



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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Important Dates and Numbers

- Any children's books checked out on or after May 17 are due September 15.
- **If you would like to keep any children's books that were checked out before May 17 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.

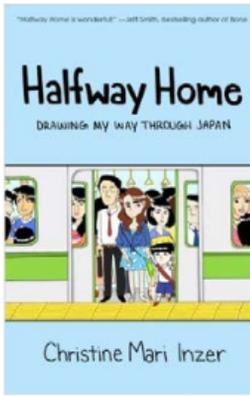
6 Make bookstore visits a treat. Give kids a set amount of money to buy a book or two, and **just let it go when they choose The Day My Butt Went Psycho.**

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).

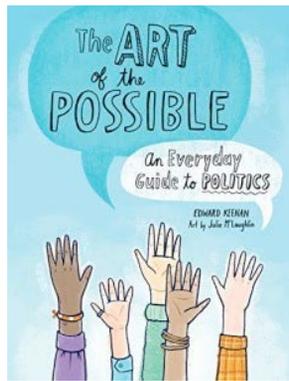
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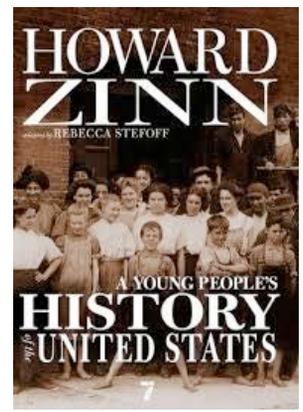
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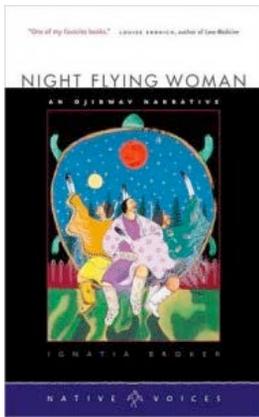
Halfway Home: Drawing My Way Through Japan by Christine Mari Inzer
The summer before she turned 16, Christine Inzer traveled solo to Tokyo to get reacquainted with her birthplace. Through illustrations, photos, and musings, she takes us on a journey through modern Japan.



The Art of the Possible by Edward Keenan
An accessible exploration of Western politics and democracy. Delves into polarization, checks and balances, activism, and the ideology behind practice.



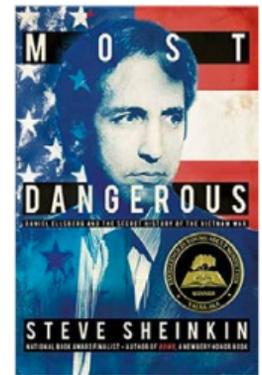
A Young People's History of the United States by Howard Zinn, Adapted by Rebecca Stefoff
From Columbus to Emancipation to the War on Terror, the story of the United States of America.



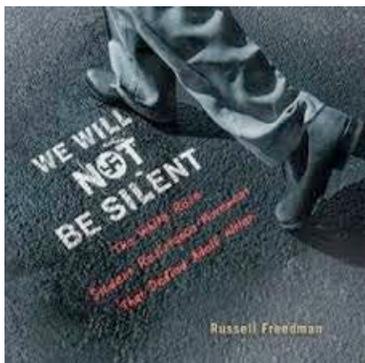
Night Flying Woman: An Ojibway Narrative by Ignatia Broker
The author tells the story of her great-great-grandmother and subsequent generations of women who survived the shock and trauma of European invasion.



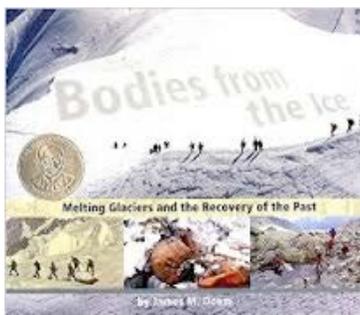
March trilogy by John Lewis
A first-hand, graphic account of Congressman John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, from lunch counter sit-ins to the march for voting rights in Selma.



