

Maine Student Book Award  
Combined 2018-2019 Reading List  
(Titles, published in 2017, suggested for students in grades 4-8)

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\*Anderson, John David. ***Posted***. Walden Pond Press. Realistic fiction. Gr 4+. 384 pages. Good read aloud. When Branton Middle School bans cell phones in school, the students turn to Post-Its instead. It doesn't take long before the Post-It solution turns nasty. The events that take place demonstrate the power of words: for both good and evil. "Posted" is an accurate and insightful story of the social interactions of middle schoolers. ISBN: 9780062338211

\*Arnold, Elana K. ***A Boy Called Bat***. Walden Pond Press. Realistic fiction. Gr 4+. 208 pages. Good read aloud. Though Bat doesn't have many friends, he absolutely loves animals. His mom, a veterinarian, brings home a newborn skunk who needs fostering, and Bat quickly becomes attached. While Bat may struggle at school, he is a natural at tending to his new foster critter. In fact, Thor, the baby skunk, helps Bat start to make connections to his classmates. This is a quiet and sweet story that will capture the hearts of animal lovers. Beautiful grayscale illustrations only add to the delight of the story. ISBN: 9780062445834

\*Asher, Diana. ***Sidetracked***. Harry N. Abrams. Sports fiction. Gr 4+. 240 pages. Good read aloud. Joseph has a wild imagination and many phobias. He doesn't feel like he fits in, so he spends much of his time in the Resource Room with Mrs. T who understands him. At the beginning of 7th grade, his teacher encourages him to try out for the track team, where he meets the incredible Heather. She becomes both a friend to and advocate for Joseph. ISBN: 9781419726019

\*Baratz-Logsted, Lauren. ***I Love You, Michael Collins***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux. Historical fiction. Gr 4+. 240 pages. Good read aloud. Mamie is given the assignment to write to one of the three astronauts on Apollo 11 and she chooses the lesser known Michael Collins. She doesn't stop at just one letter and writes a series of letters that chronicle her summer of 1969. She shares her excitement and worries about his mission and her struggles with her own family drifting apart. The parallels in the stories connect nicely and conclude hopefully. ISBN: 9780374303853

\*Bouwman, H. M. ***A Crack in the Sea***. Puffin Books. Fantasy. 368 pages. At different points in time, folks lost at sea have found their way through a door into a different place, a "second world". These people have come to populate the island of Tathen and a floating island made of rafts. The king of Raft World wants to go back through the door to the first world, so he kidnaps a boy with special gifts from the main island to help him. Throughout the story, we see a conflict with the current characters, as well as developed stories about the people who came to the second world. This book bends the idea of genre and will stretch and challenge the imagination! ISBN: 9780399545191

\*Bowling, Dusti. ***Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus***. Sterling Children's Books. Realistic fiction. Gr 4+. 272 pages. Aven and her family have just moved to Arizona to run a worn down attraction called Stagecoach Pass. The job just fell into place but now Aven has to learn how to get along in her new middle school and make new friends. That is hard for anyone, but since Aven has no arms it is a bit more awkward - especially lunch. As Aven starts to explore the area, she meets Connor who also has trouble fitting in because of his Tourette's, and Zion who is self-conscious about his weight. Together they work through their insecurities and help to solve a mystery of the Cavenaugh's who own Stagecoach Pass. ISBN: 9781454923459

\*Bunker, Lisa. ***Felix Yz***. Viking Books for Young Readers. Science fiction. Gr 6+. 288 pages. Because of an accident at his father's laboratory, Felix has become fused with an alien being from the fourth dimension. Zyx, as the friendly alien comes to be called, interferes with Felix's normal functioning. The story chronicles the events leading up to the separation of Felix and Zyx, which is dangerous and experimental. Many questions are asked about life and existence, including that beyond our own dimension. ISBN: 9780425288504

\*Burgis, Stephanie. *The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart*. Bloomsbury USA Childrens. Fantasy. Gr 4+. 256 pages. Good read aloud. Adventurine is a dragon, who ends up being transformed into a human girl. She is introduced to chocolate and it becomes her passion. She has a little trouble adapting at first, since she thinks like a dragon, and her feisty tendencies don't always help her relate to others. When Adventurine's dragon family threatens the town, she must draw upon her dragon and human skills to keep both the humans and dragons safe. ISBN: 9781681193434

