

**The Fessenden School  
Summer 2019 Reading List  
E.L.L.**

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## ADVENTURE

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**Hero** series Book 1: **Hero** by Jennifer Li Shotz

(also by this author: **Max: Best Friend, Hero, Marine**)

Ben and his retired search and rescue dog brave dangers to locate an injured runaway puppy. (intermediate)

**The One and Only Ivan** by Katherine Applegate

When Ivan, a gorilla, meets Ruby, a baby elephant, he decides to find her a better life. 2013 Newbery Medal. (beginning)

**Warcross** by Marie Lu

Emika Chen is a bounty hunter and a hacker in futuristic NYC. One night she hacks into an “unhackable” playoff game of Warcross (like Fortnite) and draws way more attention to herself than intended. (advanced)

**The Hunger Games** by Suzanne Collins

Katniss is pitted against teens from the other districts of her country in a televised fight to the death where she must decide whether to kill or be killed. First in a trilogy. (advanced)

**Can You Survive the Jungle?** by Matt Doeden

Your choices determine whether you live or die. (beginning)

**Spy School** by Stuart Gibbs

Ben leaves his public middle school to attend the CIA's secret Espionage Academy. Sequel: *Spy Camp*. (intermediate)

**Escaping the Giant Wave** by Peg Kehret

While vacationing in Oregon, an earthquake hits and Kyle must make life and death decisions for himself and his little sister before the incoming tsunami makes landfall. (intermediate)

**Overdrive** by Eric Walters

When a street race goes horribly wrong, Jake must make some hard choices. (beginning)

## BIOGRAPHY

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**The Red Bandanna** (Young Reader's Adaptation) by Tom Rinaldi

Welles Crowther didn't see himself as a hero. But on September 11, 2001 when his ordinary work day at the World Trade Center in New York turned lethal, he showed those around him how a true hero acts. (intermediate)

**Etched in Clay: The Life of Dave, Enslaved Potter and Poet** by Andrea Cheng

The story of a man, who lived enslaved in South Carolina in the early 1800's, who became a skilled potter and defied the law to record his life in clay. (nonfiction) (intermediate)

**El Deafo** by Cece Bel

In this graphic novel, Cece Bel retells her story of growing up with hearing loss, trying to make friends, and deciding that her awkward giant hearing aid gave her super powers. (graphic novel) (intermediate)

**Stolen Into Slavery: The True Story of Solomon Northup**

by Judy & Dennis Fradin

A free black man, Northup was kidnapped and forced into enslavement for 12 years in Louisiana until his friends rescued him. (nonfiction) (intermediate)

**X: A Biography of Malcolm X** by Jessica Gunderson

This graphic novel tells the story of Malcolm X's journey from his role as spokesperson for the Nation of Islam to his role as crusader for human rights. (nonfiction) (beginning)

**Black Elk's Vision: A Lakota Story** by S.D. Nelson

The story of the Lakota medicine man who fought at Little Bighorn and Wounded Knee. Includes many original photos. (nonfiction) (intermediate)

**Who Was Abraham Lincoln?** by Janet B. Pascal

A biography of America's sixteenth president. (nonfiction) (beginning)

**Who Was Steve Jobs?** by Pam Pollack & Meg Belviso

The biography of the college dropout genius who attended business meetings barefoot and created a technology empire. (nonfiction) (beginning)

## CLASSICS

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**My Side of the Mountain** by Jean Craighead George

A young boy relates his adventures during the year he spends alone in the Catskill Mountains. (beginning)

**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** by Roald Dahl

Charlie and five others win a guided tour of a legendary candy factory that no outsider has seen in 15 years. (intermediate)

**Hatchet** by Gary Paulsen

Brian's plane crashes in the Canadian wilderness and he must survive on his own with nothing but a hatchet. (intermediate).

