



TOP 20 SUGGESTED BOOKS:

Historical Fiction Books

Atkins, Jeannine. **Grasping Mysteries: Girls Who Loved Math.** J Fic Atkins
The achievements of seven groundbreaking women in math and science are celebrated in poetic verse. **Grades 5+**

Avi. **The Player King.** J Fic Avi
In 1486 England, a penniless kitchen boy named Lambert Simnel is told by a mysterious friar that he is actually Prince Edward, the true King of England, and that he must take his place as king. **Grades 4+**

Benton, Justine. **Moonshine.** [TWEEN] J Fic Benton
During the Great Depression, a boy begins to question his father's illegal moonshine business when gangsters and the local sheriff are involved. **Grades 5+**

Blankman, Anne. **The Blackbird Girls.** J Fic Blankman
In the wake of the Chernobyl disaster, neighbors Valentina and Oksana, who despise each other due to their differing religious beliefs, uncover painful family secrets while learning what it means to trust another person. **Grades 4+**

Burg, Ann E. **Unbound: A Novel in Verse.** J Fic Burg
Grace and her family flee from their slave masters and search for the Dismal Swamp, home to a community of escaped slaves. **Grades 3+**

Coats, J. Anderson. **The Many Reflections of Miss Jane Deming.** J Fic Coats
Jane is excited to be part of Mr. Mercer's expedition to bring orphans and Civil War widows to Washington Territory, but life out west is not what she expected. **Grades 3+**

Curtis, Christopher Paul. **The Journey of Little Charlie.** J Fic Curtis
When his poor sharecropper father is killed in an accident and leaves the family in debt, twelve-year-old Charlie strikes a deal with the overseer and agrees to help track down some folks accused of stealing from him. **Grades 5+**

Gratz, Alan. **Ground Zero.** [TWEEN] J Fic Gratz
Two children from different parts of the world struggle to survive; one escaping the World Trade Center on September 11th 2001 and one helping a wounded American soldier in war torn Afghanistan. **Grades 4+**

Hiranandani, Veera. **The Night Diary.** [TWEEN] J Fic Hiranandani
Nisha tries to find her voice and make sense of the world by writing to her deceased mother in the pages of her diary during the 1947 partition of India. **Grades 5+**

Krawitz, Susan. **Viva, Rose!** J Fic Krawitz

In 1915 Texas, Rose Solomon's search for her missing brother is interrupted when Pancho Villa's men kidnap her. **Grade 4+**

Lee, Julie. **Brother's Keeper.** J Fic Lee

Siblings Sora and Youngsoo must try to escape North Korea's oppressive Communist regime on their own in 1950. **Grades 3+**

Levine, Gail Carson. **A Ceiling Made of Eggshells.** [TWEEN] J Fic Levine

In fifteenth-century Spain, Loma, a young Jewish girl, assists her grandfather in keeping the Jews safe and soon realizes she must also make sacrifices to help her people. **Grades 5+**

Lowry, Lois. **Like The Willow Tree.** [SERIES] J Fic Dear America

After being orphaned during the influenza epidemic of 1918, eleven-year-old Lydia Pierce and her teenage brother are taken in by their uncle to be raised in the Shaker Community at Sabbathday Lake. **Grades 3+**

Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux. **The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth, and Harlem's Greatest Bookstore.** [ILLUS. FIC] J Fic Nelson

Louis Michaux Jr. visits his father's store, the National Memorial African Bookstore, and meets famous figures from the Civil Rights Movement. **Grades 3+**

Neri, Greg. **Tru and Nelle.** J Fic Neri

Based on the friendship of literary icons Harper Lee and Truman Capote, two misfits become close friends as they solve a mystery in their small town of Monroeville, Alabama. **Grades 4+**

Nesbet, Anne. **Darling Darleen, Queen of the Screen.** J Fic Nesbet

When a publicity stunt goes terribly wrong, a 12-year-old silent film star finds herself navigating murderous plots to rescue a kidnapped heiress from a band of criminals. **Grades 4+**

Paterson, Katherine. **My Brigadista Year.** [TWEEN] J Fic Paterson

When Nora joins Fidel Castro's literacy campaign, she travels into the impoverished countryside to teach her fellow Cubans to read and write, while sharing the dangers posed by counterrevolutionaries in the hills. **Grades 5+**

Polacco Patricia. **The Bravest Man In The World.** [ILLUS. FIC.] J Fic Polacco

An Irish orphan stows away on the Titanic and meets violin player Wallace Hartley, one of the musicians who played as the boat sank. **Grades 3+**

Tucker, Laura. **All The Greys on Green Street.** J Fic Tucker

A 12-year-old artist in 1981 Manhattan searches for answers when her father, a restorer of antique paintings, disappears suddenly in the middle of the night. **Grades 4+**

Zahler, Diane. **Daughter of the White Rose.** J Fic Zahler

In fifteenth-century England, commoner Nell and her best friend Price Ned, the future king of England, try to escape after being wrongfully imprisoned in the Tower of London. **Grades 4+**