

Great Books for 7<sup>th</sup> Graders  
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Alston, B. B. **Amari and the Night Brothers**, 2021. JFIC

Thirteen-year-old Amari, a poor Black girl from the projects, gets an invitation from her missing brother to join the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs and join in the fight against an evil magician.

Chainani, Soman. **The School for Good and Evil**, 2013. JFIC

Best friends Sophie (princess wannabe) and Agatha (witchy loner) are headed (via kidnapping) to the School for Good and Evil, but their assumed destinies are reversed.

Horowitz, Anthony. **Stormbreaker**, 2001. TEEN

After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

Jones, Diana Wynne. **Howl's Moving Castle**, 1986. JFIC

Eldest of three sisters in a land where it is considered to be a misfortune, Sophie is resigned to her fate as a hat shop apprentice until a witch turns her into an old woman and she finds herself in the castle of the greatly feared wizard Howl.

Josephson, Kalyn. **The Storm Crow**, 2019. TEEN

After their mother's death when the Illucian empire invaded, Princess Anthia and her sister Princess Caliza start a rebellion to bring back the magical elemental crows that were taken from her people.

Lee, Lyla. **I'll Be the One**, 2020. TEEN

Skye Shin is sick of hearing fat girls shouldn't dance. When Skye nails her audition for a televised K-pop competition, she's immediately swept into a whirlwind of countless practices, shocking performances, and the drama that comes with reality TV. But Skye has her sights on becoming the world's first plus-sized K-pop star, and that means winning the competition, without losing herself.

L'Engle, Madeline. **A Ring of Endless Light**, 1981. JFIC

During the summer her grandfather is dying of leukemia and death seems all around, 15-year-old Vicky finds comfort with the pod of dolphins with whom she has been doing research.

Leyh, Kat. **Snapdragon**, 2020. JGN

Snap makes a deal with rumored-witch Jacks to teach her how to take care of rescued baby opossums in exchange for help with Jack's work. But as Snap starts to get to know Jacks, she realizes that Jacks may in fact have real magic--and a connection with Snap's family's past.

Lowry, Lois. **The Giver**, 1993. JFIC

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

Lu, Marie. **The Kingdom of Back**, 2020. TEEN

Nannerl Mozart is a young woman in 18th century Europe, and that means composing is forbidden to her, but not her brother Wolfgang. One day a mysterious stranger from a magical land appears with an irresistible offer--but his help may cost her everything.

Meyer, Marissa. **Cinder**, 2012. TEEN

As plague ravages the overcrowded Earth, observed by a ruthless lunar people, Cinder, a gifted mechanic and cyborg, becomes involved with handsome Prince Kai and must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect the world in this futuristic take on the Cinderella story.

Oppel, Kenneth. **Airborn**, 2004. TEEN

Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.

Petro-Roy, Jen. **Good Enough: A Novel**, 2019. JFIC

Before she had an eating disorder, twelve-year-old Riley was many things: an aspiring artist, a runner, a sister, and a friend. But now, from inside the inpatient treatment center where she's receiving treatment for anorexia, it's easy to forget all of that. If Riley wants her life back, she has to recover.

Reintgen, Scott. **Nyxia**, 2017. TEEN

Emmett accepts an interstellar space contract but learns en route that to win the promised fortune he and nine other recruits face a brutal competition, putting their very humanity at risk.

Reynolds, Jason. **Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks**, 2019. TEEN

Jason Reynolds conjures ten tales (one per block) about what happens after the dismissal bell rings, and weaves them into one funny, poignant look at the detours we face on the walk home, and in life.

Rhodes, Jewell Parker. **Ghost Boys**, 2018. JFIC

After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a white police officer, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till.

Roanhorse, Rebecca. **Race to the Sun**, 2020. JFIC

Guided by her Navajo ancestors, seventh-grader Nizhoni Begay discovers she is descended from a holy woman and destined to become a monsterslayer, starting with the evil businessman who kidnapped her father.

Shusterman, Neal. **Unwind**, 2007. TEEN

In a future world where those between the ages of thirteen and eighteen can have their lives "unwound" and their body parts harvested for use by others, three teens go to extreme lengths to uphold their beliefs--and, perhaps, save their own lives.

Turner, Megan Whalen. **The Thief**, 1996. TEEN.

Gen flaunts his ingenuity as a thief and relishes the adventure which takes him to a remote temple of the gods where he'll attempt to steal a precious stone.