**Edgar Allan Poe's Tales of Terror (Random House Stepping Stones edition)** by Les Martin

Four chilling tales adapted for easy reading: "The Masque of the Red Death," "The Cask of Amontillado," "The Tell-Tale Heart," and "The Pit and the Pendulum." (beginning)

**The Westing Game** by Ellen Raskin

Mysterious multimillionaire Samuel Westing reaches from the grave to make sixteen unlikely people compete in a game of his own devising. (Intermediate)

**Holes** by Louis Sachar

sequel: **Small Steps**

Stanley, sent to a boys' detention center, must dig holes all day long--what's the warden looking for? (intermediate)

**The Outsiders** by S.E. Hinton

A story of friendship; a gang of wealthy kids (socs) and a gang of "greasers" get into a fight with dire consequences. (advanced)

## HISTORICAL FICTION

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**Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales** series by Nathan Hale

Book 1: **One Dead Spy** (also by this author: **One Trick Pony**)

The author begins his series retelling the roughest, toughest, craziest stories from history with this tale of his namesake, Nathan Hale, America's first spy. (graphic novel) (beginning)

**Ghost Hawk** by Susan Cooper

At the end of a winter-long journey into manhood, Little Hawk returns to find his village has been the victim of a white man's plague. (advanced)

**Chains**

By Laurie Halse Anderson

Isabel must fight for freedom--and spy on the enemy-- for herself and her sister after she is re-sold into slavery to a Loyalist household during the Revolutionary War. (advanced).

**In The Footsteps of Crazy Horse**

by Joseph Marshall & James M. Yellowhawk

The story of the life of Crazy Horse, Lakota leader and warrior who stood with Sitting Bull against the US government, as told to Jimmy Maclean, a young boy struggling to understand his own Scottish/Lakota ancestry. (intermediate)

**Half a Man** by Michael Morpurgo

Michael has always been fascinated and afraid of his war-scarred grandfather, until he eventually spends his summers with him and learns the story behind the scars and the man beneath them. (intermediate)

**I Survived the Japanese Tsunami, 2011** by Lauren Tarshis

A huge earthquake and wave hit Japan while Ben is visiting, leaving him stranded alone. (beginning)

## HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

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**I Will Always Write Back** by Martin Ganda and Caitlin Alifirenka, with Liz Welch

This true story is based on a friendship that began in 1997 when a 12-year old girl is given a pen pal in Zimbabwe. Neither 14-year-old Martin nor Caitlin could have predicted how much their letters would change them. (nonfiction) (intermediate)

**Lost series by Tod Olson**

**Lost in the Amazon**

On Christmas Eve, 1970, when flying over the Andes mountains, lightning strikes her plane and 17-year-old Juliane finds herself alone in the largest rainforest on Earth. (intermediate)

**Through My Eyes** by Ruby Bridges

What would it be like to have to enter school every day through a crowd of people shouting at you, to be the only student in your first grade class? Ruby Bridges tells what it was like for her to be the first to integrate a school in New Orleans in 1960. (nonfiction) (intermediate)

**World War II Spies: An Interactive History Adventure**

by Michael Burgan

Describes the role spies played during World War II through reader's choices in the narrative. (nonfiction)(beginning)

**How to Be a World Explorer** by Joel Levy

Illustrated guide to exploring the world's biomes, including what to wear and pack for different conditions, how to escape hazards like quicksand, what animals to expect and stories of past discoveries. (nonfiction) (intermediate)

**Witches! The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem** by Rosalyn Schanzer  
Examines the famous Massachusetts witch hunt that took more than a dozen lives and ruined hundreds more. (nonfiction) (advanced)

**USA--Culture Smart!: The Essential Guide to Customs and Culture** by Gina Teague & Alan Beechey  
This book gives you some valuable and interesting insights into the culture and customs of the USA.

## HUMOR

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**Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Almost True Stories of Growing up Scieszka** by Jon Scieszka  
Funny stories of what can go wrong when one of your five brothers comes up with a "good idea." (intermediate)

**The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian** by Sherman Alexie  
Junior leaves his school on the Spokane reservation to attend the all-white school in town and faces challenges. (advanced)

**Fortunately, the Milk** by Neil Gaiman  
While picking up milk for his children's cereal, a father is abducted by aliens and finds himself on a wild and funny adventure through time and space. (beginning)

**Chomp** by Carl Hiaasen  
The difficult star of a reality TV show disappears while filming in the Florida Everglades. (advanced)

**Liar, Liar** by Gary Paulsen  
Kevin is very good at lying and doing so makes life easier, but when he finds himself in big trouble with his friends, family, and teachers, he must find a way to end his lies forever. First in a series. (intermediate)

