



Summer Reading at Bank Street

(Upper School)

Happy Summer Reading!

Inside you will find, compiled by your librarian:

- Tips to make summer reading a non-chore
- Summer reading recommendations

The library is open all summer; please come visit us to refresh your reading options.

Enjoy!

-Allie

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Note: Because I am on the 2016 Newbery Committee, I am unable to provide suggestions that are eligible for the 2016 Newbery award.

Important Dates and Numbers

- Any children's books checked out in May or June are due September 15.
- **If you would like to keep any children's books that were checked out before May for the summer, please renew them.** Otherwise, please return them by their due dates.
- Kids may have up to 10 books out at a time for the summer. Grown-ups may have up to 25.



7 Ways to make Summer Reading a NON-CHORE!

1 Studies show that **kids read more when they see others reading***—so make time to read yourself. Curl up with a book, right where your kid can see you.

2 Reading as a leisure activity is the best predictor of comprehension, vocabulary, and reading speed.** Remember that **“reading” is not just novels; picture books, non-fiction, magazines, comics, and audiobooks all count.**

3 Kids often report that they have a hard time finding books that they like. If that happens, **have a friend recommend books.** Your kids are much more likely to enjoy something recommended by a friend than by a grown-up.

4 **Plan regular trips to the library** to refresh your reading options. Bank Street Library is open Mon-Thurs 9-9:45; Fri 9-5; Sat 10-5 (August Mon-Fri 9-5). Check out your local public library, too.

5 **Visit bookstores for author events and storyhours,** and invite friends too! Check bankstreetbooks.com for Bank Street Bookstore’s calendar.

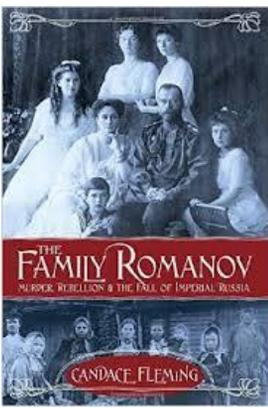
6 Make bookstore visits a treat. Give kids a set amount of money to buy a book or two, and **just let it go when they choose The Day My Butt Went Psycho.**

7 To **understand what your child may be feeling about reading-as-chore,** read Summer Reading Is Killing Me (Jon Scieszka) or Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little (Peggy Elizabeth Gifford).

*Krashen, Stephen D. The Power of Reading: Insights From the Research. Libraries Unlimited: USA, 2004.

***Ibid.*

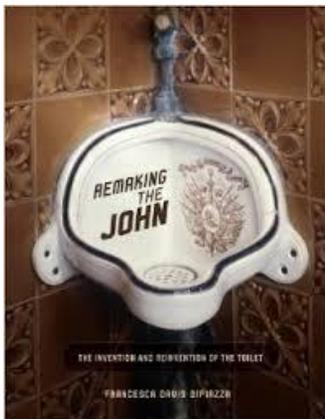
Non-Fiction



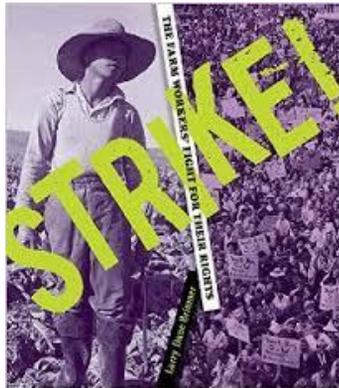
The Family Romanov by Candace Fleming
Traces the story of the Russian Revolution, the lives of the Romanov family, and the story of their horrific deaths.



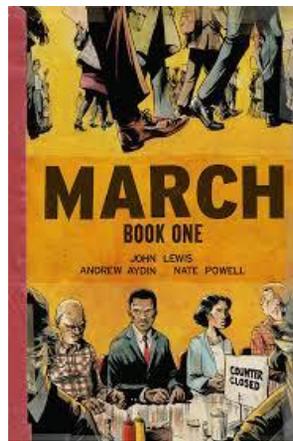
Eyes Wide Open: Going Behind the Environmental Headlines
by Paul Fleischman
Analyzes the politics, psychology, and history that shape the environment and discusses how the world has changed as a result of human activity.



