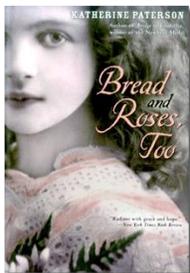


## Academy at the Lakes Student Choice Books – Grade - 8

All 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are to read this book:

***Bread and Roses, Too*** by Katherine Paterson

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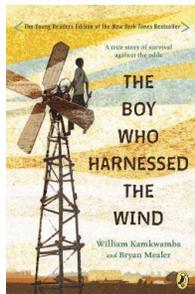


Paterson returns to the mills of New England (Lyddie, rev. 5/91) for this tale of two children caught up in the so-called Bread and Roses Strike of 1912 in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Jake, a "native-born," labors in the textile mills to purchase enough whiskey to keep his Pa from beating him. Italian immigrant Rosa goes to school, determined to make a better life for herself, while her mother and sister toil. Both Jake and Rosa are unwilling coattail participants in the labor action, the one carried along by co-workers, the other increasingly distressed by her striking mother's fervor, and both are equally unwilling evacuees to Barre, Vermont, as part of a program to help the children of the strikers

### Student Choice Books

**The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Young Readers Edition** by William

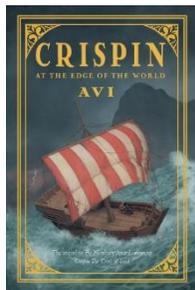
Kamkwamba ISBN-13: 978-0-14751-042-6



When heavy rains, then drought, hit Malawi, young William Kamkwamba used his scientific ingenuity to make a windmill and help people in need. Soon he dreamed of conquering darkness, pumping water to the villages, and fighting hunger. This young readers' edition of the same-titled adult memoir offers an inspiring, well-told true tale of one young man's passion for science making his world better.

***Crispin: At the Edge of the World*** by Avi

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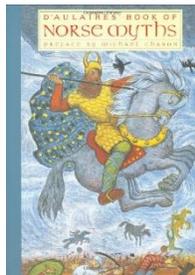


Crispin and Bear have set off to live their lives as free men. But they don't get far before their past catches up with them: Bear is being pursued by members of the secret brotherhood who believe he is an informer. When Bear is badly wounded, it is up to Crispin to make decisions about their future—where to go, whom to trust. Along the way they become entangled with an extraordinary range of people, each of whom affects Crispin and Bear's journey in unexpected ways. To find freedom and safety, they may have to travel to the edge of the world—even if it means confronting death itself

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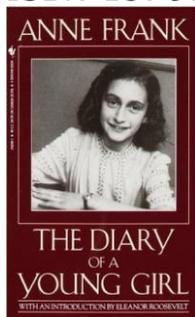
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***D'Aulaires' Book of Norse Myths*** by Ingri d'Aulaire and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire  
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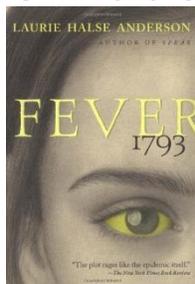
An introduction to Norse legends, telling stories of Odin the All-father, Thor the Thunder-god and the theft of his hammer, Loki the mischievous god of the Jotun Race, and Ragnarokk, the destiny of the gods. Children meet Bragi, the god of poetry, and the famous Valkyrie maidens, among other gods, goddesses, heroes, and giants. Illustrations throughout depict the wondrous other world of Norse folklore and its fantastical Northern landscape. Lavishly illustrated, this is a Caldecott Award winner.

***The Diary of a Young Girl*** by Anne Frank  
ISBN-13: 978-0-553-29698-3



In 1942, with Nazis occupying Holland, a thirteen-year-old Jewish girl and her family fled their home in Amsterdam and went into hiding. For the next two years, until their whereabouts were betrayed to the Gestapo, they and another family lived cloistered in the "Secret Annex" of an old office building. Cut off from the outside world, they faced hunger, boredom, the constant cruelties of living in confined quarters, and the ever-present threat of discovery and death. By turns thoughtful, moving, and amusing, her account offers a fascinating commentary on human courage and frailty and a compelling self-portrait of a sensitive and spirited young woman whose promise was tragically cut short.

***Fever 1793*** by Laurie Halse Anderson  
ISBN-13: 978-0-689-84891-9



During the summer of 1793, Mattie Cook lives above the family coffee shop with her widowed mother and grandfather. Mattie spends her days avoiding chores and making plans to turn the family business into the finest Philadelphia has ever seen. But then the fever breaks out. Disease sweeps the streets, destroying everything in its path and turning Mattie's world upside down. At her feverish mother's insistence, Mattie flees the city with her grandfather. But she soon discovers that the sickness is everywhere, and Mattie must learn quickly how to survive in a city turned frantic with disease.

