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Tween



Abbott, E. F. Sybil Ludington: Revolutionary War Rider. New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2016.
A fictionalized account of the sixteen-year-old girl, trained to handle a musket, who rode alone over forty miles in New York to bring out the militia before the Battle of Ridgefield.
FICTION

Anderson, Laurie Halse. Chains. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2010.
Sisters Isabel and Ruth are young girls who are promised freedom after the death of their slave master. Instead, they become property of a New York City couple. Isabel soon catches Revolution fever after meeting a young boy named Curzon who encourages her to spy on her owners. Together Isabel and Curzon strive for their personal freedom and the freedom of New York and their country.
2009 ALA Notable Children's Book
FICTION
Downloadable Format: DB 068396
Audio CD by Brilliance (2008), Playaway (2008)

Appel, Marty. Pinstripe Pride: The Inside Story of the New York Yankees. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2015.
Get the complete story of the Yankees, from Babe Ruth to Derek Jeter—with twenty-seven World Championships in between—in this home run of a middle grade adaptation of *Pinstripe Empire*.
NON-FICTION
Downloadable format: DB080923

Avi. Catch You Later Traitor. Chapel Hill, N.C.: Algonquin Young Readers, 2015.
It's 1951, and Pete Collison is a just regular kid in Brooklyn, who loves detective books and radio crime dramas. But when an FBI agent shows up at Pete's doorstep, accusing Pete's father of being a Communist, Pete is caught in a real-life mystery.
FICTION
Audio CD by Recorded
Books Playaway by
Findaway World

Avi. City of Orphans. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2011.

Maks is a newsboy in 1893 New York City, facing some big challenges. Not only is there someone out to take control of all newsies in the city, but now his sister has been wrongly accused of a crime. The reality of tenement life in New York City clearly comes through in this story about the life of immigrants.

Audio book by Prince Frederick, Recorded Books

(2011) FICTION

Baskin, Nora Raleigh. Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story. New York: Atheneum, 2016.

Four kids from different parts of the country are dealing with life, as they know it, before it all changes.

And then it changes...and we travel with these characters as they deal with the attacks.

FICTION

Brown, Dan. America Is Under Attack. New York: Roaring Book Press, 2011.

Brown presents a chronological look at the events on the morning of September 11, 2001, in watercolor illustrations.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 074337

Binder, Phil. The Unforgettable Season: The Story of Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams and the Record-Setting Summer of '41. New York: J.P. Putnum's Sons, 2011.

In the summer of 1941, New York Yankee Joe DiMaggio and Boston Red Sox Ted Williams set records that still stand today.

NON-FICTION

Bruchac, Joseph. Walking Two Worlds. Summertown, Tenn.: 7th Generation, 2015.

Hasanoanda was his Indian name. But in mission school he became Ely Parker. He encountered racism and deceit but did not give up his quest to walk between two worlds. This story explores the early education of a famous Native American who gained greatness in the white man's world while staying true to his Seneca people. FICTION

Bukiet, Melvin Jules. Undertown. New York: Amulet Books, 2013.

Crossing Manhattan en route to a sailing outing off Long Island, Timothy and Jessamyn are riding in Timothy's family's sailboat when it becomes detached from the family's truck. The sailboat ends up falling through a gaping construction site hole, beginning Timothy and Jessamyn's adventure beneath Manhattan.

FICTION

Burleigh, Robert. Edward Hopper Paints His World. New York: Henry Holt & Co., 2014.

As a boy, Hooper knew exactly what he wanted to be when he grew up: on the cover of his pencil box, he wrote "Edward Hopper, Would-Be Artist." He traveled to New York and to Paris to hone his craft. And even though no one wanted to buy his paintings for a long time, he never stopped believing in his dream.

NON-FICTION

Carman, Patrick. Floors. New York: Scholastic Press, 2011.