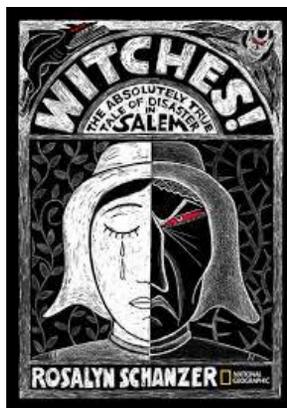
Remaking the John
by Francesca DiPiazza
Explores how toilets have been invented and reinvented across history, including the ancient Roman sewer system, the world's first flush toilets, and the creation of World Toilet Day.



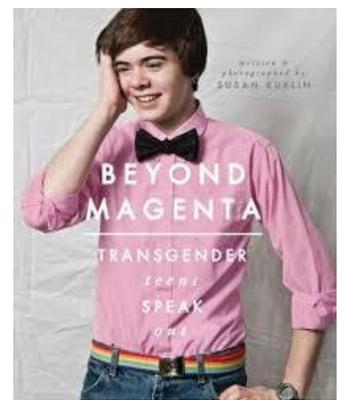
Strike: The Farm Workers' Fight for Their Rights by Larry Dane Brimner
Tells the story of Cesar Chavez and the farm workers movement, starting with a walk-off in 1965.



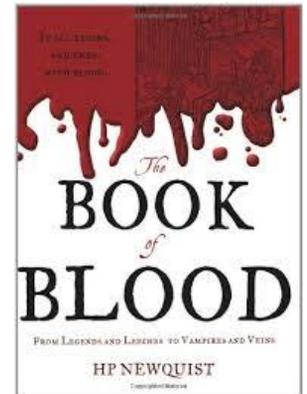
March: Book One by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, Nate Powell
A first-hand, graphic account of Congressman John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, from lunch counter sit-ins to the march in Selma.



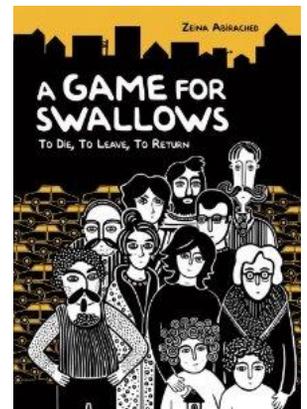
Witches: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem
by Rosalyn Schanzer
Tells the story of the victims, the accused witches, and the scheming officials that turned a mysterious illness into a witch hunt.



Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out by Susan Kuklin
Six teens tell what it is like for them to be members of the transgender community. (14+)

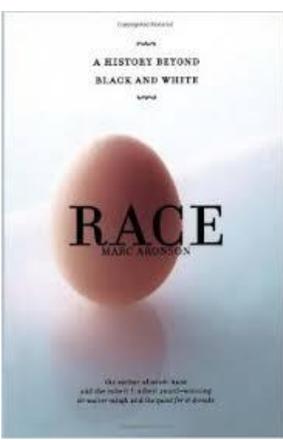


The Book of Blood: From Legends and Leeches to Vampires and Veins
by H.P. Newquist
Explores the dark and often gruesome tales about blood, which has been both feared and respected throughout history.

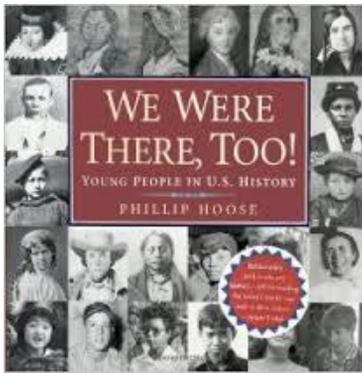


A Game For Swallows: To Die, To Leave, To Return
by Zeina Abirached
Living in the midst of civil war in Beirut, Lebanon, Zeina and her brother face an evening of apprehension when their parents do not return from a visit to the other side of the city.

