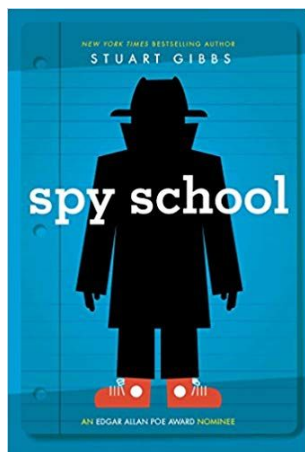


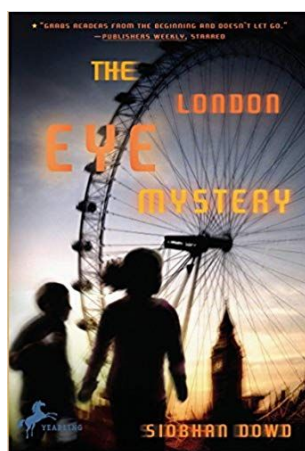
Looking for some good summer 2019 reads? IMS recommends...



Can an undercover nerd become a superstar agent? Ben Ripley sure hopes so—and his life may depend on it! Unfortunately for him, his personality doesn't exactly scream "secret agent." In fact, Ben is so awkward, he can barely get to school and back without a mishap. Because of his innate nerdiness, Ben is not surprised when he is recruited for a magnet school with a focus on science—but he's entirely shocked to discover the school is actually a front for a junior C.I.A. academy. Could the CIA really want him?

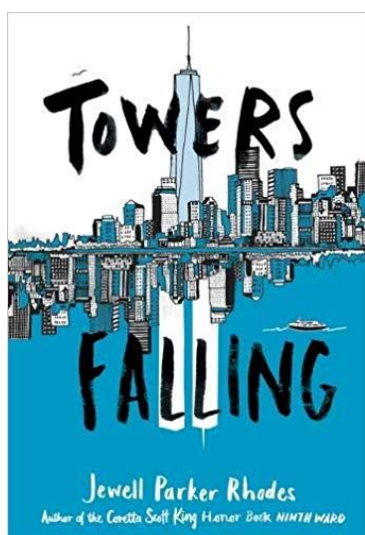
Recommended by Ms. Nadler (6th Grade ELA)

[Spy School by Stuart Gibbs](#)



Ted and Kat watched their cousin Salim board the London Eye, but after half an hour it landed and everyone trooped off—except Salim. Where could he have gone? How on earth could he have disappeared into thin air? Ted and his older sister, Kat, become sleuthing partners, since the police are having no luck. Despite their prickly relationship, they overcome their differences to follow a trail of clues across London in a desperate bid to find their cousin. And ultimately it comes down to Ted, whose brain works in its own unique way, to find the key to the mystery.

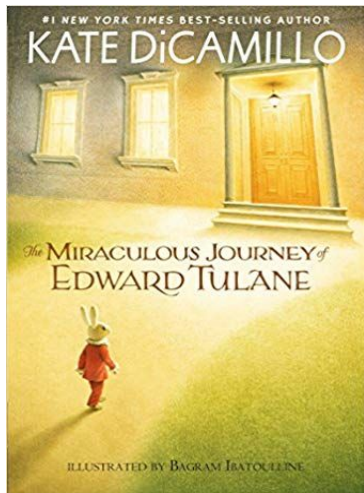
Recommended by Ms. Richardson (MS Librarian)



When her fifth-grade teacher hints that a series of lessons about home and community will culminate with one big answer about two tall towers once visible outside their classroom window, Dèja can't help but feel confused. She sets off on a journey of discovery, with new friends Ben and Sabeen by her side. But just as she gets closer to answering big questions about who she is, what America means, and how communities can grow (and heal), she uncovers new questions, too. Like, why does Pop get so angry when she brings up anything about the towers? Award-winning author Jewell Parker Rhodes tells a powerful story about young people who weren't alive to witness this defining moment in history, but begin to realize how much it colors their every day.

