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The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian [6 books]

34812 KT

JS 230 pce 2007 Little Brown written by Sherman Alexie.

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

First Nations; Friendship—Fiction; Spokane Indian reservation; Aboriginal; Social Studies; English/Language Arts

Airborn [6 copies]

39047 KT

IJ 322 pce 2004 HarperCollins Publishers
Kenneth Oppel

Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the earth's surface.

Airships—Fiction; Fantasy fiction; Mythical animals—Fiction; Pirates—Fiction; Steampunk fiction; English/Language Arts

Amal Unbound [6 Books]

40574 KT

IJ 226 pce 2018 Puffin Books
Written by Aisha Saeed.

In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family.

Pakistan—Fiction; Family life—Pakistan—Fiction; Courage—Fiction; Social Studies; Conduct of life—Fiction; Contract labor—Fiction; English/Language Arts

American born Chinese [6 books]

36896 KT

JS 233 pce 2000 Square Fish
Gene Luen Yang

Alternates three interrelated stories about the problems of young Chinese Americans trying to participate in the popular culture. Presented in comic book format.

Chinese Americans—Graphic novels; Graphic novels; Identity (Psychology)—Graphic novels; School stories

The arrival [6 books]

37757 KT

IJS 2006 Arthur A. Levine Books/Scholastic
Shawn Tan

In this wordless graphic novel, a man leaves his homeland and sets off for a new country, where he must build a new life for himself and his family.

Graphic novels; Immigrants—Graphic novels; Immigration and emigration—Graphic novels; Social Studies; Stories without words

Becoming Muhammad Ali [6 books]

39465 KT

IJ 310 pce 2020 Little Brown and Company

James Patterson and Kwame Alexander

"Before he was a household name, Cassius Clay was a kid with struggles like any other. Kwame Alexander and James Patterson join forces to vividly depict his life up to age seventeen in both prose and verse, including his childhood friends, struggles in school, the racism he faced, and his discovery of boxing. Readers will learn about Cassius' family and neighbors in Louisville, Kentucky, and how, after a thief stole his bike, Cassius began training as an amateur boxer at age twelve. Before long, he won his first Golden Gloves bout and began his transformation into the unrivaled Muhammad Ali."—From publisher's website.

African Americans; Ali, Muhammad; Athletes; Boxers (Sports)

Between Shades of Gray [6 Books]

40576 KT

S 344 pce 2011 Philomel books
Written by Ruta Sepetys.

In 1941, Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia. There her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp. Meanwhile Lina fights for her life – vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil. This story is based on the author's family. It includes a historical note.

World War II—fiction; Social Studies; English/Language Arts; Russia—History—Fiction; Concentration camps—Fiction; Historical fiction; Siberia—History—Fiction; Young adult literature—Collections; Lithuania—History—Fiction; Survival skills—Fiction

*** Between Shades of Gray [6 Books]**

41382 KT

IJS 2021 Philomel books
Adapted by Andrew Donkin

In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil.

Based on the author's family, includes a historical note.

Social Studies; Historical graphic novels; English/Language Arts; Siberia (Russia)—History—Graphic novels; Historical fiction; Survival skills—Graphic novels; Lithuania—History—Graphic novels; Concentration camps—Graphic novels; Russia—History—1925-1953—Graphic novels

Bitter chocolate [6 books]

36418 KT

IJ 173 pce 2010 Bloomsbury
Sally Grindley

A gripping story of two boys whose lives are anything but carefree. The boys work on a cocoa plantation in West Africa, and desperately want to get back to their families. The only problem is that they're not sure where their families are, or even if they're still alive. Can they escape from the plantation and find their way home?

Child labor—Fiction; Reading; West Africa—fiction

The Boat People [6 Books]

40600 KT

JS 401 pce 2018 McClelland & Stewart

Written by Sharon Bala.

"A debut novel about a thirty-five-year-old Sri Lankan refugee who has survived the harrowing experiences of civil war, a prison camp, and a perilous ocean voyage to Canada – but his journey has only begun, as he and his young son navigate the morass of the refugee system"—Provided by publisher.

Legal stories; Refugees—Canada; Father-son relationship—Fiction; Sri Lanka—Fiction; Refugees—Fiction; Social Studies; English language arts

The book of negroes [6 books]

34850 KT

S 680 pce 2011 HarperCollins Publishers

Lawrence Hill

When Aminata Diallo sits down to pen the story of her life in London, England, at the dawn of the 19th century, she has a wealth of experience behind her. Abducted at the age of eleven from her village in West Africa and forced to walk for months to the sea. She is sent to live as a slave in South Carolina. Years later, she forges her way to freedom and registers her name in the "Book of Negroes", a historic ledger allowing 3,000 Black Loyalists passage on ships sailing from Manhattan to Nova Scotia.

English; Language arts; Revolution 1775-1783; Slavery; United States—History

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The book thief [6 books]

34813 KT

S 552 pce 2005 Alfred A Knopf Publishers

Markus Zusak

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death (the narrator in this tale) relates this story about Liesel. She's a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family, a Jewish man they are hiding, and their neighbours during the war.

Germany--History--1933-1945;
Historical fiction; Holocaust,
1939-1945--Fiction

Boys without names [6 books]

37815 KT

IJ 316 pce 2010 Balzer + Bray
Kashmira Sheth

Gopal and his family leave their rural Indian village to live with his uncle in Mumbai, but when they arrive his father goes missing and Gopal ends up locked in a sweatshop from which there is no escape.

Child labor--Fiction; India--Fiction;
Missing persons--Fiction;
Sweatshops--Fiction

The breadwinner

The breadwinner [6 books]

36333 KT

I 171 pce 2000 Greenwood Books / House of Anasi P

Deborah Ellis

Because the Taliban rulers of Kabul, Afghanistan, impose strict limitability on women's freedom and behavior. 11 year old, Parvana must disguise herself as a boy so that her family can survive after her father's arrest.

Afghanistan--fiction; Family life--
Fiction; Friendship--Fiction; Gender
role--Fiction; Reading;
Women--Employment--Fiction

The breadwinner trilogy [6 books]

37739 KT

I 438 pce 2009 Greenwood Books
Deborah Ellis

Contains three novels that look at conditions in Afghanistan under the control of the Taliban through the experiences of Parvana and Shauzia, two young girls who must disguise themselves as boys in order to be able to move about freely and help their families and the people of their country. The three novels include: The breadwinner, Parvana's journey and Mud city.

Girls--Afghanistan--Fiction;
Women--Afghanistan--Fiction

The breadwinner : a graphic novel [6 books]

37802 KT

IJ 77 pce 2017 Greenwood Books

Tanaka, Shelley

A graphic novel adaptation of Deborah Ellis' "The Breadwinner" in which to earn money so that her family can survive after her father's arrest, eleven-year-old Parvana must disguise herself as a boy because of strict limitations imposed by the Taliban rulers of Kabul, Afghanistan, on women's freedom and behavior.