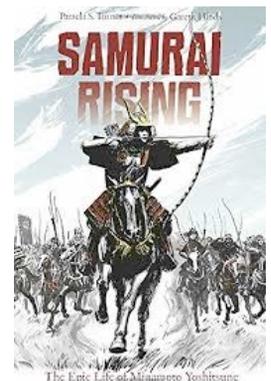
Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War by Steve Sheinkin
The gripping story of Daniel Ellsberg and his decision to steal and publish secret documents about America's involvement in the Vietnam War.



We Will Not Be Silent by Russell Freedman
The true story of the White Rose, a group of students in Nazi Germany who were active undercover agents of the resistance movement against Hitler and his regime.

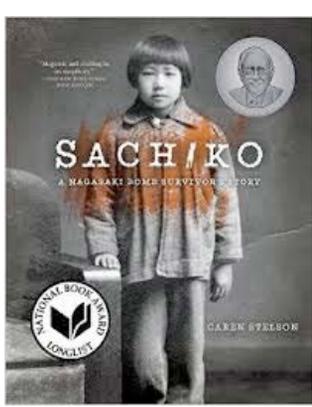


Bodies From the Ice: Melting Glaciers and the Rediscovery of the Past by James M. Deem
Explores the discoveries that have been made as the ice masses move and melt, including the preserved frozen remains of Otzi, the oldest human mummy ever found in ice.

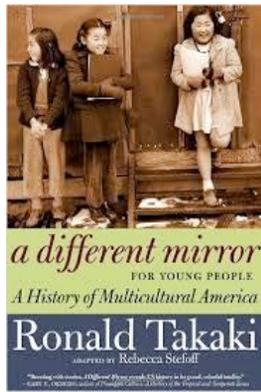


Samurai Rising by Pamela S. Turner
Against the odds, Minamoto Yoshitsune grew from a sickly, weak child into Japan's most legendary samurai. (13+)

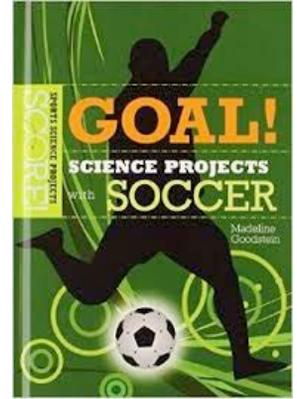
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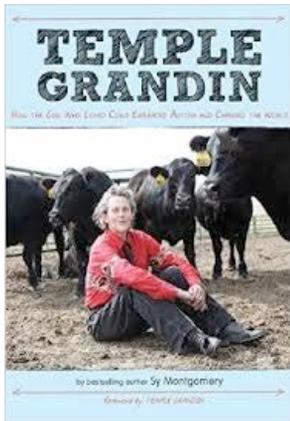
Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story by Caren Stelson
Sachiko Yasui, who was six when the USA bombed Nagasaki, survives the attack and the aftermath, and begins a long journey to find peace.



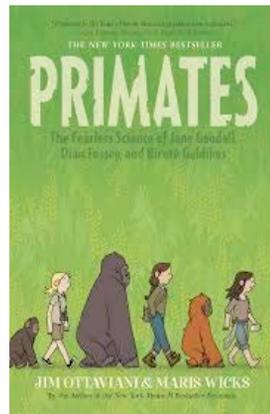
A Different Mirror for Young People: A History of Multicultural America by Ronald T. Takaki
Letters, diaries, and poems share the hopes, dreams, frustrations, oppression, and heartaches of American people young and old.



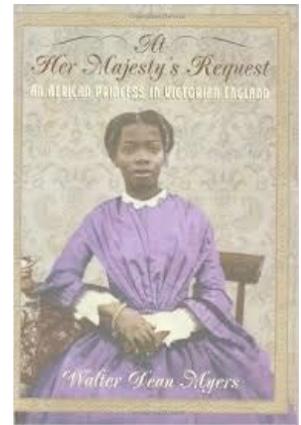
Goal! Science Projects With Soccer by Madeline Goodstein
Want to know the best angle to launch a soccer ball, how a standing kick compares with a running kick, or how air drag affects a soccer kick? Read on!



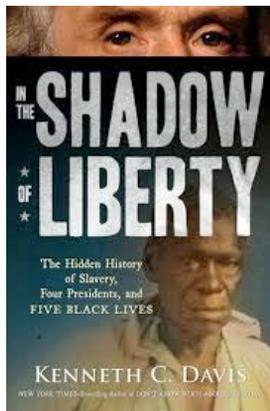
Temple Grandin by Sy Montgomery
The story of Grandin's life with autism and her groundbreaking work as a scientist and designer of cruelty-free livestock facilities.



Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdikas by Jim Ottaviani & Maris Wicks
The true story of three scientists who risked their lives for research that forever changed the way we think about primates—including ourselves.



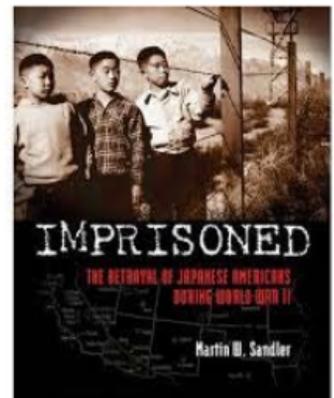
At Her Majesty's Request: An African Princess in Victorian England by Walter Dean Myers
Biography of Sarah Forbes Bonetta, who was taken from Africa (present-day Benin and Nigeria) to England and raised as Queen Victoria's goddaughter.



In the Shadow of Liberty: The Hidden History of Slavery, Four Presidents, and Five Black Lives by Kenneth C. Davis
The powerful stories of five people who were enslaved by four presidents, from Billy Lee, valet to George Washington, to Alfred Jackson, enslaved by Andrew Jackson.

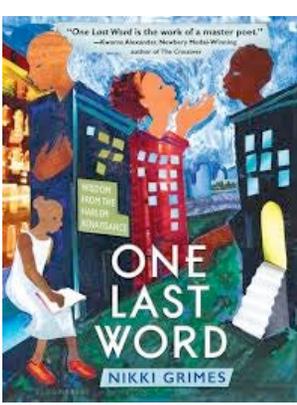


The Great American Dust Bowl by Don Brown
This graphic history details the causes, horrors, and results of the Dust Bowl, and how the lessons learned are still used today.

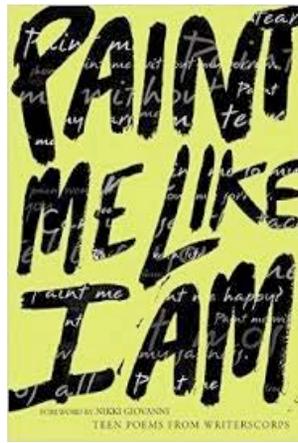


Imprisoned: The Betrayal of Japanese Americans During World War II by Martin Sandler
Interviews and oral histories tell stories of survival in Japanese American internment camps during World War II.

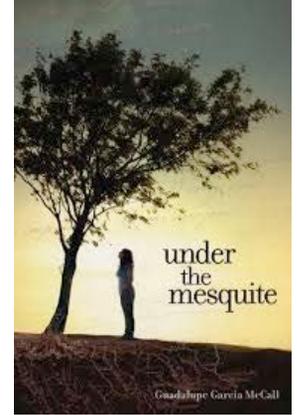
Poetry



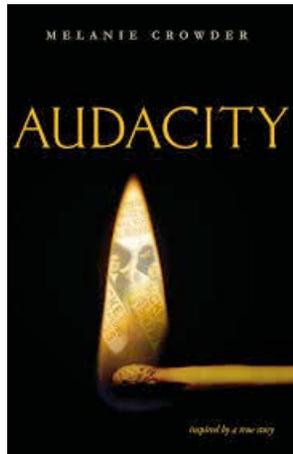
One Last Word by Nikki Grimes
The author looks afresh at the poets of the Harlem Renaissance, including voices like Langston Hughes, Georgia Douglas Johnson, and many more. Their voices combine with hers in this collection of poetry.



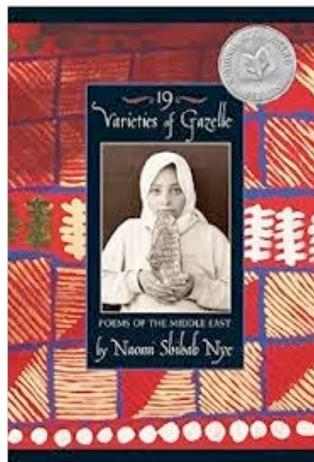
Paint Me Like I Am
A collection of poems by a diverse group of teens from San Francisco, New York, and Washington DC, with a foreword by Nikki Giovanni.



