

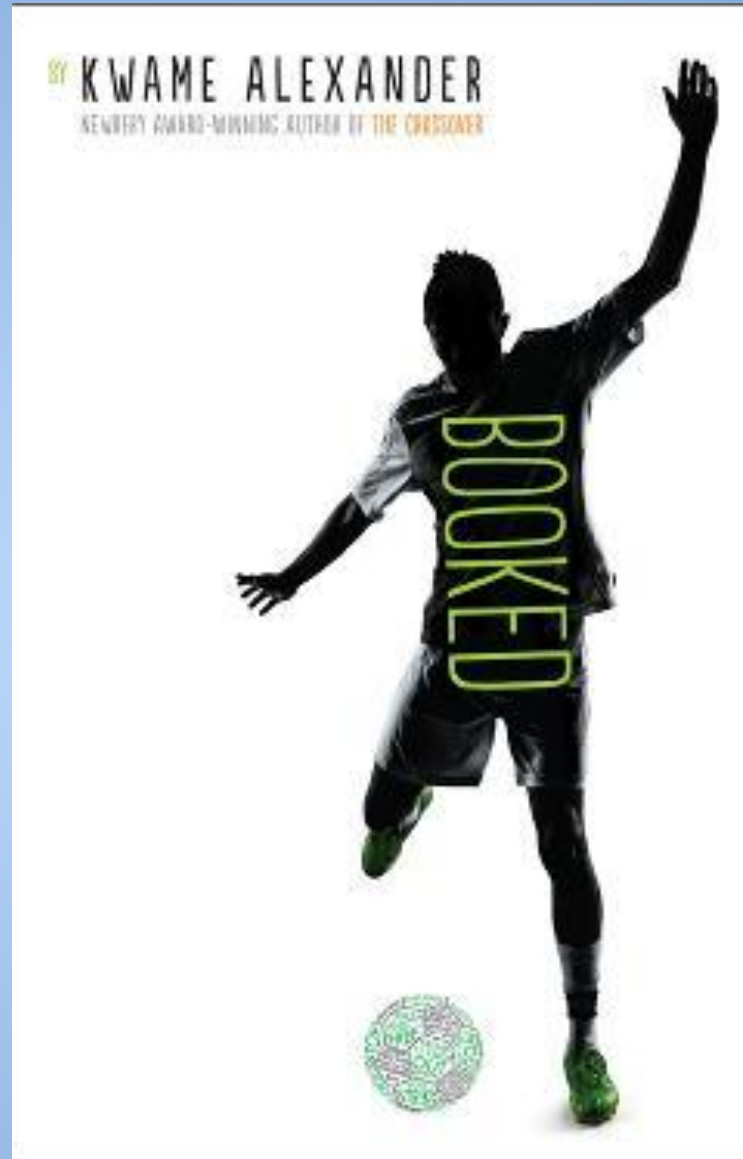
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Nominees

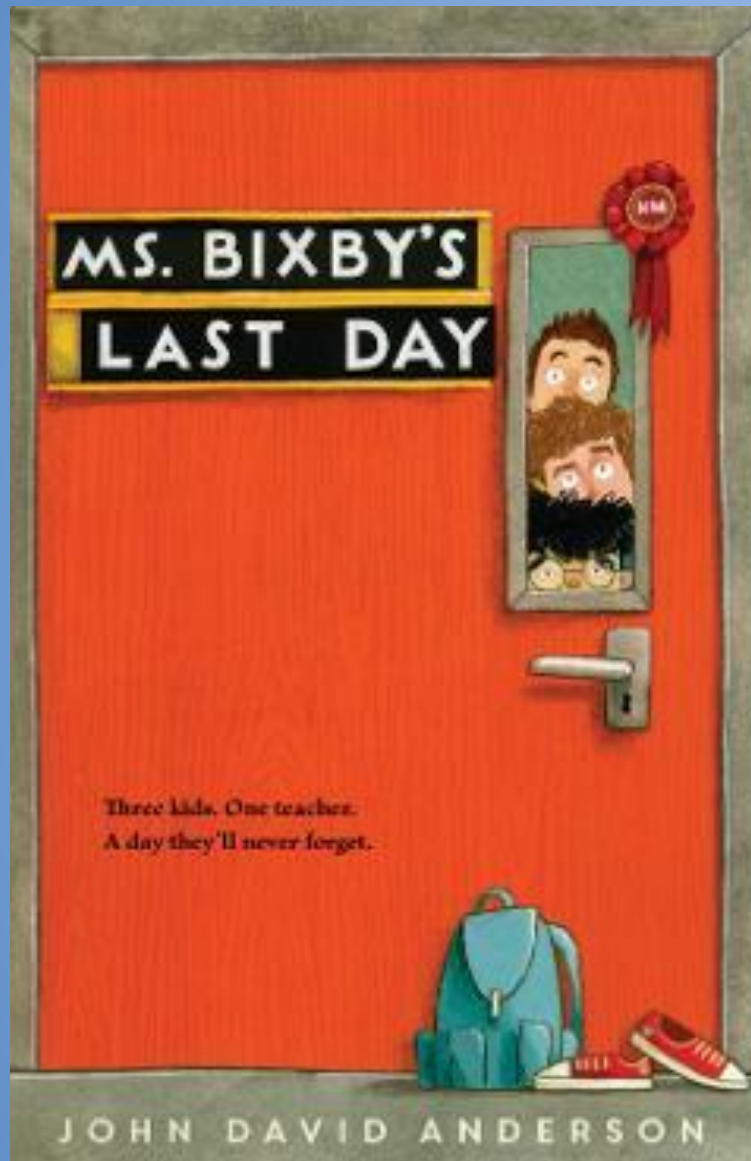
Booked

Kwame Alexander

Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

Interest Level: Grades 5-8





Ms. Bixby's Last Day

David John Anderson

Ms. Bixby unexpectedly announces that she is very sick and won't be able to finish the school year, and Topher, Brand, and Steve come up with a plan to tell her how much she means to them.

