

Tween Reads!



Black, Holly *Doll Bones* Zach, Poppy and Alice are imaginative twelve year-olds who cherish making up stories. A whirlwind of chilling events send the characters spiraling off on a breath-taking adventure to bury the bones of a girl-turned-doll. They are faced with several testing circumstances on the way, and are taken on a journey of courage, trust, self-discovery and just a touch of magic. **J BLACK**



Barnaby, Hannah *The Wonder Show* 13-year-old Portia Remini is burdened with guilt over the death of her friend and escapes the McGreavey Home for Wayward Girls to search for her father. She joins a carnival and finds a family of sorts in Mosco's Traveling Wonder Show. **J BARNABY**



Choldenko, Gennifer *No Passengers Beyond This Point* Finn, India and Mouse are about to have to move to Colorado to live with an uncle they barely know, but something strange happens on their way there. They end up in a mysterious and fantastical land and have to figure out how to get home. **J CHO**



Draper, Sharon *Out of My Mind* 11-year-old Melody has cerebral palsy. She also has photographic memory and synesthesia—the rare ability to “see” music, but because she cannot speak nobody knows how brilliant she is. When she joins the academic team at her school, and gets a mediator to help her communicate, everything changes. **J DRA**



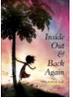
Fleischman, Paul *Whirligig* Brent Bishop is an outcast, so he tries to kill himself. Driving home from a party, he deliberately crashes his car. He lives, but takes another's life. A young woman, Lea, dies in the accident, and her mother wants only one thing from Brent. He must build four whirligigs in Lea's likeness and place them in the four corners of the United States. **J FLE**



Kelly, Jacqueline *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* Taking place in 1899, this intergenerational tale is about 12 year-old Calpurnia, who much to her mother's dismay, prefers to be outside observing nature than inside cooking and sewing, and her grandfather, a naturalist and a loner. **J KEL**



LaFevers, R.L. *Theodosia and the Serpent of Chaos* Theodosia Throckmorton spends her days at the Museum of Legends and Antiquities where her father is the curator and her mother is one of the archaeologists. Gifted with the ability to see the black magic attached to the artifacts, Theodosia uses her knowledge of Egyptian magic to protect both her family and the museum employees from sinister forces. **J LAF**



Lai, Thanhha *Inside & Back Out Again* This novel in free verse takes place in 1975, when Ha is 10 years old, her family flees Saigon as it falls during the Vietnam War. Ha, her mother, and three brothers eventually make their way to Alabama, where Ha struggles to learn English and adapt to American culture. **J NEWBERY LAI**



Schlitz, Laura Amy *Splendors and Glooms* Set in Victorian England and filled with orphans and evil puppeteers, mystery and magic, this is the story of Clara, a rich girl whose life is not so easy after all—and Parsefall and Lizzie Rose, orphan apprentices to a puppeteer who is more than he seems. **J SCHLITZ CALDECOTT**



Sitomer, Alan Lawrence. *Nerd Girls: The Rise of Dorkasaurus* Three nerdy eight grade girls form an alliance to try to beat out the catty and mean “ThreePees”—pretty, popular and perfect girls—at the school talent show. **YA SIT**



Stephens, John *The Emerald Atlas* Three siblings Kate, Michael and Emma have grown up in an orphanage – always expecting their parents to return. When they are transferred to a new orphanage in the town of Cambridge Falls, they discover a powerful book of magic which leads them on exciting but dangerous time travel adventures and to the realization that the three of them have a special destiny. **J STEPHENS**



Tan, Shaun *The Arrival* This wordless picture book tells the story of a man who leaves his country behind for a foreign land. This fantastical story uses a made-up language and is full of strange creatures and objects. **YA GRAPHIC TAN**



Telgemeier, Raina *Drama* It's theatre-season at Eucalyptus Middle School, and when it's announced that this year's production will be the wonderfully ambitious 'Moon Over Mississippi' everyone is excited – none more so than set designer, Callie. But amidst her excitement over this year's musical tour-de-force, Callie is also grappling wayward crushes and frustrating friends. **J GRAPHIC TEL**



How They Croaked by **Georgia Bragg** They didn't just die, they died awful, painful, weird, agonizing, ridiculous, messy deaths. See how the historically famous met their brutal ends. **J 920 BRA**



Bomb: The Race to Build-and Steal-the World's Most Dangerous Weapon by **Steve Sheinkin** details the U.S., German, and Russian military missions, espionage, and scientific research that surround the creation of the atomic bomb. **j 355.825 SHE NEWBERY**