

SUMMER READING 2021-2022
FICTION

11/22/63--Stephen King **UG** - BL: **5.4** - AR Pts: **42.0** **RP**

When English teacher Jake Epping discovers a portal to the past, he decides to use it to prevent the John F. Kennedy assassination. The plot contains violence.

23 minutes--Vivian Vande Velde **MG+** - BL: **5.9** - AR Pts: **7.0** **RP**

Zoe can go back in time for twenty-three-minute periods. So, when she witnesses a deadly bank robbery, she replays the event, but the outcome is worse than before.

A Curse So Dark and Lonely--Brigid Kemmerer **UG** - BL: **4.2** - AR Pts: **17.0** **RP**

Prince Rhan has been eighteen years old three hundred twenty-seven times. He despairs of breaking the curse that turns him into a beast, until feisty Harper enters his life. The story contains violence and mild profanity.

A Heart in the Body of the World--Deb Caletti **UG** - BL: **4.6** - AR Pts: **12.0** **RP**

Eighteen-year-old Annabelle runs from Seattle to Washington, DC, becoming a reluctant activist as people connect her journey to her recent trauma.

A Match Made in High School--Kristin Walker **UG** - BL: **4.2** - AR Pts: **9.0** **RP**

When the high-school principal announces that every senior must participate in a year-long marriage education program, Fiona learns some lessons about people, friendship, crushes, and cheerleading.

A Moment Comes--Jennifer Bradbury **UG** - BL: **4.8** - AR Pts: **9.0** **RP**

As the partition of India nears in 1947 bringing violence even to Jalandhar, Tariq, a Muslim, finds himself caught between his forbidden interest in Anupreet, a Sikh girl, and Margaret, a British girl whose affection for him might help him to get to Oxford.

A Song Below Water **UG**- BL **5.5** - AR Pts. **14.0** **RP**

In a society determined to keep her under lock and key, Tavia must hide her siren powers. Effie has family struggles, pitted against literal demons from her past. The friends must navigate through high school while living with racism and sexism.

A Totally Awkward Love Story--Tom Ellen **UG** - BL: **4.9** - AR Pts: **12.0** **RP**

Hannah and Sam are each searching for The One, but over the summer, a series of hilarious misunderstandings prevent them from realizing that they're It for one another. The coauthor is Lucy Ivison.

After the Fire--Will Hill **UG - BL: 5.8 - AR Pts: 19.0 RP**

When a fire destroys everything, a teenager struggles to reconcile the beliefs of her cult leader with the realities of the world she is introduced to in a government-sanctioned facility.

All We Have Left--Wendy Mills **UG - BL: 5.6 - AR Pts: 12.0 RP**

In interweaving stories of 16-year-olds, modern-day Jesse tries to cope with the ramifications of her brother's death on 9/11, while in 2001, Alia, a Muslim, gets trapped in one of the Twin Towers and meets a boy as flames rage around them.

Almost American Girl--Robin Ha **MG+ - BL: 3.4 AR Pts: 2.0 RP**

This memoir tells a story about immigration, belonging, and how arts can save a life.

American Gods--Neil Gaiman **UG - BL: 5.3 - AR Pts: 28.0 RP**

Shadow sets out on a journey across America fighting old myths and the gods of modern technology and material obsession when he takes employment with a man named Wednesday -- otherwise known as the god Odin.

Anansi Boys--Neil Geiman **UG - BL: 5.2 - AR Pts: 16.0 RP**

Fat Charlie Nancy can't shake the embarrassing name his father bestowed on him twenty years ago. Mr. Nancy also left him other things, such as a brother Charlie never knew about and who wants to show Charlie how to lighten up and have a little fun.

Aurora Rising--Amie Kaufman **UG - BL: 5.4 - AR Pts: 17.0 RP**

Eighteen-year-old Tyler Jones, top graduate of Aurora Academy, and a group of misfits and troublemakers embark on their first mission with Auri, a stowaway from the distant past. The coauthor is Jay Kristoff. Book #1

Burn Baby Burn--Meg Medina **UG - BL: 4.5 - AR Pts: 10.0 RP**

During the infamous New York summer of 1977 when the Son of Sam was running rampant, seventeen-year-old Nora Lopez faces danger within her own home.

