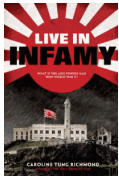




A Good Kind of Trouble, by Lisa Ramée Moore

How this book stands out: Shayla has always been a rule follower but getting involved with Black Lives Matter causes problems at school.

You might also like: *Between the Lines, One Crazy Summer, Night on Fire*



Live in Infamy, by Caroline Tung Richmond

How this book stands out: What if the Allies lost WWII? Ren is living a world ruled by Germany and Japan, but he isn't willing to quietly submit to an oppressive government.

You might also like: *The Only Thing to Fear, Wolf by Wolf, Resistance*



Sorcery of Thorns, by Margaret Rogerson

How this book stands out: When Elisabeth is accused of turning a magical book into a murderous creature and implicated in a death, she turns to a sorcerer to help her uncover a dark plot against the kingdom.

You might also like: *Demon King, Lirael, Spin the Dawn*



Other Words for Home, by Jasmine Warga

How this book stands out: Jude and her mother leave Syria to escape war, but life in America is not always easy. Will America ever feel like home?

You might also like: *Refugee, Amina's Voice, Front Desk*

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The Lone Star Reading List encourages reading for pleasure and is aimed at students in grades 6-8. Each year, 20 books—exploring a variety of topics, reading tastes, and maturity levels—are chosen by a committee of school and public librarians from across Texas.



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Small Spaces, by Katherine Arden

How this book stands out: Ollie and her friends are in danger from the mysterious smiling man and his living scarecrows.

You might also like: *The Hunt for the Seventh, Nightbooks, Coraline*



The Lovely and the Lost, by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

How this book stands out: Kira must overcome her own past as an abandoned child if she is going to find a six-year-old girl lost in the mountains.

You might also like: *Raised by Wolves, The Girl I Used to Be, Pretend She's Here*



The Mighty Heart of Sunny St. James, by Ashley Herring Blake

How this book stands out: After her heart transplant, Sunny hopes her life will be perfect, but she still has to deal with her feelings about the mother who abandoned her and the fact that she might want to be more than friends with a girl.

You might also like: *Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World, Drum Roll Please, P.S. I Miss You*



Stepsister, by Jennifer Donnelly

How this book stands out: Isabelle must overcome her past to find her worth in this retelling of Cinderella from the stepsister's point of view.

You might also like: *Heartless, The Forbidden Wish, Cinder*



The Storm Keeper's Island, by Catherine Doyle

How this book stands out: Past and present blend together on the island of Arranmore, leaving Fionn to face to an ancient evil sorceress from the past.

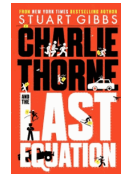
You might also like: *The Book of Three, The Iron Trial, The Jumbies*



The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise, by Dan Gemeinhart

How this book stands out: Coyote and her father have been on a never-ending road trip since her mother and sisters died in an accident, but now she needs to go home.

You might also like: *The Honest Truth, House Arrest, Summerlost*



Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation, by Stuart Gibbs

How this book stands out: Charlie is a thirteen-year-old genius tasked with saving the world from terrorists!

You might also like: *Masterminds, Zero Hour, Not If I Save You First*



Spin, by Lamar Giles

How this book stands out: After DJ ParSec is murdered, her two closest friends, who happen to be enemies, must solve the crime before ParSec's fans blame them for her death.

You might also like: *Shelter, Don't Turn Around, Fallout*



Game Changer, by Tommy Greenwald

How this book stands out: What's the real story behind the football accident that left Tommy in a coma? This story is told through text messages, emails, social media posts, and overheard conversations.

You might also like: *Gym Candy, Unstoppable, Ghost*



Sal and Gabi Break the Universe, by Carlos Hernandez

How this book stands out: Sal can reach into other universes and pull objects into his own, but his talent might destroy the fabric of the world. Is he willing to risk the danger to help a friend in a life and death situation?



Secret Soldiers, by Keely Hutton

How this book stands out: Thomas and his friends risk death every day as they dig tunnels under the German lines during WWI.

You might also like: *Four-Four-Two, Private Peaceful, All Is Fair*



A Curse So Dark and Lonely, by Brigid Kemmerer

How this book stands out: Harper is a strong girl with cerebral palsy who may be a cursed prince's only hope in this modern retelling of "Beauty and the Beast."

You might also like: *Graceling, Cinder, The Kiss of Deception*



The Season of Styx Malone, by Kekla Magoon

How this book stands out: After trading their baby sister for a bag of fireworks, two brothers meet Styx Malone who has a plan to trade those fireworks for something even better.

You might also like: *The Usual Suspects, As Brave as You, The Last Last-Day-of-Summer*



Breakout, by Kate Messner

How this book stands out: Nora's hometown is under siege by police when two dangerous criminals escape from the nearby prison!

You might also like: *The Courage Test, The Warden's Daughter, Countdown*



Dear Sweet Pea, by Julie Murphy

How this book stands out: Sweet Pea is trying to deal with her parents' recent divorce when she secretly starts answering letters to the advice column of her local newspaper.

You might also like: *The First Rule of Punk, Shug, Merci Suarez Changes Gears*



The Mystery of Black Hollow Lane, by Julia Nobel

How this book stands out: Emmy and her new friends uncover a dangerous and powerful secret society at their boarding school.

You might also like: *Buzz Kill, The Van Gogh Deception, All Fall Down*