Leo Filmore, who lives in the basement of an old hotel in New York City, investigates the mysterious disappearance of the hotel's owner.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 019749

Connor, Leslie. Waiting for Normal. New York: Katherine Tegen Books, 2010.
Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 018148

Downloadable Format: DB 068286

Audiobook by Recorded Books (2008)

Christensen, Bobbie. Fabulous: A Portrait of Andy Warhol. New York: Henry Holt & Co., 2011.

A biography of famous New York artist Andy Warhol, flashing back and forth from his fame in New York City in the 1960s and his upbringing in Pittsburgh.

NON-FICTION

Danticat, Edwidge. Behind the Mountains. New York: Scholastic Paperbacks, 2004.

Writing in the notebook her teacher gave her, thirteen-year-old Celiane describes life with her mother and brother in Haiti as well as her experiences in Brooklyn after the family finally immigrates there to be reunited with her father.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 014941

DeFelice, Cynthia. Under the Same Sky. New York: Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, 2005.

To earn money for a coveted motorbike, young Joe Pedersen joins the Mexican laborers who work on his father's farm in upstate New York and soon discovers racism and romance while learning to see the world in a whole different way. FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 057189

DePrince, Michaela and Elaine DePrince. Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2014.

This memoir chronicles Michaela DePrince's remarkable journey from orphan in war-torn Sierra Leone to principal dancer with the Dance Theatre of Harlem.

NON-FICTION

Elliott, Lang. Guide to Night Sounds, A: The Nighttime Sounds of 60 Mammals, Birds, Amphibians, and Insects (with Audio CD), Mechanicsburg: Stackpole Books, 2004.

Recorded in the author's studio in Ithaca, NY, Elliott narrates the nighttime field recordings of birds, otters, frog croaks and various mammal noises. Illustrations and photographs accompany the hour-long CD.

NON-FICTION

Federle, Tim. Better Nate Than Ever. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2013.

Thirteen-year-old Nate Foster travels to Manhattan from his small town in Pennsylvania to audition for a Broadway musical based on the movie E.T. The author is a Broadway performer and director.

2014 Odyssey Award Honor Recording

2014 Stonewall Honor Book in Children's and Young Adult Literature

2014 Notable Children's

Book FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 076408
Audio available through Simon & Schuster Audio (2013)

Federle, Tim. Five, Six, Seven, Nate! New York: Simon & Schuster, 2014.
Now on Broadway as second understudy for E.T., Nate keeps in close contact with his best friend, Libby, as he faces his nemesis, Jordan Rylance, and his own insecurities as the cast member with the least training and experience. *2015 Odyssey Award Honor for the audiobook by Simon & Schuster*
FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 078334
Audio CD by Simon & Schuster (2014)

George, Jean Craighead. My Side of the Mountain. New York: Puffin, 2004.
Sam Gribley's great-grandfather owned land in the Catskill Mountains that had been uninhabited for years. Tired of living in the hustle and bustle of New York City, teenager Sam runs away to the Catskills in search of that land. *1960 Newbery Honor*
FICTION

Braille Format: BR 015070, BR 007885
Downloadable Format: DB 050211

Giff, Patricia Reilly. Lily's Crossing. Topeka: Tandem Library Books, 1999.
A vivid portrait of the home front in World War II, where a young American girl befriends a Hungarian refugee during the summer of 1944 in Rockaway Beach.
1999 Newbery Honor
FICTION

Braille Format: BR 017375
Audio CD by Listening Library (2005)

Goldblatt, Mark. Finding the Worm. New York: Random House, 2015.
In 1970 Queens, N.Y., Julian Twerski struggles to write an essay as punishment for an act he did not commit; worries about Beverly, the girl he likes; prepares for his bar mitzvah; and tries to cope with the serious illness of one of his closest friends. Sequel to Twerp.

FICTION
Audio CD by Listening Library (2015)

Graff, Lisa. Absolutely Almost. New York: Philomel Books, 2014.
Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, best at gym, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but new nanny Calista helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself as he transitions from private to public school in New York City.

