

Guilderland Elementary Schools Suggested Summer Reading 2022

[Grades K-1](#) [Grades 2-3](#) [Grades 4-5](#)

Grades K-1

Archer, Micha. *Wonder walkers.*

Two curious children go for a walk, asking imaginative questions about the natural beauty that surrounds them.

Ferry, Beth. *Stick and Stone: best friends forever!*

This ode to unconditional love is a brand new adventure for New York Times best-selling duo Stick and Stone, in which Stick searches for his family tree and discovers the importance of found family and forever friends.

Finison, Carrie. *Don't hug Doug : (he doesn't like it).*

Doug prefers not to be hugged, but there are a variety of other ways his loved ones can show him affection.

Hall, Michael. *Swing.*

As four very different letters arrive at the playground, each makes the next feel unwelcome, but once they begin to swing together, they have a wonderful time.

Harris, Shawn. *Have You Ever Seen A Flower?*

Heffernan, Nanette. *Earth hour : a lights-out event for our planet.*

From famous monuments to family homes, it's lights out for everyone around the world who participates in Earth Hour--the annual event that honors energy conservation and addresses climate change by encouraging everyone to turn off their lights for one hour on a specific date each March.

Hillery, Tony. *Harlem Grown : how one big idea transformed a neighborhood.*

Once there was a lot full of trash. Now there is a lush, green farm. This is the story of Harlem Grown, a garden in New York City.

Hutchings, Maggie. *Your birthday was the best!*

The story of an eager cockroach who gate-crashes a birthday party - with hilarious results.

Keating, Jess. *Bunbun & bonbon: hoppy go lucky.*

"Bunbun, the world's most adorable bunny, and Bonbon, the world's fanciest talking candy, are best friends. They do everything together: hopping, dancing, and eating donuts. Until one day, they run into a spat of bad luck, and embark on a quest to recover their good fortune. They consult some friends, including newcomers Scout von Fluffington and Tom the Duck, to find out how to get their luck back. Finally, a wise unicorn -- the luckiest animal! -- tells them that as long as you can find a reason to smile, luck is never far away.

Khan, Naaz. *Room for everyone.*

Musa and his sister travel to a Zanzibar beach in a shared minibus which, despite Musa's protests, gets loaded with everything from a man and his bicycle to ten swimmers.

Kurtz, Jane. *What do they do with all that poo?*

An exploration of different types of animal poo and what the zoo uses it for.

Lehrhaupt, Adam. *Book's Big Adventure.*

When Book was new, it had many exciting adventures but over time, it leaves the library less and less often until, at last, it is given away and begins again.

Martin, Marc. *Masters of Disguise : Camouflaging Creatures and Magnificent Mimics.*

Martinez-Neal, Juana. *Alma and How She Got Her Name.*

When Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela asks her father why she has so many names, she hears the story of her name and learns about her grandparents.

Montague, Brad. *The Circles All Around U.*

A boy's circle starts out small but steadily grows as he builds relationships throughout his community.

Morales, Yuyi. *Bright Star.*

A nurturing voice reassures the lonely and afraid, [who are represented by animals], in difficult times

Pumphrey, Jarrett. *The Old Boat.*

Off a small island, a boy and his grandfather set sail in their beloved fishing boat. They ride the waves, catching wants and wishes and seeing the wonders of the ocean. But soon the boy is sailing the boat himself, drifting further from shore as the waters grow muddied and turbulent. When a storm washes him ashore, he sees home in a new light. He decides to turn the tides of his fortune, cleaning the island's waters and creating a new life with a family to call his own.

Ringler, Matt. *Strollercoaster.*

A quick-thinking father thwarts his daughter's impending temper tantrum when he transforms an everyday walk outside into an exciting strollercoaster ride through the neighborhood.

Schertle, Alice. *Time for School, Little Blue Bus.*

After making friends with a bright yellow school bus, Blue gets his chance to try out this fun-filled job when his friend misses the bus and needs to get to school on time!

