



READING LIST FOR GLOBAL STUDENTS 2023

KINDERGARTEN-GRADE 5

That's Not My Name

By Anoosha Syed

A debut picture book about loving your name, finding your voice, and standing up for yourself. Mama helps Mirha to see how special her name is, and she returns to school the next day determined to help her classmates say it correctly—even if it takes a hundred tries.

Fishing with Grandma

By Maren Vsetula and Susan Avingaq

Adventure begins when Grandma takes her two grandchildren out for a fishing trip to the lake. Grandma teaches them everything they need to know for a complete a successful fishing trip including how to make a traditional Inuit jigging rod.

The Most Magnificent Thing

By Ashley Spires

A charming picture book about an unnamed girl and her very best friend, a dog. The girl has a wonderful idea but struggles to make it just right. Her best friend helps her to be patient and eventually gets it just right.

Old Enough to Save the Planet

By Loll Kirby

Meet 12 young activists from around the world who are speaking out and taking action against climate change. Learn about the work they do and the challenges they face, and discover how the future of our planet starts with each and every one of us.

Those Shoes

by Maribeth Boelts

All Jeremy wants is a pair of shoes, just like the ones everyone at school is wearing, but his grandma tells him that they don't have room for "want," just "need". When his old shoes fall apart, he is more determined than ever. Eventually Jeremy sees that the things he has are worth more than the things he wants.

GRADES 6-8

Rez Dogs

By Joseph Bruchac

A verse novel set during the COVID-19 pandemic about a Wabanaki girl's quarantine on her grandparents' reservation and the local dog that becomes her best friend.

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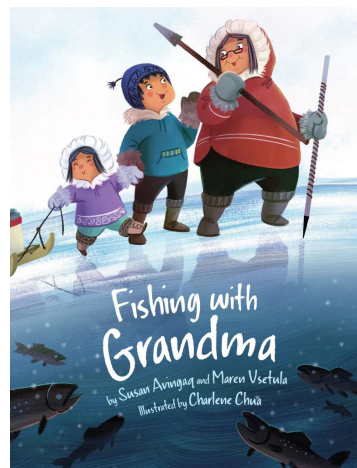
By Susin Nielsen

A story about family, friendship, and growing up when you're one step away from homelessness. Follow 12-year-old trivia genius Felix, from Vancouver, Canada, as he and his mother navigate their new circumstances. Trigger warnings: violence, substance abuse, and grief.

Front Desk - audiobook available on YouTube

By Kelly Yang

This big-hearted novel follows Mia, a young immigrant who lives at a motel where her parents are employed. Mia works at the front desk and uses her new-found writing voice to stand up for herself, her family, and the other immigrants and guests at the motel.





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GRADES 6-8 CONTINUED

Me and Marvin Gardens - audiobook available on YouTube

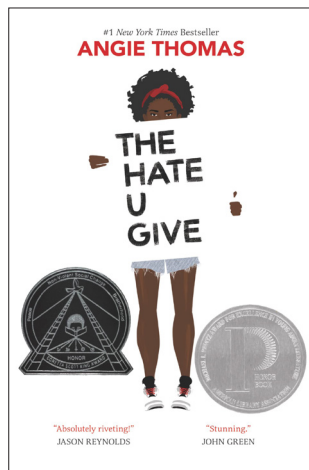
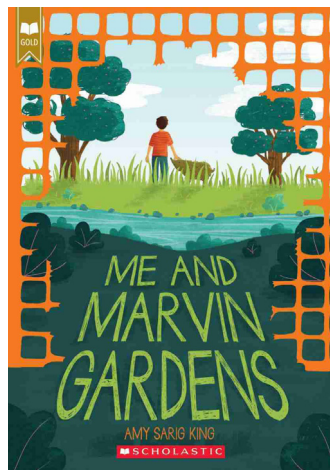
By Amy Sarig King

After Obe Devlin's family farm is taken over by developers, he meets a plastic-eating animal named Marvin Gardens. Obe must make some hard decisions to save his new friendship in this novel that asks important questions how we treat our planet.

A Good Kind of Trouble - audiobook available on YouTube

By Lisa Moore Ramee

Trouble-averse Shayla finds herself at a powerful Black Lives Matter protest, which inspires her to wear an armband in support of the movement. This is a story of a young girl's social justice awakening and shows how even small acts can make a big difference.



GRADES 9-12

Piecing Me Together

By Renee Watson

A timely and powerful story about Jade, a teen girl from a poor neighborhood, striving for success. Friendships, race, privilege, identity—this book explores the issues many young women face.

The Northwest Resistance

By Katherena Vermette

Volume 3 of the *A Girl Called Echo* graphic novel series

Echo travels back in time to 1885, a period of turmoil. The bison are gone, settlers from the East are arriving daily, and the Métis and First Nations of the Northwest face hunger and uncertainty as their traditional way of life is threatened. The Canadian government has ignored their petitions, but hope rises when Louis Riel returns to help.

 Manitoba author!

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind - Young Reader's Edition

By William Kamkwama

When a terrible drought struck William's village in Malawi, his family lost all of the season's crops, leaving them with nothing to eat and nothing to sell. Looking for solution, William explored the science books in his village library. There, he came up with the idea that would change his family's life forever: he could build a windmill. Movie available on Netflix.

The Hate U Give

By Angie Thomas

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Movie available on Disney+, for mature audiences.