Family life--Graphic novels;
Friendship--Graphic novels; Gender
role--Fiction; Gender role--Graphic
novels; Graphic novels; Social
Studies; Women--Employment--
Fiction;
Women--Employment--Graphic
novels

Brian's hunt [6 books]

31425 KT

PI 103 pce 2003 Scholastic
Gary Paulsen

Two years after having survived a plane crash into the Canadian wilderness, Brian returns to the wild to befriend a wounded dog and hunt a rogue bear.

Bears--Fiction; Fiction--Study and
teaching; Language arts; Reading;
Wilderness survival--Fiction

Bridge to Terabithia [6 copies]

26465 KT

I 128 pce 1977 Harper & Row
Katherine Paterson.

The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.

Death--Fiction; Friendship--Fiction;
Reading; School stories; Virginia--
Fiction; Diamond, Donna,--ill

Catching spring [6 books]

33811 KT

I 128 pce 2004 Orca Book
Publishers

Sylvia Olsen

In 1957, Bobby, a First Nations boy, longs to enter a fishing derby, but he has no boat, no money and he has to work on the day of the derby.

First Nations--Fiction; First Nations;
Reading

Cheyenne again [6 books]

37411 KT

PI 31 pce 1995 Clarion Books
by Eve Bunting ; illustrated by Irving
Toddy

In the late 1880's, a Cheyenne boy named Small Bull is taken to a boarding school to learn the white man's ways.

First Nations--Fiction; Historical
fiction; Residential schools; Social
Studies

Clan [6 Books]

40879 KT

IJ 249 pce 2020 Tundra Books

Written by Sigmund Brouwer.

"Part survival story, part animal-human friendship story and part redemption story, Clan follows the journey of Atlatl and the saber tooth cub he rescues from a dire wolf attack. Injured as a child, Atlatl dreams of one day earning his father's respect as a hunter. But when Atlatl brings the young saber tooth to his Clan, it leads to a devastating moment of torn loyalties between Atlatl and his father--a moment that will change their lives forever. Then an epic disaster strikes, and suddenly Atlatl has to rely on wits, ingenuity and bravery to face his biggest foe yet and try to save what remains of his Clan."-- OCLC.

Stone Age--Fiction; Father-child
relationship--Fiction; English/
Language Arts; Prehistoric
peoples--Fiction; Human-animal
relationships--Fiction; Survival
skills--Fiction; Clans--Fiction

Clara's war [6 books]

37746 KT

IJ 189 pce 2001 Second Story
Press

by Kathy Kacer

After young Clara and her family are sent by the Nazis to the Czechoslovakian ghetto of Terezin, she copes by looking forward to auditions for a children's opera, "Brundibar"--but plans change when she learns her friend Jacob is plotting an escape

Historical fiction; Holocaust, 1939-
1945--Fiction; Jewish children in the
Holocaust--Fiction; Terezin
(Czechoslovakia: Concentration
camp)--Fiction

Code talker [6 books]

37679 KT

JS 231 pce 2005 Speak
Joseph Bruchac

After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.

Cryptography--Fiction; Historical
fiction; Navajo (First Nations
people)--Fiction; Survival; World
War, 1939-1945--Fiction; Aboriginal;
English/Language Arts

*Come on in : 15 stories about immigration and finding home [6 Books]

41380 KT

IJS 300 pce 2020 Inkyard Press
edited by Adi Alsaid.

A collection of fifteen fictional stories, told by fifteen different authors, "Come On In" is a timely anthology highlighting important, contemporary, societal issues such as immigration, race, human rights, and prejudice.

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Each story offers complex conflicts and rich characterization that help bring to life narratives that communicate immigrants' authentic voices and lives, providing insight into the complexities of race, immigration, gender, familial and social expectations, and cultural identity. Suitable for a secondary-level classroom, the stories in this book can be read separately or presented all at once—each offering rich themes that can be explored with students. The stories may help broaden students' understandings, and the book's style can inspire writing opportunities with a focus on voice or perspective.

Canada—Immigration and emmigration; Short stories—Fiction; English/Language Arts

Coyote U: stories and teachings from the Secwepemc Education [6 books]

37424 KT

S 192 pce 1999 Theytus Books edited by P. J. Murphy, George P. Nicholas and Marianne Ignace Contains stories and poetry from First Nations Students attending the Secwepemc Education Institute in Kamloops, BC.

Secwepemc (First Nations people); Secwepemc (First Nations people)—Literary collections; Social Studies

Dear Canada

For descriptions see individual titles: These are my words : the residential school diary of Violet Pesheens [6 books] [37989]

Dog [5 books]

33814 KT

I 181 pce 1982 Candlewick Press Daniel Pennac

Rescued from certain death by a kindly dog at the city dump, an abandoned puppy grows up fending for himself until he finds a home with a willful little girl. Could she be the mistress of his dreams?

Animals—Fiction

*** Drawn across borders : true stories of human migration [6 Books]**

41609 KT

IJ 46 pce 2021 Candlewick Studio, an imprint of Ca written by George Butler.

"A collection of . . . stories drawn on the front lines of migration by . . . artist George Butler. For thousands of years humans have moved around the world, to seek a better life, to flee disaster or to escape war. Migration is a fact of life but it is hugely misunderstood . . . Butler introduces us to the people behind the headlines. Drawings made on front lines, in refugee camps and on the move . . . capture stories of leaving home, travelling into the unknown and trying to make a new life. These . . . portraits of migration are a timely

reminder of the humanity we all share and our universal need to seek safety and a better life"—OCLC.

Visual arts; Refugees—Pictorial works; Immigration and emigration; Social Studies; Refugees; Internal migration.—Pictorial works; English/Language Arts; Immigration and emigration—Pictorial works; Artists; Portrait painting

Eagle song [6 books]

29339 KT

I 80 pce 1997 Puffin Joseph Bruchac

After moving from a Mohawk reservation to Brooklyn, New York, fourth grader Danny Bigtree encounters stereotypes about his Native American heritage.

Bullying; First Nations—Fiction; Reading

Every day is Malala day [6 books]

36826 KT

PI 2014 Second Story Press Rosemary McCarney with Plan International

Malala Yousafzai - as of October 2014 the youngest person ever to win the Nobel Peace Prize - is an inspiration. A young girl living in Pakistan, she was shot by the Taliban simply because she wanted to go to school. Since that moment, she has captured the attention of the world with her bravery, becoming a voice for the rights of girls everywhere. In the fall of 2014 she became the youngest person ever to be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. This is a letter to Malala, illustrated with beautiful photographs from Plan International. Girls from around the world express their sympathy, sisterhood, and admiration for her. Many of them know first-hand the barriers that stand in the way of girls going to school - barriers like poverty, discrimination, and violence. In Malala these girls recognize a leader, a champion, and a friend.

