The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge
by M.T. Anderson
YF Anderson
Uptight elfin historian Brangwain Spurge is on a mission: survive being catapulted across the mountains into goblin territory, deliver a priceless peace offering to their mysterious dark lord and spy on the goblin kingdom.

Non-Fiction
Apollo 8: The Mission That Changed Everything
by Martin W Sandler
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An introduction to the historic Apollo 8 mission and the heroic achievements of NASA scientists and astronauts.

Never Caught, the Story of Ona Judge
by Erica Armstrong Dunbar
J Biography Judge
Traces the life of Ona Judge, a slave to George and Martha Washington who made the brave decision to escape to fugitive life in the North.

It's Up to You, ABE Lincoln
by Leila Hirschfeld
J biography Lincoln
An interactive introduction to America’s 16th president is told through 10 of his most significant decisions and includes original art, fun facts, sidebars and historical trivia.

The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler
by John Hendrix
Y Biography Bohnhoeffer
The story of a German Lutheran pastor who spoke out against the Nazi party, led a church rebellion against the Third Reich and conspired to assassinate Hitler.

Graphic Novels
New Kid
by Jerry Craft
JGN Craft
Enrolled in a prestigious private school where he is one of only a few students of color, Jordan finds himself torn between the worlds of his Washington Heights apartment home and the upscale circles of Riverdale Academy.

Illegal
by Eoin Colfer
YGN Colfer
Setting out to join his brother and sister in Europe, Ebo leaves Ghana, traveling through the Sahara Desert and dangerous streets of Tripoli before braving the merciless sea.

A Story About Cancer (With a Happy Ending)
by India Desjardins
YGN Desjardins
A young girl is diagnosed with leukemia and describes her journey through the next five years, including her medical treatments, relationships and falling in love.

Children
Sixth Grade Books
Great reads for your sixth-grade year
Fiction

The End of the World and Beyond
by Avi
JF Avi
In the sequel to The Unexpected Life of Oliver Cromwell Pitts, Oliver’s adventures take him to 18th-century colonial America, where he must fend for himself in the wilderness.

The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise
by Dan Gemeinhart
JF Gemeinhart
Living on the road in an old school bus with her dad after losing her mother and sisters, Coyote devises an elaborate plan to convince her father to make a first trip home to Washington state in five years.

In Your Shoes
by Donna Gephart
JF Gephart
An anxious boy devoted to his family’s bowling center and a girl whose dreams of happily-ever-after are challenged by her residence above her uncle’s funeral home use their imaginations to help each other find new beginnings.

Far Away
by Lisa Graff
JF Graff
When her psychic aunt is no longer able to help her stay in contact with the mother who died, CJ embarks on a road trip to relocate an object she believes will tether her mother’s spirit back to Earth.

The Strangers
by Margaret Peterson Haddix
JF Haddix
Receiving reports that three children with their names and birthdates have been kidnapped, three siblings investigate complex codes, hidden rooms and a dangerous secret that turns their lives upside down.

The Sky at Our Feet
by Nadia Hashimi
JF Hashimi
Discovering his Afghan mother has been living illegally in the United States, American-born Jason fears she has been deported and runs away to New York City in the hope of connecting with a family member who might be able to help.

The Science of Breakable Things
by Tae Keller
JF Keller
Given a challenging assignment in school to answer an important question using the scientific method, young Natalie endeavors to help her botanist mother fight depression.

The Unteachables
by Gordon Korman
JF Korman
Told in alternating voices, the teacher and students in room 117 find their lives changed over the course of a school year.

Dragon Pearl
by Yoon Ha Lee
JF Lee
Longing for adventure in the Thousand Worlds, Min embarks on a quest to find her brother, who has been accused of abandoning his post to search for a mystical object of power.

Breakout
by Kate Messner
JF Messner
From multiple perspectives, tells of a time capsule project and the middle schoolers who contribute, including future journalist Nora Tucker and newcomer Elidee Jones, whose brother is in the local prison.

Pay Attention, Carter Jones
by Gary D Schmidt
JF Schmidt
When a mysterious English butler appears one morning and stays to help his troubled family, young Carter struggles to navigate middle school under the watch of the resented newcomer.

The Unsung Hero of Birdsong USA
by Brenda Woods
JF Woods
Forging a close friendship with an African American World War II veteran who has recently returned to their unwelcoming Jim Crow community, a white boy worries for his heroic friend’s safety.