Swinburne, Stephen R. *Run, Sea Turtle, Run: a hatchlings journey.*

Can you hear me? Scritch, scratch. I'm a little sea turtle inside an egg." Follow a hatchling's treacherous journey from nest to sea. Longtime science writer Stephen Swinburne creates an engaging first-person narrative from the sea turtle's perspective. Gorgeous photographs by Guillaume Feuillet capture the drama of the hatchlings' race to safety.

Tabor, Corey R. *Fox at night.*

Fox is up late in the night. There are shadows and noises everywhere. Fox is sure the night is full of monsters!

Tabor, Corey R. *Mel Fell.*

A heartwarming celebration of self-confidence and taking a leap of faith depicts an endearing, courageous kingfisher who falls down, down, down before learning to fly up, up, up.

Wheeler, Lisa. *Someone Builds the Dream.*

Celebrates the skilled women and men who work to see the plans of architects, engineers, and designers brought to life.

Woodson, Jacqueline. *The Year We Learned to Fly*

By heeding their wise grandmother's advice, a brother and sister discover the ability to lift themselves up and imagine a better world.

Grades 2-3

Avery, Bryan Patrick. *Mordecai's magic*.

It is Mordecai's first day in Mr. Grizley's class, and before he can really introduce himself it is time for the school assembly--but when the scheduled magic show is canceled Mordecai steps in and reveals that he has brought some magic tricks of his own.

Blabey, Aaron. *The Bad Guys*.

The Bad Guys, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Piranha, want to be heroes, and they decide that the way to do it is free the 200 dogs in the city dog pound, but their plan soon goes awry.

Blakemore, Megan Frazer. *Frankie Sparks and the Class Pet*.

Frankie Sparks, the self-proclaimed "best inventor in the third grade," does research and creates a tool to try to persuade her classmates that a rat would make the best class pet.

Brisson, Pat. *Common critters : the wildlife in your neighborhood*.

A celebration of common neighborhood wildlife--worms, slugs, caterpillars, ladybugs, robins, mourning doves, houseflies, spiders, squirrels, skunks, etc.--in lively, funny, informative, humorously illustrated verses. Educational backmatter about poetic technique and the natural histories of the animals completes the book.

Bryant, Jennifer. *Above the rim : how Elgin Baylor changed basketball*.

Though not as widely known as other basketball legends, hall-of-famer Elgin Baylor was one of the game's all-time greatest players--an innovative athlete, team player, and quiet force for change. A member of the early, scrappy NBA and one of the first professional African American players, Elgin (b. 1934) played in the late 1950s and early 1960s for the Minneapolis/Los Angeles Lakers, taking risks on and off the court. Known for his acrobatic style of moving and shooting, he inspired others to get creative with their game. But when traveling for away games, hotels and restaurants weren't as welcoming of Elgin as they were of his white teammates. Together, Elgin and his teammates boycotted

places practicing segregation until the entire NBA followed suit. [This book] is a peek into the early days of the NBA, a poetic telling of the life of an under-known athlete, and a celebration of standing up for what is right.

Coven, Wanda. *Heidi Heckelbeck has a Secret.*

After being homeschooled her whole life, Heidi Heckelbeck enters a real school in second grade, where she encounters a mean girl named Melanie who makes her feel like an alien.

Duffield, Katy. *Crossings : extraordinary structures for extraordinary animals.*

A non-fiction exploration of animal crossings built by animal lovers around the world to help animals cross over, under, around, and through human construction.

Fakher, Bassel Abou. *Saving Stella.*

A musician and his dog escape war-torn Syria.

Giroux, Benjamin. *I am odd, I am new.*

Through the eyes of 10-year-old Benjamin Giroux, being odd is different, and different is a good thing. This is what the then fifth-grader hoped to convey in his poem, beginning every few sentences with "I am," about what it is like to live with autism. Inspired by a school assignment, Benjamin's raw and emotional words poured out onto the page, but when he feared they were not any good, his parents shared the poem with friends and family. Little did they know that it would go viral and end up inspiring thousands of strangers who identified with him to share their support. Now for the first time, Benjamin's iconic poem *I Am Odd, I Am New*, comes to life in this lovingly illustrated picture book with a foreword written by the National Autism Association. So whether you know the poem, or it is new to you, discover how Benjamin's honesty will reassure children of all ages that it's okay to be different.

