

**SUMMER READING 2022-2023**  
**FICTION**

**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.

**Ace of Spades** - Faridah Abike-Iyimide **UG** BL: **5.1** AR Pts. **15.0 RP**  
Devon and Chiamaka, students at the elite Niveus Private Academy, struggle against an anonymous bully who reveals all of their secrets.

**The Astonishing Color of After** - Emily X.R. Pan **UG** BL: **4.8** AR Pts. **15.0 RP**  
After her mother's suicide, grief-stricken Leigh Sanders travels to Taiwan to stay with grandparents she has never met. She believes her mother has turned into a bird and is determined to find her.

**The Beautiful**- Renee Ahdieh **UG** BL: **6.2** AR Pts. **16.0 RP**  
In 19th century New Orleans, Celine, a dressmaker from Paris, becomes embroiled in a murder mystery that's connected to a glamorous supernatural cohort.

**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.

**Broken Things**-Lauren Oliver **UG** BL: **5.1** AR Pts. **13.0 RP**  
On the fifth anniversary of Summer's murder, a seemingly insignificant discovery resurrects the mystery and pulls one-time best friends Mia and Brynn back together once again.

**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.

**The Cousins**- Karen McManus **UG** BL: **5.3** AR Pts. **13.0 RP**  
After receiving an invitation to spend the summer with their estranged grandmother, the Story cousins arrive at her house only to discover that she is not there.

**Dear Evan Hansen**--Val Emmich **UG** BL: **4.2** AR Pts. **11.0 RP**  
Evan becomes a hero and a social-media superstar after an encounter with Connor just before his suicide, which leads others to believe Evan was his only friend. The coauthors are Steven Levenson, Benj Pasek and Justin Paul.

**Felix Ever After-** Kacen Callender **UG** BL: **5.1** AR Pts. **13.0** **RP**

Wanting revenge on an anonymous bully, Felix gets in a quasi-love triangle with his former enemy and his best friend.

**The Firekeeper's Daughter**– Angeline Boulley **UG** BL: **5.1** AR Pts. **20.0** **RP**

Daunis, who is part Ojibwe, defers attending the University of Michigan to care for her mother and becomes involved in the investigation of drug-related deaths.

**Game Changer-** Neal Shusterman **UG** BL:**5.3** AR Pts. **15.0** **RP**

With one hit on the football field, suddenly Ash's life doesn't look quite the way he remembers it. He's been hit into another dimension and keeps on bouncing through worlds.

**Girl Gone Viral**–Arvine Ahmadi **UG** BL: **5.5** AR Pts. **14.0** **RP**

For seventeen-year-old Opal Hopper, code is magic. She builds from scratch any virtual experience her heart desires, but she can't code her dad back into her life.

**A Good Girl's Guide to Murder-** Holly Jackson **UG** BL: **5.4** AR Pts. **16.0** **RP**

As her senior capstone project, Pippa Fitz-Amobi is determined to find the real killer in a closed local murder case, but not everyone wants her meddling in the past.

**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 Heart So Fierce and Broken-**Brigid Kemmerer **UG** **BL: 4.6** **AR Pts. 16.0** **RP**

The curse is broken, but Prince Rhen of Emberfall faces darker troubles. Rumors say he is not the true heir and forbidden magic has been unleashed. Sequel to A Curse So Dark and Lonely. Book #2.

**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.

**I'll Be the One-** Lyla Lee **UG** BL: **5.4** AR Pts. **12.0** **RP**

Korean American Skye Shin competes on a reality television show, hoping to become the first plus-sized K-pop star, while falling for her competitor Henry Cho, who happens to be a world-famous celebrity

**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.

**Instant Karma**—Marissa Meyer **UG** BL: **5.0** AR Pts. **20.0** **RP**

Prudence Daniels is quick to cast judgment on arrogant residents of her coastal town. Her dreams of karmic justice are fulfilled when she wakes up with an ability to cast instant karma on those around her. Text includes mild profanity.

