AIN'T BURNED ALL THE BRIGHT
BY JASON REYNOLDS, ILLUSTRATED BY JASON GRIFFIN
CAITLYN DLOUHY BOOKS, 2022
ISBN: 9781338716542
Over three “breaths,” a boy reflects on current social events from within his home, where his father isolates, sick, in a spare and powerfully illustrated blend of mixed-media collage and poetry.

ART OF PROTEST: CREATING, DISCOVERING, AND ACTIVATING ART FOR YOUR REVOLUTION
BY DE NICHOLS, ILLUSTRATED BY VARIOUS ARTISTS
BIG PICTURE, 2021
ISBN: 9781536223255
Explore the art of the past to inform the revolutionary work of now! In addition to highlighting familiar works, this title also features pieces by young activist artists.

AVIVA VS. THE DYBBUK
BY MARI LOWE
LEVINE QUIRITO, 2022
ISBN: 9781250149015
An isolated tween, haunted by a dybbuk (a restless ghost), navigates continued struggles at home and at school following her father’s murder, a hate crime, years before.

BOUNCE BACK
BY MISAKO ROCKS!
FEIWEL & FRIENDS, 2021
ISBN: 9781338596618
Lilico moves from Japan to the U.S. and, in one, but there’s something a bit odd about the three handsome brothers, their manor, and its surroundings. A graphic novel with a humorous mix of romance and sci-fi.

BOY, EVERYWHERE
BY A. M. DASSU
TO BOOKS, 2021
ISBN: 9781643799458
When the Syrian civil war hits too close to home, 13-year-old Sami must flee his idyllic life in Damascus, after which he endures life in England, the guilt of putting his family’s lives in danger, and questions about his identity as a refugee.

CITY OF THIEVES
(BATTLE DRAGONS #1)
BY ALEX LONDON
SCHOLASTIC, 2021
ISBN: 9781338716542
In a world where domesticated dragons are used for everything from transportation to sanitation, feuding bands of thieves engage in dangerous dragon battles over the city, and young Abel must protect his friends and family.

THE CURSE OF THE MUMMY
BY CANDACE FLEMING
SCHOLASTIC FOCUS, 2021
ISBN: 9781338596618
Thieves, archaeologists, and rich, snobbish (and racist) Europeans play parts in this captivating book that combines history about Egyptian tombs with the tales of those who disturbed the ancient dead and were believed to be cursed.

THE DEADLIEST DISEASES THEN AND NOW
BY DEBORAH HOPKINSON
SCHOLASTIC FOCUS, 2021
ISBN: 9781338596618
From the Middle Ages to today, a fascinating look at plagues and pandemics, how each began, and how they impacted the world.

THE DIRE DAYS OF WILLOWWEEP MANOR
BY SHAEON K. GARRITY, ILLUSTRATED BY CHRISTOPHER BALDWIN
MARGARET K. McELDERRY BOOKS, 2021
ISBN: 9781338460874
A fan of gothic romance novels finds herself in one, but there’s something a bit odd about the three handsome brothers, their manor, and its surroundings. A graphic novel with a humorous mix of romance and sci-fi.

DREAM, ANNIE, DREAM
BY WAKA T. BROWN
QUILL TREE BOOKS, 2022
ISBN: 9780062017160
Daughter of immigrants, Annie Inoue has big dreams to be a star. When she gets a lead role in The King and I, her classmates suggest she only got the part because of her race.

FALLOUT: SPIES, SUPERBOMBS, AND THE ULTIMATE COLD WAR SHOWDOWN
BY STEVE SHEINKIN
ROARING BROOK, 2021
ISBN: 9781338049015
This narrative nonfiction, mixed with recollections and factual information, will take readers back to post–World War II when the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics were in conflict with each other.

FRANKIE & BUG
BY GAYLE FORMAN
ALADDIN, 2021
ISBN: 9781338482531
Bug is convinced her summer is ruined, until a neighbor’s nephew, Frankie, arrives. A story about friendship, identity, and family (the one you’re born to and the one you choose).

THE GENIUS UNDER THE TABLE: GROWING UP BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN
BY EUGENE YELCHIN
CANDLEWICK, 2021
ISBN: 9781536215526
A noted children’s book creator recounts growing up in Soviet Russia in a humorous and heartbreaking illustrated novel.

HOW TO CHANGE EVERYTHING: THE YOUNG HUMAN’S GUIDE TO PROTECTING THE PLANET AND EACH OTHER
BY NAOMI KLEIN, ADAPTED BY REBECCA STEFOFF
ATHENEUM, 2021
ISBN: 9781338474529
An adaptation of earlier works for adults merged for a younger audience, this nonfiction title focuses mainly on climate change and the disastrous effects, but it also shines a light on what young people are doing to combat it.

HOW TO FIND WHAT YOU’RE NOT LOOKING FOR
BY VEERA HIRANANDANI
KOKILA, 2021
ISBN: 9780525555032
Sixth-grader Ariel Goldberg is surprised by her parents’ negative reaction when her older sister marries a man from India who doesn’t share their Jewish faith. Set in 1967 Connecticut, this historical novel tackles racism, anti-Semitism, learning differences, and family strife.

JUST LIKE THAT
BY GARY D. SCHMIDT
CLARION, 2021
ISBN: 9780544084773
Set in the 1960s, the separate stories of Meryl Lee Kowalski and Matt Coffin weave together as they work to overcome grief and loneliness.
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