**Amal Unbound**
by Aisha Saeed
In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family.

**The Bridge Home**
by Padma Venkatraman
Facing daunting prospects on the streets of Chennai, two runaway sisters find shelter and friendship on an abandoned bridge with two homeless boys before an illness forces them to choose between survival and freedom.

**Harbor Me**
by Jacqueline Woodson
When six students are chosen to participate in a weekly talk with no adults allowed, they discover that when they are together, it is safe to share the hopes and fears they have to hide from the rest of the world.

**Front Desk**
by Kelly Yang
After emigrating from China, ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown motel, despite the nasty owner, Mr. Yao, who exploits them, while she works the front desk and tries to cope with fitting in at her school.

**Project Mulberry**
by Linda Sue Park
While working on a project for an after-school club, Julia Song, a Korean-American girl, and her friend Patrick learn not just about silkworms, but also about tolerance, prejudice, friendship, patience, and more.

**The First Rule of Punk**
by Celia C. Pérez
After María Luisa O'Neil-Morales moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago, she violates her school's dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurns the school's most popular girl in favor of starting a band with a group of like-minded friends.

**Ghost**
by Jason Reynolds
Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential.

**Becoming Naomi León**
by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Happily living with Gram and her little brother at the Avocado Acres Trailer Rancho, talented soap carver Naomi Soledad Leon Outlaw, labelled by her classmates as "nothing special," finds her life forever changed by the return of her mother, who has been gone for seven years.
Lucky Broken Girl
by Ruth Behar
In 1960s New York, fifth-grader Ruthie, a Cuban-Jewish immigrant, must rely on books, art, her family, and friends in her multicultural neighborhood when an accident puts her in a body cast.

The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora
by Pablo Cartaya
Arturo's Miami summer is marked by the arrival of poetry enthusiast Carmen, who helps him use the power of protest to fight the plans of a land developer who wants to demolish his Abuela's restaurant.

What Elephants Know
by Eric Dinerstein
Found in the care of a pack of wild dogs in the Nepalese Borderlands jungle, young Nandu is raised by the wise manager of the king's elephant stable and by an affectionate female elephant whose home Nandu risks everything to protect.

Blended
by Sharon M. Draper
Piano-prodigy Isabella, whose black father and white mother struggle to share custody, never feels whole, especially as racial tensions affect her school, and other difficult situations come her way.

Refugee
by Alan Gratz
Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.

The Parker Inheritance
by Varian Johnson
Spending the summer in Lambert, South Carolina, Candice discovers the letter that sent her grandmother on a treasure hunt, and with her new friend Brandon, sets off to expose the injustice once committed against a local African American family.

Blackbird Fly
by Erin Entrada Kelly
Bullied at school, eighth-grader Apple, a Filipino American who loves the music of the Beatles, decides to change her life by learning how to play the guitar.

Amina's Voice
by Hena Khan
Amina, a Pakistani-American Muslim girl, struggles to stay true to her family's culture while dealing with the vandalism of the local Islamic Center and mosque and her best friend Soojin's new friendship with their former nemesis.

Listen, Slowly
by Thanhha Lai
Assisting her grandmother's investigation of her grandfather's fate during the Vietnam War, Mia struggles to adapt to an unfamiliar culture while redefining her sense of family.

The Season of Styx Malone
by Kekla Magoon
Caleb Franklin and his younger brother, Bobby Gene, spend an extraordinary summer with their new, older neighbor, Styx Malone, a foster boy from the city.

Merci Suárez Changes Gears
by Meg Medina
Merci Suárez begins the sixth grade and knows things will change, but she did not count on her grandfather acting strangely, not fitting in at her private school, and dealing with Edna Santos' jealousy.