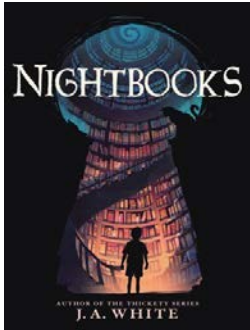


Incoming 8th Grade

Cosgrove Summer 2023 Reading List

Fantasy

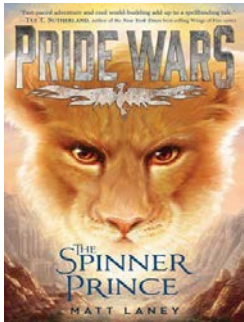


***Nightbooks* by J.A. White**

A boy is imprisoned by a witch and must tell her a new scary story each night to stay alive.



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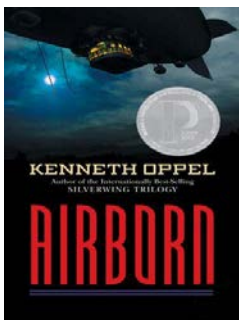


***The Spinner Prince* by Matt Laney**

In the distant future when a new species rules the earth, thirteen-year-old Prince Leo struggles to hide a dangerous and forbidden power he cannot control while trying to unlock the mysteries of his origins.



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***Airborn* by Kenneth Oppel**

Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.



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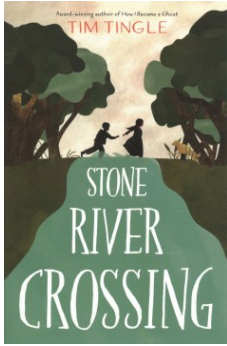
***The Witch's Boy* by Kelly Barnhill**

When a Bandit King comes to take the magic that Ned's mother, a witch, is meant to protect, the stuttering, weak boy villagers think should have drowned rather than his twin summons the strength to protect his family and community, while in the woods, the bandit's daughter puzzles over a mystery that ties her to Ned.



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Historical Fiction

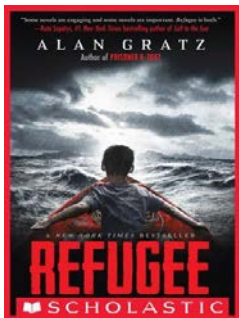


***Stone River Crossing* by Tim Tingle**

Martha Tom knows better than to cross the Bok Chitto **River** to pick blackberries. The Bok Chitto is the only border between her town in the Choctaw Nation and the slave-owning plantation in Mississippi territory. The slave owners could catch her, too. What was she thinking? But **crossing** the **river** brings a surprise friendship with Lil Mo, a boy who is enslaved on the other side.



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***Refugee* by Alan Gratz**

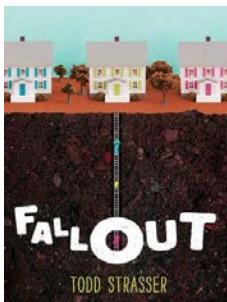
Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys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



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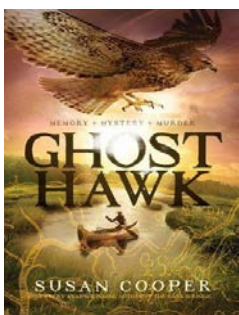


***Fallout* by Todd Strasser**

Scott's dad is the only one in the neighborhood who builds a bomb shelter during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and when the time comes, more neighbors enter the shelter than Scott's dad is prepared for.



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***Ghost Hawk* by Susan Cooper**

At the end of a winter-long journey into manhood, Little Hawk returns to find his village decimated by a white man's plague and soon, despite a fresh start, Little Hawk dies violently but his spirit remains trapped, seeing how his world changes.

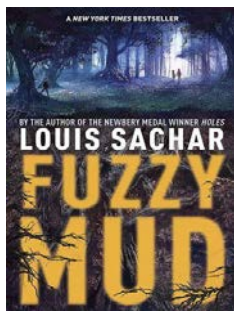


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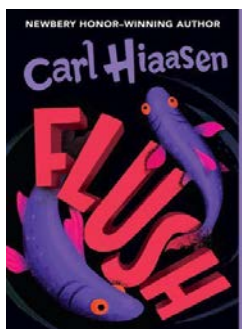


***Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar**

Two middle-grade kids take a shortcut home from school and discover what looks like fuzzy mud but is actually a substance with the potential to wreak havoc on the entire world.



