NON-FICTION/BIOGRAPHY

Accidental Archeologists by Sarah Albee - J 930.1 ALB
A lighthearted but informative look at chance discoveries made by ordinary people, of artifacts (and treasures) from the past. Many of these discoveries have led to leaps in our knowledge of history and science.

Two Truths and a Lie by Ammi-Joan Paquette - J 590 PAQ
Blends strange but true facts about the natural world with a handful of fictional accounts, challenging readers to discover which two out of every three stories are true.

Rise Up! by Jo Rippon - J 322.44 RIP
RISE UP! encourages young people to engage in peaceful protest and stand up for freedom. Photographs of protest posters from the last one hundred years celebrate the ongoing fight for gender equality, civil rights, LGBT rights, refugee and immigrant rights, peace, and the environment.

Girls Think of Everything by Catherine Thimmesh - J 608 THI
Tells the story of how women throughout the ages have responded to situations confronting them in daily life by inventing such items as correction fluid, space helmets, and disposable diapers.

Awesome Achievers in Technology by Alan Katz - J 609.2 KAT
Part of a super fun middle grade series, Awesome Achievers in Technology puts the spotlight on lesser-known heroes and their contributions in tech.

We were no longer a whole, but three separate pieces. A mom. A dad. A kid sliced in half. Actually, that made us four pieces—’cause I have to be two people: Mom’s Izzy and Dad’s Isabella.

Blended, Sharon M. Draper

Sensational reads for anyone in sixth grade!
Every Missing Piece by Melanie Conklin - JF CON
Ever since her father died in a terrible accident, Maddy Gaines has worried a lot. She calls the police so often that she's on a first-name basis with the Sheriff. When a new boy moves to town, Maddy is convinced that he's not who he says he is—he's a boy who went missing six months ago.

Last Gate of the Emperor by Kwame Mbalia - JF MBA
Enduring an isolated existence in hardscrabble Addis Prime, a star underground augmented reality gamer finds his small family targeted by city-razing monsters waging a galaxy-spanning war.

A Duet for Home by Karina Yan Glaser - JF GLA
Sixth-graders June and Tyrell, two friends living in a homeless shelter, confront a new housing policy that would force families experiencing homelessness at risk.

Blended by Sharon M. Draper - JF DRA
Piano-prodigy Isabella, eleven, whose black father and white mother struggle to share custody, never feels whole, especially as racial tensions affect her school. Her parents both become engaged after she and her stepbrother are stopped by police.

Get a Grip, Vivy Cohen! by Sarah Kapit - JF KAP
Eleven-year-old knuckleball pitcher Vivy Cohen, who has autism, becomes pen pals with her favorite Major League baseball player after writing a letter to him as an assignment for her social skills class.

The Supervillain's Guide to Being a Fat Kid by Matt Wallace - JF WAL
A young boy writes to an imprisoned supervillain for help after he is bullied relentlessly for being fat.

Ghost Squad by Claribel A. Ortega - JF ORT
When just before Halloween, Lucely Luna and her friend Syd accidentally awaken evil spirits, who proceed to wreak havoc throughout St. Augustine. They are forced to enlist the help of Babette, Syd's witch grandmother, and her overweight cat, Chunk, to defeat the demons and save the city.

Posted by John David Anderson - JF AND
When cell phones are banned at their school, students start communicating through sticky notes left all over the school, triggering a wave of bullying activities in the wake of a new girl's arrival.

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart - TWEEN F STE
After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

Sal & Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Hernandez - TWEEN F HER
In order to heal after his mother's death, thirteen-year-old Sal learns to reach into time and space to retrieve things—and people—from other universes.

Invisible Emmie by Terri Libenson - GRAPHIC J LIB
The lives of two middle school girls, one a quiet artist, the other a popular overachiever, intersect on a day shaped by a misdelivered note, crushes, humiliations, boredom, and drama.

Frizzy by Claribel A. Ortega - GRAPHIC J ORT
Marlene loves three things: books, her cool Tía Ruby and hanging out with her best friend Camila. But according to her mother, the only thing she needs to focus on is school and “growing up.” That means straightening her hair every weekend.

Invisible by Christina Diaz Gonzalez - GRAPHIC J GON
Can five overlooked kids make one big difference? There's George: the brain, Sara: the loner, Dayara: the tough kid, Nico: the rich kid, and Miguel: the athlete. And they're stuck together when they're forced to complete their school's community service hours.

Stargazing by Jen Wang - GRAPHIC J WAN
Growing up in the same Chinese-American suburb, perfectionist Christine and artistic, confident, impulsive Moon become unlikely best friends, whose friendship is tested by jealousy, social expectations, and illness.

Allergic by Megan Wagner Lloyd - GRAPHIC J LLO
Hoping to adopt a pet to find a sense of belonging in her busy family, Maggie is disappointed to discover she is severely allergic to anything with fur and tries to find a pet to love anyway.

Love is the voice under all silences, the hope which has no opposite in fear.

Sal & Gabi Break the Universe, Carlos Hernandez