

SEVENTH GRADE ENTERING EIGHTH GRADE

As Brave As You by Jason Reynolds ©2016 Genie's summer is full of surprises. The first is that he and his big brother, Ernie, are leaving Brooklyn for the very first time to spend the summer with their grandparents all the way in Virginia—in the COUNTRY! Coretta Scott King Author Honor Book, Schneider Family Book Award Grade Level 6-8

Be: The Journey of Rol – Ric Colegrove ©2014 In a time and place different than our own, a fourteen-year-old boy named Rol sets out on a journey, alone. He faces incredible challenges and makes lifelong friends. Rol learns what it takes to be who he is truly meant to be, with help from those he encounters along the way. Website for downloading Free Companion Guide <http://thejourneyofrol.com/guide/> Grade Level 7-10

Because They Marched – Russell Freedman ©2014 In the early 1960s, tensions in the segregated South intensified. Tired of reprisals for attempting to register to vote, Selma's black community began to protest. Grade Level 7–Up

The Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible...on Schindler's list by Leon Leyson ©2015 The only memoir published by a former Schindler's list child, perfectly captures the innocence of a small boy who goes through the unthinkable. Leon Leyson (born Leib Lezjon) was only ten years old when the Nazis invaded Poland and his family was forced to relocate to the Krakow ghetto. Grade Level 6-9

The Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Adaptation): The True Story of an American Team's Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics by Daniel James Brown ©2014 At the center of the tale is Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects, whose personal quest captures the spirit of his generation—the generation that would prove in the coming years that the Nazis could not prevail over American determination and optimism. Grade Level 7-8

The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club by Phillip Hoose ©2016 *You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen* by Carole Brown Weatherford ©2016 *I WANT YOU!* says the poster of Uncle Sam. But if you're a young black man in 1940, he doesn't want you in the cockpit of a war plane. Yet you are determined not to let that stop your dream of flying. Grade Level 8-10

Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan ©2014 Willow Chance is a twelve-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. It has never been easy for her to connect with anyone other than her adoptive parents, but that hasn't kept her from leading a quietly happy life . . . until now. Grade Level 6-8

Echo by Pam Munoz Ryan ©2014 Lost and alone in a forbidden forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and suddenly finds himself entwined in a puzzling quest involving a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica. 2016 Newbery Honor Book Grade Level 6-8

I Kill the Mockingbird by Paul Acampora ©2015 When Lucy, Elena, and Michael receive their summer reading list, they are excited to see *To Kill A Mockingbird* included. But not everyone in their class shares the same enthusiasm. Grade Level 6-8

Imprisoned: The Betrayal of Japanese Americans During World War II by Marin W. Sandler ©2013 While Americans fought for freedom and democracy abroad, fear and suspicion towards Japanese Americans swept the country after Japan's sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. Grade Level 7–Up

A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story by Linda Sue Park ©2011 The girl, Nya, is fetching water from a pond that is two hours' walk from her home: she makes two trips to the pond every day. The boy, Salva, becomes one of the "lost boys" of Sudan, refugees who cover the African continent on foot as they search for their families and for a safe place to stay. **Grade Level 6-8**

Navy Seal Dogs-My Tale of Training Canines for Combat – Mike Ritland ©2015 *Trident K9 Warriors* gave readers an inside look at the SEAL teams' elite K9 warriors--who they are, how they are trained, and the extreme missions they undertake to save lives. From detecting explosives to eliminating the bad guys, these powerful dogs are also some of the smartest and highest skilled working animals on the planet. Mike Ritland's job is to train them. **Grade Level 8-12**

Terror at Bottle Creek – Watt Key ©2016 In this gritty, realistic wilderness adventure, thirteen-year-old Cort is caught in a battle against a Gulf Coast hurricane. Cort's father is a local expert on hunting and swamp lore in lower Alabama who has been teaching his son everything he knows. But when a deadly Category 3 storm makes landfall, Cort must unexpectedly put his all skills-and bravery-to the test. **Grade Level 6-9**