Incoming 7th Grade Cosgrove Summer 2023 Reading List

Fantasy



Amari and the Night Brothers by B.B. Alston

Quinton has gone missing and his little sister, Amari (13) must navigate tryouts at the secretive Bureau of Supernatural Affairs and the threat of an evil magician to the entire world to learn what happened.



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The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordon

After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.



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The Unwanteds by Lisa McMann

In a society that purges thirteenyear-olds who are creative, identical twins Aaron and Alex are separated, one to attend University while the other, supposedly Eliminated, finds himself in a wondrous place where youths hone their abilities and learn magic.



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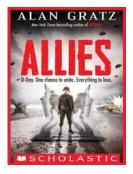
Maya and the Rising Dark by Rena Barron

A twelve-year-old girl discovers her father is the keeper of the gateway between our world and The Dark, and when he goes missing she'll need to unlock her own powers and fight a horde of spooky creatures set on starting a war.



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Historical Fiction



Allies by Alan Gratz

It is June 6, 1944, D-Day, and Dee Carpenter, an underage private in the United States Army, is headed for Omaha Beach, seeking revenge for his uncle, who was arrested by Nazis when Dee was a little boy; meanwhile, Samira Zidano, an eleven-year old French-Algerian girl is looking for the French resistance, desperate to deliver the message that the invasion is about to begin, and get their help in freeing her mother--this is the most important day of the twentieth century, and both children want to fight, and survive.



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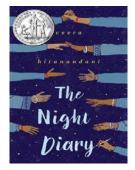


Echo by Pam Munoz Ryan

Decades after a man is entwined in a prophecy involving three mysterious sisters and a harmonica, three children from different areas of the world confront daunting challenges involving the same harmonica in the dark days of World War II.



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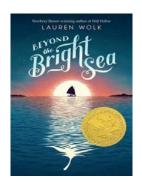


The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani

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.



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Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk

Crow has lived her entire life on a tiny piece of the starkly beautiful Elizabeth Islands off the coast of Massachusetts. Her only companions are Osh, the man who rescued her from a tiny skiff as an infant and raised her, and Miss Maggie, their neighbor across the sandbar. But it isn't until the night when a mysterious fire appears across the water that an unspoken question of her own history forms in her heart and an unstoppable chain of events is triggered. Using her bravery and perseverance, Crow must follow clues that not only lead to a personal treasure, but to uncovering her lost identity and, ultimately, understanding what it means to be a family.



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Just South of Home by Karen Strong

Twelve-year-old Sarah, her Chicago cousin Janie, brainy brother Ellis, and his best friend, Jasper, investigate a tragic event in their small Southern town's history.





How I Became a Spy by Deborah Hopkinson

Thirteen-year-olds Bertie Bradshaw of London and American Eleanor Shea team up to decipher a coded notebook and stop a double agent from revealing secrets about the upcoming D-Day invasion.



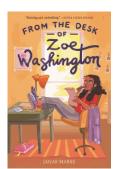


The Great Trouble: A Mystery of London, the Blue Death, and a Boy Called Eel by Deborah Hopikinson

Eel, an orphan, and his best friend Florrie must help Dr. John Snow prove that cholera is spread through water, and not poisonous air, when an epidemic sweeps across their London neighborhood in 1854.



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From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Janae Marks

After receiving a letter from her incarcerated father, whom she's never met, 12-year-old Zoe sets out to prove his innocence.



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Realistic Fiction



Posted by John David Anderson

A group of middle school students decide to begin leaving sticky notes for each other after cell phones are banned, but soon the kids in school are leaving cutting and cruel notes, and nothing will ever be the same.



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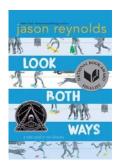


Checked by Cynthia Kadohata

To help his dog through cancer treatment, Conor gives up hockey and finds himself considering who he is without the sport that has defined him, and connecting more with his family and best friend.



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Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds

A collection of ten short stories that all take place in the same day about kids walking home from school



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Hoot by Carl Hiassen

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.



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Science Fiction



The Summer Experiment by Cathie Pelletier

A boring summer vacation turns unexpectedly interesting when mysterious lights appear over Roberta's hometown in northern Maine. Roberta is convinced she and her best friend Marillee can win the Maine State Science Fair if only they can find an amazing project to showcase. Communicating with aliens would certainly do the trick.



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When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980s television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space.



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Seventh Grade vs. the Galaxy by Joshua S. Levy

Seventh-grader Jack and his classmates find themselves in hostile alien territory after Jack accidentally launches their rickety public schoolship light years away from home.



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Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.



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Graphic Novels



White Bird: A Wonder Story by R.J. Palacio

Tells the story of Julian's grandma's childhood as she, a Jewish girl, was hidden by a family in a Nazi-occupied French village during World War II and how the boy she once shunned became her savior and best friend.



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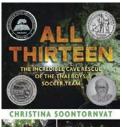
This Was Our Pact by Ryan Andrews

It's the night of the annual Autumn Equinox Festival, when the town gathers to float paper lanterns down the river. Legend has it that after drifting out of sight, they'll soar off to the Milky Way and turn into brilliant stars, but could that actually be true? This year, Ben and his classmates are determined to find out where those lanterns really go, and to ensure success in their mission, they've made a **pact** with two simple rules: No one turns for home. No one looks back. It isn't long before the pact is broken by everyone except for Ben and Nathaniel who together will travel farther than any has ever gone down a winding road full of magic, wonder, and unexpected friendship.



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Non-Fiction



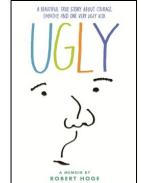


All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team by Christina Soontornvat

Looks at the cave rescue of the twelve young players of the Wild Boars soccer team and their coach in northern Thailand.



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Ugly: A Memoir by Robert Hoge

Robert Hoge was born with a tumor the size of a tennis ball in the middle of his face and short, twisted legs, but he refused to let what made him different stand in the way of leading a happy, successful life. This is the true story of how he embraced his circumstances and never let his 'ugly' stop him from focusing on what truly mattered"

