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**REBOUND**
By Kwame Alexander
*J FICTION ALEXANDER*
In the summer of 1988, twelve-year-old Chuck Bell is sent to stay with his grandparents, and discovers jazz and basketball and learns more about his family’s past. Told in verse. (2018)

**LUCKY BROKEN GIRL**
By Ruth Behar
*J FICTION BEHAR*
In 1960s New York, fifth-grader Ruthie, a Cuban-Jewish immigrant, must rely on books, art, her family, and friends in her multicultural neighborhood when an accident puts her in a body cast. (2017)

**THE WAR THAT SAVED MY LIFE**
By Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
*J FICTION BRADLEY*
A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother. (2015)

**SWEET HOME ALASKA**
By Carole Estby Dagg
*J FICTION DAGG*
In 1934, eleven-year-old Terpsichore’s father signs up for President Roosevelt’s Palmer Colony project, uprooting the family from Wisconsin to become pioneers in Alaska. (2016)

**MY NEAR-DEATH ADVENTURES**
By Allison Decamp
*J FICTION DECOMP*
In 1895, twelve-year-old Stan decides to find his long-lost father in the logging camps of Michigan, documenting in his scrapbook his travels. (2016)

**TROUBLE THE WATER**
By Frances O’Roark Dowell
*J FICTION DOWELL*
In the segregated south of Kentucky in 1953, twelve-year-olds Callie, who is black, and Wendell, who is white, are brought together by an old dog. (2016)

**FULL OF BEANS**
By Jennifer Holm
*J FICTION HOLM*
Ten-year-old Beans Curry, a member of the Keepsies - the best marble playing gang in Depression-era Key West, Florida - engages in various schemes to earn money. (2016)

**LIFEBOAT 12**
By Susan Hood
*J FICTION HOOD*
In 1940, a group of British children, their escorts, and some sailors struggle to survive in a lifeboat. (2018)
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**How I Became a Spy: a mystery of WWII London**
By Deborah Hopkinson
* J FICTION HOPKINSON
Bertie finds a coded notebook and with the help of strong-willed Eleanor must decipher it in time to stop a double agent from spilling the biggest secret of all to the Nazis. (2019)

**The Parker Inheritance**
By Varian Johnson
* J FICTION JOHNSON
“Part historical fiction, part critical problem-solving exercise, part suspenseful mystery, this story weaves through the past and present of one town’s struggle with hatred and racism.” (2018)

**Out of Left Field**
By Ellen Klages
* J FICTION KLAGES
In 1957, inspired by what she is learning about civil rights and armed with knowledge of female ball players, ten-year-old Katy Gordon fights to be allowed to play Little League baseball. (2018)

**The Mad Wolf’s Daughter**
By Diane Magras
* J FICTION MAGRAS
In 1210 Scotland Drest sets off to rescue her beloved family in this adventure story. (2018)

**The Book of Boy**
By Catherine Murdock
* J FICTION MURDOCK
In 1350, a boy with a large hump on his back becomes the servant of a shadowy pilgrim on his way to Rome. A Newbery Honor book. (2018)

**My Brigadista Year**
By Katherine Paterson
* J FICTION PATERSON
From the author of Bridge to Terabithia and based on historical events, a young Cuban teenager volunteers for Fidel Castro’s national literacy campaign. (2017)

**Escape from Aleppo**
By N.H. Senzai
* J FICTION SENZAI
Nadia’s family is forced to flee their home in Aleppo, Syria, when the Arab Spring sparks a civil war in this timely coming-of-age novel. (2018)