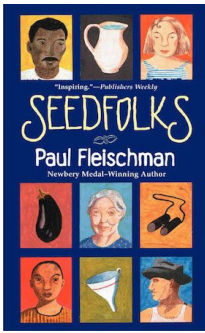


# Brooklyn Friends School Summer Reading 2017 for Rising 6th Graders



**Required Reading:** [Seedfolks by Paul Fleischman](#)

*This short story collection tells the stories of the many different people whose lives are touched by a community garden.*

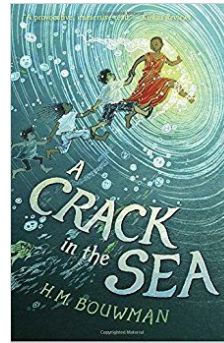
\*You will be discussing this book at the beginning of the school year so you'll probably want to read it as close to September as possible. **In addition to *Seedfolks*, you are required to read one book from the Recommended Reading list below.**

**Recommended:** Summer is the perfect time to enjoy some fun, relaxing reading. To get you started, we have created this list of award winners, new titles and old favorites. Enjoy! Angie & Emily



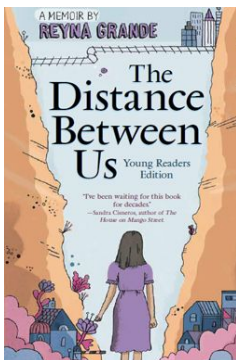
[Ash by Malinda Lo](#)

Described as "Cinderella...with a twist," this story is in many ways the familiar fairy tale about a girl's move from comfort to despair to true love (with a little help from fairies and magic).



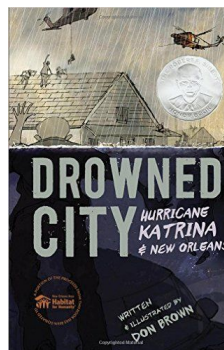
[A Crack in the Sea by H.M. Bouwman](#)

Three sets of siblings are brought together on an adventure of a lifetime by a little magic, helpful sea monsters and a special portal that only opens when least expected.



[The Distance Between Us: Young Readers Edition by Reyna Grande](#)

This honest first-person account may be a mirror for many readers, allowing them to see reflections of their own strengths, possibilities, and hopes.



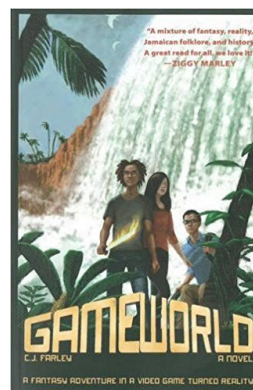
[Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans by Don Brown](#)

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina's monstrous winds and surging water overwhelmed the protective levees around low-lying New Orleans, Louisiana.



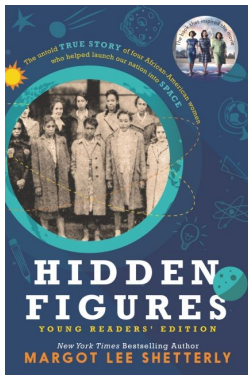
[Flying Lessons & Other Stories edited by Ellen Oh](#)

Whether it is basketball dreams, family fiascos, first crushes, or new neighborhoods, this bold anthology—written by the best children's authors—celebrates the uniqueness and universality in all of us.



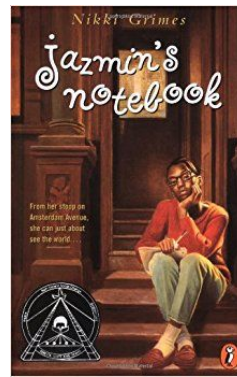
[Game World by Christopher John Farley](#)

In order to save his sister and his friends, Dylan must solve a dangerous mystery in three days and uncover secrets about Xamaica, his family, and himself.



