

2023 an incomplete list of books I likely mentioned today

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Poetry

Above Ground & Counting Descent by Clint Smith

50 Poems to Open Your World edited by Pádraig O Tuama

October Mourning: A Song for Matthew Shepard by Lesléa Newman

The Wonder House by Rebekah Kai Dotlitch & Georgia Heard

A Field Guide to the Heart by Georgia Heard

Pardon My Heart by Marcus Jackson

You Are No Longer in Trouble by Nicole Stellon O'Donnell

How to Love the World: Poems of Love and Hope ed. by James Crew

Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude by Ross Gay

Respect the Mic ed. by Peter Kahn, Hanif Abdourraqib, Danny Sullivan & Franny Choi

Ain't Burned All the Bright by Jason Reynolds

Picture Books

We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom

Evelyn Del Ray is Moving Away by Meg Medina

Dictionary for a Better World by Latham & Waters

A Different Pond by Bao Phi Thi Bui

The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson

Berry Song by Michaela Goade

Dreamers by Yuyi Morales

patchwork by Matt de la Peña

to make by Danielle Davis

LIFT by Minh Lé

Wishes by Muron Thi & Van Victo Ngain

Outside, Inside by LeUyen Pham

Middle School Book Clubs

A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramée

When Stars Are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed

Efrén Divided by Ernesto Cisneros

The Red Pencil by Andrea Davis Pinkney

brown girl dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

Indian No More by Charlene Willing McMamis

Land of the Cranes by Aida Salazar

A Seed in the Sun by Aida Salazar

King and the Dragonflies by Kacen Callender

Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed

Red, White, and Whole by Rajani LaRocca

Alone by Megan Freeman

The Canyon's Edge by Dusti Bowling

Swim Team by Johnnie Christmas

Wave by Diana Farid
House Arrest by K.A. Holt
Front Desk by Kelly Yang
Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga
What About Will by Ellen Hopkins
A Wish in the Dark by Christina Soontornvat
Becoming Muhammad Ali by James Patterson & Kwame Alexander
Surviving the City Vol. 1 by Tasha Spillet & Natasha Donovan
Rez Dogs by Joseph Bruchac
Redwood and Ponytail by K.A. Holt
Almost American Girl by Robin Ha

High School Book Clubs

This is My America by Kim Johnson
Me (Moth) by Amber McBride
The Other Talk by Brendon Keily
Octavia E. Butler's Kindred, a graphic novel
Patron Saints of Nothing by Randy Ribay
What Made Maddy Run by Kate Fagan
Still Life with Tornado by A.S. King
Reading with Patrick by Michelle Kuo
This is My Brain in Love by I.W. Gregario
None of the Above by I.W. Gregario
All My Rage by Sabaa Tahir
Far From the Tree by Robin Benway
Freewater by Amina Luqman-Dawson
The Firekeeper's Daughter by Andeline Boulley
Internment by Samira Ahmed
Hollow Fires by Samira Ahmed
Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult & Jennifer Finney Boylan
Piecing Me Together by Renee Watson
Cemetery Boys by Aiden Thomas
We Are Not From Here by Jenny Torres Sanchez
I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika L. Sanchez
Boy 21 by Matthew Quick
The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
You Should See Me In a Crown by Leah Johnson
I am Alfredo Jones by Tony Medina
The Marrow Thieves by Cherie Dimaline
Stamped by Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi
Frankly in Love by David Yoon
There There by Tommy Orange
Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng
Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng
As Long As the Lemon Trees Grow by Zoulfa Katouh

Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward
The Lines We Cross by Randa Abdel-Fattah
The Nickel Boys by Coslon Whitehead
Educated by Tara Westover
The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett
Black Brother, Black Brother by Jewell Parker Rhodes
In the Wild Light by Jeff Zentner
The Astonishing Color of After by X.R. Pan
This Rebel Heart by Katherine Locke
How it Feels to Float by Helena Fox
The Quiet and the Loud by Helena Fox
The Great Believers by Rebecca Makkai

Nonfiction

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson
How the Word is Passed by Clint Smith
Teens Choosing to Read by Gay Ivey & Peter Johnston
Get Free by Tricia Ebarvia
The Book of Delights by Ross Gay
Inciting Joy by Ross Gay
Make it Scream, Make it Burn by Leslie Jamison
The Reckonings by Lacy M. Johnson
A Burst of Light and Other Essays by Audre Lorde
These Precious Days by Ann Patchett
The Anthropocene by John Green
The Muses Among Us by Kim Stafford
Craft in the Real World by Matthew Salesses
Life, Literacy & the Pursuit of Happiness by Don Vu