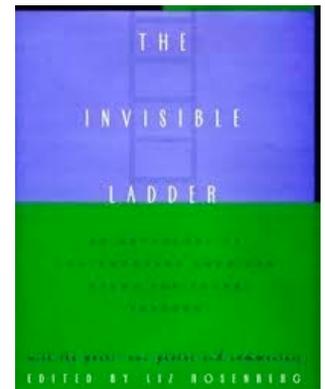
Under the Mesquite
by Guadalupe Garcia McCall
Throughout her high school years, as her mother battles cancer, Lupita takes on more responsibility for her house and seven younger siblings, while finding refuge in acting and writing poetry.



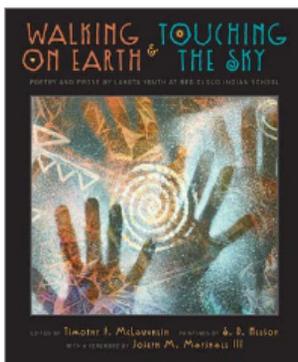
Audacity by Melanie Crowder
A historical fiction novel in verse detailing the life of Clara Lemlich and her struggle for women's labor rights in early 20th-century New York.



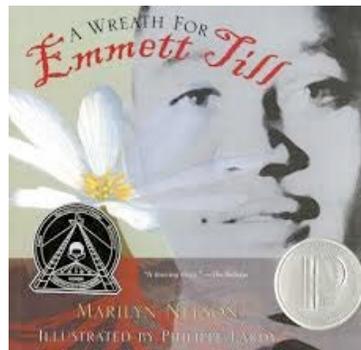
19 Varieties of Gazelle
by Naomi Shihab Nye
Presents a collection of poems dealing with the Middle East, peace, and the author's experience being Arab-American in the United States.



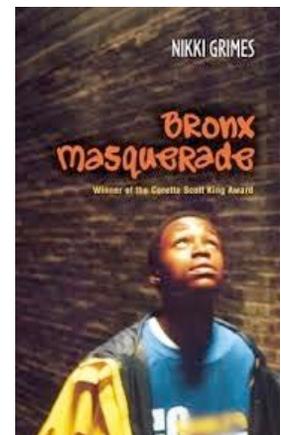
The Invisible Ladder ed. Liz Rosenberg
An anthology of American poems for young people, featuring such poets as Robert Bly, Allen Ginsberg, Nikki Giovanni, Galway Kinnell, and more.



Walking On Earth and Touching the Sky
Ed. by Timothy P. McLaughlin
Poems written by Middle School students from Red Cloud Indian School speak to Lakota history, heritage, and the students' experiences of straddling cultures.

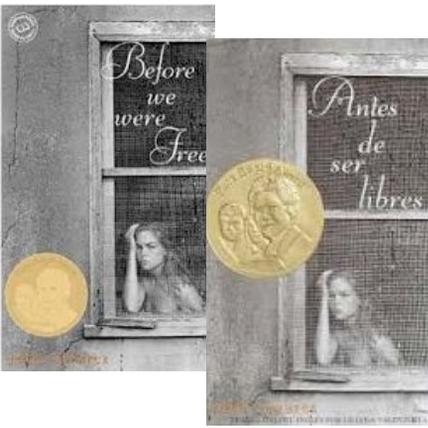


A Wreath for Emmett Till
by Marilyn Nelson
A sequence of fifteen interlinked sonnets pay tribute to a young man whose murder sparked the Civil Rights Movement in 1955 Mississippi.



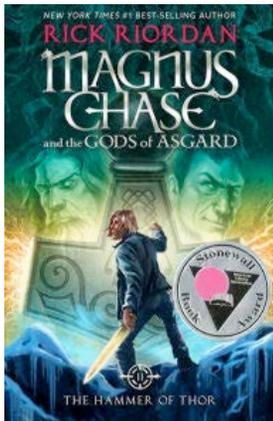
Bronx Masquerade by Nikki Grimes
While studying the Harlem Renaissance, students at a Bronx high school read aloud poems they've written, revealing their innermost thoughts and fears to their formerly clueless classmates.