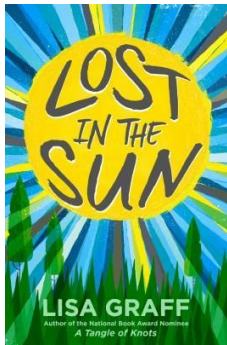
[Hidden Figures : the Untold True Story of Four African-American Women Who Helped Launch Our Nation Into Space by Margot Lee Shetterly](#)

The uplifting, amazing true story of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, & Christine Darden.



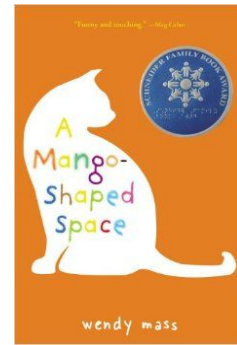
[Jazmin's Notebook by Nikki Grimes](#)

With exuberance, passion, perception, and wit, 14-year-old Jazmin Shelby fills her notebook with glimpses of her life, neighborhood, family, and dreams in Harlem in the 1960s.



[Lost in the Sun by Lisa Graff](#)

For Trent, middle school feels like a fresh start, a chance to prove to everyone that he's not the horrible screw-up they seem to think he is.



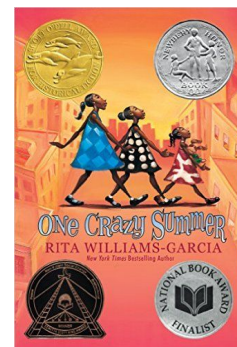
[A Mango-shaped Space by Wendy Mass](#)

Mia Winchell has synesthesia, the mingling of perceptions whereby a person can see sounds, smell colors, or taste shapes.



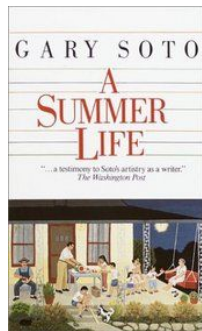
[March: Books 1-3 by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell](#)

Discover the inside story of the Civil Rights Movement through the eyes of one of its most iconic figures, Congressman John Lewis.



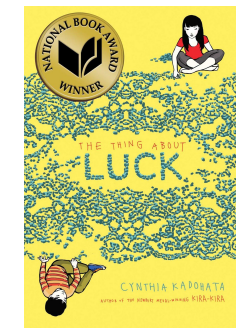
[One Crazy Summer by Rita Garcia-Williams](#)

Three Brooklyn sisters thought summer in California with their mom would mean Disneyland and Hollywood, instead it's Black Panther camo and cheap Chinese takeout.



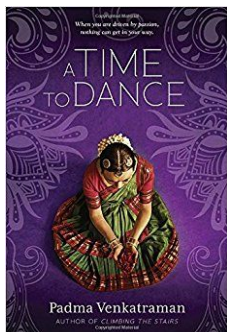
[A Summer Life by Gary Soto](#)

In this lively collection of short essays, Soto takes his reader to a ground-level perspective, recreating in vivid detail the sights, sounds, smells, and textures he knew growing up in his Fresno, California, neighborhood.



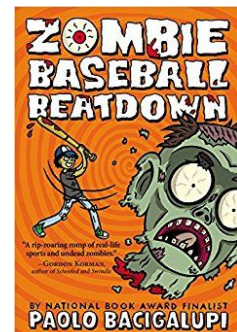
[The Thing About Luck by Cynthia Kadohata](#)

There is bad luck, good luck, and making your own luck--which is exactly what Summer must do to save her family.



[A Time to Dance by Padma Venkatraman](#)

Veda, a classical dance prodigy in India, lives and breathes dance--so when an accident leaves her a below-knee amputee, her dreams are shattered.



[Zombie Baseball Beatdown by Paolo Bacigalupi](#)

The zombie apocalypse begins on the day Rabi, Miguel, and Joe are practicing baseball near their town's local meatpacking plant and nearly get knocked out by a really big stink!