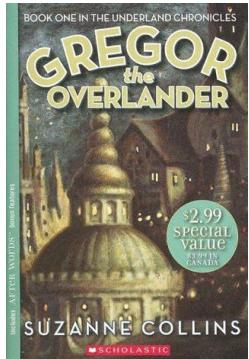


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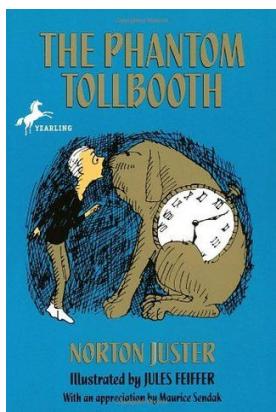
6th Grade Summer Reading List

Fantasy



Gregor and the Overlander by Suzanne Collins

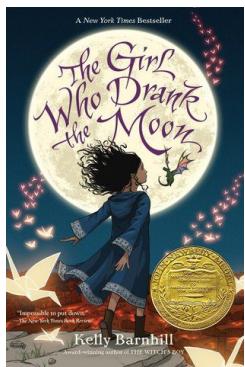
From the author that brought us the Hunger Games. When Gregor falls through the grate of his apartment building's laundry and into the dark world of Underland, Gregor is forced to play an unwilling role in keeping the strange world together. It isn't until he discovers that saving Underland will help solve the mystery of his missing father that he begins to discover all that he can do.



The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

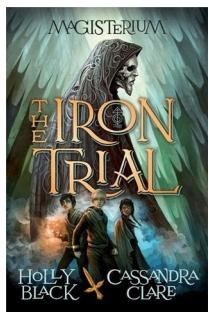
Milo's world is full of boredom. When he drives through a tollbooth that mysteriously appears in his bedroom, he's only done that because he has

nothing better to do. What he discovers on the other side is a pun filled adventure to save Rhyme and Reason.



The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill 2017 Newberry Award Winner

Every year, the people of the Protectorate leave a baby as an offering to the witch who lives in the forest. Little do they know that the “evil” witch loves and cares for each child feeding them with starlight until they are grown. It isn’t until one child accidentally drinks the moonlight that everything begins to change and the witch realizes that she must raise the you girl named Luna as her own.



The Iron Trial by Holly Black and Cassandra Clare

Most kids would do anything to pass the Iron Trial. Not Callum Hunt. He wants to fail. All his life, Call has been warned by his father to stay away from magic. If he succeeds at the Iron Trial and is admitted into the Magisterium, he is sure it can only mean bad things for him. So he tries his best to do his worst – and fails at failing. Now the Magisterium awaits him. It's a place that's both sensational and sinister, with dark ties to his past and a twisty path to his future. The Iron Trial is just the beginning, for the biggest test is still to come . . .

The Ruins of Gorlan by John Flanagan

They have always scared him in the past — the Rangers, with their dark cloaks and shadowy ways. The villagers believe the Rangers practice magic that makes them invisible to ordinary people. And now 15-year-old Will, always small for his age, has been chosen as a Ranger's apprentice. What he doesn't yet realize is that the Rangers are the protectors of the kingdom. Highly trained in the skills of battle and surveillance, they fight the battles before the battles reach the people. And as Will is about to learn, there is a large battle brewing.

Science Fiction

The Giver by Louis Lowry

1994 Newberry Award Winner

Twelve-year-old Jonas lives in a seemingly ideal world. Not until he is given his life assignment as the Receiver does he begin to understand the dark secrets behind this fragile community. A great, thought-provoking dystopian read that has become a classic over time.

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams

Great for advanced readers with a dry sense of humor

Seconds before the Earth is demolished to make way for a galactic freeway, Arthur Dent is plucked off the planet by his friend Ford Prefect, a researcher for the revised edition of The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy who, for the last fifteen years, has been posing as an out-of-work actor. The adventure path he's set on is a classic collection of wacky characters and circumstances. All you need to know is that you should always bring a towel and that the answer to life, the universe, and everything is 42.

The Selection by Kiera Cass

Dystopian fiction meets the bachelor in this quick romantic book. America Singer is chosen to compete for a chance at marrying Prince Maxon along with many girls who are much more used to wealth and privilege than she. Can she survive a game played in a castle under constant rebel attacks? Does she really want to win if it means becoming a part of her country's ruling family?

The City of Ember by Jeanne Duprau

Many hundreds of years ago, the city of Ember was created by the Builders to contain everything needed for human survival. It worked...but now the storerooms are almost out of food, crops are blighted, corruption is spreading through the city and worst of all—the lights are failing. Soon Ember could be engulfed by darkness...