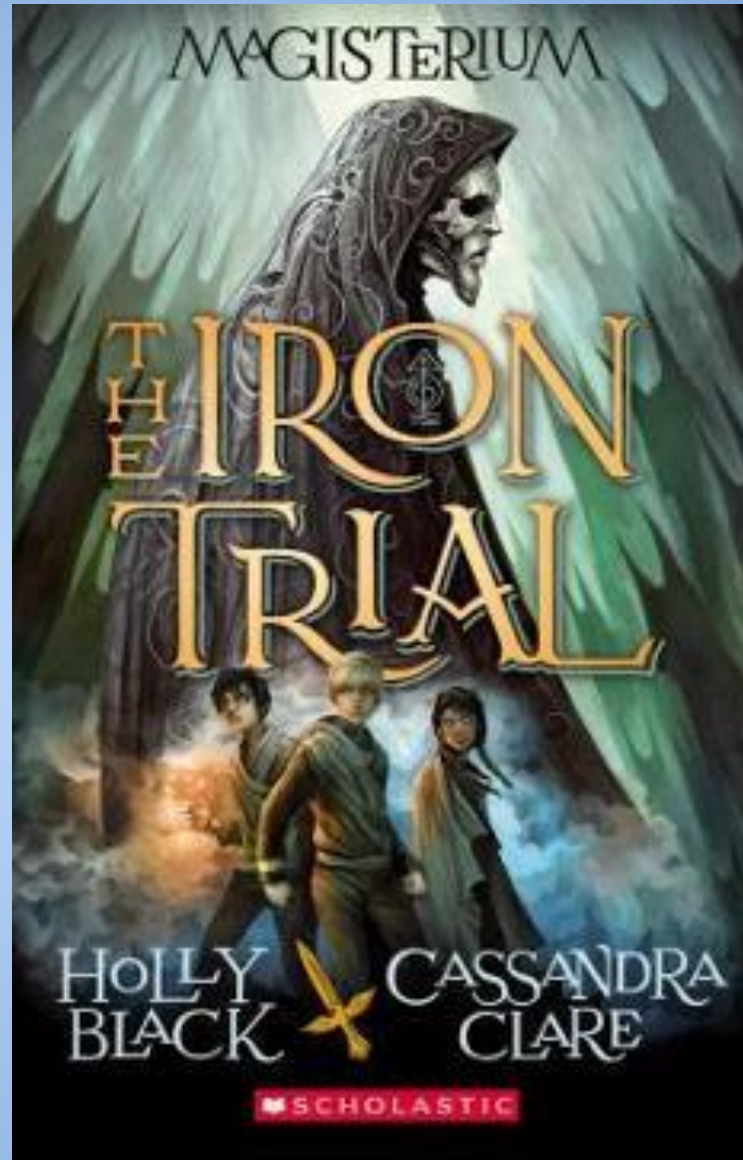
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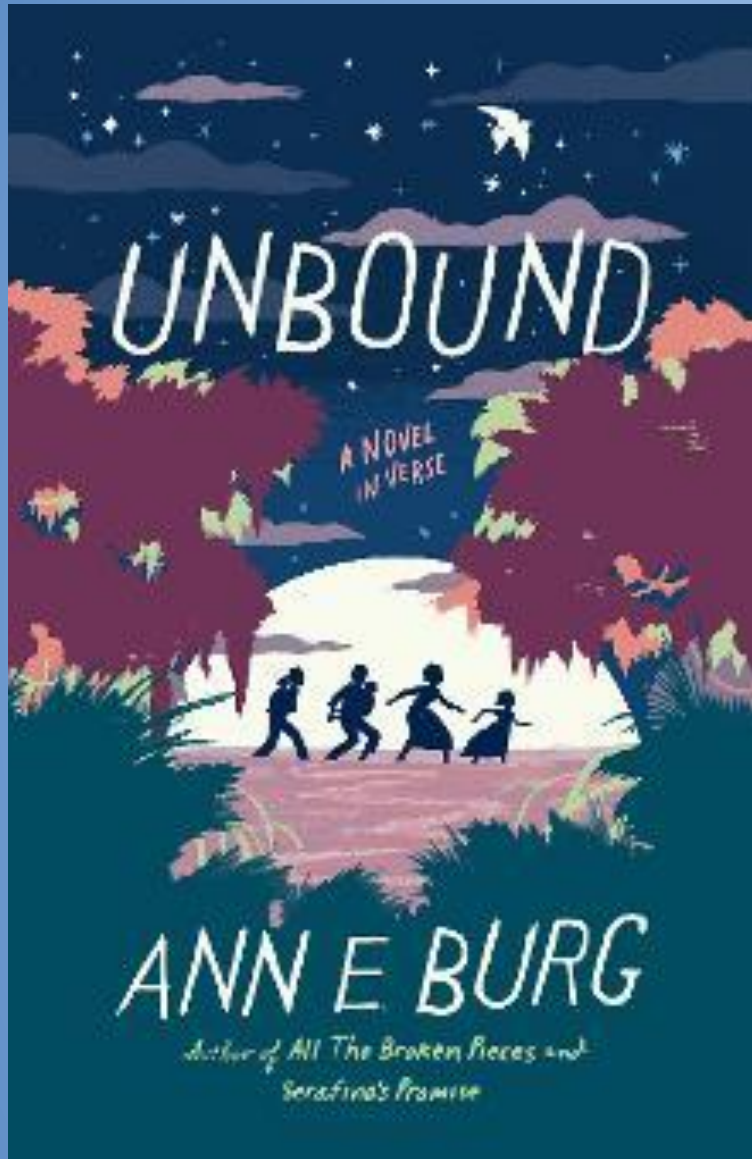
The Iron Trial

Holly Black and Cassandra Clare

Warned away from magic all of his life, Callum endeavors to fail the trials that would admit him to the Magisterium only to be drawn into its ranks against his will and forced to confront dark elements from his past.

Interest Level: Grades 5-8





Unbound

Ann Burg

The day Grace is called from the slave cabins to work in the Big House, Mama makes her promise to keep her eyes down. Uncle Jim warns her to keep her thoughts tucked private in her mind or they could bring a whole lot of trouble and pain.