\*Burt, Jake. *Greetings from Witness Protection!* Feiwel and Friends. Realistic fiction. Gr 4+. 368 pages. Good read aloud. Nicki Demere has been plucked from the foster system to help out a family going into the Witness Protection Program. As Charlotte Trevor, she moves to North Carolina to start her new life. She blends in well with her family and at her new school, but her kleptomania is triggered by stress, and there is a lot of stress in her new surroundings! With the ever present threat of the "bad guys" coming after them looming, Charlotte and the Trevors are always on edge. When her brother goes against the rules and creates a Facebook page, it sets into motion the means for them to be found. Will Charlotte be enough to protect her new family? ISBN: 9781250107114

\*Carter, Caela. *Forever, or a Long, Long Time*. HarperCollins. Realistic fiction. Gr 4+. 320 pages. Flora and Julian have always been together. They're siblings and have been through the foster care system. They've been adopted but continue to struggle. Julian stores food in his closet and Flora sometimes can't talk. Since they know nothing about their birth parents, they both have theories about where they really came from--the sea, the horizon, formerly dogs--and so far nothing has convinced them otherwise. ISBN: 9780062385680

\*Crowder, Melanie. *An Uninterrupted View of the Sky*. Philomel Books. Realistic fiction. Gr 6+. 304 pages. A powerful story about the misuse of a law in Bolivia that forced many innocent people to go to prison without any hope of being set free. No guards were inside the prison, just on the outside. Children lived in the prison with their fathers and mothers. Surprisingly, this is a practice that continues to this day. ISBN: 9780399169007

\*Dairman, Tara. *The Great Hibernation*. Wendy Lamb Books. Mystery. Gr 4+. 272 pages. Good read aloud. Jean and her family live in a secluded village in the far north. Their village has some pretty strange traditions including eating bear liver. This year is Jean's first year to partake in that tradition but she is unable to stomach the delicacy. Soon after the ceremony all the adults go into a strange sleep. The mayor's son then decides that all the kids will just take over their parents jobs and duties - including voting on a new controversial factory - until the parents wake up. But Jean thinks something fishy is going on. Can she prove it and save her town from the new mayor and his allies? ISBN: 9781524717858

\*Eszterhas, Suzi. *Moto and Me: My Year as a Wildcat's Foster Mom*. Owlkids Books. Nonfiction. Gr 4+. 40 pages. Good read aloud. This is an inspiring, true story about an orphaned serval cat named Moto told by wildlife photographer Suzi Eszterhas who took care of Moto for a year while she was living in a bush camp in Kenya. Along with her amazing photographs, Eszterhas chronicles how she cared for Moto, fed him, played with him and most importantly, tried to teach him the skills he needs to survive on his own. Will Moto be able to return to the wild? ISBN: 9781771472425

\*Forde, Patricia. *The List*. Sourcebooks Jabberwocky. Science Fiction. Gr 6+. 368 pages. Good read aloud. The polar ice caps have melted resulting in global flooding. Many of the survivors are fortunate to live in a secure location known as the Ark led by John Noa. Letta is in training to be a wordsmith. Her job is to create and copy the approved list of words that people are allowed to use. This list has just been cut from 700 to 500. John Noa believes that language is what doomed the human race and he wants to limit people's creativity, drive, and future thinking. He believes people should live for today only - just the food they need for the day. He regulates everything in Ark and Letta never questioned it - until her teacher Benjamin disappeared and she met Marlo - a boy who lives outside of Ark and believes in the right of expression. Soon Letta is caught up in finding the truth. What she finds is more horrible than she imagined because Noa wants to get rid of language altogether. ISBN: 9781492647966

\*Frank, Steven B. *Armstrong & Charlie*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Historical Fiction. Gr 6+. 304 pages. It's the 1970's and segregation is coming to an end. When sixth graders from "downtown" start getting bussed to the white school in Laurel Canyon, Charlie's life is in for a big change. Enter Armstrong. Armstrong is coming to his new school with a chip on his shoulder and something to prove. His first enemy becomes his first friend, but not as quickly as you would think. As the school year progresses, this already strained relationship is tested again and again. With each boy bringing a different kind of pain and loss to the friendship, things aren't always easy. ISBN: 9781328941664