**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.

**The Light in Hidden Places**- Sharon Cameron **UG** BL: **4.2** AR Pts. **15.0** **RP**

After the Nazis invade Poland, sixteen-year-old Stefania Podgórska embarks on a dangerous course—protecting thirteen Jews in her attic, caring for her younger sister, and keeping everything secret from the two Nazi officers who are living in her house

**A List of Cages**—Robin Roe **UG** BL: **4.6** AR Pts. **10.0** **RP**

When Adam is reunited with Julian, a foster brother he hasn't seen in years, he soon realizes that Julian is keeping secrets and Adam is determined to help.

**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.

**Miles Morales: Spider Man** - Jason Reynolds **UG** BL: **4.9** AR Pts. **9.0** **RP**

Brooklyn Visions Academy student Miles Morales may not always want to be a superhero, but he must come to terms with his identity and deal with a villainous teacher as the new Spider-Man. Book #1

**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 get to Oxford.

**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.

**Neverworld Wake**—Marisha Pessi **UG** BL: **5.6** AR Pts. **12.0** **RP**

A group of teens who attended the same prep school reunite a year after graduation. After a night out, they face an impossible choice. Only one of them can live, and the decision must be unanimous.

**The Night Circus**-Erin Morgenstern **UG** BL: **6.5** AR Pts. **20.0** **RP**

A circus known as Le Cirque des Reves features two illusionists, Celia and Marco, who are unknowingly competing in a game to which they have been irrevocably bound by their mercurial masters, and the two fall deeply and passionately in love.

**Not So Pure and Simple**-Lamar Giles **UG** BL: **4.9** AR Pts. **13.0** **RP**

High school junior Del Rainey unwittingly joins a Purity Pledge class at church, hoping to get closer to his long-term crush, Kiera.

**Nyxia**-Scott Reintgen **UG** BL: **4.6** AR Pts. **13.0** **RP**

Emmett accepts an interstellar space contract. To win the promised fortune, he and nine other recruits face a brutal competition, putting their very humanity at risk.

**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.

**Patron Saints of Nothing**- Randy Ribay **UG** BL: **5.3** AR Pts. **12.0** **RP**

When seventeen-year-old Jay Reguero learns his Filipino cousin and former best friend, Jun, was murdered as part of President Duterte's war on drugs, he flies to the Philippines to learn more.

**Perfect**-Cecelia Ahern **MG+** - BL: **5.2** - AR Pts: **14.0** **RP**

Since eighteen-year-old Celestine was declared a public menace, she has been on the run with Carrick, the one person she can trust, but she has a secret that may save all of those branded as Flawed. Book #2

**Piecing Me Together**-Renee Watson **UG**- BL: **4.5** AR Pts. **7.0** **RP**

Tired of being singled out at her mostly white private school as someone who needs support, high-school junior Jade would rather participate in the school's amazing Study Abroad program than join Woman to Woman, a mentorship program for at-risk girls.

**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

**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 Silence Between Us**-Alison Gervais **MG+** BL: **6.3** AR Pts. **11.0** **RP**

When Maya is forced to attend a hearing school, she sets out to prove that her lack of hearing won't stop her from chasing her dreams.

**Someone Only We Know-** Maurene Goo **UG BL: 4.8 AR Pts. 11.0 RP**

Through the course of one stolen day, a very famous K-pop star named Lucky and a part-time paparazzo who is trying to find himself fall for each other against the odds

**A Song Below Water**—Bethany C Morrow **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.

**Swing-** Kwame Alexander **UG BL: 4.1 AR Pts. 5.0 RP**

Noah and Walt want to become cool. Noah wants to win over Sam, the girl he has loved for years. When Noah finds old love letters, Walt hatches a plan to woo Sam. The coauthor is Mary Rand Ness.

**This is My America**—Kim Johnson **UG BL: 4.3 AR Pts. 12.0 RP**

Tracy writes justice-seeking project Innocence X, seeking help for her father, an innocent black man on death row, and then her brother is accused of killing a white girl.

**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

**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.

**Tyrell-** Coe Booth **UG BL: 4.4 AR Pts. 12.0 RP**

Fifteen-year-old Tyrell, who is living in a Bronx homeless shelter with his spaced-out mother and his younger brother, tries to avoid temptation so he does not end up in jail like his father.

