

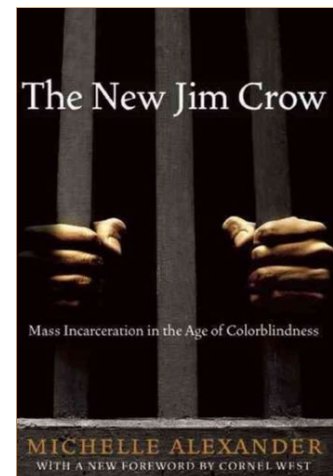
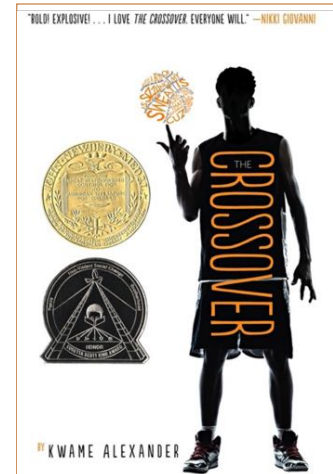
Carol Jago's Suggestions for Your Classroom Library

Welcome to my list of suggestions for your classroom library. It is not meant in any way to be a perfect list. Only you know what titles will be most appealing to your students and which books might be problematic in your school community. I have compiled here a list of books that I believe can open up the world to middle and high school readers.

Some of these stories include scenes of violence and/or language that might offend. That said, I have read every one of these books and believe the scenes and language contribute importantly to the authors' intent and message.

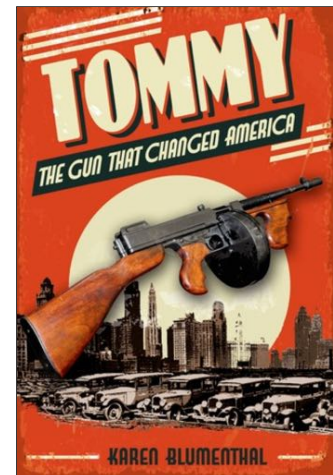
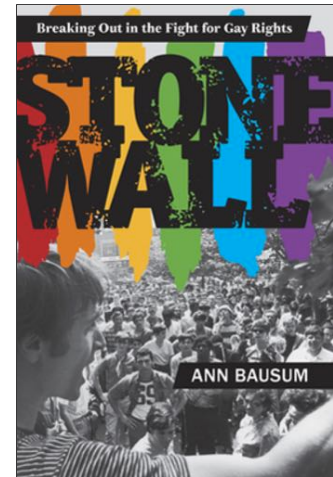
Thanks for all you do to bring books into your students' lives. Reading helps us be more fully human.

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Adiga, Aravind	<i>The White Tiger</i>
Agosin, Marjorie	<i>I Lived on Butterfly Hill</i>
Ahmad, Jamil	<i>The Wandering Falcon</i>
Al Aswary, Alla	<i>The Yacoubian Building</i>
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Alarcon, Daniel	<i>Lost City Radio</i>
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Alexander, Elizabeth	<i>In the Light of the World</i>
Alexander, Kwame	<i>The Crossover</i>
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Alexander, Michelle	<i>The New Jim Crow</i>
Amis, Martin	<i>Time's Arrow</i>
Anderson, Laurie Halse	<i>Chains: Seeds of America trilogy</i>
Anderson, Laurie Halse	<i>The Impossible Knife of Memory</i>
Anderson, M.T.	<i>Feed</i>
Anderson, M.T.	<i>Symphony for the City of the Dead: Dmitry Shostokovich and the Leningrad Symphony</i>
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Aronson, Marc	<i>Sugar Changed the World</i>
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Atkinson, Kate	<i>Life after Life</i>
Atwood, Margaret	<i>MaddAddam</i>
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Atwood, Margaret	<i>The Year of the Flood</i>
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Bagdasarian, Adam	<i>Forgotten Fire</i>
Baldwin, James	<i>The Fire Next Time</i>
Banksy	<i>Wall and Piece</i>
Barakat, Ibtisam	<i>Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood</i>
Barbery, Muriel	<i>The Elegance of the Hedgehog</i>
Barker, Pat	<i>Regeneration</i>
Bartoletti, Susan Campbell	<i>Terrible Typhoid Mary:</i>
Bascomb, Neal	<i>The Nazi Hunters</i>
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Beah, Ishmael	<i>A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier</i>