Gorman, Amanda. *Change sings : a children's anthem.*

As a young girl leads a cast of characters on a musical journey, they learn that they have the power to make changes--big or small--in the world, in their communities, and most importantly, in themselves.

Griffith, Evan. *Secrets of the sea : the story of Jeanne Power, revolutionary marine scientist.*

Presents a biography of the nineteenth-century woman scientist who pioneered the use of aquariums to study ocean life.

Gutman, Dan. *Miss Daisy is crazy!*

Miss Daisy's unusual teaching methods surprise her second grade students, especially reluctant learner A.J.

Hamilton, Kersten. *First friend : how dogs evolved from wolves to become our best friends.*

A sweet picture book about how dogs evolved from wolves to become man's best friend.

Harris, Shawn. *Have You Ever Seen A Flower?*

A deceptively profound examination of the vital relationship between childhood and the outdoors finds a young person experiencing a flower with all five senses before using mindful new perceptions to observe more of the beautiful natural world.

Hutchings, Maggie. *Your birthday is the Best.*

The story of an eager cockroach who gate-crashes a birthday party - with hilarious results.

Jenkins, Emily. *Harry versus the first 100 days of school.*

Harry Bergen-Murphy does not feel ready when he starts first grade, but by day 100 he has become an expert on several important things, including being a first-grader.

Kelly, Erin Entrada. *Maybe maybe Marisol Rainey.*

Marisol, who has a big imagination and likes to name inanimate objects, has a tree in her backyard named Peppina...but she's way too scared to climb it. Will Marisol find the courage to climb Peppina? Maybe.

King, Heidi Tyline. *Saving American Beach : the biography of African American environmentalist MaVynee Betsch.*

A biography of MaVynee Betsch, an African American opera singer turned environmentalist who worked to preserve American Beach, Florida as a historical landmark.

Kurtz, Jane. *What do they do with all that poo?*

An exploration of different types of animal poo and what the zoo uses it for.

Lee, Lyla. *Mindy Kim and the yummy seaweed business.*

Mindy Kim wants to fit in at her new school, but her favorite lunch leads to scorn, then a thriving business, and finally big trouble.

Manushkin, Fran. *Mordecai's magic.*

It is Mordecai's first day in Mr. Grizley's class, and before he can really introduce himself it is time for the school assembly--but when the scheduled magic show is canceled Mordecai steps in and reveals that he has brought some magic tricks of his own.

Manushkin, Fran. *The Rainbow Mystery.*

When Katie's father loses his special rainbow ring while playing with the kids in the backyard, Katie and Pedro work to follow the clues to find the missing ring.

Markle, Sandra. *What if you could spy like a narwhal!? : explore the superpowers of amazing animals.*

If you could have any animal's superpower, whose would you choose?

Martin, Marc. *Masters of Disguise : Camouflaging Creatures and Magnificent Mimics.*

Now you see them, now you don't. Cloaked in a riot of color, pattern, and texture are a dozen animals--from chameleons and polar bears to Gaboon vipers and mimic octopuses--that have mastered the art of fading into the background. Fact-packed pages segue into clever and beautifully illustrated seek-and-find spreads that put readers' newfound knowledge of each creature and its ecosystem to the test.

Messner, Kate. *Over and under the canyon.*

Over the canyon, the sun scalds the air, and bakes the desert mud to stone. But under the shade of the canyon hides another world, where bighorn sheep bound from rock to rock on the hillside, roadrunners make their nests in sturdy cacti, and banded geckos tuck themselves into the shelter of the sand. This book takes readers on a journey through the wonders concealed in the curves of the canyon, and all the secret life hidden in its arms.

