

TWELVE TO FOURTEEN

ADVENTURE

If the Witness Lied

by Caroline B. Cooney

(Delacorte, \$16.99) 978-0-385-73448-6

Three orphaned teenage siblings attempt to protect their toddler brother from ghoulish media exposure and an evil aunt as they investigate their father's death. (12-14)

Killer Pizza

by Greg Taylor

(Feiwel, \$16.99) 978-0-312-37379-5

Fourteen-year-old Toby's summer is b-o-r-i-n-g...until he gets a job that involves not just filling pizza orders but also hunting monsters. Really! (12-15)

Reality Check

by Peter Abrahams

(HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-122766-0

When his ex-girlfriend disappears from her boarding school, Cody learns that he's good at sleuthing as well as football. (12-14)



The Reformed Vampire Support Group

by Catherine Jinks

(Harcourt, \$17.00) 978-0-15-206609-3

Sarcastic fifteen-year-old Nina is sick of her support group and the unglamorous realities of being a modern vampire. (12-16)

Rescuing Seneca Crane

by Susan Runholt

(Viking, \$16.99) 978-0-670-06291-1

After a young piano virtuoso is abducted in Scotland, Keri and Lucas attempt to rescue her and unmask the villains. Exciting page-turner. (11-14)

KEY	
★	Outstanding merit
	Read-aloud
(4-6)	Age range
Ⓜ	Mature
	Graphic novel

Soul Enchilada:

The Devil is in the Details

by David Macinnis Gill

(HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-167301-6

Eighteen-year-old Bug Smoot is feisty, resourceful, determined, and has powerful forces on her side, but can she outwit the Devil? (12-16)

Trouble in Timbuktu

by Cristina Kessler

(Philomel, \$17.99) 978-0-399-24451-3

Twelve-year-old twins Ayisha and Ahmed are determined to prevent a dishonest archeologist from taking precious ancient manuscripts from Timbuktu, Mali. (11-13)

COMING OF AGE

***Along for the Ride**

by Sarah Dessen

(Viking, \$19.99) 978-0-670-01194-0

During a transformational summer before college, Auden re-examines her preconceived notions about people and success. (12-16)

Anything But Typical

by Nora Raleigh Baskin

(S&S, \$15.99) 978-1-4169-6378-3

Jason, an autistic twelve-year-old, posts stories online and, through them, makes a friend in cyberspace. But what will happen when they actually meet? (11-14)

Breathing

by Cheryl Renée Herbsman

(Viking, \$16.99) 978-0-670-01123-0

Savannah manages to comply with most of Mama's strict courting rules as she and Jackson support each other in achieving their dreams and independence. (12-14)

The Brilliant Fall of Gianna Z.

by Kate Messner

(Walker, \$16.99) 978-0-8027-9842-8

Balancing cross-country running, a science leaf project, and a beloved grandmother with Alzheimer's is challenging, but friends are a big help. (12-14)

Bull Rider

by Suzanne Morgan Williams

(McElderry, \$16.99) 978-1-4169-6130-7

When his adored older brother returns maimed from the Iraq War, Cass defies his family to take up bull riding. (12-14)

Bystander

by James Preller

(Feiwel, \$16.99) 978-0-312-37906-3

Thirteen-year-old Eric must find his own creative solution to maintain his integrity and stop a bully's behavior. (12-14)

***A Certain Strain of Peculiar**

by Gigi Amateau

(Candlewick, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-3009-6

Thirteen-year-old Mary Harold Woods, cruelly shunned since fourth grade, hopes that returning to her hometown and her loving Grandma Ayma will give her a fresh start. (12-15)

Gray Baby

by Scott Loring Sanders

(HMH, \$17.00) 978-0-547-07661-4

A cantankerous old man helps Clifton deal with the racially motivated death of his father and his mother's alcoholism. (12-15)

Hollywood & Maine

by Allison Whittenberg

(Delacorte, \$15.99) 978-0-385-73671-8

The arrival of an ex-convict uncle helps shatter Charmaine's dreams of leaving small-town Pennsylvania for Hollywood in 1976. (11-14)

