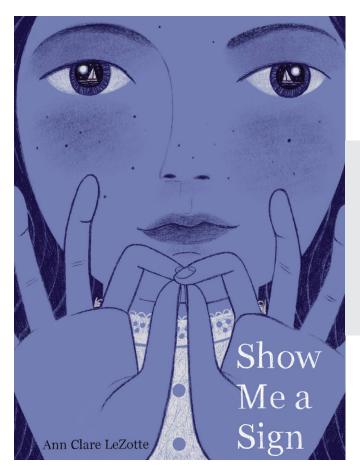
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# Family/Friends/School



#### Librarian favorite:

Show Me a Sign by Ann Clare LeZotte

#### Why we love it:

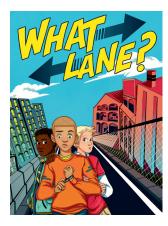
This is an engrossing, fascinating story about 11-year-old Mary Lambert, who is deaf, and her courage and resilience in dealing with centuries-old prejudice and racism on the island she loves and calls home, Martha's Vineyard. A vivid depiction of the Deaf Community along with fast-paced prose make this a complex and beautiful story.





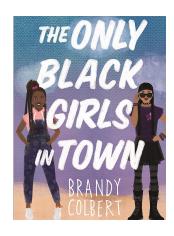




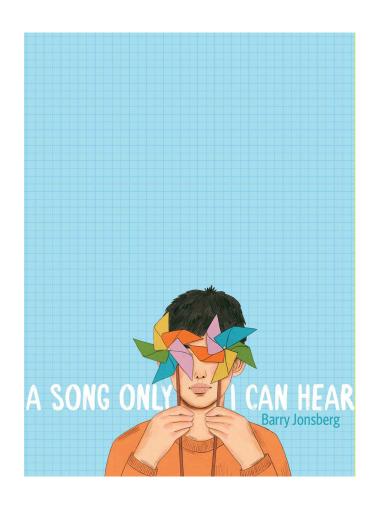


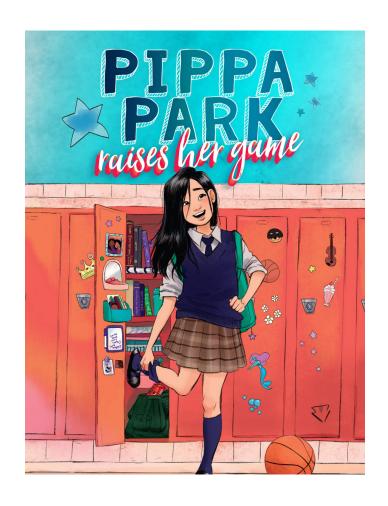






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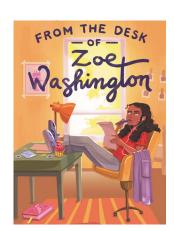




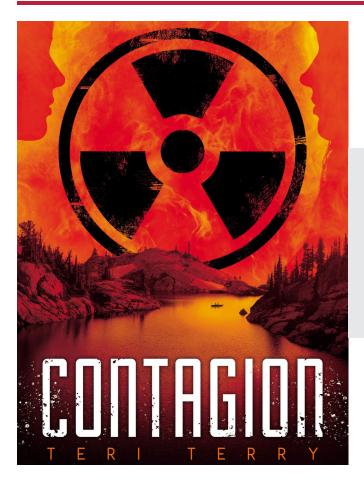








# Fantasy/Sci-fi & Action/Adventure



#### Librarian favorite:

Contagion by Teri Terry

#### Why we love it:

You can't outrun the epidemic. Can you survive it? There is no cure. The 5 percent who do survive are deemed "dangerous" and are taken into custody by the army. Callie survived the virus, but not the cure. Her brother, Kai, along with his new friend Shay, is still looking for her. Shay may hold the key to survival. This is an exciting and terrifying new thriller that may keep you awake at night.





