

SIXTH GRADE ENTERING SEVENTH GRADE

Anything But Typical by Nora Raleigh Baskin ©2010 Jason can be himself when he writes and he thinks that PhoneixBird-her name is Rebecca-could be his first real friend. But as desperate as Jason is to meet her, he's terrified that if they do meet, Rebecca will only see his autism and not who Jason really is. **Grade Level 5-7**

Freak the Mighty – Rodman Philbrick ©2001 Two boys – a slow learner stuck in the body of a teenage giant and a tiny Einstein in leg braces – forge a unique friendship when they pair up to create one formidable human force. **Grade Level: 5-7**

Full Cicada Moon by Marilyn Hilton ©2015 It's 1969, and the Apollo 11 mission is getting ready to go to the moon. But for half-black, half-Japanese Mimi, moving to a predominantly white Vermont town is enough to make her feel alien. **Grade Level 5-8**

If I Ever Get Out of Here: A Novel with Paintings by Erie L. Gansworth ©2015 Lewis "Shoe" Blake is used to the joys and difficulties of life on the Tuscarora Indian reservation in 1975: the joking, the Fireball games, the snow blowing through his roof. What he's not used to is white people being nice to him -- people like George Haddonfield, whose family recently moved to town with the Air Force. **Grade Level 6-8**

The Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog by Adam Gidwitz ©2016 On a dark night, travelers from across France cross paths at an inn and begin to tell stories of three children. Their adventures take them on a chase through France: they are taken captive by knights, sit alongside a king, and save the land from a farting dragon. **2017 Newbery Honor Book Grade Level 6-10**

Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy by Gary D. Schmidt ©2013 It only takes a few hours for Turner Buckminster to start hating Phippsburg, Maine. No one in town will let him forget that he's a minister's son, even if he doesn't act like one. But then he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin, a smart and sassy girl from a poor nearby island community founded by former slaves. **2014 Newbery Honor Book Grade Level 6-9**

Riding Chance by Christine Kendall ©2016 Troy is a kid with a passion. And dreams. And wanting to do the right thing. But after taking a wrong turn, he's forced to endure something that's worse than any juvenile detention he can imagine-he's "sentenced" to the local city stables where he's made to take care of horses. **Grade Level 6-8**

Saving Lucas Biggs by Marisa de los Santos @2015 Thirteen-year-old Margaret knows her father is innocent, but that doesn't stop the cruel Judge Biggs from sentencing him to death. Margaret is determined to save her dad, even if it means using her family's secret—and forbidden—ability to time travel. **Grade Level 6-8**

The Wednesday War by Gary D. Schmidt @2007 Meet Holling Hoodhood, a seventh-grader at Camillo Junior High, who must spend Wednesday afternoons with his teacher, Mrs. Baker, while the rest of the class has religious instruction. Mrs. Baker doesn't like Holling—he's sure of it. Why else would she make him read the plays of William Shakespeare outside class? **2008 Newbery Honor Book Grade Level 5-7**

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle @2012 (50th Anniversary Edition) Fifty years ago, Madeleine L'Engle introduced the world to *A Wrinkle in Time* and the wonderful and unforgettable characters Meg and Charles Wallace Murry, and their friend Calvin O'Keefe. **Grade Level 6-8**

What Elephants Know by Eric Dinerstein ©2016 Abandoned in the jungle of the Nepalese Borderlands, two-year-old Nandu is found living under the protective watch of a pack of wild dogs. **Grade Level 5-9**

Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk ©2016 Growing up in the shadows cast by two world wars, Annabelle has lived a mostly quiet, steady life in her small Pennsylvania town. Until the day new student Betty Glengarry walks into her class. 2017 Newbery Honor Book **Grade Level 6-8**