# 8th Grade Book Recommendations for Newton Middle School - October 2021



# Hani and Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating

by Adiba Jaigirdar
Hani and Ishu have never been
friends, just two girls sometimes
lumped together by their classmates
who assume that because they're
both Bangladeshi, they must have a
connection. But when Hani's friends

question her bisexuality, she finds herself inventing a fake girlfriend, and Ishu's name is the one she blurts out.



## **Small Favors**

by Erin A. Craig

When strange events plague the town of Amity Falls, Ellerie must race against time to save everyone she loves from creatures who offer to fulfill the residents' deepest desires for just a small favor.



# I Killed Zoe Spanos

by Kit Frick

Hoping for a new start when she accepts a summer nanny job in the Hamptons, Anna is drawn into the disappearance case of a local teen who she eerily resembles while a local podcaster searches for answers, in a tale of suspense

inspired by Daphne du Maurier's Rebecca.



# The Left-Handed Booksellers of London

by Garth Nix

Searching for the father she has never met in an alternate-world 1983 London, Susan is drawn into an extended family of magical, lefthanded, fighting booksellers who police intruders from the mythical

Old World of England.



# **Forest of Souls**

by Lori M. Lee

When Sirscha Ashwyn restores her best friend Saengo to life, Sirscha is drawn into the domain of the Spider King and events surrounding the Dead Wood.



# The Loop

by Ben Oliver

Luka Kane has spent 736 days wrongfully imprisoned inside the Loop awaiting his execution. But things are starting to change. Whispers of war are circulating. Strange things are happening to the prisoners. And the warden delivers a

message: Luka, you have to get out...



## Walls

by Laura Elliott

In the days before the treacherous overnight raising of the Berlin Wall, teenaged cousins Drew, an American army brat in West Berlin, and Matthias, a young communist in East Berlin, become wary friends on opposite sides of the Cold War.

Interspersed throughout the story are captioned photographs from the era.



#### You Were Never Here

by Kathleen Peacock Cat sets out to discover what happened to her childhood friend when she discovers that he's been missing for months.



#### **All These Monsters**

by Amy Tintera

Joining an international monsterfighting squad to escape an abusive home, 17-year-old Clara exhaustively trains in battle skills before discovering that the monsters may not be the biggest evil in the world.



#### Fire with Fire

by Destiny Soria

Raised to kill dragons along with her sister, Dani Rivera unexpectedly forges a rare and magical bond with one who makes her question everything she thought she knew about dragons, which pits her against her sister.