FICTION
Downloadable Format: DB 079309
Audio available from Recorded Books

Graff, Lisa. A Tangle of Knots. New York: Philomel Books, 2013.
In a slightly magical world where everyone has a Talent, orphan Cady has a phenomenal Talent for cake baking. Now fate has led her to a mysterious address in Poughkeepsie, NY, that houses a lost luggage emporium, an old recipe, a family of children searching for their own Talents, and a Talent Thief who will alter her life forever.

FICTION

Green, Tim. Lost Boy. New York: HarperCollins, 2015.

Ryder searches for his lost father with the help of a New York City Firefighter, a signed baseball, and a letter. FICTION

Audio CD by Dreamscape Media

Grimes, Nikki. Jazmin's Notebook. New York: Puffin, 2000.

Jazmin is growing up during hard times in 1960s Harlem. She expresses hope for her future as she observes life around her neighborhood.

1999 Coretta Scott King Author Honor

2017 Laura Ingalls Wilder Award

FICTION

Audiobook by Penguin Group USA and Audible (2008)

Grimes, Nikki. The Road to Paris. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2006.

Paris Richmond, a biracial eight-year-old, goes to a loving foster home in New York while her ten-year-old brother Malcolm is sent to a boys' home. Paris must make a difficult decision when her birth mother wants to reunite the family. *2007 Coretta Scott King Author Honor*

2017 Laura Ingalls Wilder Award

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 066168

Audio CD by Recorded Books (2007)

Huey, Lois Miner. Forgotten Bones: Uncovering a Slave Cemetery. Minneapolis: Millbrook Press, 2015.

Details archaeological findings about slavery in America as revealed by the discovery of 13 skeletons in upstate New York that were identified as 18th-century African-American slaves who once worked at the nearby Schuyler Farm.

NON-FICTION

Hopkinson, Deborah. A Bandit's Tale: The Muddled Misadventures of a Pickpocket. New York, NY:

Alfred A. Knopf, an imprint of Random House Children's Books, 2016.

In March of 1887, Rocco, an eleven-year-old from an Italian village, arrives in New York City where he is forced to live in squalor and beg for money as a street musician, but he finds the city's cruelty to children and animals intolerable and sets out to make things better, whatever the cost to himself.

FICTION

Audio CD by Listening Library (2016)

Irving, Washington. The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. 1819.

Ichabod Crane, a schoolmaster from Connecticut, moves to the town of Sleepy Hollow to teach in a one-room schoolhouse. Ichabod soon becomes familiar with local lore involving a Headless Horseman. When Ichabod attempts to win young Katrina Van Tassel's heart, he finds himself falling prey to the legendary horseman.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 008876

Downloadable Format, as part of a collection of stories: DB 01673

Jeter, Derek. The Contract. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2014.

In Kalamazoo, Michigan, eight-year-old Derek Jeter, who dreams of playing for the New York Yankees, learns what it takes to be a champion on and off the field.

FICTION

Audio CD by Simon & Schuster (2014)

Kenney, Karen Latchana. David Karp: The Mastermind Behind Tumblr. Minneapolis: Lerner Publishing Company, 2013.

The story of the creator of Tumblr, David Karp who dropped out of school at age fifteen and lived in Tokyo by himself at age seventeen before returning to the United States to start his company.

NON-FICTION

Kent, Rose. Rocky Road. New York: Alfred Knopf, 2010.

Ma moves the family of Tess and her deaf brother from Texas to Schenectady, New York, where she uses their savings to open an ice cream shop in winter. (The book incorporates fun facts about ice cream.)

FICTION

Lewis, J. Patrick. Harlem Hellfighters. Mankato, Minn.: Creative Editions, 2014.

A regiment of African-American soldiers from Harlem journeys across the Atlantic to fight alongside the French in World War I, inspiring a continent with their brand of jazz music.

2015 Children's Notable Book

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB080704

Lupica, Mike. Hero. New York: Philomel Books, 2010.