***How to Say Goodbye in Robot**

by Natalie Standiford

(Scholastic, \$17.99) 978-0-545-10708-2

Bea moves to a new town her senior year and befriends reclusive Ghost Boy as her parents' marriage grows rocky. (12-16)

King of the Screwups

by K. L. Going

(Harcourt, \$17.00) 978-0-15-206258-3

Sent to live with his uncle, seventeen-year-old Liam attempts to win his father's approval by changing his "Mr. Popularity" image - with surprising results. (12-16)

Leftovers

by Heather Waldorf

(Orca, P\$12.95) 978-1-55143-937-2

Fifteen-year-old Sarah attempts to turn her life around at Camp Dog Gone Fun - a summer camp for disabled dogs and wayward teens. (12-16)

Lifting the Sky

by Mackie d'Arge

(Bloomsbury, \$16.99) 978-1-59990-186-2

On a Wyoming ranch, Blue finds a mystical ability to heal animals...and a real home. (11-14)

Pop

by Gordon Korman

(HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-174228-6

High-school football player Marcus befriends a former professional whose head injuries have left him and his family dealing with Alzheimer's. (12-16)

Seattle Blues

by Michael Wenberg

(WestSide Books, \$16.95) 978-1-934813-04-1

When Maya is exiled to Seattle with her unknown grandmother, she gains a new perspective on her family. (11-14)

Secret Keeper

by Mitali Perkins

(Delacorte, \$16.99) 978-0-385-73340-3

While Baba looks for work in New York, sixteen-year-old Asha and her family move to her uncle's house in Calcutta. (11-14)

***Slob**

by Ellen Potter

(Philomel, \$16.99) 978-0-399-24705-7

Twelve-year-old Owen is very smart, very fat, and very angry. Will his ingenious attempt to resolve his problems work? (11-14)



Surface Tension:

A Novel in Four Summers

by Brent Runyon

(Knopf, \$16.99) 978-0-375-84446-1

From thirteen to sixteen, Luke's summer holiday experiences reflect his changing views of himself and life. (12-15)

This Full House:

The Conclusion of the Make Lemonade Trilogy

by Virginia Euwer Wolff

(HarperTeen, \$17.99) 978-0-06-158304-9

In the last book of the Make Lemonade trilogy, LaVaughn continues to grow academically and emotionally, as she struggles with her roots. (13-15)

Tmi

by Sarah Quigley

(Dutton, \$16.99) 978-0-525-47908-6

Fifteen-year-old Becca's efforts to rein in her tendency to overshare go awry. (12-15)

Waiting to Score

by J. E. MacLeod

(WestSide Books, \$16.95) 978-1-934813-01-0

Zack, fifteen, raised to be a clone of his late father, becomes himself as he tries to score in hockey and in life. (11-15)

You Are Here

by Jennifer E. Smith

(S&S, \$15.99) 978-1-4169-6799-6

Friends Emma and Peter have a sense something is missing in their lives and discover unexpected truths on a road trip together. (12-15)

FANTASY

***Ash**

by Malinda Lo

(Little, \$16.99) 978-0-316-04009-9

This fresh, elegant retelling of Cinderella abounds in fantasy and mystery and ends with a compelling twist. (11-14)

***Bones of Faerie**

by Janni Lee Simner

(Random House, \$16.99) 978-0-375-84563-5

Fifteen-year-old Liza sets off on a dangerous quest to find her mother after war has vanquished most of the magic in her world. (11-14)

Fire:

Tales of Elemental Spirits

by Robin McKinley and Peter Dickinson

(Putnam, \$19.99) 978-0-399-25289-1

Two master storytellers alternate in creating five magical and extraordinary tales. (11-14)

Gateway

by Sharon Shinn

(Viking, \$17.99) 978-0-670-01178-0

In an alternate Asian-centric version of the world, Daiyu helps bring down an unscrupulous prime minister. All is jeopardized when love beckons. (11-14)

***Heartsinger**

by Karlijn Stoffels

(Arthur A. Levine, \$16.99) 978-0-545-06929-8

Two young singers affect the people they meet in this tale of love and sorrow set in an imaginary folkloric world. (11-14)

