



## 2017-2018 BOOK LIST CONTINUED

For 4th-5th graders reading at a 7th grade level

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**One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance** by Nikki Grimes (J POETRY GRIMES)

In this collection of poetry, Nikki Grimes looks afresh at the poets of the Harlem Renaissance -- including voices like Langston Hughes, Georgia Douglas Johnson, and many more writers of importance and resonance from this era -- by combining their work with her own original poetry. Using "The Golden Shovel" poetic method, Grimes has written a collection of poetry that is as gorgeous as it is thought-provoking.

**Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution** by Ji-li Jiang (J 951.05 JIA)

An outstanding student and much admired leader of her class, Ji-Li Jiang was poised for a shining future in the Communist party until the Cultural Revolution of 1966. Told with simplicity, innocence and grace, this unforgettable memoir gives a child's eye view of a terrifying time in 20th-century history--and of one family's indomitable courage under fire.

**\*The Ruins of Gorlan (The Ranger's Apprentice #1)** by John Flanagan (YA FIC FLANAGAN)

When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.

**Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story** by Caren Stelson (YA 940.54 STE)

Fifty years after surviving the atomic bombing of Nagasaki as a six-year-old, Sachiko Yasui began to share her story. This moving work of creative nonfiction offers Yasui's account of life in wartime Japan, the "unspeakable seconds" of the bombing, her family's struggle to survive, the deaths of her siblings from radiation sickness, her thyroid cancer, and her decades-long struggle to find words as a hibakusha, a survivor of the bombing.

**Splendors and Glooms** by Laura Amy Schlitz (J FIC SCHLITZ)

When Clara vanishes after the puppeteer Grisini and two orphaned assistants were at her twelfth birthday party, suspicion of kidnapping chases the trio away from London and soon the two orphans are caught in a trap set by Grisini's ancient rival, a witch with a deadly inheritance to shed before it is too late.

**A Time to Dance** by Padma Venkatraman (YA FIC VENKATRAMAN)

In India, a girl who excels at Bharatanatyam dance refuses to give up after losing a leg in an accident.

**The Watch that Ends the Night: Voices from the Titanic** by Allan Wolf (YA FIC WOLF)

Recreates the 1912 sinking of the Titanic as observed by millionaire John Jacob Astor, a beautiful young Lebanese refugee finding first love, "Unsinkable" Molly Brown, Captain Smith, and others including the iceberg itself.

**This Same Sky: A Collection of Poems from Around the World** by Naomi Shihab Nye (J POETRY THIS)

A poetry anthology in which 129 poets from sixty-eight different countries celebrate the natural world and its human and animal inhabitants.

**Unidentified Suburban Object** by Mike Jung (J FIC JUNG)

Chloe Cho is a Korean American seventh-grader who would like to get in touch with many of the aspects of her heritage, but her parents are unwilling to talk about it--then when a class assignment forces Chloe to confront them directly, they finally tell her the truth about her family, which may just be too much for one girl to handle.

**We Will Not Be Silent** by Russell Freedman (J 943.086 FRE)

In his signature eloquent prose, backed up by thorough research, Russell Freedman tells the story of Austrian-born Hans Scholl and his sister Sophie. They belonged to Hitler Youth as young children, but began to doubt the Nazi regime. As older students, the Scholls and a few friends formed the White Rose, a campaign of active resistance to Hitler and the Nazis. Risking imprisonment or even execution, the White Rose members distributed leaflets urging Germans to defy the Nazi government. Their belief that freedom was worth dying for will inspire young readers to stand up for what they believe in.

*\* Asterisks denote one book of a series.*



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