Fourteen-year-old Zach learns he has the same special abilities as his father, who was the President's globe-trotting troubleshooter until "the Bads" killed him, and now Zach must decide whether to use his powers in the same way at the risk of his own life.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 072779

Audio CD by Penguin Group USA (2010)

Mann, J. Albert. Scar: A Revolutionary War Tale. Honesdale, Pennsylvania : Calkins Creek, An Imprint of Highlights, 2016.

Sixteen-year-old Noah Daniels wants nothing more than to fight in George Washington's Continental Army, but an accident as a child left him maimed and unable to enlist. He is forced to watch the Revolution from his family's hard scrabble farm in Upstate New York—until a violent raid on his settlement thrusts him into one of the bloodiest battles of the American Revolution, and ultimately, face to face with the enemy. A riveting coming of age story, this book also includes an author's note and bibliography.

FICTION

Mann, Elizabeth. Statue of Liberty: A Wonders of the World Book. New York: Mikaya Press, 2011.

The Statue was a gift from the French to pay tribute to all that is best about America. But it took years of planning, fundraising, and building to become a reality.

NON-FICTION

Marrin, Al. Flesh and Blood So Cheap: The Triangle Fire and its Legacy. New York: Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2011.

On March 25, 1911, the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York City burst into flames. One-hundred-forty-six people— mostly women—perished; it was one of the most lethal workplace fires in American history. This is a story of immigration and hard work to make it in a new country, as Italians and Jews and others traveled to America to find a better life.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 073753

Martin, Ann M. Rain Reign. Harrisonburg, VA: RR Donnelley & Sons Company, 2014. Rose Howard is a highly-functioning autistic fifth-grader who is obsessed with homonyms. When a storm creates a flash flood in her rural New York town, and her dog Rain is caught out in it, Rose must step outside of her comfort zone to look for her beloved pet.

2014 SLJ Best Books: Middle Grade

2015 Schneider Family Book Award

2015 National Book Festival – New York State Selection

FICTION

Audio CD by Brilliance Audio (2014)

Matti, Truus. Mister Orange. New York: Enchanted Lion Books, 2013.

In 1943 Manhattan, Linus Muller works at the family grocery store in the east 70s. When his oldest brother, Albie, leaves to fight in World War II, Linus takes over the grocery deliveries. One of his customers is an artist from somewhere in Europe who arranges to have a crate of oranges delivered every other week. Over the course of these deliveries, an intimacy develops between Linus and the man, whom he knows only by the name he gives him, Mister Orange. *2014 Batchelder Award 2014 Notable Children's Book*

FICTION

McKendry, Joe. One Times Square: A Century of Change at the Crossroads of the World. Jaffrey, N.H.: David R. Godine, 2012.

An illustrated look at the history of Times Square and the iconic building that gave it its name, from the space's origins as part of a farm next to a dirt path that would become Broadway, to the renowned intersection of today.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 076221

Meyer, Susan Lynn. Skating with the Statue of Liberty. New York: Delacorte, 2016.

In this follow-up to *Black Radishes* (Delacorte, 2010), Meyer continues the story of a French Jew named Gustave, now 12, who emigrates with his parents who safety in the United States during World War II. Based on memories from the author's father, the story rings true as Gustave starts school at the Joan of Arc Junior High in New York City. His challenges learning English and navigating American culture make for a difficult start for the protagonist, along with worries about his best friend, Marcel, whom he left behind in France to an uncertain fate.

FICTION

Mills, Wendy. All We Have Left. New York: Bloomsbury, 2016.

The story of two girls, one on September 11, 2001 and one “now”, and how one boy connects them.

FICTION

Moore, David Barclay. The Stars Beneath Our Feet. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2017.

