

NONFICTION

Alexander, Kwame
The Undefeated

This award-winning poem is a love letter to black life in the United States. It highlights the unspeakable trauma of slavery, the faith and fire of the civil rights movement, and the grit, passion, and perseverance of some of the world's greatest heroes.

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell
Terrible Typhoid Mary: A True Story of the Deadliest Cook in America.

Known as a carrier of the deadly typhoid fever, Mary Mallon was also a victim of civil rights violations and overly harsh treatment. Her nuanced biography reveals the true complexity of her infamous case

Dutcher, Jim & Jamie
Running with the Wolves: Our Story of Life with the Sawtooth Pack

Discover the wonder of wolves from Emmy-award winning filmmakers Jim and Jamie Dutcher as they tell their story of the six years they watched, learned about, and lived with the Sawtooth wolf pack.

Heiligman, Deborah
Torpedoed: The True Story of the World War II Sinking of "The Children's Ship"

This is a true account of the attack and sinking of the passenger ship SS City of Benares, which was evacuating children from England during WWII.

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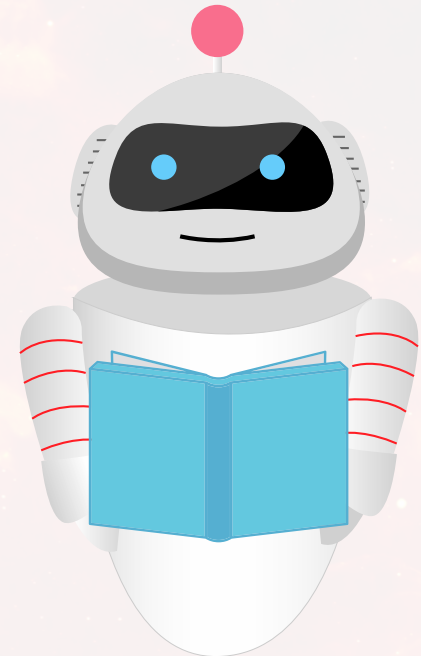
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BOOKS TO TRY

Barnhill, Kelly

The Girl Who Drank the Moon

An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a Swamp Monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker

The War That Saved My Life

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother. Winner of the Newbery Honor Award.

Brown, Peter.

The Wild Robot

Robot Roz wakes up to find herself alone on a remote island.

Cowell, Cressida

The Wizards of Once (series)

Young wizard prince Xar, who has no magic, and warrior princess Wish, an outcast, team up on an adventure that brings them to witches long believed to be extinct.

Ferruolo, Jeanna

Ruby in the Sky

Twelve-year-old Ruby Moon Hayes does not want her new classmates to ask about her father. She does not want them to know her mother has been arrested. And she definitely does not want to make any friends. But keeping to herself isn't easy when Ahmad Saleem, a Syrian refugee, decides he's her new best friend. She may realize there is more to her new friends' stories than everyone knows.

Hilton, Marilyn

Full Cicada Moon.

Mimi Oliver, a half Japanese, half African American girl learns about fitting in and standing up for what's right in this free verse novel.

Parsons,

How High the Moon

Eleven-year-old Ella seeks information about her father while enjoying a visit with her mother, a jazz singer, in Boston in 1944, then returns to the harsh realities of segregated, small-town South Carolina.

Sachar, Louis

Fuzzy Mud

Taking a shortcut through the off-limits woods to avoid a bully, Tamaya and Marshall encounter fuzzy-looking mud that unleashes a medical and environmental disaster.

Sumner, Jamie

Roll With It

Twelve-year-old Ellie, who has cerebral palsy, finds her life transformed when she moves with her mother to small-town Oklahoma to help care for her grandfather, who has Alzheimer's Disease.

Warga, Jasmine

Other Words for Home

Jude never thought she'd be leaving her beloved older brother and father behind, all the way across the ocean in Syria. But when things in her hometown start becoming volatile, Jude and her mother are sent to live in Cincinnati with relatives..

Watson, Renee

Some Places More Than Others

Amara visits her father's family in Harlem for her twelfth birthday, hoping to better understand her family and herself, but New York City is not what she expected.

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Bell, Cece

El Deafo

An autobiography about growing up deaf in a hearing world and the superpowers it takes to fit in.

Craft, Jerry

New Kid

*Newbery Medal winning book

Instead of sending seventh grade Jordan to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighborhood friends and staying true to himself?

Pearson, Luke

Hilda and the Stone Forest

Hilda may be grounded, but that won't stop her from heading off on another daring adventure! But everything is thrown off course when her mother catches her and is dragged along for the ride.

Vernon, Ursula

Hamster Princess: Harriet the Invincible.

In a spunky graphic novel retelling of Sleeping Beauty, Harriet, a hamster princess, embarks on many wild adventures until the curse on her backfires and she needs to save her parents.