

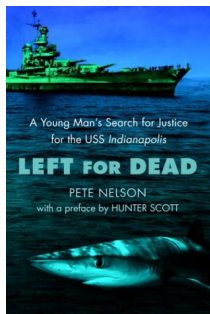
### ***Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar**

Everyone in town knows you the woods are off-limits. However, when Marshall takes a shortcut through the woods to avoid a bully, his friend Tamaya follows him. And so does Chad, the bully. When Chad and Marshall start to fight, Tamaya throws mud in his face to break it up. Little does she know that she is about to set off an ecological disaster. Sachar ties together current issues at local and global levels with witty writing to create a great book recommended by many sixth graders.



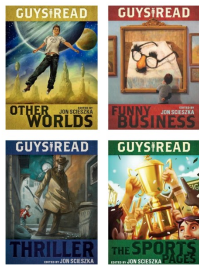
### ***The Reckoners Series* by Brandon Sanderson**

David is with his father at the bank the day the first Epic arrives in town and destroys everyone and everything in his sight, except for David. To avenge his father's death, David sets out to learn everything he can about Steelheart, the Epic responsible, and the Reckoners, the group that is fighting the Epics to save the world. Can he find the Reckoners and convince them to let him join the fight?



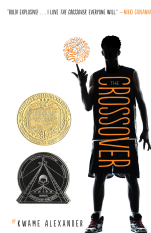
### ***Left for Dead* by Pete Nelson**

In 1945, in the heat of World War II, the USS Indianapolis was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine. Spoiler alert: The ship sinks and hundred die. But that's only part of the story. Years later, Hunter Scott, an eleven-year-old student, decided to investigate the naval disaster for his history fair project. This nonfiction book tells the whole story behind the sinking of the USS Indianapolis, the fate of its crew, and the court martial of its captain.



### ***Guys Read* by Jon Scieszka**

Fans of the *Stinky Cheese Man* and the *Math Curse* may enjoy these short story collections that are selected by Jon Scieszka, but were written by popular and famous young adult authors. Each collection focuses on a certain topic, such as sports, thrillers, or nonfiction so there are options for readers with many different interests.



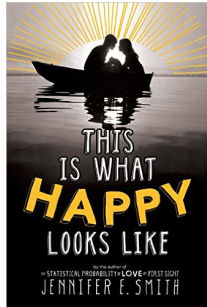
### ***Crossover / Booked / Playbook* by Kwame Alexander**

*Crossover* and *Booked* are both fast-paced books with realistic characters and action-based plots. They are also both written in verse, with very short chapters, making these popular, quick reads. In *Playbook*, Alexander has compiled a series of motivational stories from celebrities, Kwame Alexander provides words of wisdom that can guide readers both on the court and in life.



### ***Goodbye Stranger* by Rebecca Stead**

The author of *When You Reach Me* tackles contemporary issues in *Goodbye Stranger*. Bridge and her two best friends start 7th grade with one rule: no fighting. But can their friendship survive the drama of middle school? Issues with social media and boys might just force their rule to be broken.



### ***This is What Happy Looks Like* by Jennifer E. Smith**

Graham Larkin is a teenage movie star. After he accidentally sends seventeen year-old Ellie O'Neill an email about his pet pig, the two start talking online...about everything EXCEPT their real names. When Graham shows up in Ellie's hometown to film his next movie, he has to decide if he should reveal his true identity to Ellie. .



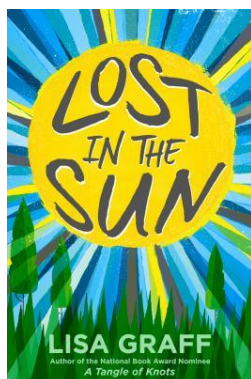
### ***Unlikely Warrior* by Georg Rauch**

This is not your typical World War II novel. The Jewish character ends up in the German army, not the resistance movement or a concentration camp. In this fascinating autobiography, Georg Rauch explains how he ends up in Hitler's army fighting the Russians and how he survived.



### ***To All the Boys I've Loved Before* by Jenny Han**

When Lara Jean's hatbox of treasures disappears, she is heartbroken. It was a special gift from her late mother. Lara Jean's heartbreak soon turns into humiliation. The love letters she had kept in the hatbox have been delivered to the boys she loved - including her older sister's ex-boyfriend and the most popular boy in school. Your heart will sink and sing with Lara Jean as she navigates the waters of middle-school romance. If you like this book, look for the sequel!



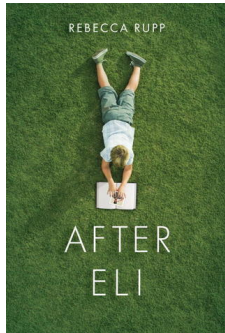
### ***Lost in the Sun* by Lisa Graff**

Trent Zimmerman went to play a pick-up game of ice hockey with some friends one winter day. He takes a shot and in a freak accident, the puck strikes another boy, stopping his heart and killing him. Of course it was an accident, but that doesn't make it any easier to endure the stares and whispers at school. Trent is so angry with people telling him to move on and to get over it, because he's caused something terrible to happen. Shouldn't he be allowed to feel terrible? With themes similar to *Wonder*, Graff provides readers with a powerful and realistic understanding of what Trent's life is like after the accident.



### ***Ghost* by Jason Reynolds**

Ghost is always running into problems. After a traumatic incident at home, Ghost can't seem to get away from trouble. One day as he's people-watching at the track, he challenges the fastest and best-dressed kid on the team, even though he's in old, thrift store high tops and a pair of jeans. Can Ghost make it onto the track? And if so, can he stay on track?



### ***After Eli* by Rebecca Rupp**

Danny's older brother holds the family together and serves as a father-figure to Danny, whose dad is never around. After 9/11, Eli joins the army and heads off to Iraq. He doesn't return. This is a powerful story about life after loss and how differently people deal with grief. However, it's NOT a tear jerker! There are some other great side stories about friendship and self-discovery that add humor to the story. Recommended to those who enjoyed *Wonder* or *Lost in the Sun*.



### ***Legend / Prodigy / Champion* by Marie Lu**

Fans of *The Hunger Games* and *Divergent* will find another great dystopian series in Marie Lu's *Legend* trilogy. The lives of fifteen-year-old military prodigy, June, and the slum thief, Day, collide when June's highly respected brother is murdered. In the highly regulated futuristic society of the Republic, June seeks revenge for her brother's death. In the process, she uncovers secrets that may cost her life, as well as Day's. If you enjoy the series, pick up Lu's other series, *The Young Elites*.