Pallotta, Jerry. *Who would win : ultimate reptile rumble.*

Twelve different reptiles battle it out in a huge fight! Who will be the champion?

Parsons, Karyn. *Flying free : how Bessie Coleman's dreams took flight.*

The story of Bessie Coleman, the first African American woman to earn her pilot's license.

Reynolds, Peter H. *Our Table.*

Violet longs for the time when her family was connected: before life, distractions, and technology pulled them all away from each other. They used to gather at the table, with food and love,

to make memories, share their lives, and revel in time spent together. But now her family has been drifting apart, and with nobody to gather around it, the table grows smaller and smaller. Can Violet remind her family of the warmth of time spent together, and gather around the table once more?

Thompkins-Bigelow, Jamilah. *Your Name is a Song.*

Frustrated by a day full of teachers and classmates mispronouncing her beautiful name, a little girl tells her mother she never wants to go back to school. In response, the girl's mother teaches her about the musicality of African, Asian, Black-American, Latinx, and Middle Eastern names on their lyrical walk home through the city. Empowered by this newfound understanding, the young girl is ready to return the next day to share her knowledge with her class.

Tsang, Katie. *Sam Wu is not afraid of spiders.*

Sam Wu is NOT afraid of anything. Well, maybe ghosts, sharks, and the dark. Now he has something new to worry about: Tulip, the pet tarantula that lives in the sixth-grade science lab. But Sam can't let anyone know. So when Tulip disappears from her cage, Sam decides it's up to him and his friends to step up, save the school from the eight-legged escapee . . . and prove, once again, that he's no scaredy cat!

Wang, Andrea. *Watercress.*

Embarrassed about gathering watercress from a roadside ditch, a girl learns to appreciate her Chinese heritage after learning why the plant is so important to her parents.

West, Kara. *Mia Mayhem is a superhero!*

Eight-year-old Mia Macaroney is delighted to learn she is from a family of superheroes, but her acceptance into the Program for In Training Superheroes requires her to take a placement exam.

West, Tracey. *Rise of the earth dragon.*

Eight-year-old Drake is snatched up by the King's soldiers and taken to the castle where he is told by the wizard Griffith that he has been chosen to be a Dragon Master like Ana, Rori, and Bo--and his first task will be to discover whether his dragon, Worm, has any special powers.

Vandorn, Kaeti. *Crabapple Trouble.*

Callaway just wants to help her friends but the pressure of an upcoming contest is giving her anxiety.

Grades 4-5

Arnold, Elana K. *The House that wasn't There.*

Dismayed when his neighbors cut down a beloved old walnut tree that has always been a source of comfort, Alder forges an unexpected friendship with the new girl next door over a series of mysterious connections"--Provided by publisher.

Ball, Georgia. *I survived the Nazi invasion, 1944.*

"It's been years since the Nazis invaded Max Rosen's home country of Poland. All the Jewish people, including Max's family, have been forced to live in a ghetto. At least Max and his sister, Zena, had Papa with them--until two months ago, when the Nazis took him away. Now Max and Zena are on their own. One day, with barely enough food to survive, the siblings make a daring escape from Nazi soldiers into the nearby forest. They are found by Jewish resistance fighters, who take them to a safe camp. But soon, grenades are falling all around them. Can Max and Zena survive the fallout of the Nazi invasion?"

Ball, Georgia. *I survived the sinking of the Titanic, 1912.*

Excited to board the Titanic with his aunt and little sister, ten-year-old George begins to explore the ill-fated ship's first-class storage cabin when the ship is rocked by a collision with an iceberg and begins to sink.

Ball, Georgia. *The shark attacks of 1916.*

Ten-year-old Chet Roscow, who had been thrilled by the news of an aggressive great white shark attacking people all along the Atlantic coast, goes swimming with his friends in Springfield, New Jersey, one day, and wonders if he sees a shark in the water.

