

# CHOICES

## Summer Reading Suggestions for grades 6-8

Reading is one of the most important lifelong skills we can develop in children. This list of summer reading suggestions was compiled by your librarians from the South Orange and Maplewood Middle Schools, Columbia High School, and the public libraries of Maplewood & South Orange. Physical copies are available at Maplewood Memorial Library, Hilton Branch Library, and South Orange Public Library as well as your local book store, but we have linked ebooks and eaudiobooks where available for ease of access. You can also read many of these books using your school account on [MackinVIA](#).

**Have a safe and enjoyable summer and Happy Reading!**



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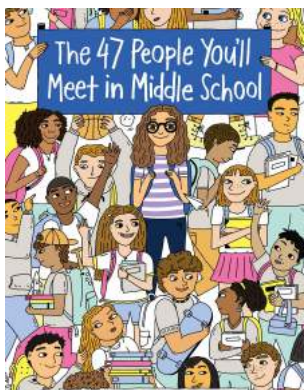


**Eryn Degnan**, MMS  
**Lora Tazewell**, SOMS  
**Suzanne Ng**, CHS  
**Jeffrey Cosgrave**, CHS

**Information Key**

	Series		Global & Diverse		Local Author
	Graphic Novel		Poetry		LGBTQ+
	Realistic Fiction		Historical Fiction		Sci-Fi / Fantasy

## FICTION



**The 47 People You'll Meet in Middle School**  
Kristen Mahoney  
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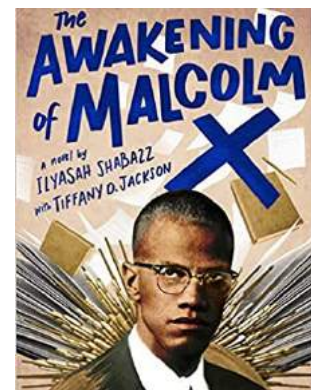
**All Together Now**  
Hope Larson  
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**All's Faire in Middle School**  
Victoria Jamieson  
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**Amal Unbound**  
Aisha Saeed  
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**The Awakening of Malcolm X**  
I. Shabazz  
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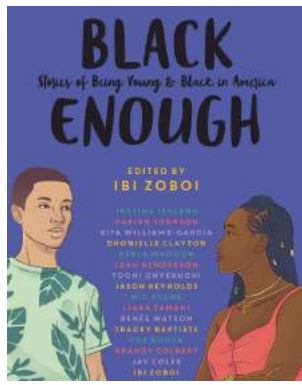




**Beyond the Ruby Veil**

Mara Fitzgerald

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**Black Enough**

Ibi Zoboi

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**Black Panther**

Ta-Nehisi Coates

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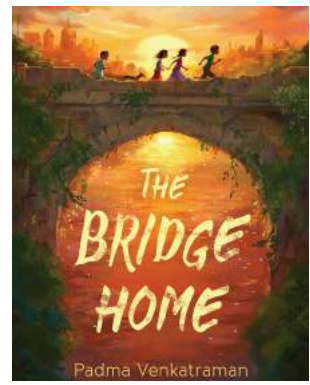


**The Bride was a Boy**

Chii

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**The Bridge Home**

Padma Venkatraman

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**Chirp**

Kate Messner

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**City of the Plague God**

Sarwat Chadda

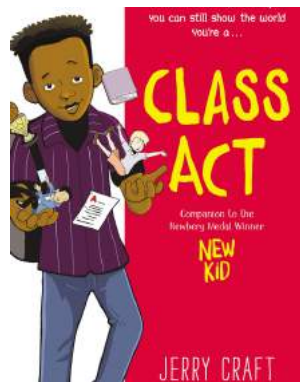
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**Clap When You Land**

Elizabeth Acevedo

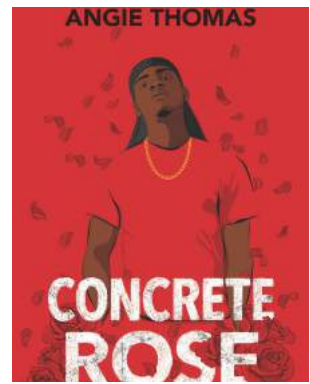
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**Class Act**