Biography—Pakistan; Children's rights; Pakistan—children's literature; Women's rights

Fatty legs [6 books]

34668 KT

IJ 104 pce 2010 Firefly Christy Jordan-Fenton & Margaret Pokiak-Fenton ; artwork by Liz Amini-Holmes

Margaret traveled with her father to Aklavik. She was mesmerized by what she saw—strange dark-cloaked nuns and pale-skinned priests who had journeyed from far-off lands. Margaret knew they held the key to the greatest of the outsiders' mysteries—reading. Margaret begs her father to let her go to the outsiders' school. She soon encounters the Raven—a nun. The nun disapproves of Margaret. Margaret is the laughingstock of the

school. Now she must face her tormentors.

First Nations—Fiction; First Nations—Residential schools; Inuit—Residential schools

Five Little Indians [6 books]

40103 KT

S 293 pce 2020 Harper Perennial Michelle Good

With compassion and insight, 'Five Little Indians' chronicles the desperate quest of these residential school survivors to come to terms with their past and, ultimately, find a way forward. Michelle Good is a writer of Cree ancestry and a member of the Red Pheasant Cree Nation in SK. She lives in Kamloops, BC.

Survival; Cree (First Nations people); Canadian authors; Historical fiction; Residential schools; First Nations authors; First Nations—Residential schools—Fiction; First Nations—Fiction; First nations children—Fiction; English/Language Arts; Social Studies; Aboriginal

Free Lunch [6 Books]

40835 KT

IJ 240 pce 2021 WW Norton Written by Rex Ogle

Rex Ogle is a young boy entering middle school for the first time, and he wants to make sure this year is better than the last. In this nonfiction narrative, Rex embarks on a journey of self-discovery, presenting a realistic depiction of the struggles of those in a lower socioeconomic class and connecting to issues around depression, loneliness, and family dysfunction. Suitable for middle-school students in Grade 6-9, "Free Lunch" touches on issues relevant to adolescents today and uses humour and engaging descriptions to address themes around social issues surrounding poverty and its effect on children and their families, inviting class and group discussions on this topic. Appropriate for a literature circle or as an independent novel choice, this novel may also be useful to help analyze point of view and voice.

Child abuse—Fiction; Perseverance—Fiction; Poverty—Fiction; English/Language Arts; Ogle, Rex; Parent-child relationship; Children—Biography; Middle schools; Poor—Biography; School children—Food; Hunger—Fiction

Front desk [6 books]

39184 KT

I 286 pce 2018 Scholastic Inc. Kelly Yang

Recent immigrants from China and desperate for work and money, ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown motel in Southern California, even though the owner, Mr. Yao is a nasty skinflint who exploits them. While her mother (who was an engineer in China) does the

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cleaning, Mia works the front desk and tries to cope with demanding customers and other recent immigrants—not to mention being only one of two Chinese in her fifth grade class, the other being Mr. Yao's son, Jason.

Chinese Americans—Fiction;
Friendship—Fiction; Hotels and motels—Fiction; Immigrants—Fiction;
Self-confidence—Fiction

Gaawin gindaaswin ndaawsii = I am not a number [6 books]

39325 KT

I 2019 Second Story Press
Written by Jenny Kay Dupuis and Kathy Kacer ; illustrated by Gillian Newland ; translated by Muriel Sawyer and Geraldine McLeod

"A true and personal story of Canada's residential school past - in a dual language edition. The dual language edition in Nishnaabemwin (Ojibwe) Nbisiiing dialect and English of the... book, I Am Not a Number. When eight-year-old Irene is removed from her First Nations family to live in a residential school she is confused, frightened, and terribly homesick. She tries to remember who she is and where she came from, despite the efforts of the nuns who are in charge at the school and who tell her that she is not to use her own name but instead use the number they have assigned to her. When she goes home for summer holidays, Irene's parents decide never to send her and her brothers away again. But where will they hide? And what will happen when her parents disobey the law? Based on the life of co-author Jenny Kay Dupuis' grandmother, Gaawin Niin Ndoos-Gindaaswisii / I Am Not a Number is a ... book that brings a terrible part of Canada's history to light in a way that children can learn from and relate to." – Second Story Press website.

Bilingual books—English-Ojibwe;
Biographical fiction; Canada—History—20th century; First Nations—Biography; First Nations—Government relations; First Nations; First Nations—Residential schools

Ghost Hawk [6 books]

37686 KT

IJ 328 pce 2014 Margaret K. McDeldery
Susan Cooper

At the end of a winter-long journey into manhood, Little Hawk returns to find his village decimated by a white man's plague. Soon, despite a fresh start, Little Hawk dies violently but his spirit remains trapped, seeing how his world changes.

Bildungsromans—Fiction; First Nations—Fiction; Ghost stories; Historical fiction; Native Americans—Fiction; Survival skills—Fiction; Aboriginal; English/
Language Arts

A grain of rice [6 books]

39246 KT

IJ 167 pce 2018 Tradewind Books
Nhung N. Tran-Davies

Thirteen-year-old Yen and her family have survived a war, famine and persecution. When a powerful flood ruins their village in rural Vietnam, matters only get worse. With the help of neighbors and family, they decide to take the ultimate risk on a chance for a better life.

Immigrants—Canada; Vietnam war, 1961-1975; Vietnam-history

Hawk [6 books]

38641 KT

IJ 262 pce 2016 Dundurn
Jennifer Dance

"Hawk, a First Nations teen from northern Alberta, is a star athlete until a serious illness yanks him out of competition and into a fight for his life. Struggling to recover, he comes across a young osprey trapped in a tailings pond, helpless. Rescuing the bird gives Hawk a new purpose in life, if he can survive to see it through."—Provided by OCLC.

Alberta—Fiction; Animal rescue—Fiction; First Nations—Alberta—Fiction; Hawks—Fiction

The heaven shop [6 books]

39046 KT

I 186 pce 2004 Fitzhenry & Whiteside
Deborah Ellis

Binti and her siblings are orphaned when their father dies of AIDS. Split up and sent to relatives all over Malawi, they suffer increasing hardship until they are reunited through the influence of their formidable grandmother.

AIDS (Disease)—Fiction;
Grandmothers—Fiction;
Orphans—Fiction; Siblings—Fiction

The hideout [6 books]

26415 KT

PI 151 pce 2002 Aladdin
Paperbacks
Peg Kehret.