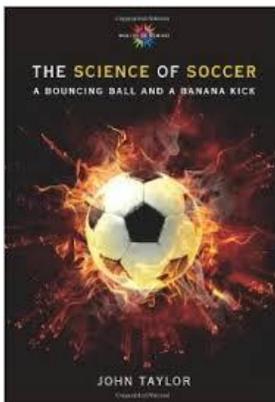
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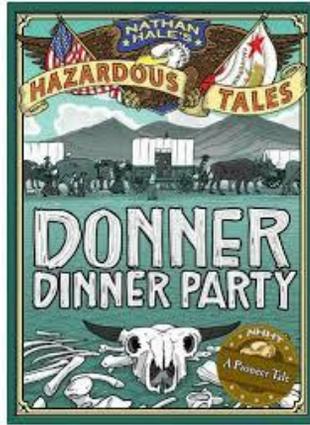
Race: A History Beyond Black and White by Marc Aronson
Race. You know it at a glance, but why? Where did the concept come from? And why is it so powerful?



We Were There, Too! by Phillip Hoose
Biographies of dozens of young people who made a mark in American history, including explorers, planters, spies, cowpunchers, sweatshop workers, and civil rights workers.



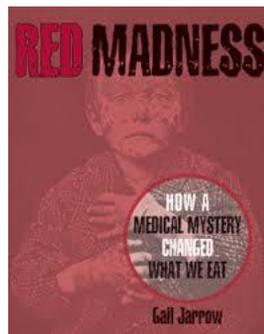
The Science of Soccer: A Bouncing Ball and a Banana Kick by John Taylor
Soccer is the most popular sport in the world. It is also an endless scientific panorama. Every movement by the players and each interaction with the ball involves physics, fluid mechanics, biology, and physiology.



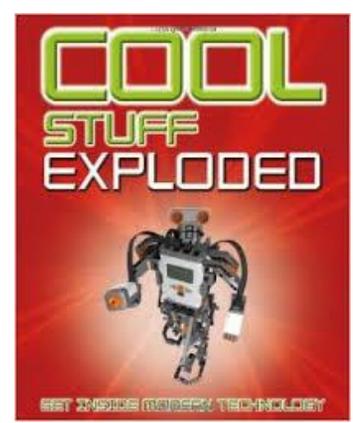
Donner Dinner Party by Nathan Hale
In graphic format, Revolutionary War spy Nathan Hale tells a hangman and British officer the story of the Donner Party, a doomed wagon train traveling from Illinois to California in 1846. When they run out of food, they resort to extreme measures.



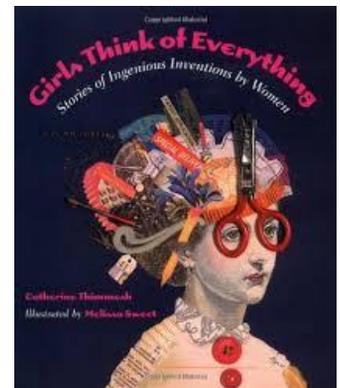
The Letter Q: Queer Writers' Notes To Their Younger Selves
A collection of letters from such renowned contributors as Brian Selznick, Michael Cunningham, and Amy Bloom offer hope and support in the face of prejudice. (14+)



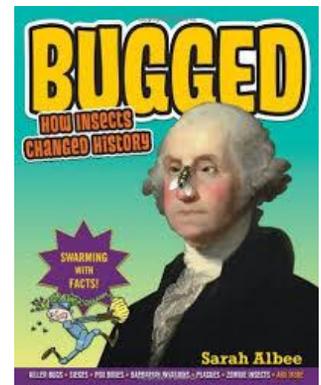
Red Madness by Gail Jarrow
One hundred years ago, a mysterious illness spread across America's South, striking tens of thousands of victims. No one knew what caused it or how to treat it, until doctors, scientists, and public health officials finally defeated it.



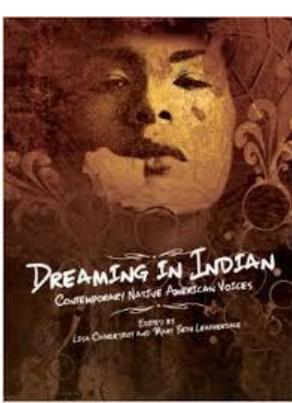
Cool Stuff Exploded by Chris Woodford
Delve into a host of inventions, objects, and gadgets to explore the ways they work. Images and fold-out pages reveal the components of each device.



Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions By Women by Catherine Thimmesh
Tells the story of how women throughout the ages have responded to everyday problems by inventing things like correction fluid, space helmets, and disposable diapers.