Jerry Craft

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**Concrete Rose**

Angie Thomas

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**Dear Haiti, Love Alaine**

Moulite sisters

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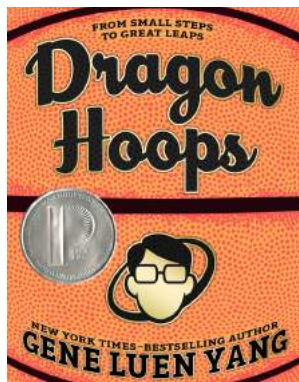
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**Dear Justyce**

Nic Stone

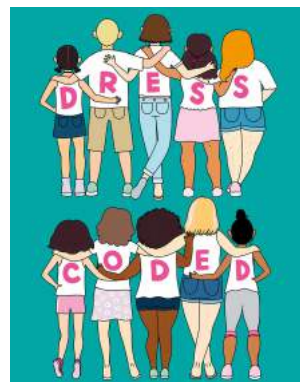
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**Dragon Hoops**

Gene Luen Yang

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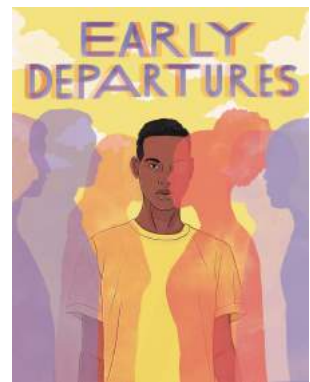


**Dress Coded**

Carrie Firestone

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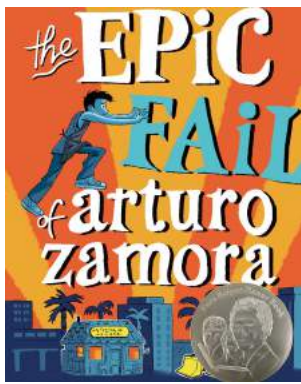
**Early Departures**

Justin A. Reynolds

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**The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora**

Pablo Cartayo  
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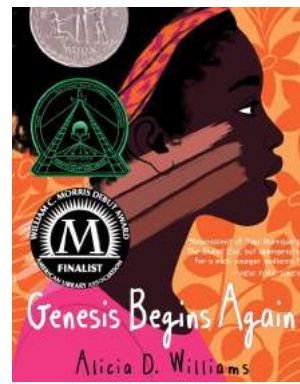
**Fearless**

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**Flamer**

Mike Curato  
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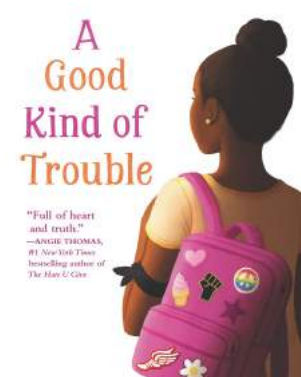
**Genesis Begins Again**

Alicia D. Williams  
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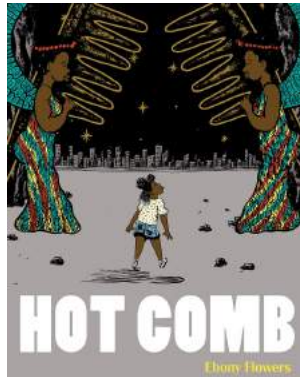
**The Gilded Ones**

Namina Forna  
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**A Good Kind of Trouble**

Lisa Moore Ramee  
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**Hot Comb**

Ebony Flowers  
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**I'm Not Dying With You Tonight**

Gilly Segal & Kimberly Jones  
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**Ikenga**

Nnedi Okorafor  
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**Kingdom of Sea and Stone**

Mara Rutherford  
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**Legacy & the Queen**

