

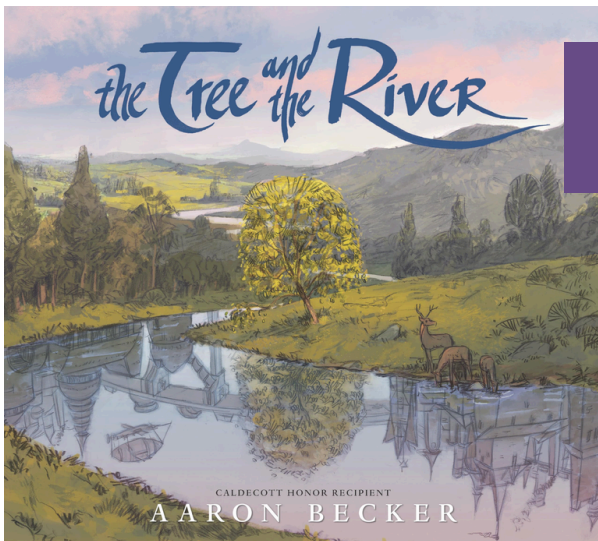
# SELECTIONS JR.

June, 2025



Monthly Youth Recommendations from the Staff at Deerfield Public Library

Picture Book



## *The Tree and the River*

Aaron Becker

A beautiful wordless picture book that follows the centuries-long rise and fall of a civilization. Every page is centered on the titular tree and river, steadily growing as the world changes rapidly around them. - Sean C.

## *Llama Destroys the World*

Jonathan Stutzman

The language and images in this book are hilarious. Gets a lot of giggles from the kids and it is one they've asked to be read over and over. - Stevie N.



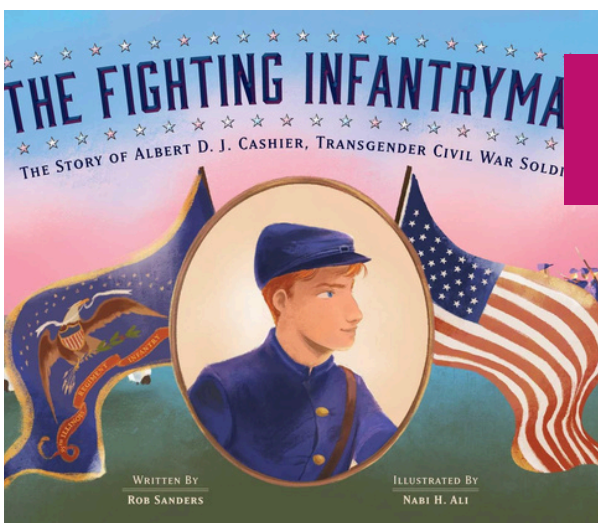
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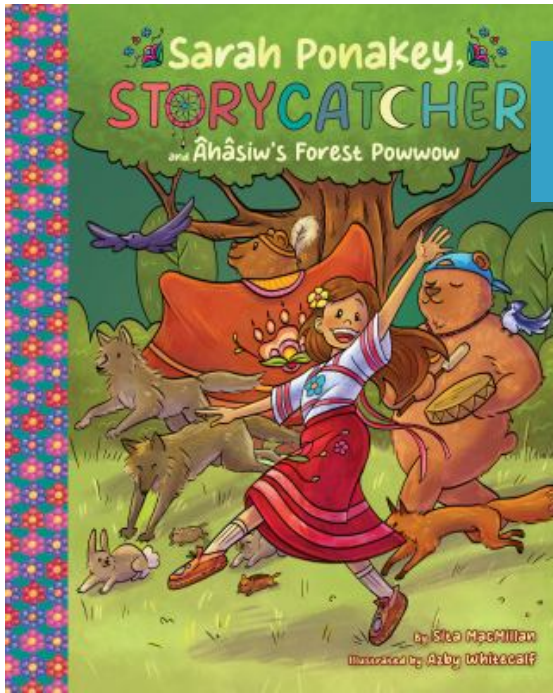
## *The Fighting Infantryman*

Rob Sanders

This picture book outlines the fascinating life of transgender civil war soldier Albert D.J. Cashier. His fellow veterans' defense of his right to a military pension and funeral remains an important story, and the evocative art and text of this picture book depict it wonderfully. - Sean C.

