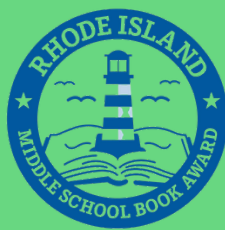




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- Look at its cover; does it look interesting?
- Read the inside flap or back.
- Read a book review.
- Read the first page or two.
- Ask a friend (or librarian) what the book is about.
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All the Blues in the Sky by Renee Watson

Blood in the Water by Tiffany D. Jackson

Boy 2.0 by Tracey Baptiste

Bye Forever, I Guess by Jodi Meadows

**Camp Prodigy* by Caroline Palmer

Find Her by Ginger Reno

Gloom by Jack Mackay

**How to Talk to Your Succulent* by Zoe Persico

The Ink Witch by Steph Cherrywell

Mystery James Dig her Own Grave by Ally Russell

Neshama by Marcella Pixley

Popcorn by Rob Harrell

Rabbit Rabbit by Dori Hillestad Butler & Sunshine Bacon

The Right Call by Tommy Greenwald

The Trouble with Heroes by Kate Messner

Ultraviolet by Aida Salazar

The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest by Aubrey Hartman

**Uprooted: A Memoir about what happens when your family moves back* by Ruth Chan

What is Color? by Steven Weinberg

Will's Race for Home by Jewell Parker Rhodes

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Realistic Fiction

Simon Sort of Says by Erin Bow
**Frizzy* by Claribel A. Ortega
Winnie Nash is Not Your Sunshine by Nicole Melleby
Efrén Divided by Ernesto Cisneros
**Weirdo* by Tony Weaver, Jr.
**Tegan and Sara: Junior High* by Tegan Quin & Sara Quin
The Other Boy by M.G. Hennessey
Turtle Boy by Evan M. Wolkenstein
Grow Up, Luchy Zapata! by Alexandra Alessandri
Dress Coded by Carrie Firestone
The Science of Being Angry by Nicole Melleby
**Truly Tyler* by Terri Libenson
Strange Birds: A Field Guide to Ruffling Feathers by Celia C. Pérez
Something Like Home by Andrea Beatriz Arango
Air by Monica Roe

Fantasy

Amari and the Night Brothers by B.B. Alston
Rialto by Kate Milford
Alex Wise vs. The End of the World by Terry J. Benton-Walker
The Curse of Eelgrass Bog by Mary Averling
**Hooky* series by Miriam Bonastre Tur
Here in the Real World by Sara Pennypacker
Scarlet Morning by ND Stevenson
A World Worth Saving by Kyle Lukoff
Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins
**The Bone* series by Jeff Smith
Savvy by Ingrid Law
Here Lies a Ghost by Shakirah Bourne
**Amulet* series by Kazu Kibuishi
Accidental Demons by Clare Edge
Percy Jackson and the Olympians series by Rick Riordan
**Nimona* by ND Stevenson

Science Fiction

**Oasis* by Guojing
The Wild Robot by Peter Brown
Felix YZ by Lisa Bunker
Cleo Porter and the Body Electric by Jake Burt
Sal & Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Hernandez
The Flicker by H.E. Edgmon.
I Am the Walrus (The N.O.A.H. Files #1) by Neal Shusterman
The Maze Runner series by James Dashner
Queso, Just in Time by Ernesto Cisneros
**Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur: BFF Vol. 1* by Brandon Montclare
Flood City by Daniel José Older
The Extraterrestrial Zoo by Samantha Van Leer
We're Not From Here by Geoff Rodkey
Weird Kid by Greg van Eekhout

Historical Fiction

Allies by Alan Gratz
Rebellion 1776 by Laurie Halse Anderson
The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Deep Secrets by Nikki Shannon Smith
The Blackbird Girls by Anne Blankman
Yonder by Ali Standish
The Lions' Run by Sara Pennypacker
The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani
Freewater by Amina Luqman-Dawson
The Lost Year by Katherine Marsh
Talking Leaves by Joseph Bruchac
Amber and Clay by Laura Amy Schlitz
**Hoops* by Matt Tavares
Show Me A Sign by Ann Clare LeZotte

Horror/Mystery

The Night Gardener by Jonathan Auxier
Riley's Ghost by John David Anderson
Blood in the Water by Tiffany D. Jackson
Book Scavenger by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman
Read At Your Own Risk by Remy Lai
Bone Jack by Sara Crowe
Graciela in the Abyss by Meg Medina
The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson
**Ghost Book* by Remy Lai
Thirteens by Kate Alice Marshall
Not Quite a Ghost by Anne Ursu
Spirit Hunters by Ellen Oh
City of Ghosts by Victoria Schwab
What Happened to Rachel Riley by Claire Swinarski

Nonfiction/Biography

**The Vanishing of Lake Peigneur: A Graphic Novel Based on a True Story* by Allan Wolf
The Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality by Jo Ann Allen Boyce and Debbie Levy
In the Shadow of Liberty: the Hidden History of Slavery, Four Presidents, and Five Black Lives by Kenneth C. Davis
An Illustrated History of Urban Legends by Adam Allsuch Boardman
Generation Brave: The Gen Z Kids Who Are Changing the World by Kate Alexander
Made in Asian America by Erika Lee & Christina Soontornvat
History Smashers series by Kate Messner
**Mexikid : a graphic memoir* by Pedro Martin
**Science Comics* by multiple authors

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