Jeremy Holland, on his way to live with his uncle in Chicago after the deaths of his parents, takes advantage of a train wreck to run away; but his plan to spend the summer in a deserted cabin in the woods goes awry when he embarks on a crusade to save local bears from poachers. (FIC)

Grief—Fiction; Poaching—Fiction;
Reading; Survival after airplane accidents, shipwrecks, etc.—Fiction;
Violent crimes—Fiction; Wilderness survival—Fiction

The hill [6 books]

38647 KT

JS 254 pce 2016 Pajama Press
Karen Bass

"Jared's plane has crashed in the Alberta wilderness, and Kyle is first on the scene. When Jared insists on hiking up the highest hill in search of cell phone reception, Kyle hesitates; his Cree grandmother has always forbidden him to go near it. There's no stopping Jared, though, so Kyle reluctantly follows. After a night spent on the hilltop – with no cell service – the teens discover something odd: the plane has disappeared. Nothing in the forest surrounding them seems right. In fact, things seem very wrong. And worst of all, something is hunting them."—cover.

Adventure fiction; Alberta—Fiction;
Cree (First Nations people)—Folklore; First Nations—Fiction;
Survival after airplane accidents, shipwrecks, etc.—Fiction

The hunger games [6 copies]

33691 KT

J 374 pce 2008 Scholastic

In the ruins of a place once known as North America lies the nation of Panem, a shining Capitol surrounded by twelve outlying districts. The Capitol is harsh and cruel and keeps the districts in line by forcing them all to send one boy and one girl between the ages of twelve and eighteen to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV. Sixteen year old Katniss regards it as a death sentence when she steps forward to take her sister's place in the Games. But Katniss has been close to dead before, and survival, for her, is second nature. Without really meaning to, she becomes a contender. But if she is to win, she will have to start making choices that weigh survival against humanity and life against love. [End of file]

Fantasy fiction; Language arts;
Reading; Science fiction; Survival—Fiction; Television programs

Hunger Games trilogy

Catching fire [6 books]

39038 KT

J 391 pce 2009 Scholastic Press
Suzanne Collins

Book two of the Hunger Games trilogy. By winning the annual Hunger Games, District 12 tributes Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark have secured a life of safety and plenty for themselves and their families, but because they won by defying the rules, they unwittingly become the faces of an impending rebellion.

Contests—Fiction; Insurgency—Fiction; Interpersonal relations—Fiction; Science fiction; Survival skills—Fiction; Television programs—Fiction

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I am Malala: The girl who stood up for education and was shot by the Taliban [6 books]

36823 KT

IJ 330 pce 2013 Little, Brown and Co. Books for You

Malala Yousafzai ; with Christina Lamb
When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, when she was fifteen, she almost paid the ultimate price. She was shot in the head at point-blank range while riding the bus home from school, and few expected her to survive. Instead, Malala's miraculous recovery has taken her on an extraordinary journey from a remote valley in northern Pakistan to the halls of the United Nations in New York. At sixteen, she has become a global symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize laureate. *I Am Malala* is the remarkable tale of a family uprooted by global terrorism, of the fight for girls' education, of a father who, himself a school owner, championed and encouraged his daughter to write and attend school, and of brave parents who have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons. *I Am Malala* will make you believe in the power of one person's voice to inspire change in the world.

Biography–Pakistan; Children's rights; Pakistan–children's literature; Women's rights

I am Malala: How one girl stood up for education and changed the world [Young readers edition] [6 books]

37772 KT

IJ 240 pce 2014 Little Brown Malala Yousafzai

Malala was 10 years old when the Taliban took control of her region. Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan transformed by terrorism, she was taught to stand up for what she believes. In a time when girls were forbidden from going to school, she fought for her right to be educated. On October 9, 2012, she was shot point-blank while riding the bus on her way home from school. No one expected her to survive.

Children–Biography; Children–Civil rights; Young women–Pakistan; Young women–Education

I am not a number [6 books]

37807 KT

IJ 32 pce 2016 Second Story Press
Written by Jenny Kay Dupuis and Kathy Kacer

When eight-year-old Irene is removed from her First Nations family to live in a residential school she is confused, frightened, and terribly homesick. She tries to remember who she is and where she came from despite the

efforts of the nuns to force her to do otherwise. This picture book is based on a true story about a young First Nations girl – the author's grandmother - who was sent to a Residential School. "I Am Not a Number" brings a terrible part of Canada's history to light, in a way that children can learn from and relate to. A note about the Residential School System can be found at the end of the story, along with an Afterword, by the author.

Biographical fiction; Canada–History–20th century; First Nations–Biography; First Nations–Government relations; First Nations–Residential schools–Biography; First Nations–Ethnic identity–Biography; Social Studies; Aboriginal

*** I lost my talk [6 books]**

41478 KT

PI 2019 Nimbus Publishing Limited
written by Rita Joe

One of Rita Joe's most influential poems, "I Lost My Talk" tells the revered Mi'kmaw Elder's childhood story of losing her language while a resident of the residential school in Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia. An often quoted piece in this era of truth and reconciliation, Joe's powerful words explore and celebrate the survival of Mi'kmaw culture and language despite its attempted eradication. A companion book to the simultaneously published *I'm Finding My Talk* by Rebecca Thomas, *I Lost My Talk* is a necessary reminder of a dark chapter in Canada's history, a powerful reading experience, and an effective teaching tool for young readers of all cultures and backgrounds. Includes a biography of Rita Joe and striking colour illustrations by Mi'kmaw artist Pauline Young.

Young, Pauline,–1965—illustrator; First Nations–Residential schools; First Nations–History; First Nations–Poetry; Aboriginal; Canada–Ethnic relations–History; Social Studies; English/Language Arts

In My Hands : memories of a Holocaust rescuer [6 Books]

41012 KT

S 248 pce 1999 Anchor
Written by Irene Opdyke

Recounts the experiences of the author who, as a young Polish girl, hid and saved Jews during the Holocaust.

Holocaust, 1939-1945; World War, 1939-1945–Jews–Rescue; Social Studies; English/Language Arts; Poland

Indian horse [6 books]

35517 KT

JS 216 pce 2012 Douglas and McIntyre

Richard Wagamese

Saul Indian Horse has hit bottom. His last binge almost killed him, and now he's a reluctant resident in a treatment center, surrounded by people he's sure will never understand him. But Saul wants peace, and he'll find it only through telling his story. Beginning with his childhood on the land, he embarks on a journey back through his life as a northern Ojibway, with all its joys and sorrows.