Biography





## Sarah Ponakey, Storycatcher

Sita MacMillan

After moving to the city, Sarah is without her Kôhkom, her beloved grandmother, or the forests she enjoyed. Her favorite stuffed animal, Âhâsiw, helps keep her connected to her Cree culture. This book is about finding your own voice, being brave, and standing up for yourself.

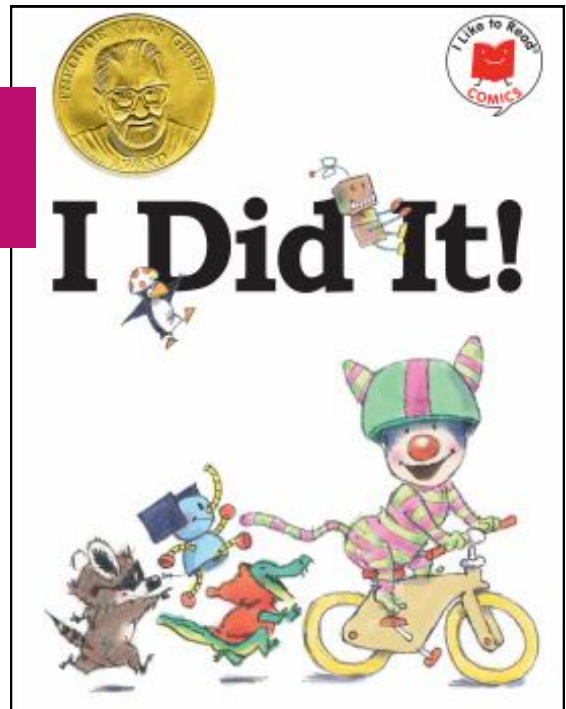
- Kary H.

(CW: some bullying)

## I Did It!

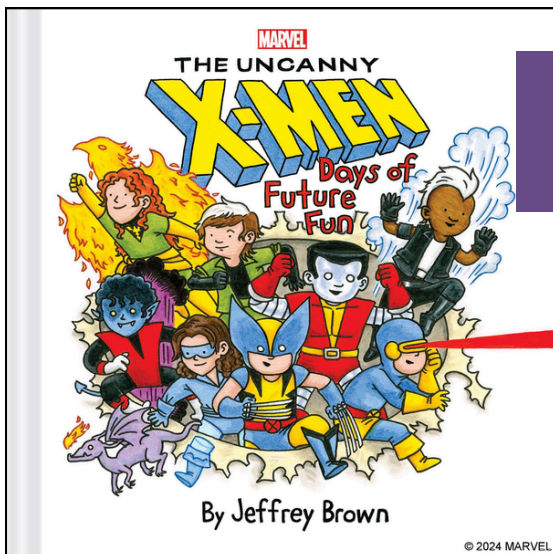
Michael Emberley

Winner of the 2023 Geisel Award for best early reader, this is a wonderful first comic, full of short, repetitive phrases and featuring a main character who embodies the growth mindset. Adorable secondary characters cheer on their friend as they try, fail, and ultimately succeed. - Kary H.



## The Uncanny X-Men: Days of Future Fun

Jeffrey Brown



Jeffrey Brown delivers a whimsical take on the X-Men as they hone their superpowers under Professor X. The illustrations are playful and colorful, taking inspiration from the classic 1980s-era X-Men teams. Adult fans of the X-Men will find plenty of in-jokes and Easter eggs. - Tom W.



