

**Evanston Public Library
Fiction Recommendations 2019**

***Because of the Rabbit* by Cynthia Lord**

Emma is starting public school for the first time as a rising fifth-grader when her father rescues a trapped rabbit. Now she must learn to make a real friend while deciding whether or not to keep the bunny.

***The Best At It* by Maulik Pancholy**

Gay Indian-American seventh grader Rahul Kapoor feels like an outsider in his small Indiana town. So what is he best at (Football? Acting? Math?)? A great and hopeful It Gets Better story

***Captain Rosalie* by Timothée de Fombelle, ill. Isabelle Arsenault, translated by Sam Gordon**

Rosalie is on a secret mission. While her father serves in the war, she declares herself a captain and sets about completing the secret operations that will bring her closer to a terrible truth.

***Dear Sweet Pea* by Julie Murphy**

Plus-size Sweet Pea faces some major changes in her life. When the advice columnist next door leaves town, Sweet Pea starts answering some of her private letters. What could go wrong?

***Each Tiny Spark* by Pablo Cartaya**

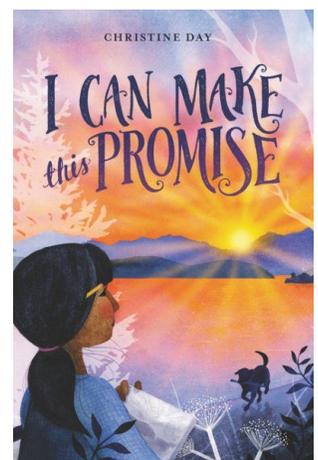
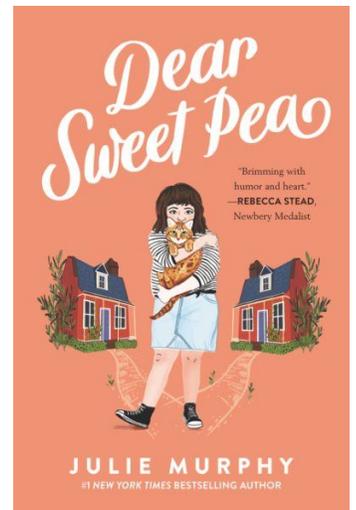
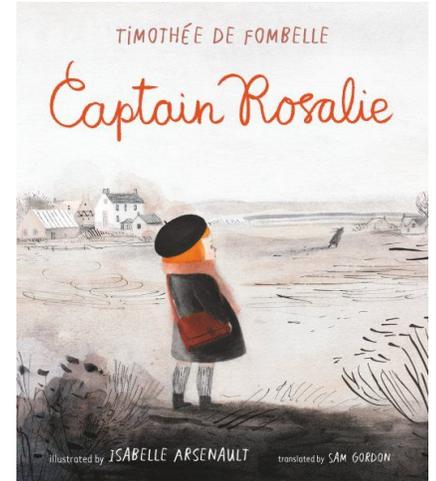
12-yr-old neurodiverse Cuban-American Emilia Rosa faces down historical prejudice and contemporary challenges alongside her family in this smartly written story.

***A Good Kind of Trouble* by Lisa Moore Ramée**

Shayla navigates her first year of junior high, struggling with friends, joining the track team, and becoming a Black Lives Matter activist fighting against racial injustice.

***I Can Make This Promise* by Christine Day**

Edie, a Suquamish/Duwamish girl, attempts to solve a mystery involving her identity and her family's history in this compelling page turner. Warm, poignant, heartbreaking, unforgettable.



***Just Jaime* by Terri Libenson**

What do you do when your best friends dump you? Jaime used to be the school “gossip girl” but now her bestie Maya thinks she’s babyish. A funny graphic novel hybrid about finding your people.

***The Line Tender* by Kate Allen**

How do you mourn something that’s lost forever while moving ahead? A stunning novel, delicate and brutal by turns.

***Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks* by Jason Reynolds, ill. Alexander Nabaum**

School’s out and ten different stories are all happening at the same time. These kids are planning an escape, a con, a show, a romance, an apology, and more on just an ordinary day.

***Max and the Midnights* by Lincoln Peirce**

One minute you’re tooling around the country with your Uncle Budrick, the troubadour. Next, Budrick’s been kidnapped by the evil King Gastley, and it’s up to you and a band of ragtag adventurers to overturn the monarchy

***Maximillian Fly* by Angie Sage**

Max is the kind of sweet fellow who would go out of his way to rescue two desperate kids. Too bad he’s (A) A human/cockroach hybrid and (B) Living in a dystopian world held in the grip of some serious baddies.

