



CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

YREAD? TITLES

Grades 6 - 8

Go and Come Back

by Joan Abelove

Fiction

Alicia, a young tribeswoman living in a village in the Amazonian jungle of Peru, tells about the two American women anthropologists who arrive to study her people's way of life.

Jimi and Me

by Jaime Adoff

Fiction

This verse novel carries Keith, a 13-year-old biracial boy, through the tumultuous first six months after his father's death.

Nothing But the Truth

by Avi

Fiction

A witty satire of school politics; this story shows how easily the truth can become distorted. Philip Mallory, an unmotivated freshman, is punished for not saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Facts about the incident become exaggerated until a minor school infraction turns into a national scandal.

Samir and Yonatan

by Daniella Carmi

Fiction

Samir, a Palestinian boy, is sent for surgery to an Israeli hospital where he has two otherworldly experiences, making friends with an Israeli boy, Yonatan, and traveling with him to Mars where Samir finds peace about his brother's death in the war.



CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

YREAD? TITLES

Grades 6 - 8

Mississippi Trial, 1955

by Chris Crowe

Fiction

This novel is based on the true story of Emmett Till, whose tragic murder helped to spark the Civil Rights Movement in the American South.

Mud City

by Deborah Ellis

Fiction

In the final book of the *Breadwinner* trilogy, Shauzia lives unhappily in a refugee camp that lacks water and hope. Clinging to her dreams of a life in France, Shauzia dresses as a boy and escapes to the city to try and earn her passage to France.

The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm

by Nancy Farmer

Fiction

In 2194 in Zimbabwe, General Matsika's three children are kidnapped and put to work in a plastic mine while three mutant detectives use their special powers to search for them.

Begging for Change

by Sharon Flake

Fiction

In the sequel to *Money Hungry*, Raspberry Hill is worried that she and her mother will end up homeless after her mother is hospitalized. She does odd jobs to help, but ends up stealing from her best friend and questions if she is turning into her father.

Money Hungry

by Sharon Flake

Fiction

Raspberry Hill and her mother are determined to move to a safer neighborhood, which is why she hoards her savings. When her stinginess begins to cause problems she is forced to reexamine her values.



CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

YREAD? TITLES

Grades 6 - 8

The Skin I'm In

by Sharon Flake

Fiction

Thirteen-year-old Maleeka is self-conscious because of her dark complexion. She meets a new teacher with a birthmark on her face and learns to love herself for who she is, not what she looks like.

Diary of Ma Yan the Struggles and Hopes of a Chinese Girl

By Piere Haski and Ma Yan

Non-Fiction

Ma Yan's diary chronicles her struggle to escape the desperate poverty in rural China through education. But, with so little money to pay the fees, she must be persistent and resourceful.

Touching Spirit Bear

by Ben Mikaelson

Fiction

After his anger erupts into violence, Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the Native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.

The Legend of Buddy Bush

by Shelia Moses

Fiction

In 1947, twelve-year-old Pattie Mae is sustained by her dreams of escaping Rich Square, North Carolina, and moving to Harlem when her Uncle Buddy is arrested for attempted rape of a white woman and her grandfather is diagnosed with a terminal brain tumor.



CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

YREAD? TITLES

Grades 6 - 8

Amistad: A Long Road to Freedom

by Walter Dean Myers

Non- Fiction

Traces the 1839 revolt of Africans against their Spanish captors aboard the slave ship Amistad, their landing in the United States and arrest for piracy and murder, and trials which ended in their acquittal by the Supreme Court.

Bound

by Donna Jo Napoli

Fiction

Xing Xing outwits her stepmother to win the prince in this haunting retelling of the Cinderella story that uses an ancient setting and details about customs such as foot binding and ancestor worship to return the story to its Chinese roots.

Freaky Green Eyes

by Joyce Carol Oates

Fiction

Fifteen-year-old Frankie relates the events of the year leading up to her mother's mysterious disappearance and her own struggle to discover and accept the truth about her parents' relationship.

A Long Way From Chicago

by Richard Peck

Fiction

A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.



CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

YREAD? TITLES

Grades 6 - 8

A Year Down Yonder

by Richard Peck

Fiction

In 1937 fifteen-year-old Mary Alice, initially apprehensive about leaving Chicago to spend a year with her fearsome, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois, gradually begins to better understand and admire her grandmother's unusual qualities.

All of the Above

by Shelley Pearsall

Fiction

A challenge from Mr. Collins takes his students on a quest to set a world math record, but more importantly prove to themselves and everyone else that they are not “dead end” kids. This book is based on a true story from Alexander Hamilton School in Cleveland, OH.

Esperanza Rising

Pam Munoz Ryan

Fiction

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.

Holes

by Louis Sachar

Fiction

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.



CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

YREAD? TITLES

Grades 6 - 8

Milkweed

by Jerry Spinelli

Fiction

A boy orphaned in Warsaw, Poland during the Holocaust is unsure of his identity . He makes a friend who names him Misha, and they both come up with a story to protect him from the Nazis.

Shabanu

by Suzanne Fisher Staples

Fiction

This timely work tells the story of a young girl and her family struggling to survive in the Cholistan Desert of Pakistan.

So B. It

by Sarah Weeks

Fiction

After spending her life with her mentally handicapped mother and agoraphobic neighbor, twelve-year-old Heidi sets out from Reno, Nevada, to New York to find out who she is.

After Tupac and D Foster

by Jacqueline Woodson

Fiction

In the New York City borough of Queens in 1996, three girls bond over their shared love of Tupac Shakur's music, as together they try to make sense of the unpredictable world in which they live.

Feathers

by Jacqueline Woodson

Fiction

When a new, white student nicknamed "The Jesus Boy" joins her sixth grade class in the winter of 1971, Frannie's growing friendship with him makes her start to see some things in a new light.



CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

YREAD? TITLES

Grades 6 - 8

Hush

by Jacqueline Woodson

Fiction

Because of events she cannot control, Toswiah becomes Evie, and suddenly everything changes when her family enters the Federal Witness Protection Program.

Miracle's Boys

by Jacqueline Woodson

Fiction

Twelve-year-old Lafayette's close relationship with his older brother Charlie changes after Charlie is released from a detention home. Charlie blames Lafayette for the death of their mother and the three brothers have to learn to survive with the odds stacked against them.

Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter

by Adeline Yen Mah

Non Fiction

The true story of Adeline Yen Mah who turned to academic achievement to overcome the abuse and neglect she suffered at home.



CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

YREAD? TITLES

Grades 6 - 8