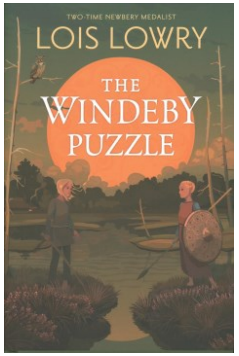

The Windeby Puzzle
by Lois Lowry
Estrild is not like the other girls in her village; she wants to be a warrior. Varick, the orphan boy who helps her train in spite of his twisted back, also stands apart. In a world where differences are poorly tolerated, just how much danger are they in?
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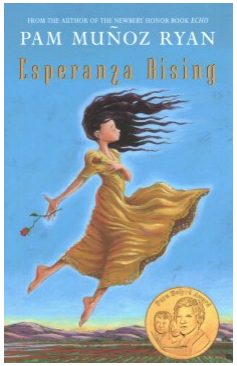

Esperanza Rising
by Pam Munoz Ryan
Esperanza and her mom are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps in California, where they must adapt to harsh circumstances.
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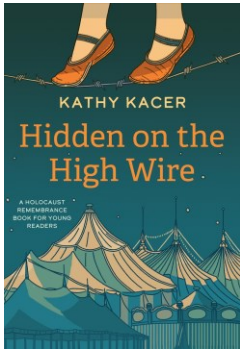

Hidden on the High Wire
by Kathy Kacer
Irene grew in Germany with her family's circus, thrilling the crowds with her performance on the high wire...until one day, the audience boos. The Lorch family is Jewish, and the increasing power of the Nazis has put them all in grave danger.
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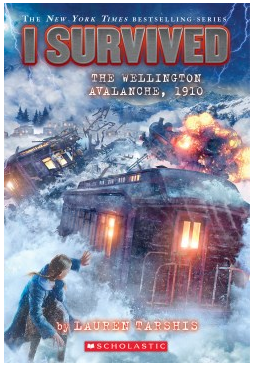

I Survived:
The Wellington Avalanche, 1910
by Lauren Tarshis
The Wellington snow slide of 1910 was—and still is—the deadliest avalanche in America's history. Follow the story of one child trying to survive the frozen nightmare.
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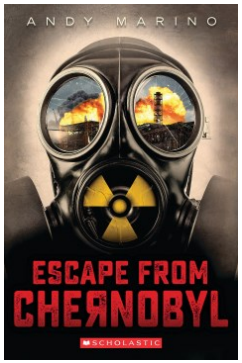

Escape from Chernobyl
by Andy Marino
Two young siblings flee the Chernobyl disaster with their parents, but the Communist party is on their heels. Meanwhile, the friends and family they were forced to leave behind must pretend nothing is wrong-even as deadly radiation spills into the air.
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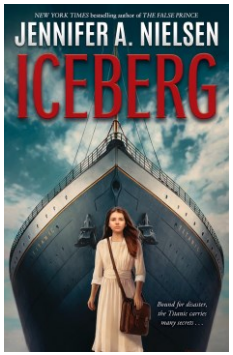

Iceberg
by Jennifer Nielsen
Traveling all alone aboard the Titanic, stowaway Hazel Rothbury secretly explores the opulent ship with the help of a porter and a sweet first-class passenger until disaster strikes,
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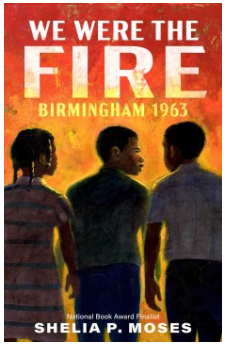

We Were the Fire:
Birmingham 1963
by Sheila Moses
Determined to stand up for their rights, eleven-year-old Rufus, a Black boy, and his friends participate in the 1963 civil rights protests in Birmingham, Alabama.
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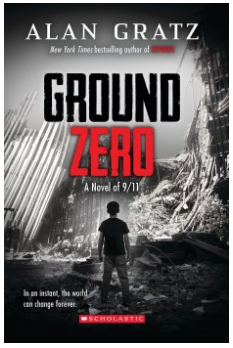

Ground Zero by Alan Gratz
September 11, 2001: A young boy struggles to find his father and escape the World Trade Center in 2001, before a girl in battle-torn 2020 Afghanistan risks her life to help a wounded soldier.
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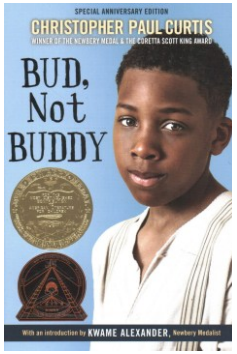

Bud, Not Buddy
by Christopher Paul Curtis
10-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father
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The Bluest Sky
by Christina Gonzalez
When his mother announces she wants to take the risk and flee to go to the United States, Héctor is torn between staying in the only home he's ever known or moving forward to an unknown future
J Gonzalez, C. / 314p.

