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# Summer Reading Book List Grades 6-9



## A HIGH FIVE FOR GLENN BURKE

BY PHIL BILDNER

Sixth-grade baseball fanatic Silas begins a journey of self-discovery after he does a class presentation on Glenn Burke, inventor of the high-five and the first major leaguer to come out as gay.

## HOW WE ROLL

BY NATASHA FRIEND

Quinn, who has lost all her hair (and her friends) to alopecia, and former football player Jake, who lost his legs in an accident, forge an unlikely friendship built on small acts of kindness.

## RED, WHITE, AND WHOLE

BY RAJANI LARocca

Reha feels different everywhere - at school she's the only Indian American and at home she feels she'll never live up to her mother's standards. When Reha's mom falls ill, she vows to be the perfect daughter and find a way to make her Amma well again.

## TURTLE BOY

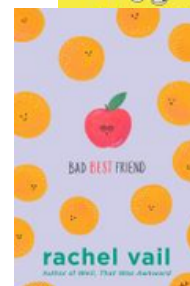
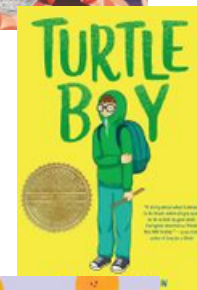
BY M. EVAN WOLKENSTEIN

Will, cruelly called "Turtle Boy" on account of his unusually shaped chin, starts visiting a terminally ill older kid as a service project for his Bar Mitzvah. The resulting friendship changes their lives forever.

## BAD BEST FRIEND

BY RACHEL VAIL

Nikki and her bestie Ava have planned for eighth grade for months but now that it's here, Ava seems to have moved on. Meanwhile, Nikki's nine year-old brother is acting out more frequently and their mom seems unwilling to admit he needs help.



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# Personal Journeys



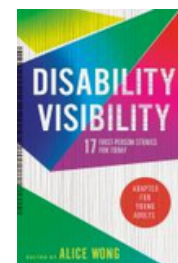
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## DISABILITY VISIBILITY: 17 FIRST PERSON STORIES FOR TODAY: ADAPTED FOR YOUNG ADULTS

BY ALICE WONG

Did you know 1 in 5 people in the US live with a disability? Whether you or someone you love is in that group or you just want to learn more, this series of first-person true stories is an enlightening look at the diversity of what it means to have a disability. XU 305.90809



## MEET THE DOGS: 15 INSPIRING STORIES FROM OLD FRIENDS SENIOR DOG SANCTUARY

BY TAMA FORTNER

A heartwarming, photo-filled profile of a sanctuary for older dogs that highlights its canine residents and the people who help them live out their days in comfort. XU 636.70832 FOR



## SUPERPOWERED: TRANSFORM ANXIETY INTO COURAGE, CONFIDENCE, AND RESILIENCE

BY RENEE JAIN

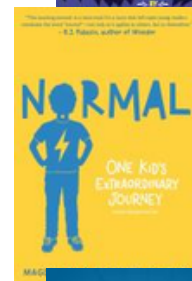
A fun, interactive guide with ways to identify and counter feelings of anxiety for young people. XU 155.419 JAI



## NORMAL

BY MAGDALENA NEWMAN

The moving memoir of a boy living with a craniofacial difference and his family, doctors, and friends perfect for fans of *Wonder* by RJ Palacio. XU 92 NEWMAN N



## FUNNY, YOU DON'T LOOK AUTISTIC: A COMEDIAN'S GUIDE TO LIFE ON THE SPECTRUM

BY MICHAEL MCCREARY

Diagnosed as on the autism spectrum at age 5, McCreary started journaling in middle school, performed his first comedy set at age 14, and wrote this memoir of his life and career at 20. Read, laugh, and learn. XU 92 MCCREARY



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#### SLIDER

BY PETE HAUTMAN

David can eat a lot of pizza, fast. He's going to need to in order to win the top prize at the Super Pigorino Bowl before his mom notices that he accidentally spend \$2,000 on her credit card. Nom, nom, nom.

#### UNGIFTED

BY GORDON KORMAN

When Donovan's latest prank goes too far, he worries he might be expelled, but instead finds himself transferred to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction due to an administrative mix-up. How long can Donovan fake being "gifted and talented?"

#### GOLDFISH

BY NAT LUURTSEMA

After years of single-minded swim training, Olympic hopeful Louise finds herself too slow and almost friendless. Then she's approached by three male swimmers hoping she can help them train for... synchronized (!) swimming and things get silly.

#### BOUNCE

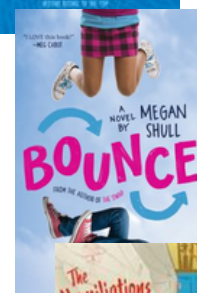
BY MEGAN SHULL

Frannie unexpectedly gets her wish to spend a day in a different family and it's great! Until she wakes up the next day in another different family. And then another. And on and on. Will Frannie ever get back home?

