

### **Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales**

Nathan Hale · *Youth Graphic Novel Nat*

This graphic novel series offers an entertaining and educational glimpse at world history, with humor thrown in for comic relief. Each engaging volume balances raw facts with strong storytelling.

(Titles include: *Big Bad Ironclad*; *Donner Dinner Party*; *One Dead Spy*; and *Treaties, Trenches, Mud and Blood*)

### **I Funny**

James Patterson · *Teen Pat*

Jamie wants to become the world's greatest standup comedian. Are the judges of "The Planet's Funniest Kid Comic" rewarding him out of pity because of his wheelchair? (*I Funny*, Book 1)



### **Ghost**

Jason Reynolds · *J Rey Track #1*

Ghost has crazy natural talent for running. But lately he's been causing problems—and running away from them. If he can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. (*Track*, Book 1)

### **Echo**

Pam Muñoz Ryan · *J Rya*

Lost in the Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and embarks on a quest involving a prophecy and a magic harmonica. Many decades later, three children find themselves caught up in the same thread of destiny.

### **Amal Unbound**

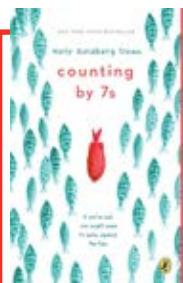
Aisha Saeed · *J Sae*

Life is quiet and ordinary for Amal until a run-in with the son of her Pakistani village's corrupt landlord. Suddenly the girl who dreamed of being a teacher must become an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt.

### **Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the World's Most Dangerous Weapon**

Steve Sheinkin · *J 623.4511 She*

In December 1938, a Uranium atom was split for the first time, launching a scientific race that spanned three continents. This is the true story of the plotting, risk-taking, deceit, and genius that created the world's most formidable weapon.



### **Counting by 7s**

Holly Goldberg Sloan · *Teen Slo*

Willow Chance has never been able to connect with anyone other than her parents—until they are killed in a car crash. Eventually she forms bonds with an unlikely cast of characters and finds a diverse new family.

### **Goodbye Stranger**

Rebecca Stead · *J Ste*

Bridge is an accident survivor who wonders why she's still alive. Emily has new curves and an almost-boyfriend. Tabitha sees through everybody's games—so she tells the world. Can the three best friends get through seventh grade?

### **The Mysterious Benedict Society**

Trenton Lee Stewart · *Teen Ste*

After a series of mysterious, mind-bending tests, four children are chosen for a secret mission. They must go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. (*Mysterious Benedict Society*, Book 1)



### **The Screaming Staircase**

Jonathan Stroud · *J Str Lockwood #1*

London teen Lucy Carlyle joins Lockwood & Co., an agency that disposes of unfriendly ghosts. Combe Carey Hall is one of the most haunted houses in England. Can Lockwood & Co. survive the Hall's legendary screaming staircase? (*Lockwood & Co.*, Book 1)

### **The Hostage Prince**

Jane Yolen · *J Yol*

Aspen is a Seelie prince held hostage in the dangerous Unseelie Court. When war is declared between the two kingdoms, he flees the castle, joining forces with Snail, an accident-prone midwife's apprentice. (*The Seelie Wars*, Book 1)

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

# SUGGESTED READING

- Look for these books in the following sections:
  - Teen
  - Juvenile Fiction
  - Juvenile Nonfiction
  - Youth Graphic Novels
- Other titles by these authors are also great options

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**(712) 255-2933 ext. 2231**



## I Kill the Mockingbird

Paul Acampora • *J Aca*

Lifelong friends Lucy, Elena, and Michael hatch a creative and subversive campaign to get people to read *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Soon, their exploits spin out of control, and they start a mini revolution in the name of books.

## The Crossover

Kwame Alexander • *Teen Ale*

Twins Josh and Jordan are awesome on the junior high basketball court. But growing up can be hard, both on and off the court. Eventually they learn that breaking the rules comes at a terrible price.



## The Night Gardener

Jonathan Auxier • *J Aux*

Two abandoned siblings go to work as servants at a crumbling English manor house. The house and its family are not quite what they seem, and soon the children are confronted by a mysterious ghost and an ancient curse.

## Doll Bones

Holly Black • *J Bla*

Zach, Poppy, and Alice aren't quite kids anymore, but they agree to play one more game together. Their quest will lay to rest the soul of a murdered girl that inhabits the Great Queen, a creepy, bone-china doll.