\*Gemeinhart, Dan. *Scar Island*. Scholastic Press. Realistic fiction. Gr 6+. 256 pages. Jonathan has been sent to Slabhenge Reformatory School for Boys because of something that happened that he feels responsible for. But Slabhenge is nothing like a school - more like a prison run by a tyrannical "Admiral" and staff. After just a few days, however, Jonathan and the other boys find themselves suddenly without any adults. While some boys want to leave immediately, others, including Jonathan want to stay and enjoy their new freedom. But things quickly deteriorate. To make matters worse a hurricane is coming. Can Jonathan come to terms with his past and help the boys all face their futures? ISBN: 9781338053852

\*Gratz, Alan. *Refugee*. Scholastic Press. Historical fiction. Gr 5+. 352 pages. Three child refugees are featured at three different points in history. Josef and his family are trying to escape Germany right before WWII, Isabel is escaping Cuba in 1994 with her family, and Mahmoud and his family are escaping Syria in 2015. All of them face hardships, danger, death, and are misunderstood. The reader follows the characters' struggles and successes closely in this powerful, emotional read. Could these three refugees possibly be connected? ISBN: 9780545880831

\*Harris, Chris. *I'm Just No Good at Rhyming...* Little, Brown and Company. Poetry. Gr 4+. 192 pages. Good read aloud. Chris Harris' poems have been compared to Shel Silverstein. In this book readers will find a variety of silly, witty, and clever poems. Lane Smith's illustrations add to the fun. Great for a wide-range of readers! ISBN: 9780316266574

\*Hashimoto, Meika. *The Trail*. Scholastic Press. Adventure/Survival. Gr 4+. 240 pages. Good read aloud. Toby is hiking a part of the Appalachian Trail as part of a list that he and his best friend Lucas were going to do as part of their summer list of top ten things to do. Lucas has died and Toby goes anyway without telling his grandmother. He makes many mistakes along the way, but meets good people who help, as well as a stray dog who becomes his loyal hiking companion. Will hiking the trail help Toby overcome his grief at the loss of his friend? ISBN: 9781338035865

\*Hautman, Pete. *Slider*. Candlewick. Realistic fiction. Gr 4+. 288 pages. Good read aloud. Unlike most middle school boys, David's interests lie in the world of competitive eating. He follows the lives of the top eaters around the world and aspires to be among their ranks some day. When he secretly spends \$2,000 on a half hot-dog online, he decides to join some local eating contests to pay his mom back. ISBN: 9780763690700

\*Hicks, Deron. *The Van Gogh Deception*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Adventure/Survival. Gr 4+. 320 pages. When a boy is found at the National Gallery in D.C with no memory of who he is or how he got there, the police bring him in, set him up in a temporary foster home, and start looking for his parents. But others are looking for the boy as well. This boy is placed with a foster mom and her daughter, Camille. The next day they decide to go back to the museum to see if it will jog any memories and soon things start coming back piece by piece - his name which is Art, his backpack, his knowledge of artwork, and what happened to his father. As his memories return, Art becomes more dangerous to those who are trying to find him. Can Art and Camille stay one step ahead and prevent a major art scandal? ISBN: 9780544759275

\*Holbrook, Sara. ***The Enemy: Detroit 1954***. Calkins Creek. Historical fiction. Gr 4+. 224 pages. 1954: The war is over but there are repercussions...a cold war and distrust of Russians, a fear of Communism and book banning, and lingering tensions of those who were the "enemy". When a new girl moves to town, Marjorie thinks about being her friend. But Inga is a DP from Germany and Marjorie's other friends don't like her and even have a "slam book" about her. But when Marjorie's dad shows her about forgiveness and peace by befriending Inga's dad, Marjorie knows she needs to also take a stand. ISBN: 9781629794983

\*Huckerby, Mark. ***Defender of the Realm***. Scholastic Press. Fantasy. Gr 4+. 320 pages. Good read aloud. Alfie has never wanted to be king or all the responsibility that comes with it but since he was born 10 seconds before his twin Richard, it all falls on his shoulders. Then weird things start happening - there are sightings of a black lizard and also the Defender of the Realm who rides a magical horse. But when the king, Alfie's father dies, he learns the truth about what the monarch really does besides opening ceremonies and shaking hands. But is Alfie up to the task? ISBN: 9780545936668