#### THE HUMILIATIONS OF PIPI MCGEE

BY BETH VRABEL

Eight-grader Pipi has endured humiliation every school year of her life (4th grade pee incident, anyone?) and this year she's determined to break her track record and start fresh.



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#### ACROSS THE RAINBOW BRIDGE: STORIES OF NORSE GODS AND HUMANS

BY KEVIN CROSSLEY-HOLLAND

Enter a frosty landscape filled with giants, dwarves, ghosts, and goddesses through five stories based on Norse myths. XU 293.13 CRO

#### FOOD FIGHT! A MOUTHWATERING HISTORY OF WHO ATE WHAT AND WHY THROUGH THE AGES

BY TANYA WENMAN STEEL

What's "weird food" depends on where and when you're eating. Take a trip through space and time with this handy guide to food history complete with 30 recipes. XU 541.309 STE

#### APOCALYPSE TACO

BY NATHAN HALE

A late-night taco run turns deeply weird as food comes alive, objects duplicate and everything gets...melty in this sci-fi graphic novel by the author of the "Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales" series. XI 741.5973 APOCALYPSE

#### NIMONA

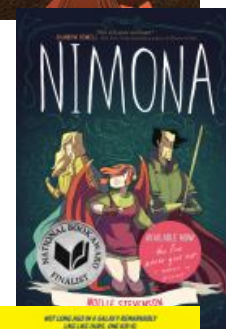
BY NOELLE STEVENSON

Young shapeshifter Nimona teams up with supervillain Lord Blackheart to take on the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics and its pompous leader Sir Ambrosius Goldenloin. XU 741.5973 NIMONA

#### SHORT & SKINNY

BY MARK TATULLI

Its 1970 and future graphic novelist Mark Tatulli is in seventh grade and skinny as a pole. His obsession with trying to bulk up is finally derailed by the release of Star Wars and an new obsession takes a hold of him, and the nation. XU 92 TATULLI



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## Love & Relationships



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## A PLACE AT THE TABLE

BY SAADIA FARUQI

Pakistani American Sara and Jewish Elizabeth join the same after school cooking club and find that they have a lot in common as both their mothers are striving to become American citizens.

## AMERICAN ROAD TRIP

BY PATRICK FLORES-SCOTT

Two brothers hit the road as a way to deal with their problems: one has PTSD following a tour in Iraq, while the other is on a mission to win the heart of the girl of his dreams.

## 11 PAPER HEARTS

BY KELSEY HARTWELL

A car accident left Ella with large chunks of time missing from her memory. One year later, a series of paper heart begin to appear with hints of what may have happened to her.

## LOVE AND FIRST SIGHT

BY JOSH SUNDQUIST

As if starting out at a new school with new friends and a new crush isn't overwhelming enough, Will undergoes an experimental surgery which allows him to see for the first time in his life.

## A TASTE FOR LOVE

BY JENNIFER YEN

Both Liza and her mom have a passion for baking, but their views on dating couldn't be more different. The two clash when Liza's mom turns a baking competition into a matchmaking opportunity.



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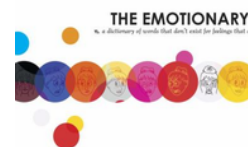
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#### THE EMOTIONARY: A DICTIONARY OF WORDS THAT DON'T EXIST FOR FEELING THAT DO

BY EDEN SHER

Life is complicated and emotions are too. Here, finally, are the words for those feelings you can't find words to express...yet. XU 152.403 SHE



#### SAZAN & COMET GIRL

BY YURIKO AKASE

An Earthling who does construction on other planets takes off on a race across space to find the intriguing redhead on a space scooter who zooms into his life and leaves just as quickly. XU 741.5952 SAZAN



#### HEARTLESS PRINCE

BY LEIGH DRAGOON

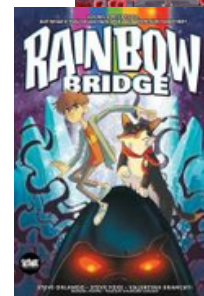
Evony, an orphaned princess with unique magical gifts, has long pined for Prince Ammon and is eager to help him detect evil outside the kingdom's walls. When the prince's heart is stolen by a witch, Evony vows to get it back. XU 741.5973 HEARTLESS



#### RAINBOW BRIDGE

BY STEVE ORLANDO

Anyone who has lost a beloved pet can relate to this graphic novel that is part fantasy, part exploration of the grieving process. XU 741.5973 RAINBOW



#### OTHER BOYS

BY DAMIAN ALEXANDER

Damian's fool-proof plan to avoid being bullied at his new school is to simply never talk. Somehow the plan fails and the guys are still mean. So how come Damian has a crush on one of them? Make it make sense! XU 92 ALEXANDER D



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