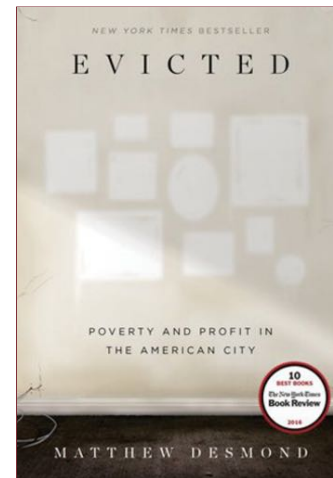
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Fun Home
Empire of Cotton: A Global History
City of Thieves
Fieldwork
What Are People For?
Changing the Subject: Essays on the Mediated Self
Christine Falls
Love in a Time of Global Warming
Tommy: The Gun that changed America
Behind the Beautiful Forevers
Caleb's Crossing
March
People of the Book
Manchild in the Promised Land
Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans
The Great American Dust Bowl
Kindred: a graphic novel adaptation
Invisible Cities
American Salvage
In Cold Blood
Ender's Game
His Illegal Self
Theft, A Love Story
The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Your Brain
Boom, Bust, Boom: A story about copper, the metal that runs the world
Seeds
Black Dove: Mama, Mi'jo, and Me
A Man Called Thursday
A House of My Own: Stories from My Life
The Edward Curtis Project: A Modern Picture Story
The Girls
Between the World and Me
The Beautiful Struggle
Hackers, Hoaxers, Whistleblowers, Spies
The Hunger Games
The Secret Life of Lobsters
The Pesthouse
The Notebook
Audacity
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Columbine
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The Dewbreaker
The Mersault Investigations
Can't and Won't: Stories
No and Me
The Hare with Amber Eyes



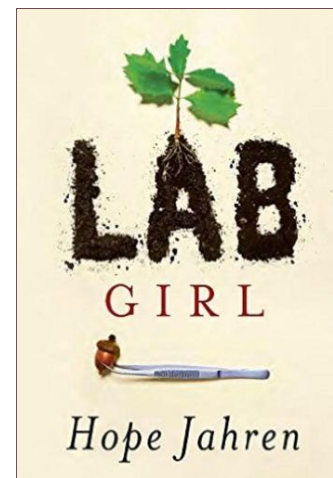
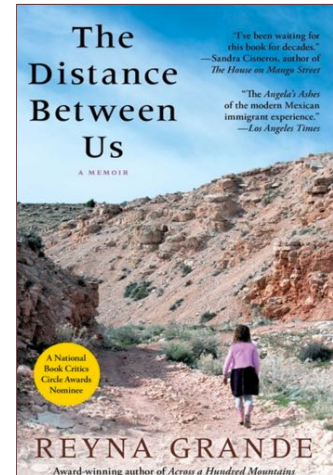
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Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City
The Innocence of Loss
Collapse
Guns, Germs, and Steel
This Is How You Lose Her
The Brief Wondrous Life of Ocsar Wao
The Magician's Elephant
The Year of Magical Thinking
Homeland
Little Brother
The March
All the Light We Cannot See
Room
Ella Minnow Pea
Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America
The Black Presidency: Barack Obama and the Politics of Race in America
A Visit from the Goon Squad
The Keep
The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl.
A Hologram for the King
The Circle
Waiting for Snow in Havana
Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings
The Wild Book
The Green Road
Rooftops of Iran
LaRose
The Painted Drum
The Round House
Mockingbird
The Book of Strange New Things
The Great American Whatever
My Brilliant Friend
Then We Came to the End
Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman
The Forever War
Thank You for Your Service
The Good Soldiers
Barbarian Days: A Surfing Life
Head Off and Split: Poems
Eyes Wide Open
Sister Bernadette's Barking Dog
Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk
Black Hearts: One Platoon's Descent into Madness in Iraq's Triangle of Death
American Gods
Neverwhere



