

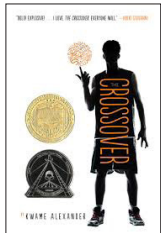


As children approach third grade, they transition from *learning to read* into *reading to learn*. During school-age years parents and caregivers can cultivate a love of reading by helping children find books they will enjoy. And, as older children progress in their skills, reading aloud by taking turns can nurture the parent-child bond, instill confidence in new material, and offer gateways to meaningful conversation.

Stories that reflect a child's ethnicity or culture can increase a sense of belonging. Stories that show children of different backgrounds illustrate how we are all connected in this beautiful and diverse world we live in.

The following books feature stories of children who are growing in self-confidence and social connection, speaking up for themselves, making history, advocating for change, and above all, displaying empathy. Find these books at your local library, local bookstore, or online.

10 TITLES TO FOSTER RESILIENCY IN TWEENS



THE CROSSOVER
(HMH Books for Young Readers)
by Kwame Alexander

AGES 9 AND UP

Josh and Jordan must come to grips with growing up on and off the court to realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price, as their story's heart-stopping climax proves a game-changer for the entire family.



GHOST (TRACK)
(Atheneum Books for Young Readers)
by Jason Reynolds

AGES 10 AND UP

Ghost has a crazy natural talent, but no formal training. If he can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city.



EL DEAFO
(Amulet Books)
by CeCe Bell

AGES 8-12

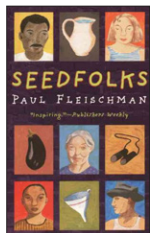
Being the new kid can stir feelings of anxiety, but at her new school no one else is deaf, and CeCe's obtrusive "Phonic Ear" draws unwanted attention from her classmates. To be a really cool kid, you first have to be yourself and accept yourself.



NINTH WARD
(Little Brown Books for Young Readers)
by Jewell Parker Rhodes

AGES 10-13

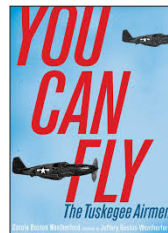
To survive this hurricane, Laneshia and TaShon will need all of Mama Ya-Ya's wisdom and aid from their friends - a story of friendship, family, and resourcefulness.



SEEDFOLKS
(Harper Trophy)
by Paul Fleischman and Judy Pedersen

AGES 9 AND UP

Thirteen very different voices and perspectives—old, young, Haitian, Hispanic, tough, haunted, and hopeful—tell one amazing story about a garden that transforms a neighborhood.



YOU CAN FLY: THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN
(Atheneum Books for Young Readers)
by Carole O. Weatherford, illustrated by Jeffery Boston Weatherford

AGES 9-12

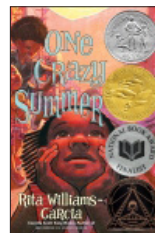
A celebratory story of the Tuskegee Airmen: pioneering African-American pilots who triumphed in the skies and past the color barrier.



SAME SUN HERE
(Candlewick Press)
by Silas House and Neela Vaswani

AGES 9 AND UP

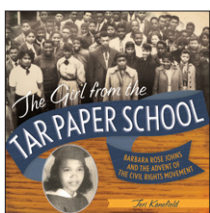
A meaningful friendship begins when Meena chooses River's name from a pen pal list. What unfolds is a journey into the interior worlds of two children who are carrying some grown up burdens, participating in history, and building bridges with letters.



ONE CRAZY SUMMER
(Amistad)
by Rita Williams-Garcia

AGES 8-12

Three sisters travel to Oakland, California, in 1968 to meet their mother, Cecile, who abandoned them. When they arrive from Brooklyn to spend the summer with her, Cecile is nothing like they imagined.



THE GIRL FROM THE TAR PAPER SCHOOL: BARBARA ROSE JOHNS AND THE ADVENT OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT
(Abrams Books for Young Readers)
by Teri Kanefield

AGES 10-14

A critical addition to our understanding of how children participate in and shape history, "Tar Paper School" introduces young readers to one of the earliest and youngest Civil Rights pioneers, Barbara Rose Johns.



BROWN GIRL DREAMING
(Nancy Paulsen Books)
by Jacqueline Woodson

AGES 10 AND UP

A childhood memoir spanning Ohio, South Carolina, and New York toward the end of the Jim Crow era and the rise of the Civil Rights movement that illuminates how often children are called upon to build bridges between the past and the future, trials and triumphs.