Fiction



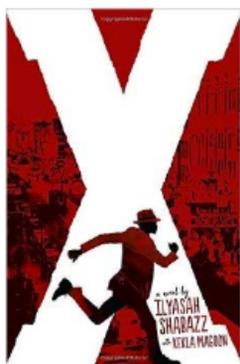
Before We Were Free / Antes de Ser Libres by Julia Alvarez

In the early 1960s in the Dominican Republic, 12-year-old Anita learns that her family is involved in the underground movement to end the bloody rule of the dictator, General Trujillo.

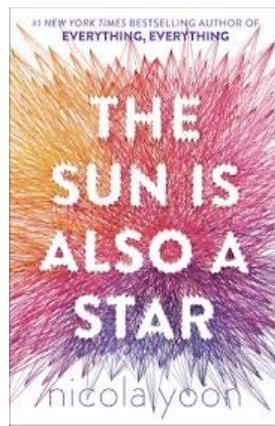


Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard by Rick Riordan

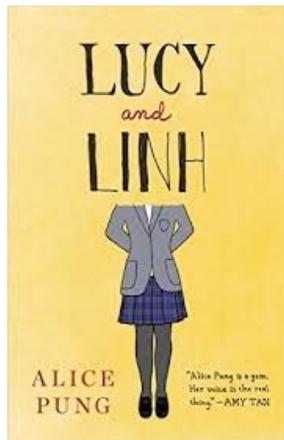
When the god of thunder's hammer goes missing, Magnus Chase and his friends are tasked with retrieving it before an onslaught of giants attacks the mortal world.



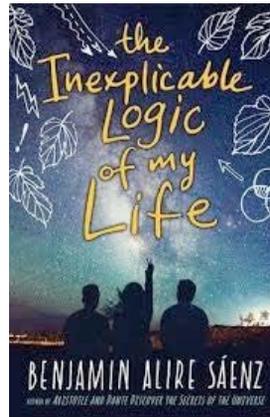
X: A Novel by Ilyasah Shabazz
Lured by the nightlife of Boston and New York, Malcolm Little escapes into a world of fancy suits, jazz, girls, and drugs. But deep down, he knows that the freedom he's found is only an illusion, and that he can't run forever. (14+)



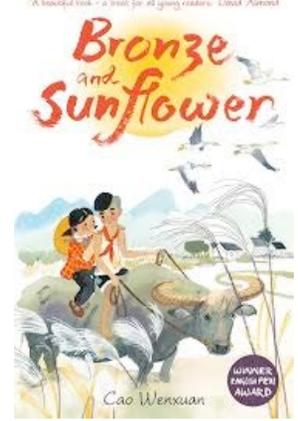
The Sun Is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon
Two teens--Daniel, the son of Korean shopkeepers, and Natasha, whose Jamaican family is undocumented--cross paths in New York City and are never the same again.



Lucy and Linh by Alice Pung
In Australia, Lucy tries to balance her life at home surrounded by her Chinese immigrant family with her life at a pretentious private school.



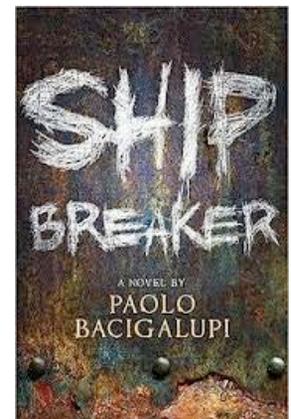
The Inexplicable Logic of My Life by Benjamin Alire Sáenz
A teen struggles to understand what his adoption does and doesn't mean about who he is. (14+)



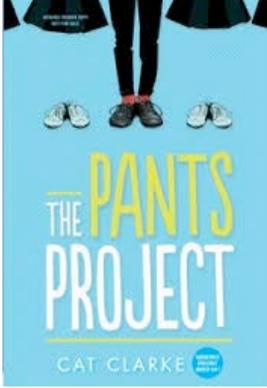
Bronze and Sunflower by Cao Wenxuan
Taken in by a poor family in a rural village after the death of her father, Sunflower bonds with the family's only child, Bronze, who has not spoken since being traumatized by a terrible fire.



