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Intermediate (Grades 3-5)

STONE RIVER CROSSING
written by Tim Tingle
From the award-winning author of How I Became a Ghost, a tale of unlikely friendship and miracles. When Matha Tom helps Lil Mo and his family escape from the plantation across the river, it's just the beginning of a Chocowar adventure of a lifetime.
learnabout.com/books/stone-river-crossing

ANA MARIA REYES DOES NOT LIVE IN A CASTLE
written by Hilda Eunice Burgos
In this sparkling middle-grade debut, a Dominican American girl in New York City puggles an upcoming piano showcase and her hopes of entering an elite private school with her big, boisterous family and community.
learnabout.com/books/ana-maria-reyes-does-not-live-in-a-castle

THE WIND CALLED MY NAME
written by Mary Louise Sanchez
In this heartwarming historical middle-grade novel set in the 1930s, Margarita Sandoval and her family navigate the shifting winds of belonging in their new Wyoming town.
learnabout.com/books/the-wind-called-my-name

THERE'S NO BASE LIKE HOME
written by Jessica Mendoza and Alana Mendoza-Dusan, illustrated by Ruth McNally Barshaw
ESPN baseball analyst and two-time Olympic medalist Jessica Mendoza teams up with her sister Alana Mendoza-Dusan for this heartwarming, highly illustrated novel for young readers about Sophia's quest to find her place on a softball team.
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THE STORY OF CIVIL RIGHTS HERO JOHN LEWIS
written by Jim Haskins & Kathleen Benson, illustrated by Aaron Boyd
Meet John Lewis, a leader in the civil rights movement of the 1960s and a revered Congressman today.
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THE STORY OF MOVIE STAR ANNA MAY WONG
written by Paula Yoo, illustrated by Lin Wang
Meet Anna May Wong, whose trailblazing career in Hollywood broke new ground for future generations of Asian American actors.
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THE STORY OF TENNIS CHAMPION ARTHUR ASHE
written by Crystal Hubbard, illustrated by Kevin Belford
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THE STORY OF OLYMPIC SWIMMER DUKE KAHANAMOKU
written by Ellie Crowe, illustrated by Richard Waldrep
Meet Duke Kahanamoku, the six-time Olympic swimming champion and a legendary surfer who popularized surfing around the world.
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THE STORY OF WORLD WAR II HERO IRENA SENDLER
written by Ella Vaughn, illustrated by Ron Mazellan
Meet Irena Sendler, a social worker who helped save nearly 2500 Jewish children from the Warsaw Ghetto during the Nazi occupation of Poland.
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Elementary Summer Reading List
Middle School (Grade 6)

ALL THE STARS DENIED
written by Guadalupe García McCall
Guadalupe García McCall tackles the hidden history of the United States' first mass deportation event, which swept up hundreds of thousands of Mexican Americans as citizens during the Great Depression. Read more on books.all aboutISCO.com.

GRAND THEFT HORSE
written by G. Neri, illustrated by Corban Wilkin
Author G. Neri shares the powerful story of his cousin Gail Rolls, who stole a racehorse in order to save it, and ended up taking on the whole racing industry to fight for the humane treatment of animals. Read more on books.all aboutISCO.com.

I AM ALFONSO JONES
written by Tony Medina, illustrated by Stacey Robinson and John Jennings
Perfect for fans of The Hate U Give, an unflinching graphic novel about the afterlife of a young man killed by an off-duty police officer, co-illustrated by New York Times bestselling artist John Jennings. Read more on books.all aboutISCO.com.

UNDER THE MESQUITE
written by Guadalupe García McCall
When Jann is assigned to partner with supersoldier Tera in New Sweden's top weapons development division, he must decide where he stands with the people his rebel father protected or with the totalitarian government that claims it will end all war. Read more on books.all aboutISCO.com.

SUMMER OF THE MARIPosas
written by Guadalupe García McCall
In this creative telling of The Odyssey, fifteen-year-old Olinda and her younger sister embark on a journey to return a dead man to his family in Mexico, and must outwit monsters and witches to make it back home again. Also available in Spanish: Read more on books.all aboutISCO.com.

AHIMSA
written by Supriya Kelkar
In this historical novel set in India, Gandhi asks for one member of each family to join the fight for independence from the British, and when Arpali's mother is jailed for doing so, Arpali must step out of her comfort zone to take over her mother's work. Read more on books.all aboutISCO.com.

YUMMY: THE LAST DAYS OF A SOUTHSIDE SHORTY
written by G. Neri, illustrated by Randy Dubik
A graphic novel based on the true story of Robert "Yummy" Sandifer, an eleven year old boy from Chicago's South Side who was killed by his own gang members. Read more on books.all aboutISCO.com.

ETCHED IN CLAY: THE LIFE OF DAVE, ENSLAVED POTTER AND POET
written and illustrated by Andrea Cheng
This older biography in verse reveals the life of Dave, an enslaved potter who yearned to make his mark over his work with sayings and short poems, in spite of the slave anti-literacy sentiment in the years leading up to the Civil War. Read more on books.all aboutISCO.com.

REBEL SEOUL
written by Axie Oh
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CAT GIRL'S DAY OFF
written by Kimberly Pauley
Natalie "Cat Girl" Ng, who has the ability to talk to cats, must save the day when she is the only one who can see the true story of a kidnapped celebrity and the imposter who took her place. Read more on books.all aboutISCO.com.