Moribito II:

Guardian of the Darkness

by Nahoko Uehashi, ill. by Yuko Shimizu

(Arthur A. Levine, \$17.99) 978-0-545-10295-7

Spear fighter Balsa returns to her homeland after many years and becomes involved in violent loyalty conflicts and mystical reunions. (12-14)

A Pearl Among Princes

by Coleen Murtagh Paratore

(Dial, \$16.99) 978-0-8037-3301-5

Is Gracepearl destined to leave her island home with a visiting Prince, despite her love for her childhood friend? (11-14)

Salt

by Maurice Gee

(Orca, \$18.00) 978-1-55469-209-5

Brought together by their ability to communicate without words, Tealeaf and Pearl have joined Hari to rescue his father from Deep Salt. (12-15)

Serendipity Market

by Penny Blubaugh

(HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-146875-9

Mama Inez and her dog, Toby, collect a diverse group of people to share their stories and prove that magic is everywhere. (11-14)

***Tales from Outer Suburbia**

by Shaun Tan

(Arthur A. Levine, \$19.99) 978-0-545-05587-1

Fifteen extraordinary vignettes transform everyday life in Australia into something quite magical. Brilliantly illustrated in a variety of media. (11-14)

Wondrous Strange

by Lesley Livingston

(HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-157537-2

Kelley, a seventeen-year-old actress, learns to counter Faerie treachery when the gate between the mortal realm and the dangerous Otherworld opens. (12-16)

HISTORICAL FICTION

Alligator Bayou

by Donna Jo Napoli

(Wendy Lamb, \$16.99) 978-0-385-74654-0

In 1899 Louisiana, fourteen-year-old Calogero and his Sicilian relatives sell produce, but social and racial tensions escalate into shocking violence. Based on a true story. (12-14)

***Between Us Baxters**

by Bethany Hegedus

(WestSide Books, \$17.95) 978-1-934813-02-7

In the post Brown v. Board of Education Jim Crow south, can the friendship between a white girl and an African-American girl survive? (11-13)

Burn My Heart

by Beverley Naidoo

(HarperCollins, \$15.99) 978-0-06-143297-2

In the 1950s, a British settler's son and a Kenyan boy are friends until the Mau Mau uprising disrupts their lives. (12-14)

Comfort

by Joyce Moyer Hostetter

(Calkins Creek, \$17.95) 978-1-59078-606-2

Ana Fay, a teenage polio victim, finds help in Warm Springs, Georgia, along with the strength to deal with her father's Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. (10-13)

Distant Waves

by Suzanne Weyn

(Scholastic, \$17.99) 978-0-545-08572-4

As a daughter of a celebrated medium, Jane struggles with the intersection of science and faith. A fateful voyage on the Titanic transforms her life. (12-15)



A Family Secret

by Eric Heuvel

(FSG, \$18.99) 978-0-374-32271-7

In this graphic-format companion to *The Search*, Helena's father helps to save her Jewish friend, Esther. (11-13)

Greener Grass

by Caroline Pignat

(Fitzhenry & Whiteside, P\$12.95) 978-0-88995-402-1

During the Irish potato famine, fourteen-year-old Kit lives with poverty, extreme hunger, and a vicious landlord. (12-14)

Hazel

by Julie Hearn

(Atheneum, \$17.99) 978-1-4169-2504-0

When a scandal forces thirteen-year-old Hazel to leave her London home in 1913, she ends up on her grandparents' Caribbean sugar cane plantation and uncovers some old family secrets. (11-15)

Mare's War

by Tanita S. Davis

(Knopf, \$16.99) 978-0-375-85714-0

During an automobile trip across the country, Grandma Mare tells of her experiences and the discrimination in the Women's Army Corps during World War II. (12-15)

The Musician's Daughter

by Susanne Dunlap

(Bloomsbury, \$16.99) 978-1-59990-332-3

When fifteen-year-old Theresa's violinist father is murdered in eighteenth-century Vienna, she risks everything to solve the mystery. (12-14)

