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Best Books of 2018



Best Books lists from previous years may be obtained by request at the Youth Services desk.

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***All Summer Long* – Hope Larson**

+Larson, Graphic Novels

Bina is ready for summer but her crush, Austin, has gone away to camp and is suddenly “too old” for the Fun Index, plus her best friend has gone AWOL. Bina will have to take drastic action to salvage this summer!

***Amal Unbound* – Aisha Saeed**

+Saeed, Fiction; +Sae, CD-Audio Books*

The compelling story of a girl's fight to regain her life and dreams after being forced into indentured servitude.

***Aquicorn Cove* – Katie O’Neill**

+O’Neill, Graphic Novels

When Lana finds a sick creature in a tide pool after a storm, she realizes it’s not just the magical aquicorn that is sick, but the ocean itself. It’s up to Lana and the inhabitants of her small town to make changes that will protect Aquicorn Cove.

***Aru Shah and the End of Time* – Roshani Chokshi**

+Chokshi, Fiction; +Cho, CD-Audio Books*

In this mythological adventure, Aru has just 11 days to defeat Gods and Demons of Indian mythology, venturing through the Kingdom of Death to collect the weapons she will need in order to prevent the Sleeper from destroying the world.

The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge* – M. T. Anderson & Eugene Yelchin** **YA Anderson, Fiction

Brangwain Spurge is the first elf since the Great Wars to venture into the Goblin Kingdom. The first ever to do so by giant crossbow. His visit with the goblin historian, Werfel, turns into a run for their lives into the Bonecruel Mountains. In this satirical mix of comedic novel and graphic novel, things are not always what they seem.

***Be Prepared* – Vera Brosgol**

+Brosgol, Graphic Novels*

In this funny graphic novel, Vera goes to a summer camp for Russian immigrants and tries to make friends and survive.

***Blended* – Sharon M. Draper**

+Draper, Fiction*

Piano-prodigy Isabella, eleven, whose black father and white mother struggle to share custody, never feels whole, especially as racial tensions affect her school and she and her stepbrother are stopped by police.

***Bluecrowne* – Kate Milford**

+Milford, Fiction

In 1810, Lucy Bluecrowne, twelve, is bored of living ashore with her stepmother and half brother until two nefarious strangers identify her little brother as the pyrotechnical prodigy they need for their evil plan.

***Camp Panda: Helping Cubs Return to the Wild* – Catherine Thimmesh**

+599.789 Thi, Non-Fiction*

A riveting, timely account of panda conservation efforts in China, perfect for budding environmentalists and activists.

***Charlie Hernández and the League of Shadows* – Ryan Calejo**

+Calejo, Fiction; +Cal, CD-Audio Books

After his parents disappear, Charlie heads to the Land of the Dead with his friend, Violet, determined to find the League of Shadows and discover if he is actually morphing into a legend destined to save the world.

***Children of Blood and Bone* – Tomi Adeyemi**

YA Adeyemi, Fiction; YA Adeyemi, CD-Audio Books*

Zélie, her brother, and Princess Amari race to collect artifacts and conduct a sacred ceremony that can return magic to the world. But they must do it before the King and his army stop them.

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***City of Ghosts* – Victoria Schwab**

+Schwab, Fiction*

Cassidy can see ghosts and was hoping for a ghost-free summer. But when her parents film a TV series about the world's most haunted places, Cass and her personal ghost, Jacob, find out that a city of old ghosts can be a dangerous place.

***The Complete Cookbook for Young Chefs* – America's Test Kitchen**

+641.5 Com, Non-Fiction*

Features kid-tested and approved recipes.

***Crash: The Great Depression and the Fall and Rise of America* – Marc Favreau**

+973.917 Fav, Non-Fiction

The Great Depression in the United States had wide-ranging effects on people of all walks of life.

***Dactyl Hill Squad* – Daniel José Older**

+Older, Fiction; +Old, Digital Audio Players*

In this alternate 1863, the Civil War rages between dinosaur-mounted armies while Magdalys and the other children at the Colored Orphan Asylum are trying to survive; but when she receives a letter telling her that her brother Montez was wounded, she knows that her ability to communicate telepathically with dinosaurs may come in handy to save him.