Recommended by Ms. Meiseles (6th Grade ELA)

[Towers Falling by Jewell Parker Rhodes](#)

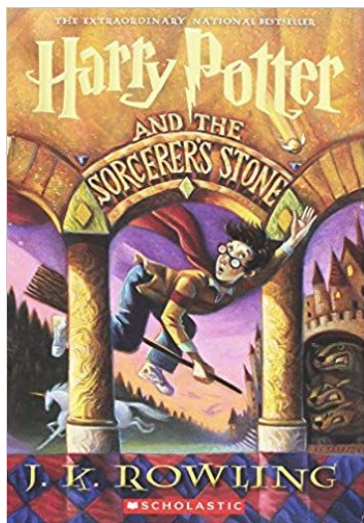


Once, in a house on Egypt Street, there lived a china rabbit named Edward Tulane. The rabbit was very pleased with himself, and for good reason: he was owned by a girl named Abilene, who adored him completely. And then, one day, he was lost. . . .

Kate DiCamillo takes us on an extraordinary journey, from the depths of the ocean to the net of a fisherman, from the bedside of an ailing child to the bustling streets of Memphis. Along the way, we are shown a miracle – that even a heart of the most breakable kind can learn to love, to lose, and to love again.

Recommended by Ms. Acrish (6th Grade ELA)

[The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo](#)

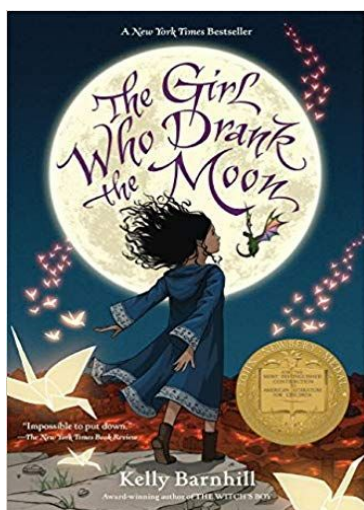


You've seen the movies? It's time to read the books!

Harry Potter has no idea how famous he is. That's because he's being raised by his miserable aunt and uncle who are terrified Harry will learn that he's really a wizard, just as his parents were. But everything changes when Harry is summoned to attend an infamous school for wizards, and he begins to discover some clues about his illustrious birthright. From the surprising way he is greeted by a lovable giant, to the unique curriculum and colorful faculty at his unusual school, Harry finds himself drawn deep inside a mystical world he never knew existed and closer to his own noble destiny.

Recommended by Ms. LaBella and her students (6th Grade ELA)

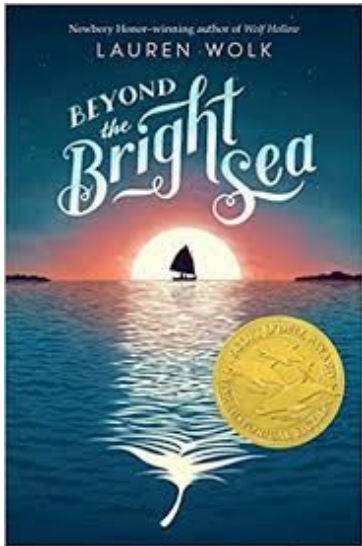
[Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J. K. Rowling](#)



Every year, the people of the Protectorate leave a baby as an offering to the witch who lives in the forest. They hope this sacrifice will keep her from terrorizing their town. But the witch in the Forest, Xan, is kind. She shares her home with a wise Swamp Monster and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon. Xan rescues the children and delivers them to welcoming families on the other side of the forest, nourishing the babies with starlight on the journey. One year, Xan accidentally feeds a baby moonlight instead of starlight, filling the ordinary child with extraordinary magic. Xan decides she must raise this girl, whom she calls Luna, as her own. As Luna's thirteenth birthday approaches, her magic begins to emerge—with dangerous consequences. Meanwhile, a young man from the Protectorate is determined to free his people by killing the witch.

Recommended by Ms. LaBella (6th Grade ELA)

[The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill](#)



Twelve-year-old Crow has lived her entire life on a tiny, isolated piece of the starkly beautiful Elizabeth Islands in Massachusetts. Abandoned and set adrift on a small boat when she was just hours old, Crow's only companions are Osh, the man who rescued and raised her, and Miss Maggie, their fierce and affectionate neighbor across the sandbar. Crow has always been curious about the world around her, but it isn't until the night a mysterious fire appears across the water that the unspoken question of her own history forms in her heart. Soon, an unstoppable chain of events is triggered, leading Crow down a path of discovery and danger.