Legend by Marie 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. Caught in the ultimate game of cat and mouse, Day is in a race for his family's survival, while June seeks to avenge Metias's death. But in a shocking turn of events, the two uncover the truth of what has really brought them together, and the sinister lengths their country will go to keep its secrets.

Realistic

Hello Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly

2018 Newberry Award Winner

A dead nature lover, a self-proclaimed psychic with a tag along sister, and a basketball loving boy who just wishes everyone would act normal are pulled together when a prank goes wrong. The pranksters actions end up putting one boy and his hamster down a well and everyone else on a crash course that can only end by rescuing the boy and his pet.

Goodbye Stranger by Rebecca Stead

This bittersweet, lovely story of friendship and social media gives us a look into the lives of three girls and the impact that social media and thoughtless decisions can have. What will this mean for the new school year, friends, and finally falling in love?

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

2015 Newberry Award Winner

Two twin brothers who eat, sleep, and breathe basketball want nothing more than to be just like their retired pro basketball playing father. We get to know each brother through a series of chapters written in poetic verse that reads more like song lyrics than any traditional story.

Crash by Jerry Spinelli

Meet Crash Coogan. Crash seems to be all brawn and no brains, but he will need more than mere muscles to face the upcoming challenges in his life. Now available in paperback, Award-winner Jerry Spinelli has created a hilarious, poignant story of a cocky seventh-grade super-jock.

Flipped by Wendlin Van Draanen

Flipped is a romance told in two voices. The first time Juli Baker saw Bryce Loski, she flipped. The first time Bryce saw Juli, he ran. That's pretty much the pattern for these two neighbors until the eighth grade, when, just as Juli is realizing Bryce isn't as wonderful as she thought, Bryce is starting to see that Juli is pretty amazing. How these two teens manage to see beyond the surface of things and come together makes for a comic and poignant romance.

Historical

Echo by Pam Munoz Ryan

Newberry Award Nominee

Lost and alone in a forbidden forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and suddenly finds himself entwined in a puzzling quest involving a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica. Decades later, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California each, in turn, become interwoven when the very same harmonica lands in their lives. All the children face daunting challenges the will ultimately bring them together.

Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys

Lina is just like any other fifteen-year-old Lithuanian girl in 1941. She paints, she draws, she gets crushes on boys. Until one night when Soviet officers barge into her home, tearing her family from the comfortable life they've known. Separated from her father, forced onto a crowded and dirty train car, Lina, her mother, and her young brother slowly make their way north, crossing the Arctic Circle, to a work camp in the coldest reaches of Siberia. Here they are forced, under Stalin's orders, to dig for beets and fight for their lives under the cruelest of conditions.

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson

Scott O'dell Award Winner

As the Revolutionary War begins, 13-year-old Isabel and her 5-year-old sister Ruth are about to be freed from slavery by the will of their Rhode Island mistress. However, the unscrupulous heir prevents the reading of the will and the girls are soon the property of an abusive Loyalist couple in New York. Isabel agrees to spy for the Patriots in exchange for passage back to Rhode Island for herself and her sister. This well researched exploration of the treatment of slaves is contained in a gripping story.

Prisoner B-3087 by Alan Gratz

As a Jewish boy in 1930s Poland, Yanek is at the mercy of the Nazis who have taken over. Everything he has, and everyone he loves, have been snatched brutally from him. And then Yanek himself is taken prisoner -- his arm tattooed with the words PRISONER B-3087. Can Yanek make it through the terror without losing his hope, his will -- and, most of all, his sense of who he really is inside?

Armstrong & Charlie by Steven B. Frank

“Charlie isn’t looking forward to sixth grade. If he starts sixth grade, chances are he’ll finish it. And when he does, he’ll grow older than the brother he recently lost. Armstrong isn’t looking forward to sixth grade, either. When his parents sign him up for Opportunity Busing to a white school in the Hollywood Hills, all he wants to know is “What time in the morning will my alarm clock have the opportunity to ring?”

Mystery/Thriller

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

2009 Newberry and Hugo Award

Nobody Owens, known to his friends as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be completely normal if he didn't live in a sprawling graveyard, being raised and educated by ghosts, with a solitary guardian who belongs to neither the world of the living nor of the dead. There are dangers and adventures in the graveyard for a boy. But if Bod leaves the graveyard, then he will come under attack from the man Jack—who has already killed Bod's family...

