Sixth Grade Suggestions

*Forge*
by Laurie Halse Anderson
Valley Forge and the Revolutionary War as seen through the eyes of former slave Curzon. Experience the harsh reality of life for soldiers fighting in the war for American Independence.

*The London Eye Mystery*
by Siobhan Dowd
When your brain works on a "different operating system" from everyone else's, you sometimes see things others miss. Ted may be different, but it's his brain that will solve The London Eye Mystery.

*Ghostopolis*
by Doug TenNapel
Accidentally transported to the afterlife, Garth Hale has the adventure of a lifetime (or two). Hilarious, touching, and filled with action, this graphic novel is not for the faint of heart.

*Thresholds*
by Nina Kiriki Hoffman
After Maya's friend Stephanie died, she moved to a new town to start over. But who would have guessed that her new beginning would include magical neighbors and mysterious egg?

*I, Emma Freke*
by Elizabeth Atkinson
Emma is 12 and almost 6 feet tall. What she really wants to know is... just who is Emma Freke? A Freak? or a Frecky?

*The Strange Case of Origami Yoda*
by Tom Angleberger
Tommy’s friend Dwight is weird. But he does have an origami Yoda, which is capable of giving important advice, especially when it comes to one special girl....

*Indigo’s Star*
by Hilary McKay
Indigo Casson has a problem with the local bullies and his new buddy, the American guitar-playing Tom Levin, is prepared to fight back.
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Seventh Grade Suggestions

*Children of the Sea, Vol. 1*
By Daisuke Igarashi
Why are fish disappearing from the oceans? in this first installment of the Children of the Sea series, Ruka and her new friends Umi and Sora begin a journey of discovery and set out to solve the mystery of the disappearing fish.

*Sabriel*
By Garth Nix
Sabriel comes from a long line of Necromancers, mages who are responsible for binding the spirits of the dead. There is an ancient evil loose in the Old Kingdom, and Sabriel, her cat servant Mogget, and her friend Touchstone must work together to return the Kingdom to safety.

*The Dark Game: True Spy Stories*
by Paul B. Janeczko
Profiles of real spies, from Benedict Arnold to Robert Hanssen, populate this excellent book on spying. Filled with great details on codes, spy gadgets and other tools of the trade.

*Heart of a Samurai*
By Margi Preus
When 14 year old Manjiro is castaway on a deserted island after a storm, he is also automatically cast out of his native country. Rescued by an American whaling ship, he grows to appreciate the "barbarians" outside the closed borders of 19th century Japan.

*Thirteen Plus One*
By Lauren Myracle
Winnie Perry has made it through Eleven, Twelve and Thirteen, and now she's on her way to fourteen and high school. She's got one summer to finish her list of Things-to-Do-Before-High-School. It's going to be epic.

*A Monster Calls*
By Patrick Ness
Conor is visited by a monster every night. The monster wants something from Conor. It wants the truth. Get out your handkerchiefs, this is a sad, sad, wonderful story.

*Ruined: a Novel*
By Paula Morris
Lisette is a New Orleans ghost with a score to settle, and Rebecca is the new girl in town who will help to put things right.
Eighth Grade Suggestions

**Playground**
By 50 Cent
This “mostly true story of a former bully” includes episodes from 50 Cent’s own life. Nobody plays on his playground.

**Take a Bow**
By Elizabeth Eulberg
Four friends are trying to make it in a performing arts high school. Will they take a bow, or will they bow out?

**The Crepe Makers’ Bond**
By Julie Crabtree
When Ariel gets stressed, she gets into cooking. This is the story of three friends, their drama, and the food that makes things all better. With recipes.

**Secret Keeper**
By Mitali Perkins
Asha has some difficult decisions to make. Her family’s expectations and her own aspirations are leading in different directions.

**Happyface**
By Stephen Emond
"I AM Happyface. I'm a happy guy, I smile in class, I spread the joy. I'm the life of the party!" But Happyface is not all he seems. Happyface's story is told through his journals, sketchbooks and emails.

**Ship Breaker**
By Paolo Bacigalupi
When the industrial world starts to crumble, the only future for some is scavenging. Nailer is a ship breaker, scraping out a living on the Gulf Coast. When a huge storm shipwrecks a fancy yacht right offshore from his shack, could the salvage make his fortune?

**A Beautiful Friendship**
By David Weber
David Weber builds a fantastic new world in his planet Sphinx. Stephanie Harrington is anxious to explore the planet and meet its shy inhabitants.

**Anya’s Ghost**
By Vera Brosgol
Anya’s new friend is a ghost, but is Emily really who she says she is? It’s a mystery, and Anya is going to solve it.