Recommended by Ms. Kozak (7th Grade ELA)

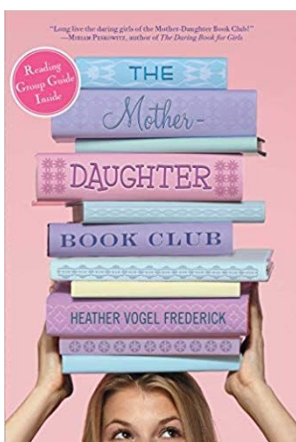
[Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk](#)



A family moves into an old, abandoned house. Jules's parents love the house, but Jules is frightened and feels a sense of foreboding. When she sees a pale face in an upstairs window, though, she can't stop wondering about the eerie presence on the top floor—in a room with a locked door. Could it be someone who lived in the house a century earlier? Her fear replaced by fascination, Jules is determined to make contact with the mysterious figure and help unlock the door. Past and present intersect as she and her ghostly friend discover—and change—the fate of the family who lived in the house all those many years ago.

Recommended by Ms. Daley (Assistant Principal)

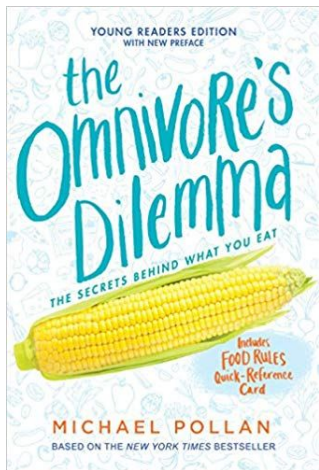
[The Girl in the Locked Room by Mary Downing Hahn](#)



Even if Megan would rather be at the mall, Cassidy is late for hockey practice, Emma's already read every book in existence, and Jess is missing her mother too much to care, the new book club is scheduled to meet every month. But what begins as a mom-imposed ritual of reading *Little Women* soon helps four unlikely friends navigate the drama of middle school. From stolen journals, to secret crushes, to a fashion-fiasco first dance, the girls are up to their Wellie boots in drama. They can't help but wonder: What would Jo March do?

Recommended by Ms. Daley (Assistant Principal)

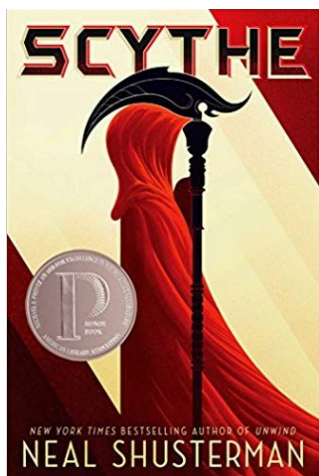
[The Mother-Daughter Book Club by Heather Vogel Frederick](#)



In this book you'll go undercover at the supermarket, asking questions like, "What does that organic sticker on a banana really mean?" and "Where did the chicken in that nugget grow up?" You'll delve behind the scenes of your dinner, and by the time you've digested the last page, you'll have put together the fascinating (and sometimes shocking) puzzle of what's on your plate and how it got there.

Recommended by Ms. Rust (Instructional Coach)

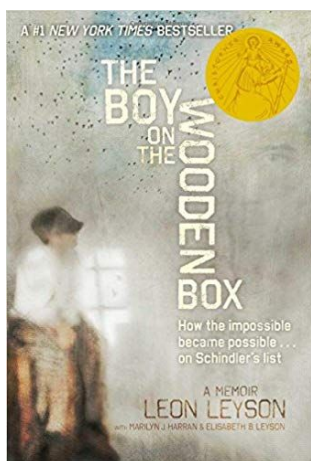
[The Omnivore's Dilemma by Michael Pollan](#)



Two teens must learn the "art of killing" in this Printz Honor-winning book, the first in a chilling new series from the author of the bestselling *Unwind* trilogy. A world with no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery: humanity has conquered all these things, and has even conquered death. Now Scythes are the only ones who can end life--and they are commanded to do so, in order to keep the size of the population under control. Citra and Rowan are chosen to apprentice to a scythe--a role that neither wants. These teens must master the "art" of taking life, knowing that the consequence of failure could mean losing their own.

