

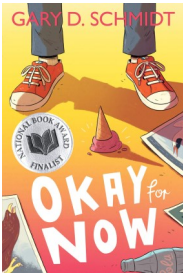
*Amal Unbound* / Aisha Saeed  
**J FICTION SAEED**

Twelve-year-old Amal, who lives in a small village in Pakistan, dreams of becoming a teacher despite being forced into indentured servitude after inadvertently insulting a member of the village's ruling family.



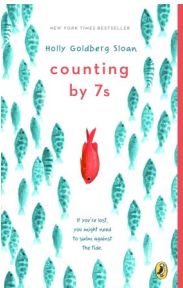
*Okay for Now* / Gary D. Schmidt  
**J FICTION SCHMIDT**

With the help of his new friend, Doug finds the strength to endure an abusive father, the suspicions of a whole town, and the return of his oldest brother, forever scarred, from Vietnam.



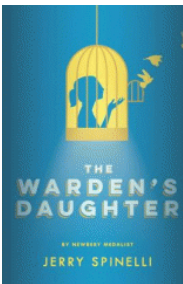
*Counting by 7s* / Holly Goldberg Sloan  
**J FICTION SLOAN**

Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.



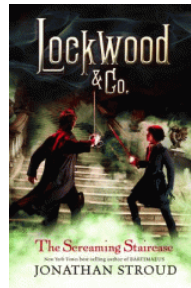
*The Warden's Daughter* / Jerry Spinelli  
**J FICTION SPINELLI**

Cammie O'Reilly lives at the Hancock County Prison, not as a prisoner, she's the warden's daughter. She spends the mornings hanging out with shoplifters and reformed arsonists in the women's exercise yard, which gives Cammie a certain cache with her friends.



*Lockwood and Co.: The Screaming Staircase* / Jonathan Stroud  
**J FICTION STROUD**

When London is overrun by malevolent spirits, a talented group of young psychic detectives compete against other ghostbusting agencies in the debut of a new series that finds three intrepid colleagues investigating one of England's most haunted houses.



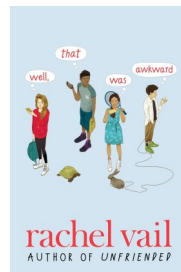
*The Menagerie* / Tui Sutherland  
**J FICTION SUTHERLAND**

When twelve-year-old Logan Wilde wakes up to discover a baby griffin hiding under his bed, he suddenly finds himself thrown into a mystery involving his classmate Zoe Kahn and a magical menagerie right in the middle of his sleepy Wyoming town.



*Well, That Was Awkward* / Rachel Vail  
**J FICTION VAIL**

Gracie has never felt like this before. One day, she suddenly can't breathe, can't walk, can't anything-and the reason is standing there right in front of her-A.J. But it turns out A.J. likes Gracie's best friend, Sienna.



*Other Words for Home* / Jasmine Warga  
**J FICTION WARGA**

Sent with her mother to the safety of a relative's home in Cincinnati when her Syrian community is overshadowed by violence, Jude worries for the beloved family members who were left behind and forges a new sense of identity shaped by friends and changing perspectives.



*The Way to Bea* / Kat Yeh  
**J FICTION YEY**

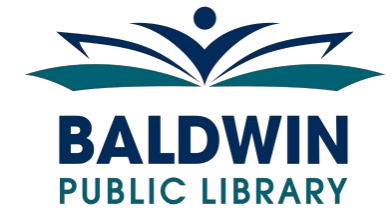
Everything in Bea's world has changed. She's starting 7th grade newly friendless and facing big changes at home, where she is about to go from only child to big sister. Feeling alone and adrift, and like her words don't deserve to be seen, Bea takes solace in writing haiku in invisible ink and hiding them in a secret spot.