It's Christmas Eve in Harlem, but twelve-year-old Lolly Rachpaul and his mom aren't celebrating. They're still reeling from his older brother's death in a gang-related shooting just a few months earlier. Then Lolly's mother's girlfriend brings him a gift that will change everything: two enormous bags filled with Legos. Lolly's always loved Legos, and he prides himself on following the kit instructions exactly. Now, faced with a pile of building blocks and no instructions, Lolly must find his own way forward.

2017 Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Award winner

FICTION

Murphy, Jim. The Giant and How He Humbugged America. New York: Scholastic Press, 2012.

In 1869, a farmer discovered the 10-foot-tall body of a man buried on his land in upstate New York. The Cardiff Giant, as it came to be called, became a national sensation and generated a buzz of epic proportions.

FICTION

Northrop, Michael. Book of the Dead. New York: Scholastic, 2015.

When Alex's mother, an Egyptologist at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, uses the Lost Spells from the Egyptian Book of the Dead to bring her son from the brink of dying, she also brings back five Death Walkers, leaving Alex and his best friend to find his mother and save the world. First in a series.

FICTION

Audio CD by Scholastic (2015)

Orgill, Roxane. Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph. Somerville, MA:

Candlewick Press, 2016.

When Esquire magazine planned an issue to salute the American jazz scene in 1958, graphic designer Art Kane pitched a crazy idea: how about gathering a group of beloved jazz musicians and photographing them? He didn't own a good camera, didn't know if any musicians would show up, and insisted on setting up the shoot in front of a Harlem

brownstone. Could he pull it off? In a captivating collection of poems, Roxane Orgill steps into the frame of Harlem 1958, bringing to life the musicians' mischief and quirks, their memorable style, and the vivacious atmosphere of a Harlem block full of kids on a hot summer's day. Francis Vallejo's vibrant, detailed, and wonderfully expressive paintings do loving justice to the larger-than-life quality of jazz musicians of the era. Includes bios of several of the fifty-seven

musicians, an author's note, sources, a bibliography, and a foldout of Art Kane's famous photograph

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB086926

Palacio, R.J. Wonder. New York: Knopf, 2012.

Auggie Pullman was born with severe facial deformities and wasn't expected to survive. But now, at 10-years-old, he's entering school for the first time in Manhattan. He learns to deal with his fear of his classmates and their taunting while trying to be just any other kid.

2014 3 Apples Children's Book Award

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 020338

Downloadable Format: DB 74228

Audio CD by Brilliance Audio

Paratore, Coleen. Dreamsleeves. New York: Scholastic, 2012.

Twelve-year-old Aislinn should be enjoying her summer, but instead she is relegated to full-time baby-sitter and housekeeper for her family, barely allowed to have any fun at all. Set in Troy, NY, this semi-autobiographical book is at times heart wrenching, but ultimately heartwarming due to Aislinn's indomitable spirit and her hopeful plan to get her father to stop drinking.

FICTION

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. Bird in a Box. New York: Little, Brown, 2011.

In 1936, three children meet at the Mercy Home for Negro Orphans in Elmira, New York. They're not all orphans, but all are dealing with grief and loss and following the boxing career of Joe Louis.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 019660

Audio CD by Listening Library (2011)

Potter, Ellen. The Humming Room. Feiwel & Friends, 2012.

Orphaned Roo Fanshaw is sent to live with her uncle in the Thousand Islands and becomes determined to solve the mystery of the secret room she discovers in his strange home. A modern version of Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic coming-of-age tale *The Secret Garden*.

FICTION

Downloadable Format:

DB 074785 Audio

available on Audible

Rhuday-Perkovich, Olugbemisola. 8th Grade Superzero. New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2010.

After half-heartedly joining his church youth group's project at a homeless shelter near his Brooklyn middle school, Reggie McKnight is inspired to run for school office on a platform for making a real difference in the community. FICTION

Riordan, Rick. The Lightning Thief. New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2005.