## Time Warp Trio series

Jon Scieszka

This series is a fun comedy adventure for younger readers. It parodies history with its wacky scenarios and silly titles. Don't forget you can request the books we're missing from LINKin!

- Joseph G.

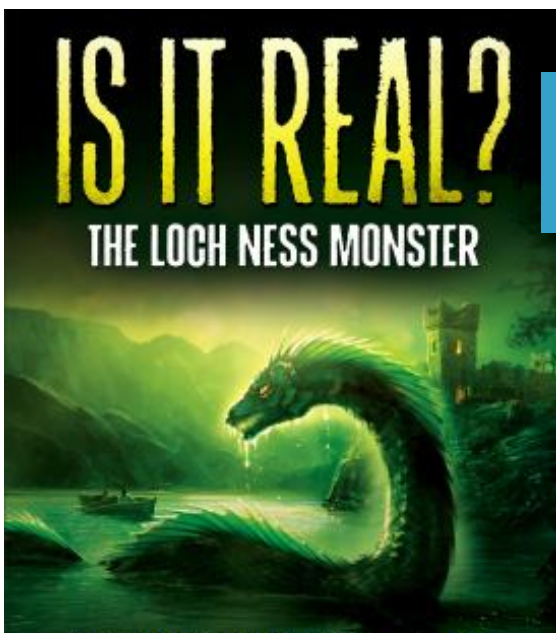
## The Tenth Mistake of Hank Hooperman

Gennifer Choldenko

This book is really important because the topic of child abandonment is not found in many middle grade novels. The characters are superbly written. This book takes the reader on a roller coaster of emotions.

- Andrea L.

(CW: Alcoholism, Child Abandonment)



## Is It Real? The Loch Ness Monster

Candace Fleming

Become a detective and investigate whether the Loch Ness Monster is real! Learn what evidence exists and what methods are best used to determine the truth to one of Scotland's great mysteries. This was a fun way to learn how scientists explore myths.

- Megan S.

Teen Fiction



# Song of the Lioness series

Tamora Pierce

This series feels so timeless, it is the introduction to a universe of 20 books. The quartet follows Alanna from age 11 to age 20, beginning with her and her twin brother trading places so she can become a knight. Also, graphic novel adaptation of book 1 just released!

- Dylan G.

# Leap

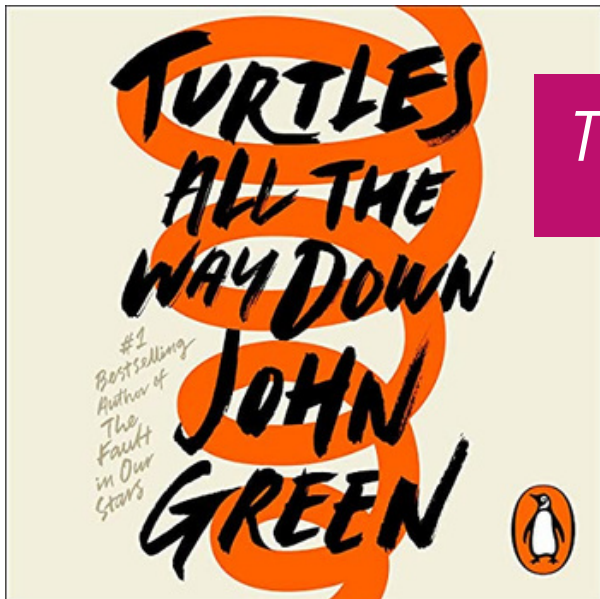
Simina Popescu

This is a beautiful coming of age sapphic story that portrays the ups and downs of finding yourself, what you want to do with your life, and navigating relationships both romantic and platonic. - Steph M.



Teen Graphic Novel

Teen Fiction



# Turtles all the Way Down

John Green

Absolutely stunning depiction of debilitating OCD and overcoming grief dealing with the death of a parent. This book made me sob and I don't cry.

- Johnnie B.

(CW: mentions of suicide, parent death, unintentional self-harm)