

⬇️ **ALL THIRTEEN: THE INCREDIBLE CAVE RESUE OF THE THAI BOYS' SOCCER TEAM*** by Christina Soontornvat
 On June 23, 2018, 12 young players of the Wild Boars soccer team and their coach got trapped in a cave in northern Thailand. This book explores the engineering operation that saved all 13 people.

⬇️ **KATIE THE CATSITTER*** by Colleen A.F. Venale & Stephanie Yue
 Katie is dreading the boring summer ahead while her best friends are all away at camp—something that's way out of Katie and her mom's budget, UNLESS Katie, can figure out a way to earn the money for camp herself. But, when Katie gets a job cat-sitting for her mysterious upstairs neighbor, life gets interesting.

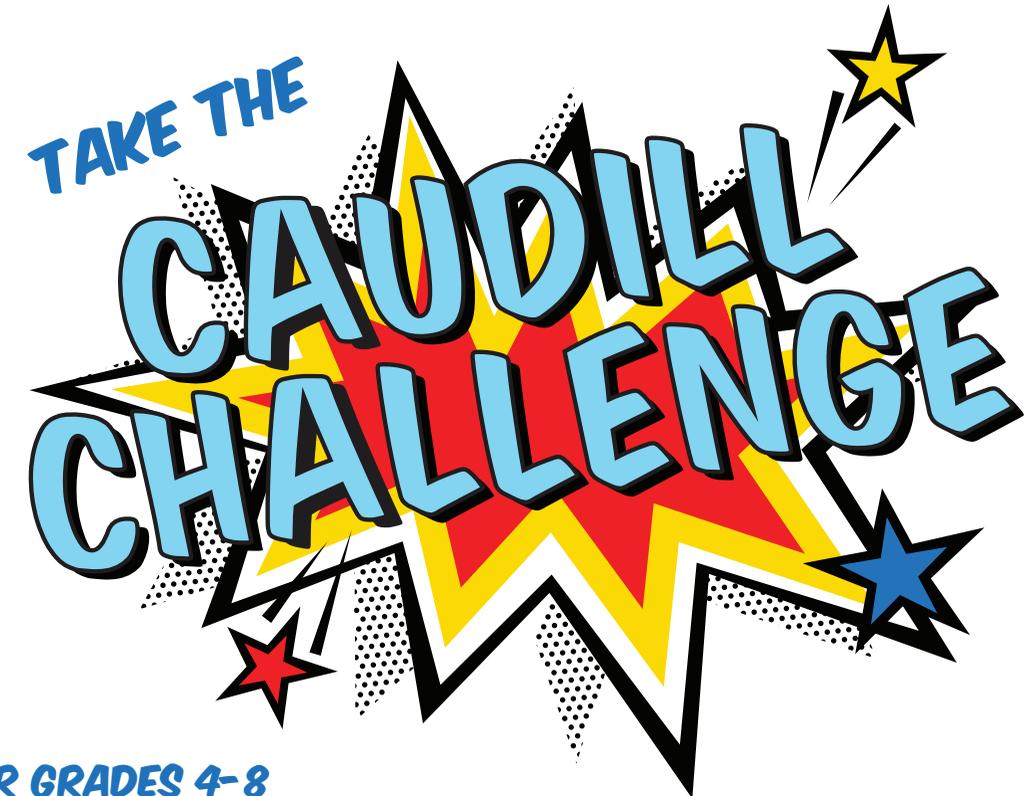
⬇️ **BEFORE THE EVER AFTER*** by Jacqueline Woodson
 ZJ's friends Ollie, Darry, and Daniel help him cope when his father, a beloved professional football player, suffers severe headaches and memory loss that spell the end of his career.