First Nations–Fiction; First Nations–Residential schools

Inside out & back again [6 books]

37758 KT

PI 262 pce 2011 Harper
Thanhha Lai

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

Alabama–History–Fiction; Immigrants–Fiction; Immigration and emigration–Fiction; Novels in verse; Social Studies; Vietnam–History–Fiction; Vietnamese Americans–Fiction

Island. Book one: Shipwreck [6 books]

26411 KT

PIJ 129 pce 2001 Scholastic
Gordon Korman.

Six children try to survive on a desert island in the Pacific Ocean after a storm destroys their boat.

Adventure fiction; Islands of the Pacific–Fiction; Reading; Shipwrecks–Fiction; Wilderness survival–Fiction

The king of jam sandwiches [6 Books]

40166 KT

PJ 312 pce 2020

Written by Eric Walters

"Thirteen-year-old Robbie never knows from one day to the next if there is going to be enough to eat or if his father will even come home"—Provided by publisher.

Mental illness–Fiction; Father-son relationship–Fiction; Poverty–Fiction; Homeless persons–Fiction

Kookum's red shoes [6 books]

37808 KT

PI 36 pce 2011 Pemmican Publications

Written by Peter Eyvindson

An elderly woman remembers her experiences as a child at a residential school. Read about how her life was changed forever – what was lost and how goodness persisted.

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First Nations—Residential schools—Fiction; First Nations elders—Fiction; First Nations—History—Fiction; First Nations children—Fiction; Historical fiction; Social Studies

The last dog on earth [6 books]

36578 KT

I 230 pce 2003 Yearling
Daniel Ehrenhaft

In this boy-and-his-dog tale with a twist, Logan Moore, 14, doesn't measure up to the expectations of his mom and stepdad, and is friendless at school. His one interest, inventing electronic gadgets, only gives vent to mischievous impulses. The teen lacks direction and self-esteem until he adopts Jack, a wild and mangy mutt. Initially, Logan is a reluctant caregiver, but real affection and trust soon blossom between the two as he proves himself to be a loving and effective trainer. The twist is provided by the emergence of a deadly and contagious disease that causes infected canines to become vicious before they die. These events are revealed through textual inserts (news reports, e-mails, etc.). A parallel story line involves a renegade scientist who may hold the key to developing a vaccine against POS, which can be developed from the blood of an immune animal. The disparate plots come together as Logan, running away with Jack from mandatory quarantine or worse, stumbles upon the scientist, who turns out to be his biological father, whom he hasn't seen in years. The dog proves to be immune and provides the life-saving solution to the scientific puzzle but sadly dies from brutal injuries inflicted by vigilantes.

Diseases—Fiction; Dogs—Fiction; Human-animal relationships—Fiction; Reading

A long walk to water [6 books]

36337 KT

I 121 pce 2010 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Linda Sue Park

When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven. Based in the life of Salva Dut, who, after emigrating to America in 1996, began a project to dig water wells in Sudan.

Blacks—Sudan—Fiction; Dut, Salva, 1974—Fiction; Reading; Refugees—Fiction; Sudan—History—Fiction; Survival skills—Fiction; Water—Fiction

Long way down : the graphic novel [6 books]

39405 KT

JS 2020 Atheneum
Jason Reynolds

As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.

Brothers—Fiction; Conduct of life—Fiction; Ghost stories; Graphic novels; Homicide—Fiction; Revenge—Fiction

Maniac Magee [6 books]

27220 KT

IJ 184 pce 1990 Little Brown
Jerry Spinelli

After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.

Death—Fiction; Orphans—Fiction; Prejudices—Fiction; Race relations—Fiction; Reading; Running—Fiction

Maus I : a survivor's tale : my father bleeds history [6 books]

37798 KT

S 159 pce 1973 Pantheon Books
Spiegelman, Art

A memoir about Vladek Spiegelman, a Jewish survivor of Hitler's Europe, and about his son, a cartoonist who tries to come to terms with his father, his story, and with history itself. Cartoon format portrays Jews as mice and Nazis as cats.

Graphic novels; Holocaust survivors—Biography—Graphic novels; Holocaust, 1939-1945—Biography; Social Studies

Middle row [6 books]

33810 KT

I 100 pce 2008 Orca Book Publishers

Sylvia Olsen

In the face of ignorance and racism, Vince and Raedawn try to find out what happened to a missing classmate.

First Nations—Fiction

Milo: sticky notes & brain freeze [6 books]

36419 KT

IJ 275 pce 2010 Aladdin Books
Alan Silverberg

In love with the girl he sneezed on the first day of school and best pals with Marshall, the "One Eyed Jack" of friends, seventh-grader Milo Cruikshank misses his mother whose death has changed everything at home.

Family—Fiction; Reading

Naomi's road [6 books]

37837 KT

I 120 pce 1986 Fitzhenry & Whiteside

Joy Kogawa

First published to critical acclaim in 1986, Naomi's Road is the story of a girl whose Japanese-Canadian family is uprooted during the Second World War. Separated from their parents, Naomi and her brother Stephen are sent to an internment camp in the interior of British Columbia. For the young girl growing up, war only means that she can no longer return to her home in Vancouver, or see her parents. Told from a child's point of view and without a trace of anger or malice, Naomi's Road has been praised as a powerful indictment of the injustice of war and the government's treatment of Japanese-Canadian citizens, both during and well after World War II.

Historical fiction; Japanese Canadians—Government policy—History—Study and teachi; Japanese Canadians—Fiction; Japanese Canadians—Evacuation and relocation, 1942-45—Fiction; Social Studies

✧ New From Here [6 Books]

41120 KT

IJ 361 pce 2022 Simon & Schuster Books for Young Re

Written by Kelly Yang.

Knox works to keep his family together as they move from Hong Kong back to northern California during the initial outbreak of the coronavirus.

COVID-19 (Disease)—Fiction; Social Studies; English/Language Arts; Money-making projects for children—Fiction; Moving—Fiction; Attention deficit disorder—Fiction; Racially mixed people—Fiction; Chinese Americans—Fiction; Family life—California—Fiction; Immigration

Night

40278 KT

S 120 pce 2006 Hill and Wang
Written by Elie Wiesel

Presents a true account of the author's experiences as a Jewish boy in a Nazi concentration camp.

World War, 1939-1945—Personal narratives; World War—1939-1945; Jews—Biography; Holocaust survivors; Holocaust survivors—Biography

No fixed address [6 books]

38770 KT

IJ 280 pce 2018 Tundra Books
Nielsen, Susan

Felix Knuttson, twelve, struggles to hide the fact that he and his mom live in a camper van while he does his best to win a trivia competition that could win him a new home.

Survival

Canada—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Homeless persons—Fiction; Mother-son relationship—Fiction; Poverty—Fiction; School stories—Fiction

❖ No vacancy [6 Books]

41311 KT

IJ 220 pce 2020 Groundwood Books / House of Anasi P

written by Tziporah Cohen.

