 Tween Suggestions

The benefits of being an octopus
by Ann Braden
CONTEMPORARY FICTION
Seventh-grader Zoey Albro focuses on caring for three younger siblings and avoiding rich classmates at school until her fascination with octopuses gets her on the debate team and she begins to speak out.

Look both ways: a tale told in ten blocks
by Jason Reynolds
CONTEMPORARY FICTION
A whimsical exploration of the role detours play in life follows a group of students who become so engaged in everyday activities while taking 10 different routes home from school that they fail to notice a school bus that has dropped from the sky.

Best friends
by Shannon Hale
CONTEMPORARY/GRAPHIC NOVEL
A follow-up to Real Friends finds Shannon embarking on a promising sixth grade year before the constantly changing rules of her best friend's in-crowd make her question whether popularity is worth the trouble.

Tristan Strong punches a hole in the sky
by Kwame Mbalia
FANTASY
Haunted by the accident that ended his best friend's life, 7th grader Tristan Strong dreads a visit to his grandparents' farm before a bizarre living doll snatches away his friend's notebook and draws him into a world of burning seas, iron monsters and exhausted black folk heroes.

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**Pet**
by Akwaeke Emezi
FANTASY
A girl and her best friend confront difficult choices in the face of a home city in denial when they meet a being who exposes the community’s willful disbelief about the existence of monsters. A first young adult novel by the award-winning author of Freshwater.

**Fake it till you break it**
by Jenn P. Nguyen
ROMANCE
Constantly pushed together by their matchmaking moms, teens Mia and Jake start a fake relationship to prove how wrong they are for each other and orchestrate a spectacular breakup before realizing that they do not hate each other as much as they thought. By the author of The Way to Game the Walk of Shame.

**With the fire on high**
by Elizabeth Acevedo
CONTEMPORARY FICTION
Navigating the challenges of finishing high school while caring for a daughter, talented cook Emoni Santiago struggles with a lack of time and money that complicate her dream of working in a professional kitchen. By the Printz Medal-winning and National Book Award-winning author of The Poet X.

**The weight of our sky**
by Hanna Alkaf
HISTORICAL FICTION
A music-loving teen with OCD works desperately to find her way back to her mother during the 1969 race riots in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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**The fountains of silence : a novel**
by Ruta Sepetys
HISTORICAL FICTION
Drawn back to his mother’s homeland by the utopian promises of the Franco regime in 1957 Madrid, the photographer son of an oil tycoon bands with a girl who raises his awareness about the lingering shadows of the Spanish Civil War.

**On the come up**
by Angie Thomas
CONTEMPORARY FICTION
When sixteen-year-old Bri, an aspiring rapper, pours her anger and frustration into her first song, she finds herself at the center of a controversy.

**The Maple Murders**
by Micol Ostow
MYSTERY
Investigating the story behind a Riverdale festival that was suspended 75 years earlier, Archie, Betty, Veronica and Jughead uncover a skeleton in a historic time capsule at the same time their friends are targeted by suspicious accidents.

**Here to stay**
by Sara Farizan
CONTEMPORARY FICTION
When a cyberbully sends the entire high school a picture of basketball hero Bijan Majidi, photo-shopped to look like a terrorist, the school administration promises to find and punish the culprit, but Bijan just wants to pretend the incident never happened and move on.

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**The adventure zone : murder on the Rockport Limited!**
by Clint McElroy
FANTASY/GRAPHIC NOVEL
Taako, Merle, and Magnus board the Rockport Limited in search of a deadly magical artifact and come face-to-face with a genius child detective, an ax-wielding professional wrestler, and a pair of meat monsters.

**Star Wars : Poe Dameron : the spark and the fire**
by Charles Soule
SCI-FI/GRAPHIC NOVEL
Shares what Poe, Rey, Finn, Leia, Snap Wexley, Jessika Pava and other Star Wars heroes were up to during the unseen events of “The Force Awakens” and “The Last Jedi.”

**Mech Cadet Yu**
by Greg Pak
SCI-FI/GRAPHIC NOVEL
Every year, giant sentient robots from outer space come to Earth and bond forever with a new group of Sky Corps Academy cadets, but this year one mech bonds with a young child, who now has the opportunity to defend the planet.

**Shuri : the search for Black Panther**
by Nnedi Okorafor
SUPERHERO/GRAPHIC NOVEL
When T’Challa disappears, it’s up to his younger sister Shuri to find him, enlisting the help of Storm, Rocket Raccoon, and Groot.