



READING LIST FOR GLOBAL STUDENTS

KINDERGARTEN-GRADE 5

Iqbal And His Ingenious Idea: How A Science Project Helps One Family And The Planet

By Elizabeth Suneby

It's monsoon season in Bangladesh and Iqbal's mom must cook indoors over an open fire. For his school's science fair Iqbal designs a stove that doesn't produce smoke! Has Iqbal found a way to win the science fair and provide cleaner air for his family at the same time?

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Trailblazers

By Tiyahna Ridley-Padmore

Trailblazers introduces us to Canada's Black history through the under-told stories of incredible Black change makers. Some of these trailblazers saved lives through their bravery and some invented new ways of doing things. Each poetic short story will leave you feeling inspired, and ready to blaze your own trails.

Four Feet, Two Sandals

By Karen Lynn Williams & Khadra Mohammed

While living in a refugee camp in Pakistan, Lina is thrilled to find a sandal that fits perfectly - until she sees that another girl has the matching shoe. The girls realize that it is better to share the sandals than for each to wear only one, discovering the true meaning of friendship and sacrifice.

Not My Girl

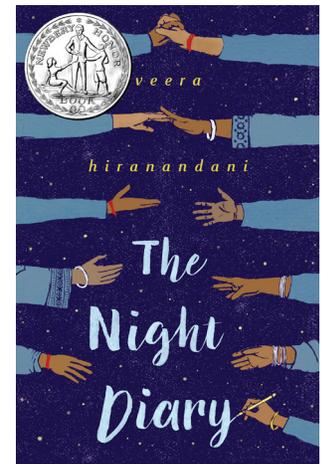
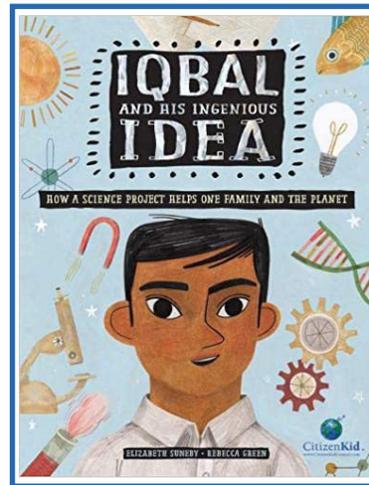
By Christy Jordan-Fenton & Margaret Pokiak-Fenton

Two years ago, Margaret left her Arctic home for school. She is excited to see her family again, but her years at school have changed her. She has forgotten her language and how to hunt and fish. Gradually, Margaret relearns the words and ways of her people and finds her place once more.

The Name Jar

by Yangsook Choi

Being the new kid in school is hard enough, but what about when nobody can pronounce your name? Having just moved from Korea, Unhei hopes that American kids will like her and tries out new names until the day she chooses a name for herself in front of her classmates.



GRADES 6-8

Stormy Seas: Stories Of Young Boat Refugees

By Mary Beth Leatherdale & Eleanor Shakespeare

Refugees risking their lives at sea has, unfortunately, made the headlines all too often in the past few years. This book presents five true stories, from 1939 to today, about young people who lived through the harrowing experience of setting sail in search of asylum and a new life.

The Night Diary

By Veera Hiranandani

It's 1947 and India has been separated into two countries: Pakistan and India. The divide has created much tension and half-Muslim, half-Hindu Nisha doesn't know where she belongs, or what her country is anymore. Nisha and her family become refugees and embark on a dangerous journey searching for home, identity, and a hopeful future.

The Breadwinner

By Deborah Ellis

Parvana lives with her family in a bombed-out apartment building in Kabul, Afghanistan. When her father is arrested the family is left without someone who can earn money or even shop for food. As things grow desperate, only one solution emerges. Forbidden to earn money as a girl, Parvana must transform herself into a boy, and become the breadwinner.



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GRADES 6-8 CONTINUED

Inside Out & Back Again - audiobook available on YouTube

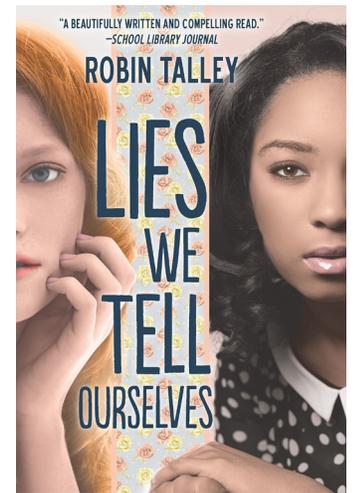
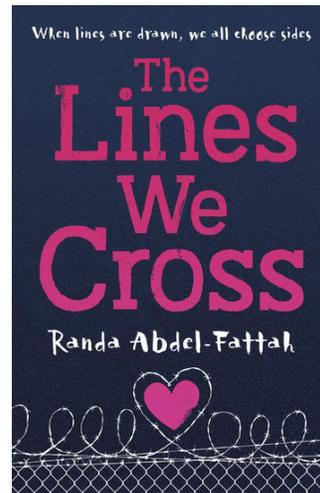
By Thanhha Lai

Inspired by the author's childhood experience of fleeing Vietnam after the Fall of Saigon and immigrating to Alabama, this coming-of-age debut novel told in verse has been celebrated for its touching child's-eye view of family and immigration.

Serafina's Promise

By Ann E. Burg

Serafina wants to go to school and become a doctor. But in her rural village outside Port-au-Prince, Haiti, many obstacles stand in her way. When an earthquake hits and separates her from friends and family, she encounters her biggest test of all.



GRADES 9-12

How To Change Everything - audiobook available on YouTube

By Naomi Klein

A guide to climate action and justice for young readers by bestselling writer and climate activist Naomi Klein. What if we could work to protect the planet, while also taking action to make life fairer and more equal for the people who live on it?

Dear Martin

By Nic Stone

Justyce McAllister is a good kid and an honor student—but none of that matters to the police officer who just put him in handcuffs. Justyce looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. But do they hold up anymore? He starts a journal to Dr. King to find out.

Weep Not, Child - audiobook available on YouTube

By Ngugi wa Thiong'o

Two brothers stand on a garbage heap and look into their futures: Njorge is to attend school, while Kamau will train to be a carpenter. But this is Kenya, and the times are against them. In the forests, the Mau Mau is waging war against the white government, and the brothers need to decide where their loyalties lie.

The Lines We Cross

By Randa Abdel-Fattah

Michael likes to hang out with his friends and play games online. His parents drag him to rallies protesting against the refugees flooding the country. And it all makes sense to Michael. Until Mina, a refugee from Afghanistan shows up at his school and turns out to be funny and smart. Suddenly, things seem much more complicated.

Lies We Tell Ourselves

By Robin Talley

In 1959 Virginia, the lives of two girls on opposite sides of the battle for civil rights will be changed forever. Forced to work together on a school project, Sarah and Linda must confront harsh truths about race, power and how they really feel about one another.