

McKendry, Joe. **ONE TIMES SQUARE**
A look at Times Square and the iconic building that gave it its name.

Montgomery, Sy. **KAKAPO RESCUE: SAVING THE WORLD'S STRANGEST PARROT**

Examines the rescue mission in New Zealand to save the last 91 kakapo parrots on earth.

Murphy, Jim. **THE GIANT AND HOW HE HUMBUGGED AMERICA**

A true account of the 1869 Cardiff Giant hoax involving the discovery of a purported ten-foot "petrified man."

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. **HAND IN HAND: TEN BLACK MEN WHO CHANGED AMERICA**

Stories about ten influential African-American men from different eras in American history.

Ross, Stewart. **INTO THE UNKNOWN**

Discover how some of the greatest explorers in history plunged into the unknown.

Rusch, Elizabeth. **ERUPTION!: VOLCANOES AND THE SCIENCE OF SAVING LIVES**

Two scientists and their team track down dangerous volcanoes.

Common Core Corner: Rigorous Reads

Hoose, Philip. **MOONBIRD**
A bird migration that extends 9,000 miles from the coast of Argentina to the Arctic Circle.

Sheinkin, Steve. **BOMB: THE RACE TO BUILD AND STEAL THE WORLD'S MOST DANGEROUS WEAPON**

What's harder than building an atomic bomb? Keeping it a secret!

Stone, Tanya Lee.
COURAGE HAS NO COLOR
Meet the Triple Nickles, America's first black paratroopers.

Vanderpool, Clare.
NAVIGATING EARLY
Two boarding schoolmates embark on a quest that forces them to confront many hardships.

Vawter, Vince. **PAPERBOY**
A young boy with a debilitating stutter has a memorable summer as his town's paperboy.

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Books Too Good To Miss Grade 6



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Books for Sixth Graders

Fiction

Curtis, Christopher Paul. **THE MIGHTY MISS MALONE**
One family's struggles to overcome poverty during the Great Depression.

Gantos, Jack. **DEAD END IN NORVELT***
Young Jack Gantos experiences a summer that is marked by death, gore & hilarity.

Goldblatt, Mark. **TWERP**
Julian keeps a journal after being suspended from school.

Grabenstein, Chris. **ESCAPE FROM MR. LEMONCELLO'S LIBRARY**
Whoever escapes from the library first, wins!

Green, Tim. **UNSTOPPABLE**
Best friends compete for a single spot on a baseball team.

House, Silas. **SAME SUN HERE**
Through letters and emails, two pen pals find solace in one another.

Korman, Gordon. **UNGIFTED**
Maybe the *ungifted* Donovan has something to teach the *gifted* students.

Lai, Thanhha. **INSIDE OUT AND BACK AGAIN**
A young Vietnamese girl recounts her journey from war-torn Vietnam to America in 1975.

Levine, Kristin. **THE LIONS OF LITTLE ROCK**
An unlikely friendship develops in the segregated South.

Meloy, Colin. **WILDWOOD***
A young girl travels to a magical forest in search of her kidnapped brother.

Ottaviani, Jim. **PRIMATES: THE FEARLESS SCIENCE OF JANE GOODALL, DIAN FOSSEY, AND BIRUTÉ GALDIKAS**
Three female scientists learn about primates.

Scieszka, Jon. **GUYS READ: THE SPORTS PAGES***
Ten sports short stories that showcase how a good story is like a good game.

Schmidt, Gary. **OKAY FOR NOW**
A young boy adjusts to leaving Long Island for upstate New York.

Sloan, Holly Goldberg. **COUNTING BY 7S**
A quirky girl must overcome the loss of her parents.

Telgemeier, Raina. **SMILE**
Raina suffers a fall and severely injures her two front teeth causing her great concern about her appearance.

Informational Books

Aronson, Marc. **IF STONES COULD SPEAK**
Archaeologists uncover the mysteries behind the Stonehenge monument.

Bobrick, Benson. **A PASSION FOR VICTORY**
The history of the Olympic Games from 8th Century B.C. to the present.

Bolden, Tonya. **EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION**
A vivid description of the issues that lead to President Lincoln's famous document.

Carson, Mary Kay. **BEYOND THE SOLAR SYSTEM**
A fast-paced tour of the history of astronomy.

Close, Chuck. **CHUCK CLOSE: FACE BOOK**
An autobiographical account of how Chuck Close overcame his disabilities and became an artist.

Fleming, Candace. **AMELIA LOST**
Alternating chapters describe Amelia's life and the tense, exciting, global search for her missing plane.

Hopkinson, Deborah. **TITANIC: VOICES FROM THE DISASTER**
The Titanic tragedy through the eyes of its witnesses and survivors.

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