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***Flush* by Carl Hiaasen**

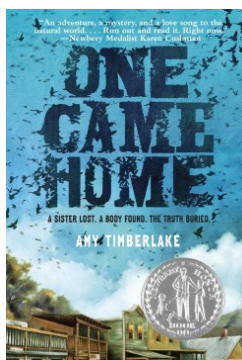
With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.



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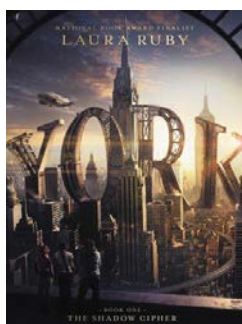


***One Came Home* by Amy Timberlake**

In 1871 Wisconsin, thirteen-year-old Georgia sets out to find her sister Agatha, presumed dead when remains are found wearing the dress she was last seen in, and before the end of the year gains fame as a sharpshooter and foiler of counterfeiters.



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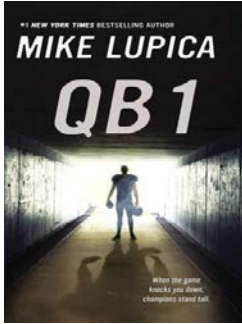
***York Book 1: The Shadow Cipher* by Laura Ruby**

In order to save their apartment building, Tess, Theo, and Jaime search for the Old York Cipher treasure created by the architects of New York.



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Realistic Fiction



QB1 by Mike Lupica

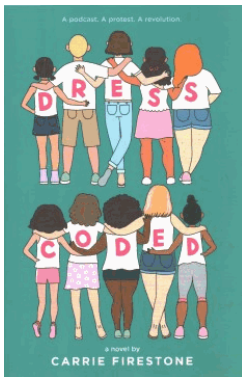
Jake Cullen, fourteen, lives in the shadows of his father and older brother until he becomes the starting quarterback for the high school football team and finally has his chance to shine.



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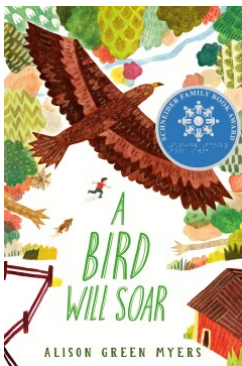


Dress Coded by Carrie Firestone

An eighth grader starts a podcast to protest the unfair dress code enforcement at her middle school and sparks a rebellion



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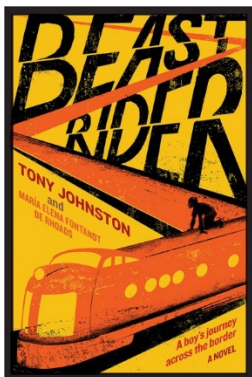


A Bird Will Soar by Alison Green Myers

After a tornado, Axel, who loves birds, finds an injured eaglet, and helps to rescue it--and also helps to resolve the problems in his broken family, and draw his father back home.



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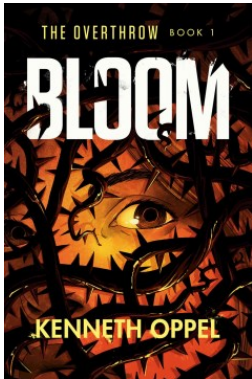
Beast Rider by Tony Johnston and Maria Elena Fontanot de Rhoads

To be reunited with his brother, twelve-year-old Manuel will have to cross the border and survive the perilous journey from Mexico to Los Angeles.