Children of Blood and Bone--Tomi Adeyemi **UG - BL: 4.8 - AR Pts: 20.0 RP**

Seventeen-year-old Zélie, her older brother Tzain, and rogue princess Amari fight to restore magic to the land and activate a new generation of magi. Book #1

Downstairs Girl--Stacey Lee **MG+ - BL: 5.5 - AR Pts: 14.0 RP**

By day, Jo Kuan works as a lady's maid for the cruel Caroline Payne, the daughter of one of the wealthiest men in Atlanta. By night, Jo moonlights as the pseudonymous author of a newspaper advice column.

Dread Nation--Justina Ireland **UG - BL: 6.0 - AR Pts: 17.0 RP**

Jane McKeene was born days before the dead began to walk the Gettysburg battlefields, derailing the War Between the States and changing the nation forever. Book #1

Dry--Neal Shusterman **UG** - BL: **5.5** - AR Pts: **16.0** **RP**

A lengthy California drought turns Alyssa's quiet suburban street into a war zone, and she is forced to make impossible choices if she and her brother are to survive. The coauthor is Jarrod Shusterman.

Flawed--Cecelia Ahern **MG+** - BL: **5.1** - AR Pts: **14.0** **RP**

In a future society where Flawed people who are deemed ethically or morally imperfect are branded with an F, a young girl takes a stand. Book #1

Goodbye Days--Jeff Zeitner **UG** - BL: **4.3** - AR Pts: **13.0** **RP**

Carver Briggs never thought the last message he would ever send to his three best friends Mars, Eli, and Blake would lead to their deaths.

Heartless--Marrisa Meyer **UG** - BL: **5.6** - AR Pts: **20.0** **RP**

In this prequel to ALICE IN WONDERLAND, Cath would rather open a bakery and marry for love than accept a proposal from the King of Hearts, especially after meeting the handsome and mysterious court jester.

I am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter--Erika Sanchez **UG** - BL: **4.7** - AR Pts: **12.0** **RP**

Julia helps her family pick up the pieces after her sister, Olga, dies in a tragic accident. In the process, Julia learns that Olga may not have been so perfect after all.

Kids of Appetite--David Arnold **UG** - BL: **5.2** - AR Pts: **12.0** **RP**

Teens Victor and Madeline sit in separate police interrogation rooms telling about the misfits who brought them together and their journey sparked by a message in an urn.

Kingdom of Back- Marie Lu **UG** - BL: **5.6** - AR Pts: **14.0** **RP**

Nannerl Mozart makes a dangerous pact with a mysterious stranger from a magical land, which may cost her everything.

Legendborn- Tracy Deonn **UG**: - BL: **5.2** - AR Pts: **24.0** **RP**

To learn more about her mysterious past, a teen girl infiltrates a magical secret society claiming to be the descendants of King Arthur and his knights. The story contains profanity and violence.

Like Water on Stone--Dana Wakrath **UG** - BL: **4.2** - AR Pts: **3.0** **RP**

Inspired by a true story, this novel in verse relates the tale of siblings Sosi, Shahen, and Mariam, who survive the Armenian genocide of 1915 by escaping alone from Turkey over the mountains.

Long Way Down--Jason Reynolds **UG** - BL: **4.3** - AR Pts: **2.0** **RP**

As fifteen-year-old Will sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths that Will needs to know. Will's story is told in free verse.

Moment of Truth—Kasie West **MG+** BL: **4.0** - AR Pts. **9.0** **RP**

At sixteen, Hadley Moore knows exactly who she is, a swimmer who will earn a scholarship to college. So when a guy dressed as Hollywood's latest action hero, Heath Hall, crashes her swim meet, she is determined to make sure he doesn't bother her. Book 3

Moonrise -Sarah Crossan **UG:** --BL: **4.3** - AR Pts. **5.0** **RP**

With little money or support, Joe Moon, seventeen, travels to Texas to help the older brother he barely knows through his last few weeks before being executed for murder.