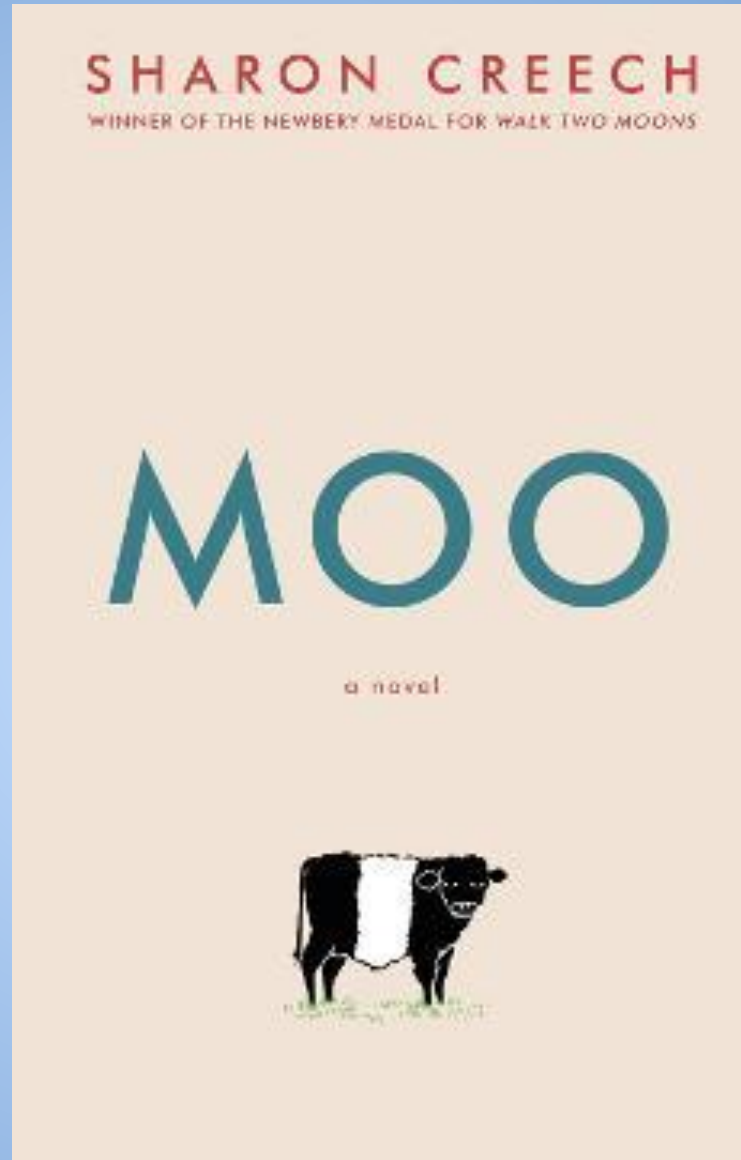
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Moo

Sharon Creech

Following one family's momentous move from the city to rural Maine, an unexpected bond develops between twelve-year-old Reena and one very ornery cow.

Interest Level: Grades 4-6





It Ain't So Awful, Falafel

Firoozeh Dumas

Eleven-year-old Zomorod, originally from Iran, tells her story of growing up Iranian in Southern California during the Iranian Revolution and hostage crisis of the late 1970s

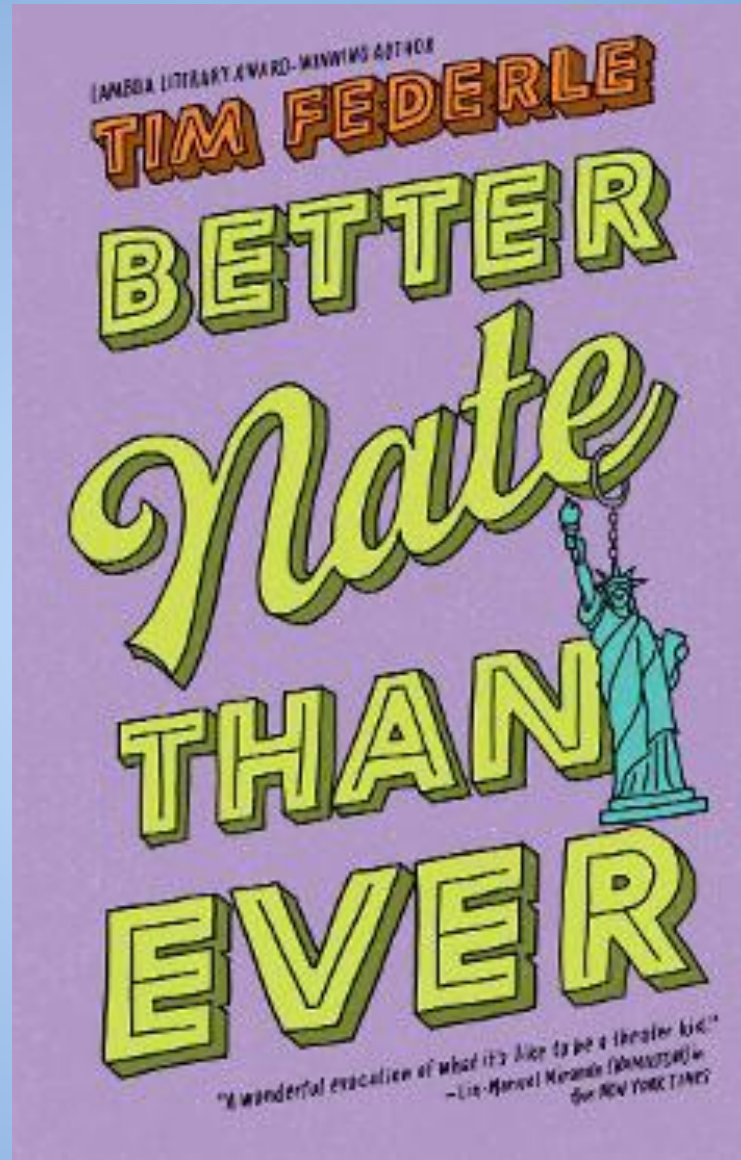
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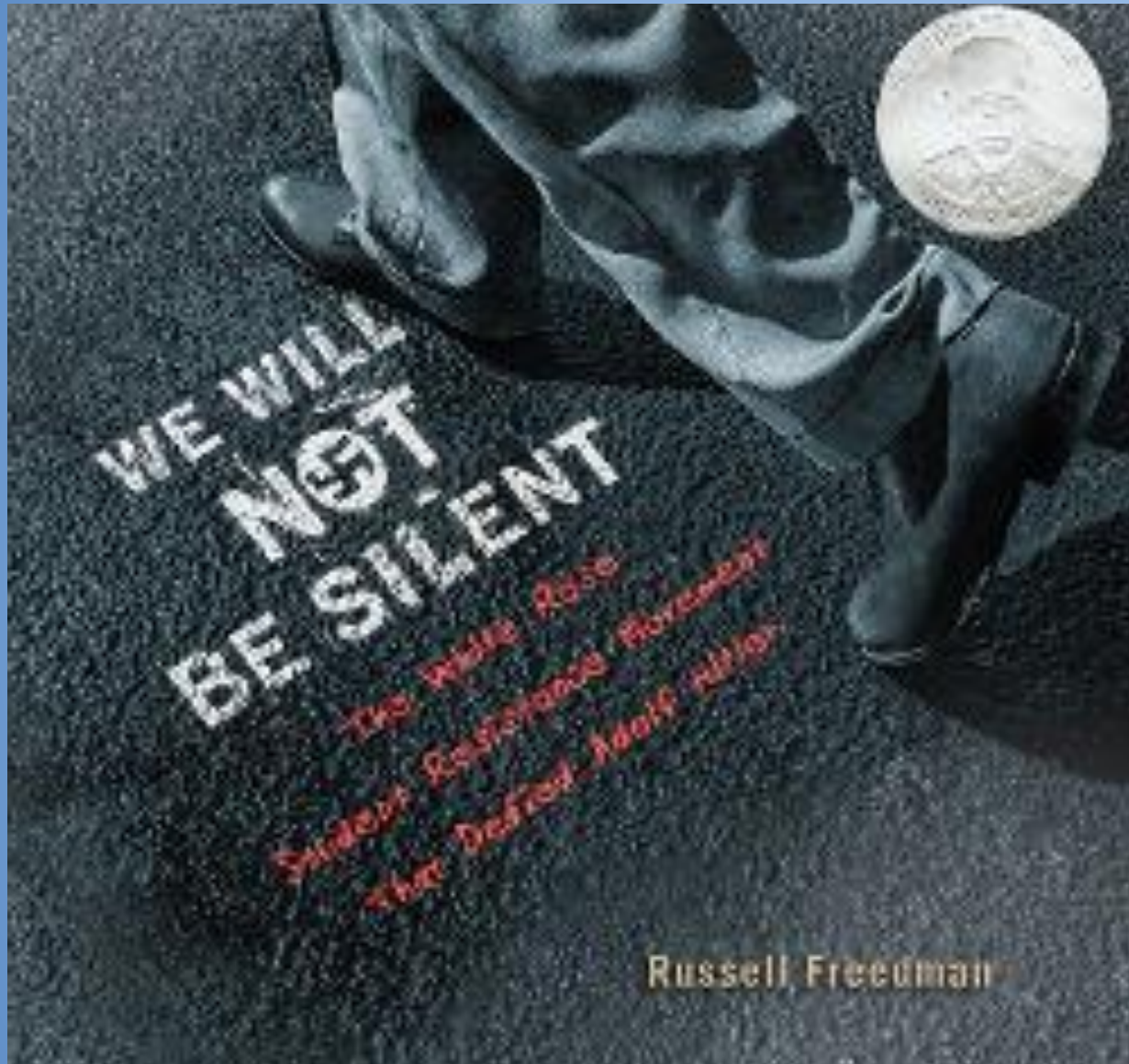
Better Nate Than Ever

