

Incoming 6th Grade Cosgrove Summer 2023 Reading List

Fantasy



***Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine**

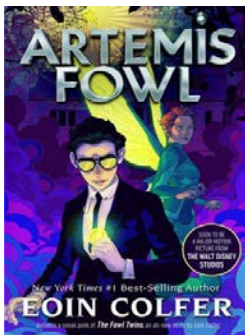
In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.



[Link to SORA audiobook](#)



[Link to SORA e-book](#)



***Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer**

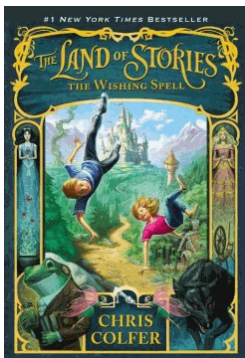
Twelve-year-old evil genius Artemis Fowl tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, but the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.



[Link to SORA audiobook](#)



[Link to SORA e-book](#)



***The Wishing Spell (The Land of Stories Book 1)* by Chris Colfer**

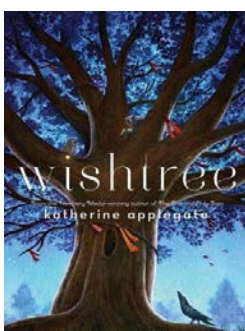
A cherished book of stories mysteriously transports twins Alex and Conner to a land full of magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about.



[Link to SORA audiobook](#)



[Link to SORA e-book](#)



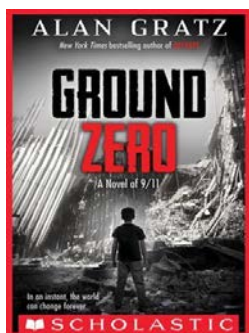
***Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate**

An old red oak tree tells how he and his crow friend, Bongo, help their human neighbors get along after a threat against an immigrant family is carved into the tree's trunk.



[Link to SORA e-book](#)

Historical Fiction

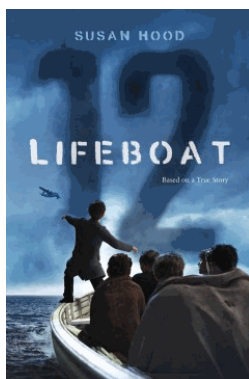


Ground Zero by Alan Gratz

Brandon is visiting his dad on the 107th floor of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 when the attack comes; Reshmina is a girl in Afghanistan who has grown up in the aftermath of that attack but dreams of peace, becoming a teacher and escaping her village and the narrow role that the Taliban believes is appropriate for women-- both are struggling to survive, both changed forever by the events of 9/11.



[Link to SORA e-book](#)



Lifeboat 12 by Susan Hood

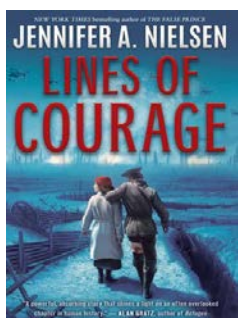
In 1940, a group of British children, their escorts, and some sailors struggle to survive in a lifeboat when the ship taking them to safety in Canada is torpedoed.



[Link to SORA audiobook](#)



[Link to SORA e-book](#)

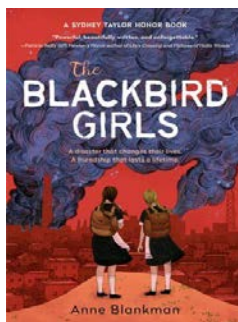


Lines of Courage by Jennifer A. Nielsen

From the assassination that triggers World War I in 1914 to Armistice Day in 1918, the story follows the fates of five young people on both sides of the conflict--each facing their portion of the war with courage, until the end of the war brings them together.



[Link to SORA e-book](#)



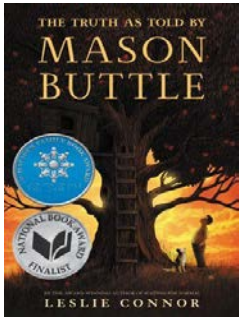
The Blackbird Girls by Anne Blankman

On a spring morning, neighbor--and enemies--Valentina Kaplan and Oksana Savchenko wake up to an angry red sky. A reactor at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant where their fathers work has exploded.



[Link to SORA e-book](#)

Mystery

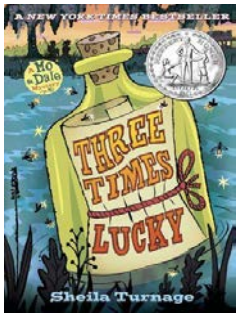


***The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle* by Leslie Connor**

Mason Buttle is a 12-year-old boy with learning disabilities who is grieving the recent loss of his best friend, Benny. Mason found Benny dead in his family's orchard, and the police suspect there is more to the story than Mason will reveal.



[Link to SORA e-book](#)

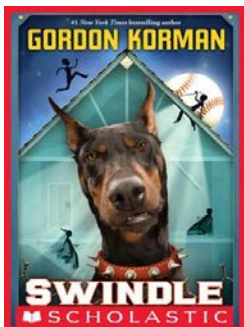


***Three Times Lucky* by Sheila Turnage**

Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a café and co-parent of Mo with his cook, Miss Lana, seems implicated in a murder.



[Link to SORA e-book](#)



***Swindle* by Gordon Korman**

After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palamino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, sixth-grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the Smart Pick fruit picker.



