

TWELVE TO FOURTEEN

KEY

★ Outstanding merit

 Read-aloud

• SERIES TITLE
(series books follow)

(4-6) Age range

M Mature

 Graphic Novel

Adventure

***As Easy as Falling off the Face of the Earth**

by Lynne Rae Perkins

(Greenwillow, \$16.99) 978-0-06-187090-3

Fifteen-year-old Roy discovers that camp is cancelled and then experiences humorous adventures that transform his life. (12-15)

Dash and Lily's Book of Dares

by Rachel Cohn and David Levithan

(Knopf, \$16.99) 978-0-375-86659-3

A treasure hunt starts in New York City's Strand bookstore and leads Lily and Dash to many city landmarks and eventual romance. (12-14)

Revolver

by Marcus Sedgwick

(Roaring Brook, \$16.99) 978-1-59643-592-6

Alone in the Arctic wilderness with his father's corpse and a menacing stranger, Sig learns of a dangerous bargain made eleven years earlier in 1899 Nome, Alaska. (11-14)

Wildwing

by Emily Whitman

(Greenwillow, \$16.99) 978-0-06-172452-7

In 1913 England, fifteen-year-old Addy is a lowly servant, but when she is magically transplanted to a castle in 1240, she experiences life as a royal. (11-16)

Coming of Age

The Beautiful Between

by Alyssa B. Sheinmel

(Knopf, \$16.99) 978-0-375-86182-6

In this sensitive story about children in a New York City private school, Connelly learns, fourteen years later, about the real cause of her father's death. (12-15)

Dark Water

by Laura McNeal

(Knopf, \$16.99) 978-0-375-84973-2

Pearl's strong love for Amiel, an illegal Mexican immigrant, blinds her to the perils of a wildfire in her California town and causes a family tragedy. (12-14)

The Last Summer of the Death Warriors

by Francisco X. Stork

(Arthur A. Levine, \$17.99) 978-0-545-15133-7

The friendship of Pancho and D.Q. changes their interactions and the tragedies in their lives. (12-15)

Life, After

by Sarah Darer Littman

(Scholastic, \$17.99) 978-0-545-15144-3

After Argentina's 2001 financial crisis, Dani's family follow many of their compatriots to the United States where they gradually adjust to a new culture and regain their dignity. (11-14)

***Mockingbird**

by Kathryn Erskine

(Philomel, \$15.99) 978-0-399-25264-8

As Caitlin, a bright fifth grader with Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to come to terms with the loss of a beloved older brother, she discovers what it means to have closure. (10-13)

Shakespeare Makes the Playoffs

by Ron Koertge

(Candlewick, \$15.99) 978-0-7636-4435-2

Fourteen-year-old Kevin is faced with choices between girl friends, between poetry and baseball. Told in verse. (11-14)

***The Sky is Everywhere**

by Jandy Nelson

(Dial, P\$17.99) 978-0-8037-3495-1

Music, poetry, humor, and sexual awakening help Lennie cope with the sudden death of her older sister. (12-16)

A Small Free Kiss in the Dark

by Glenda Millard

(Holiday House, \$16.95) 978-0-8234-2264-7

Skip, a runaway from a foster family, joins a homeless man, a small boy, and a young teen with a baby in an Australia that becomes a war torn country. (12-15)

***To Come and Go Like Magic**

by Katie Pickard Fawcett

(Knopf, \$16.99) 978-0-375-85846-8

Lyrical vignettes of an important year in the life of a twelve-year-old Chilean girl show how she grows up in the 70s and comes to understand her family, friends, and home in a small Kentucky town. (11-14)

Fantasy

13 Treasures

by Michelle Harrison

(Little, Brown, \$15.99) 978-0-316-04148-5

The fairies, always a part of thirteen-year-old Tanya's life, cause her to be sent to her grandmother's where mysteries abound. (11-14)

Bruiser

by Neal Shusterman

(HarperTeen, \$16.99) 978-0-06-113408-1

When sixteen-year-old twins befriend Bruiser, the guy voted "Most Likely to Go to Jail," they discover his unusual ability and are forced to contemplate the nature of friendship. (12-14)



Fever Crumb

by Philip Reeve

(Scholastic, \$17.99) 978-0-545-20719-5

Fourteen-year-old Fever, who was raised as an engineer, leaves her sheltered world to learn startling truths about her past. (11-15)