Tim Federle

An eighth-grader who dreams of performing in a Broadway musical concocts a plan to run away to New York and audition for the role of Elliot in the musical version of "E.T."

Interest Level: Grades 5-8





We Will Not Be Silent

Russell Freedman

The true story of the White Rose, a group of students in Nazi Germany who were active undercover agents of the resistance movement against Hitler and his regime.

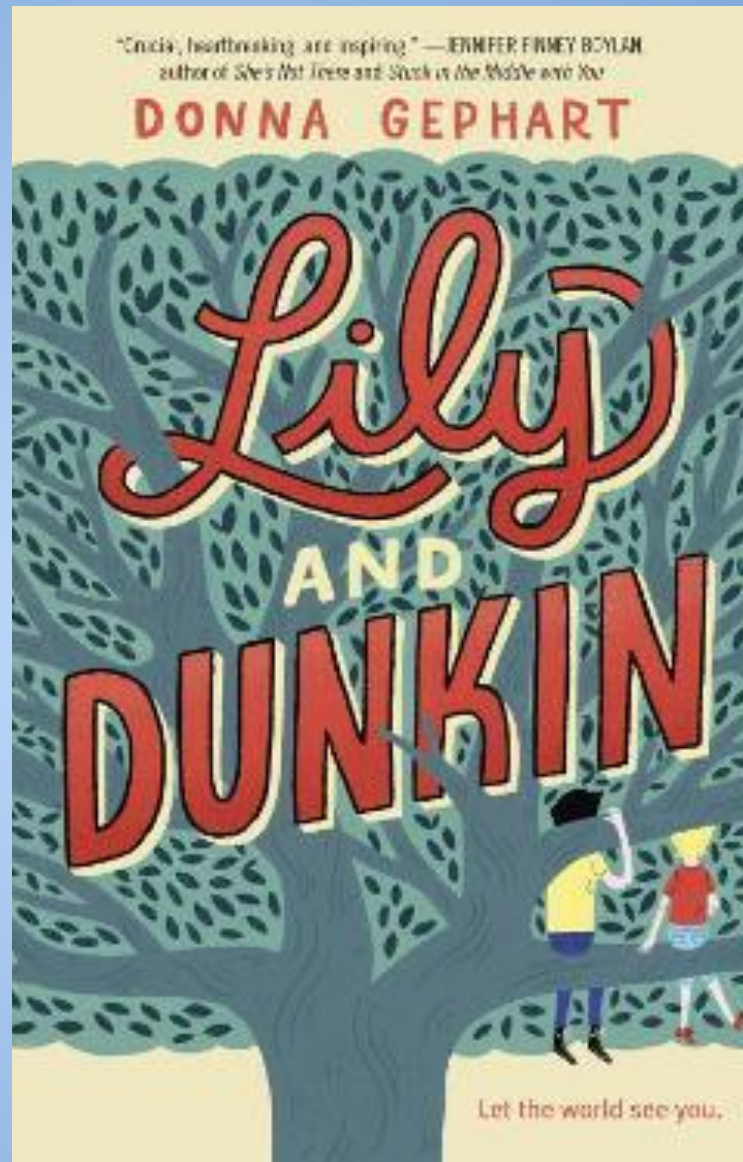
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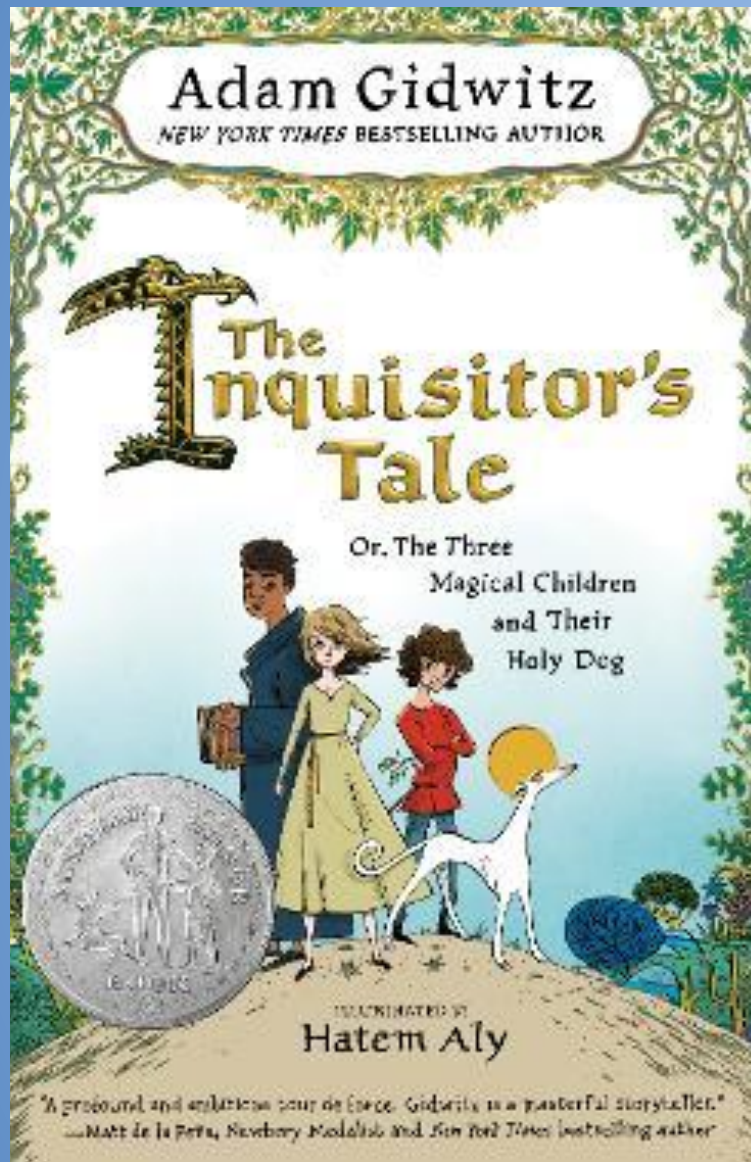
Lily and Dunkin

