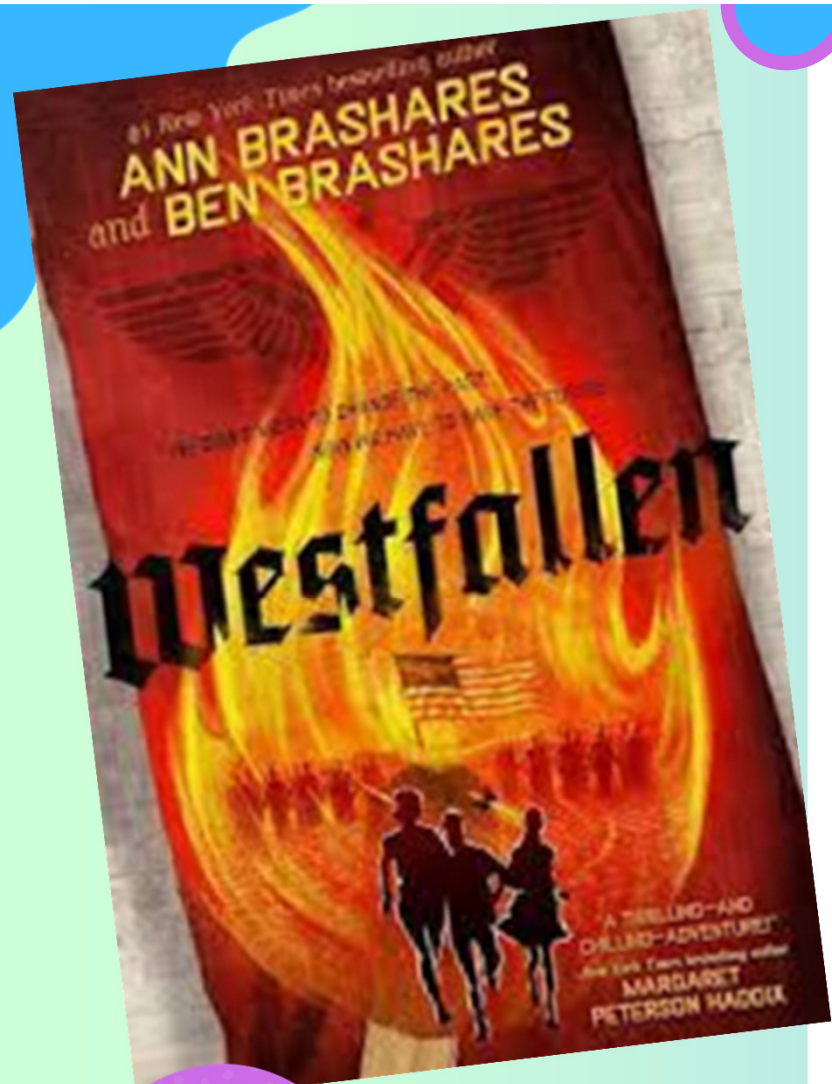


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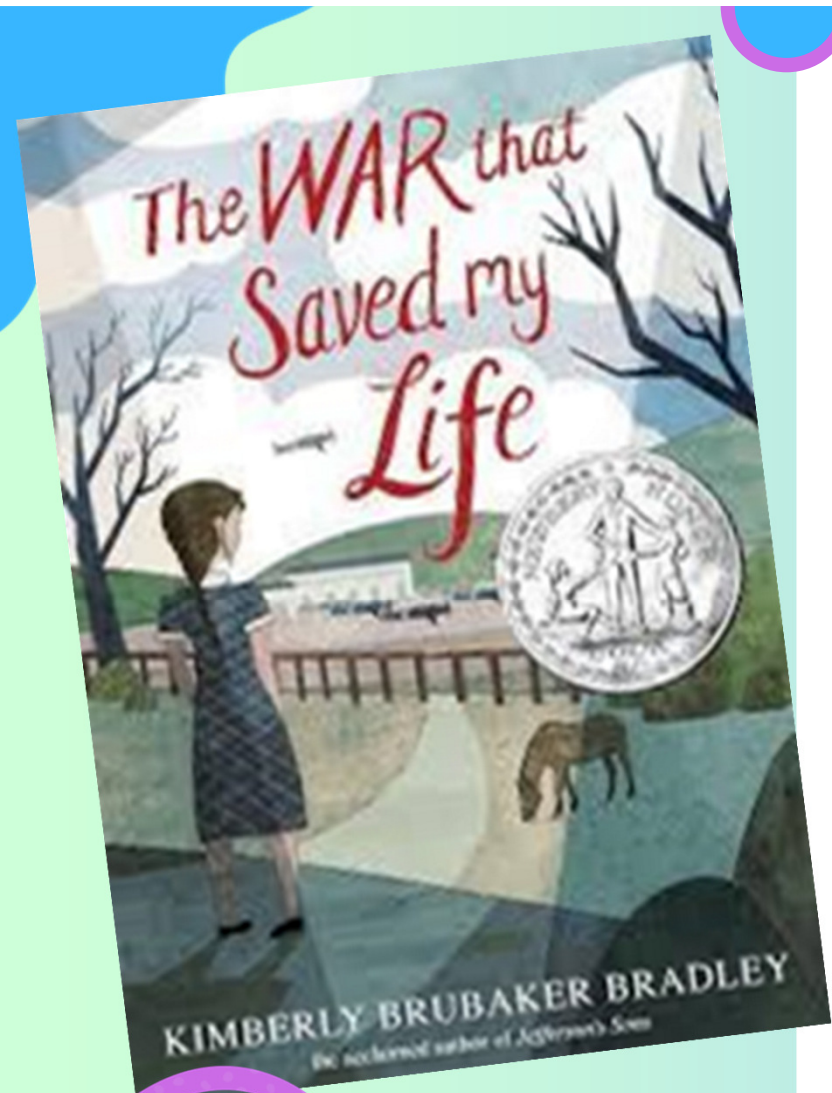