\*Johnson, Terry Lynn. ***Sled Dog School***. HMH Books for Young Readers. Realistic fiction. Gr 4+. 208 pages. Good read aloud. Matt has to come up with a business model for math, and follow through with it, so he doesn't have to go into remedial math. He chooses a dog sledding school because his family has background knowledge and experience with it. Typically a loner, Matt comes to befriend the two kids who become students in his school. ISBN: 9780544873315

\*King, A. S. ***Me and Marvin Gardens***. Arthur A. Levine Books. Fantasy. Gr 4+. 256 pages. Good read aloud. Obe Devlin is struggling socially since his best friend Tommy chose the new kids in the neighborhood as his friends. Tommy and his new friends have made Obe a target for their bullying. This is complicated by the fact that the new kids all live in a neighborhood that has been built on Devlin farmland. Obe lives on the last parcel of Devlin land with a creek and some woods and he is doing his best to preserve it. While playing around the creek he discovers a new creature that is like a cross between a dog/pig/beaver. Obe develops a friendship with the creature ( who is like a pet) and he names it Marvin Gardens. Obe realizes he needs to protect Marvin from the developers and Tommy's gang. ISBN: 9780545870740

\*Korman, Gordon. ***Restart***. Scholastic Press. Realistic fiction. Gr 4+. 256 pages. Good read aloud. Chase Ambrose wakes up in the hospital just before starting his 8th grade year. He has fallen off his roof and sustained a brain injury resulting in amnesia. He remembers nothing of his life before the accident. Chase was an athlete and star of the football team. As school starts back up, we also find that Chase was not a nice person. Students cower from him and give him a wide berth in the hallways. The "new" Chase is kind, thoughtful, and respectful. He is shocked as he slowly learns about the things he has done including a stunt that got him arrested. While he voluntarily serves his community service at a retirement home, he meets the veteran who ends up becoming a huge influence on him. Thanks to his amnesia, Chase gets to restart his life. Will he make the right choices? ISBN: 9781338053807

\*Larwood, Kieran. ***Podkin One-Ear***. Clarion Books, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Fantasy. Gr 4+. 256 pages. Good read aloud. Now that Podkin's father has been killed by the evil band of Gorm rabbits, he is slated to take on the role as Chieftain of his warren. When Podkin gets out into the world, along with his older sister and younger brother, he finds that it is a dangerous place for young rabbits. As he makes his way across the countryside, escaping from the Gorm, he takes on allies and trains in combat. When Podkin meets the Gorm and their leader again, he plans on being victorious. ISBN: 9781328695826

\*Lawrence, Mike. ***Star Scouts***. First Second. Graphic novel. Gr 4+. 192 pages. Avani's dad signs her up for Flower Scouts, but when she's accidentally teleported into space by an alien named Mabel, she gets the chance to join Star Scouts instead. Avani finds she is more suited for Star Scouts and feels at home with this galactic bunch of misfits. Avani is forced to examine some choices she has made. Readers will see that teamwork matters even across species and planets. ISBN: 9781626722804

\*Leatherdale, Mary Beth. ***Stormy Seas: Stories of Young Boat Refugees***. Annick Press. Nonfiction. Gr 4+. 64 pages. Good read aloud. Five true stories of young people fleeing their homelands, The stories represent both girls and boys all around the globe and within various time periods. This would be an excellent complement to the book "Refugee", which is also on our list! ISBN: 9781554518951

\*Loux, Matthew. ***The Time Museum***. First Second. Graphic novel. Gr 4+. 256 pages. Delia and 6 children from the past and future are selected to compete for an internship at the Time Museum. She and the other interns learn about time travel and how to gather artifacts for the museum. As they compete, they realize that they just might need to work together to protect the museum from a renegade time-traveler. Will they save the museum? Who will win the internship? ISBN: 9781596438491

\*Lu, Marie. ***Warcross***. G.P. Putnam's Sons. Science fiction. Gr 6+. 368 pages. In the future, Warcross, a virtual reality game, is played by almost everyone in the world. Emika is one of those players and when she accidentally hacks into the Warcross championship game she ends up getting recruited by its secretive developer to investigate some security problems with the game. And those problems? They are more complicated and deadly than Emika ever imagined. This page turning sci-fi book will appeal to gamers as well as readers looking for a fast paced thriller. ISBN: 780399547966