Donna Gephart

A compelling dual narrative about two remarkable eighth graders: Lily, a transgender girl, and Dunkin, a boy dealing with bipolar disorder.

Interest Level: Grades 6-8





The Inquisitor's Tale

Adam Gidwitz

Crossing paths at an inn, thirteenth-century travelers impart the tales of a monastery oblate, a Jewish refugee, and a psychic peasant girl with a loyal greyhound, the three of whom join forces on a chase through France to escape persecution.

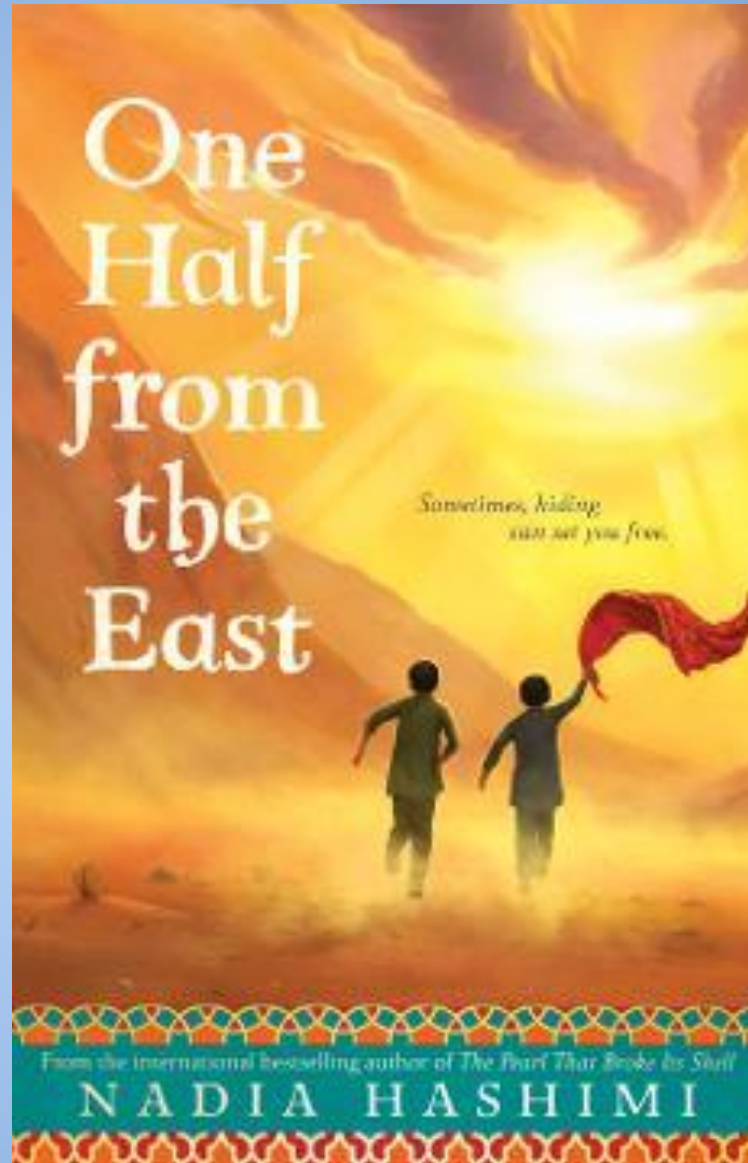
Interest Level: Grades 5-8

One Half From the East

Nadia Hashimi

Obayda's father lost one of his legs in a bomb explosion, forcing the family to move from their home city of Kabul to a small village. One day, Obayda's aunt has an idea to bring the family luck--dress Obayda, the youngest of her sisters, as a boy, a bacha posh.