## Al Capone Does My Shirts

Gennifer Choldenko • *Teen Cho*

Nothing goes right for Moose when his family moves to Alcatraz Island. Things look up when he befriends Piper, the warden's daughter. Eventually their schemes involve the Island's most notorious inmate—Al Capone. (*Al Capone at Alcatraz*, Book 1)

## Stella by Starlight

Sharon M. Draper • *J Dra*

Late one night, Stella and her little brother see something they're never supposed to see—a sign of trouble for her black community. She decides to fight fire with fire but learns that ashes don't necessarily signify an end.

## Mockingbird

Kathryn Erskine • *J Ers*

Caitlin is a bright fifth grader and a gifted artist; she also has Asperger's. Her world falls apart when her brother Devon is killed in a school shooting. Can Caitlin learn to cope without Devon to help her interpret the world?



## Better Nate Than Ever

Tim Federle • *J Fed*

Small-town boy Nate dreams of starring on Broadway. With his best friend's help, Nate concocts a plan to audition in New York for the musical version of "E.T." (*Better Nate Than Ever*, #1)

## The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion & the Fall of Imperial Russia

Candace Fleming • *J 947.08 Fle*

A riveting and heartrending portrait of Russia's last royal family. With photos and first person accounts, the book contrasts the imperial family's extravagant lives with the plight of Russia's poor masses.

## Words with Wings

Nikki Grimes • *J Gri*

Gabby is a daydreamer with a vivid imagination. But with the help of a new teacher, Gabby the dreamer might just become Gabby the writer, and the words that carried her away might allow her to soar.

## The Fourteenth Goldfish

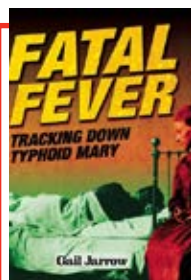
Jennifer L. Holm • *J Hol*

Ellie REALLY doesn't like change, but one day a strange boy shows up. He's bossy, cranky, and looks weirdly like her oddball scientist grandfather. Did Grandpa Melvin discover the secret to eternal youth?

## Fish in a Tree

Lynda Mullaly Hunt • *J Hun*

Ally adopts a troublemaking personality to hide her problems. Mr. Daniels sees through her disruptions to the bright, creative kid underneath. With his help, Ally discovers that great minds don't always think alike.



## Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary

Gail Jarrow • *J 614.5112 Jar*

The book tells the fascinating story of "Typhoid" Mary Mallon, the epidemiologist who discovered her trail of infection, and the health department that decided her fate. What will happen to Mary and the typhoid victims?

## The Great Greene Heist

Varian Johnson • *Teen Joh*

Jackson Greene swears he's given up scheming, but when his old nemesis threatens to rig the student council election, Jackson comes out of retirement. He and his crack team devise a high stakes plan to save the election.

## Dogs of War

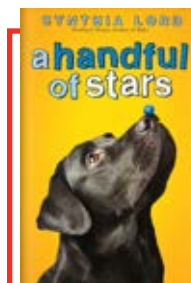
Sheila Keenan • *Youth Graphic Novel Dog*

A graphic novel based on the real-life roles of military and rescue dogs. This book captures both the adventure and the devastation brought on by war, while it celebrates life and friendship between boys and their dogs.

## Swindle

Gordon Korman • *J Kor Swindle #1*

When Swindle cons him out of his most valuable baseball card, Griffin Bing puts together a team to break into Swindle's compound and recapture the card. A classic heist caper led by a group of 11-year-old misfits. (*Swindle*, Book 1)



## A Handful of Stars

Cynthia Lord • *J Lor*

Small-town-girl Lily becomes unlikely friends with Salma Santiago, the daughter of migrant workers. What will happen when Salma becomes the first Hispanic girl to compete in the Blueberry Queen pageant?

## The Underdogs

Mike Lupica • *J Lup*

When Will has a football in his hand, all the problems in his real life can't touch him. When the football season is threatened, it's up to Will to rally the town and give everyone a reason to believe.



## Chasing the Milky Way

Erin E. Moulton • *J Mou*

All Lucy Peevey wants is to perfect her robot, win the BotBlock competition and its big cash prize, and get out of Sunnyside Trailer Park. But it's not easy to reach your goals when your mama doesn't take her meds.