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea. His mother sends him to a summer camp for demigods on Long Island where he and his new friends set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 020213

Downloadable Format: DB 063443

Audio CD by Listening Library (2005)

Robinson, Sharon. The Hero Two Doors Down: Based on the True Story of Friendship Between a Boy and a Baseball Legend. New York: Scholastic Press, 2016.

Eight-year-old Steve Satlow is thrilled when Jackie Robinson moves into his Jewish neighborhood in Brooklyn in 1948, although many of his neighbors are not, and when Steve actually meets his hero he is even more excited--and worried that a misunderstanding over a Christmas tree could damage his new friendship. FICTION

Rowling, J. K. Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them. Pottermore Ltd., 2016.

When Magizoologist Newt Scamander arrives in New York, he intends his stay to be just a brief stopover. However, when his magical case is misplaced and some of Newt's fantastic beasts escape, it spells trouble for everyone... *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* marks the screenwriting debut of J.K. Rowling, author of the beloved and internationally bestselling *Harry Potter* books.

FICTION

Ruby, Laura. The Shadow Cipher. New York: Harper Collins, 2017.

“The pleasures of the novel go far beyond the crackling, breathless plot and the satisfaction of watching the puzzle fall into place. The book is shot through with humor, both laugh-out-loud and subtle.” —New York Times Book Review

FICTION

Romero, Kristina. Calling Extra. Kids Book Market, 2012

In 1899, 13-year-old Elsie Lutz is changed forever when her father is jailed for a crime he did not commit. Now alone, Elsie must fend for herself in turn-of-the-century New York. Tides change when she befriends Grin, a teenage newsboy with a kind heart and a mysterious past. Elsie soon finds herself wrapped up in the newsboy strike of 1899, a sweeping act of social activism led by children.

FICTION

Rubin, Susan Goldman. Music Was It: Young Leonard Bernstein. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2011.

What do you do when you have a dream and your father is firmly against it? If you are Leonard Bernstein, you rise to the level of the premier composer and conductor of 20th century America.

2012 YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults

NON-FICTION

Sandler, Martin W. Secret Subway: The Fascinating Tale of an Amazing Feat of Engineering.

Washington, D.C.: National Geographic Society, 2009.

By the mid-1800's, New York City was already a bustling center of business and commerce, glamour and excitement. But with all of this hustle and bustle came an incredible crush of horse-drawn traffic and noise. City streets were so clogged that it would take hours just to travel a few blocks. Native New Yorker Alfred Ely Beach was an entrepreneur and inventor, and he developed a plan: build tunnels under the city and install a pneumatic railway to carry passengers to their destinations.

NON-FICTION

Schmidt, Gary D. Okay for Now. New York: Clarion Books, 2011.

As a fourteen-year-old who just moved from Long Island to upstate New York, with no friends, an abusive father, and a louse for an older brother, Doug has everything stacked against him until he finds Lil, a friend and ally. Together, they find a safe haven in the local library, inspiration in learning about the plates of John James Audubon's birds, and an adventure on a Broadway stage.

2012 Odyssey Award (audiobook for children and/or young adults)

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 019362

Downloadable Format:

DB 073716 Audio CD by

Listening Library (2011).

Selznick, Brian. Wonderstruck. New York: Scholastic Press, 2011.

Having lost his mother and his hearing, 12-year-old Ben leaves his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he never knew in New York City. At the Museum of Natural History, he meets Rose, who is also looking for something. (Ben's story is told in words; Rose's in pictures.)

2012 Schneider Family Book Award

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 074157

Sharenow, Rob. The Girl in the Torch. New York: Balzer & Bray, 2015.

After her father is killed in Europe, Sarah and her mother immigrate to America--but when her mother dies before they get through Ellis Island, and the authorities want to send her back, Sarah hides in the torch in the Statue of Liberty. FICTION

Sheinkin, Steve. The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery. New York: Flash Point, 2010.

Few know that Benedict Arnold was one of the greatest war heroes: reckless, heroic, and driven. Packed with first-person accounts, astonishing battle scenes, and surprising twists, this is a gripping and true tale.

