Sixth Grade Picks

Engle, Margarita. **Forest World**. Edver, who lives in Miami with his cryptozoologist mother, travels to Cuba to visit his father, where he discovers a sister he knew nothing about and a land he wants to protect. An enchanting eco-adventure written in verse.

Federle, Tim. **Better Nate Than Ever** (series). Nate Foster has always dreamed of performing on Broadway, so when he sees an open casting call for *E.T.: The Musical*, he boards a bus to the Big Apple for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. (Teen)

Funaro, Gregory. **Alistair Grim’s Odditorium** (series). Tired of his master’s abuse, Grubb, a chimney sweep, stows away in a coach. He soon discovers a new home filled with magical objects and a crew that may just become family.

Hannigan, Kate. **The Detective’s Assistant**. Left an orphan, Nell Warne is sent to live with her Aunt Kitty, the first-ever female Pinkerton’s detective. The smart and daring girl jumps right in to take on dangerous mysteries, including one involving Abraham Lincoln.

Ibbotson, Eva. **The Abominables**. Adventure and funny moments abound as a family of yetis travel to Europe to escape the tourism that has forced them from their Himalayan home.

Milford, Kate. **The Boneshaker**. When Dr. Limberleg’s traveling medicine show arrives in Natalie’s small Missouri town in 1913, she soon realizes that his strange machines and tonics are not normal and that everyone is in danger.

Nix, Garth. **Frogkisser!** Princess Anya doesn’t quite have it all, but what she does have is a natural talent for breaking curses with a kiss. When her evil stepstepfather makes a power play, she must use her abilities to win back her kingdom. (Teen)

Sheinkin, Steve. **Bomb**. The thrilling and well-researched true story of the discoveries—and international intrigue—that led to the building of the world’s most formidable weapon. (J-623.45119 S543B)

Stewart, Trenton Lee. **The Mysterious Benedict Society** (series). After passing a series of brain-boggling tests, Reynie, an orphan, and three other misfits with unique talents are selected to go on a secret mission to stop an evil villain.

Tolkien, J. R. R. **The Hobbit** (series). Bilbo Baggins has the makings of the perfect thief, so when the Dwarves of Erebor vow to reclaim their home from Smaug the dragon, Bilbo may just be the key to their success.

Vaughan, M.M. **The Ability** (series). Christopher Lane, 12, isn’t good at sports or art, but he is really good at lying, and can enter people’s minds. Now he needs to learn how to use his ability in order to make the world a safer place.

Woodson, Jacqueline. **Brown Girl Dreaming**. In this unforgettable memoir-in-verse, Woodson describes what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, her strong family ties, and her dream of becoming a writer. (J-Blog 811.54 W898B)

Looking for a series or author?

- Alcott, Louisa May. **Little Women**. Classic.
- Balliett, Blue. Mystery.
- Brallier, Max. **The Last Kids on Earth** (series). Dystopian.
- Cofer, Eoin. **Artemis Fowl** (series). Science fiction, fantasy. (Teen)
- Curtis, Christopher Paul. Historical fiction.
- Cushman, Karen. Historical fiction.
- Cooper, Susan. Fantasy.
- Gantos, Jack. Humor, contemporary.
- Haddix, Margaret Peterson. Science fiction.
- L’Engle, Madeleine. Fantasy, contemporary.
- Lowry, Lois. Historical fiction, science fiction.
- Oliver, Lauren. Fantasy, dystopian. (Teen)
- Paulsen, Gary. **Hatchet**. Adventure.
- Pullman, Philip. **The Golden Compass** (series). Fantasy.
- Rex, Adam. Science fiction.

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