On the Come Up- Angie Thomas **UG** - BL: **3.8** --AR Pts: **13.0** **RP**

Sixteen-year-old Bri hopes to become a great rapper. After her first song goes viral for all the wrong reasons, she must decide whether to sell out or face eviction with her widowed mother.

One of Us is Lying—Karen McManus **UG** - BL: **5.1** - AR Pts: **14.0** **RP**

When the creator of a high-school gossip app mysteriously dies in front of four high-profile students, all four become suspects. It is up to them to solve the case.

Outrun the Moon—Stacey Lee **MG+** - BL: **5.3** - AR Pts: **14.0** **RP**

In 1906, Mercy bargained her way out of Chinatown and into an exclusive girls' school. When an earthquake destroys San Francisco, everyone struggles to survive.

Perception: A Clarity Novel—Kim Harrington **UG** - BL: **4.3** - AR Pts: **9.0** **RP**

Messages and gifts from a secret admirer make Clare question if they are from Gabriel, the gorgeous boy who gets her pulse racing or from Justin, her ex-boyfriend who'd do anything to win her back. Book #2

Poet X—Elizabeth Acevedo **UG** - BL: **5.2** - AR Pts: **5.0** **RP**

A young girl in Harlem discovers slam poetry as a way to understand her mother's religion and her own relationship to the world.

Price of Duty—Todd Strasser **UG** - BL: **4.9** - AR Pts: **6.0** **RP**

A young man, injured and home from the war, is lauded as a hero. But he doesn't feel very heroic in the face of all that he witnessed.

Renegades—Marie Lu **UG** - BL: **6.5** - AR Pts: **25.0** **RP**

The Renegades are a syndicate of prodigies who emerged from the ruins of a crumbled society and established order where chaos reigned. As champions of justice, they are symbols of hope and courage to all except the villains they overthrow. Book #1

Sadie—Courtney Summers **UG** - BL: **5.0** - AR Pts: **11.0** **RP**

This story is told from the alternating perspectives of nineteen-year-old Sadie, who runs away to find her younger sister's killer, and a true-crime podcast exploring Sadie's disappearance.

Saint Anything--Sarah Dessen **MG+** - BL: **4.7** - AR Pts: **15.0** **RP**

When Sydney's older brother is sent to jail, Sydney struggles to find her place at home and the world until she meets the Chathams, including gentle, protective Mac, who makes her feel seen for the first time.

Sorcery of Thorns--Margaret Rogerson **MG+** BL: **6.3** - AR Pts: **20.0** **RP**

Elisabeth is an apprentice who was raised in one of the Great Libraries. She must turn to a sworn enemy when she is implicated in an act of sabotage that releases a dangerous grimoire. The story contains profanity and violence.

The Absolute Diary of a Part-time Indian- Sherman Alexie **UG** -BL: **4.0** - AR Pts: **6.0** **RP ,LS ,VP**

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. The plot contains profanity and mature themes.

The Bar Code Tattoo- Suzanne Weyn **MG+** - BL: **5.0** - AR Pts: **8.0** **RP**

Kayla is ostracized at school because she refused to get the required tattooed bar code and now she must run to avoid the authorities and fight for her freedom. Book #1

The Belles-Dhonielle Clayton-- **UG** - BL: **4.7** - AR Pts: **16.0** **RP**

In a world where Beauty is a commodity with only a few control, one Belle will learn the dark secrets behind her powers and rise up to change the world. Book #1.

The Betrothed-Kiera Cass **MG+** BL: **5.1** - AR Pts: **11.0** **RP**

When King Jameson declares his love for Lady Hollis Brite, Hollis is shocked and thrilled. After all, she's grown up at Keresken Castle, vying for the king's attention alongside other daughters of the nobility. Capturing his heart is a dream come true.