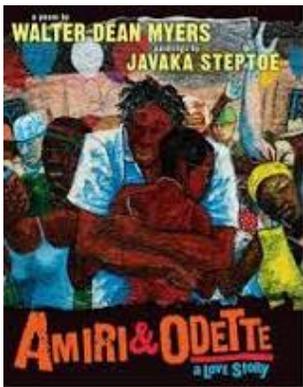


Bugged: How Insects Changed History by Sarah Albee
Explains the rivalry between bugs and humans throughout history, including the varying roles that bugs have played in building and toppling empires, as well as the bug stories behind infamous disasters.



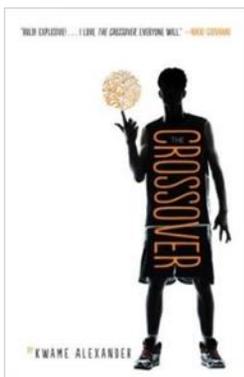
Dreaming In Indian

By Mary Beth Leatherdale
Contemporary Native artists offer groundbreaking and heartfelt pieces on their experiences growing up Indigenous, expressing them through such mediums as art, food, the written word, sports, dance, and fashion.



Amiri & Odette: A Love Story
by Walter Dean Myers

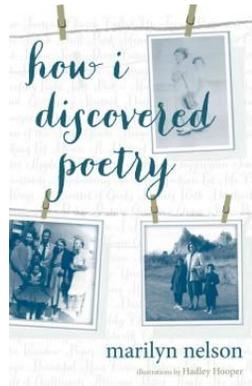
Presents a modern retelling in verse of the ballet, in which brave Amiri falls in love with beautiful Odette and fights evil Big Red for her on the streets of the Swan Lake Projects.



The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

Poetry



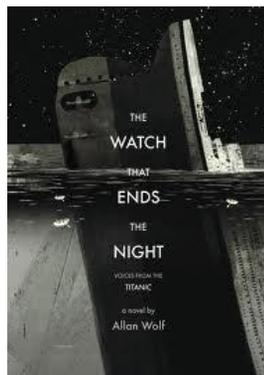
How I Discovered Poetry
by Marilyn Nelson

The author reflects on her childhood in the 1950s and her development as an artist and young woman through fifty poems that consider such influences as the Civil Rights Movement, the "Red Scare" era, and the feminist movement.



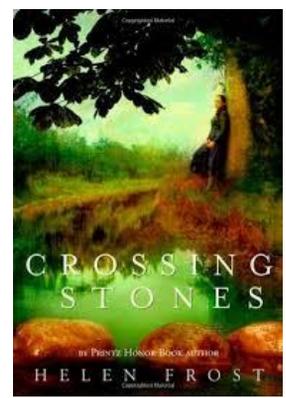
October Mourning by Leslea Newman

Relates, from various points of view, events from the night of Oct. 6, 1998 in Laramie, when 21-year-old Matthew Shepard, a gay college student, was brutally murdered. 14+.



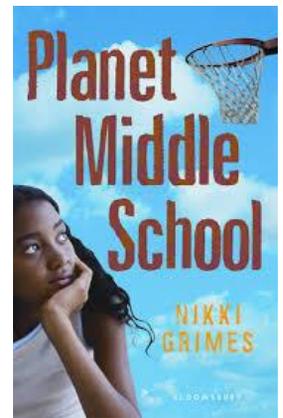
The Watch That Ends the Night
by Allan Wolf

As the Titanic sinks, different witnesses—including millionaire John Jacob Astor, a Lebanese refugee, and the iceberg itself--tell their stories.



Crossing Stones by Helen Frost

Four young people tell of their experiences during the first World War, from enlisting and fighting overseas to home front fights for peace and women's suffrage.



Planet Middle School by Nikki Grimes

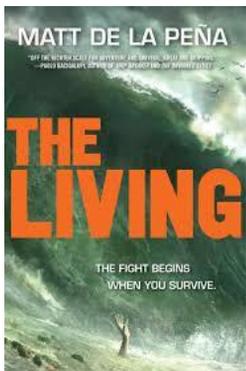
A series of poems describes all the baffling changes at home and at school as 12-year-old Joylin transitions from tomboy basketball player to not-quite-girlly girl.