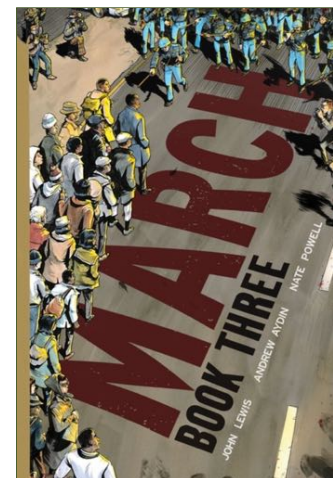
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The Graveyard Book
The Ocean at the End of the Lane
Norse Mythology
Sea of Poppies
The Inquisitor's Tale
Jane Goodall, 50 Years at Gombe
Team of Rivals
The Pickup
They Say I Say: Moves That Matter in Academic Writing
The Distance Between Us
Animals in Translation
Vincent Van Gogh: Portrait of an Artist
Will in the World
Someone to Run With
Kiffe Kiffe Tomorrow
Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time
Hot to Get Filthy Rich in Rising Asia
The Reluctant Fundamentalist
The Translator
Tiger Man
How to Be Drawn
Days of Destruction Days of Revolt
The Lazarus Project
The Book of My Lives
Laughing Out Loud, I Fly
Portraits of Hispanic American Heroes
Hiroshima
Unbroken
Moby-Duck
The Boys Who Challenged Hitler
Juliet, Naked
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A Thousand Splendid Suns
The Flame Trees of Thika
Jar City
Steve Jobs
Never Let Me Go
Why Don't You Stop Talking
Lab Girl
Negroland: a memoir
The Orphan Master's Son
The First Part Last
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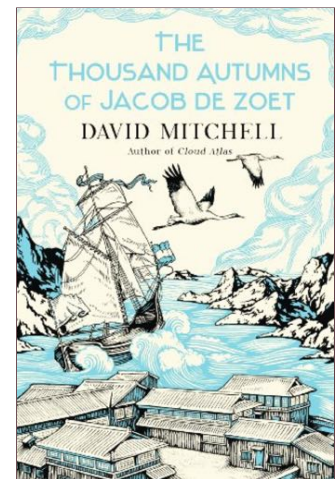
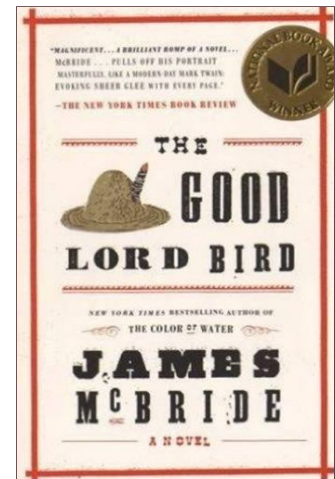
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Strength in What Remains
Without You, There Is No Us
Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge
A Small Place
Autobiography of My Mother
See Now Then
Redeployment
The Dinner
The Sixth Extinction
There Are No Children Here
Missoula: Rape & the Justice System in a College Town
Navajos Wear Nikes
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Cod: A Biography of the Fish That Changed the World
Telex from Cuba
We Were Liars
The Lowland
Unaccustomed Earth
Inside Out and Back Again
Hope and Other Dangerous Pursuits
Isaac's Storm
Devil in the White City
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Girl with the Dragon Tattoo
Factory Girl
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A Night to Remember