Ghostopolis

written and ill. by Doug TenNapel

(Graphix, \$24.99) 978-0-545-21027-0

Garth, a sickly boy, is accidentally pulled into the ghost world. Here he discovers his special powers, using them to fight evil. (11-15)

Hold Me Closer, Necromancer

by Lish McBride

(Henry Holt, \$16.99) 978-0-8050-9098-7

Sam LeCroix, a college dropout, discovers that he is a necromancer, part of a world of harbingers, werewolves and satyrs, and must find out how to use his mysterious latent powers. (12-14)

***The Keepers' Tattoo**

by Gill Arbuthnott

(Chicken House, \$17.99) 978-0-545-17166-3

When danger shatters her life, feisty, fifteen-year-old Nyssa begins an adventure to discover and pursue the evil instigator in her tortuous dreams. (11-14)

The Poison Diaries

by Maryrose Wood

(Balzar + Bray, \$16.99) 978-0-06-180236-2

In eighteenth-century England, Jessamine learns the power of medicinal plants to heal and destroy through her love of a tragic boy who communicates with them. (12-15)

***The Prince of Mist**

by Carlos Ruiz Zafón

(Little, Brown, \$17.99) 978-0-316-04477-6

Thirteen-year-old Max, expecting quiet safety in a new town during the war, is challenged by dark and mysterious forces from the past. (12-14)

The Story of Cirrus Flux

by Matthew Skelton

(Delacorte, \$17.99) 978-0-385-73381-6

A young orphan discovers that he is the key to finding the divine power, the Breath of God. (12-14)

Thief Eyes

by Janni Lee Simner

(Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-375-86670-8

Haley finds herself in a mixture of fantasy steeped in Nordic sagas and the contemporary quest of a sixteen-year-old to find her mother who has disappeared in Iceland. (11-14)



Tyger Tyger

by Kersten Hamilton

(Clarion, \$17.00) 978-0-547-33008-2

Irish folklore and magic meet in urban Chicago as Teagon and her cousin Finn battle the goblins to save her father. (12-14)

The White Horse Trick

by Kate Thompson

(Greenwillow, \$17.99) 978-0-06-200416-1

Suffering from severe climate change, Ireland's young people must get aid from the fairy world. A sequel to "The New Policeman" and "The Last of the High Kings." (11-14)

Historical Fiction

***90 Miles to Havana**

by Enrique Flores-Galbis

(Roaring Brook, \$17.99) 978-1-59643-168-3

Julian and his siblings flee the revolution in Cuba leaving behind their parents and a privileged life for the harshness and uncertainty of a refugee camp in Miami. (10-13)

***Ashes**

by Kathryn Lasky

(Viking, \$16.99) 978-0-670-01157-5

Gaby, a fictional neighbor of Albert Einstein, but not Jewish herself, sees the growing effects of anti-Semitism in her school, in her life, and in 1932 Berlin. (12-14)

Cate of the Lost Colony

by Lisa Klein

(Bloomsbury, \$16.99) 978-1-59990-507-5

When her correspondence with Sir Walter Raleigh, a favorite of Queen Elizabeth, is discovered, Cate is sent to Roanoke as punishment. (12-14)

City of Cannibals

by Ricki Thompson

(Front Street, \$18.95) 978-1-59078-623-9

Fleeing an abusive father, Dell escapes and finds herself embroiled in the dangerous politics of Henry VIII's England. (12-16)

***Countdown**

by Deborah Wiles

(Scholastic, \$17.99) 978-0-545-10605-4

In 1962, eleven-year-old Franny deals with life, friends, and boys against a backdrop of the Cuban Missile Crisis and possible nuclear war. Archival black-and-white photos. (11-14)

The Firefly Letters: A Suffragette's Journey to Cuba

by Marguerite Engle

(Henry Holt, \$16.99) 978-0-8050-9082-6

A suffragette's journey to Cuba transforms the lives of a Cuban slave and her owner's daughter. Blank verse with alternating voices. (12-15)

The Fool's Girl

by Celia Rees

(Bloomsbury, \$16.99) 978-1-59990-486-3

In an imaginary, intrigue-filled adventure with a young duchess and her fool, Shakespeare gets his inspiration for "Twelfth Night." (12-16)

The Gnome's Eye

by Anna Kerz

(Orca, \$9.95) 978-1-55469-195-1

Leaving a refugee camp in Austria in 1954 for a new life in Canada challenges Theresa and her parents. The farewell gift of a lucky stone gives her the courage to persevere. (12-14)