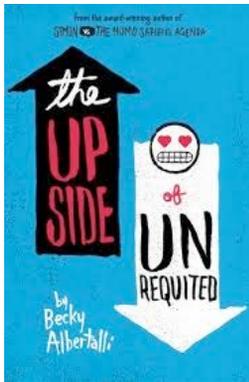
House of Purple Cedar by Tim Tingle
Rose Goode, a Choctaw girl living in what's now Oklahoma, is the sole survivor when white land-grabbers burn down her school.



Ship Breaker by Paolo Bacigalupi
In a futuristic world, Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he must decide whether to strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl.

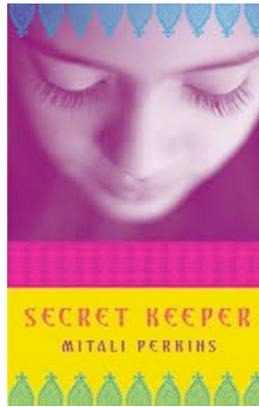


The Pants Project by Cat Clarke
Liv knows he is a boy, even though he was assigned "girl" at birth. But at Bankridge Middle School, the dress code means he can't wear pants. Only skirts. So Operation: Pants Project begins!

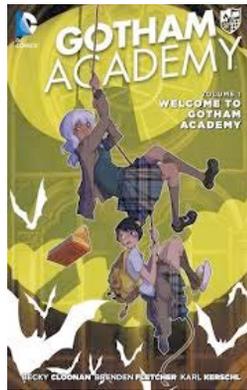


The Upside of Unrequited by Becky Albertalli
Avoiding relationships to protect her sensitive heart, plus-size Molly supports her once-cynical twin, Cassie, when the latter has her own bout of lovesickness. The situation is complicated by an unexpected romantic triangle. (13+)

Fiction, cont'd



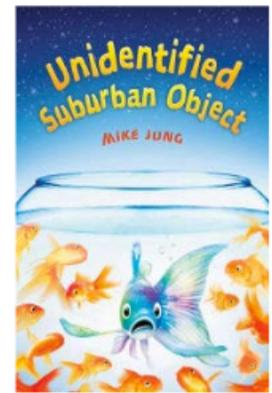
Secret Keeper by Mitali Perkins
When her father leaves New Delhi, India, to seek a job in 1974 New York, Ashi feels thwarted in the home of her old-fashioned family in Calcutta.



Gotham Academy by Becky Cloonan and Brenden Fletcher
Gotham City's most prestigious prep school is a very weird place. It's got a spooky campus, oddball teachers, and rich benefactors like that weirdo Bruce Wayne. But nothing is as strange as the students.



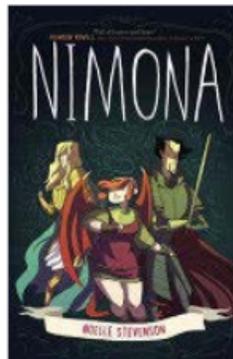
If I Ever Get Out of Here by Eric Gansworth
Seventh-grader Lewis "Shoe" Blake from the Tuscarora Reservation has a new friend from the local Air Force base, but can he rely on this friendship?



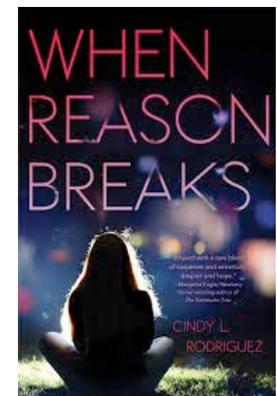
Unidentified Suburban Object by Mike Jung
When a new teacher arrives, Chloe gets a chance to explore her family history. But what she unearths is light-years away from what she expected.



A Wish After Midnight and *The Door At the Crossroads* by Zetta Elliott
Genna's world is upended when a wish sends her and her boyfriend Judah back in time to Civil War-era New York. (14+)



Nimona by Noelle Stevenson
Nimona, an impulsive shapeshifter, signs up as Lord Blackheart's sidekick. But when small acts of mischief escalate into a vicious battle, Lord Blackheart realizes that Nimona's powers are as murky and mysterious as her past. (14+)



When Reason Breaks by Cindy L. Rodriguez
Elizabeth Davis and Emily Delgado seem to have little in common, but both are struggling with to cope with monumental secrets and tumultuous emotions that will lead one to attempt suicide. (14+)