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Summer Reading Book List Grades 6-9



STRONG AS FIRE, FIERCE AS FLAME

BY SUPRIYA KELKAR

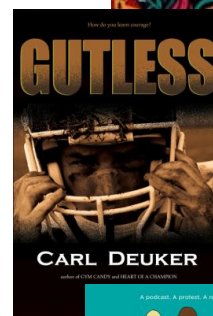
In 1857 India, 12-year-old Meera escapes a life she has no say in--and certain death on her husband's funeral pyre--only to end up a servant to a British general in the East India Company. When a rebellion against British colonizers spreads, she must choose between relative safety in a British household or standing up for herself and her people.



GUTLESS

BY CARL DEUKER

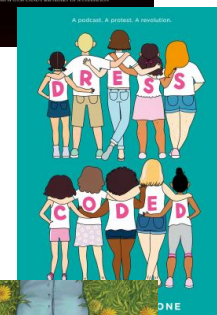
With both good speed and good hands, wide receiver Brock Ripley should be a natural for the varsity team, but he shies from physical contact. When his injuries get him cut from varsity, he also loses his friendship with star quarterback Hunter Gates. Now a target for bullying, Brock struggles to overcome his fears and discover that, in his own way, he is brave enough.



DRESS CODED

CARRIE FIRESTONE

An eighth-grader starts a podcast to protest the unfair dress code enforcement at her middle school and sparks a rebellion.



SUMMER OF BRAVE

BY AMY NOELLE PARKS

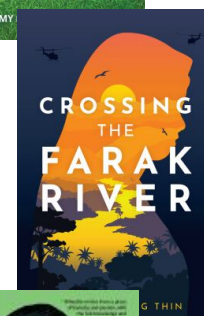
Twelve-year-old Lilla wants to make everyone happy, so when her best friend Vivi dares her to start telling the truth as part of their Summer of Brave, Lilla hesitates because if she says out loud what she really wants, her whole life might crash down around her.



CROSSING THE FARAK RIVER

BY MICHELLE AUNG THIN

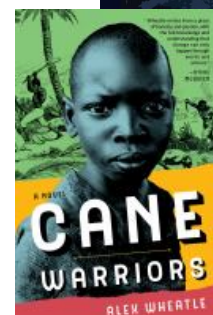
Fourteen-year-old Hasina is forced to flee everything she knows in the refugee crisis in Myanmar and fights to survive.



CANE WARRIORS

BY ALEX WHEATLE

Moa, a fourteen-year-old slave, gets caught up in the most significant slave rebellion in Jamaican history, paying homage to freedom fighters all over the world.



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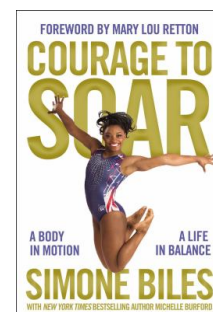
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COURAGE TO SOAR: A BODY IN MOTION, A LIFE IN BALANCE

BY SIMONE BILES

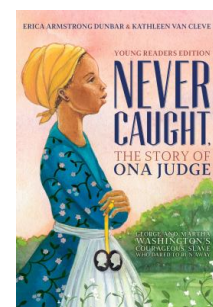
Here, in her own words, Simone takes you through the events, challenges, and trials that carried her from an early childhood in foster care to a coveted spot on the 2016 Olympic team. Along the way, Simone shares the details of her inspiring personal story—one filled with the kinds of daily acts of courage that led her, and can lead you, to even the most unlikely of dreams. XU 92 BILES



NEVER CAUGHT, THE STORY OF ONA JUDGE : GEORGE AND MARTHA WASHINGTON'S COURAGEOUS SLAVE WHO DARED TO RUN AWAY

BY ERICA ARMSTRONG DUNBAR

In this incredible narrative, Erica Armstrong Dunbar reveals a fascinating and heartbreaking behind-the-scenes look at the Washingtons when they were the First Family--and an in-depth look at their slave, Ona Judge, who dared to escape from one of the nation's Founding Fathers. XU 92 JUDGE O



THE IMPOSSIBLE FIRST: AN EXPLORER'S RACE ACROSS ANTARCTICA

BY COLIN O'BRADY

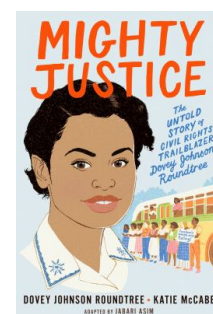
Adapted for younger readers, an account of O'Brady's 54-day solo crossing of Antarctica describes the accident that should have ended his career and the experiences that inspired his achievements as a record-setting endurance athlete. XU 92 O'BRADY C



MIGHTY JUSTICE : THE UNTOLD STORY OF CIVIL RIGHTS TRAILBLAZER DOVEY JOHNSON ROUNDTREE

BY JABARI ASIM

a young readers' adaptation of the acclaimed memoir by the late civil rights activist recounts her upbringing in Jim Crow-era North Carolina and her fight for equality and justice in America's military environments, churches and courtrooms. XU 92 ROUNDTREE D



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ALMOST AMERICAN GIRL

BY ROBIN HA

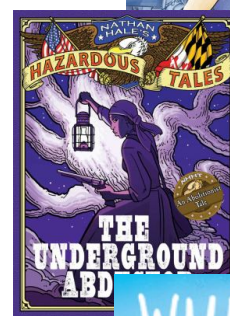
A powerful and moving teen graphic novel memoir about immigration, belonging, and how arts can save a life. XU 92 HA R



UNDERGROUND ABDUCTOR : AN ABOLITIONIST TALE

BY NATHAN HALE

In graphic novel format, Revolutionary War spy Nathan Hale tells a hangman and British officer about the life of Harriet Tubman and her life-risking dedication to helping runaway slaves find freedom. XU 741.5973 UNDERGROUND



WHITE BIRD : A WONDER STORY

BY R.J. PALACIO

Tells the story of Julian's Grandmother'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. XU 741.5973 WHITE



THE DEEP DARK BLUE

BY NIKI SMITH

When a political coup usurps their noble house, Hawke and Grayson flee for their lives and assume new identities before joining an order of magical women before their quest for vengeance is compromised by Grayson's longing to remain behind and finally live as a girl. XU 741.5973 DEEP



THEY CALLED US ENEMY

BY GEORGE TAKEI

The iconic actor and activist presents a graphic memoir detailing his experiences as a child prisoner in the Japanese-American internment camps of World War II, reflecting on the hard choices his family made in the face of legalized racism. XU 940.53177 TAK