\*Mosier, Paul. ***Train I Ride***. HarperCollins. Realistic fiction. Gr 4+. 208 pages. Good read aloud. Almost 13 year-old Rydr has led a sad life. Her mother died of a drug overdose. She then lived with her mean and nasty grandmother until she too died. Now Rydr finds herself on a train on her way to live with a great-uncle she has never met. On this three day journey, she makes an impact on the lives of other passengers. Though it's only a few days on a train, she finds a temporary family and, more importantly, she finds herself. ISBN: 9780062455741

\*Meyer, Marissa. ***Renegades***. Feiwel & Friends. Fantasy. Gr 6+. 576 pages. The Anarchists are villains that plan to take down the superheroes known to everyone as the Renegades. But to do that, they need an insider, a mole. One of the young Anarchists, Nova, agrees to go undercover for them. But things aren't always as clear as they seem and Nova finds herself questioning her ideas about the Renegades and the Anarchists themselves. This new series by Cinder author Marissa Meyer is full of action, twists and definitely violence that all add to this terrific, intense book. ISBN: 9781250044662

\*O'Brien, Anne Sibley. ***In the Shadow of the Sun***. Arthur A. Levine Books. Adventure/Survival. Gr 6+. 336 pages. Mia and her brother Simon have gone with their dad to North Korea of all places. Their dad works for a relief organization so has been to North Korea before and Mia is actually adopted from South Korea - so why not?? But Simon is not happy - teenage boy angst and anger and Mia is just confused, especially when she sees her dad leave his hotel room late at night. But then things really take a turn for the worse when Mia mysteriously gets a phone that has photos on it of prison camps run by the North Koreans and then their father is arrested. Mia and Simon don't really know what to do - being caught with the pictures would probably mean more trouble for their dad but turning over the pictures just hides the evidence. So Simon and Mia run...Can Mia and Simon get to the border safely and will their dad be ok? ISBN: 9780545905749

\*Ogburn, Jacqueline K. ***The Unicorn in the Barn***. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Fantasy. Gr 4+. 304 pages. Good read aloud. Eric's grandmother is failing in health and has to move to an assisted living facility. The family has to sell her house to be able to afford her healthcare. When the new neighbors move in, Eric is excited to learn that they have a veterinary clinic. Eric loves animals, and begins working at the clinic. He learns that the neighbors take care of more than just the usual animals. In fact, they take in an injured unicorn, and Eric is determined to be its caretaker. When he discovers the unicorn's powers to heal, he wonders if they could be used on his grandmother. Can Eric stay loyal to the unicorn and help his sick grandmother? This is a sweet story of love, family, and friendship and is perfect for animal lovers of all ages. ISBN: 9780544761124

\*Oh, Ellen. ***Spirit Hunters***. HarperCollins. Fantasy. 288 pages. Harper and her family have just moved to the Washington D.C area, supposedly because of her parents' work but everyone knows it is really because of her - because of the accident, because she can't remember what happened...But things aren't any better in D.C because the house they have moved into has a mysterious and spooky past. Her new friend Daya says the house is haunted and when her brother Michael starts acting weird she believes it. Soon she starts having visions of her own past and the past of the house. As her memories start to come back, so does her understanding that her brother is in trouble. When she goes seeking answers at a local cemetery though, she learns the truth about herself, her family's history, and why her mom and grandmother won't talk to each other. This is the perfect book for lovers of spooky stories. Beware of reading in the dark! ISBN: 9780062430083

\*Ostertag, Molly. ***The Witch Boy***. Graphix. Graphic novel. Gr 4+. 224 pages. Aster has grown up in a family of magic. The boys and men are able to shapeshift (at some point in their life) and the women learn witchcraft. Aster has never had the call to be a shifter, but he loves creating spells and conducting witchcraft. Yet he is forbidden to do so. He becomes friends with a non-magical girl on the other side of town and they realize how much they have in common. It's about standing up for who you know you are, no matter what everyone else keeps telling you. ISBN: 9781338089516

\*Paquette, Ammi-Joan. ***Two Truths and a Lie: It's Alive!*** Walden Pond Press. Nonfiction. Gr 4+. 176 pages. This fascinating book is organized into three parts: plants, animals and humans. Each part has three chapters focused on a topic, and each chapter has three examples of the topic. The fun part is that of the three stories, two are true, and one is a very convincing lie! This book will challenge readers to read and think critically and do some of their own research to determine the truth! ISBN: 9780062418791