The Bitter Side of Sweet--Tara Sullivan **UG** - BL: **5.1** - AR Pts: **12.0** **RP**

Kept as forced labor on a chocolate plantation in the Ivory Coast, Amadou and his younger brother Seydou had given up hope, until a young girl arrives at the camp who rekindles the urge to escape.

The Cruel Prince-Holly Black **UG** - BL: **5.3** - AR Pts: **16.0** **RP**

Jude, seventeen and mortal, gets tangled in palace intrigues while trying to win a place in the treacherous High Court of Faerie, where she and her sisters have lived for a decade. Book #1

The Hate List--Jennifer Brown **UG** - BL: **4.9** - AR Pts: **13.0** **RP**Valerie, a 16-yr-old whose

boyfriend, Nick, committed a school shooting, struggles to cope with integrating herself back into high-school life, unsure whether she was a hero or a villain.

The Inheritance Games--Jennifer Barnes **UG** - BL: **4.7** - AR Pts. **13.0** **RP**

When a Connecticut teenager inherits vast wealth and an eccentric estate from the richest man in Texas, she must also live with his surviving family and solve a series of puzzles to discover how she earned her inheritance.

The Last Boy and Girl in the World--Siobhann Vivian **UG** - BL: **4.9** - AR Pts: **17.0** **RP**

If her town is to be evacuated due to flooding, high-school senior and class clown Keeley wants to cheer up her friends and pursue her big crush.

The Rest of the Story--Sarah Dessen **UG** - BL: **5.4** - AR Pts: **15.0** **RP**

Raised by a mother who's had five husbands, eighteen-year-old Remy believes in short-term, no-commitment relationships until she meets Dexter, a rock band musician.

The Summer of Jordi Perez (And the Best Burger in Los Angeles)- Amy Spalding

UG - BL: **4.9**- AR Pts: **10.0** **RP**

Working at her favorite boutique and falling in love, a girl enjoys a lush Los Angeles summer--until things become complicated.

The Sun Is Also a Star-- Nicola Yoon **UG**- BL: **4.7** AR Pts: **10.0** **RP**

Natasha is a girl who believes in science and facts. Daniel has always been a good son and good student. But when they meet and unexpectedly fall in love, they must determine the path they will choose. The plot contains profanity and violence.

The Tiger at Midnight-Swati Teerdhala **UG** - BL: **6.0** - AR Pts: **18.0** **RP**

Esha is a legend, but no one knows. It's only in the shadows that she moonlights as the Viper, the rebels' highly skilled assassin. Book #1

The Way They Make Me Feel--Maurene Goo **UG** BL: **4.8** AR Pts. **10.0** **RP**

Clara Shin lives for pranks and disruption. When she takes one joke too far, her dad sentences her to a summer working on his food truck, the KoBra, alongside her uptight classmate Rose Carver.

Two Can Keep a Secret--Karen McManus **UG** - BL: **5.0** - AR Pts: **12.0** **RP**

While true-crime aficionado Ellery and her twin brother are staying with their grandmother in a Vermont community known for murder, a new friend goes missing, and Ellery may be next.

Up from the Sea--Leza Lowitz **MG+** - BL: **4.5** - AR Pts: **2.0** **RP**

This novel, told in verse from the point of view of a biracial teenaged boy named Kai, follows his personal journey after the March 2011 tsunami in Japan.

Warcross--Marie Lu **UG** - BL: **5.6** - AR Pts: **16.0** **RP**

When coder Emika hacks into the opening tournament of the championships, she glitches herself into the game and a sinister plot with major consequences for the entire Warcross empire. #1

We'll Fly Away--Bryan Bliss **UG** - BL: **4.7** - AR Pts: **12.0** **RP**

Toby and Luke are best friends, bound by a goal of leaving their hometown after high school, but a series of events during their senior year will test their resolve.

When We Were Lost—Kevin Wignall **UG** BL: **6.5** - AR Pts. **12.0** **RP**

Nineteen teenagers on their way to Costa Rica are the only survivors when the plane crashes, but they face many challenges as they try to make it out of the jungle. Book contains violence and occasional mild profanity.