Serafina's Promise by Ann E. Burg

In a village in Haiti, Serafina works hard to help her family, but dreams of going to school to become a doctor. When the earthquake hits, Serafina must summon all her courage to find her father and get medicine for her sick baby brother as she promised.

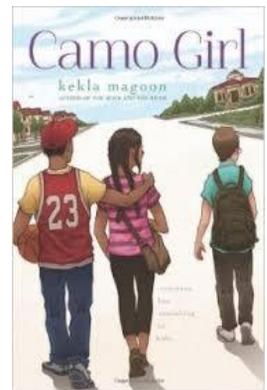
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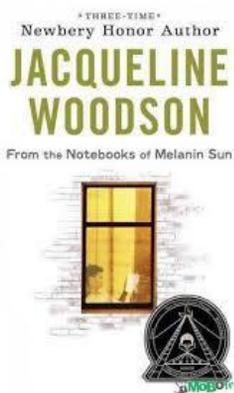
The Living by Matt de la Peña
After an earthquake destroys California and a tsunami wrecks the luxury cruise ship where he is a summer employee, high-schooler Shy confronts an even deadlier surprise.



The Real Boy by Anne Ursu
A shy boy named Oscar who works as the hand to a powerful magic worker becomes the only person who can save his village from an evil monster.



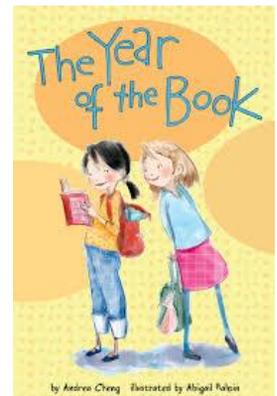
Camo Girl by Kekla Magoon
Ella, a biracial girl with vitiligo, longs to be friends with the cool new kid, but does not want to leave her best friend Z all alone.



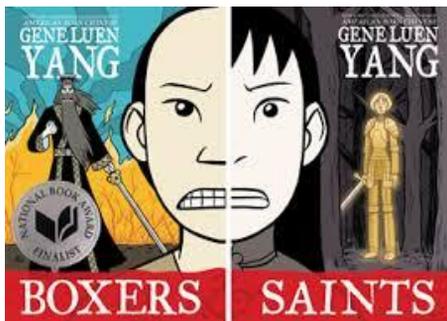
From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun by Jacqueline Woodson
Almost 14-year-old Melanin Sun's comfortable, quiet life is shattered when his mother reveals she has fallen in love with a woman.



Rain Is Not My Indian Name by Cynthia Leitich Smith
Tired of staying in seclusion since the death of her best friend, a young girl takes on a photographing assignment with her local newspaper to cover events at the Native American summer youth camp.



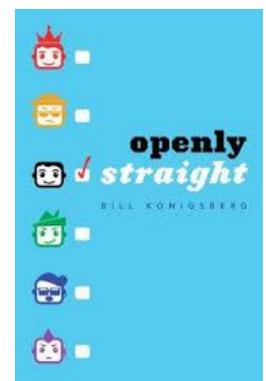
The Year of the Book by Andrea Cheng
Anna has always found books to be better companions than people, and things have just gotten more complicated since her best friend joined the school's group of mean girls. Can Anna navigate friends, family, and her classroom, with the help of a book?



Boxers and Saints by Gene Luen Yang
In China in 1898, bands of foreign missionaries and soldiers roam the countryside, bullying and robbing Chinese peasants. Little Bao has had enough: harnessing the powers of ancient Chinese gods, he recruits an army to fight back. Meanwhile, Vibiana, torn between her nation and her Christian friends, will have to decide where her true loyalties lie. (14+)

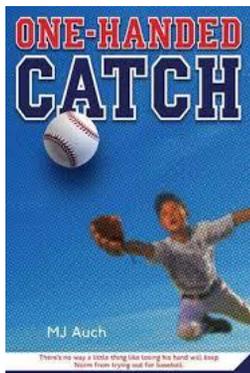


Does My Head Look Big In This? by Randa Abdel-Fattah
When sixteen-year-old Amal decides to wear the hijab full-time, her entire world changes, all because of a piece of cloth.