Westfallen

by Ann Brashares & Ben Brashares

Told in alternating voices and timelines, twelve-year-old Henry and his two friends unknowingly alter the outcome of World War II when they communicate over the radio with three kids from 1944 and must now work together to change it back.





The War That Saved My Life **by Kimberly Brubaker** **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.





The Trouble with Heroes by Kate Messner

Finn Connelly is a seventh grader who always seems to land in trouble. Everyone remembers his dad as the town's hockey star, but Finn never feels like he measures up. After a prank goes wrong, he's sent to do community service in a cemetery, where he uncovers unexpected stories about the people buried there—and about his own father. As Finn learns more, he begins to see that heroes aren't perfect. They make mistakes, grow, and keep trying.





The Tenth Mistake of Hank Hooperman by Gennifer Choldenko

When eleven-year-old Hank's mother does not come home after a week, he and his toddler sister, Boo, seek out the stranger listed as their emergency contact, even though it means social workers, a new school, and having to answer questions about his mom that he has been trying to keep secret.





The Last Dragon on Mars by Scott Reintgen

Lunar Jones has spent his whole life struggling to survive on Mars. But everything changes when he wanders into a forbidden zone and discovers dragons are real—and one has chosen him. Now he must accept his new role fast, because this dragon may be the key to saving the Martian colony.





The Goose Girl by Shannon Hale

Ani, the shy princess of Kildenree, can speak to birds—but not to people. When she's sent to marry a prince, her lady-in-waiting steals her identity. Forced to live as a goose girl, Ani slowly finds her strength and fights to reclaim her life.