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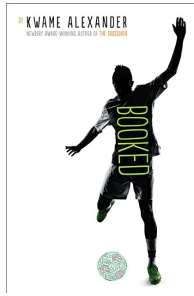
# Books for 7th and 8th Graders



*Booked* / Kwame Alexander

**J FICTION ALEXANDER**

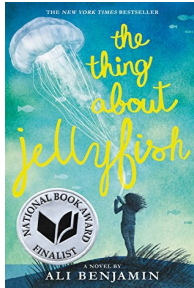
Soccer, family, love, and friendship take center stage as twelve-year-old Nick learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.



*The Thing About Jellyfish* / Ali Benjamin

**J FICTION BENJAMIN**

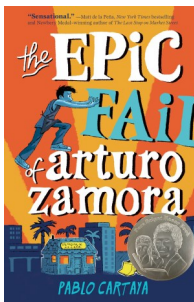
After her best friend dies in a drowning accident, Suzy is convinced that the true cause of the tragedy must have been a rare jellyfish sting.



*The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora* / Pablo Cartaya

**J FICTION CARTAYA**

Save the restaurant. Save the town. Get the girl. Make Abuela proud. Can thirteen-year-old Arturo Zamora do it all or is he in for a BIG, EPIC FAIL?



*The School for Good and Evil* / Soman Chainani

**J FICTION CHAINANI**

This year best friends Sophie and Agatha will discover what it is to be a student at the fabled School for Good and Evil, where ordinary boys and girls are trained to be fairy-tale heroes and villains.



*Artemis Fowl* / Eoin Colfer

**J FICTION COLFER**

When twelve-year old evil genius Artemis Fowl tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.



*The Night Diary* / Veera Hiranandani

**J FICTION**

**HIRANANDANI**

Shy twelve-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her deceased Muslim mother in the pages of her diary.

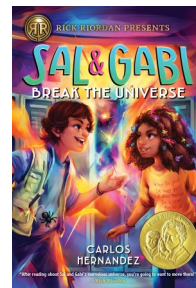


*Sal & Gabi Break the Universe* / Carlos Hernandez

**J FICTION**

**HERNANDEZ**

In order to heal after his mother's death, Sal learned how to meditate. Turns out he can reach into time and space to retrieve things from other universes, even his mom!



*The Great Greene Heist* / Varian Johnson

**J FICTION JOHNSON**

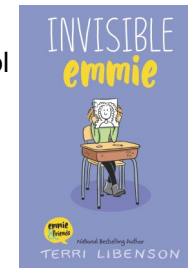
Jackson Greene is saving the school -- one con at a time.



*Invisible Emmie* / Terri Libenson

**J GRAPHIC NOVEL**  
**SERIES EMMIE**

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.



*The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* / Jacqueline Kelly

**J FICTION KELLY**

Eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, learns about love from the older three of her six brothers, and studies the natural world with her grandfather, the latter of which leads her to an important discovery.



*Legend* / Marie Lu

**J FICTION LU**

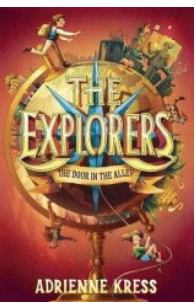
From very different worlds, June and Day have no reason to cross paths - until the day June's brother, Metias, is murdered and Day becomes the prime suspect.



*The Explorers: The Door In the Alley* / Adrienne Kress

**J FICTION KRESS**

A shy boy's life is sent spiraling into adventure after a fateful day when he discovers a pig in a small hat and returns it home at they mysterious Explorers club.



*A Night Divided* / Jennifer A. Nielsen

**J FICTION NIELSEN**

With the rise of the Berlin Wall, 12-year-old Gerta finds her family divided overnight. One day, on her way to school, Gerta spots her father on a viewing platform then receives a mysterious drawing. Gerta concludes that her father wants Gerta to tunnel beneath the wall. Will Gerta and her family find their way to freedom?



*The Flame of Olympus* / Kate O'Hearn

**J FICTION O'HEARN**

Thirteen-year-old Emily's life is transformed when Pegasus, the mythological winged horse, crashes onto the roof of her building during a New York City blackout and takes her to Olympus where she faces monsters, a corrupt governmental agency, and the quest to keep the Olympic flame burning.

