



Rising Seventh Graders

Titles may be available on audiobook or in large print. Many also come in Spanish.

Several can be found in both the Children's and Teen collections.

Fiction



Nothing But the Truth by Avi

If Philip had any idea what he was starting when he hummed along with the Star Spangled Banner in homeroom, do you think he would have done it?

Storm Warriors by Elisa Carbone

When ships crash at sea, it is the men of the Lifesaving Service that rescue survivors. Nathan dreams of some day joining them—a hard dream to realize for an African American in 1895.

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko

It is 1935 and Moose and his family have just moved to Alcatraz Island where his father is a guard at the famous prison. He misses his friends, but hopes he will meet the famous gangster, Al Capone.

The Midwife's Apprentice by Karen Cushman

Brat is a homeless, hungry girl until Jane, the midwife, takes her in as a servant. Now Brat has a bed and food, but what she really wants is her own place and her own name.

The Ear, the Eye and the Arm by Nancy Farmer

The year: 2194; the place: Zimbabwe, Africa. Three mutant detectives use their powers to try to rescue three kidnapped children.

Shadow Spinner by Susan Fletcher

If Shahrazad runs out of stories to tell the sultan, she will die. Can Marjan the storyteller save Shahrazad's life without losing her own?

The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke

Two brothers run away and live with a group of children in an abandoned movie theater.

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

Billie Jo's Oklahoma is blowing away, bit by dusty bit and a horrible accident leaves her wounded inside and out. Only Billie Jo can cure herself.

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

On Roy's first day of school in Coconut Grove, Florida, he sees a boy running barefoot beside the school bus. Roy follows him and becomes involved in a plan to save a colony of owls.

Ghost Canoe by Will Hobbs

No survivors! That is what everyone says about the crew of the sailing ship that crashed on the rocks one foggy night. Nathan doesn't believe it. He has noticed some strange and unexplained clues that lead him to believe that someone has survived.

Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson

Maia has been living in an English boarding school since her parents died. She is excited to begin her new life with relatives in the Amazon jungle—until she meets her nasty twin cousins.

Redwall (or other *Redwall* books) by Brian Jacques

Brave mice and their friends are tested to their limits as they do battle to defend the animals of Redwall from evil rats and weasels.

The Color of My Words by Lynn Joseph

Ana Rosa wants to be a writer. In her village in the Dominican Republic, it is difficult just to get a piece of paper.

Travel Team by Mike Lupica

Danny's father was a basketball legend. Danny is too short to even make the team.

The Moorchild by Eloise Jarvis McGraw

Saaski, part fairyfolk and part human, fits into neither life. Now her human family is threatened and only she can help them.

Agnes Parker...Girl in Progress by Kathleen O'Dell

At camp the summer before seventh grade, Agnes is not so happy that she and her best friend Prejean are assigned different cabins. When she hears how the other girls idolize Prejean, she starts to wonder if their friendship will change.

Walking to the Bus-Rider Blues by Harriette Robinet

The Montgomery bus boycott, started by Mrs. Rosa Parks, means Alfa stays off the bus and can't get to work. Alfa must do something because his family relies on the money he makes.

Holes by Louis Sachar

The family curse has struck Stanley Yelnats. He spends his days digging holes, 5 feet wide by 5 feet deep, at a detention camp for bad boys run by an evil warden. If only Stanley could figure out why they are digging those holes, maybe his luck would change.

The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt

Every Wednesday afternoon, Holling will be alone with his teacher while all of his classmates attend religious instruction. He isn't happy, especially since he thinks his teacher hates him.

Out from Boneville (or other *Bone* books) by Jeff Smith

The adventure begins after Fone Bone and his cousins, Phoney Bone and Smiley Bone are thrown out of Boneville in this first book in a graphic series.

Taking Sides by Gary Soto

Lincoln Mendoza has moved from the city to the suburbs. Now he's not sure which side he wants to be on when he plays basketball against his old school.

Library Card by Jerry Spinelli

It's a small blue library card that changes the lives of Mongoose the cool, Brenda the TV addict, Sonseray the homeless and April the adventurous.

Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson

Lonnie Collins Motion (aka Locomotion) was seven years old when his parents were killed in a house fire. Now he and his sister are living in separate foster homes and Lonnie is learning to express his feelings about life.

Nonfiction

Every Minute on Earth by Steve Murrie J 031.02

What happens in a minute? 55,555 Hershey's Kisses are produced; 1,900 iTunes songs are downloaded; 5 earthquakes occur and 51 acres of tropical forests are cut down.

A Dream of Freedom by Diane McWhorter J 323.1196

Explore the defining moments of the civil rights movement from 1954, when the Supreme Court heard the case for school integration, to 1968, when Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated.

Albino Animals by Kelly Milner Halls J 572.59

You've probably seen an albino rabbit or rat, but did you know that there are albino alligators?

Shark Life by Karen Wojtyla J 597.3

Picture yourself in a flimsy cage in icy cold water watching a shark swim towards you, mouth wide open. Peter Benchley, the author of *Jaws*, shares his experiences with dangerous sea creatures.

The New Way Things Work by David Macaulay J 600

Most people watch TV every day. Most people don't know how that TV works. Hundreds of machines are explained in this well-illustrated book.

An American Plague by Jim Murphy J 614.541

It is 1793 and the deadly disease, yellow fever, has shut down Philadelphia, the capital of the new United States.

Children's Quick & Easy Cookbook by Angela Wilkes J 641.5123

Cook everything from chocolate truffles to Turkish meatballs. Mmmm!

Top Secret: A Handbook of Codes, Ciphers, and Secret Writing by Paul B. Janeczko J 652.8

Write a secret code. Break a secret code. The tips and tricks are all here for future agents, spies, or anyone who is furtive, sly and clever.

A Kick in the Head J 811.008

You might know the rules of basketball, checkers and other games, but do you know the rules of poetry?

Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World by Jennifer Armstrong J 919.89

Imagine yourself stranded in Antarctica, "the most hostile place on earth."

Black Potatoes: The Story of the Great Irish Famine, 1845-1850 by Susan Campbell Bartoletti J 941.5081

Potatoes were the main food source for the poor people of Ireland. Then the potato crop failed.

5000 Miles to Freedom by Judith Bloom Fradin J Bio Craft

The Crafts had a bold and daring plan to escape slavery. The wife would pose as a wealthy Southern man while her husband would pose as her slave. Could it work?

The Voice That Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights by Russell Freedman J Bio Anderson

It was said that a voice like hers "is heard once in a hundred years."

Phineas Gage: A Gruesome But True Story About Brain Science by John Fleischman J Bio Gage

In a terrible accident, a three-foot-long iron rod went through the head of Phineas Gage. He was knocked to the ground but sat up, talked to his co-workers and lived for twelve more years.

Helen Keller: Rebellious Spirit by Laurie Lawlor J Bio Keller

She became blind and deaf before the age of two, but Helen Keller went on to graduate from college, write books and travel the world.