Interest Level: Grades 5-8





Paper Things

Jennifer Richard Jacobson

When Ari's mother died four years ago, she had two final wishes: that Ari and her older brother, Gage, would stay together always, and that Ari would go to the middle school for gifted students. So when nineteen-year-old Gage decides he can no longer live with their bossy guardian, Janna, Ari knows she has to go with him.

Interest Level: Grades 4-8

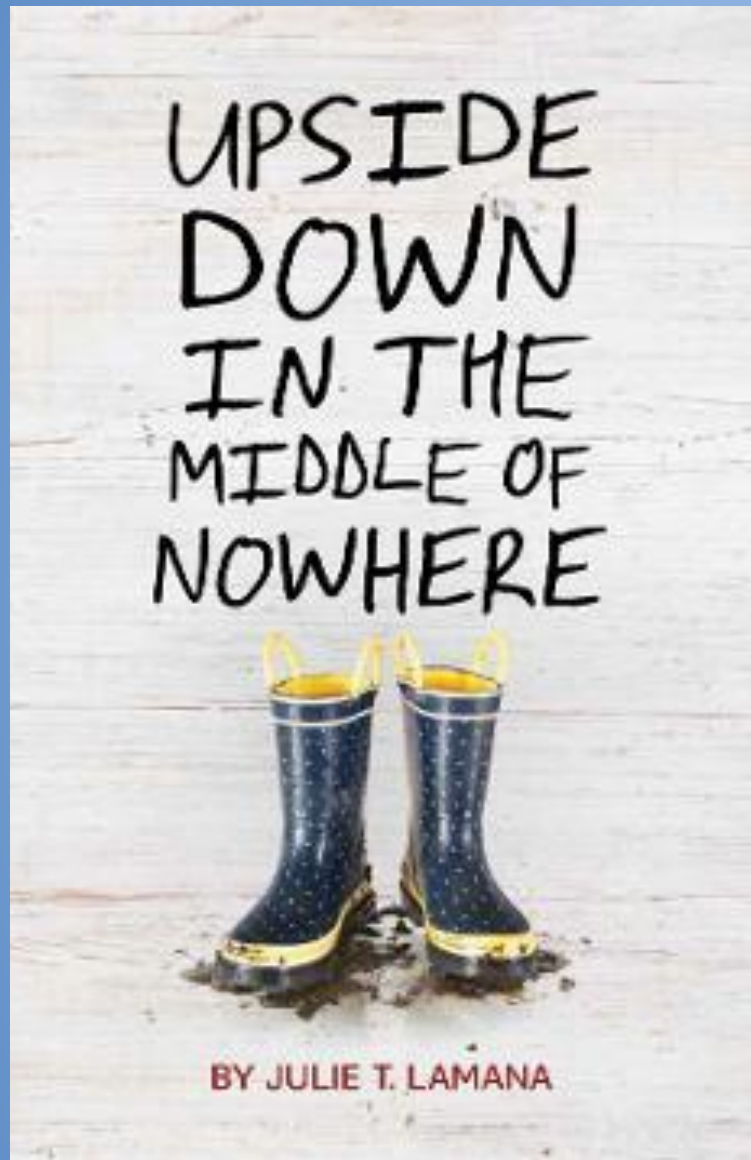
Me and Marvin Gardens

Amy Saurig King

Obe Devlin spends a lot of his time cleaning up the creek that runs through what little is left of his family's once extensive farmland, and worrying about what the developers are doing nearby, and the pollution it is causing--but one day he finds a strange creature by his creek that eats plastic.

Interest Level: Grades 4-7





Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere

Julie Lamana

At the end of August 2005, ten-year-old Armani is looking forward to her birthday party in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans, where she and her extended family live, but Hurricane Katrina is on the way, bringing destruction and tragedy in its wake.

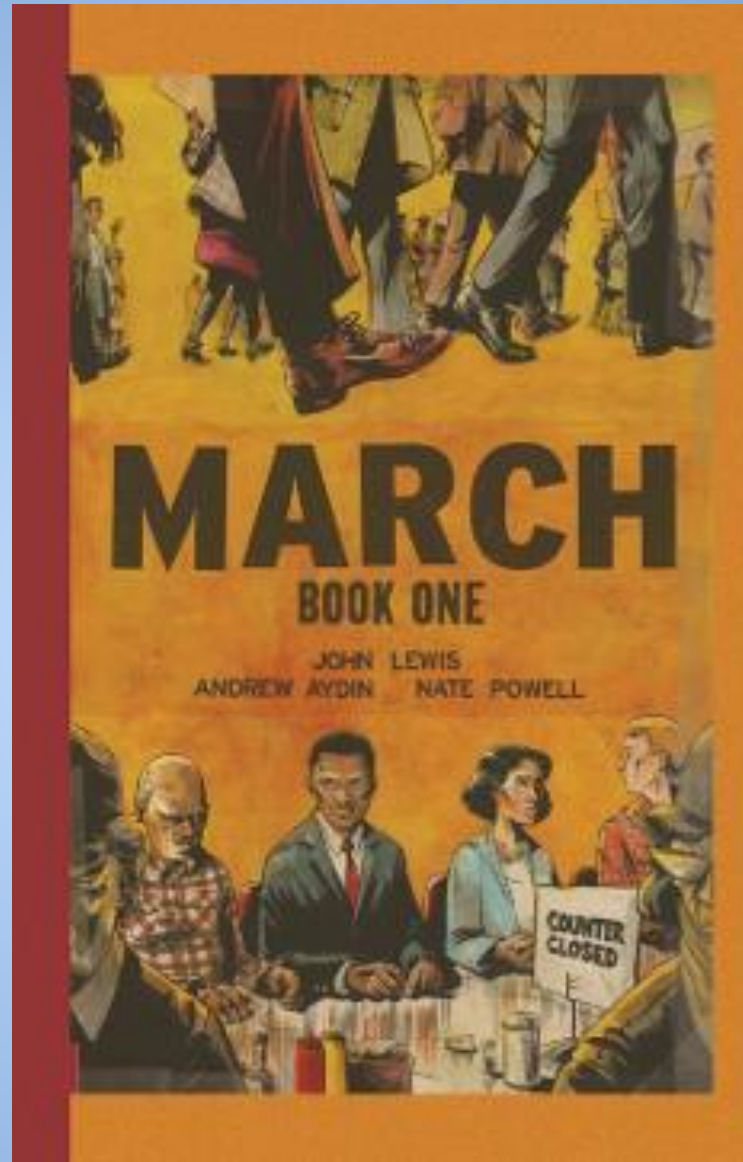
Interest Level: Grades 4-6

March, Book 1

John Lewis

Presents in graphic novel format events from the life of Georgia congressman John Lewis, focusing on his youth in rural Alabama, his meeting with Martin Luther King Jr., and the birth of the Nashville Student Movement.

