**NON-FICTION/BIOGRAPHY**

*Free Lunch* by Rex Ogle - JB OGL
Rex and his baby brother often went hungry, wore secondhand clothes, and were short of school supplies, and Rex was on his school’s free lunch program.

*Bomb* by Steve Sheinkin - YA 623.45 SHE
Recounts the scientific discoveries that enabled atom splitting, the military intelligence operations that occurred in rival countries, and the work of brilliant scientists hidden at Los Alamos.

*All Thirteen* by Christina Soontornvat - J 796.525 SOO
Combines first hand interviews with scientific and cultural insights in a middle grade account of the 2018 Thai cave rescue of the Wild Boars soccer team and the critical, sophisticated engineering operation that saved the lives of 13 young people.

*Teen Trailblazers* by Jennifer Calvert - YA 920.71 CAL
Explores the stories of 30 remarkable kids, whose passions led to lifesaving medical treatments, revolutionary inventions, and history-making achievements.

*The Big Book of Monsters* by Hal Johnson - J 001.944 JOH
Meet the monsters in this who’s who of the baddest of the bad! Like those supernatural beasts everyone knows and fears—the bloodsucking vampire, Count Dracula, and that eight-foot-tall mash-up of corpses, Frankenstein’s Monster.

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*No child should feel alone. Or ashamed. Or worthless. They need to know that their circumstances are not their fault.*

*Free Lunch*, Rex Ogle
JUVENILE FICTION

**A Place To Belong** by Cynthia Kadohata - JF KAD
Twelve-year-old Hanako and her family, reeling from their confinement in an internment camp, renounce their American citizenship to move to Hiroshima, a city devastated by the atomic bomb dropped by Americans.

**The Benefits of Being an Octopus** by Ann Braden - JF BRA
Seventh-grader Zoey Albro focuses on caring for three younger siblings and avoiding rich classmates at school until her fascination with octopuses gets her on the debate team and she begins to speak out.

**Maybe He Just Likes You** by Barbara Dee - JF DEE
When boys in her class start touching seventh-grader Mila and making her feel uncomfortable, she does not want to tell her friends or mother until she reaches her breaking point.

TWEEN FICTION

**Omar Rising** by Aisha Saeed - TWEEN F SAE
Seventh-grader Omar must contend with being treated like a second-class citizen when he gets a scholarship to an elite boarding school in Pakistan.

**Wink** by Rob Harrell - TWEEN F HAR
After being diagnosed with a rare eye cancer, twelve-year-old Ross discovers how music, art, and true friends can help him survive both treatment and middle school.

**The Girl Who Drank The Moon** by Kelly Regan Barnhill - TWEEN F BAR
An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.

**Genesis Begins Again** by Alicia Williams - TWEEN F WIL
Thirteen-year-old Genesis tries again and again to lighten her black skin, thinking it is the root of her family's troubles, before discovering reasons to love herself as is.

**Tornado Brain** by Cat Patrick - TWEEN F PAT
Seventh-grader Frankie, who has various sensory disorders, is determined to find her missing best friend, Colette, before it is too late.

**Yusuf Azeem Is Not A Hero** by Saadia Faruqi - TWEEN F FAR
Yusuf is excited to start middle school in his small Texas town, but with the twentieth anniversary of the September 11 attacks coming up, suddenly it feels like the country's same anger and grief is all focused on his Muslim community.

**Last Gamer Standing** by Katie Zhao - TWEEN F ZHA
In twelve-year-old Reyna Cheng's world, gaming is everything. Professional Esports teams are the mainstream celebrities. Kids begin training from a young age, aspiring for the big leagues.

First rule of self-defense is: Don’t ask your attacker for validation. Never apologize for sticking up for yourself.