Thornhill by Pam Smy

Ella and Mary are two girls with very different pasts. When Ella discovers Mary's journal, their two stories get pulled closer and closer together. The book is told in two different perspectives. One character's story is told through words while the others is told through vivid images that leave you itching to turn the next page.

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart

"Are you a gifted child looking for special opportunities?" Dozens of children respond to this add only to discover that they might be sucked into a secret mission that will take them into the heart of the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened. They will have to solve all types of different puzzles in order to succeed at their secret mission.

The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snickett

Read the book series that inspired the witty Netflix series. The Baudelaire children, orphaned and alone, have been adopted by a man more interested in the money the children will inherit than in the children themselves. He will stop at nothing to get it.

Constable and Toop by Gareth P. Jones

The Black Rot, a disease that threatens both the living and the dead, has descended on Londen. Only a terrible ghost bureaucrat and an undertaker's son who can see the dead seem able to fix the problem. Neither is supposed to be able to speak to each other, but together they have to find a solution to save the city.

Adventure

Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk

Twelve-year-old Crow has lived her entire life on a tiny, isolated piece of the starkly beautiful Elizabeth Islands in Massachusetts. Abandoned and set adrift in a small boat when she was just hours old, Crow's only companions are Osh, the man who rescued and raised her, and Miss Maggie, their fierce and affectionate neighbor across the sandbar. Crow has always been curious about the world around her, but it isn't until the night a mysterious fire appears across the water that the unspoken question of her own history forms in her heart. Soon, an unstoppable chain of events is triggered, leading Crow down a path of discovery and danger.

The Name of This Book is Secret by Pseudonymous Bosch

As much as he'd love to sing the praises of his book (he is very vain), he wouldn't want you to hear about his brave 11-year old heroes, Cass and Max-Ernest. Or about how a mysterious box of vials, the Symphony of Smells, sends them on the trail of a magician who has vanished under strange (and stinky) circumstances. And he certainly wouldn't want you to know about the hair-raising adventures that follow and the nefarious villains they face. You see, not only is the name of this book secret, the story inside is, too. For it concerns a secret. A Big Secret.

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

This is the story of Karana, the Indian girl who lived alone for years on the Island of the Blue Dolphins. Year after year, she watched one season pass into another and waited for a ship to take her away. But while she waited, she kept herself alive by building shelter, making weapons, finding food, and fighting her enemies, the wild dogs. It is not only an unusual adventure of survival, but also a tale of natural beauty and personal discovery.

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

Sam Gribley is tired of city life. All he wants is the quiet of the outdoors, so he sets off into the Catskill Mountains to see if he can survive on his own.

Adrift by Paul Griffin

When Matt and John head out to Montauk, they think they are going for a simple vacation, but girls lead to a party, the party leads to a boat, and the boat leads them to being adrift at sea. Driana is trying to keep the peace between her friends Jojo and Steph, but they aren't making it easy. Mistakes can happen when people are tired, hungry, and stressed. How far will each go to survive? What happens when the past begins to resurface?

Nonfiction

The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion & the Fall of Imperial Russia by Candace Fleming

Here is the tumultuous, heartrending, true story of the Romanovs—at once an intimate portrait of Russia's last royal family and a gripping account of its undoing. Using captivating photos and compelling first person accounts, award-winning author Candace Fleming (*Amelia Lost; The Lincolns*) deftly maneuvers between the imperial family's extravagant lives and the plight of Russia's poor masses, making this an utterly mesmerizing read as well as a perfect resource for meeting Common Core standards.

Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War by Steve Sheinkin

On June 13, 1971, the front page of the New York Times announced the existence of a 7,000-page collection of documents containing a secret history of the Vietnam War. Known as The Pentagon Papers, these documents had been commissioned by Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara. Chronicling every action the government had taken in the Vietnam War, they revealed a pattern of deception spanning over twenty years and four

presidencies, and forever changed the relationship between American citizens and the politicians claiming to represent their interests.

Vincent and Theo by Deborah Heiligman

The deep and enduring friendship between Vincent and Theo Van Gogh shaped both brothers' lives. Confidant, champion, sympathizer, friend, Theo supported Vincent as he struggled to find his path in life. They shared everything, swapping stories of lovers and friends, successes and disappointments, dreams and ambitions. Meticulously researched, drawing on the 658 letters Vincent wrote to Theo during his lifetime, Deborah Heiligman weaves a tale of two lives intertwined and the love of the Van Gogh brothers.

Lincoln's Grave Robbers by Steve Sheinkin

A true crime thriller -- the first book for teens to tell the nearly unknown tale of the brazen attempt to steal Abraham Lincoln's body!