Bruchac, Joseph. *Peacemaker.*

A twelve-year-old Iroquois boy rethinks his calling after witnessing the arrival of a mystical figure with a message of peace in this historical novel based on the creation of the Iroquois Confederacy.

Chau, Alina. *Marshmallow and Jordan.*

Jordan's days as star player for her school's basketball team ended when an accident left her paralyzed from the waist down.

Now, she's still the team captain, but her competition days seem to be behind her...until an encounter with a mysterious elephant, who she names Marshmallow, helps Jordan discover a brand new sport. Will water polo be the way for Jordan to continue her athletic dreams--or will it just come between Jordan and her best friends on the basketball team? And with the big tournament right around the corner, what secret is Marshmallow hiding?

Cushman, Karen. *War and Millie McGonigle.*

Millie McGonigle lives in sunny California, where her days are filled with beach and surf. It should be perfect--but times are tough. Hitler is attacking Europe and it looks like the United States may be going to war. Food is rationed and money is tight. And Millie's sickly little sister gets all the attention and couldn't be more of a pain if she tried. It's a time of sunshine, siblings, and stress. Will Millie be able to find her way in her family, and keep her balance as the world around her loses its own?

Dahl, Michael. *Princess Candy : the complete comics collection.*

When Halo Nightly receives super powers from jars of candy given to her on her eleventh birthday, Halo goes from a normal girl to a female superhero, but overcoming difficult situations and battling school bullies is not always easier with super powers. Written in graphic novel format.

Davis, Amanda Gilman. *30,000 stitches : the inspiring story of the National 9/11 flag.*

The inspiring story of the American flag that flew over Ground Zero, traveled across all fifty states as it was repaired, and returned to New York, a restored symbol of unity.

Fipps, Lisa. *Starfish.*

Bullied and shamed her whole life for being fat, twelve-year-old Ellie finally gains the confidence to stand up for herself, with the help of some wonderful new allies.

Fulton, Kristen. *Flight for freedom : the Wetzel family's daring escape from East Germany*

Many people attempted daring escapes over the Berlin Wall, and most failed, giving their lives for the hope of freedom. This is the true story of one child, Peter Wetzel, and his family's daring escape from East Berlin to West Berlin via handmade hot air balloon in 1979.

Galanti, Donna. *Unicorn Island.*

Beyond the mist lies a magical secret waiting to be discovered . . . From Epic! Originals, Unicorn Island is a middle-grade illustrated novel series about a young girl who discovers a mysterious island full of mythical beasts and darker dangers!

Green, John. *InvestiGators (series)*

With agent Brash trapped in a mysterious coma, the technicians at S.U.I.T. have designed the ultimate replacement: RoboBrash. This high-tech replica has been programmed with all of the original Brash's crime-fighting skills and knowhow--but it seems he's got a few bugs in his system. Will Mango and his new partner be enough to stop the giant ants that are on a rampage in the city?

Gutman, Dan. *Amelia Earhart is on the moon?*

From the best-selling author of *My Weird School*: a new entry in the hilarious biography series that casts fresh light on high-interest historic figures. Did you know that Amelia Earhart loved heights so much she built a roller coaster in her backyard? Or that she used to race worms with her sister? Bet you didn't know that she took photographs of garbage cans to pay for flying lessons! Siblings Paige and Turner do--and they've collected some of the most unusual and surprising facts about the legendary pilot, from her childhood in the rural Midwest and the spark of her passion for flying to her record-smashing flights and her infamous disappearance over the Pacific Ocean. Narrated by the two spirited siblings and animated by Allison Steinfeld's upbeat illustrations, *Amelia Earhart Is on the Moon?* is an authoritative, accessible, and one-of-a-kind biography infused with Dan Gutman's signature zany sense of humor.

Harrell, Rob. *Wink: Surviving middle school with one eye open.*

After being diagnosed with a rare eye cancer, twelve-year-old Ross discovers how music, art, and true friends can help him survive both treatment and middle school.

