

*A Night Divided* by Jennifer Nielsen.

**JF NIELSE J**

When the Berlin Wall went up, Gerta, her mother, and her brother Fritz are trapped on the eastern side where they were living, while her father, and her other brother Dominic are in the West. Four years later, Gerta sees her father on a viewing platform on the western side and realizes he wants her to risk her life trying to tunnel to freedom.

*Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell.

**JF ODELL S**

Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island, a young girl spends eighteen years, not only merely surviving through her enormous courage and self-reliance, but also finding a measure of happiness in her solitary life.

*A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park.

**JF PARK L**

When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven.

*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds.

**JF REYNOL J**

Aspiring to be the fastest sprinter on his elite middle school's track team, gifted runner Ghost finds his goal challenged by a tragic past with a violent father.

*Holes* by Louis Sachar.

**JF SACHAR L**

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

*Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team* by Steve Sheinkin.

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A great American sport and Native American history come together in this true story of how Jim Thorpe and Pop Warner created the legendary Carlisle Indians football team.

*Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg Sloan.

**JF SLOAN H**

Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.

*One Came Home* by Amy Timberlake.

**JF TIMBER A**

In 1871 Wisconsin, thirteen-year-old Georgia sets out to find her sister Agatha, who is presumed dead, and before the end of the year gains fame as a sharpshooter and foiler of counterfeiters.



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# RECOMMENDED READS FOR SIXTH GRADE



*The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander.

**JF ALEXAN K**

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

*Amari and the Night Brothers* by B.B. Alston.

**JF ALSTON B**

Thirteen-year-old Amari, a poor Black girl from the projects, gets an invitation from her missing brother to join the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs and join in the fight against an evil magician.

*The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi.

**JF AVI**

As the lone "young lady" on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, Charlotte learns that the captain is murderous and the crew rebellious.

*Almost Home* by Joan Bauer.

**JF BAUER J**

Sixth-grader Sugar and her mother lose their beloved house and experience the harsh world of homelessness.

*The Thing About Jellyfish* by Ali Benjamin.

**JF BENJAM A**

Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death.

*Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko.

**JF CHOLDE G**

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

*Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins.

**JF COLLIN S**

When Gregor and his little sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

*Flying Lessons*.

**JF FLYING**

From basketball dreams and family fiascos to first crushes and new neighborhoods, this anthology, written by award-winning children's authors, celebrates the uniqueness and universality in all of us.

*The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman.

**JF GAIMAN N**

Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard.

*Take Back the Block* by Chrystal Giles.

**JF GILES C**

Sixth-grader Wes Henderson sets out to save the Oaks, the neighborhood where he's lived his whole life, from being sold to a real estate developer.

*Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix.

**JF HADDIX M**

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.

*Night Diary* by Veera Hiranandani.

**JF HIRANA V**

Shy twelve-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her deceased Muslim mother in the pages of her diary.

*Song for a Whale* by Lynne Kelly.

**JF KELLY L**

Twelve-year-old Iris and her grandmother, both deaf, drive from Texas to Alaska armed with Iris's plan to help Blue-55, a whale unable to communicate with other whales.

*Beetle & the Hollowbones* by Aliza Layne.

**GN JF LAYNE A**

Twelve-year-old goblin and witch-in-training Beetle enlists her former best friend, Kat Hollowbones, to help stop Kat's sorceress aunt from demolishing the mall where Beetle's friend Blob Ghost is trapped.

*The Giver* by Lois Lowry.

**JF LOWRY L**

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

*Greenglass House* by Kate Milford.

**JF MILFORD K**

At Greenglass House, a smuggler's inn, Milo, the innkeepers' adopted son, plans to spend his winter holidays relaxing but soon guests are arriving with strange stories about the house sending Milo and Meddy, the cook's daughter, on an adventure.

*Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller* by Sarah Miller.

**JF MILLER S**

At age twenty-one, partially-blind, lonely but spirited Annie Sullivan travels from Massachusetts to Alabama to try and teach six-year-old Helen Keller, deaf and blind since age two, self-discipline and communication skills.