Annie Matthew & Kobe Bryant  
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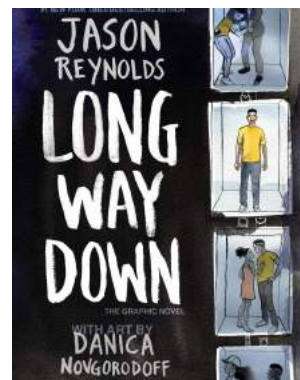
**The Lion of Mars**

Jennifer Holm  
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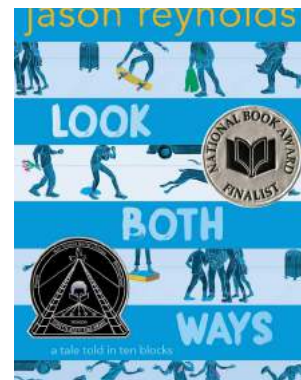
**The Long Ride**

Marina Budhos  
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**Long Way down**

Jason Reynolds  
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**Look Both Ways**

Jason Reynolds  
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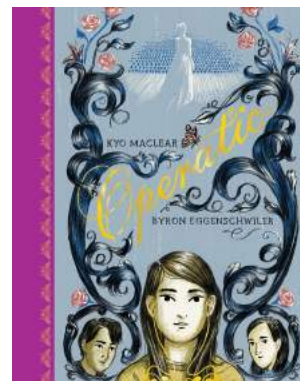
**Mad, Bad & Dangerous to Know**  
Samira Ahmed  
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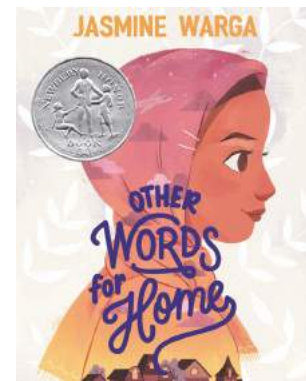
**The Magic Fish**  
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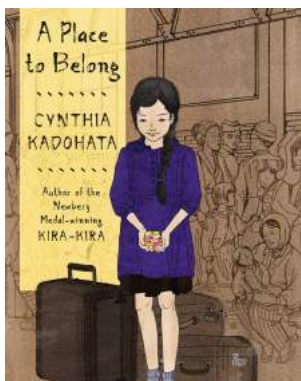
**Matasha**  
Pamela Erens



**Operatic**  
Kyo Maclear  
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**Other Words for Home**  
Jasmine Warga  
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**A Place to Belong**  
Cynthia Kadohata  
MML: [eBCCLS](#)  
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**Punching the Air**  
Ibi Zoboi & Yusef Salaam  
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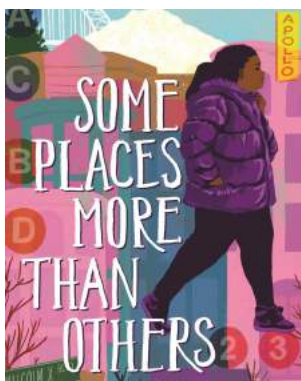
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Tochi Onyebuchi  
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**Sanctuary**  
Paola Mendoza & Abby Sher  
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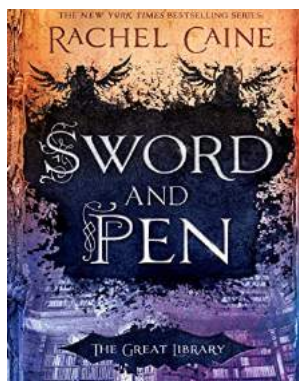
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Amy Chu  
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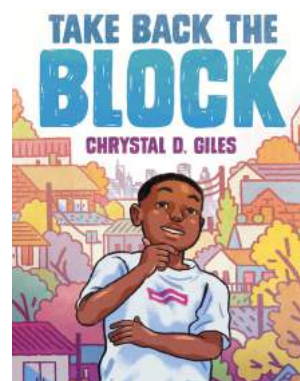
**Some Places More Than Others**  
Renee Watson  
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**Song for a Whale**  
Lynne Kelly  
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**Sword and Pen**  
Rachel Caine  
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**Take Back the Block**  
Chrystal Giles  
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**This Cover Won't Break**  
Isabel Sterling  
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**Three Keys**

