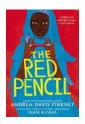
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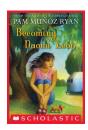


The Red Pencil

by Andrea Davis Pinkney
After her village is attacked by militants,
Amira, a young Sudanese girl, flees to a
refugee camp, where she finds hope and
the chance to pursue an education. **620 Lexile** @

Becoming Naomi Leon

by Pam Munoz Ryan When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Oaxaca, Mexico with her greatgrandmother and brother in search of her father. **830 Lexile**





Amal unbound

by Aisha Saeed In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family. **600 Lexile** @

Escape from Aleppo

by N. H Senzai Nadia is separated from her family while fleeing the Syrian civil war, and must navigate the checkpoints and snipers of the rebel, ISIS, and Syrian armies on her way to the Turkish border. **880 Lexile**



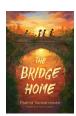


Dear Blue Sky

by Mary Sullivan Shortly after Cass's big brother is deployed to fight in Iraq, Cass becomes pen pals with an Iraqi girl who opens up her eyes to the effects of war.

The Bridge Home

by Padma Venkatraman
On the streets of Chennai, India, two
runaway sisters finds shelter and
friendship on a bridge with two homeless
boys before an illness forces them to
choose between survival and freedom.



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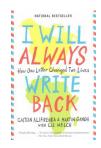
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I Will Always Write Back : How One Letter Changed Two Lives

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The true story of an American girl and a
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changed both of their lives forever.
Non-fiction. **790 Lexile** @





GN Graphic Novel

* The Jumbies

by Tracey Baptiste
In a spine-tingling tale rooted in
Caribbean folklore, 11-year-old Corinne
must call on her courage and an ancient
magic to stop an evil spirit and save her
island home. **680 Lexile** @

Marcus Vega doesn't speak Spanish

by Pablo Cartaya
When a fight at school puts him on probation, Marcus reluctantly accompanies his mother and younger brother to Puerto Rico to spend a week with relatives he has never met, a situation that is complicated by his awareness of his absent father's presence on the island. 580 Lexile @



Extra Credit

by Andrew Clements
As letters flow back and forth--between
Illinois and Afghanistan, across cultural
and religious divides--sixth-grader
Abby, 10-year-old Amira, and 11-yearold Sadeed begin to listen each
other. 830 Lexile @



by Alexandra Diaz Twelve-year-old Jaime makes the treacherous journey from his home in Guatemala to his older brother in New Mexico after his cousin is murdered by a drug cartel. **830 Lexile** @





Somewhere Among

by Annie Donwerth-Chikamatsu 11-year-old Emma's life changes when she and her American mother must move to the Japanese countryside with her strict and traditional grandparents the summer before 9/11 changes the world. **840 Lexile**

Mikis and the Donkey

by Bibi Dumon Tak Miki becomes inseparable with grandpa's new donkey, and they have many adventures together in their village on the Greek island of Corfu. **640 Lexile**





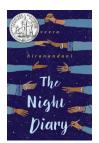
* The Breadwinner

by Deborah Ellis
Parvana, whose father was arrested by
the Taliban, and whose family lives in
one room of a bombed-out apartment
building, must disguise herself as a boy
to work and support her family. **710 Lexile** @

The Island at the End of Everything

by Kiran Millwood Hargrave When the Phillipine government takes over Culion, an island for people with leprosy, Ami is put in an orphanage on another island, where she finds a friend willing to help her return before her mother dies. **770 Lexile** @





The Night Diary

by Veera Hiranandani Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, makes sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her late Muslim mother in her diary. **700 Lexile** @

When stars are scattered

by Victoria Jamieson
A Somali refugee who spent his
childhood at the Dadaab camp and the
creator of Roller Girl present the
graphic-novel story of a young refugee
who struggles with leaving behind his
nonverbal brother when he has an
opportunity to help his family by going
to school. **GN** @



* The Grand Plan to Fix Everything

by Uma Krishnaswami 11-year-old Dini and her family are moving to India, where she will be apart from her best friend but just may get to meet her favorite Bollywood actress. **770 Lexile**





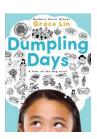
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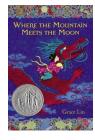
by Remy Lai
Feeling as out of place as if he landed
on Mars when his family moves to
Australia, 11-year-old Jingwen dreams
about the cakes he would have baked
with his late father, a hope that is
challenged by his mother's strict
kitchen safety rules. **720 Lexile** @

Dumpling Days

by Grace Lin

Traveling to Taiwan with her family for a month-long visit, Pacy struggles with her inability to speak the local language and discovers astonishing facts about her heritage. **710 Lexile**





Where the Mountain Meets the Moon

by Grace Lin

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade

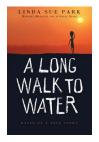
River. 810 Lexile @

Cloud and Wallfish

by Anne Nesbet

In 1989, Noah moves to a new home in East Berlin and is given a new identity. Behind the Berlin wall, Noah (now Jonah) confronts astonishing secrets about his family's identity. **850 Lexile**





A Long Walk to Water

by Linda Sue Park
When the Sudanese civil war reaches
his village in 1985, Salva becomes
separated from his family and must
walk with others through southern
Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of
safe haven. **720 Lexile**