



Books for Middle School SLC 2016

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Youth Fiction (J)

Alexander, Kwame. Booked.

Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon 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. (SLJ Grades 6-10)

Farrey, Brian. The Secret of Dreadwillow Carse.

A princess and a peasant girl must embark on a dangerous quest to defeat a dire warning foretelling the fall of the Monarchy in this thrilling modern fairy tale. (SLJ Grades 4-6)

Graff, Lisa. Lost In the Sun.

As Trent Zimmerman struggles to move past a traumatic event that took place several months earlier, he befriends class outcast Fallon Little, who helps him understand that he can move on. (SLJ Grades 4-8)

Kelly, Erin Entrada. The Land of Forgotten Girls.

Living in poverty in Louisiana after being abandoned by her father, a young girl from the Philippines endures the cruelty of her stepmother and protects her younger sister by escaping into imaginative fantasies about their world-traveling aunt, whom she hopes will come to their rescue. (SLJ Grades 3-6)

Khan, Joshua. Shadow Magic.

Thorn, an outlaw's son, wasn't supposed to be a slave. He never should have run away from home, leaving his mother and siblings to fend for themselves. Lilith Shadow wasn't supposed to be ruler of Gehenna. But on the terrible day her father, mother, and brother were killed, young Lily became the last surviving member of House Shadow, a long line of dark sorcerers. A sudden death brings them together, inspires them to break the rules. (SLJ Grades 4-6)

Lai, Thanhha. Listen, Slowly.

Assisting her grandmother's investigation of her grandfather's fate during the Vietnam War, Mai struggles to adapt to an unfamiliar culture while redefining her sense of family. (SLJ Grades 5-8)

Magoon, Kekla. Shadows of Sherwood.

When Nott City is taken over by a harsh governor, Ignomus Crown, and her parents disappear, 12-year-old Robyn Loxley flees for her life and joins a group of children trying to take back what is rightfully theirs in this futuristic retelling of Robin Hood. (SLJ Grades 5-8)

McAllister, Cameron. The Tin Snail.

A thirteen-year-old French boy tries to save his father's job by inventing a special kind of car, but it isn't easy--especially when the Nazis are planning to steal his design. (SLJ Grades 4-7)

Pennypacker, Sara. Pax.

When his father enlists in the military and makes him return his beloved pet fox to the wild, Peter, who has been sent to live with his grandfather hundreds of miles away, embarks on a journey filled with astonishing discoveries in order to be reunited with his fox. (SLJ Grades 4-7)

Sands, Kevin. The Blackthorn Key.

In 1665 London, Christopher Rowe, apprentice to an apothecary, and his best friend, Tom, try to uncover the truth behind a mysterious cult, following a trail of puzzles, codes, pranks, and danger toward an unearthly secret with the power to tear the world apart. (SLJ Grades 4-6)

Selznick, Brian. The Marvels.

Two stories, one told in pictures tracing the experiences of a mid-18th-century shipwreck survivor, and a prose tale about a 1990s youth who investigates mysteries at a relative's London house, become connected in unexpected ways. (SLJ Grades 4-6)

Stead, Rebecca. Goodbye Stranger.

As Bridge makes her way through seventh grade on Manhattan's Upper West Side with her best friends, curvaceous Em, crusader Tab, and a curious new friend--or more than friend--Sherm, she finds the answer she has been seeking since she barely survived an accident at age eight: "What is my purpose?" (SLJ Grades 6-9)

Chapter Book Series (J)

Holyoke, Polly. The Neptune Project. (Neptune Project #1)

A group of kids who have been genetically altered to survive in the ocean must embark on a dangerous underwater journey to find refuge--and maybe even a way to save the world. (SLJ Grades 6-8)

Johnson, Varian. To Catch a Cheat. (Jackson Greene #2)

Framed for a crime they did not commit, retired con artist Jackson Green and his friends are blackmailed by anonymous adversaries who demand that they steal an upcoming exam. (SLJ Grades 5-9)

Stroud, Jonathan. The Hollow Boy. (Lockwood & Co. #3)

As a massive outbreak of supernatural Visitors baffles Scotland Yard and causes protests throughout London, Lockwood & Co. continue to demonstrate their effectiveness at exterminating spirits. (SLJ Grades 5-8)

Graphic Novel (J)

Corona, Jorge. Feathers.

Abandoned in the labyrinth of the Maze as a baby and covered with black feathers since birth, 11-year-old Poe now helps slum orphans face their tragic lives. (SLJ Grades 4-6)

McCoola, Marika. Baba Yaga's Assistant.

The fearsome witch of Russian folklore mentors a brave teen who draws on her grandmother's wisdom to pass a series of tests, outfox a territorial bear and make dinner for her child-eating host. (SLJ Grades 4-7)

Graphic Novel (Y)

Tolstikova, Dasha. A Year without Mom.

Dasha is worried about her own challenges as she negotiates family, friendships and school without her mother. Just as she begins to find her own feet, she gets word that she is to join her mother in America--a place that seems impossibly far from everything and everyone she loves. (YA graphic nonfiction 947.31086 To) (SLJ Grades 5-Up)

Non-Fiction

Carson, Mary Kay. Inside Biosphere 2: Earth Science Under Glass.

In the 1990s, scientists lived inside Biosphere 2 for two years, trying to figure out if colonizing Mars would ever be possible. Now scientists don't live there but instead conduct all sorts of studies and experiments aimed to help us better understand our environment. (j304.2 Ca) (SLJ Grades 5-8)

Hopkinson, Deborah. Courage and Defiance.

When the Nazis invaded Denmark on Tuesday, April 9, 1940, the people of this tiny country to the north of Germany awoke to a devastating surprise. The government of Denmark surrendered quietly, and the Danes were ordered to go about their daily lives as if nothing had changed. But everything had changed. (j940.53 Ho) (SLJ Grades 9-Up)

Noyes, Deborah. Ten Days a Madwoman: The Daring Life and Turbulent Times of the Original "Girl" Reporter, Nellie Bly.

A biography of Nellie Bly, the pioneering journalist whose showy but substantive stunts skyrocketed her to fame. (YA B Bly) (SLJ Grades 6-Up)