My Name is Phillis Wheatley:

A Story of Slavery and Freedom

by Afua Cooper

(Kids Can, \$16.95) 978-1-55337-812-9

The enslaved Black poet expresses her feelings through her verse. (11-14)

On Viney's Mountain

by Joan Donaldson

(Holiday House, P\$16.95) 978-0-8234-2129-9

In 1880 Tennessee, an expert weaver and spunky young woman resents the English "foreigners" until she falls unpredictably in love. (12-14)

The Other Half of Life

by Kim Ablon Whitney

(Knopf, \$16.99) 978-0-375-85219-0

In 1939, fifteen-year-old Thomas boards the MS St. Louis which is bringing European Jewish refugees to Cuba. Will Cuba admit them? Will the United States? (12-14)

The Pale Assassin

by Patricia Elliott

(Holiday House, \$17.95) 978-0-8234-2250-0

In Revolutionary Paris, no aristocrat is safe from betrayal, least of all fourteen-year-old Eugénie de Boncoeur. (12-14)

Riot

by Walter Dean Myers

(Egmont, \$16.99) 978-1-60684-000-9

During the Civil War, the draft sparks terrible race riots in New York City, and disrupts fifteen-year-old Claire's life. (11-14)



The Search

by Eric Heuvel, Ruud van der Rol, Lies Schippers

(FSG, P\$9.99) 978-0-374-46455-4

Nazis capture a child's parents, but her friendship with the daughter of a Dutch guard helps spare her life. Graphic novel. (11-13)

Soldier's Secret:

The Story of Deborah Sampson

by Shelia Solomon Klass

(Henry Holt, \$17.99) 978-0-8050-8200-5

Deborah Sampson dresses as a man to serve in the Revolutionary War, avoid a loveless marriage, and obtain personal freedom. (12-14)

Sphinx's Princess

by Esther Friesner

(Random, \$17.99) 978-0-375-85654-9

In ancient Egypt, beautiful, clever Nefertiti wishes to make her own choices - and does not wish to marry the Crown Prince. (12-14)

The Stolen One

by Suzanne Crowley

(HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-123200-8

Determined to learn the secrets of her parenthood, Kat joins the court of Elizabeth I as a gifted needlewoman. (12-14)

The Time of the Witches

by Anna Myers

(Walker, \$16.99) 978-0-8027-9820-6

This compelling historical novel is told in the fictional voice of Drucilla, one of the girls accusing their neighbors of witchcraft in Salem village, Massachusetts. (11-15)

***Tropical Secrets:**

Holocaust Refugees in Cuba

by Margarita Engle

(Henry Holt, \$16.99) 978-0-8050-8936-3

Escaping alone from persecution in Germany, thirteen-year-old Daniel lands in Cuba to find more hardship as well as friendship. Told in verse. (12-14)

A Troubled Peace

by L. M. Elliott

(HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-074427-4

Suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, an American World War II pilot returns to France to rescue a child who saved his life. (12-16)

A Voice of Her Own:

Becoming Emily Dickinson

by Barbara Dana

(HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-028704-7

The poet emerges in this finely wrought imagining of the Dickinson family amidst life in mid-nineteenth century Amherst. (11-14)

The White Witch

by Janet Graber

(Roaring Brook, \$17.95) 978-1-59643-337-3

In seventeenth-century England, as the plague ravages much of the population, white-haired, pale-skinned Gwendoline is frequently called a witch. (11-14)

***Winnie's War**

by Jenny Moss

(Walker, \$16.99) 978-0-8027-9819-0

Twelve-year-old Winnie experiences the devastating effects of the Spanish influenza pandemic of 1918 on her small Texas town. (11-14)

The Year of the Bomb

by Ronald Kidd

(S&S, \$15.99) 978-1-4169-5892-5

As "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" is filmed in their town, four spunky junior high school boys encounter the McCarthyite fears that shaped 1950s America. (12-14)

SCIENCE FICTION



***Catching Fire**

by Suzanne Collins

(Scholastic, \$17.99) 978-0-439-02439-8

Peeta and Katniss are caught again in the politics of the Capitol, and are forced to compete along with their mentor. A sequel to The Hunger Games. (12-16)

