



Grades 5-8

9 from the Nine Worlds by Rick Riordan

While Magnus Chase is away visiting his cousin, Heartstone, Blitzen and the rest of the Nine Worlds friends find themselves navigating tricky challenges in the form of dull-witted giants, murderous monsters and meddling gods. *J FANTASY RIORDAN*

After: Nineteen Stories of Apocalypse and Dystopia edited by Ellen Datlow and Terri Winding

An anthology of nineteen tales by well-known authors of young adult literature which explore the lives of teens raised after a catastrophe, either in the first few years after the change or in the distant future. *J AFTER 2012*

Bad Princess: True Tales from Behind the Tiaras by Kris Waldherr

A mix of royal biography, pop culture, art, style, and pure fun, this book is a whip-smart, tongue-in-cheek spin on the traditional princess narrative, proving that it takes more than a pretty crown to be a great leader. *J 940.899 WAL 2018*

Been There Done That : Writing Stories from Real Life edited by Mike Winchell

This anthology looks at the process of taking real-life experiences and turning them into works of fiction. The collection features award-winning and best-selling middle-grade authors who provide both original fictional short stories as well as the non-fictional events that inspired them. *J BEEN*

The Cabinet of Curiosities: 36 Tales Brief & Sinister by Stefan Bachman

This book includes thirty-six short tales, most of which were originally published on the blog of the same name, relate to an imaginary museum of creepy artifacts and are arranged into such thematic "drawers" as love, luck, song and fairy tales. *J BACHMAN*

Code Girls: the untold story of the American Women who Secretly Broke Codes in World War II

by Liza Mundy; adapted by Laurie Calkhoven

This is the story of the courageous efforts of remarkable young women recruited by the U.S. Government to crack German and Japanese military codes during World War II. *J 940.54 MUN 2017*

Fantastic Failures: True Stories of People who Changed the World by Falling Down First by Luke Reynolds

With stories from people like J.K. Rowling, Albert Einstein, Rosa Parks, Abraham Lincoln, Vincent Van Gogh, Julia Child, Steven Spielberg and great inventors and scientists, each profile just proves that the greatest mistakes ad flops can turn into something amazing. *J 920.02 REY 2018*

Funny Girl: Funniest. Stories. Ever. edited by Betsy Bird

This book is a collection of humorous stories from over two dozen contemporary female writers, as well as autobiographical essays, comics, poems and comic strips. *J FUNNY*

Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson

When six students are chosen to participate in a weekly talk with no adults allowed, they discover that when they're together, it's safe to share the hopes and fears they have to hide from the rest of the world. *J WOODSON 2018*

My Family Divided: One Girl's Journey of Home, Loss and Hope by Diane Guerrero with Erica Moroz

Diane Guerrero tells her personal story in this middle-grade memoir about her parents' deportation and the nightmarish struggles of undocumented immigrants and their American children. *JB GUERRERO*

Rad Girls Can: Stories of Bold Brave and Brilliant Young Women by Kate Schatz

This is a collection of stories and art about inspiring and accomplished girls who have made positive impacts on the world before the age of twenty. *J 920.72 SCG 2018*

Scream and Scream Again I : Spooky Stories from Mystery Writers of America edited by R.L. Stine

Full of twists and turns, dark corners and devilish revenge, best-selling authors tell tales of wicked ice-cream trucks, time-traveling heroes, witches and warlocks, ad of course, haunted houses. *J MYSTERY SCREAM*

The Space Adventurer's Guide: Your Passport to the Coolest Things to See and Do in the Universe by Peter McMahon

A guide to space travel describes how to prepare and the different trips a person could make, the steps that each trip would involve, ad some things to do at each destination. *J 629.4 MCM 2018*

Startalk: Everything you ever Need to Know about Space Travel, Sci-Fi, the Human Race, the Universe and Beyond by Neil DeGrasse Tyson

This book offers facts about a variety of topics in science, including cosmology, outer space, earth science, human beings, science fiction, and more. *J 523.1 STA 2016*

Survivors: Extraordinary Tales from the Wild and Beyond by David Long

This collection of survival takes includes the story of a teenager who fell two miles from an airplane and trekked through the Amazon jungle to safety and a woman who was trapped under freezing water for so long that her heart stopped. *J 613.69 LON 2016*

Taking Cover: One Girl's Story of Growing Up During the Iranian Revolution by Nioucha Homayoonfarin

In 1979, eight-year-old Nioucha Homayoonfar moved from the United States to Tehran, Iran with her family and had to adjust to a new life and culture during the turbulent Iranian Revolution. *JB HOMAYOONFAR*



Us, In Progress: Short Stories about Young Latinos by Lulu Delacre

This collection of short stories featuring Latin Americans allows readers to experience life through their eyes, celebrate their victories, and see their hardships. *J DELACRE*

Unstoppable: True Stories of Amazing Bionic Animals by Nancy Furstinger

Learn the stories of animals that are both benefitting from and helping out the world of prosthetic science covering all species, situations and science backgrounds. *J 636.089 FUR 2017*

The Unwanted: Stories of the Syrian Refugees by Don Brown

This graphic novel recounts the events of Syrian refugees' attempt to escape the horrors of their country's civil war in search of a better tomorrow. *J GN BROWN, DON 2018*

You're Welcome, Universe by Whitney Gardner

When Julia finds a slur about her best friend scrawled across the back of the Kingston School for the Deaf, she covers it up with a beautiful (albeit illegal) graffiti mural. Found out, Julia is expelled from school and finds herself "mainstreamed" to a suburban school where she's treated like an outcast as the only deaf student in school. *YA GARDNER 2017*