Kelly Yang

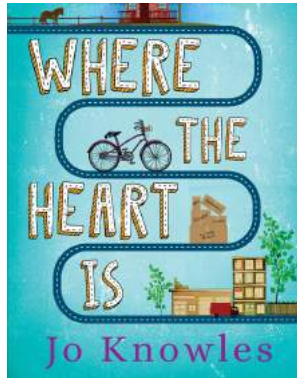
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**Thunder Run**

Daniel Jose Older

MML: [eBCCLS](#)



**Where the Heart Is**

Jo Knowles

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**White Bird**

R.J. Palacio

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**Who Put This Song On?**

Morgan Parker

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**Wings of Ebony**

J. Elle

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**Witchy**

Ariel Slamet Ries

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**You Should See Me in a Crown**

Leah Johnson

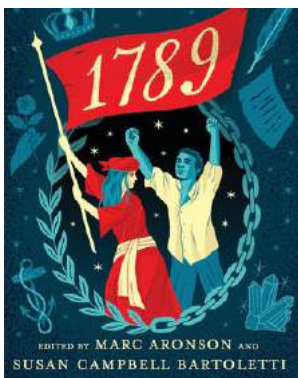
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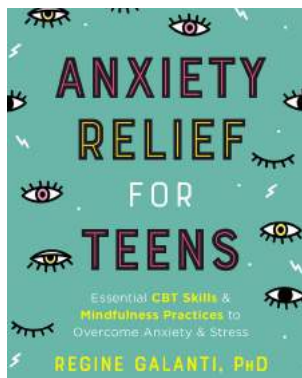


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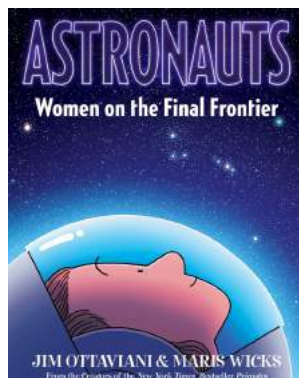
**1789**

Marc Aronson



**Anxiety Relief for  
Teens**

Regine Galanti



**Astronauts: Women  
on the Final Frontier**

Jim Ottaviani



**Displacement**

Kiki Hughes



**FAKE  
NEWS**

SEPARATING  
TRUTH  
FROM  
FICTION

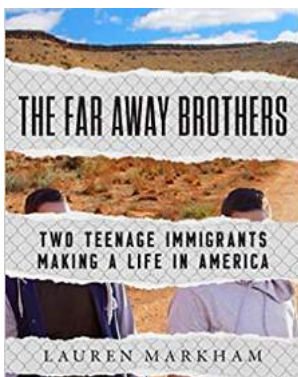
MICHAEL MILLER

**Fake News**

Michael Miller

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**The Far Away  
Brothers**

Lauren Markham

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**The Far Side of the  
Moon**

Alex Irvine

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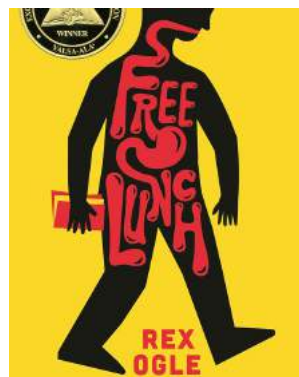


**Finish the Fight!**

Veronica Chambers

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**Free Lunch**

Rex Ogle

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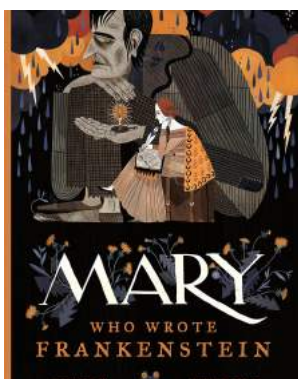