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NONFICTION

A Hope in the Unseen--Ron Suskind **UG - BL: 7.5 - AR Pts: 24.0 RP**

This book tells the story of one African American youth's rise from poverty-stricken Anacostia, in southeast Washington, D.C., to the ivied halls of Brown University.

A Long Way Gone--Ishmael Beah **UG - BL: 6.1 - AR Pts: 13.0 RP**

A war survivor Africa recounts his transition from twelve-year-old orphan to killing machine. Beah emerged from Sierra Leone's malignant civil conflict and eventually graduated from college in the US.

After--Francis Chalifour **MG+ - BL: 4.4 - AR Pts: 4.0 RP**

Francis is called home to Montreal from a school trip in New York to learn that his father has committed suicide, marking the beginning of a year of guilt, anger, grief, and sadness that he survives with the help of friends, family, and counseling.

Alicia Afterimage--Lulu Delacre **MG+ - BL: 4.8 - AR Pts: 4.0 RP**

This book explores the life of Alicia, a popular sixteen-year-old, in the aftermath of a fatal car crash as her friends, family members, and others recall key episodes that show her impact on their lives.

All Things Bright and Beautiful #1--James Herriott **UG - BL: 6.7 - AR Pts: 23.0 RP, VP**

Heart-warming day-to-day story of James Herriot's life as a Yorkshire veterinarian.

Almost a Woman--Esmeralda Santiago **UG - BL: 6.9 - AR Pts: 18.0 RP**

This story illustrates Negi's triumphant journey into womanhood

Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card--Sara Saedi **UG - BL: 7.5 - AR Pts: 11.0 RP**

In San Jose, California, in the 1990s, teenaged Sara keeps a diary of life as an Iranian American, and discovers that she and her family entered America as undocumented immigrants.

And Still We Rise: The Trials and Triumphs of Twelve Gifted Inner-City Students--Miles Corwin
UG - BL: 7.7 - AR Pts: 24.0 RP

The author, Miles Corwin, spent a school year with twelve high school seniors, South-Central kids who qualified for a gifted program because of their exceptional IQs and test scores. This is their amazing odyssey.

Assassination Vacation--Sarah Vowell **UG - BL: 8.6 - AR Pts: 13.0 RP**

The author takes us on a road trip like no other--a journey to the pit stops of American political murder and through the myriad ways they have been used for fun and profit and for political and cultural advantage.

Beautiful Boy: A Father's Journey Through His Son's Addiction--David Sheff

UG - BL: 6.5 - AR Pts: 19.0 RP

Journalist David Sheff tells the story of his son Nic's happy early childhood, the transformation wrought by Nic's addiction to methamphetamine, and his own obsession with Nic's well-being.

Becoming Maria: Love and Chaos in the South Bronx--Sonia Manzano **UG - BL: 5.5 - AR Pts:**

11.0 RP

Emmy award-winning actress and writer Sonia Manzano plunges us into the daily lives of a Latino family that is loving and troubled in this memoir of growing up in the Bronx in the 1950s and 1960s.

Between the World and Me--Ta-Nehisi Coates **UG - BL: 7.6 - AR Pts: 7.0 RP**

In a profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son, the author offers a powerful new framework for understanding America's racial history and current crisis.

Boots on the Ground--Elizabeth Partridge **MG+ BL: 7.1 AR Pts: 7.0 RP**

This book is a comprehensive exploration of the Vietnam War from many different perspectives including an American soldiers, a nurse, and a Vietnamese refugee. Some quoted text contains racial slurs and profanity reflective of the era.

Born a Crime--Trevor Noah **UG BL: 5.4 AR PTS: 13.0 RP**

Comedian Trevor Noah reflects on his life as a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. The text contains profanity, sexual references, and violence.

Brazen: Rebel Ladies Who Rocked the World-- **UG - BL: 5.8 - AR Pts: 5.0 RP**

With stories sure to inspire the next generation of rebel ladies, this graphic novel profiles the lives of feisty female role models from Nellie Bly to Mae Jemison and Josephine Baker to Naziq al-Abid.