**The Wicked King**—Holly Black **UG BL: 5.4 AR Pts. 13.0 RP**

As seneschal to High King Cardan, Jude must fight to keep control of the Faerie throne while her younger brother, Oak, enjoys the childhood she never knew.

**You Should See Me in a Crown-** Leah Johnson **UG BL: 5.9 AR Pts. 12.0 RP**

Liz Lighty has always avoided the spotlight in her small, wealthy, and prom-obsessed midwestern high school. She concentrates on grades and music until circumstances force a change in plans.

## SUMMER READING LIST 2022-2023

### NONFICTION

**All Creatures Great and Small** (Book #1)- James Herriot **MG+** -BL: **6.8**- AR Pts. **26.0 RP, VP**

An English veterinarian reminisces about his life, career, and animal patients in a small village in the Yorkshire dales.

**All Things Bright and Beautiful** (Book #2)-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.

**The American Dream?: A Journey on Route Discovering Dinosaurs Statues, Muffler Men, and the Perfect Breakfast Burrito** - Shing Yin Khor **UG** -BL: **5.1**- AR Pts. **1.0 RP**

This book chronicles Shing's solo journey (small adventure-dog included) along the iconic Route 66, beginning in Santa Monica and ending up in Chicago.

**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.

**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.

**The Beautiful Struggle: A Memoire** (Adapted for Young Adults)- Ta-Nehisi Coates **UG**- BL: **6.7** AR Pts. **6.0 RP**

This book is a memoir from Ta-Nehisi Coates, in which he details the challenges he faced on the streets of Baltimore and within his family, especially his relationship with his father, and the important role family plays in such circumstances.

**Bonnie and Clyde: The Making of a Legend**-Karen Blumental **MG+**- BL: **7.5** - AR Pts. **9.0 RP**

This book traces Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow's wild path from dirt-poor Dallas teens to their astonishingly violent end and the complicated legacy that survives them both.

**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.

**The Boy Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pederson and the Churchill Club** -Phillip Hoose  
**MG+** - BL: 7.1 - AR Pts. 7.0 **RP**

Ashamed by adult inaction in Denmark during the 1940 Nazi occupation, Knud Pedersen, his brother, and six other schoolmates began a resistance group that inspired the nation.

**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.

**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.

**Call Me American: The Extraordinary True Story of a Young Somali Immigrant** (Adapted for Young Adults)-Abdi Nor Iftin **UG**- BL: 6.3. AR Pts. 11.0 **RP**

An adaptation for young adults that looks at the life of Somalian refugee Abdi Nor Iftin and how he immigrated to America. The coauthor is Max Alexander. Text contains violence.

**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.

**The Cat I Never Named: A True Story of Love, War, and Survival** -Sabci-El-Rayess **UG**- BL: 5.5  
AR Pts. 17.0 **RP**

he stunning memoir of a Muslim teen struggling to survive during the Bosnian genocide and the stray cat who protected her family through it all. Text contains violence, negative stereotypes and alcohol use.

**Dancing at the Pity Party: A Dead Mom Graphic Memoir**-Tyler Feder **UG**- BL: 5.5  
AR Pts. 3.0 **RP**

Tyler Feder shares her story of her mother's first oncology appointment to facing reality as a motherless daughter in this frank and refreshingly funny graphic memoir.

**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.

**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.

**Educated: A Memoir**- Tara Westover **UG- BL: 6.4 AR Pts. 19.0 RP**

Tyler Feder shares her story of her mother's first oncology appointment to facing reality as a motherless daughter in this frank and refreshingly funny graphic memoir.

**The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion & the Fall of Imperial Russia** -Candace Fleming  
**MG+ BL: 7.2 AR Pts. 12.0 RP**

Using period photographs, compelling primary-source material, and riveting text, this book shares the story of Russia's Nicholas II and his wife, who lived in opulence as World War I raged on.

**Flowers in the Gutter: The True Story of the Edelweiss Pirates, Teenagers Who Resisted the Nazis**-K. R. Gaddy **UG- BL: 6.8 AR Pts. 11.0 RP**

Readers will learn the true story of the Edelweiss Pirates, working-class teenagers who fought the Nazis by whatever means they could.

