

Hello Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly.
Lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him.

Call Number: JF KELLY

Ghosts by Raina Telgemeier.
Catrina and her family have moved to the coast of Northern California for the sake of her little sister Maya, who has cystic fibrosis --and Cat is even less happy about the move when she's told that her new town is inhabited by ghosts, and Maya sets her heart on meeting one.

Call Number: JGN 741.5 TEL

The One and Only Ivan
by Katherine Applegate.

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

Call Number: JF APPLE

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library
by Chris Grabenstein.

Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.

Call Number: JF GRABE

Wildwood by Colin Meloy.

When her baby brother is kidnapped by crows, seventh-grader Prue McKeel ventures into the forbidden Impassable Wilderness--a dangerous and magical forest in the middle of Portland, Oregon--and soon finds herself involved in a war among the various inhabitants.

Call Number: JF MELOY

Seraphina and the Black Cloak

by Robert Beatty.

In 1899, a twelve-year-old rat catcher on North Carolina's Biltmore estate teams up with the estate owner's young nephew to battle a great evil and, in the process, unlocks the puzzle of her past.

Call Number: JF BEATTY

Spy School by Stuart Gibbs.

Twelve-year-old Ben Ripley leaves his public middle school to attend the CIA's highly secretive Espionage Academy, which everyone is told is an elite science school.

Call Number: JF GIBBS

Ungifted by Gordan Korman.

Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.

Call Number: JF KORMA

Breaking Stalin's Nose by Eugene Yelchin.

In the Stalinist era of the Soviet Union, ten-year-old Sasha idolizes his father, a devoted Communist, but when police take his father away and leave Sasha homeless, he is forced to examine his own perceptions, values, and beliefs.

Call Number: JF YELCH



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Suggestions for Grades 7

Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan.
Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.
Call Number: JF SLOAN

Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos.
In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore involving the newly dead, molten wax, twisted promises, Girl Scout cookies, underage driving, lessons from history, typewriting, and countless bloody noses.
Call Number: JF GANTOS

Every Soul a Star by Wendy Mass. Ally, Bree, and Jack meet at the one place the Great Eclipse can be seen in totality, each carrying the burden of different personal problems, which become dim when compared to the task they embark upon and the friendship they find.
Call Number: JF MASS

Ghost by 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.
Call Number: JF REYNO

The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness. Pursued by power-hungry Prentiss and mad minister Aaron, young Todd and Viola set out across New World searching for answers about his colony's true past and seeking a way to warn the ship bringing hopeful settlers from Old World.
Call Number: YA Ness

Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper.
Eleven-year-old Melody is not like most people. She can't walk. She can't talk. She can't write. All because she has cerebral palsy. But she also has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She's the smartest kid in her whole school, but NO ONE knows it. [...] But Melody refuses to be defined by her disability. And she's determined to let everyone know it...somehow.
Call Number: JF DRAPER

Projekt 1065 by Alan Gratz.
It is 1943, and thirteen-year-old Michael O'Shaunessey, son of the Irish ambassador to Nazi Germany in Berlin, is also a spy for the British Secret Service, so he has joined the Hitler Youth, and pretending that he agrees with their violence and book-burning is hard enough-- but when he is asked to find out more about "Projekt 1065" both his and his parents' lives get a lot more dangerous.
Call Number: JF GRATZ

Running Dream by Wendelin VanDraanan.
When a school bus accident leaves sixteen-year-old Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb and her track team finds a wonderful way to help rekindle her dream of running again.
Call Number: JP VAN DRAANAN

The Unteachables by Gordan Korman.
Told in alternating voices, the teacher and students in room 117 find their lives changed over the course of a school year.
Call Number: JP KORMA

Thirteen by Lauren Myracle.
Winnie's thirteenth year brings many joys and challenges as she negotiates her relationship with her first boyfriend and realizes that change is inevitable in her friends, family, and even herself.
Call Number: JF MYRAC

Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick.
Having lost his mother and his hearing in a short time, twelve-year-old Ben leaves his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he never knew in New York City, and meets there Rose, who is also longing for something missing from her life. Ben's story is told in words; Rose's in pictures.
Call Number: JF SELZN

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli.
In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.
Call Number: JF SPINELLI

The Rise of Kyoshi by F.C. Yee.
A latest origin story follows the life of the longest-living Earth Kingdom-born Avatar, Kyoshi, detailing her humble origins, establishment of the Kyoshi Warriors and secret founding of the corrupt and nation-destroying Dai Li.
Call Number: YA YEE

Ghost Boy by Jewell Parker Rhodes.
After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a white police officer, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till.
Call Number: JF RHODE

Wishtree by Katherine Applegate.
An old red oak tree tells how he and his crow friend Bongo help their human neighbors get along after a threat against an immigrant family is carved into the tree's trunk.
Call Number: JF APPLE