Hoena, B. A. *Lake Placid miracle : when U.S. hockey stunned the world.*

A nonfiction graphic work that tells the story of the Miracle on Ice game between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. men's Olympic hockey teams at the 1980 Olympic Games at Lake Placid, New York.

Holm, Jennifer L. *The Lion of Mars.*

Bell has spent his whole life--all eleven years of it--on Mars. But he's still just a regular kid--he loves cats, any kind of cake, and is curious about the secrets the adults in the US colony are keeping. Like, why don't we have contact with anyone on the other Mars colonies? Why are they so isolated? When a virus breaks out and the grown-ups all fall ill, Bell and the other children are the only ones who can help. It's up to Bell--a regular kid in a very different world--to uncover the truth and save his family--and possibly unite an entire planet.

Jamieson, Victoria. *When Stars are Scattered*.

Omar and his younger brother Hassan live in a refugee camp, and when an opportunity for Omar to get an education comes along, he must decide between going to school every day or caring for his nonverbal brother in this intimate and touching portrayal of family and daily life in a refugee camp.

Kibuishi, Kazu. *Amulet*. (series)

After moving to their ancestral home, Emily and Navin's mother is kidnapped by a tentacled creature in the basement that leads the children on a deadly chase into the magical world below their home.

Laird, Jenny (adapted by). *Magic Tree House*.

Retells, in graphic novel form, the tale of eight-year-old Jack and his younger sister Annie, who find a magic treehouse which whisks them back to an ancient time zone where they see live dinosaurs.

LaRocca, Rajani. *Midsummer's Mayhem*.

Loosely based on Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, eleven-year-old Mimi Mackson entangles herself and her family with mischievous fairies when she seeks to win a baking contest.

Levinson, Cynthia. *The people's painter : how Ben Shahn fought for justice with art*.

As an observant young child growing up in Lithuania, Ben Shahn yearns to draw everything he sees--and, after seeing his father banished by the Czar for demanding workers' rights, he develops a keen sense of justice, too. So when Ben and the rest of his family make their way to America, Ben brings with him both his sharp artistic eye and his desire to fight for what's right. As he grows, he speaks for justice through his art--from challenging classmates who bully him for being Jewish, to resisting his teachers' calls to paint beautiful landscapes in favor of painting stories true to life, to using his work to urge the US government to pass Depression-era laws that help people find food and security. In this . . . portrait, . . . [the] author and illustrator . . . honor an artist, immigrant, and activist whose work still resonates . . . a true painter for the people.

Maddox, Jake. *Fast-Pitch Feud*.

Now that 12-year-old Anya is old enough to join her 14-year-old sister Marina on the fast-pitch softball team things are becoming tense between them: Anya has trouble catching her sister's pitches and resents Marina's criticism and being moved to the outfield, Marina is increasingly obsessed with her role as captain, and angry because Anya does not seem to take the game as seriously as she does--and with an important game coming up the sisters are going to have to work out their differences if their team is going to win. In graphic novel format.

Maddox, Jake. *Video Game Victors.*

When a local esports team asks Valentina to join them for an upcoming tournament she realizes she needs to learn teamwork to succeed. In graphic novel format.

Maddox, Jake. *WCMX daredevil.*

Davalyn Hart was born with spina bifida, but she is determined not to let that define her, and, being a daredevil, she has taken up the sport of wheelchair motocross; now that she has a brand new, specially designed, wheelchair she is ready to fly--until a bad fall while trying to impress another player shakes her confidence. In graphic novel format.

McNicoll, Elle. *A Kind of Spark.*

When she discovers that her small Scottish town used to burn witches simply because they were different, a neurodivergent girl who sees and hears things others cannot refuses to let them be forgotten.

Messner, Kate. *The Mayflower.*

Myths about the Mayflower and the Pilgrims' arrival in modern-day America debunked.

Mian, Zanib. *Accidental Trouble Magnet.*

Imaginative Omar goes through the ups and downs of starting a new school and making new friends with the help of his wonderful (and silly) Muslim family.