Interest Level: Grades 7-8





Ghost

Jason Reynolds

Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential.

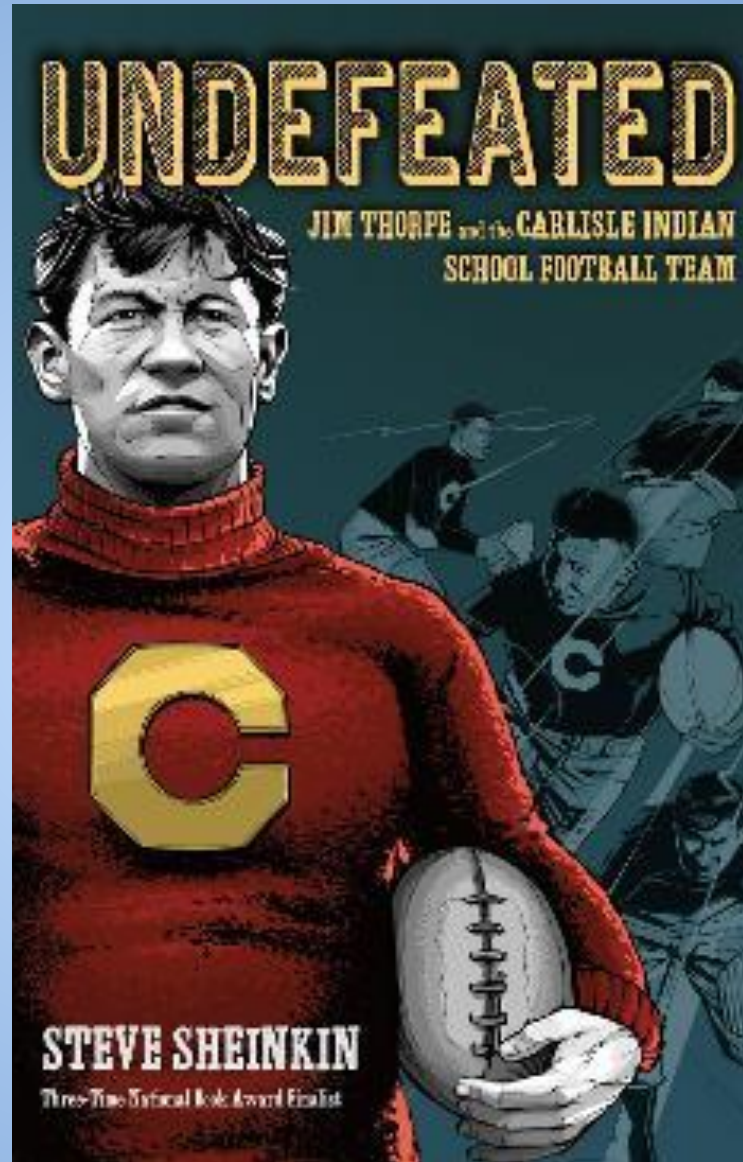
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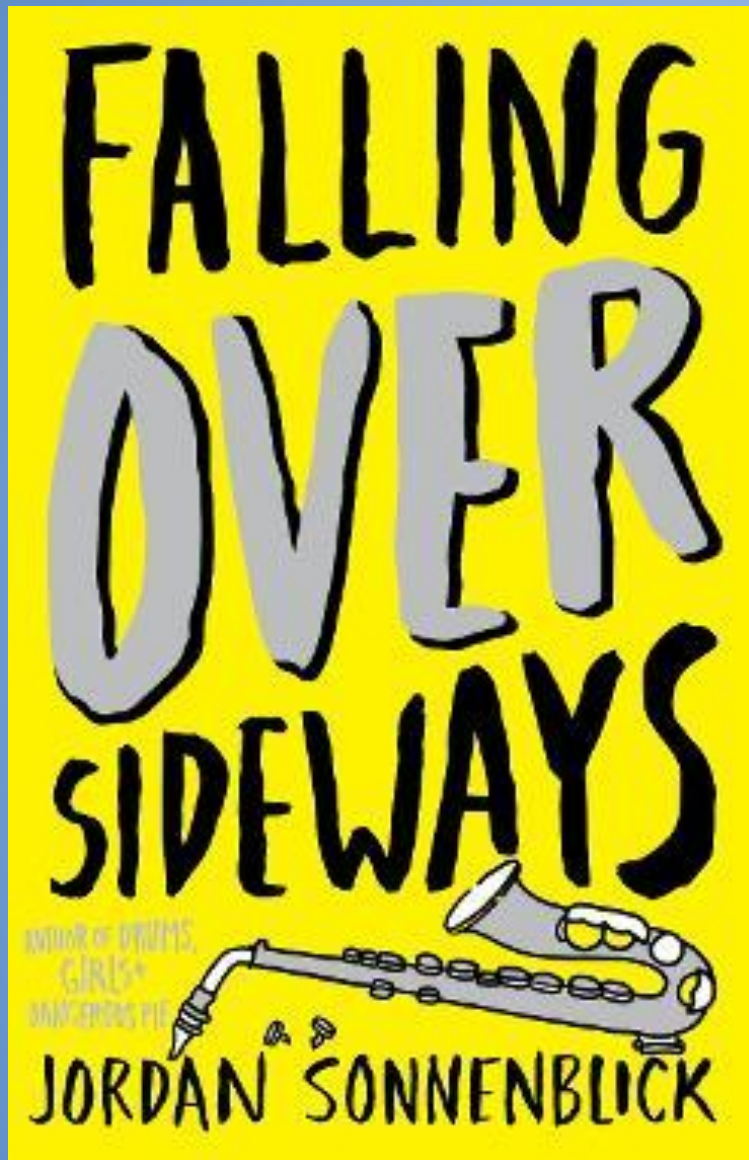
Undeclared

Steve Sheinkin

A great American sport and Native American history come together in this true story of how Jim Thorpe and Pop Warner created the legendary Carlisle Indians football team.