***Love, Stargirl*** by Jerry Spinelli  
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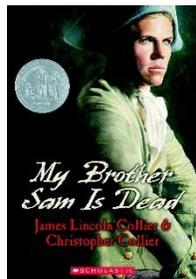


*Love, Stargirl* picks up a year after *Stargirl* ends and reveals the new life of the beloved character who moved away so suddenly at the end of *Stargirl*. The novel takes the form of "the world's longest letter," in diary form, going from date to date through a little more than a year's time. In her writing, Stargirl mixes memories of her bittersweet time in Mica, Arizona, with involvements with new people in her life. In *Love, Stargirl*, we hear the voice of Stargirl herself as she reflects on time, life, Leo, and—of course—love.

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***My Brother Sam is Dead*** by James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier

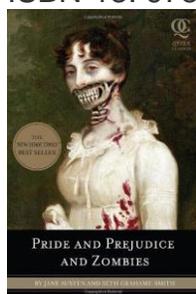
ISBN-13: 978-0-43-978360-6



All his life, Tim Meeker has looked up to his brother Sam. Sam's smart and brave -- and is now a part of the American Revolution. Not everyone in town wants to be a part of the rebellion. Most are supporters of the British -- including Tim and Sam's father. With the war soon raging, Tim know he'll have to make a choice -- between the Revolutionaries and the Redcoats . . . and between his brother and his father.

***Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*** by Jane Austen (Author), Seth Grahame-Smith

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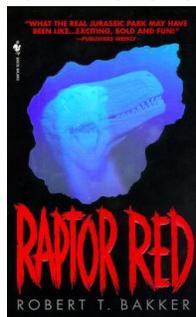


"It is a truth universally acknowledged that a zombie in possession of brains must be in want of more brains."

So begins *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*, an expanded edition of the beloved Jane Austen novel featuring all-new scenes of bone-crunching zombie mayhem. As our story opens, a mysterious plague has fallen upon the quiet English village of Meryton--and the dead are returning to life! Feisty heroine Elizabeth Bennet is determined to wipe out the zombie menace, but she's soon distracted by the arrival of the haughty and arrogant Mr. Darcy. Can Elizabeth vanquish the spawn of Satan? And overcome the social prejudices of the class-conscious landed gentry?

***Raptor Red*** by Robert T. Bakker

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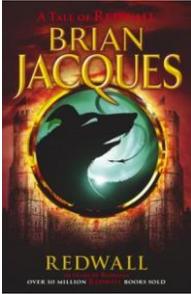
The time is 120 million years ago, the place is the plains of prehistoric Utah, and the unforgettable heroine is a female Raptor dinosaur named Raptor Red. Leading paleontologist Robert T. Bakker tells his story from within Raptor Red's extraordinary mind, dramatizing his revolutionary theories in this exciting tale. From a tragic loss to the fierce struggle for survival to a daring migration to the Pacific Ocean to escape a deadly new predator, *Raptor Red* combines fact and fiction to capture for the first time the thoughts, emotions, and behaviors of the most magnificent, enigmatic creatures ever to walk the face of the earth.

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**Redwall** by Brian Jacques

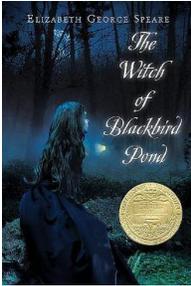
ISBN-13: 978-0-14-230237-8



When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy

**The Witch of Blackbird Pond** by Elizabeth George Speare

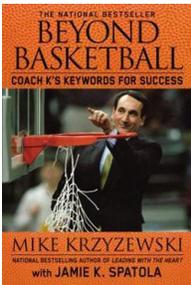
ISBN-13: 978-0-547-55029-9



Sixteen-year-old Kit Tyler is marked by suspicion and disapproval from the moment she arrives on the unfamiliar shores of colonial Connecticut in 1687. Alone and desperate, she has been forced to leave her beloved home on the island of Barbados and join a family she has never met. Torn between her quest for belonging and her desire to be true to herself, Kit struggles to survive in a hostile place. Just when it seems she must give up, she finds a kindred spirit. But Kit's friendship with Hannah Tupper, believed by the colonists to be a witch, proves more taboo than she could have imagined and ultimately forces Kit to choose between her heart and her duty.

**Beyond Basketball: Coach K's Keywords for Success** by Mike Krzyzewski

ISBN-13: 978-0-446-58187-5



The Duke University men's basketball team has served as the gold standard in college athletics for well over two decades - and that's all because of the extraordinary impact of Mike Krzyzewski, the highly-respected coach of the Duke squad. This book is a collection of essays that reveal his personal philosophy on winning, losing, and sportsmanship, as well as lessons on doing the right thing, leadership, accountability, and responsibility.