Chasing King's Killer--James L. Swanson **UG - BL: 7.6 - AR Pts: 7.0 RP, VP**

This book is an astonishing account of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., America's most beloved and celebrated civil-rights leader.

Chinese Cinderella--Adeline Yeh Mah **UG - BL: 5.7 - AR Pts: 8.0 RP**

The author paints an authentic portrait of twentieth-century China while telling the story of her painful childhood and her courage and ultimate triumph over despair.

Dragon Hoops--Gene Yang **UG BL: 3.9 AR Pts. 3.0 RP**

As a kid, Gene didn't care for sports. But at the high school where he now teaches, the Dragons are having a phenomenal year, and Gene learns their stories are as thrilling as any comic book. Book addresses themes of racial prejudice and gender bias.

Fierce: How Competing for Myself Changed Everything—Aly Raisman

MG+ BL: 6.8 AR Pts: 14.0 RP

Discover Aly Raisman's inspiring story of dedication, perseverance, and learning to think positive even in the toughest times on her path to gold-medal success in two Olympic Games. The coauthor is Blythe Lawrence.

Friday Night Lights: A Town, a Team, and a Dream—H.G. Bissinger

UG - BL: **8.0** - AR Pts: **19.0** RP,VP

This book explores the culture of high school football by focusing on the town of Odessa, Texas.

I Beat the Odds: From Homelessness, to the Blind Side and Beyond- Michael Oher

UG BL: 6.6 AR Pts: 11.0 RP

Michael Oher recounts how he defied the odds, escaped from the inner-city Memphis ghetto, found a family to take him in, and used his football skills to build a better life for himself. The coauthor is Don Yaeger.

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings—Maya Angelou **UG** - BL: **6.7** - AR Pts: **13.0** RP, VP, LS

This sensitive autobiography tells of a Black woman's childhood journey to retain her personal "human dignity."

In Cold Blood—Truman Capote **UG** - BL: **7.1** - AR Pts: **21.0** RP

This book recreates the slaying of the Clutter family of Kansas, and the capture, trial, and execution of their murderers.

It Happened to Nancy—Anonymous **UG** - BL: **5.4** - AR Pts: **9.0** RP, VP

A shocking diary of a young teenager who is date-raped, infected with the AIDS virus, and experiences a devastating illness. This book edited by Beatrice Sparks.

Just Mercy: (Adapted for Young Adults)A True Story of the Fight for Justice—Bryan A.

Stevenson **UG** - BL: **7.5** - AR Pts: **11.0** RP

Bryan Stevenson delves deep into the broken U.S. justice system, detailing from his personal experience his many challenges and efforts as a lawyer and social advocate, especially on behalf of America's most rejected and marginalized people.

Killing Kennedy: The End of Camelot—Bill O'Reilly **UG** - BL: **8.6** - AR Pts: **16.0** RP

This book is an account of the assassination of John F. Kennedy, sharing how the event not only killed a beloved president but also sent the nation into the cataclysmic division with a culture-changing aftermath. The coauthor is Martin Dugard.

March (Book 2)—John Lewis **MG+** - BL: **5.5** - AR Pts: **2.0** RP

John Lewis's story continues through Freedom Rides and the legendary 1963 March on Washington. The coauthor is Andrew Aydin.

Marley and Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog—John Grogan

UG - BL: **6.9** - AR Pts: **15.0** RP, VP

The author presents the story of his family's love for their Labrador retriever, Marley, and recalls how he grew from a mischievous puppy into a nearly impossible adult that no amount of obedience school training could correct.

Taken Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina—Michaela DePrince

UG BL: 6.3 AR Pts: 9.0 RP

Born in war-torn Sierra Leone and adopted at age four by an American family who fostered her love of dancing, Michaela became the youngest principal dancer with the Dance Theatre of Harlem. The coauthor is Elaine DePrince.

