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Summer Reading Book List

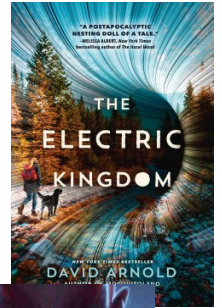
Grades 6-9



THE ELECTRIC KINGDOM

BY DAVID ARNOLD

When a deadly Fly Flu sweeps the globe, it leaves a shell of the world that once was. Among the survivors are eighteen-year-old Nico and her dog, on a voyage devised by Nico's father to find a mythical portal; a young artist named Kit, raised in an old abandoned cinema; and the enigmatic Deliverer.



MOMOTARO : XANDER AND THE LOST ISLAND OF MONSTERS

BY MARGARET DILLOWAY

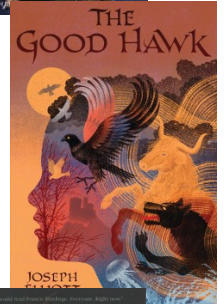
Twelve-year-old Xander discovers and learns to use the fantastic powers that are his birthright in order to save his father. Based on Japanese mythology.



THE GOOD HAWK

BY JOSEPH ELLIOTT

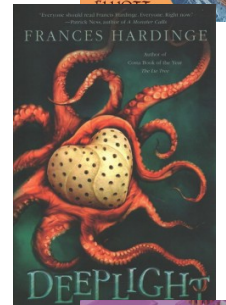
A maligned defender with unique animal-communication talents and a sea-hating angler who wants to avoid an arranged marriage team up on a quest in a haunted region of nomads to protect their clans from a mysterious threat.



DEEPLIGHT

BY FRANCES HARDINGE

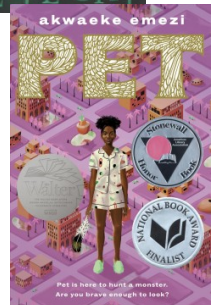
The gods are dead. Decades ago, they turned on one another and tore each other apart. Nobody knows why. But are they really gone forever? When 15-year-old Hark finds the still-beating heart of a terrifying deity, he risks everything to keep it out of the hands of smugglers, military scientists, and a secret fanatical cult.



PET

BY AKWAEKE EMEZI

In a near-future society that claims to have gotten rid of all monstrous people, a creature emerges from a painting seventeen-year-old Jam's mother created, a hunter from another world seeking a real-life monster.



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TRISTAN STRONG PUNCHES A HOLE IN THE SKY

BY KWAME MBALIA

Seventh-grader Tristan Strong tumbles into the MidPass and, with allies John Henry and Brer Rabbit, must entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding and seal the hole Tristan accidentally ripped in the sky.



ELATSOE

BY DARCIE LITTLE BADGER

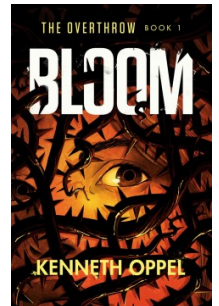
Elatsoe can raise the ghosts of dead animals, a skill passed down through generations of her Lipan Apache family. Her beloved cousin has just been murdered, in a town that wants no prying eyes. But she is going to do more than pry. The picture-perfect facade of Willowbee masks gruesome secrets, and she will rely on her wits, skills, and friends to tear off the mask and protect her family.



BLOOM

BY KENNETH OPPEL

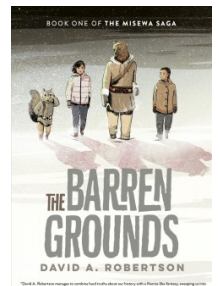
The invasion begins--but not as you'd expect. It begins with rain. Rain that carries seeds. They bloom--everywhere, unstoppable. Or are they? Three kids on a remote island seem immune to the toxic plants. What's their secret? Can they somehow be the key to beating back this invasion? They'd better figure it out fast, because it's starting to rain again....



THE BARREN GROUNDS

BY DAVID ROBERTSON

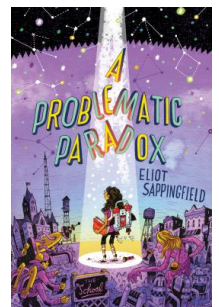
Morgan and Eli are brought together in a foster home in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They each feel disconnected, from their culture and each other, and struggle to fit in at school and at their new home -- until they find a secret place, walled off in an unfinished attic bedroom. A portal that opens to another reality.



A PROBLEMATIC PARADOX

BY ELIOT SAPPINGFIELD

Thirteen-year-old Nikola Kross's world is turned upside down when her father is abducted by aliens and she is suddenly transported to a special boarding school for geniuses, but things get even stranger when she realizes she has certain abilities that put her entire school in grave danger.



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JIA AND THE NIAN MONSTER

BY MIKE RICHARDSON

Each new year is marked by a monster's attack on their mountain village. This year, young Jia and her friend Deshi have decided to fight back. XU 741.4973 JIA



UNPLUGGED AND UNPOPULAR

BY MAT HEAGERTY

After Erin Song's parents ban her from using her phone, TV, Internet, and all her screens, she soon discovers mysterious, strange creatures and must foil their plot to take over Earth in this hilarious sci-fi graphic novel for tweens. XU 741.5973 UNPLUGGED



SNAPDRAGON

BY KAT LEYH

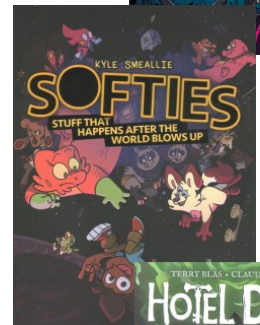
Snapdragon is a magical realist graphic novel about a young girl who befriends her town's witch and discovers the strange magic within herself. XU 741.5973 SNAPDRAGON



SOFTIES. STUFF THAT HAPPENS AFTER THE WORLD BLOWS UP

BY KYLE SMEALLIE

The planet Earth had been randomly destroyed — bummer! But that can't stop Kay, its sole survivor, and her newfound alien pals from setting off on a wildly imaginative, surprisingly touching adventure for the ages. XU 741.5973 SOFTIES



HOTEL DARE

BY TERRY BLAS

Olive and her adopted siblings Charlotte and Darwin are spending the summer with their estranged grandma at her creepy hotel and it's all work and no play. They're stuck inside doing boring chores but they soon stumble upon an incredible secret... Behind each room door of the hotel lies a portal to a different strange and mysterious place. XU 741.5973 HOTEL