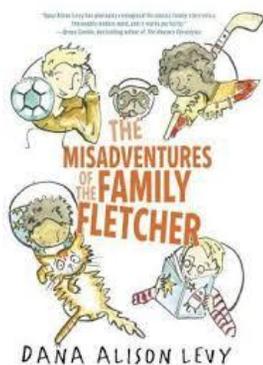


Openly Straight by Bill Konigsberg
Tired of being known as "the gay kid", Rafe Goldberg decides to assume a new persona when he comes east and enters an elite Massachusetts prep school--but trying to deny his identity has both complications and unexpected consequences.

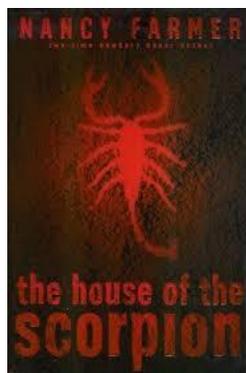
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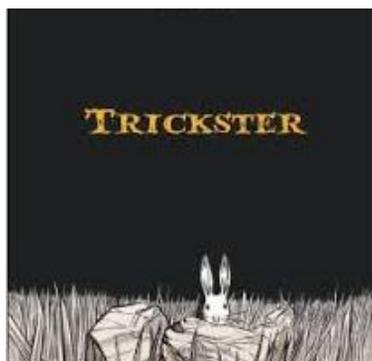
One-Handed Catch by M.J. Auch
After losing his hand in an accident in his father's butcher shop in 1946, sixth-grader Norman uses hard work and humor to learn to live with his disability and to succeed at baseball, art, and other activities.



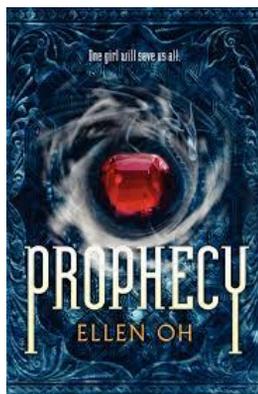
The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher by Dana Alison Levy
Tells the adventures of a family with two fathers, four adopted boys, and a variety of pets as they make their way through a school year and deal with a grumpy new neighbor.



The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer
In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.



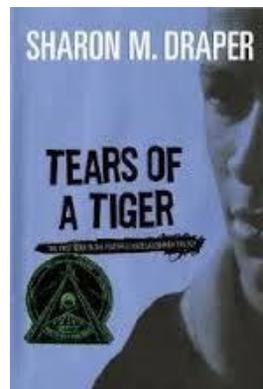
Trickster by Matt Dembecki
A collection of over 20 trickster stories, in graphic novel format, from various Native American traditions, including tales about coyotes, rabbits, ravens, and other crafty creatures and their mischievous activities.



Prophecy by Ellen Oh
A demon slayer, the only female warrior in the King's army, must battle demon soldiers, an evil shaman, and the Demon Lord to find the lost ruby of the Dragon King's prophecy and save her kingdom.



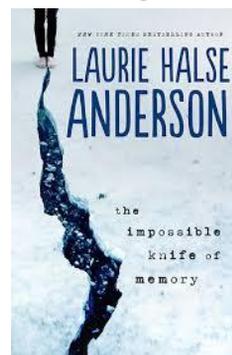
I'll Give You the Sun by Jandy Nelson
Jude and Noah are twins. Love, jealousy and art bind them together, but secrets tear them apart. A story of first love, family, loss, and betrayal told from different points in time, and in separate voices. (14+)



Tears of a Tiger by Sharon Draper
The death of high school basketball star Rob Washington in an automobile accident affects the lives of his close friend Andy, who was driving the car, and many others in the school.



Handbook for Dragon Slayers by Merrie Haskell
Yearning for life in a cloistered scriptorium, thirteen-year-old Princess Matilda, whose lame foot brings fear of the evil eye, escapes her scheming cousin Ivo and joins her servant Judith and an old friend, Parz, in hunting dragons and writing about them.



The Impossible Knife of Memory by Laurie Halse Anderson
Hayley Kincaid and her father move back to their hometown to try a "normal" life, but the horrors he saw in his time in the army threaten to destroy their lives. (14+)