***The Mighty Heart of Sunny St. James* by Ashley Herring Blake**

After a heart transplant saves her life, Sunny decides to kiss a boy. But is it boys she likes? A creative, funny and insightful work on getting to know yourself.

***More to the Story* by Hena Khan**

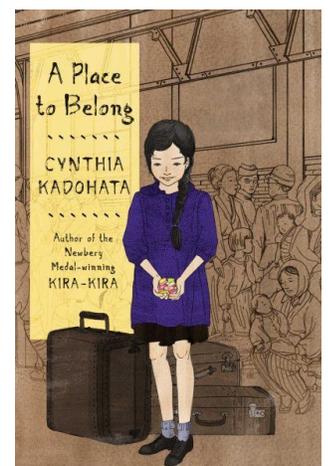
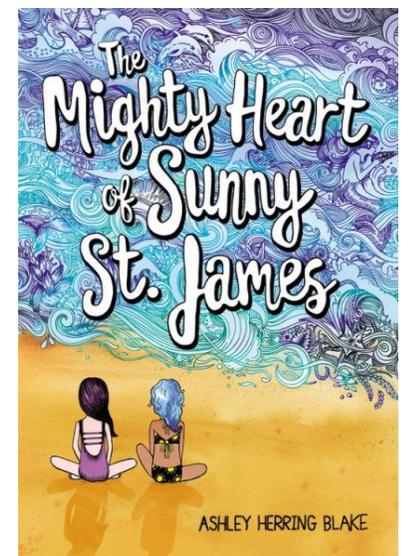
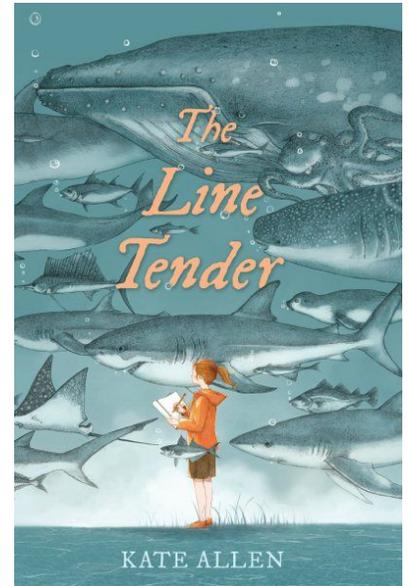
Little Women gets a 21st century Pakistani-American update that retains the original’s heart.

***Pie in the Sky* by Remy Lai**

Dropped into a new country with his mom (who forbids him to touch the stove) and annoying little brother, Yanghao, Jingwen’s going to have to be sneaky if he wants to get some baking done. After all, it’s how he remembers his dad best.

***A Place to Belong* by Cynthia Kadohata**

Disillusioned after WWII by their experience in America’s internment camps, Hanako and her parents move to Hiroshima, a place she has never seen. Features emotionally complex storytelling.



***The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise* by Dan Gemeinhart**

For five years Coyote has lived with her father Rodeo on a school bus. Now Coyote wants to go home, but that means getting her dad to face a painful past. A powerful, funny heartbreaker of a novel.

***Scary Stories for Young Foxes* by Christian McKay Heidicker, ill. Junyi Wu**

Beware. These tales of horror are guaranteed to turn your tails white and your whiskers gray in fear. You have been warned.

***Some Places More Than Others* by Renée Watson**

When Amara travels to her dad’s childhood home in Harlem to meet her estranged grandfather, she finds herself trying to solve a family mystery. Why hasn’t her father talked to her grandfather for 12 years?

***Stay* by Bobbie Pyron**

Chapters alternate between the story of a newly homeless girl, and a young dog belonging to a fellow woman in the shelter. A challenging, ultimately uplifting story.

***Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* by Kwame Mbalia**

Thrown into a world where African-American folk heroes mix and mingle with West African gods, it’s up to seventh grader Tristan to use his newfound powers to heal a dying world.

***The Usual Suspects* by Maurice Broaddus**

When a gun is found near his school, Thelonius and his pals become instant suspects. Thelonius knows how this story could play out, which means he needs to do some investigating of his own.

***We’re Not From Here* by Geoff Rodkey**

How do you convince aliens that the human race (now refugees from a destroyed earth) isn’t hopelessly violent? It’s up to Lan to use humor and music to show the creatures of Choom how vital humans can be . . . if they don’t get killed first, of course.

***Wildfire: When Trees Explode* by Rodman Philbrick**

Fans of the I Survived series, or survival stories like Hatchet, will find this lean page-turner, about a boy and a girl trying to outrace a raging forest fire, thrilling.

