

Great New Books for 6-12 Classrooms

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Science, Technology, and the Natural World

Wolf, Allan. *The Vanishing of Lake Peigneur: A Graphic Novel Based on a True Story*. Illustrated by Jose Pimienta. Candlewick Press, 2025. 173 pages (978-1-5362-1743-8)

Yong, Ed. *An Immense World: How Animals Sense Earth's Amazing Secrets* (Young Readers Edition). Adapted by AnnMarie Anderson. Illustrated by Rebecca Mills. Bright Matter / Random House / Penguin Random House, 2025. 259 pages (978-0-593-81088-0)

Historical People, Places, and Events

Fleming, Candace. *Death in the Jungle: Murder, Betrayal, and the Lost Dream of Jonestown*. Anne Schwartz Books / Random House / Penguin Random House, 2025. 356 pages (978-0-593-48006-9)

Day, Nicholas. *A World Without Summer: A Volcano Erupts, a Creature Awakens, and the Sun Goes Out*. Illustrated by Yas Imamura. Random House Studio / Random House / Penguin Random House, 2025. 294 pages (978-0-593-64387-7)

Rosenstock, Barb. *American Spirits: The Famous Fox Sisters and the Mysterious Fad that Haunted a Nation*. Calkins Creek / Astra, 2025. 304 pages (978-1-63592-805-1)

Biography, Autobiography, and Memoir

Robinson, James. *Whale Eyes: A Memoir About Seeing and Being Seen*. Illustrated by Brian Rea. Penguin Workshop / Penguin Random House, 2025. 298 pages (978-0-593-52395-7)

Poetry

Todd, Traci N., selector. *This Is Not a Small Voice: Poems by Black Poets*. Illustrated by Jade Orlando. Nosy Crow, 2025. 127 pages (979-8-88777-204-2)

Fiction for Children

Bjerkeland, Ingvild. *Beasts*. Translated from the Norwegian by Rosie Hedger. U.S. edition: Levine Querido, 2025. 120 pages (978-1-64614-513-3)

Gidwitz, Adam. *Max in the Land of Lies*. (Operation Kinderspion, Book 2) Dutton / Penguin Random House, 2025. 341 pages (978-0-593-11211-3)

King, Wesley. *Benny on the Case*. A Paula Wiseman Book / Simon & Schuster, 2025. 278 pages (978-1-6659-3769-6)

Fiction for Young Adults

Griffis, Gigi. *And the Trees Stare Back*. Holiday House, 2025. 361 pages (978-0-8234-5912-4)

Boulley, Angeline. *Sisters in the Wind*. Henry Holt / Macmillan, 2025. 368 pages (978-1-250-32853-3)

Harlow, Abbie. *The Butterfly's Sting*. Greenwood / House of Anansi Press, 2025. 246 pages (pbk. 978-1-77946-001-1)

Emezi, Akwaeke. *Somadina*. Alfred A. Knopf / Random House / Penguin Random House, 2025. 296 pages (978-0-593-30907-0)

Oppel, Kenneth. *Best of All Worlds*. Scholastic Press / Scholastic, 2025. 245 pages (978-1-5461-5820-2)

Gill, Nikita. *Hekate: The Witch*. (Goddesses of the Underworld, 1) U.S. edition: Little, Brown, 2025. 364 pages (978-0-316-58182-0)

Shusterman, Neal. *All Better Now*. Simon & Schuster, 2025. 518 pages (978-1-5344-3275-8)

van Lieshout, Maria. *Song of a Blackbird*. First Second / Roaring Brook Press, 2025. 247 pages (pbk. 978-1-250-86982-1)

Kaufman, Amie, and Meagan Spooner. *Lady's Knight*. Storytide / HarperCollins, 2025. 416 pages (978-0-06-289339-0)