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Science Fiction

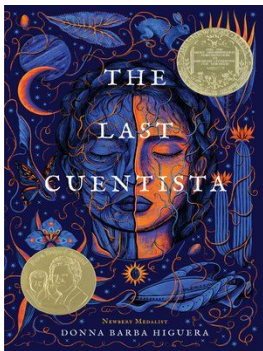


***Bloom* by Kenneth Oppel**

The invasion begins--but not as you'd expect. It begins with rain. Rain that carries seeds. Seeds that sprout--overnight, everywhere. These new plants take over crop fields, twine up houses, and burrow below streets. They bloom--and release toxic pollens. They bloom--and form Venus flytrap-like pods that swallow animals and people. They bloom--everywhere, unstoppable. Or are they? Three kids on a remote island seem immune to the toxic plants. Anaya, Petra, Seth. They each have strange allergies--and yet not to these plants. What's their secret? Can they somehow be the key to beating back this invasion? They'd better figure it out fast, because it's starting to rain again...



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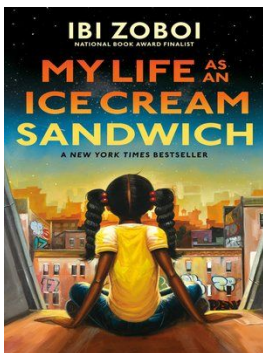


***The Last Cuentista* by Donna Barba Higuera**

Relocating to a new planet after Earth is destroyed, 12-year-old Petra Peña's suspended animation fails during the 370-year journey, so when all the other children are mysteriously reprogrammed and the adults purged, Petra becomes the lone bringer of Earth's now forbidden stories and her grandmother's Mexican folklore to a changing humanity.



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***My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich* by Ibi Zoboi**

In the summer of 1984, twelve-year-old Ebony-Grace of Huntsville, Alabama, visits her father in Harlem, where her fascination with outer space and science fiction interfere with her finding acceptance



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***Dragon Pearl* by Yoon Ha Lee**

Min, a thirteen-year-old girl with fox-magic, stows away on a battle cruiser and impersonates a cadet in order to solve the mystery of what happened to her older brother in the Thousand World Space Forces.



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Graphic Novels

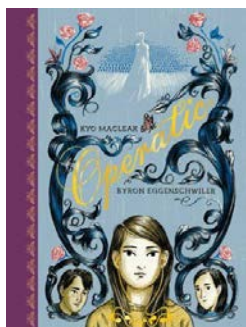


***Shuri: A Black Panther Novel* by Nic Stone**

Follows Shuri as she sets out on a quest to save her homeland of Wakanda.



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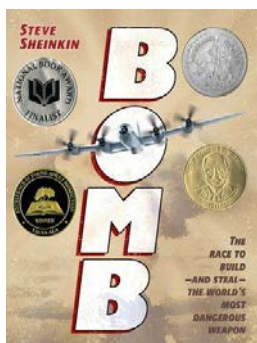
***Operatic* by Kyo Maclear**

About to graduate from middle school, Charlie is preoccupied with a crush, Emile, and the absence of Luka, a boy in her class, who has not come to school in days. In Mr. P's music class, she hears the songs of opera singer Maria Callas and falls in love with opera. Maria's story helps Charlie navigate her own world.



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Non-Fiction

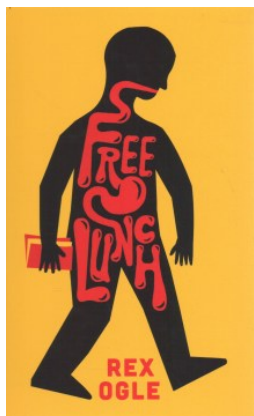


***Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon* by Steve Sheinkin**

Examines the history of the atom bomb, from the 1938 discovery that the uranium atom could be split through the race to develop, steal, and use the atom bomb in World War II to establish world military dominance by scientists and spies in America, Britain, Russia, and Germany.



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***Free Lunch* by Rex Ogle**

Rex Ogle recounts his first semester in sixth grade in which he and his younger brother often went hungry, wore secondhand clothes, and were short of school supplies and he was on his school's free lunch program. Grounded in the immediacy of physical hunger and the humiliation of having to announce it every day in the school lunch line, Rex's is a compelling story of a more profound hunger -- that of a child for his parents' love and care.



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