

Amal Unbound / Aisha Saeed
J FICTION SAEED

Twelve-year-old Amal, who lives in a small village in Pakistan, dreams of becoming a teacher despite being forced into indentured servitude after inadvertently insulting someone in the village's ruling family.



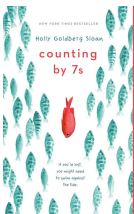
Okay for Now / Gary D. Schmidt
J FICTION SCHMIDT

Doug Swietek is a young boy who moves to a new town and struggles with a difficult home life, school, and fitting in. He finds solace and friendship at the library and discovers a talent for drawing.



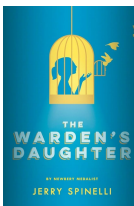
Counting by 7s / Holly Goldberg Sloan
J FICTION SLOAN

Genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.



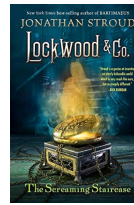
The Warden's Daughter / Jerry Spinelli
J FICTION SPINELLI

Cammie O'Reilly lives at the Hancock County Prison as the warden's daughter. She spends the mornings hanging out with shoplifters and reformed arsonists in the women's exercise yard, which gives her a certain cache with her friends.



Lockwood & Co.: The Screaming Staircase / Jonathan Stroud
**J FICTION STROUD
LOCKWOOD**

When London is overrun by malevolent spirits, a talented group of young psychic detectives compete against other ghostbusting agencies in the debut of a new series that finds three intrepid colleagues investigating one of England's most haunted houses.



The Menagerie / Tui T. Sutherland
J FICTION SUTHERLAND

When twelve-year-old Logan Wilde wakes up to discover a baby griffin hiding under his bed, he suddenly finds himself thrown into a mystery involving his classmate Zoe Kahn and a magical menagerie right in the middle of his sleepy Wyoming town.



Well, That Was Awkward / Rachel Vail
J 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.



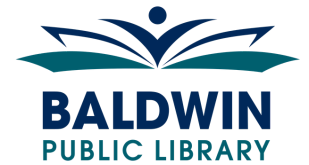
Other Words for Home / Jasmine Warga
J FICTION WARGA

Sent with her mother to the safety of a relative's home in Cincinnati when her Syrian community is overshadowed by violence, Jude worries for the beloved family members who were left behind and forges a new sense of identity shaped by friends and changing perspectives.



The Way to Bea / Kat Yeh
J 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.



Books for 7th and 8th Graders



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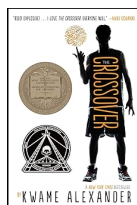
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The Crossover / Kwame Alexander

J FICTION ALEXANDER

Josh and his twin brother are awesome on the court. Josh has more than basketball in his blood. He's got mad beats that tell his family's story, in this fast and furious story of family and brotherhood.



The Thing About Jellyfish / Ali Benjamin

J 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.



The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora / Pablo Cartaya

J 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 an epic fail?



The School for Good and Evil / Soman Chainani

J FICTION CHAINANI SCHOOL

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 fairytale heroes and villains.



Artemis Fowl / Eoin Colfer

J FICTION COLFER ARTEMIS

When twelve-year old evil genius Artemis Fowl tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.



Sal & Gabi Break the Universe / Carlos Hernandez

J FICTION HERNANDEZ

In order to heal after his mother's death, Sal learned how to meditate. Turns out he can reach into time and space to retrieve things from other universes, including his mom! There's only one slight problem: this manipulation of time and space could put the entire universe at risk.



The Night Diary / Veera Hiranandani

J FICTION HIRANANDANI

Shy twelve-year-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 the pages of her diary.



Jax Freeman and the Phantom Shriek / Kwame Mbalia

J FICTION MBALIA JAX

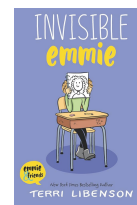
When Jax Freeman moves to Chicago, he finds himself in a world of talking glasses and clocks, magical inheritance, and daredevil train porters in a fight against a terrifying evil.



Invisible Emmie / Terri Libenson

J GRAPHIC NOVEL SERIES EMMIE

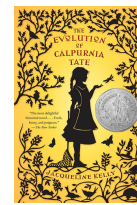
The lives of two middle school girls, one a quiet artist, the other a popular overachiever, intersect on a day shaped by a misdelivered note, crushes, humiliations, and drama.



The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate / Jacqueline Kelly

J FICTION KELLY

Eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, studies the natural world with her grandfather, and makes an important discovery.



The Explorers: The Door In the Alley / Adrienne Kress

J FICTION KRESS

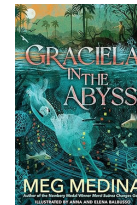
A boy's life is sent spiraling into adventure after a fateful day when he discovers a pig in a small hat and returns it home at the Explorers club.



Graciela in the Abyss / Meg Medina

J FICTION MEDINA

In the deepest recesses of the ocean, Graciela—once an ordinary girl—now makes sea glass and assists her friend, Amina, as she welcomes newly awakened sea ghosts from their sleep.



A Night Divided / Jennifer A. Nielsen

J 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. She concludes that her father wants her to tunnel beneath the wall. Will Gerta and her family find their way to freedom?



The Flame of Olympus / Kate O'Hearn

J FICTION O'HEARN PEGASUS

Thirteen-year-old Emily's life is transformed when Pegasus crashes onto the roof of her building and takes her to Olympus where she faces monsters, a corrupt governmental agency, and the quest to keep the Olympic flame burning.