"Buying and moving into the run-down Jewel Motor Inn in upstate New York wasn't eleven-year-old Miriam Brockman's dream, but at least it's an adventure. Miriam befriends Kate, whose grandmother owns the diner next door, and finds comfort in the company of Maria, the motel's housekeeper, and her Uncle Mordy, who comes to help out for the summer"—Publisher.

New York (State)—Fiction; Moving—Fiction; Jews—Fiction; Hotels and motels—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; English/Language Arts

One crazy summer [6 books]

37836 KT

IJ 218 pce 2010

Rita Williams-Garcia

In the summer of 1968, after traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome. They discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of their intrusion and wants them to attend the nearby summer camp run by the revolutionary Black Panthers.

African Americans—Fiction; Civil rights—Fiction; Mothers—Fiction; Poets—Fiction; Sisters—Fiction

The princess and the sea-bear : and other Tsimshian stories

20697 KT

I 46 pce 1995 Polestar

Joan Skogan ; illustrated by Claudia Stewart.

Centred around the village of Metlakatla near Prince Rupert harbour, these timeless stories depict the wholeness and the spiritual connection with nature of the traditional Tsimshian way of life.

First Nations; Tsimshian (First Nations people)—Legends; Stewart, Claudia

Raiders of the seas [6 books]

33173 KT

IJ 6 pce 2007 Scholastic

Written by Jack Booth, illustrated by Mike Rooth

Timeline Series - Nicholas Bloom is a young pirate who leads a swashbuckling life by the side of his captain - the infamous Blackbeard! As their stash of treasure grows, however, young Nick must decide if he should trust Blackbeard or betray him.

Adventure fiction; Graphic novels; Language arts; Pirates; Reading

Red Wolf [6 books]

39712 KT

I 251 pce 2014 Dundurn

Jennifer Dance

In the late 1800s, both Native people and wolves are being forced from the land. Starving and lonely, an orphaned timber wolf is befriended by a boy named Red Wolf. But under the Indian Act, Red Wolf is forced to attend a residential school far from the life he knows, and the wolf is alone once more. Courage, love, and fate reunite the pair, and they embark on a perilous journey home. But with winter closing in, will Red Wolf and Crooked Ear survive? And if they do, what will they find?

Canada—History—1867-1914—Fiction; First Nations—Residential schools—Fiction; Ojibwa (First Nations people)—Fiction; Wolves—Fiction

Refugee [6 books]

37717 KT

IJ 338 pce 2017 Scholastic Press

Alan Gratz

"Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together"—Provided by publisher.

Adventure fiction; Cuba—Fiction; Historical fiction; Immigration and emigration—Fiction; Jewish refugees—Fiction; Refugees—Fiction; Social Studies; Survival skills—Fiction; Syria—Fiction

Sadako and the thousand paper cranes [6 books]

37753 KT

PI 79 pce 1977 Puffin Books

by Eleanor Coerr

Hospitalized with the dreaded atom bomb disease, leukemia, a child in Hiroshima races against time to fold one thousand paper cranes to verify the legend that by doing so a sick person will become healthy.

Atomic bomb—Physiological effect; Biographical fiction; Death; Hiroshima-shi (Japan)—History; Historical fiction; Leukemia

Sara and the Search for Normal [6 Books]

40165 KT

IJ 265 pce 2020

Written by Wesley King

Seventh-grader Sara wants to be normal but her panic attacks and other episodes cause her to isolate herself until, in group therapy, she meets talkative and outgoing Erin, her first friend.

Mental illness—Fiction; Panic Disorders; Family life—Fiction; Human behaviour—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction

Shi-shi-etko [6 books]

36744 KT

PI 2005 Groundwood Books

Nicola I. Campbell ; pictures by Kim LaFave

Shi-shi-etko just has four days until she will have to leave her family and everything she knows to attend residential school. She spends her last precious days at home treasuring and appreciating the beauty of her world - the dancing sunlight, the tall grass, each shiny rock, the tadpoles in the creek, her grandfather's paddle song. Her mother, father, and grandmother, each in turn, share valuable teachings that they want her to remember. Shi-shi-etko carefully gathers her memories for safekeeping.

First Nations; First Nations—Residential schools; First Nations children; Reading

Shin-chi's canoe [6 books]

36743 KT

PI 2008 Groundwood Books

Nicola I. Campbell ; pictures by Kim LaFave

This moving sequel to the award-winning Shi-shi-etko tells the story of two children's experience at residential school. Shi-shi-etko is about to return for her second year, but this time her six-year-old brother, Shin-chi, is going, too. As they begin their journey in the back of a cattle truck, Shi-shi-etko tells her brother all the things he must remember: the trees, the mountains, the rivers and the salmon. Shin-chi knows he won't see his family again until the sockeye salmon return in the summertime. When they arrive at school, Shi-shi-etko gives him a tiny cedar canoe, a gift from their father. The children's time is filled with going to mass, school for half the day, and work the other half. The girls cook, clean and sew, while the boys work in the fields, in the woodshop and at the forge. Shin-chi is forever hungry and lonely, but, finally, the salmon swim up the river and the children return home for a joyful family reunion.

Critical thinking; First Nations; First Nations—Residential schools; First Nations children; Reading

The sign of the beaver [6 copies]

26467 KT

IJ 135 pce 1983 Houghton Mifflin

Elizabeth George Speare.

Left alone to guard the family's wilderness home in eighteenth-century Maine, a boy is hard-pressed to survive until local Indians teach him their skills.

Survival

First Nations–Fiction; Friendship–Fiction; Frontier and pioneer life–Fiction; Native Americans–Fiction; Reading; Survival skills–Fiction

*-Stealing home [6 Books]

41264 KT
IJ 111 pce 2021 Kids Can Press
written by J. Torres
"Sandy Saito looks back to his childhood in 1940s Vancouver, when he was eight years old. He's a happy kid: he goes to school, reads comic books and is obsessed with baseball—especially the Asahi baseball team, the pride of the Japanese-Canadian community. Then the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor—and everything changes. The kids Sandy used to play with every day now call him names and chase him from the playground. He and his family are no longer permitted to go outside at night or visit certain areas of the city. Japanese-Canadians are stripped of their rights, their jobs and their homes, and soon the government begins to round up Japanese families, sending them to internment camps. It isn't long before Sandy's family is among them"—

Racism–Graphic novels; Social Studies; Historical graphic novels; Japanese Canadians–Evacuation and Relocation, 1942-1945–Graphic Nove; Forced migration–Graphic novels; English/Language Arts; Canada–History–Graphic novels; Vancouver Asahi (Baseball team)–Graphic novels; Japanese Canadians–Social conditions–Graphic novels; World War, 1939-1945–Graphic novels

A stranger at home [6 books]

36745 KT
PI 2011 Annick Press
Christy Jordan-Fenton ; Margaret Pokiak-Fenton ; Artwork by Liz Amini-Holmes
Traveling to be reunited with her family in the Arctic, 10-year-old Margaret Pokiak can hardly contain her excitement. It's been two years since her parents delivered her to the school run by the dark-cloaked nuns and brothers. Coming ashore, Margaret spots her family, but her mother barely recognizes her, screaming, "Not my girl." Margaret realizes she is now marked as an outsider. And Margaret is an outsider: she has forgotten the language and stories of her people, and she can't even stomach the food her mother prepares. However, Margaret gradually relearns her language and her family's way of living. Along the way, she discovers how important it is to remain true to the ways of her people – and to herself. Highlighted by archival photos and striking artwork, this first-person account of a young girl's struggle to find her place will inspire young readers to ask what it means to belong.

