#### **Greenglass House**

JF MILFORD

At Greenglass House, a smuggler's inn, twelve-year-old Milo, the innkeepers' adopted son, plans to spend his winter holidays relaxing but soon guests are arriving with strange stories about the house sending Milo and Meddy, the cook's daughter, on an adventure.

#### Fablehaven

YA MULL

When Kendra and Seth go to stay at their grandparents' estate, they discover that it is a sanctuary for magical creatures and that a battle between good and evil is looming.

## Everything Sad is Untrue: A True Story YA NAYERI

Khosrou, whom everyone calls "Daniel", shares the story of his family fleeing from Iran, the refugee camps of Italy, and his time in Isfahan to his middle school classroom in Oklahoma.

#### The Westing Game

JF RASKIN

The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

#### **Crown of Three**

YA RINEHART

Toronia, a kingdom composed of three realms, is wracked with civil war. King Brutan rules with an iron fist. The kingdom's only hope comes in the form of Brutan's illegitimate triplets, prophesied to kill the king and rule together in peace. Separated at birth and scattered throughout the realms, the triplets face a desperate fight to secure their destiny.

#### **Omar Rising**

JF SAEED

Seventh-grader Omar must contend with being treated like a second-class citizen when he gets a scholarship to an elite boarding school in Pakistan.

#### The Wednesday Wars

YA SCHMIDT

Set during the 1967-1968 school year, Holling Hoodhood finds his seventh-grade year `filled with many challenges as he spends afternoons with Mrs. Baker discussing the plays of Shakespeare, defends his tasty cream puffs from a determined bully, and prepares for his big debut in the school play--all while the issue of Vietnam looms on a daily basis.

#### **City of Ghosts**

JF SCHWAB

Ever since her near-fatal drowning, Cassidy has been able to pull back the "Veil" that separates the living from the dead and see ghosts. When her parents begin to film a TV series about the most haunted places in Edinburgh, Cass and her ghost companion Jacob learn a city filled with ghosts can be dangerous.

#### **Counting By 7s**

JF SLOAN

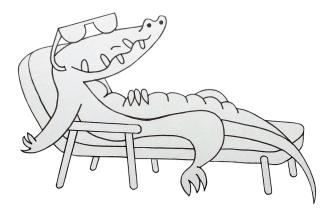
Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.

#### Loot: How to Steal a Fortune

JF WATSON

When Alfie McQuinn, the notorious jewel thief, is killed on a job, his last words to his son, March, are to "find jewels" and this instruction leads the boy to Jules, the twin sister he never knew he had--and the perfect partner to carry on the family business.

## 7TH AND 3TH GRADE BOOKLIST



# TRY OUT THESE BOOKS!



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#### The Poet X

YA ACEVEDO

When Xiomara Batista, who pours all her frustrations and passion into poetry, is invited to join the school slam poetry club, she struggles with her mother's expectations and her need to be heard.

#### The Crossover

JF ALEXANDER

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

### The Benefits of Being an Octopus JF BRADEN

Seventh-grader Zoey Albro focuses on caring for three younger siblings and avoiding rich classmates at school until her fascination with octopuses gets her on the debate team and she begins to speak out.

#### **Ender's Game**

YA CARD

An expert at simulated war games, Andrew "Ender" Wiggin believes that he is engaged in one more computer war game when, in truth, he is commanding the last Earth fleet against an alien race seeking Earth's complete destruction.

#### The Maze Runner

YA DASHER

Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.

## The Girl with the Ghost Machine JF DESTEFANO

Neglected by her father who spends all of his time building a ghost machine to bring her mother back from the dead, twelve-year-old Emmaline decides that the only way to bring her father back will be to make the machine work, or destroy it forever.

#### Each of Us a Universe

JF FERRUOLO

Twelve-year-old Cal and her new classmate Rosine, an immigrant from Central Africa, go on an adventure to the top of Mt. Meteorite where they learn about each other, themselves, and the magic friendship can bring.

#### The Graveyard Book

JF GAIMAN

After the grisly murder of his entire family, a toddler wanders into a graveyard where the ghosts and other supernatural residents agree to raise him as one of their own.

#### The Big Game

JF GREEN

Danny Owens is dedicating his seventhgrade football season to his recentlydeceased father, an NFL legend, but the pressure to succeed is magnified by his inability to read.

#### The Star that Always Stays

JF JOHNSON

When fourteen-year-old Norvia moves from Beaver Island to Boyne City in 1914, she has to contend with a new school, a first crush, and a blended family, but she also must keep secret her parents' divorce and her Ojibwe heritage.

#### **Howl's Moving Castle**

**YA JONES** 

Eldest of three sisters in a land where it is considered to be a misfortune, Sophie is resigned to her fate as a hat shop apprentice until a witch turns her into an old woman and she finds herself in the castle of the greatly feared wizard Howl.

#### Jennifer Chan is Not Alone

JF KELLER

When new classmate Jennifer Chan disappears after a bullying incident, 7th grader Mallory Moss searches for her while also reckoning with why she ran away and

the truth of her role in it.

#### **Operation Do-Over**

JÉ KORMAN

When a freak accident allows teenage Mason to be transported back to the seventh grade, he is determined to use this second chance to save his friendships, his dog, and to avoid Ava, the girl he is sure is the cause of all his problems.

#### **Whispering Pines**

JF LANG

When otherworldly forces descend on their town of Whispering Pines, conspiracy theorist Rae, who's searching for her lost father, and Caden, who's haunted by the ghost of his brother, must band together to save their home.

#### Freewater

JF LUQMAN-DAWSON

After escaping Southerland Plantation with his little sister, 12-year-old Homer becomes part of a secret community called Freewater, where he finally finds a place to call home and the courage to go back and free his mother from enslavement.

#### The Lost Year

JF MARSH

In the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, thirteen-year-old Matthew discovers a shocking secret about his great-grandmother's past as he learns about her life during the Holodomor famine in Soviet Ukraine.

#### Keeper of the Lost Cities

JF MESSENGER

At age twelve, Sophie learns that the remarkable abilities that have always caused her to stand out identify her as an elf, and after being brought to Eternalia to hone her skills, discovers that she has secrets buried in her memory for which some would kill.