Interest Level: Grades 6-8





Falling Over Sideways

Jordan Sonnenblick

Harassed at her middle school, not taken seriously at home, and with a "perfect" older brother to live up to, thirteen-year-old Claire has always felt like her life was cursed--then one morning, when she and her beloved father are talking at breakfast, he falls over with a stroke, and suddenly everything changes.

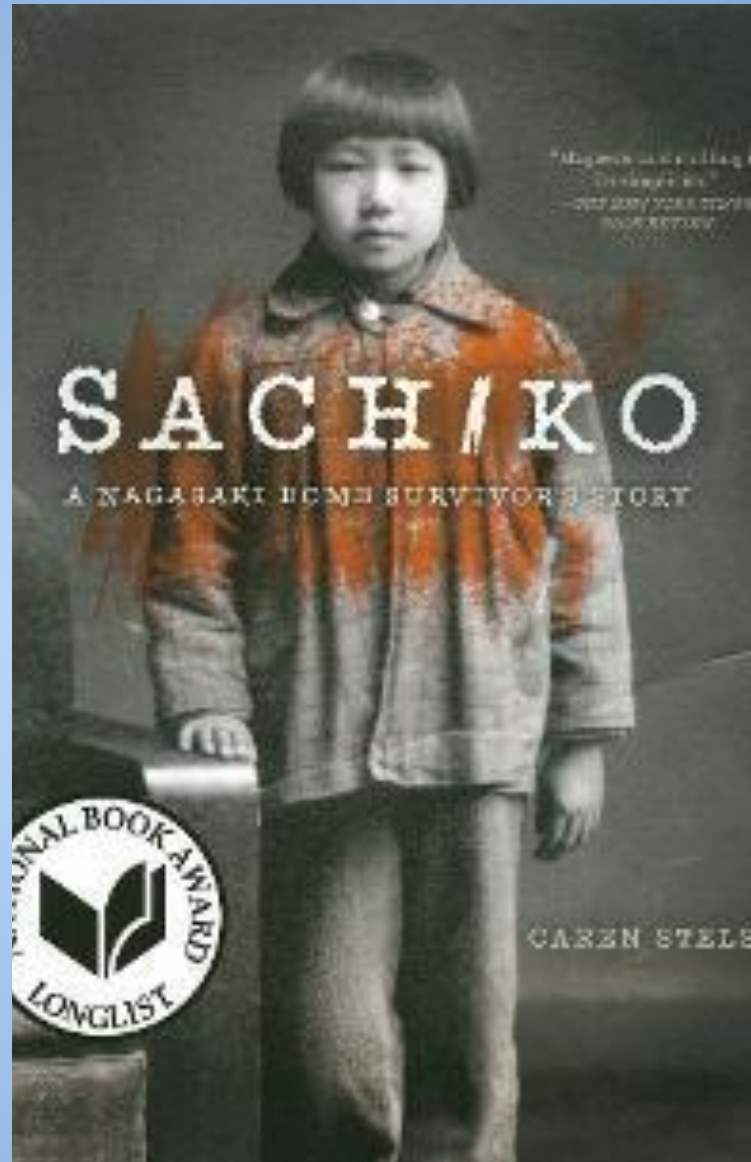
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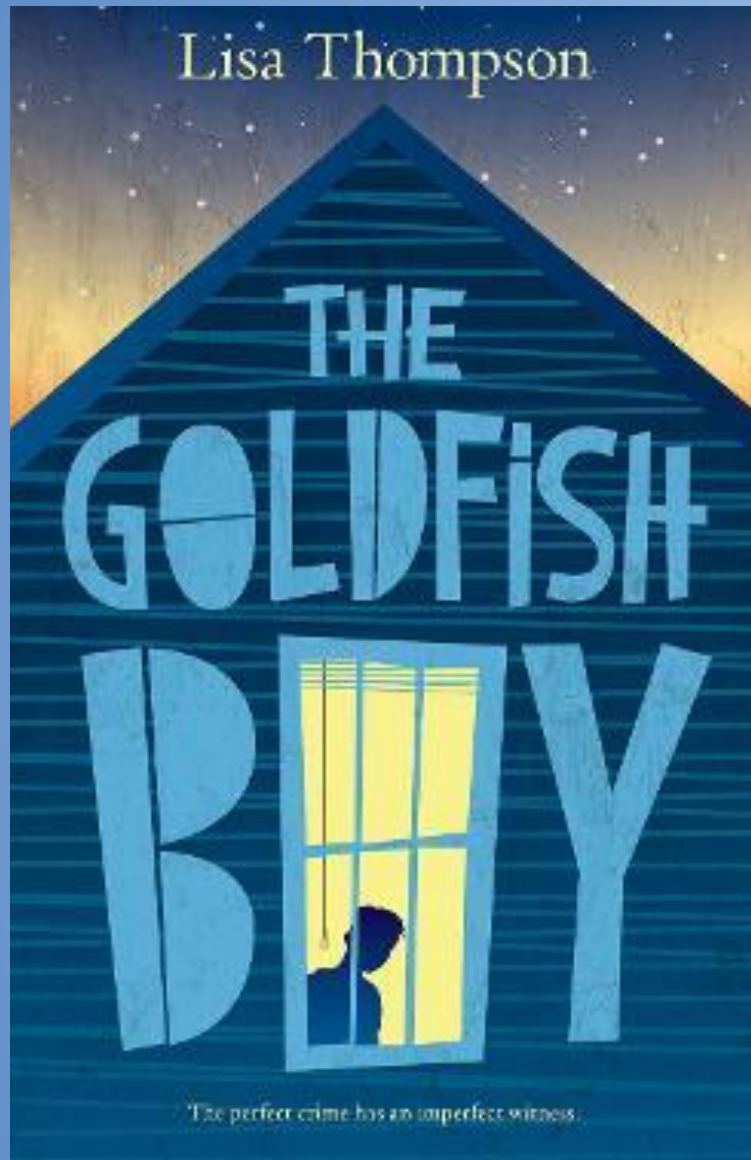
Sachiko

Caren Stelson

Shares the true story of a young girl who survived the atomic bomb and chronicles her long journey to find peace.

Interest Level: Grades 5-8





The Goldfish Boy

Lisa Thompson

Emotionally crippled by his obsessive-compulsive disorder, teenager Matthew Corbin rarely leaves his room on a cul-de-sac in London--but when a toddler staying next door disappears Matt is the key to solving a mystery and possibly saving a child's life...if he can manage to expose himself, and his secret guilt to the outside world.

Interest Level: Grades 4-7