**The Forest of Stolen Girls**- June Hur **UG- BL: 5.8 AR Pts. 13.0 RP**

In 1426, a year after her father vanished during an investigation, Min Hwani returned to pick up his trail with the help of her estranged sister. Text includes mild violence, class and gender bias, self-harm, human-trafficking and disturbing imagery.

**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.

**Hey, Kiddo: How I Lost My Mother, Found My Father, and Dealt with Family Addiction**- Jarrett J. Krosoczka **UG BL: 3.5 AR Pts. 2.0 RP**

Jarrett goes through his childhood trying to make his non-normal life as normal as possible, expressing himself through drawing even as so little is being said to him about what's going on.

**Honor Girl: A Graphic Memoir** -Maggie Thrash **UG BL 3.1 AR Pts. 2.0 RP**

In this poignant memoir, Maggie examines a pivotal summer marked by first love, self-discovery, and some difficult realizations

**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.

**Internment**- Samira Ahmed **UG BL:4.7 AR Pts. 13.0 RP**

While interned at a camp for Muslim American citizens, Layla Amin and her parents begin a fight for freedom, leading a revolution against the internment camp's Director and his guards.

**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.

**Laughing at My Nightmare**—Shane Burcase **UG BL: 7.0 AR Pts. 9.0 RP**

Shane describes his life as a 21-year-old with spinal muscular atrophy. From awkward handshakes to having a girlfriend, Shane shares his story with humor and a "you-only-live-once" perspective on life.

**A Night to Remember**—Walter Lord **UG BL: 7.0 AR Pts. 8.0 RP, VP**

This book provides an account of the sinking of the "Titanic," a reputedly unsinkable ship that went down in the Atlantic on April 10, 1912 after hitting an iceberg, resulting in the deaths of over 1,500 people.

**Obsessed: A Memoir of My Life with OCD**—Allison Britz **UG BL: 5.3 AR Pts. 15.0 RP**

A brave teen recounts her debilitating struggle with obsessive-compulsive disorder and brings readers through every painful step as she finds her way to the other side in this powerful and inspiring memoir.

**The Odd Is Out: How to Be Cool and Other Things! Definitely Learned from Growing Up** -

James Rallison **UG BL: 5.7 AR Pts. 3.0 RP, VP**

Telling his own stories of growing up as the odd one out, YouTube star James Rallison presents his fan-favorite comics and shares the life lessons he has learned on the road to adulthood.  
Book #1

**The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women** **UG BL: 8.1 AR Pts. 21.0 RP**

The Radium Girls fully illuminates the inspiring young women exposed to the "wonder" substance of radium, and their awe-inspiring strength in the face of almost impossible circumstances.

**Symphony for the City of the Dead: Dmitri Shostakovich and the Siege of Leningrad** -Matthew Tobin Anderson **UG BL:7.9 AR Pts. 18.0 RP**

Trapped between the Nazi invading force and the Soviet government itself was composer Dmitri Shostakovich, who would write the LENINGRAD symphony, which roused, rallied, eulogized, and commemorated his fellow citizens.

**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 Theater of Harlem. The coauthor is Elaine DePrince.

**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.

**Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers**—Deborah Heiligman **MG+** BL: **6.4** AR Pts. **13.0** **RP**  
This biography shares the stories of the relationship between brothers Theo and Vincent van Gogh, a deep and enduring friendship that shaped both brothers' lives.

**Warhead: The True Story of ONE Teen Who Almost Saved the World**—Jeff Henigson  
**UG** BL: **5.2** AR Pts. **13.0** **RP**

A memoir about Jeff Henigson's teen Starlight Children's Foundation wish: to meet Mikhail Gorbachev and plead for nuclear disarmament and world peace.

**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.

**When I Was Puerto Rican**—Esmeralda Santiago      **UG** BL: **6.0** AR Pts. **13.0** **RP**

This book is the memoirs of the author's childhood and youth in Puerto Rico and New York City.

**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

**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.