tiger Emperor"--Provided by publisher

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