



BOOKS TOO GOOD TO MISS

Grade 6

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FICTION

Bajaj, Varsha. **THIRST**

Minni lives in Mumbai, India where water shortages are an everyday occurrence. She believes water should be for everyone, not just in the richer areas where water flows freely.

Baldwin, Cindy. **NO MATTER THE DISTANCE**

Penny, who has cystic fibrosis, has to help Rose, a sick dolphin that has appeared in the creek behind her house, back to the ocean.



Castellanos, Alexis. **ISLA TO ISLAND**

Marisol leaves her colorful home in Cuba to live in colorless Brooklyn because living in Cuba is no longer safe with the arrival of Cuban dictator Fidel Castro. GN

Cohen, Emily Bowen. **TWO TRIBES**

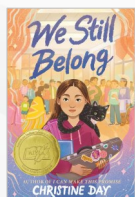
Mia, who is half Jewish and half Muscogee lives with her mom and stepfather, but feels out of place both at home and at her Jewish school. GN

Dairman, Tara. **THE GIRL FROM EARTH'S END**

Gardener Henna leaves her island home when her Papa becomes ill to find a plant known to have healing powers.

Dåsnes, Nora. **CROSS MY HEART AND NEVER LIE**

Tuva is caught between two worlds, two friends, and her first girl crush.



Day, Christine. **WE STILL BELONG**

Wesley Wilder, an unofficial member of the Upper Skagit tribe has written an impressive poem for Indigenous People's Day but she really wants to impress her classmate who she wants to ask to the school dance.

Davies, Jacqueline.

THE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF DERELICTION

Alice has moved across the street from a broken down condemned house. Before she can make repairs to the house she must unravel the mystery of why three ghosts are haunting it.



Elliott, L.M. **BEA AND THE NEW DEAL HORSE**

Bea and her sister awake in a hayloft to find that their father has abandoned them to go find work after the 1929 stock market crash took everything they had.

Fajardo, Kat. **MISS QUINCES**

Sue spends her summer vacation in Honduras with her family where they are planning a big birthday surprise for her. GN

Fipps, Lisa. **STARFISH**

Ellie has been bullied all her life about her weight, but with the help of her dad, therapist, and friends she will learn to stand up for herself.

Gratz, Alan. **TWO DEGREES**

George, Akira, and Natalie are all fighting for their lives during climate disasters in their own towns.

Keller, Tae. **JENNIFER CHAN IS NOT ALONE**

When Jennifer Chan moves in across the street and then goes missing, Mallory must try to put the clues together to find her.

O'Neill, K. **THE MOTH KEEPER**

Anya, a fox girl and Moth Keeper protects her night-village but she wonders what it would be like to step out into the light. GN



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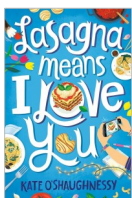
GN—Graphic Novel



Morris, Chad & Shelly Brown.

THE WILD JOURNEY OF JUNIPER BERRY

Juniper Berry has lived her entire life in the woods off grid with her family, but when her brother gets sick, she will have to face difficult challenges if she wants to get back to the woods.



O'Shaughnessy, Kate.

LASAGNA MEANS I LOVE YOU

When Mo, a foster kid, finds a handmade cookbook, she secretly hopes it will lead to a long lost relative and a family of her own.

Patterson, James & Keir Graff.

MINERVA KEEN'S DETECTIVE CLUB

Minerva starts her own detective club to find out who has been poisoning the people who live in her building.

Perkins, Mitali. **HOPE IN THE VALLEY**

Pandita spends her time in the abandoned house across the street from her home, but she soon finds out that it will be torn down to make way for affordable housing.

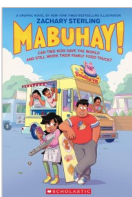
Sales, Leila. **THE MUSEUM OF LOST AND FOUND**

Vanessa stumbles upon an abandoned museum and decides to make an exhibit about her ex-friend Bailey in an attempt to understand why they are no longer friends.

Standish, Ali.

THE IMPROBABLE TALES OF BASKERVILLE HALL

Follow young Arthur Conan Doyle and his friends as they uncover mysteries and adventures at their new school Baskerville Hall.



Sterling, Zachary. **MABUHAY!**

When witches and other Filipino folklore creatures threaten their family, JJ and Althea will have to accept who they are to save the family. GN

Winans, Justine Pucella. **THE OTHERWOODS**

River, a nonbinary kid, has the ability to see the monstrous spirits from the Otherwoods and does all they can to ignore them until their best friend gets kidnapped into it.

Woodson, Jacqueline. **REMEMBER US**

Basketball is all Sage thinks about until she meets Freddy in their Bushwick neighborhood.

Wyman, Christina. **JAWBREAKER**

Max wants to win the writing competition but must appear on camera. Can she overcome her fear of being on camera with a mouth full of braces?

Yee, Lisa. **MAIZY CHEN'S LAST CHANCE**

Maizy has to spend the summer at her family's Chinese restaurant in Last Chance, Minnesota and learns how her family came to own the Golden Palace.



INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

Day, Nicholas. **THE MONA LISA VANISHES**

The famous painting has been stolen from the Louvre, find out the origin of the painting and the hunt for the stolen artwork.

Fleming, Candace.

ENIGMA GIRLS: HOW TEN TEENAGERS BROKE CIPHERS, KEPT SECRETS AND HELPED WIN WORLD WAR II

For most of their lives, this handful of teenage girls never breathed a word about their secret war experiences, until now.



Martín, Pedro. **MEXIKID**

Travel to Mexico with Pedro and his family as they bring Abuelito home. GN

Moss, Marissa. **THE WOMAN WHO SPLIT THE ATOM**

Meitner, a woman and a Jew was never recognized for her groundbreaking work.

CHALLENGING READS

Krosoczka, Jarrett J. **SUNSHINE**

Jarrett thinks back on his time as a camp counselor to critically ill children and their families. GN



Reynolds, Jason.

AIN'T BURNED ALL THE BRIGHT

A young man captures the essence of life in 2020 America.