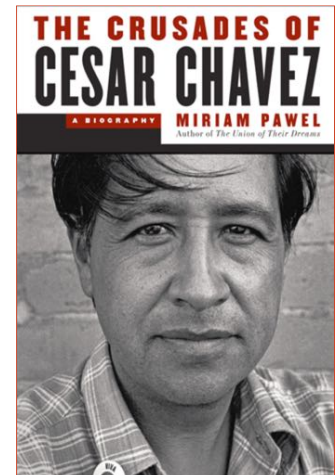
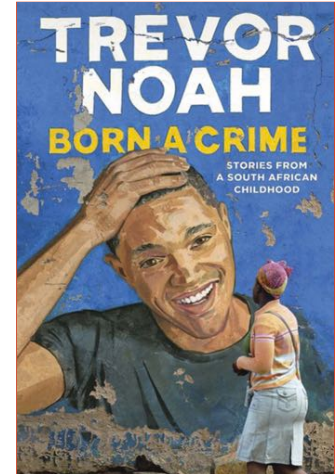
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Black Gold: The Story of Oil in Our Lives
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Game of Thrones
Kill 'em and Leave: Searching for James Brown and the American Soul
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Let the Great World Spin
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Never Fall Down
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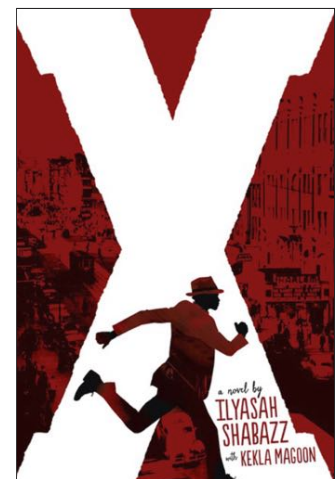
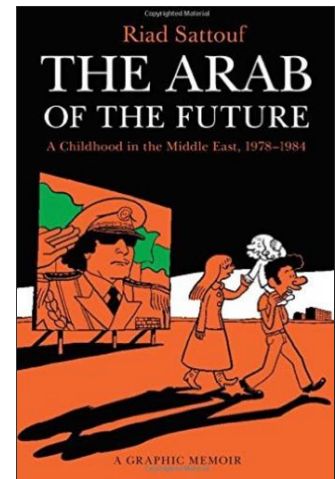
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Three Strong Women
American Ace
My Seneca Village
Suite Francaise
A Monster Calls
The Sympathizer
Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood
The Character of Rain
Everything That Rises Must Converge
Last Night at the Lobster
Netherland
The Tiger's Wife
The Icarus Girl
The Housekeeper and the Professor
Upstream
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The Cat's Table
Dear Miss Breed
The buddha in the Attic
Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodal et al.
My Michael
Scenes from Village Life
Dictation
The Shawl
Wonder
My Name Is Red
Snow
Truth and Beauty
Maximum Ride
The Crusades of Cesar Chavez: a biography
The Union of Their Dreams
Special Topics in Calamity Physics
The Girl from the Metropol Hote: Growing Up in Communist Russia
Out Stealing Horses
Blood at the Root
This Strange Wilderness: The Life and Art of John James Audubon
The Omnivore's Dilemma
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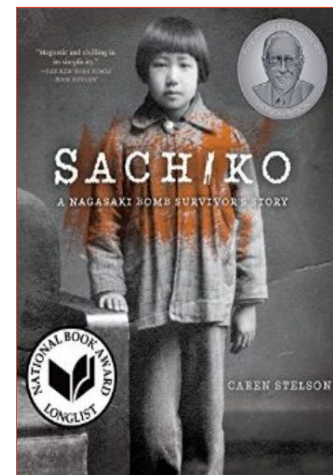
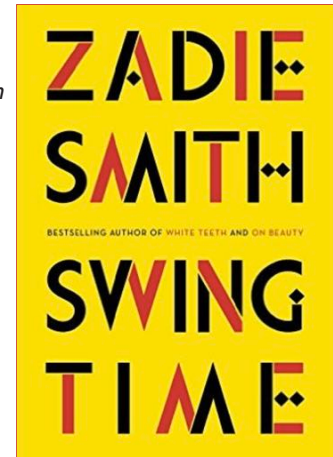
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How a Blind Man Became History's Greatest Traveler
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Why School?
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Luka and the Fire of Life
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Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War
Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team
We Need to Talk about Kevin
Little Failure: A Memoir
Super Sad Love Story
Let Your Voice Be Heard
Animal's People
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks
A paradise Built in Hell
Just Kids
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On Beauty
Swing Time
Hope in the Dark, Untold Histories, Wild possibilities
My Beloved World
Golden Hill
A History of the World in 6 Glasses



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Just Mercy: A story of justice and redemption
The Everything Store: Jeff Bezos and the Age of Amazon
Marcelo in the Real World
Some Writer! The Story of E.B. White
All that Man Is
The Arrival
Goldfinch
Division Street
The Hate U Give
We, the Animals
Deep Down Dark: 33 Men Buried in a Chilean Mine
The Gustav Sonata
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Reclaiming Conversation
My Life as a Foreign Country: A Memoir
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Blood Done Sign My Name
The Real Boy
Hillbilly Elegy
No Crystal Stair: Life of Lewis Michaux, Harlem bookseller
Cutting for Stone
Be More Cool
The Fire This Time: A New Generation Speaks about Race
Gaia Girls: Enter the Earth
The Underground Railroad
Writing to Save a Life: The Louis Till File
Fish Girl
The Shadow Catcher
The Warmth of Other Suns
Stoner
The Hour of Land: A Personal Topography of America's National Parks
Losing My Cool: Love, Literature, and a Black Man's Escape from the Crowd
Letters from a Scientist
Near Andersonville, Winslow Homer's Civil War
Another Brooklyn
The Story of Edgar Sawtelle
American Born Chinese
Level Up
A Woman in Jerusalem
The Book Thief



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Happy reading.

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