



RISING NINTH GRADERS FICTION

Estrella's Quinceañera by Malin Alegria

YA Fic

Estrella is turning fifteen and her mother and aunt are planning a gaudy, traditional quinceañera for her—the last thing she wants.

Backwater by Joan Bauer

YA PB Fic

Spurred on by her love of family history, Ivy Breedlove is determined to locate her forgotten aunt, a hermit who has no dealings with the rest of the family of lawyers.

Ajeemah and His Son by James R. Berry

YA PB Fic

Kidnapped by slave traders in Africa and sold to different plantations in Jamaica, Ajeemah and his son persist in their dreams of returning home to Africa.

Tears of a Tiger by Sharon M. Draper

YA PB Fic & Audiobook

Celebrating a big basketball win, Andy Jackson is at the wheel when his best friend and fellow teammate of the Hazelwood High School Tigers dies in the ensuing automobile accident.

Who Am I Without Him? By Sharon G. Flake

YA Fic & PB

Find out what girls and boys really think about each other in these short stories.

Whirligig by Paul Fleischman

YA PB Fic

As penance for causing the death of a teenage girl, sixteen-year-old Brent is sent to the four corners of America to build whirligigs in her honor.

Rash by Pete Hautman

YA SFF

In the future United Safer States of America, where safety is more important than freedom, sixteen-year-old Bo's anger control problems land him in a tundra jail.

Straydog by Kathe Koja

YA PB Fic

Is feral collie Grrl the only stray dog at the animal shelter?

Son of the Mob by Gordon Korman

YA Fic & PB, Audiobook

Vince Luca's life becomes more complicated when he realizes his girlfriend Kendra's dad is FBI Agent Bightly, who is after his own dad, mob boss Anthony Luca.

Wolf Tower by Tanith Lee

YA PB SFF

When she flees the House and its familiar hardships, Claidi cannot imagine the adventures which await her.

Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie by David Lubar

YA Fic & PB

Scott Hudson is the quintessential freshman—small, lost and anxious. All his efforts to fit in backfire, and now things at home are complicated; his mother is pregnant.

Dairy Queen by Catherine Gilbert Murdock

YA Fic & Audiobook

After spending the summer training the quarterback for the rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself.

Nightjohn by Gary Paulsen

YA PB Fic & Audiobook, also available in Spanish

Nightjohn, a free black man, returns to the South to secretly teach slaves to read, igniting a desire for learning in the heart of twelve-year-old Sarny.

Life as We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer

YA SFF & Audiobook

When a meteor hits the moon, Miranda must learn to survive the unimaginable...

Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick

YA Fic & PB

His passion for playing drums, a wicked sense of humor and the capacity to grow during tough times enable Steven to deal with the reality of a little brother who has been diagnosed with leukemia.

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

YA Fic & PB, Audiobook

Stargirl Caraway, the new girl in school, keeps a pet rat, plays the ukulele and dresses in weird clothes. Must she conform to be truly accepted?

Can't Get There From Here by Todd Strasser

YA Fic & PB

Living with a gang of homeless teens, Maybe has no place to go and no family except for the other kids. When twelve-year-old Tears shows up, Maybe tries to help her get off the streets before it's too late.

Stuck in Neutral by Terry Trueman

YA PB Fic & Audiobook

Although trapped inside his body by severe cerebral palsy, Shawn McDaniel can hear and remember everything; one day he realizes his father may be about to kill him.

H.I.V.E.: Higher-Institute-of-Villainous-Education by Mark Walden

YA Fic & PB

Otto and his friends are kidnapped and brought to H.I.V.E. where their captors are intent on training them to be future villains and criminal masterminds.

Behind You by Jacqueline Woodson

YA Fic

Fifteen-year-old Miah is accidentally shot by the police, leaving friends and family to deal with their grief as he watches over them.

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Think Big: Unleashing Your Potential for Excellence by Ben Carson

YA 248.4, 248.4

This sequel to *Gifted Hands* sets forth Dr. Ben Carson's philosophy of life and keys to success which brought him from poverty to a career as a world-renowned pediatric neurosurgeon.

Real Pirates: The Untold Story of the Whydah from Slave Ship to Pirate Ship

by Barry Clifford

YA 910.45

Follow the journey of the *Whydah*, which evolved from a slave ship to a pirate ship, and discover what the life of a true pirate entailed.

The Pact: Three Young Men Make a Promise and Fulfill a Dream

by Sampson Davis, George Jenkins and Rameck Hunt

YA PB NFC, 610.922

Tempted by a life of crime and drug-dealing, three young men form a pact; their promises to each other help them fulfill lifelong dreams of becoming doctors.

Harlem Stomp! A Cultural History of the Harlem Renaissance by Laban Carrick Hill

J 810.9896, YA 810.9896

Explore the artistic, literary and musical surge of African American culture in Harlem during the roaring 1920s through a maze of photographs, quotes, letters, posters and other historical documents.

Fortune's Bones: The Manumission Requiem by Marilyn Nelson

YA 811.54

Can we correct an ancient wrong? Consider this question with a collection of poetry honoring the life of eighteenth-century slave Fortune, whose body was donated to science upon his death.

My So-Called Digital Life by Bob Pletka

YA 779.93

With 30 days to document their lives, a group of California high school students photographically captures their day-to-day experiences.

Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps by Andrea Warren

J 940.53, YA PB NFC

Only twelve when the Nazis come to his native Poland, Jack Mandelbaum survives three years in a death camp in Germany through bravery, luck and friendship.