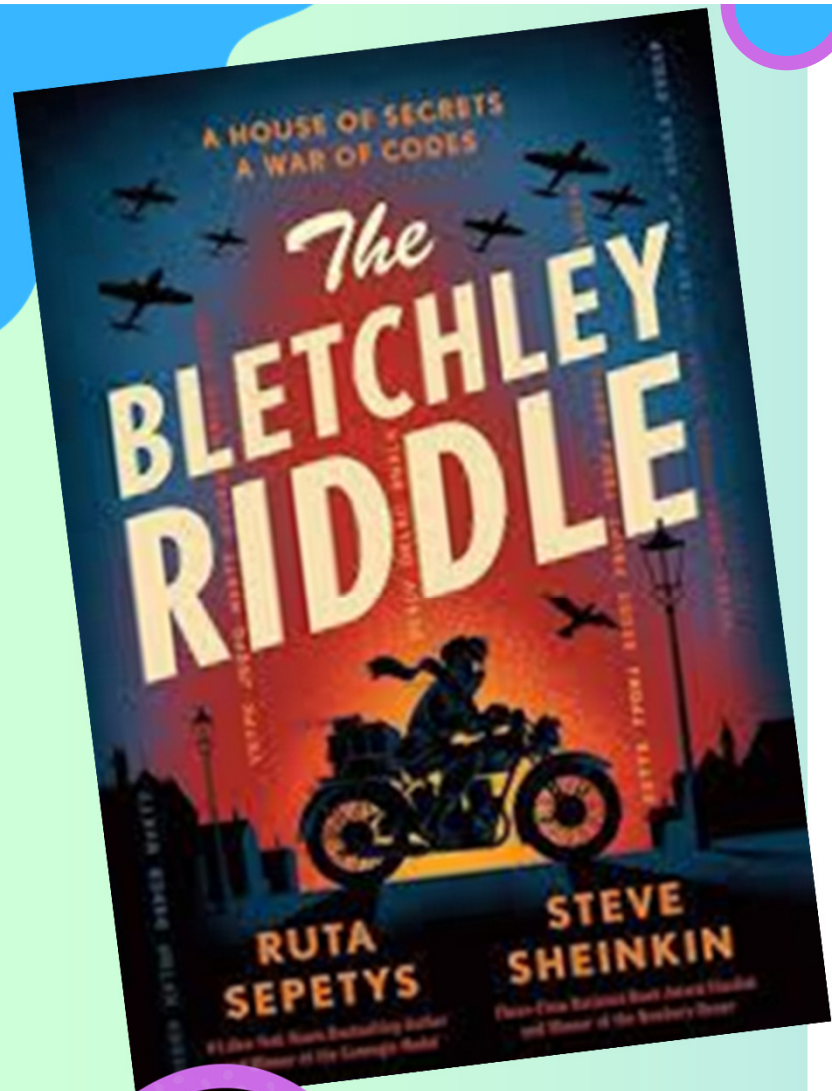




The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea by Axie Oh

A reimagined Korean folktale following Mina, who gives herself to the Sea God to protect her village. Her journey into the Spirit Realm sets her on a path to lift an ancient curse. A tender fantasy praised by fans of Spirited Away and Uprooted, exploring courage, fate, and love.





The Bletchley Riddle **by Ruta Sepetys & Steve** **Sheinkin**

Siblings Jakob Novis and his quirky younger sister Lizzie find themselves at Bletchley Park, the home of WWII codebreakers working to decrypt the Nazi's Enigma cipher, where the two struggle to unravel a mystery surrounding their mother's disappearance against the backdrop of the Battle of Britain and Hitler's feared invasion.





Running Out of Time **by Margaret Peterson Haddix**

When Jessie uncovers the truth about her pretend village, she must brave the real world to find a cure and protect everyone she loves.

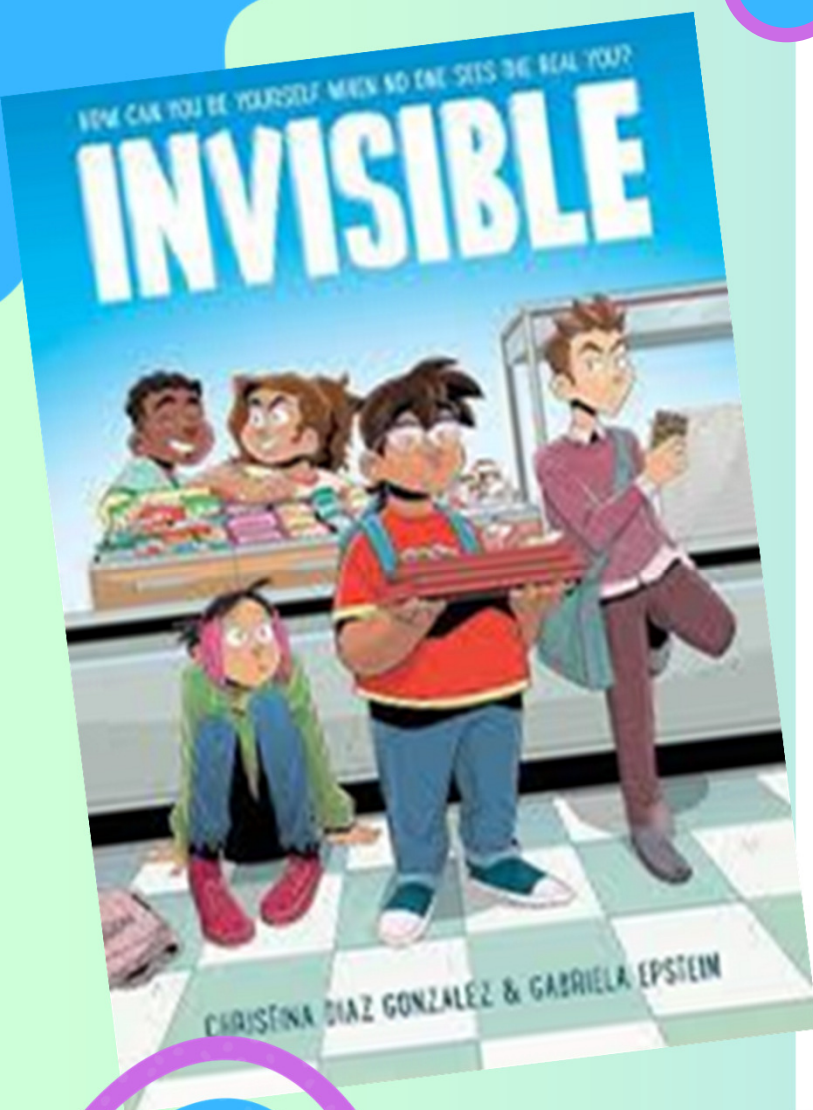




Scratch Scratch **by Lindsay Currie**

Claire meets a ghostly boy on a Chicago tour and uncovers a mystery tied to the Eastland disaster. A mix of chills, history, and friendship.