***Heart of a Samurai**

by Margi Preus

(Amulet, \$15.95) 978-0-8109-8981-8

This true story about Manjiro, a Japanese boy in the nineteenth century, and the amazing journey that leads him to fulfill even his most unlikely dreams is accompanied by his own drawings. (12-16)

I Was Jane Austen's Best Friend

by Cora Harrison

(Delacorte, \$17.99) 978-0-385-73940-5

Austen's teenage years are depicted in a series of journal entries written by her cousin. Includes snippets of her early writings. Facts about her life are intermingled with fiction. (11-14)



***Moon Over Manifest**

by Clare Vanderpool

(Delacorte, \$16.99) 978-0-385-73883-5

In a small Kansas town during the Great Depression, twelve-year-old Abilene tries to learn about her father's past and encounters other mysteries as well. (11-14)



***The Odyssey: Based on Homer's Epic Poem**

by Gareth Hinds

(Candlewick, \$14.99) 978-0-7636-4268-6

The classic tale of Odysseus's long journey home is retold with vivid pencil and watercolor illustrations in today's graphic format.

(11-16)

***Once**

by Morris Gleitzman

(Henry Holt, \$16.99) 978-0-8050-9026-0

When he escapes from an orphanage, a trusting young Jewish boy in World War II Poland gradually learns the truth of his situation.

(11-14)

The Queen's Daughter

by Susan Coventry

(Henry Holt, \$16.99) 978-0-8050-8992-9

The youngest daughter of Henry II and Eleanor of Aquitaine struggles between her yearning for love and her arranged political marriage during the time of the Crusades. (12-14)



Toads and Diamonds

by Heather Tomlinson

(Henry Holt, \$16.99) 978-0-8050-8968-4

Two sisters in the India of the past are given different gifts by a Hindu goddess. Based on a Perrault fairy tale. (11-15)

The Wager

by Donna Jo Napoli

(Henry Holt, \$16.99) 978-0-8050-8781-9

Privileged Don Giovanni loses all his wealth in a tidal wave in twelfth-century Sicily and is transformed from arrogant youth to empathetic adult after he wins a wager with a stranger. (12-16)

Wicked Girls: A Novel of the Salem Witch Trials

by Stephanie Hemphill

(Balzar + Bray, \$16.99) 978-0-06-185328-9

The events of the 1672 Salem witch hunt are related in free verse from the fictionalized point of view of the “afflicted” girls. (12-16)

William Shakespeare: His Life and Times

written and compiled by Kristen McDermott, PhD and Ari Berk, PhD; ill. by Ian Andrew, Jonathan Lambert and Eloise Lambert

(Templar Books, \$19.99) 978-0-7636-4794-0

In a fictional journal addressed to his daughter in 1615, Shakespeare gives an account of his life enhanced by scraps of letters, historical notes, and keepsakes. Extraordinary format. (12+)

Winter Shadows

by Margaret Buffie

(Tundra, \$19.95) 978-0-88776-968-9

Cass, a contemporary Canadian teenager sees glimpses of Beatrice, a girl of Métis heritage, who lived in the same home in 1856. (12-15)

Science Fiction

Dark Life

by Kat Falls

(Scholastic, \$16.99) 978-0-545-17814-3

Fifteen-year-old Ty, living on the ocean floor, joins forces with Gemma, a land dweller, to fight for a better world. (12-15)

The Gardener

by S. A. Bodeen

(Feiwel, \$16.99) 978-0-312-37016-9

High school sophomore, Mason, finds a beautiful but catatonic girl in a nursing home, which leads him to revelations that have connections to his own life. (12-16)

Stuck on Earth

by David Klass

(FSG, \$16.99) 978-0-374-39951-1

Ketchvar III, on Earth in the guise of a fourteen-year-old, must decide whether or not the human race should be annihilated. (12-14)

Sports

Center Field

by Robert Lipsyte

(HarperTeen, \$16.99) 978-0-06-055704-1

Mike is upset when Dominican center fielder vies for “his” job, but learns that people are not always what they seem. (12-14)

Today

After Ever After

by Jordan Sonnenblick

(Scholastic, \$16.99) 978-0-439-83706-4

Jeffrey and Tad, both cancer survivors, support one another through the ups and downs of middle school. (11-15)