Recommended by Ms. Rust (Instructional Coach)

[Scythe by Neil Shusterman](#)

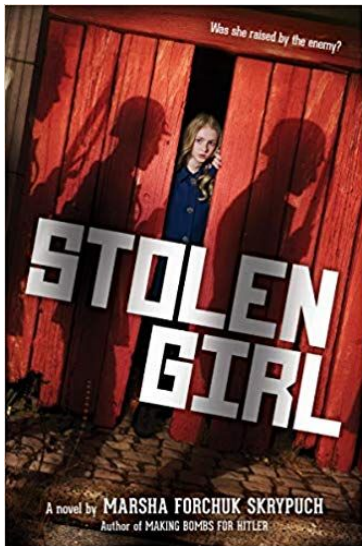


This, the only memoir published by a former Schindler's list child, perfectly captures the innocence of a small boy who goes through the unthinkable. Leon Leyson (born Leib Lezjon) was only ten years old when the Nazis invaded Poland and his family was forced to relocate to the Krakow ghetto. With incredible luck, perseverance, and grit, Leyson was able to survive the sadism of the Nazis, including that of the demonic Amon Goeth, commandant of Plaszow, the concentration camp outside Krakow.

Ultimately, it was the generosity and cunning of one man, Oskar Schindler, who saved Leon Leyson's life, and the lives of his mother, his father, and two of his four siblings, by adding their names to his list of workers in his factory--a list that became world renowned: Schindler's list.

Recommended by Ms. Daley (Assistant Principal)

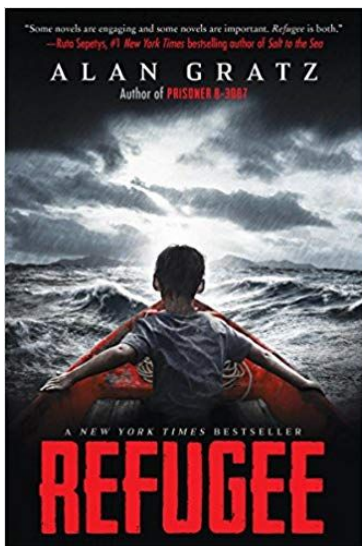
[The Boy on the Wooden Box by Leon Leyson](#)



Nadia is haunted by World War II. Her memories of the war are messy, coming back to her in pieces and flashes she can't control. Though her adoptive mother says they are safe now, Nadia's flashbacks keep coming. Sometimes she remembers running, hunger, and isolation. But other times she remembers living with a German family, and attending big rallies where she was praised for her light hair and blue eyes. The puzzle pieces don't quite fit together, and Nadia is scared by what might be true. Could she have been raised by Nazis? Were they her real family? What part did she play in the war? What Nadia finally discovers about her own history will shock her. But only when she understands the past can she truly face her future.

Recommended by Ms. Daley (Assistant Principal)

[Stolen Girl by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch](#)



JOSEF is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world . . .

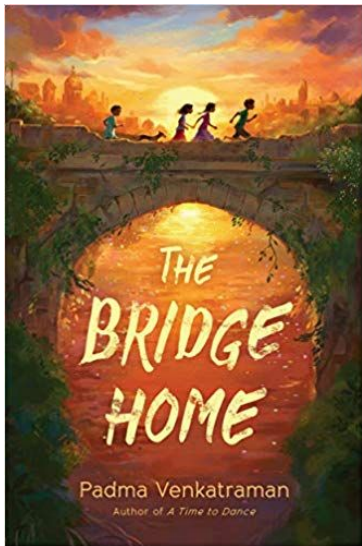
ISABEL is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America . . .

MAHMOUD is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe .

All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers -- from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always the hope of *tomorrow*. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together in the end.

Recommended by Dr. James (Librarian) and Mr. Sandler (7th Grade ELA)

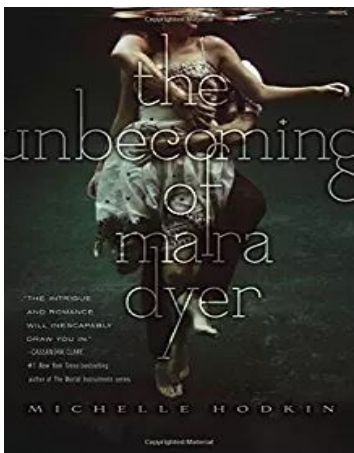
[Refugee by Alan Gratz](#)



Life is harsh in Chennai's teeming streets, so when runaway sisters Viji and Rukku arrive, their prospects look grim. Very quickly, eleven-year-old Viji discovers how vulnerable they are in this uncaring, dangerous world. Fortunately, the girls find shelter--and friendship--on an abandoned bridge. With two homeless boys, Muthi and Arul, the group forms a family of sorts. And while making a living scavenging the city's trash heaps is the pits, the kids find plenty to laugh about and take pride in too. After all, they are now the bosses of themselves and no longer dependent on untrustworthy adults. But when illness strikes, Viji must decide whether to risk seeking help from strangers or to keep holding on to their fragile, hard-fought freedom.