Invisible

by Christina Diaz Gonzales & Gabriela Epstein

Five very different kids are thrown together for community service. Others see them as the same, but they know they're not. When they meet someone who needs real help, they have to choose: open up, or stay invisible.





Olivetti by Allie Millington

A lively mystery about Ernest and a green typewriter that suddenly wakes up and helps him search for his missing mother in San Francisco. Their shared journey explores family, memories, and hope.



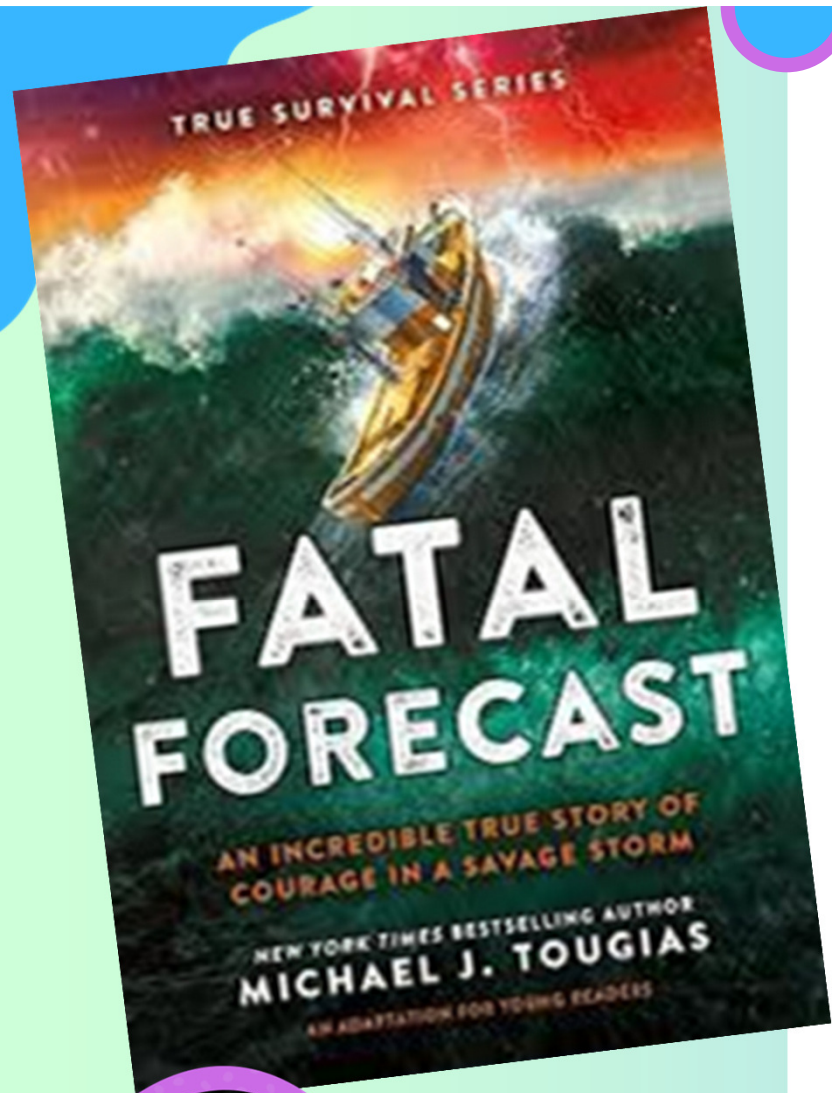


Free Throws, Friendship, and Other Things we Fouled Up

by Jenn Bishop

New to Cincinnati after her dad becomes the University basketball coach, eighth-grader Aurora (Rory) feels caught in the middle of fierce team rivalries—especially when her new friend Abby's dad has a long-standing feud with Rory's father.





Fatal Forecast by Michael J. Tougias

A gripping true story of two lobster boats caught in a sudden, deadly storm. As towering waves and fierce winds closed in, crews fought to survive while rescuers risked everything to reach them.





Good Different by Meg Eden Kuyatt

Seventh-grader Selah Godfrey knows that to be 'normal' she has to keep her feelings tightly controlled when people are around, but after hitting a fellow student, she needs to figure out just what makes her different--and why that is ok.





Blood in the Water by Tiffany D. Jackson

When a startling murder rocks Martha's Vineyard, Brooklyn native Kaylani McKinnon finds herself caught in a dangerous tangle of secrets and deception.





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