First Nations; Inuit–Biography; Inuit–Canada–Residential schools; Reading; Women–Biography

These are my words : the residential school diary of Violet Pesheens [6 books]

37989 KT
IJ 186 pce 2016 Scholastic Canada
Ruby Slipperjack
Dear Canada Series - Twelve-year-old Violet Pesheens is taken away to Residential School in 1966. The diary recounts her experiences of travelling there, the first day, and first months, focusing on the everyday life she experiences – the school routine, battles with Cree girls, being quarantined over Christmas, getting home at Easter, and reuniting with her family. When the time comes to gather at the train station for the trip back to the residential school, her mother looks her in the eye and asks, "Do you want to go back, or come with us to the trapline?" Violet knows the choice she must make.

Bildungsromans–Fiction; Canada–Fiction; Diaries–Fiction; First Nations–Education–Fiction; First Nations–Residential schools–Fiction; First nations children–Fiction; Historical fiction

They called me number one : secrets and survival at an Indian residential school [6 books]

37429 KT
IJS 227 pce 2013 Talonbooks
Bev Sellars.
Like Native children forced by law to attend schools across Canada and the United States, Sellars and other students of St. Joseph's Mission were allowed home only for two months in the summer and for two weeks at Christmas. The rest of the year they lived, worked, and studied at the school. St. Joseph's mission is the site of the controversial and well-publicized sex-related offenses of Bishop Hubert O'Connor, which took place during Sellars's student days, between 1962 and 1967, when O'Connor was the school principal. In this frank and poignant memoir, Sellars breaks her silence about the institution's lasting effects, and eloquently articulates her own path to healing.

First Nations–History; First Nations–Residential schools; Secwepemc (First Nations people)–History; Secwepemc (First Nations people)–Biography; Social Studies; Williams Lake (B.C.)

They called us enemy [6 books]

39858 KT
IJS 204 pce 2019 Top Shelf
Productions
Written by : George Takei, Justin Eisinger, Steven Scott
Actor, author, and activist George Takei recounts his childhood imprisoned within American concentration camps for Japanese Americans during World War II and the impact the experience had on his later life.

Actors–United States–Biography–Graphic novels; Autobiographical graphic novels; Graphic novels; Japanese Americans–Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945–Graphic nove; Japanese Americans–Graphic novels; World War, 1939-1945–United States–Graphic novels

Three cups of tea [6 books]

31997 KT
IJ 209 pce 2009 Puffin Books
Greg Mortenson David Oliver Relin Sarah Thomson
This is an adaptation for young readers of Greg Mortenson's novel, in which he recounts his experiences trying to help impoverished villages in the Karakoram Himalaya (Pakistan) build schools for their children. Note: This is a true story written by the author.

Afghanistan; Foreign aid; Girls–Education; Mortenson, Greg; Pakistan; Reading; Schools–Afghanistan; Schools–Pakistan; Relin, David Oliver; Thomson, Sarah L

Tilly : a story of hope and resilience [6 Books]

40601 KT
S 207 pce 2013 Sono Nis Press
Written by Monique Gray Smith.
Tilly has always known she's part Lakota on her dad's side. She's grown up with the traditional teachings of her grandma, relishing the life lessons of her beloved mentor. But it isn't until an angry man shouts something on the street that Tilly realizes her mom is Aboriginal, too – a Cree woman taken from her own parents as a baby. Tilly feels her mother's pain deeply. She's always had trouble fitting in at school, and when her grandma dies unexpectedly, her anchor is gone. Then Abby, a grade seven classmate, invites her home for lunch and offers her "something special" to drink. Nothing has prepared Tilly for the tingling in her legs, the buzz in her head, and the awesome feeling that she can do anything. From then on, partying seems to offer an escape from her insecurities. But after one dangerously drunken evening, Tilly knows she has to change. Summoning her courage, she begins the long journey to finding pride in herself and her heritage. Just when she needs it most, a mysterious stranger offers some wise counsel:

Survival

"Never question who you are or who your people are. It's in your eyes. I know it's in your heart."

Historical fiction; Teenage girls–Fiction; Biographical fiction; Aboriginal; Self-realization–Fiction; First Nations–Residential schools–Fiction; Teenagers–Alcohol use–Fiction; Social Studies; English language arts

Timeline

For descriptions see individual titles:
Raiders of the seas [6 books]
[33173]

Torn apart: the internment diary of Mary Kobayashi [6 books]

37834 KT
IJ 209 pce 2012 Scholastic Canada
Susan Aihoshi
When the bomb drops on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, everything changes for Mary, who had a happy life with her family in Vancouver. A war of suspicion and prejudice is suddenly waged against Japanese Canadians and they are stripped of their rights, their jobs and their homes. Mary and her sisters are sent to an internment camp, and she fears she may never see her parents again. [Dear Canada website]

British Columbia–History–Fiction; Historical fiction; Japanese Canadians–Evacuation and relocation, 1942-45–Fiction; Japanese Canadians–History–Fiction; Social Studies; World War, 1939-1945–British Columbia–Fiction

✦ Torpedoed : the true story of the World War II sinking of "The Children's Ship" [6 Books]

41374 KT
IJS 292 pce 2019 Henry Holt & Company
written by Deborah Heiligman.
"A true account of the attack and sinking of the passenger ship SS 'City of Benares,' which was evacuating children from England during WWII"—Provided by publisher.

World War, 1939-1945–Personal narratives; Social Studies; World War, 1939-1945–Evacuation of civilians–Great Britain; Shipwrecks; English/Language Arts; World War, 1939-1945–Naval operations; World War, 1939-1945–Children

Underground to Canada [6 books]

37818 KT
IJ 172 pce 1977 Penguin Canada
Barbara Smucker
Taken from her mother by a ruthless slave trader, all Juilly has left is the dream of freedom. Every day that she spends huddled in the trader's cart traveling south, or working on the brutal new plantation, she thinks about the land where it is possible to be free, a land she and her friend Liza

may reach some day. So when workers from the "underground railway" offer to help the two girls, they are ready. But the slave catchers and their dogs will soon be after them.