**I, Funny** by James Patterson & Chris Grabenstein  
Resolving to become the world's greatest stand-up comedian despite less-than-funny challenges in his life, wheelchair-bound middle school student Jamie enters a local comedy contest. (beginning)

**Middle School: Get Me Out of Here** by James Patterson  
Rafe thinks he's in the clear from boring classes when he gets into art school, but he finds out the hard way that it's more competitive than he ever imagined! (intermediate)

## MYSTERY

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**39 Clues** series, various authors  
Book 1: **The Maze of Bones** by Rick Riordan  
Amy and Dan try to find the lost source of their family's power by decoding 39 clues throughout the world. (beginning)

**The Forbidden Stone (Copernicus Legacy, book 1)**  
by Tony Abbott  
Four friends receive a coded e-mail about a dangerous secret at the heart of a family member's death. (intermediate)

**Scat**  
by Carl Hiaasen  
An unpopular teacher goes missing after a school field trip to Black Vine Swamp. (intermediate)

**Greenglass House**  
by Kate Milford  
Greenglass House is a smuggler's inn run by Milo's parents. One night, before their winter holiday, unexpected guests begin to arrive and it becomes clear that the house is hiding something, and Milo is going to find out what. (intermediate)

**Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made**  
by Stephan Pastis  
Timmy launches a detective business with a polar bear partner in this funny mystery. First in a series. (beginning)

**The London Eye Mystery**  
By Siobhan Dowd  
A brother and sister overcome their differences to try to find their cousin, who disappeared in mid air while riding the London Eye ferris wheel. (intermediate).

## REALISTIC FICTION

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**As Brave As You** by Jason Reynolds  
When two city bred boys go to live in the country with their grandparents one summer, they learn a lot about chores (including picking up dog poop), family, and the real meaning of bravery. (beginning)

**Long Way Down** by Jason Reynolds  
"Jason Reynolds's fiercely stunning novel that takes place in sixty potent seconds—the time it takes a kid to decide whether or not he's going to murder the guy who killed his brother." -from Amazon (advanced)

**The Perks of Being a Wallflower** by Stephen Chbosky

Charlie is a "wallflower"-- he observes his high school world from a distance-- until he meets some new friends that change the way he (and they) see things. (8th or 9th grade rated , YA) (advanced)

**Fish in a Tree** By Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Ally has always tried to disguise her dyslexia but acting out, until a teacher helps her to see her true abilities. (beginning)

**Absolutely Almost** By Lisa Graff

He's not the smartest kid in school or the best at art or sports, but Albie is very determined to figure out what he excels at. (intermediate-advanced)

**The Cruisers** by Walter Dean Myers

Students caught in the middle of a mock Civil War learn the true cost of freedom of speech when they use their alternative newspaper, The Cruiser, to try to make peace. First in a series. (intermediate)

**Swindle** by Gordon Korman

After a collector cons him out of a valuable baseball card, Griffin puts together a band of misfits to steal the card back. First in a series. (intermediate)

**Chained** by Lynne Kelly

Hastin leaves his village in India to work as an elephant keeper, but many challenges await him, including trying to keep Nandita, a sweet elephant, safe from the cruel circus owner. (beginning)

**Because of Mr. Terupt** by Rob Buyea

Seven 5th-graders at Snow Hill School relate how their lives are changed for the better by their rookie teacher. Sequel: *Mr. Terupt Falls Again*. (beginning).

**My Life As a Book**

by Janet Tashjian

"Reluctant reader" Derek spends summer vacation learning a surprising amount, even though he doesn't complete his summer reading list. First in a series. (beginning)

**SCIENCE**

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**This Book Stinks! Gross Garbage, Rotten Rubbish and the Science of Trash** by Sarah Wassner Flynn

Photos, infographics and fabulous facts about what we throw away, ingenious ways to reduce, reuse and recycle, and what kids can do to take action and rethink the things we throw away. (nonfiction) (intermediate)

**Eruption! Volcanoes and the Science of Saving Lives**

by Elizabeth Rusch

Describes the work of volcanologists and their life-risking efforts to investigate dangerous volcanoes that pose threats to more than one billion people worldwide. (nonfiction) (advanced)

**Can You Survive Storm Chasing? An Interactive Survival Adventure**

by Elizabeth Raum

Presents life-or-death dilemmas and choices for the reader to choose from, including facing a tornado, hurricane, or flash flood. (nonfiction) (beginning)

**Human Body Theater**

by Maris Wicks

A unique explanation of human biology, told in several "acts.."(intermediate).