[Link to SORA e-book](#)



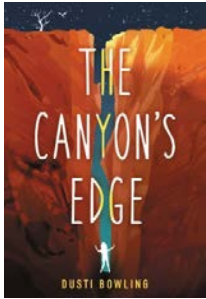
***Winterborne Home for Vengeance and Valor* by Ally Carter**

After years in foster care, April gets to live in a mansion where she and four other children are caught up in a mystery related to a missing heir, a lost legacy, and the Phantom.



[Link to SORA e-book](#)

Realistic Fiction

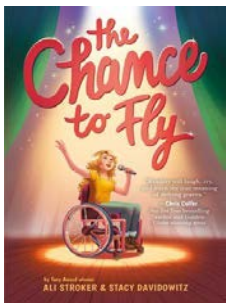


***The Canyon's Edge* by Dusti Bowling**

A year after the tragic death of her mother, Nora is left struggling to stay alive when a climbing trip with her father goes terribly wrong.



[Link to SORA e-book](#)

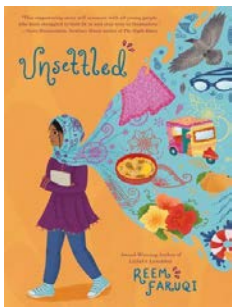


***The Chance to Fly* by Ali Stoker & Stacy Davidowitz**

After moving across the country, thirteen-year-old Natalie auditions for her new school's play and overcomes her fears and insecurities about performing in a wheelchair.



[Link to SORA e-book](#)



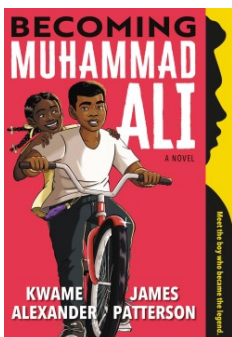
***Unsettled* by Reem Faruqi**

Young Nurah reluctantly moves with her family from Karachi, Pakistan, to Peachtree City, Georgia, but, after some ups and downs, begins to feel at home.



[Link to SORA e-book](#)

Sports Fiction



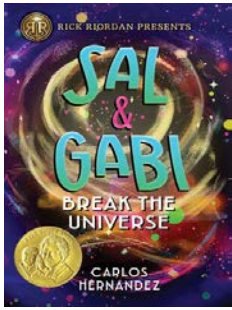
***Becoming Muhammad Ali* by Kwame Alexander & James Patterson**

A biographical novel tells the story of Cassius Clay, the determined boy who would one day become Muhammad Ali, one of the greatest boxers of all time.



[Link to Sora e-book](#)

Science Fiction



***Sal & Gabi Break the Universe* by Carlos Hernandez**

In order to heal after his mother's death, thirteen-year-old Sal learns to reach into time and space to retrieve things--and people--from other universes.



[Link to SORA e-book](#)

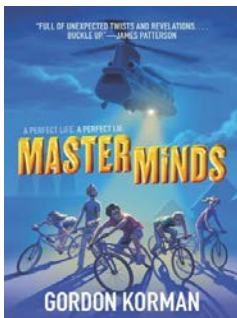


***We're Not From Here* by Geoff Rodkey**

After a year on Mars, a young boy and his family migrate to the planet Choom, but the inhabitants of Choom, the Zhuri, who look like giant mosquitoes, don't really like humans and it is up to the boy and his family to change their minds if they hope to survive.



[Link to SORA e-book](#)

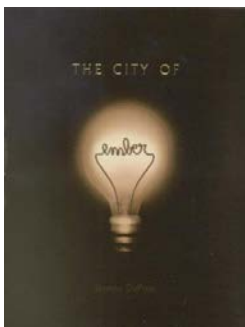


***Masterminds* by Gordon Korman**

A group of kids discovers they were cloned from the DNA of some of the greatest criminal masterminds in history for a sociological experiment



[Link to SORA e-book](#)



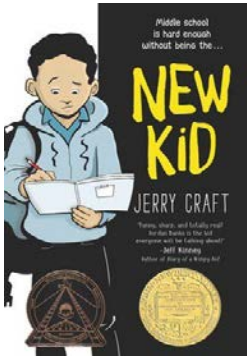
***The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau**

In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina finds part of an ancient message that she is sure holds a secret to save her underground city from ruin, but Lina and her friend Doon must decipher the message before the lights go out on Ember forever.



[Link to SORA e-book](#)

Graphic Novels

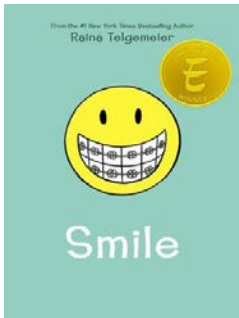


***New Kid* by Jerry Craft**

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds--and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his friends and staying true to himself?



[Link to SORA e-book](#)



***Smile* by Raina Telgemeier**

The author relates, in graphic form, her experiences after she injured her two front teeth and had to have surgeries and wear embarrassing braces and headgear, all while also dealing with the trials and tribulations of middle school.



[Link to SORA e-book](#)

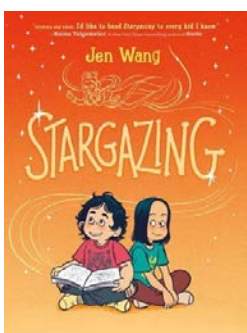


***When Stars are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson**

Omar and his younger brother Hassan live in a refugee camp, and when an opportunity for Omar to get an education comes along, he must decide between going to school every day or caring for his nonverbal brother in this intimate and touching portrayal of family and daily life in a refugee camp



[Link to SORA e-book](#)



***Stargazing* by Jen Wang**

Growing up in the same Chinese-American suburb, perfectionist Christine and artistic, confident, impulsive Moon become unlikely best friends, whose friendship is tested by jealousy, social expectations, and illness



[Link to SORA e-book](#)