The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives—Dashka Slater **MG+** - BL: **6.5** - AR Pts: **8.0** **RP**

This true account tells the story of two teens whose lives were irrevocably changed by one rash action. The story challenges the criminal justice system and explores the courage and compassion of both families. The plot contains mild profanity.

The Air Down Here: True Tales from a South Bronx Boyhood —Gil C. Alicea

MG+ - BL: **4.8** - AR Pts: **4.0** **RP**

The author presents 115 short essays about life in New York's South Bronx. Not only do drugs, violence, gangs, police, and misrepresentations by the media fill the book, but so does his positive outlook on life. The coauthor is Carmine DeSena.

The Burn Journals—Brent Runyon **UG** - BL: **3.8** - AR Pts: **12.0** **RP**

Brent Runyon was 14 years old when he set himself on fire. This book describes that devastating suicide attempt, his recovery and return home, and the frightening prospect of entering high school.

The Diary of Ma Yan: The Struggles and Hopes of a Chinese School Girl—Ma Yan

MG+ - BL: **5.0** - AR Pts: **5.0** **RP, VP**

Ma Yan's heart-wrenching, honest diary chronicles her struggle to escape hardship and bring prosperity to her family through her persistent, sometimes desperate, attempts to continue her schooling.

The Ghost Map: The Story of London's Most Terrifying Epidemic—and How It Changed Science, Cities, and the Modern World—Steven Johnson **UG** - BL: **11.2** AR Pts: **15.0** **RP**

This book chronicles the outbreak and spread of cholera in London during the summer of 1854 and the efforts of Reverend Henry Whitehead and Dr. John Snow, who isolated the disease and put an end to the epidemic.

The Grand Escape: The Greatest Prison Breakout of the 20th Century—Neal Bascomb

UG - BL: **7.8** - AR Pts: **8.0** **RP, VP**

This book chronicles a group of Allied POWs in WWI who dared to escape from Germany's most notorious prison camp, Holzminden.

They Called Us Enemy—George Takei **MG+** BL: **4.6** AR Pts: **2.0** **RP**

Actor, author, and activist George Takei recounts his childhood imprisoned within American relocation camps for Japanese Americans during World War II, and the impact the experience had on his later life.

This Star Won't Go Out: The Life and Words of Esther Grace Earl--Esther Grace Earl

MG+ - BL: **6.4** - AR Pts: **11.0** **RP**

This memoir is told through the journals, letters, and stories of young thyroid cancer patient Esther Earl. Photographs and essays by family and friends help to tell Esther's story. The coauthors are Lori and Wayne Earl.

The Year We Disappeared: A Father Daughter Memoir--Cylin Busby **UG** - BL: **5.7** - AR Pts:

13.0 **RP**

Cylin and John Busby share the challenges they faced after their family was forced into hiding to protect themselves from a killer who had already shot John, a police officer, and was determined to finish the job. The coauthor is John Busby.

Tuesdays with Morrie--Mitch Albom **UG** - BL: **5.5** - AR Pts: **5.0** **RP**

This book is a chronicle of the time the author spent with his mentor, his former college professor, in the last months of the older man's life. Their rekindled relationship turned into one final "class": lessons in how to live.

Uprooted--Naomi Novik **UG** - BL: **6.6** - AR Pts: **26.0** **RP**

This tale follows the experiences of Agnieszka, who becomes the latest girl chosen to serve an immortal wizard who protects their village from the malevolent forces of a nearby forest.

Warriors Don't Cry (Abridged)--Melba P. Beals **UG** - BL: **6.5** - AR Pts: **9.0** **RP**

Abridged version of the firsthand account of the battle to integrate Little Rock's Central High in 1957.

We Beat the Streets--Sampson Davis **UG** - BL: **5.8** - AR Pts: **7.0** **RP**

Three men from Newark share anecdotes from their childhoods, teen years, and young adult lives after they pledge in high school to stay safe from drugs, gangs, and crime, and work to become doctors.

Who Killed My Daughter--Lois Duncan **UG** BL: **7.3** AR Pts: **15.0** **RP** **VP**

A mother's gut-wrenching story of her search for her daughter's killer