



Books for Middle School SLC 2015

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Youth Fiction (J)

Alexander, Kwame. The Crossover.

Josh and Jordan must come to grips with growing up on and off the court to realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price, as their story's heart-stopping climax proves a game-changer for the entire family. (SLJ Grades 6-10)

Grey, C.R. Legacy of the Claw.

In a world where every person forms a bond with an animal species upon coming of age, one boy has not found his Animas, but learns of a heroic destiny. (SLJ Grades 4-6)

Harrington, Karen. Courage for Beginners.

Mysti Murphy wishes she were a character in a book. If her life were fiction, she'd know how to solve her problems at school; take care of her family when her dad has to spend time in the hospital; and deal with her family's secret. (SLJ Grades 5-8)

Lai, Thanhha. Listen, Slowly.

Mai's parents are making her spend her vacation in Vietnam so she can learn more about her roots and help her grandmother learn what really happened to her grandfather during the Vietnam War. Since Mai barely knows the language or customs, she is desperately counting down the days until she can go back home. (SLJ Grades 5-8)

Lloyd, Natalie. A Snicker of Magic.

The Pickles are new to Midnight Gulch, Tennessee, a town which legend says was once magic--but Felicity is convinced the magic is still there, and with the help of her new friend Jonah the Beetle she hopes to bring the magic back. (SLJ Grades 4-7)

Mezrich, Ben. Bringing Down the Mouse.

A mathematically gifted sixth-grader is recruited by a group of students to game the system at the biggest theme park in the world--and win the big prize. (SLJ Grades 4-8)

Scott, Lisa Ann. School of Charm.

After her beloved father's death in 1977, tomboy Chip tries to fit with her family of beauty queens, making unlikely new friends at Miss Vernie's unusual charm school in Mt. Airy, North Carolina. (SLJ Grades 4-6)

White, J. A. The Thickety: A Path Begins.

Shunned by villagers who convicted her mother of witchcraft years earlier, Kara is lured by an unusual bird into a forbidden magical forest where she discovers a strange book of unspeakable power that may have belonged to her mother. (SLJ Grades 5-8)

Young Adult Fiction (Y)

Castellucci, Cecil. Tin Star.

Beaten and left for dead, Tula Bane finds herself abandoned on a space station called Yertina Feray after traveling with the colonist group, Children of the Earth. (SLJ Grades 9-up)

Cummings, Priscilla. Red Kayak.

First hailed as a hero for his dramatic water rescue of a little boy, Brady Parks soon makes a discovery that puts him at the heart of an enormous tragedy. Alone with his dark secret, Brady is ultimately forced to choose between loyalty to his lifelong friends and doing what he knows in his heart is right. (SLJ Grades 7-Up)

Hiaasen, Carl. Skink – No Surrender.

With the help of an eccentric ex-governor, a teenaged boy searches for his missing cousin in the Florida wilds. (SLJ Grades 9-up)

Moore, Peter. V Is for Villain.

Brad Baron and his friends discover dangerous secrets about the superheroes running their society. (SLJ Grades 6-up)

Northrop, Michael. Surrounded by Sharks.

On the first day of vacation Davey Tsering wakes up early, slips out of his family's hotel room without telling anyone, and heads for the beach to swim in the warm Floridian waters--and a fateful meeting with a shark. (SLJ Grades 5-7)

Zehr, E. Paul. Project Superhero.

Keeping a diary of her class's research project on superheroes, thirteen-year-old Jessie wonders what it would take to become one herself and prove that she's more than a sidekick. (SLJ Grades 4-7)

Chapter Book Series (J)

Balliett, Blue. The Calder Game. (Chasing Vermeer #3)

When seventh-grader Calder Pillay disappears from a remote English village--along with an Alexander Calder sculpture to which he has felt strangely drawn--his friends Petra and Tommy fly from Chicago to help his father find him. (SLJ Grades 5-8)

Mack, W. C. Athlete vs. Mathlete. (Athlete vs. Mathlete #1)

Owen lights up the scoreboards. Russell, rocks the school boards. These twin brothers couldn't be more different. They've long kept the peace by going their separate ways, but all that is about to change. The new basketball coach recruits Russell for the 7th grade team and a jealous Owen has to fight to stay in the game. When someone tries to steal Russell's spot as captain of the mathlete team, will the two be able to put aside their differences in order to save his position? (SLJ Grades 5-8)

Chapter Book Series (Y)

Stewart, Trenton Lee. The Mysterious Benedict Society. (The Mysterious Benedict Society #1)

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. (SLJ Grades 5-9)

Wiles, Deborah. Revolution. (Sixties Trilogy #2)

Struggling to adapt within her newly blended family in 1964 Mississippi, young Sunny witnesses increasingly scary community agitation when activists from the North arrive in town to help register African Americans to vote. (SLJ Grades 5-8)

Graphic Novel (Y)

Pope, Paul. Battling Boy: The Rise of Aurora West.

Aurora West, daughter of Arcopolis's last great hero, seeks to uncover the mystery of her mother's death, and to find her place in a world overrun with monsters and corruption. (SLJ Grades 8-Up)

Robiko. My Little Monster.

Mizutani is a self-absorbed overachiever, concerned only with maintaining the highest grades in school. Haru is an impulsive short tempered brute. Mizutani is tasked with delivering school materials to Haru who interprets this as an act of friendship and latches on to Mizutani, much to her dismay. (Rated ages 13+)

Non-Fiction

Albee, Sarah. Why'd They Wear That? Fashion as the Mirror of History.

Learn about outrageous, politically-perilous, funky, disgusting, regrettable, and life-threatening creations people have worn throughout the course of human history, all the way up to the present day. **(391.009 Al)** (Publishers Weekly Grades 5-Up)

Kamkwamba, William. The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind. (Young Readers edition)

Presents a story of how an African teenager built a windmill from scraps to create electricity for his home and his village, improving life for himself and his neighbors. **(621.453 Ka)** (SLJ Grades 4-7)

King, Bart. The Big Book of Superheroes.

So if you're wondering if you have what it takes to be a superhero--of course you do. Just open this book! **(741.5973 Ki)** (SLJ Grades 5-up)