The One Thing You'd Save
by Linda Sue Park
If your house was on fire, what one thing would you save? Explore different answers to this provocative question in linked poems that capture the diverse voices of a middle school class.

Cece Rios and the Desert of Souls
by Kaela Rivera
Privately questioning her remote community's superstitions about dangerous, powerful spirits in their Devil's Alley home, Cecelia Rios experiments with the forbidden art of brujería to rescue her sister.

Root Magic
by Eden Royce
In 1963 South Carolina, 11-year-old twins, Jez and Jay Turner begin lessons in rootwork, and their uncle's training offers them healing, protection, and a connection to their heritage even as they face threats from their community.

Healer of the Water Monster
by Brian Young
Call Number
Nathan spends the summer at his grandmother's reservation home. His visit is shaped by his uncle's addictions and an encounter with a sacred being from the Navajo Creation Story.

Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids
by Cynthia Leitich Smith
A volume of interconnected stories and poems set at the Native American Dance for Mother Earth Powwow celebration in Michigan.

The Sea-Ringed World: Sacred Stories of the Americas
by María García Esperón
A collection of stories from nations and cultures across our two continents, the Sea-Ringed World, as the Aztecs called it.

While I Was Away
by Waka T Brown
When 12-year-old Waka's parents suspect she cannot understand the basic Japanese they speak to her, they make a drastic decision to send her to Tokyo to live for several months with her grandmother.

Runaway: The Daring Escape of Ona Judge
by Ray Anthony Shepard
A portrait of former slave, Ona Judge describes her haunting, complicated relationship with the family of President George Washington and her courageous adolescent decision regarding self-emancipation.

Reading aloud with children improves their skills and it's fun.
Juvenile Fiction

**A Place to Hang the Moon**
by Kate Albus

In World War II England, orphaned siblings William, Edmund, and Anna are evacuated from London to live in the countryside, where they bounce from home to home in search of someone willing to adopt them permanently.

**The Sea in Winter**
by Christine Day

After an injury sidelines her dreams of becoming a ballet star, Maisie is not excited for her blended family’s midwinter road trip along the coast near the Makah community where her mother grew up.

**The Beatryce Prophecy**
by Kate DiCamillo

Beatryce, the key to a prophecy, ventures into a dark wood in search of the castle of the one who wants her dead, knowing that if she loses her way, those who love her will never stop searching for her.

**Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna**
by Alda P. Dobbs

After her mother dies and her father is dragged away by soldiers in 1931 during the Mexican Revolution, 12-year-old Petra Luna will do anything to keep her family safe and lead them to a better life across the US border.

**How to Find What You're Not Looking For**
by Veera Hiranandani

Middle schooler Ariel Goldberg must find her own voice and define her own beliefs after her big sister elopes with a young man from India following the Supreme Court decision that strikes down laws banning interracial marriage.

**Temple Alley Summer**
by Sachiko Kashiwaba

Kazu sees a strange figure in a white kimono sneak out of his house—was he dreaming? Did he see a ghost? The next day at school, the very same person is sitting in his class—and all his friends are convinced that the ghost-girl Akari has been their friend for years.

**Red, White, and Whole**
by Rajani LaRocca

Feeling disconnected from her heritage as the only Indian American student in her community, young Reha commits herself to a future different from her dreams when her mother becomes dangerously ill.

**Too Bright to See**
by Kyle Lukoff

In the summer before middle school, 11-year-old Bug must contend with best friend Moira suddenly caring about clothes, makeup, boys, a ghost haunting, and the truth about Bug’s gender identity.

**Ten Thousand Tries**
by Amy Makechnie

With his home life spiraling out of control, 12-year-old Golden Maroni pushes himself to become the captain of his soccer team and master of his eighth-grade universe, which alienates those around him.

**Amari and the Night Brothers**
by B.B. Alston

Thirteen-year-old Amari, a poor Black girl from the projects, gets an invitation from her missing brother to join the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs.

**The In-Between**
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A dark, twisty adventure about the forgotten among us, and what it means to be seen.

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