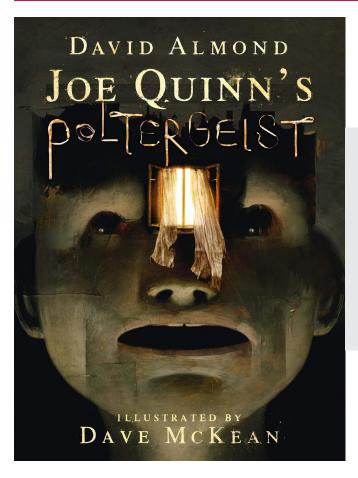








# **Graphic Novel**



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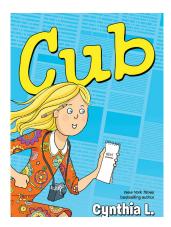
Joe Quinn's Poltergeist by David Almond

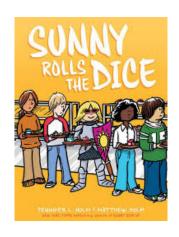
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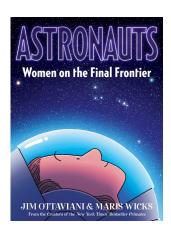
Do you believe in the supernatural? Joe Quinn does; he talks to anyone about the poltergeist in his house, but no one believes him. Skeptical Dave visits and has an unexplainable experience that has him questioning the existence of ghosts and what he saw. This unique graphic novel uses mixed-media of dark drawings and collage pieces to convey this often weird and unusual story. This story is so interesting and will keep you guessing until the end and even beyond!













# **Historical Fiction**

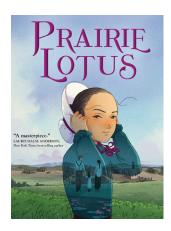


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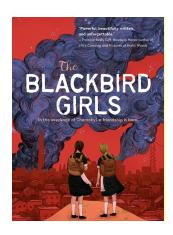
We Dream of Space by Erin Entrada Kelly

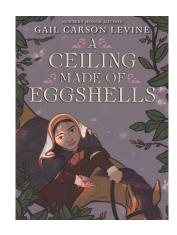
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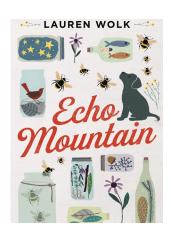
We love the 80s, but there were some historic, pivotal events that were disastrous! Siblings Bird, Fitch and Cash are anticipating the 1986 Challenger launch in their 7th grade science class. Their home life is strained with parents who are constantly bickering. They learn the painful truth that words have incredible power for irreparable damage or the ability to lift up and build enduring bonds. An engaging, wondrous story with relatable characters.

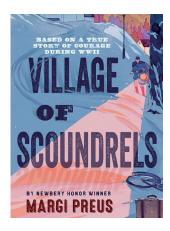




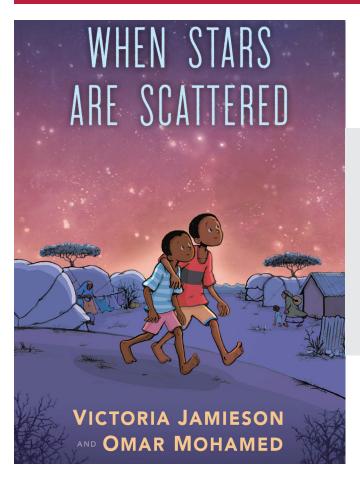








### **Nonfiction**



#### Librarian favorite:

When Stars Are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

#### Why we love it:

This is an encouraging and sometimes funny graphic novel about brothers living in a refugee camp in Kenya. This tearjerker shines a light on day-to-day life in a refugee camp, and the reality of the lack of food, medical care, safety, and even schooling. A truly heartbreaking story that serves as a reminder for the many things we take for granted, these resilient characters will have you cheering them on to a better outcome.