Mingo Ito. *Yuzu the Pet Vet : volumes 1 - 4.*

Munro, Roxie. *Anteaters, bats, & boas : the Amazon rainforest from the forest floor to treetops.*

Bright, realistic illustrations of a busy Amazon rain forest depict a plethora of creatures, all drawn to size, going about their daily lives.

Pennypacker, Sara. *Pax, Journey Home.*

It has been a year since newly orphaned Peter and his pet fox Pax, now a protective father, have seen each other, but their paths cross again when Pax's kit falls desperately ill forcing him to turn to the one human he knows he can trust.

Philbrick, W. R. *Wild River: a novel.*

When a dam fails and rushing waters sweep away their adult supervisors, five middle schoolers on a white-water rafting adventure are left alone with few supplies and the opportunity to forge powerful bonds as well as develop dangerous disagreements.

Reynolds, Jason. *Stuntboy in the Meantime.*

While leading a double life as Stuntboy, who secretly keeps all the other superheroes super safe, Portico Reeve tries to keep his parents' marriage together, deal with his anxiety and an enemy who vows to prove there is nothing super about him.

Rimington, Celesta. *The Elephant's Girl.*

Twelve-year-old Lexington, a foundling raised in a zoo, spends a summer cementing friendships, growing closer to the elephant that saved her life, and learning about her family and herself.

Sell, Chad. *The Cardboard Kingdom.*

A group of neighborhood children create[s] costumes from cardboard and use their imagination in adventures with knights, robots, and monsters.

Sharp, Tori. *Just Pretend.*

Tori makes up stories all of the time, so she has never lived in just one world. Those stories might just save her when her world seems to crumble.

Siegel, Mark. *5 Worlds. Volumes 1 - 5*

The Five Worlds are on the brink of extinction unless five ancient and mysterious beacons are lit. When war erupts, three unlikely heroes will discover there's more to themselves-and more to their--than meets the eye.

Stone, Nic. *Clean getaway.*

For the life of him, William 'Scoob' Lamar can't seem to stay out of trouble--and now the run-ins at school have led to lockdown at home. So when G'ma, Scoob's favorite person on Earth, asks him to go on an impromptu road trip, he's in the RV faster than he can say freedom. With G'ma's old maps and a strange pamphlet called the 'Travelers' Green Book' at their side, the pair take off on a journey down G'ma's memory lane. But adventure quickly turns to uncertainty: G'ma keeps changing the license plate, dodging Scoob's questions, and refusing to check Dad's voice mails. And the farther

they go, the more Scoob realizes that the world hasn't always been a welcoming place for kids like him, and things aren't always what they seem--G'ma included

Tur, Miriam Bonastre. *Hooky*.

When Dani and Dorian missed the bus to magic school, they never thought they'd wind up declared traitors to their own kind! Now, thanks to a series of mishaps, they are being chased by powerful magic families seeking the prophesied King of Witches and royals searching for missing princes. But they aren't alone. With a local troublemaker, a princess, and a teacher who can see the future on their side, they might just be able to clear their names...but can they heal their torn kingdom?

Wade, Jess. *Nano : the spectacular science of the very (very) small*.

An acclaimed physicist and debut picture-book author introduces readers to the tiny building blocks that make up the world around us. Elegant, friendly text and stylish illustrations explain atoms, the elements, and other essential science concepts and reveal how very (very) small materials are manipulated to create self-washing windows; stronger, lighter airplanes; and other wonders of nanotechnology. Further explanation in the back matter gives more detail about various scientists' roles and the tools they use. Splashed with bright primary colors, this tribute to the tiny will inspire curious minds of every stripe.

Wang, Andrea. *Watercress*.

Embarrassed about gathering watercress from a roadside ditch, a girl learns to appreciate her Chinese heritage after learning why the plant is so important to her parents.

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Before the Ever After*.

ZJ's friends Ollie, Darry and Daniel help him cope when his father, a beloved professional football player, suffers severe headaches and memory loss that spell the end of his career.