

*Knights of the Borrowed Dark* /

Dave Rudden

**Y FICTION RUDDEN**

Denizen Hardwick is an orphan with no family, no past, and little prospects for his future. Everything changes the night he discovers he has a long-lost aunt. He's whisked away into a secret society where he soon learns that he has special powers and a connection to the Knights who fight against the shadow monsters.

*Amal Unbound* / Aisha Saeed

**J FICTION SAEED**

Life is quiet and ordinary in Amal's Pakistani village, but she had no complaints, and besides, she's busy pursuing her dream of becoming a teacher one day. Her dreams are temporarily dashed when-as the eldest daughter- she must stay home from school to care for her siblings. Then 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.



*Okay for Now* / Gary D. Schmidt

**Y FICTION SCHMIDT**

With the help of his new friend, Doug finds the strength to endure an abusive father, the suspicions of a whole town, and the return of his oldest brother, forever scarred, from Vietnam.

*Counting by 7s* / Holly Goldberg Sloan

**Y FICTION SLOAN**

Willow is a twelve-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. It's never been easy for her to connect with anyone other than her parents, but that hasn't kept her from leading a quietly happy life...until now.

*The Warden's Daughter* / Jerry Spinelli

**Y FICTION SPINELLI**

Cammie O'Reilly lives at the Hancock County Prison -- not as a prisoner, she's the warden's daughter. She spends the mornings hanging out with shoplifters and reformed arsonists in the women's exercise yard, which gives Cammie a certain cache with her friends.

*Just Like Jackie* / Lindsey Stoddard

**J FICTION STODDARD**

11-year-old Robbie wishes she could be more like her namesake, the great Jackie Robinson. She wishes she could let things roll off her shoulders, but she has a short fuse which keeps getting her in trouble at school.

*The Water Wars* / Cameron Stracher

**Y FICTION STRACHER**

Welcome to a future where water is more precious than oil or gold...hundreds of millions of people have already died, and millions more will soon fall victim to disease, hunger, and dehydration. But Kai didn't seem to care about any of this. He stood in the open road drinking water from a plastic cup. And then he was gone....vanished in the middle of the night.



*Lockwood and Co.: The Screaming Staircase* / Jonathan Stroud

**Y FICTION STROUD**

A sinister problem has occurred in London: all nature of ghosts, haunts, spirits, and specters are spreading through the city. Only young people have the psychic abilities required to see -- and eradicate -- these supernatural foes.

*Well, That Was Awkward* / Rachel Vail

**Y FICTION VAIL**

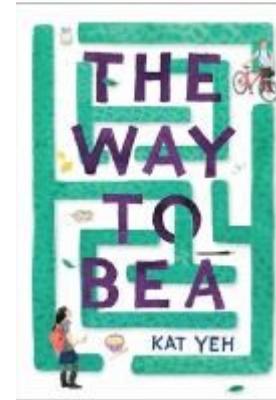
Gracie has never felt like this before. One day, she suddenly can't breathe, can't walk, can't anything-and the reason is standing there right in front of her-A.J. But it turns out A.J. likes Gracie's best friend, Sienna.

*The Way to Bea* /

Kat Yeh

**Y FICTION YEH**

Everything in Bea's world has changed. She's starting 7th grade newly friendless and facing big changes at home, where she is about to go from only child to big sister. Feeling alone and adrift, and like her words don't deserve to be seen, Bea takes solace in writing haiku in invisible ink and hiding them in a secret spot.



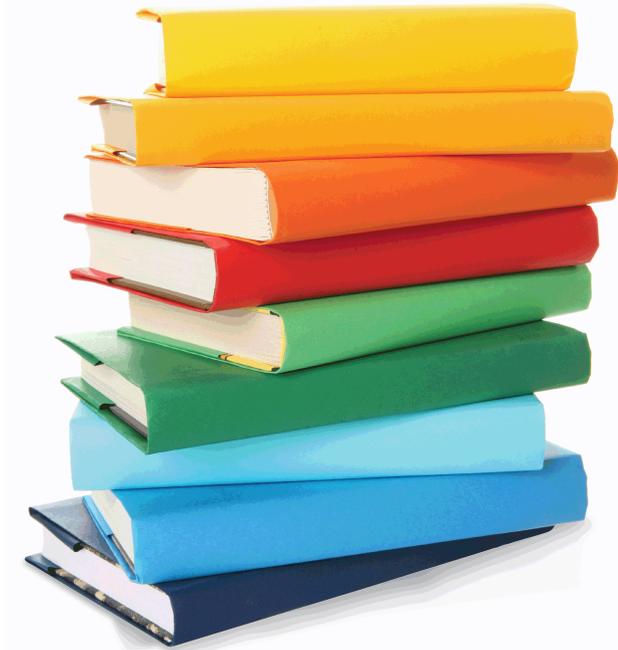
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# Books for 7th and 8th Graders



*Booked* / Kwame Alexander

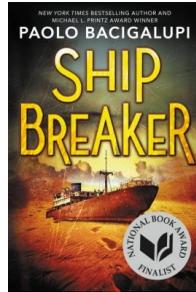
**Y FICTION ALEXANDER**

Soccer, family, love, and friendship take center stage as twelve-year-old Nick learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

*Ship Breaker* / Paolo Bacigalupi

**Y SCIFI BACIGALUPI**

Grounded oil tankers are being broken down for parts by crews of young people, including Nailer. One day, he discovers an exquisite clipper ship beached during a recent hurricane and Nailer faces the most important decision of his life: strip the ship for all it's worth or rescue its one survivor.