***Dreaming Dangerous* – Lauren DeStefano**

+DeStefano, Fiction

At Brassmere Academy for the Extraordinary, twelve-year-old Plum and her best friends share adventures in dreams each night, but when Artem disappears they discover alarming secrets about Brassmere and its intentions.

***Endling: The Last* – Katherine Applegate**

+Applegate, Fiction; +App, CD-Audio Books*

In the Kingdom of Nedarra, dog-like Dairnes can detect lies. It's this skill that evil human ruler, Murdano, wants. He hunts Byx and her companions, while she tries to find a secret island in the hope that she's not the last of her kind.

***Everless* – Sara Holland**

YA Holland, Fiction*

In the kingdom of Sempera, time is currency. Extracted from blood, and consumed to extend one's lifespan, wealthy aristocrats tax the poor, extending their own lives. When Jules finds out her father is dying she must return to save him.

***The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler* – John Hendrix**

YA Bonhoeffer, Graphic Novels Non-Fiction*

***Gamer Army* – Trent Reedy**

+Reedy, Fiction

Rogan is an obsessed gamer, so he's thrilled to join a tech giant's virtual reality TV gaming contest but as they become more intense and dangerous, the gamers realize that something sinister is behind this particular game.

***Goldfish Vol. 1* – Nana Yaa**

+Yaa, Graphic Novels

After his artifact-finding father disappears, Morrey finds himself cursed with the ability to turn anything he touches to gold. In this exciting manga, the boy must lift the curse, save his brother, and avoid the Obtainers hunting for HIM.

***Grenade* – Alan Gratz**

+Gratz, Fiction; +Gra, CD-Audio Books*

On April 1, 1945 with the battle of Okinawa beginning, 14-year-old native Hideki is handed two grenades and told to go kill American soldiers. Small for his age, Hideki does not really want to kill anyone, he just wants to find his family.

***Harbor Me* – Jacqueline Woodson**

+Woodson, Fiction; +Woo, CD-Audio Books*

In the ARTT (A Room To Talk) a special class of 5th and 6th graders spend the last period of the day, unsupervised, where they get to talk about anything they want, sharing bits of their lives and topics that are important to them.

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***Hurricane Child* – Kheryn Callender**

Born on Water Island in the Virgin Islands during a hurricane, which is considered bad luck, twelve-year-old Caroline falls in love with another girl and together they set out in a hurricane to find Caroline's missing mother.

+Callender, Fiction*

***Illegal* – Eoin Colfer**

In this gripping graphic novel, follow a young refugee from Ghana across the Sahara and then into the Mediterranean Sea in a leaky, crowded life raft. Will he and his brother make it safely to Europe?

+Colfer, Graphic Novels*

***It Wasn't Me* – Dana Alison Levy**

When Theo's photography project is vandalized, the five students nearby all claim it was not them, so Theo's favorite teacher suggests they all spend vacation week together and get to the truth.

+Levy, Fiction*

***Itch!* – Anita Sanchez**

In this en(GROSS)ing non-fiction book, you will learn about things that make you itch and what you can do about them.

+612.79 San, Non-Fiction

***Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish* – Pablo Cartaya**

After a fight at school leaves Marcus facing suspension, his mother takes him and his younger brother, who has Down syndrome, to Puerto Rico to visit relatives they do not remember. While there, Marcus searches for his father.

+Cartaya, Fiction*

***Merci Suárez Changes Gears* – Meg Medina**

Winner of the 2019 Newbery Medal. Thoughtful, strong-willed sixth-grader Merci Suarez navigates difficult changes with friends, family, and everyone in between in a resonant new novel from Meg Medina.

+Medina, Fiction*

***The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl* – Stacy McAnulty**

A lightning strike made Lucy, twelve, a math genius but, after years of homeschooling, her grandmother enrolls her in middle school and she learns that life is more than numbers.

+McAnulty, Fiction*

***The Night Diary* – Veera Hiranandani**

Shy 12-yr-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her deceased Muslim mother in her diary.