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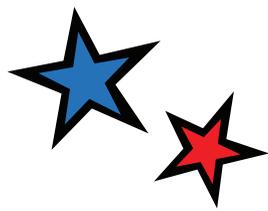
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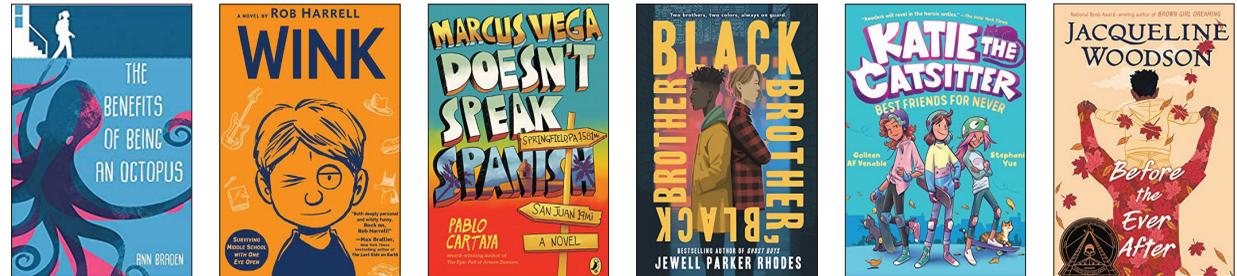
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<p>↓ AMARI AND THE NIGHT BROTHERS* by B.B. Alston</p> <p>Thirteen-year-old Amari, a poor Black girl from the projects, gets an invitation from her missing brother to join the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs and join in the fight against an evil magician.</p>	700	3-7
<p>↓ A HIGH FIVE FOR GLENN BURKE* by Phil Bildner</p> <p>After researching Glenn Burke, the first major league baseball player to come out as gay, sixth grader Silas Wade slowly comes out to his best friend Zoey, then his coach, with unexpected consequences.</p>	690L	5-8
<p>↓ THE BLACKBIRD GIRLS* by Anne Blankman</p> <p>Told in alternating perspectives among three girls—Valentina and Oksana in 1986 and Rifka in 1941—this story shows that hatred, intolerance, and oppression are no match for the power of true friendship.</p>	560L	4-7
<p>↓ THE BENEFITS OF BEING AN OCTOPUS* by Ann Braden</p> <p>Seventh grader Zoey Albino focuses on caring for three younger siblings and avoiding rich classmates at school until her fascination with octopuses gets her on the debate team and she begins to speak out.</p>	770L	5-8
<p>↓ FIGHTING WORDS* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley</p> <p>Depending on an older sister who protected her when their mother went to prison and their mother's boyfriend committed a terrible act, 10-year-old Della tries to figure out what to do when her older sister attempts suicide.</p>	n/a	5-12
<p>↓ MARCUS VEGA DOESN'T SPEAK SPANISH* by Pablo Cartaya</p> <p>After a fight at school leaves Marcus facing suspension, Marcus's mother takes him and his younger brother, who has Down Syndrome, to Puerto Rico to visit relatives they do not remember or have never met, and while there Marcus starts searching for his father, who left their family ten years ago and is somewhere on the island.</p>	HL 580L	4-7
<p>↓ EFREN DIVIDED* by Ernesto Cisneros</p> <p>While his father works two jobs, seventh grader Efen Nava must take care of his twin siblings, kindergartners Max and Mia, after their mother is deported to Mexico. Includes a glossary of Spanish words.</p>	710L	4-6
<p>↓ THE ONLY BLACK GIRLS IN TOWN* by Brandy Colbert</p> <p>In a predominately White California beach town, the only two Black seventh graders, Alberta and Edie, find hidden journals that uncover family secrets and speak to race relations in the past.</p>	n/a	3-6

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<p>↓ THE TOTAL ECLIPSE OF NESTOR LOPEZ* by Adrianna Cuevas</p> <p>A Cuban American boy must use his secret ability to communicate with animals to save the inhabitants of his town when they are threatened by a tula vieja, a witch that transforms into animals.</p>	740L	4-7
<p>↓ SCRITCH SCRATCH* by Lindsay Currie</p> <p>Haunted after helping her father on his ghost-themed Chicago bus tour, 12-year-old Claire must discover what the spectral boy from the bus wants before it is too late.</p>	610L	4-6
<p>↓ A THOUSAND QUESTIONS* by Saadia Faruqi</p> <p>Told in two voices, 11-year-olds Mimi, who is visiting her wealthy grandparents in Karachi, Pakistan, for the first time, and Sakina, daughter of the grandparents' cook, form an unexpected friendship.</p>	n/a	4-6
<p>↓ WINK* by Rob Harrell</p> <p>After being diagnosed with rare eye cancer, 12-year-old Ross discovers how music, art, and true friends can help him survive both treatment and middle school.</p>	580L	3-6
<p>↓ WHEN STARS ARE SCATTERED* by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed</p> <p>Omar and his younger brother Hassan live in a refugee camp, and when an opportunity for Omar to get an education comes along, he must decide between going to school every day or caring for his nonverbal brother in this intimate and touching portrayal of family and daily life in a refugee camp.</p>	GN 530L	4-6
<p>↓ THIS IS YOUR BRAIN ON STEREOTYPES* by Tanya Lloyd Kyi</p> <p>Learn more about the science, history, and psychology of stereotypes.</p>	910L	5-8
<p>↓ CHIRP* by Kate Messner</p> <p>Moving to Vermont the summer after seventh grade, a young gymnast hides a secret as she makes new friends and investigates her grandmother's claim that someone is trying to destroy her cricket farm.</p>	n/a	4-6
<p>↓ THE BEST AT IT* by Maulik Pancholy</p> <p>Suspended unjustly from elite Middlefield Prep, Donte Ellison studies fencing with a former champion, hoping to put the racist fencing team captain in his place</p>	620	5-7
<p>↓ BLACK BROTHER, BLACK BROTHER* by Jewell Parker Rhodes</p> <p>The word otsaliheliga (oh-jah-LEE-hay-lee-gah) is used by members of the Cherokee Nation to express gratitude. Beginning in the fall with the new year and ending in summer, follow a full Cherokee year of celebrations and experiences.</p>	400L	4-6