*The Thing About Jellyfish* / Ali Benjamin

**Y FICTION BENJAMIN**

After her best friend dies in a drowning accident, Suzy is convinced that the true cause of the tragedy must have been a rare jellyfish sting.

*Code Talker* / Joseph Bruchac

**Y FICTION BRUCHAC**

Throughout World War II, in the conflict fought against Japan, Navajo code talkers were a crucial part of the U.S. effort, sending messages back and forth in an unbreakable code that used their native language.

*The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora* /

Pablo Cartaya

**Y FICTION CARTAYA**

Save the restaurant. Save the town. Get the girl. Make Abuela proud. Can thirteen-year-old Arturo Zamora do it all or is he in for a BIG, EPIC FAIL?

*The School for Good and Evil* /

Soman Chainani

**Y FICTION CHAINANI**

This year best friends Sophie and Agatha will discover what it is to be a student at the fabled School for Good and Evil, where ordinary boys and girls are trained to be fairy-tale heroes and villains.

*Moxie and the Art of Rule Breaking* /

Erin Dionne

**J MYSTERY DIONNE**

Moxie Fleece knows the rules and follows them -- that is, until the day she opens her front door to a mysterious stranger.

*It All Comes Down to This* /

Karen English

**Y FICTION ENGLISH**

All 12-year-old Sophia wants to do is write her book, star in the community play and hang out with her friend Jennifer. But she's the new black kid in a nearly all-white neighborhood; her beloved sister is going away to college soon; and her parents' marriage is rocky. When riots erupt in nearby Watts, Sophie learns that life is even more complicated than she'd once thought.



*The Book of Storms* / Ruth Hatfield

**Y FICTION HATFIELD**

Danny has never been adventurous. But when he wakes the morning after a storm to find his house empty, his parents gone, and himself able to hear the thoughts of a dying tree, he has no choice but to set out to find answers.

*The Night Diary* / Veera Hiranandani

**Y FICTION HIRANANDANI**

It's 1947, and India, newly independent of British rule, has been separated into two countries: Pakistan and India. Half-Muslim, half-Hindu 12-year-old Nisha doesn't know where she belongs, or what her country is anymore. When Papa decides it's too dangerous to say in what is now Pakistan, Nisha and her family becomes refugees and embark first by train but later on foot to reach her new home.



*House Arrest* / K. A. Holt

**Y FICTION HOLT**

Timothy is on probation. He must check in weekly with a probation officer and a therapist, and keep a journal for an entire year. But when he must take drastic measures to help his struggling family, staying out of trouble proves more difficult than Timothy ever thought it would be.

*Midnight Without a Moon* /

Linda Williams Jackson

**Y FICTION JACKSON**

It's Mississippi in the summer of 1955, and Rose Lee Carter can't wait to move north. But for now, she's living with her sharecropper grandparents on a white man's cotton plantation. Then, one town over, Emmett Till is killed for allegedly whistling at a white woman.

*The Great Greene Heist* /

Varian Johnson

**Y FICTION JOHNSON**

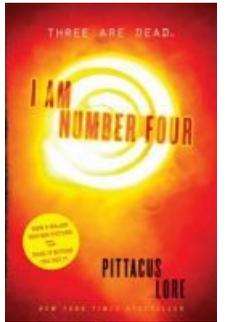
Jackson Greene is saving the school -- one con at a time.

*I am Number Four* /

Pittacus Lore

**Y SCI FI LORE**

Nine Loric children were sent to Earth to live in hiding until they grew up and developed their Legacies, powers that would help them fight back--and help them save us. Three of them are now dead. John is Number Four, and he knows he's next...



*Legend* / Marie Lu

**Y FICTION LU**

From very different worlds, June and Day have no reason to cross paths - until the day June's brother, Metias, is murdered and Day becomes the prime suspect.

*Impyrium* / Henry Neff

**Y FICTION NEFF**

One wants to protect the dynasty. The other wants to destroy it. But when Hazel and Hob form an improbable friendship, their bond may save the realm as they know it...or end it for good.

*A Night Divided* / Jennifer A. Nielsen

**Y FICTION NIELSEN**

With the rise of the Berlin Wall, 12-year-old Gerta finds her family divided overnight. One day, on her way to school, Gerta spots her father on a viewing platform then receives a mysterious drawing. Gerta concludes that her father wants Gerta to tunnel beneath the wall. Will Gerta and her family find their way to freedom?

