



Books for Middle School SLC 2017

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Youth Fiction (J)

Appelt, Kathi. Maybe a Fox.

When her sister Sylvie goes missing on a snowy morning and is never seen again, Jules refuses to believe she is gone forever, meanwhile, in the shadow world, a shadow fox is born. (SLJ Grades 4-6)

Cherry, Alison. Willows vs. Wolverines.

All all-out boys-versus-girls prank war ensues when Izzy is sent to a more affordable summer camp where she tries to bolster her popularity by inventing a prankster genius older brother, inadvertently estranging herself from her best friend. (SLJ Grades 5-Up)

Davies, Jacqueline. Nothing but Trouble.

Maggie, a budding scientist, and Lena, a mischief-loving artist, team up to pull epic pranks all over town. (SLJ Grades 5-8)

DiCamillo, Kate. Raymie Nightingale.

Hoping that if she wins a local beauty pageant her father will come home, Raymie practices twirling a baton and performing good deeds while outmaneuvering a drama queen and a saboteur who become her unlikely friends and allies during a painful challenge. (SLJ Grades 4-7)

Eager, Lindsay. Hour of the Bees.

Spending a summer in New Mexico helping her family move her aging grandfather to an assisted living home, Carol avoids her prickly grandfather before she is captivated by his astonishing magical stories. (SLJ Grades 4-6)

Flying Lessons & Other Stories.

Whether it is basketball dreams, family fiascos, first crushes, or new neighborhoods, this bold anthology—written by the best children’s authors—celebrates the uniqueness and universality in all of us. (SLJ Grades 4-6)

Key, Watt. Hideout.

Using his fishing boat to explore the forbidden swampy areas near his Gulf Shore home, Sam discovers a mysterious boy in an abandoned cabin and resorts to telling lies to help his new friend as danger increases for both boys and hidden truths become harder to uncover. (SLJ Grades 7-Up)

McGee, Ron. Ryan Quinn and the Rebel’s Escape.

When his father disappears and his mother is abducted, Ryan learns that his missing parents are secret agents and that he must undertake a perilous mission to rescue them. (SLJ Grades 5-8)

Merschel, Michael. Revenge of the Star Survivors.

When his family relocates to a new town, social misfit Clark Sherman uses his knowledge of a science fiction television show to help him combat the challenges of eighth grade. (SLJ Grades 5-7)

Nesbet, Anne. Cloud and Wallfish.

Picked up by his parents and taken to the airport with stern instructions to avoid answering questions, Noah is rushed to East Berlin, where he confronts astonishing secrets about his and his family’s true identity. (SLJ Grades 5-8)

Reynolds, Jason. Ghost.

Aspiring to be the fastest sprinter on his elite middle school's track team, a gifted runner finds his goal challenged by a tragic past with a violence-prone father. (SLJ Grades 5-9)

Ruby, Laura. York: The Shadow Cipher.

Tess and Theo Biedermann and their friend Jaime Cruz live in a Morningstarr apartment—until a real estate developer announces that the city has agreed to sell him the five remaining Morningstarr buildings. If Tess, Theo, and Jaime want to save their home, they have to prove that the Old York Cipher is real. Which means they have to solve it. (SLJ Grades 5-8)

Sloan, Holly Goldberg. Short.

A girl who is rather petite for her age is cast as a Munchkin in a regional theater production of The Wizard of Oz before she bonds with a director who admires her can-do attitude, an adult with dwarfism who does not let size define her and an artistic neighbor who encourages her resolve to stand out. (SLJ Grades 5-8)

Stewart, Trenton Lee. The Secret Keepers.

Upon finding a mysterious pocket watch by the abandoned buildings near where he and his mother live, Reuben develops the power of invisibility, which leads to his being targeted by a band of dangerous men who are threatening the city. (SLJ Grades 5-Up)

Wolk, Lauren. Wolf Hollow: A Novel.

Growing up in a rural Pennsylvania town in the aftermath of two world wars, Annabelle confronts a violent new bully and must defend a traumatized World War I veteran who is wrongly implicated in the bully's disappearance. (SLJ Grades 5-8)

Youth Fiction Series (J)

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. Under Their Skin. (Under Their Skin #1)

Twins Nick and Eryn investigate why their mother and new stepfather are keeping secrets, why they are forbidden to meet their stepsiblings, and, most important, why their lives are in danger. (SLJ Grades 4-7)

Graphic Novel (J)

Telgemeier, Raini. Ghosts.

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 is told that her new town is inhabited by ghosts, and Maya sets her heart on meeting one. (SLJ Grades 4-8)

Teen Fiction (Y)

Vail, Rachel. Well, That Was Awkward.

There are unexpected consequences when thirteen-year-old Gracie sends texts pretending to be her bashful best friend, Sienna, and their friend Emmett starts texting back pretending to be shy A.J. (SLJ Grades 5-8)

Non-Fiction

Bolden, Tonya. How to Build a Museum: Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Tells the story of how the museum on the National Mall was built, from educators and activists, to politicians, architects, curators, construction workers, and ordinary Americans who donated cherished belongings, to honor black citizens. **(917.53 Bo)** (SLJ Grades 5-Up)

Edwards, Sue Bradford. Hidden Human Computers: The Black Women of NASA.

Discusses how in the 1950s, black women made critical contributions to NASA by performing calculations that made it possible for the nation's astronauts to fly into space and return safely to Earth. **(510.92 Ed)** (SLJ Grades 9-Up)

Fleming, Candace. Presenting Buffalo Bill: The Man Who Invented the Wild West Show.

Everyone knows the name Buffalo Bill, but few these days know what he did or, in some cases, didn't do. Was he a Pony Express rider? Did he serve Custer at the Battle of Little Big Horn? Did he scalp countless Native Americans, or did he defend their rights? **(B Buffalo Bill)** (SLJ Grades 7-Up)

Parker, Kate T. Strong Is the New Pretty: A Celebration of Girls Being Themselves.

Real beauty isn't about being a certain size, acting a certain way, wearing the right clothes, or having your hair done (or even brushed). Real beauty is about being your authentic self and owning it. **(155.43 Pa)** (SLJ Grades 3-6)