\*Reynolds, Jason. ***Miles Morales, Spider-Man***. Marvel Press. Fantasy. Gr 6+. 272 pages. This is not your typical Spiderman story. Miles is from the poor side of town and is struggling with his powers. Not the actual powers, but the dilemmas they cause: is he really using it to help or is he using them to be a vigilante and taking things too far? On top of that he is a high school student dealing with friendships, girls, homework and a teacher that is a racist. Nice take on the traditional Spiderman story with more to it than just fighting evil villains. ISBN: 9781484787489

\*Rosenblatt, Darcey. ***Lost Boys***. Henry Holt and Company. Historical fiction. Gr 6+. 288 pages. Reza is just a boy, yet he is off to fight in a war he doesn't believe in. His mother says she will be proud to have him sacrifice himself in the conflict, which is heartbreaking for Reza to hear. After a minefield explosion, Reza is sent to a hospital and is separated from his best friend, Ebi. The story follows Reza as he tries to survive being a prisoner while also trying to figure out whether or not his friend is alive. Can he himself stay alive long enough to find Ebi and return home to his mother? ISBN: 9781627797580

\*Ruby, Laura. ***The Shadow Cipher (York Book 1)***. Walden Pond Press. Fantasy. Gr 4+. 496 pages. Twins Tess and Theo, along with their friend Jamie, have lived in their rent controlled NYC Morningstarr apartment forever. The Morningstarrs mysteriously disappeared over 150 years ago but left behind a cipher promising great treasures to whomever could solve it. When a shady real estate developer buys their building and evicts all tenants, the kids team up to solve the cipher in hopes of saving their home. ISBN: 9780062306944

\*Snyder, Laurel. ***Orphan Island***. Walden Pond Press. Fantasy. 288 pages. Nine children are living alone on a seemingly perfect island--EXACTLY nine children at all times. None of the children are exactly the same age since a new child arrives by mysterious boat each year and the boat takes away the eldest child to places unknown. This is called The Changing. This is all the children have ever known. They do not remember a life before coming to the island. Having no adults, the children all assume daily jobs and roles. The island always provides what they need and keeps them safe. The children do not question their way of life-until Jinny. She becomes eldest early in the book after her best friend Deen leaves. She is given a new child to care for, as all elders are. Jinny loves the island and does not like the thought of leaving. When the boat comes to take her away, will she continue with tradition or break the only rules she has ever known? ISBN: 9780062443410

\*Swanson, Matthew. *The Real McCoys*. Imprint. Mystery. Gr 4+. 336 pages. Tiddlywhump Elementary School is experiencing a crisis: the beloved mascot Eddie the Owl has been kidnapped from the trophy case! Fear not, Moxie the detective will use her super skills to solve the crime of the century. Without her former partner, she'll have to rely on none other than her younger brother to help put the clues together. Is the case as open and shut as Moxie thinks? Or is she unsuspecting of the real owl-napper? ISBN: 9781250098528

\*Terry, Ellie. *Forget Me Not*. Feiwel & Friends. Poetic narrative. Gr 4+. 336 pages. Callie has Tourette's Syndrome and a mother who keeps breaking up with her boyfriend of the day. As a result, they move a lot. It is difficult for Callie to adapt in new schools, due to her mannerisms. Her doctor told her it was best not to tell people about her condition - which wasn't the best solution. The story is told in free-verse format, is powerful and provides some insight into the thinking of a person with Tourette's syndrome. ISBN: 9781250096272

\*Watson, Renee. *Piecing Me Together*. Bloomsbury USA Childrens. Realistic fiction. Gr 6+. 272 pages. Jade is living with her hard-working, single mom and uncle. They are barely getting by, money is always tight. Jade gets a full scholarship to a prestigious private school, and is recommended for a program that sets her up with a mentor. She is a gifted collage artist and is living a difficult life between the worlds of privilege and poverty. ISBN: 9781681191058

\*Wolk, Lauren. *Beyond the Bright Sea*. Puffin Books. Historical fiction. Gr 4+. 304 pages. Good read aloud. Crow washed up on Osh's island as a baby, and she's been living there ever since. She longs to know where she came from, particularly because the other islanders treat her as if she came from Penikese, a nearby island that housed a leper hospital. When she sees a fire on the island one day, she sets out with Osh and Miss Maggie to find out more about the island and herself. ISBN: 781101994856