Bamboo People

by Mitali Perkins

(Charlesbridge, \$16.95) 978-1-58089-328-2

Teenagers from different groups in war-torn Myanmar help each other in this contemporary tale of conflict and kindness. (11-14)

Blindsided

by Priscilla Cummings

(Dutton, \$16.99) 978-0-525-42161-0

As the last of her vision goes, Natalie, age fourteen, is sent to a school for the blind. She learns to accept her disability. (12-15)

Borderline

by Allan Stratton

(HarperTeen, \$16.99) 978-0-06-145111-9

As Sami, the lone Muslim in his suburban private high school, contends with being bullied, he must struggle with his family and his faith when his father is implicated in a terrorist plot. (12-14)

Boys, Bears, and a Serious Pair of Hiking Boots

by Abby McDonald

(Candlewick, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-4382-9

Seventeen-year-old Jenna hopes to rescue her summer by spending it in rural Canada with her godmother, but finds saving the environment and her romance more complicated than she had thought. (12-14)

***The Cardturner**

by Louis Sachar

(Delacorte, \$17.99) 978-0-385-73662-6

When his father loses his job, Alton is coerced into taking his old, blind (and rich) great-uncle to play bridge. (12-16)

Compromised

by Heidi Ayarbe

(HarperTeen, \$16.99) 978-0-06-172849-5

In this harrowing novel, fifteen-year-old Mary travels from Reno to Boise to find an aunt whom she has never met in order to avoid foster care. (12-14)

***Efrain's Secret**

by Sofia Quintero

(Knopf, \$16.99) 978-0-375-84706-6

South Bronx teenager Efrain has set his sights on attending Harvard, but he gets involved in drug dealing to help pay his way. Strong novel about contemporary teen life. (12-16)

Empty

by Suzanne Weyn

(Scholastic, \$17.99) 978-0-545-17278-3

As oil is depleted and a super hurricane destroys homes, people fight to obtain scarce resources, and three teenagers try to adjust to the new world, set ten years in the future. (12-16)

Harmonic Feedback

by Tara Kelly

(Henry Holt, \$16.99) 978-0-8050-9010-9

Three needy teens come together partly because of musical talents, and their association has unexpected results. (13-15)

Rocky Road

by Rose Kent

(Knopf, \$16.99) 978-0-375-86344-8

Tess learns she can lean on others to share the responsibility for her bipolar mother and deaf brother. (11-14)

Saving Maddie

by Varian Johnson

(Delacorte, \$16.99) 978-0-385-73804-0

Joshua, a young preacher's son, must struggle between the expectations of his parents and his attraction to a former young playmate, turned almost too alluring. (12-15)

Split

by Swati Avasthi

(Knopf, \$16.99) 978-0-375-86340-0

A sixteen-year-old seeks refuge with his estranged brother and works to avoid becoming like his father, a respected judge who secretly abuses his family. (12-14)

Sweet, Hereafter

by Angela Johnson

(S&S, \$16.99) 978-0-689-87385-0

Sweet chooses to leave her parents to live in a lonely cabin with Curtis, an Iraqi war veteran who cannot face going back. (13-16)

Tell Us We're Home

by Marina Budhos

(Atheneum, \$16.99) 978-1-4169-0352-8

The friendship between three teenage immigrant girls whose mothers work as domestics in a suburban town is tested when one mother is accused of stealing. (12-14)

***The Things a Brother Knows**

by Dana Reinhardt

(Wendy Lamb, \$16.99) 978-0-375-84455-3

Seventeen-year-old Levi's brother has returned from the war, troubled and almost totally withdrawn. Levi is determined to help him reconnect--but will he succeed? (12-16)



We Could Be Brothers

by Derrick Barnes

(Scholastic, \$17.99) 978-0-545-13573-3

PSS, post school suspension, awaits Crease and Pacino. These unlikely friends become allies in a life-changing experience. (12-15)

What Momma Left Me

by Renée Watson

(Bloomsbury, \$16.99) 978-1-59990-446-7

Serenity looks for help from friends, extended family, and her church when she deals with her mother's violent death and later, her father's suicide. (11-14)

Where the Streets Had a Name

by Randa Abdel-Fattah

(Scholastic, \$17.99) 978-0-545-17292-9

Palestinians Hayatt and Samy sneak into Jerusalem so that Hayatt's grandmother can once more touch the soil of her home. (11-15)