

The One Thing You'd Save

by Linda Sue Park

JF Park

If your house was on fire, what one thing would you save? Explore different answers to this provocative question in linked poems that capture the diverse voices of a middle school class.



Cece Rios and the Desert of Souls

by Kaela Rivera

JF Rivera

Privately questioning her remote community's superstitions about dangerous, powerful spirits in their Devil's Alley home, Cecelia Rios experiments with the forbidden art of brujería to rescue her sister.



Root Magic

by Eden Royce

JF Royce

In 1963 South Carolina, 11-year-old twins, Jez and Jay Turner begin lessons in rootwork, and their uncle's training offers them healing, protection, and a connection to their heritage even as they face threats from their community.



Healer of the Water Monster

by Brian Young Call Number

JF Young
Nathan spends the summer at his
grandmother's reservation home.
His visit is shaped by his uncle's
addictions and an encounter with a
sacred being from the Navajo
Creation Story.



Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids

by Cynthia Leitich Smith
JSC Ancestor
A volume of interconnected stories
and poems set at the Native
American Dance for Mother Earth
Powwow celebration in Michigan.

Juvenile Nonfiction



The Sea-Ringed World: Sacred Stories of the Americas

by María García Esperón J398.208 Gar A collection of stories from nations and cultures across our two continents, the Sea-Ringed World, as the Aztecs called it.



While I Was Away

by Waka T Brown

J Biography Brown
When 12-year-old Waka's parents
suspect she cannot understand the
basic Japanese they speak to her,
they make a drastic decision to send
her to Tokyo to live for several
months with her grandmother.



Runaway: The Daring Escape of Ona Judge

by Ray Anthony Shepard
J Biography Judge
A portrait of former slave, Ona Judge
describes her haunting, complicated
relationship with the family of
President George Washington and
her courageous adolescent decision
regarding self-emancipation.

Children

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Juvenile Fiction



A Place to Hang the Moon

by Kate Albus

JF Albus

In World War II England, orphaned siblings William, Edmund, and Anna are evacuated from London to live in the countryside, where they bounce from home to home in search of someone willing to adopt them permanently.



Amari and the Night Brothers

by B.B. Alston

JF Alston

Thirteen-year-old Amari, a poor Black girl from the projects, gets an invitation from her missing brother to join the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs.



The In-Between

by Rebecca K.S. Ansari

JF Ansari

A dark, twisty adventure about the forgotten among us, and what it means to be seen.



Boy, Everywhere

by A. M. Dassu JF Dassu

Sami loves his life in Damascus, Syria, but when war breaks out his parents decide they must flee their home for the safety of the UK.

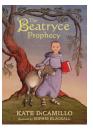


The Sea in Winter

by Christine Day

JF Day

After an injury sidelines her dreams of becoming a ballet star, Maisie is not excited for her blended family's midwinter road trip along the coast near the Makah community where her mother grew up.



The Beatryce Prophecy

by Kate DiCamillo

JF DiCamillo Beatryce, the key to a prophecy, ventures into a dark wood in search of the castle of the one who wants her dead, knowing that if she loses her way, those who love her will never stop searching for her.



Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna

by Alda P. Dobbs

JF Dobbs

After her mother dies and her father is dragged away by soldiers in 1931 during the Mexican Revolution, 12-year-old Petra Luna will do anything to keep her family safe and lead them to a better life across the US border.



How to Find What You're **Not Looking For**

by Veera Hiranandani

JF Hiranandani Middle schooler Ariel Goldberg must find her own voice and define her own beliefs after her big sister elopes with a young man from India following the Supreme Court decision that strikes down laws banning interracial marriage.



Temple Alley Summer

by Sachiko Kashiwaba

JF Kashiwaba

Kazu sees a strange figure in a white kimono sneak out of his house—was he dreaming? Did he see a ghost? The next day at school, the very same person is sitting in his class—and all his friends are convinced that the ghost-girl Akari has been their friend for years.



Red, White, and Whole

by Rajani LaRocca

JF LaRocca

Feeling disconnected from her heritage as the only Indian American student in her community, young Reha commits herself to a future different from her dreams when her mother becomes dangerously ill.



Too Bright to See

by Kyle Lukoff

JF Lukoff

In the summer before middle school, 11-year-old Bug must contend with best friend Moira suddenly caring about clothes, makeup, boys, a ghost haunting, and the truth about Bug's gender identity.



Ten Thousand Tries

by Amy Makechnie JF Makechnie With his home life spiraling out of control, 12-year-old Golden Maroni pushes himself to become the captain of his soccer team and master of his eighth-grade universe, which alienates those around him.