+Hiranandani, Fiction; +Hir, CD-Audio Books*

***No Fixed Address* – Susin Nielsen-Fernlund**

Felix and his mom live in a van in a parking lot. The hardest part of being homeless for Felix are the lies he must tell. But he may have a chance to pull his mom and himself out of a hopeless situation and live with the truth.

+Nielsen-Fernlund, Fiction*

***The Parker Inheritance* – Varian Johnson**

Twelve-year-old Candice is spending the summer in South Carolina, in the old house that belonged to her deceased grandmother. When Candice finds the letter that sent her grandmother on a treasure hunt years ago, she finds herself caught up in the mystery.

+Johnson, Fiction*

***The Prince and the Dressmaker* – Jen Wang**

This fairytale-like graphic novel features a prince, a dressmaker, and a famous, stylish Parisian lady. All of them are struggling to be themselves in the face of society's expectations.

YA Wang, Graphic Novels*

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In the summer of 1988, twelve-year-old Chuck Bell is sent to stay with his grandparents, where he discovers jazz and basketball and learns more about his family's past.

YA Alexander, Fiction*

***The Serpent's Secret* – Sayantani DasGupta**

Up until her twelfth birthday, Kiranmala considered herself an ordinary sixth-grader, but then her parents disappear and a drooling rakkhosh demon shows up in her kitchen, and soon she is swept into another dimension, full of magic, winged horses, talking birds (very annoying), and cute princes--and somehow Kiranmala needs to save the world.

+DasGupta, Fiction*

***The Season of Styx Malone* – Kekla Magoon**

Styx Malone is 16. Is he a "handful of trouble" or the greatest friend Bobbie and Caleb ever met? Styx teaches them about the "Escalator Trade," but will it lead the younger boys to adventure? Or to trouble?

+Magoon, Fiction; +Mag, CD-Audio Books*

***Small Spaces* – Katherine Arden**

When Ollie reads a scary book, it has sinister consequences. She and her friends, Brian and Coco, find themselves in a spooky wood at night, with no way to get help. Something is out there with them that shouldn't be.

+Arden, Fiction; +Ard; CD-Audio Books*

***So Done* – Paula Chase**

When best friends Metai and Jamila are reunited after a summer apart, their friendship threatens to combust from the pressure of secrets, middle school, and looming auditions for a potentially life-changing talented-and-gifted program.

+Chase, Fiction*

***Spooked!* – Gail Jarrow**

Before the internet was invented, a 1939 Halloween radio broadcast caused a national panic about an invasion from Mars. The most famous radio show in history is presented in photos, news reports and interviews with the creators.

+791.44 Jar, Non-Fiction*

***Sweep* – Jonathan Auxier**

In nineteenth-century England, after her father's disappearance, Nan Sparrow, ten, works as a "climbing boy," aiding chimney sweeps, but when her most treasured possessions end up in a fireplace, she unwittingly creates a golem.

+Auxier, Fiction; +Aux, CD-Audio Books*

***Tight* – Torrey Maldonado**

After his dad is sent back to jail, 6th-grader Bryan, quiet and thoughtful, snaps and follows new friend Mike into trouble.

+Maldonado, Fiction; +Mal, CD-Audio Books

***The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle* – Leslie Connor**

As he grieves his best friend Benny's death, Mason and his friend Calvin, who are targeted by the neighborhood bullies, create an underground haven for themselves, but when Calvin goes missing Mason finds himself in trouble.

+Connor, Fiction*

***Willa of the Wood* – Robert Beatty**

In the late 1800s, a twelve-year-old nightspirit living in the Great Smoky Mountains despairs as homesteaders destroy her forest habitat, until a chance encounter with a "day-folk" man changes everything she thought she knew about her people and their greatest enemy.

+Beatty, Fiction; +Bea, CD-Audio Books*

***The Wind Called My Name* – Mary Louise Sanchez**

Margarita Engle's family moves from New Mexico to Wyoming, and even though she makes a friend, her family faces discrimination. Can she stand up for herself in her home? What will it cost her?

+Sanchez, Fiction (Plover)

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