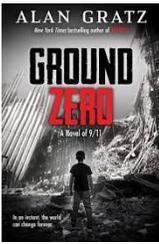


2022 Read Aloud Indiana Middle Grade List



Ground Zero by Alan Gratz



This is a very engaging historical novel describing the events of 9/11, told from the perspective of a young boy whose father works in the twin towers. Then in alternating chapters the reader is transported to Afghanistan 18 years later to see the effects of the war on a young girl and her family. Powerful, gripping and heart-wrenching!

Elatsoe by Darcie Little Badger



Elatsoe, Ellie for short, has a family secret: she can raise ghosts of the dead. After a family tragedy, Ellie travels to Willowbee to uncover the mystery behind her cousin's accident. Woven throughout are tales of her 6th-Great-Grandmother, a Lipan Apache, and her feats of bravery.

A Place to Hang the Moon by Kate Albus



William, Edmund and Anna are orphaned in World War II. All they want is a mother who thinks they hang the moon. As they are passed around from family to family, they build a relationship with the town librarian. Will they discover the home they long for? A love story to the power of family, perseverance, love, and libraries.

Verify by Joelle Charbonneau



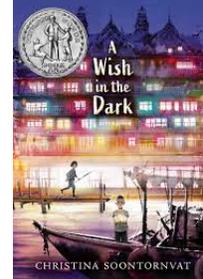
Words have incredible power. In a world where there are only facts, Meri Beckley begins to doubt their truth. She is pulled into a world where the authorities are controlling the narrative to the extent of removing entire words from the English language! Can she work with her secret organization to fight back?

Starfish by Lisa Fipps



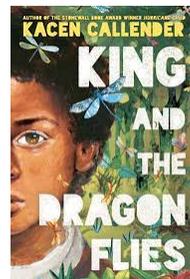
Eleven-year-old Ellie has struggled with others' perception of her weight and with bullying both at school and at home ever since she was dubbed "Splash" at her own 5th birthday party. Can she now let go of her Fat Girl Rules, learn to take up her own space, and "starfish?" This authentically voiced, compulsively readable novel in verse will appeal to anyone who has ever felt out of place in their own skin.

A Wish in the Dark by Christina Soontornvat



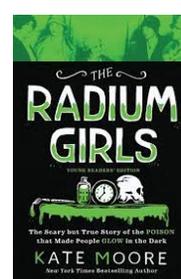
Imagine a world where all light is created and controlled by one man—the Governor. He who controls the light, controls the people and holds all of the power. Pong, a young man who was born in a prison camp, finally escapes to live his dream in the outside world. Unfortunately, Pong quickly learns that nothing is as it seems and that some people will do anything to keep the truth from coming into the light.

King and the Dragonflies by Kacen Callender



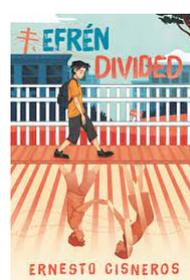
King is reeling from the losses of his older brother Khalid and the friendship of his best friend Sandy. When Sandy goes missing amid rumors he might be gay, King must face difficult truths about his own life and the lives of others in his small Louisiana town. A lovely story about loss and identity.

The Radium Girls: Young Readers Edition by Kate Moore



A shockingly true story set in the early 1900's. At the turn of the century, young women were thrilled to be making their own money painting watch dials that would glow in the dark. Tragically, close contact with the radium-laced paint caused young women to develop devastating and often fatal side effects. The dial painters fought for justice and saved innumerable lives.

Efrén Divided by Ernesto Cisneros



Efrén's world is turned upside down after his mother was caught up in an ICE raid and deported back to Mexico. With younger siblings at home and dad working two jobs, Efrén takes on a lot of responsibilities for a 12 year old. Follow along as Efrén and his dad make plans to get mom back home.

Trouble in the Stars by Sarah Prineas



They are a naive, friendly, shapeshifter and lost in space. The Captain calls them trouble and they embrace and take it on as their name--Trouble. Join the intrepid crew of the Hindsight as they set out on an adventure to discover who Trouble is and why the Intergalactic Police are after them in a rollicking adventure.