

A Long Walk to Water (Sudan)

JF PARK, L.

When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, 11-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven.

Malini (Sri Lanka)

JF HILLMAN, R.

As the civil war heads towards its catastrophic end, Malini and her family are herded by Tamil Tiger troops towards the coast where they will act as human shields, along with thousands of other Tamil civilians.

A Million Shades of Gray (Vietnam)

JF KADOHATA, C.

In 1975 after American troops pull out of Vietnam, a 13-year-old boy and his beloved elephant escape into the jungle when the Viet Cong attack his village.

The Night Diary (India)

JF HIRANANDANI, V.

Shy 12-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her deceased Muslim mother in the pages of her diary.

Number the Stars (Denmark)

JF LOWRY, L.

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, 10-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from Nazis.

One Half from the East (Afghanistan)

JF HASHIMI, N.

When Obayda's father loses one of his legs in a bomb explosion, the family is forced to relocate from Kabul to a small village, where Obayda's aunt decides to invite good luck by dressing Obayda up as a boy, a bacha posh.

Orange for the Sunsets (Uganda)

JF ATHAIDE, T.

In alternating voices, friends Asha and Yesofu, one Indian and one African, find their world turned upside-down when Idi Amin decides to expel Indians from Uganda in 1972.

Playing Atari with Saddam Hussein (Iraq)

JF ROY, J.

For forty-two days in 1991, 11-year-old Ali Fadhil and his family struggle to survive as Basra, Iraq, is bombed by the United States and its allies.

Seacrow Island (Sweden)

JF LINDGREN, A.

Life in their rented summer cottage on Seacrow Island is sometimes happy, sometimes exciting, and sometimes tragic, but never uneventful for a Swedish author, his three sons, and 19-year-old daughter.

Secrets of Selkie Bay (Ireland)

JF THOMAS, S.

Selkie Bay is a place where the old legends seem very near, and 11-year-old Cordelia believes that her secretive mother is a selkie who has returned to the sea--a belief that offers some hope as she struggles to care for her two younger sisters and help her father makes ends meet in their home by the sea.

Skellig (England)

JF ALMOND, D.

Unhappy about his baby sister's illness and the chaos of moving into a dilapidated old house, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger who is something like a bird and something like an angel.

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Picture Books

The Best Tailor in Pinbauê (Brazil)

P TOLEDO, E.

When the factory owner decides to order working clothes abroad, Uncle Flores is out of work, but then Edinho, his nephew, comes up with a great idea, which helps Uncle Flores get work again.

Emmanuel's Dream (Ghana)

E-JB YEBOAH

The story of a West African youth who pursued an education, helped support his family, and became a record-setting cyclist in spite of a disability traces his ongoing achievements as an activist.

Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos (Mexico)

JB KAHLO, F.

A look at the relationship Frida Kahlo shared with her pets explores how her personal struggles and the animals influenced her art.

I Lost My Tooth in Africa (Mali)

P DIAKITE, P.

While visiting her father's family in Mali, a young girl loses a tooth, places it under a calabash, and receives a hen and a rooster from the African Tooth Fairy.

Saffron Ice Cream (Iran)

P KHEIRIYEH, R.

Rashin is an Iranian immigrant girl living in New York, excited by her first trip to Coney Island, and fascinated by the differences in the beach customs between her native Iran and her new home--but she misses the saffron flavored ice cream that she used to eat.

Waiting for the Biblioburro (Colombia)

P BROWN, M.

When a man brings to a remote village two burros, Alfa and Beto, loaded with books the children can borrow, Ana's excitement leads

her to write a book of her own as she waits for the Biblioburro to return.

Graphic Novels

Pashmina (India)

JF G PASHMINA

When Priyanka finds a mysterious pashmina in her house, she is transported to an India which may or may not be real, and goes in search of the reason why her mother left her homeland and the father she has never met.



Juvenile Fiction

Ahisma (India)

JF KELKAR, S.

When her mother is jailed for being one of Gandhi's freedom fighters, 10-year-old Anjali overcomes her own prejudices and continues her mother's social reform work, befriending Untouchable children and working to integrate her school.

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (Germany)

JF BOYNE, J.

Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.

Breaking Stalin's Nose (Russia)

JF YELCHIN, E.

In the Stalinist era of the Soviet Union, 10-year-old Sasha idolizes his father, a devoted Communist, but when police take his father away and leave Sasha homeless, he is forced to examine his own perceptions, values, and beliefs.

Bronze and Sunflower (China)

JF WENXUAN, C.

Taken in by a poor family in a rural village after the death of her father, Sunflower bonds with the family's child, Bronze, who hasn't spoken since being traumatized by a terrible fire.

The Dreamer (Chile)

JF RYAN, P.

A fictionalized biography of the Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, who grew up a painfully shy child, ridiculed by his overbearing father, but who became one of the most widely-read poets in the world.

The Green Bicycle (Saudi Arabia)

JF AL-MANSOUR, H.

Since girls do not ride bikes in Riyadh, 11-year-old Wajda has to scheme to get her own.

The Island at the End of Everything (Philippines)

JF HARGRAVE, K.

When the Philippine government takes over Culion, an island for people with leprosy, Ami is put in an orphanage on another island, where she finds a friend willing to help her return before her mother dies.

Listen, Slowly (Vietnam)

JF LAI, T.

Assisting her grandmother's investigation of her grandfather's fate during the Vietnam War, Mai struggles to adapt to an unfamiliar culture while redefining her sense of family.

The London Eye Mystery (England)

JF DOWD, S.

When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye Ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.