Recommended by Mr. Sandler (7th Grade ELA)

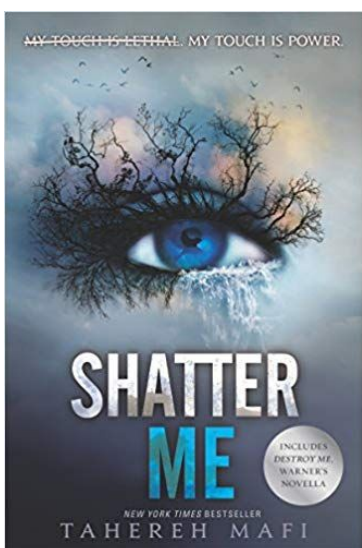
[The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman](#)



Mara Dyer doesn't know if she's crazy or haunted--all she knows is that everyone around her is dying. She doesn't think life can get any stranger than waking up in a hospital with no memory of how she got there. *It can.* She believes there must be more to the accident she can't remember that killed her friends and left her mysteriously unharmed. *There is.* She doesn't believe that after everything she's been through, she can fall in love. *She's wrong.*

Recommended by Ms. DiMenna (8th Grade ELA)

[The Unbecoming of Mara Dyer by Michelle Hodkin](#)



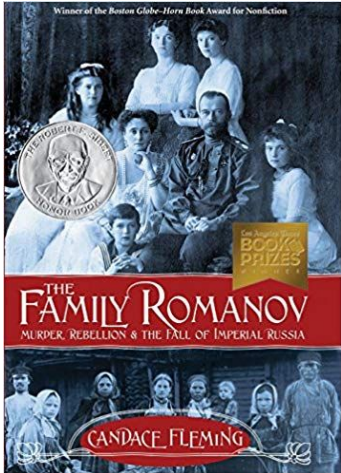
One touch is all it takes. One touch, and Juliette Ferrars can leave a fully grown man gasping for air. One touch, and she can kill.

No one knows why Juliette has such incredible power. It feels like a curse, a burden that one person alone could never bear. But The Reestablishment sees it as a gift, sees her as an opportunity. An opportunity for a deadly weapon.

Juliette has never fought for herself before. But when she's reunited with the one person who ever cared about her, she finds a strength she never knew she had.

Recommended by Ms. Chillemi (8th Grade ELA)

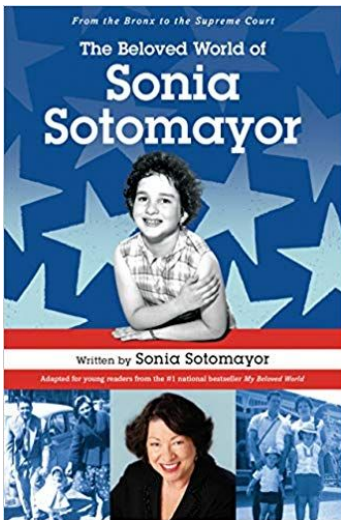
[Shatter Me by Tahereh Mafi](#)



Winner of multiple awards, here is the tumultuous, heartrending, true story of the Romanovs—at once an intimate portrayal of Russia’s last royal family and a gripping account of its undoing. Using captivating photos and compelling first person accounts, Candace Fleming deftly maneuvers between the imperial family’s extravagant lives and the plight of Russia’s poor masses, making this an utterly mesmerizing read.

Recommended by Ms. Rust (Instructional Coach)

[The Family Romanov by Candace Fleming](#)



Sonia Sotomayor was just a girl when she dared to dream big. Her dream? To become a lawyer and a judge even though she’d never met one of either, and none lived in her neighborhood. Sonia did not let the hardships of her background—which included growing up in the rough housing projects of New York City’s South Bronx, dealing with juvenile diabetes, coping with parents who argued and fought personal demons, and worrying about money—stand in her way. Always, she believed in herself. Her determination, along with guidance from generous mentors and the unwavering love of her extended Puerto Rican family, propelled her ever forward. Eventually, all of Sonia’s hard work led to her appointment as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court in 2009, a role that she has held ever since.

Learn about Justice Sotomayor’s rise and her amazing work as well as about the Supreme Court in this fascinating memoir that shows that no matter the obstacles, dreams can come true.

Recommended by Dr. James (Librarian)

[The Beloved World of Sonia Sotomayor](#)