**THE MARS  
CHALLENGE**

THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF HUMAN SPACEFLIGHT

**The Mars  
Challenge**

Alison Wilgus



**Mary, Who Wrote  
Frankenstein**

Julia Sarda

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**GRETA  
THUNBERG**

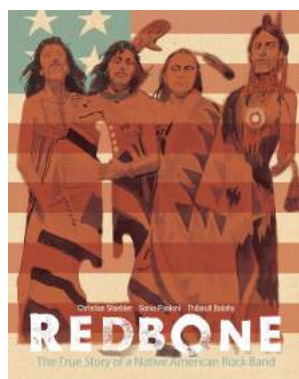


**NO ONE  
IS TOO SMALL  
TO MAKE  
A DIFFERENCE**

Greta Thunberg

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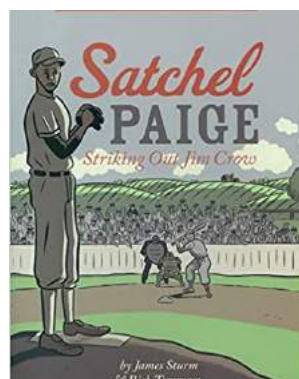
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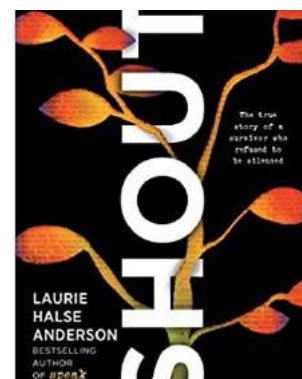
Christian Staebler

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**Satchel Paige:  
Striking Out Jim  
Crow**

James Strum



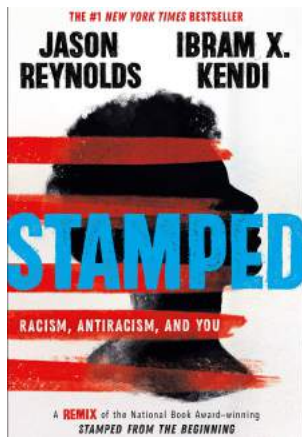
**Shout**

Laurie Halse  
Anderson

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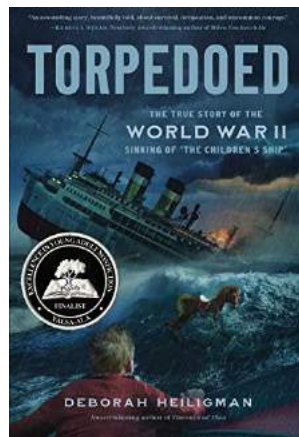
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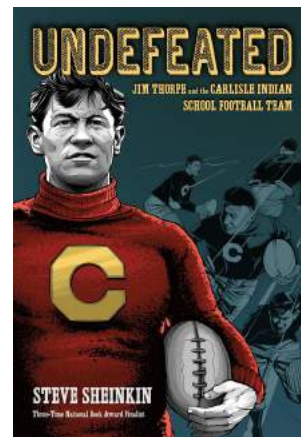
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Jason Reynolds &  
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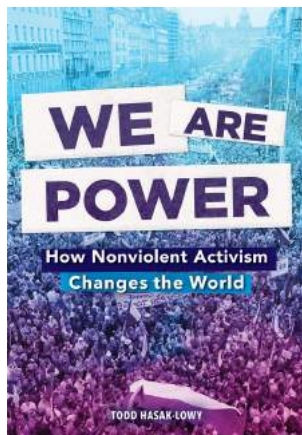
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Deborah Heiligman  
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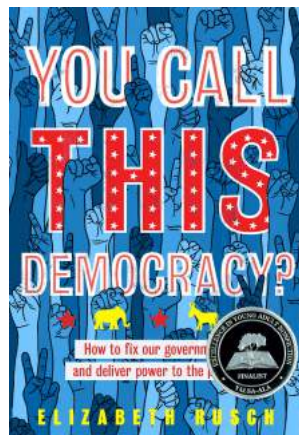
***Undeclared***

Steve Sheinken  
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***We Are Power***

Todd Hasak-Lowy  
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***You Call This Democracy?***

Elizabeth Rusch  
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***Your Brain Needs a Hug***

Rae Earl  
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