**Nature Attacks! (I Survived True Stories #2)**

by Lauren Tarshis

Four true stories of young people facing sharks, fires, killer jellyfish and a volcano. (intermediate)

**SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY**

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**The Hypnotists** by Gordon Korman

Jackson realizes he can control other people's' actions, with frightening results--especially when an evil man tries to use Jackson's skills for his own benefit. (intermediate)

**The Wild Robot** by Peter Brown

When a shipment of advanced robots washes up on the shores of an island, Roz is the only one not destroyed in the impact. She must learn to survive on her own and make peace with the frightened animal residents.(intermediate-advanced)

**Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell** by Chris Colfer

Twins Alex and Connor come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about. (advanced),

**20,000 Leagues Under the Sea** by Carl Bowen & Jules Verne

Scientist Pierre Aronnax and his trusty servant set sail to hunt a sea monster. With help from the world's greatest harpooner, the men discover that the creature is really a high-tech submarine with a mysterious leader, Captain Nemo. Graphic Novel adaption (beginning)

**The Unwanteds** by Lisa McMann

Every year in Quill, 13-year-olds are sorted into categories: the strong, intelligent Wanted go to university, and the artistic Unwanteds are sent to their deaths. Or so they're told. First in a series. (advanced)

**Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard: The Sword of Summer (book 1)** by Rick Riordan

Magnus Chase is growing up rough on the streets of Boston when his uncle tracks him down and tells him he's the son of a Norse god. (advanced)

**SPORTS**

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**Booked**

by Kwame Alexander

Nick's parents are fighting, his best friend is playing on a rival soccer team for the big tournament and the pressure from his parents to be the perfect kid is beginning to get to him... (beginning)

**Love of the Game**

by John Coy

Jackson has a rough start in middle school, with bullies on the bus and changes at home, but some good teachers, joining a club, and playing football soon turn things around. (beginning)

**Offsides**

by Erik E. Eskilsen

Tom, a Native American and a star soccer player, moves to a new high school and refuses to play for their team, the Warriors, because of their insulting mascot. (advanced)

**Ronaldo (World Soccer Legends Series)**

by Illugi Jökulsson

Biography of the soccer great. (nonfiction) (intermediate)

**Play Makers (Game Changers series)**

by Mike Lupica

Ben and his crew are challenged by newcomer Chase on the basketball court. (intermediate)

**Ghost** (Track series) by Jason Reynolds

Ghost walks onto an elite track team by chance, but will he ruin his own chance at success by making dumb choices? (intermediate)

**Ted & Me** (Baseball Card Adventure series)

by Dan Gutman

Stosh travels back in time to 1941 and meets Ted Williams, one of the greatest hitters in baseball history. (beginning)

Historical fiction is a literary genre in which the plot takes place in a setting located in the past. Although the term is commonly used as a synonym for the historical novel, it can also be applied to other types of narrative, including theatre, opera, cinema, and television, as well as video games and graphic novels. An essential element of historical fiction is that it is set in the past and pays attention to the manners, social conditions and other details of the depicted period. Authors also... The 10 Best Historical Fiction Books (Updated 2020). Some of literature's best books are in the historical fiction genre. Here are the books that are most demonstrative of the genre in 2020. By Emily Brett Published Jul 15, 2020. Spanning all eras of history, from prehistoric to markedly recent, and including both classics and newly published works, the genre of historical fiction includes a vast variety of work, as well as some of the most famous books of all-time. Historical Fiction is a story that takes readers to a time and place in the past. How far back in time does an author have to go for their work to be considered Historical Fiction? A good rule of thumb is a minimum of 50 years. The idea is to take readers out of the events of their lifetime. Most book lovers agree that Historical Fiction is the closest we get to actual time travel. What makes a historical novel believable is its setting. Historical Fiction is set in a real place, during a culturally recognizable time. historical-fiction historical romance fantasy love fiction historicalromance transmigration reincarnation regency history royalty adventure timetravel femaleprotagonist prince chinese rebirth king ancient princess. 1.2K Stories. Sort by: Hot.