2011 Boston Globe - Horn Book Award for Nonfiction

2012 YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults

NON-FICTION

Braille Format: BR 019317

Downloadable Format: DB 074602

Smith, Betty. A Tree Grows in Brooklyn. New York: Harper Perennial Modern Classics, 1943.

This is the story of the Nolan family, including daughter Francie, and life in the Williamsburg slums of Brooklyn during the early part of the 20th century.

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 001620

Downloadable Format: DB 044769

Starmer, Aaron. The Riverman. New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2014.

Alistair is a good kid growing up in Thassaly, New York in 1989. When his neighbor Fiona asks him to write her biography, things start getting strange. According to Fiona, there is an alternate universe in her basement and a creature there is stealing the souls of children.

FICTION

Stead, Rebecca. Goodbye Stranger. New York: Wendy Lamb Books, 2015.

As Bridge makes her way through seventh grade on Manhattan's Upper West Side with her best friends, curvaceous Em, crusader Tab, and a curious new friend--or more than friend--Sherm, she finds the answer she has been seeking since she barely survived an accident at age eight: "What is my purpose?"

FICTION

Audio CD by Listening Library (2015)

Braille Format: BR020997

Downloadable Format: DB082093

Stead, Rebecca. Liar & Spy. New York: Wendy Lamb Books, 2012.

Seventh-grader Georges must adjust to moving from a house to an apartment in Brooklyn while his father attempts to start a new business and his mother takes on extra shifts as a nurse. Moreover, he is picked on at school and confronted by a boy who wants his help spying on another resident of their building.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 075502

Audio CD by Listening Library (2012)

Stead, Rebecca. When You Reach Me. New York: Wendy Lamb Books, 2009.

Set in New York City circa 1979, sixth grader Miranda begins to receive mysterious notes about the future; notes that are eerily reminiscent of her favorite novel *A Wrinkle in Time*.

2010 Newbury Medal winner

FICTION

Braille Format: BR 018568

Downloadable Format: DB 069837

Audio CD by Listening Library (2009)

Tarpley, Natasha. Harlem Charade. New York: Scholastic Press, 2017.

WATCHER. SHADOW. FUGITIVE. Harlem is home to all kinds of kids. It will take three of these kids to join forces to find out what happened to one of their own family members who was attacked one evening in his own neighborhood. While they are searching for the truth, they learn about an artist whose missing masterpieces are worth a fortune and these pieces may be hidden within the neighborhood. If they find these works, it may save the neighborhood from development by a politician who wants to turn it into Harlem World

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB087417

Weitzman, David. Skywalkers: Mohawk Ironworkers Build the City. New York: Roaring Book Press, 2010.

Read about the “Cowboys of the Sky,” the Mohawk ironworkers who risked death to construct some of the most famous bridges and buildings in the world, including the Empire State Building.

NON-FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 072692

Woodson, Jacqueline. Brown Girl Dreaming. Nancy Paulsen Books, 2014.

This memoir-in-verse recounts the childhood of Brooklyn author Jacqueline Woodson and what it was like to grow up as an African-American girl during the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s and 70s.

2014 National Book Award, Young People’s Literature Winner

2015 Coretta Scott King Author Winner

2015 Newbery Honor

2015 Robert F. Sibert Honor

NON-FICTION

Audio available from Listening Library

Woodson, Jacqueline. If You Come Softly. New York: G.P. Putnam, 2010.

Two 15-year-olds, Jeremiah (Miah) who is black, and Elisha (Ellie) who is white, meet during their first year at an exclusive New York prep school and fall in love. The teenagers must deal with the subtle and not-so-subtle bigotry that they are subjected to as a mixed-race couple.

FICTION

Downloadable Format: DB 063810

Zullo, Allan. Heroes of 9/11. New York: Scholastic, 2015.

Ten stories of the first-responders who risked their lives on September 11, 2001.

NON-FICTION