

Great New Reads - Fall 2022

Recommended books for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders
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Ghostlight

by Kenneth Oppel

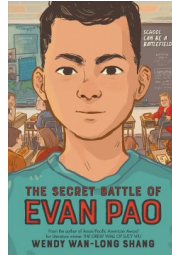
While taking tourists on a ghost tour on Toronto Island, Gabe comes face-to-face with the dead girl at the center of his story who needs his help in stopping the malevolent spirit responsible for her and her father's death who is growing ever stronger. **MYSTERY**

The Secret Battle of Evan Pao

by Wendy Wan Long Shang

Moving to Haddington, Virginia, Evan Pao is targeted by a boy who is determined to make sure that Chinese American Evan is not included, forcing Evan to decide whether to react with the same cruelty shown to him, or choose a different path.

CONTEMPORARY



Batter Royale

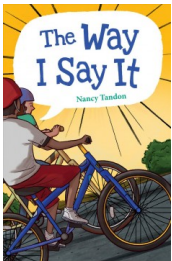
by Leisl Adams

A talented young chef is selected to participate in a baking reality show and finds herself mixed up in spicy competition, bitter rivalry, and sweet romance. **GRAPHIC NOVEL**

Queen of the Tiles

by Hanna Alkaf

When her late best friend's formerly inactive Instagram starts posting again during the Scrabble competition, with cryptic messages suggesting that her death was no accident, Najwa Bakri, surrounded by suspects, must find out who's behind these mysterious posts. **MYSTERY**



The Way I Say It

by Nancy Tandon

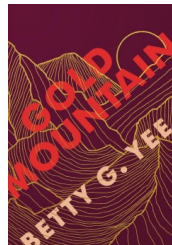
Rory Mitchell has always had an issue saying his Rs correctly (which is a real problem given his name). Now in sixth grade, his former best friend, Brent, suddenly sides with bullies against Rory; but then Brent is hit by a car and suffers a serious brain injury, which requires Rory to reevaluate everything. **CONTEMPORARY**

Gold Mountain

by Betty G. Yee

In 1860s China, after her brother dies and her father is falsely imprisoned, Tam Ling Fan disguises herself as a boy and, taking her brother's contract to work for the Central Pacific Railroad Company in America, works to survive while protecting her secret.

HISTORICAL FICTION



The Complete Cookbook for Teen Chefs: 70+ Teen-Tested and Teen-Approved Recipes to Cook, Eat, and Share

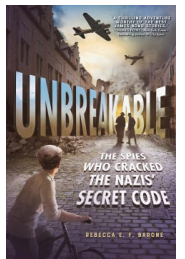
by America's Test Kitchen

America's Test Kitchen, for the first time ever, brings their rigorous testing and kitchen expertise to teenagers, starting with the fundamentals and moving on to more than 70 teen-tested and teen-approved recipes. **NONFICTION**

Unbreakable: The Spies Who Cracked the Nazis' Secret Code

by Rebecca E. F. Barone

Told through multiple points of view, this gripping book recounts one of the most dangerous war-time code-breaking efforts ever as codebreakers, spies and soldiers solved the mystery of the Nazis' infamous Enigma machine, turning the tide of WWII. **NONFICTION**



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Over My Dead Body

by Sweeney Boo

While searching for her missing mentee Noreen at the Younivity Hidden Institute of Witchcraft, Abby discovers Noreen's disappearance is connected to another girl who went missing years earlier, which places her own life in danger. **GRAPHIC NOVEL**

The Last Beekeeper

by Pablo Cartaya

To prove that she belongs in a place where only the smartest and most useful are welcomed, 12-year-old Yolanda learns that her survival rests on the rediscovery of a long-extinct beehive that could be the answer to everything. **SCIENCE FICTION**



The Marvellers

by Dhonielle Clayton

The first Conjuror to attend the Arcanum Training Institute along with Marvellers from around the world, 11-year-old Ella must prove her innocence, with the help of a new friend, when a dangerous criminal escapes and her mentor disappears. **FANTASY**

Invisible

by Christina Diaz Gonzalez

When five overlooked students are forced to complete their schools community service hours, they meet someone in need but must decide if they are each willing to expose their own secrets to help.

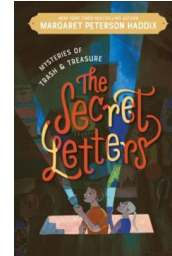
GRAPHIC NOVEL



Wild is the Witch

by Rachel Griffin

When a curse she concocts is stolen, witch Iris Gray begs witch-hating intern Pike Adler to help her get it back, and together they set out on a trek through the Pacific Northwest where they unexpectedly become more than friends. **FANTASY**



The Secret Letters

by Margaret Peterson Haddix

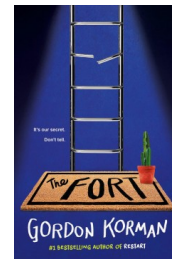
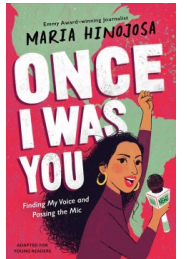
When Colin and Nevaeh both find mysterious letters dating back to the 1970s, one of which reads like a confession to a crime, their new friendship is threatened when this letter pits their families against each other. **MYSTERY**

Once I Was You: Finding My Voice and Passing the Mic

by Maria Hinojosa

Maria documents the story of immigration in America, sharing her family's experiences to share the truths about the United States's complicated relationship with people who cross its borders.

NONFICTION



The Fort

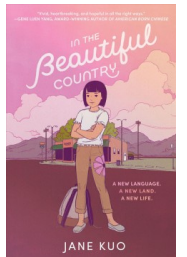
by Gordon Korman

When a tight-knit group of friends discover a trap door in the woods that leads to a completely intact bomb shelter, they vow to keep the place a secret while sharing their individual secrets to build the safest space possible. **CONTEMPORARY**

In the Beautiful Country

by Jane Kuo

Arriving in America, the so-called beautiful country, Anna, a young Taiwanese girl, finds it anything but beautiful as she and her family struggle to make a place for themselves in this world and learn the true meaning of home. **HISTORICAL FICTION**



The Stars Did Wander Darkling

by Colin Meloy

When the cliff beneath the old, some say cursed, Langdon place is opened up, horror movie fanatic Archie Coomes and friends must save the town from the deadly grip of an ancient, long-buried evil.

MYSTERY