***Leviathan**

by Scott Westerfeld, ill. by Keith Thompson

(S&S, \$19.99) 978-1-4169-7173-3

In 1914, in an alternate world, an assassination occurs between mechanical Clankers and Darwin-inspired fabricated animals. (11-14)

SPORTS

Football Champ

by Tim Green

(HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-162689-0

Twelve-year-old Troy, a genuine football genius, becomes entangled in the high-stakes and sometimes treacherous world of the NFL. (12-14)

Mudville

by Kurtis Scaletta

(Knopf, \$16.99) 978-0-375-85579-5

After twenty-two years of rain, Mudville dries up and baseball begins again. Twelve-year-old Roy, his friends, and foster brother dare to face the curse and form a team. (11-14)

TODAY

***All the Broken Pieces**

by Ann E. Burg

(Scholastic, \$16.99) 978-0-545-08092-7

Son of a Vietnamese mother and an American soldier, Matt is sent to the United States for adoption. (11-13)

Back Home

by Julia Keller

(Egmont, \$15.99) 978-1-60684-005-4

When thirteen-year-old Rachel's badly wounded father returns from Iraq, her family faces the difficult task of adjusting. (12-14)

Cashay

by Margaret McMullan

(HMH, \$15.00) 978-0-547-07656-0

Despite growing up in one of Chicago's worst housing projects, Cashay discovers that her intelligence and resilience can change her world. (12-15)

Everything is Fine

by Ann Dee Ellis

(Little, \$16.99) 978-0-316-01364-2

As Mazzy navigates the aftermath of her mother's depression and her father's abandonment, she struggles to keep everything "just fine." (11-13)

Gorgeous

by Rachel Vail

(HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-089046-9

An unwilling finalist in a magazine contest for "top model," Allison discovers truths about herself, friends, and family. (11-14)

Hold Still

by Nina LaCour, ill. by Mia Noling

(Dutton, \$17.99) 978-0-525-42155-9

After Caitlin's best friend commits suicide, she struggles to find new meaning in her life. (12-14)

***The Homeschool Liberation League**

by Lucy Frank

(Dial, \$16.99) 978-0-8037-3230-8

Thirteen-year-old Katya desperately wants to be homeschooled; fourteen-year-old Milo wants to end his homeschooling. Will their parents support them in making these changes? (12-14)



Jumped

by Rita Williams-Garcia

(HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-076091-5

This narrative of three very different teens presents a disturbing picture of adolescent violence. (12-14)

Loserville

by Peter Johnson

(Front Street, \$17.95) 978-1-59078-581-2

Five high school students experience a summer of laughter, love, tears, and loss as well as conflicts with parents. (12-15)

A Map of the Known World

by Lisa Ann Sandell

(Scholastic, \$16.99) 978-0-545-06970-0

Shattered by the death of the son they have barely known, Cora's parents nearly lose her because of their overprotectiveness. (12-14)

Muchacho

by Louanne Johnson

(Knopf, \$15.99) 978-0-375-86117-8

In a small New Mexico town, Eddie runs away from a troubled life and, in his alternative school, finds out about girls, books, and becoming a poet. (13-15)

***Punkzilla**

by Adam Rapp

(Candlewick, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-3031-7

A fourteen-year-old runaway makes his solitary way across the country. (12-15)

Purge

by Sarah Darer Littman

(Scholastic, \$16.99) 978-0-545-05235-1

The poignant story of Janie's hospitalization for bulimia offers an insightful picture of eating disorders among teenagers. (11-14)

Same Difference

by Siobhan Vivian

(Push, \$17.99) 978-0-545-00407-7

Deciding to go to art school in Philadelphia for the summer, Emily is surprised by her new interest in art and by her fellow students. (12-14)

Viola in Reel Life

by Adriana Trigiani

(HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-145102-7

A Brooklyn teen is sent against her wishes to an Indiana boarding school. She matures as she comes to love her supportive roommates. (12-15)