

# All Together Now

## Suggested Books and Authors for 6th Graders

### JUVENILE FICTION

Smith, Cynthia Leitich (editor)  
**Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids (Short Stories)**  
Intersecting short stories by Native American authors.

Cartaya, Pablo  
**The Last Beekeeper**  
Yolanda reintroduces “extinct” honeybees to save a climate-ravaged world in the future.

Cho, John  
**Troublemaker**  
When the city erupts in racial violence, Jordan risks his life to protect his dad at their family store.

Cisneros, Ernesto  
**Falling Short**  
Best friends begin to drift apart as they enter middle school.

DiCamillo, Kate  
**The Beatryce Prophecy**  
A 10-year-old princess in the Middle Ages is pursued by the king’s soldiers because she can read.

Forman, Gayle  
**Frankie & Bug**  
Two new friends support each other’s self-discoveries in the summer of 1987.

Harrington, C. C.  
**Wildoak**  
A girl with a stutter tries to rescue an abandoned snow leopard in the English countryside.

Higuera, Donna Barba  
**Lupe Wong Won’t Dance**  
Lupe Wong is a future Major Leagues star, but can she conquer middle school square dancing to maintain straight A’s?

LeZotte, Ann Clare  
**Set Me Free**  
A deaf, 19th-century teenaged girl discovers dangerous secrets while teaching a younger girl who is also deaf.

Lucas, Chad  
**Thanks a Lot, Universe**  
Brian and his brother are placed in foster care after a family crisis, and his friend Ezra realizes he may have a crush on Brian.

Mbalia, Kwame and Makonnen, Prince Joel  
**Last Gate of the Emperor**  
An underground augmented reality gamer becomes involved in a galactic war.

Oshiro, Mark  
**The Insiders**  
Fleeing from bullies, twelve-year-old Héctor Muñoz discovers a magical closet and makes new friends.

Park, Linda Sue  
**The One Thing You’d Save**  
A middle school class debates the one thing they’d save if their house were on fire. Inspired by a form of Korean poetry.

Piñeiro, Victor  
**Time Villains (Time Villains)**  
Homework and a magic table lead Javi, Brady, and Wiki to surprising encounters with the bloodthirsty pirate Blackbeard and other historical people.

Rhodes, Jewell Parker  
**Black Brother, Black Brother**  
When a racist school bully gets Donte arrested, he decides to beat the boy at his own game—fencing.



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Rivera, Kaela

### Cece Rios and the Desert of Souls (Cece Rios)

When her sister is kidnapped, Cece defies local superstition and tries to use the forbidden art of brujeria to rescue her.

Soontornvat, Christina

### A Wish in the Dark

While pursued by his jailer's daughter, a fugitive becomes intertwined with a movement to overthrow The Governor.

Woodson, Jacqueline

### Before the Ever After

ZJ must cope when his father, a newly-retired professional football player, suffers debilitating headaches and memory loss. A novel in verse.

## GRAPHIC NOVEL

Bunn, Cullen

### The Ghoul Next Door

When Grey starts receiving ghoulish gifts from a secret admirer, he feels like eyes are watching his every move.

Chanani, Nidhi

### Jukebox

As Shaheen investigates her father's disappearance, a mysterious jukebox and old vinyl records send her on a time-travelling journey.

Christmas, Johnnie

### Swim Team

Bree can't swim, but she's stuck doing the swimming elective at school.

Cooke, Stephanie

### ParaNorthern: And the Chaos Bunny A-Hop-Calypse (ParaNorthern)

A witch, a wolf-girl, a ghost, and a pumpkinhead try to save their town when it's overrun by adorable (but rabid) chaos bunnies.

Hosler, Jay

### The Way of the Hive: A Honeybee's Story

Join new honeybee Nyuki as she learns about the ways of honeybees.

Jamieson, Victoria &

Mohamed, Omar

### When Stars Are Scattered

In a refugee camp, a Somali boy faces a choice between his own education or caring for his ailing brother. Based on a true story.

Mercado, Yehudi

### Chunky

A young boy's imaginary friend helps him pursue his dream, despite his parents' wishes.

## NON-FICTION

J 155.518 HAM

### Body Image: How to Love Yourself, Live Life to the Fullest, and Celebrate All Kinds of Bodies (A Smart Girl's Guide)

J 629.45 ROACH

### Packing for Mars for Kids

J 629.45 SIEGEL

### To Fly Among the Stars: The Hidden Story of the Fight for Women Astronauts

J 910.45 LEWIS

### Pirate Queens: Dauntless Women Who Dared to Rule the High Seas

J 973.0496 ZOBOI

### The People Remember

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