Alice on the Island
by Mayumi Shimose Poe
In December 1941, Alice's world upends when Japan bombs Pearl Harbor and brings the United States into World War II. Within hours Alice's Japanese immigrant father is sent to an internment camp and Alice faces discrimination from friends.
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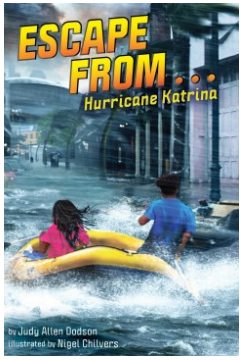
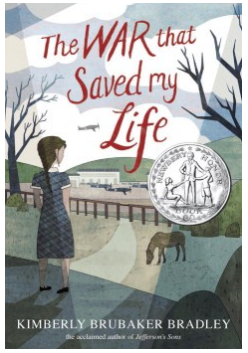


Escape from Hurricane Katrina
by Judy Dodson
The winds rise-and with them, the waves. The levees break and floodwater rages through the city. During the chaos, Jo Jo and Sophie are swept away. Will they make it to the Superdome during one of the deadliest storms in history?
J Escape... / 138p.



The War That Saved My Life
by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Built to explore Mars, Resilience begins to develop human-like feelings as he learns from the NASA scientists who assembled him, and as he blasts off and explores Mars.
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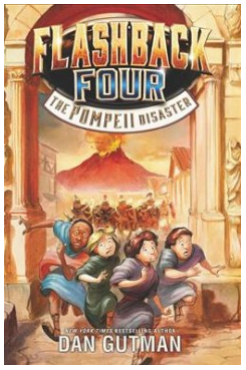

Flashback Four:
The Pompeii Disaster
by Dan Gutman
Sent back in time to 79 AD on a mission to photograph the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, the Flashback Four race to get their picture.
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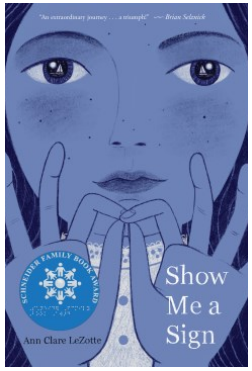

Show Me A Sign
by Ann Clare LeZotte
It is 1805 and Mary Lambert has always felt safe among the deaf community of Chilmark on Martha's Vineyard where practically everyone communicates in a shared sign language. When a mysterious scientist arrives and threatens her home, how will the Mary and her community react?
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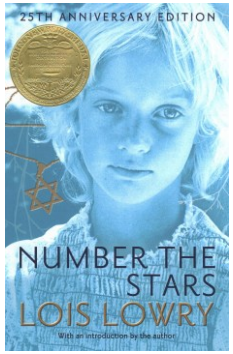

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
In 1943 during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.
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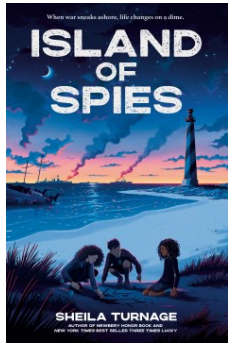

Island of Spies
by Sheila Turnage
In 1942, twelve-year-old Stick Lawson and her two best friends, Rain and Neb, set out to discover the Nazi spies they believe are helping orchestrate U-boat attacks on American ships off their coastal town.
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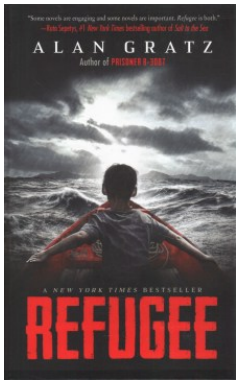

Refugee
by Alan Gratz
Separated by decades, Josef, a Jew living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a girl trying to escape unrest in 1994 Cuba; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence, embark on journeys in search of refuge.
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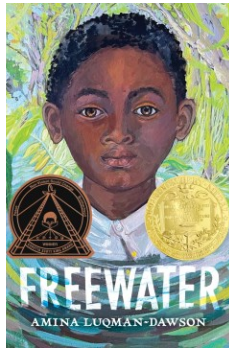

Freewater
by Amina Luqman-Dawson
After escaping Southerland Plantation with his sister, Homer discovers the secret community called Freewater, where he finally finds a place to call home and the courage to go back and free his mother from enslavement.
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Ranger in Time:
Night of Soldiers and Spies
by Kate Messner
Arriving in Long Island during the Revolutionary War, time-traveling golden retriever Ranger assists Continental Army soldier and spy Isaac Pope on a dangerous historic mission inside enemy territory..
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