African Americans–Fiction; Fugitive slaves–Fiction; Historical fiction; Slavery–United States–Fiction; Underground railroad–Fiction

Waiting for the magic [6 books]

36324 KT
I 143 pce 2011 Atheneum Books for Young Readers
Patricia MacLachlan
When Papa goes away for a little while, his family tries to cope with the separation by adopting four dogs and a cat.

Cats–Fiction; Dogs–Fiction; Family life–Fiction; Human-animal relationships–Fiction; Loss (Psychology)–Fiction; Reading; Bates, Amy June,–ill

Wake up missing [6 books]

36223 KT
J 2013 Bloomsbury
Kate Messner

Meet Quentin, a middle school football star from Chicago... Sarah, an Upstate New York girls' hockey team stand-out... Ben, a horse lover from the Pacific Northwest... And Cat, an artistic bird watcher from California. The four have nothing in common except for the head injuries that land them in an elite brain-science center in the Florida Everglades. It's known as the best in the world, but as days pass, the kids begin to suspect that they are subjects in an experiment that goes far beyond treating concussions....and threatens their very identities. They'll have to overcome their injuries - and their differences - to escape, or risk losing themselves forever.

Friendship; Mystery; Science fiction; Survival

Walking home [6 books]

37830 KT
IJ 290 pce 2014 Doubleday Canada
Eric Walters
Thirteen-year-old Muchoki and his younger sister, Jata, can hardly believe what has become of their lives. Only weeks ago, they lived in a bustling Kenyan village, going to school, playing soccer with friends, and helping at their parents' store. But sudden political violence has killed their father and destroyed their home. Now, Muchoki, Jata, and their ailing mother live in a tent in an overcrowded refugee camp. By day, they try to fend off hunger and boredom. By night, their fears about the future are harder to keep at bay. And then the unthinkable happens: their mother dies and they are left orphaned. Driven by a desperate optimism, Muchoki and Jata set off on what seems like an impossible quest: to walk over a hundred miles across

Kenya in search of their last remaining family.

Kenya–Fiction; Mothers–Death–Fiction; Refugees–Kenya–Fiction; Siblings–Fiction

We are Displaced : my journey and stories from refugee girls around the world [6 Books]

41010 KT
JS 214 pce 2019 Little Brown and Company
Written by Malala Yousafzai
Malala Yousafzai not only explores her own story of adjusting to a new life while longing for home, but she also shares the personal stories of some of the incredible girls she has met on her various journeys – girls who have lost their community, relatives, and often the only world they've ever known . . ."
."–Jacket flap.

Women–Biography; Immigration and emigration; Social Studies; Refugees; English/Language Arts; Refugees–Biography; Yousafzai, Malala,–1997-; Forced migration

✦ We are wolves [6 Books]

41457 KT
IJ 294 pce 2022 Atheneum Books for Young Readers
written by Katrina Nannestad
When the Russian Army marches into East Prussia at the end of World War II, the Wolf family flees, but Liesl, Otto, and their baby sister Mia are separated from their mother and they are forced to do dangerous things in order to survive.

Heiduczek, Martina,–illustrator; Social Studies; Missing children–Fiction; World War, 1939-1945–Fiction; World War, 1939-1945–Children–Fiction; Historical fiction; Prussia, East (Poland and Russia)–Fiction; Siblings–Fiction; Survival skills–Fiction; Refugees–Fiction; Lithuania–Fiction

When I was eight [6 books]

36742 KT
I 2013 Annick Press
Christy Jordan-Fenton ; Margaret Pokiak-Fenton ; Art by Gabrielle Grimard
Olemaun is eight and knows a lot of things. But she does not know how to read. Ignoring her father's warnings, she travels far from her Arctic home to the outsiders' school to learn. The nuns at the school call her Margaret. They cut off her long hair and force her to do menial chores, but she remains undaunted. Her tenacity draws the attention of a black-cloaked nun who tries to break her spirit at every turn. But the young girl is more determined than ever to learn how to read. Based on the true story of Margaret Pokiak-Fenton, and complemented by stunning illustrations, When I Was Eight makes the bestselling Fatty Legs accessible to younger readers. Now they, too,

Survival

can meet this remarkable girl who reminds us what power we hold when we can read.

First Nations; Inuit—Residential schools; Inuit—Canada; Inuit women—Biography; Reading

When stars are scattered [6 books]

39239 KT

IJS 256 pce 2020 Dial Books for Young Readers

Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

"Omar and his younger brother Hassan live in a refugee camp, and when an opportunity for Omar to get an education comes along, he must decide between going to school every day or caring for his nonverbal brother in this intimate and touching portrayal of family and daily life in a refugee camp"—Provided by publisher.

Biographical graphic novels; Brothers—Graphic novels; Refugees—Graphic novels; Survival skills—Graphic novels; Mohamed, Omar—(Social worker),—author

White bird : a wonder story [6 books]

39255 KT

220 pce 2019 Alfred A. Knopf

Written and illustrated by R. J. Palacio

"Tells the story of Julian's grandma's childhood as she, a Jewish girl, was hidden by a family in a Nazi-occupied French village during World War II and how the boy she once shunned became her savior and best friend"—OCLC.

France—History—1940-1945; German occupation—Fiction; Grandmothers—Graphic novels; Graphic novels; Jews—Graphic novels; Survival skills—Graphic novels; Social Studies; English/Language Arts

The wild robot [6 books]

38298 KT

PI 277 pce 2016 Little Brown and Company

words and pictures by Peter Brown

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there. Her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.

Adventure fiction; Animals—Fiction; Friendship—Fiction; Islands—Fiction; Robots—Fiction; Science fiction; Survival skills—Fiction

The wild robot escapes [6 books]

38294 KT

PI 279 pce 2018 Little Brown and Company

words and pictures by Peter Brown

After being captured by the Recos and returned to civilization for reprogramming, Roz is sent to Hilltop Farm where she befriends her owner's family and animals, but pines for her son, Brightbill.

Adventure fiction; Domestic animals—Fiction; Farm life—Fiction; Robots—Fiction; Science fiction

You may already be a winner [6 books]

37911 KT

IJ 347 pce 2017 Puffin Books
Ann Dee Ellis

Twelve-year-old Olivia endeavors to care for her younger sister, possibly make a new friend in the quirky and secretive Bart, and keep hope alive for her, her family, and her community of idiosyncratic neighbors at Sunny Pines Trailer park.

Parent-child relationship—Fiction; Sisters—Fiction