

2020 Lone Star Texas Annotated Reading List



Arden, Katherine. **Small Spaces.** G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2018. ISBN: 9780525515029

Ollie loves books, but the book she rescues from the river is different. It tells the story of a woman who is tormented by living scarecrows and the mysterious "smiling man." When Ollie's bus breaks down on a class field trip, she realizes everything in the book was real, and she and her classmates are in danger. Can Ollie outwit the smiling man and his army of scarecrows? **You might also like:**

The Hunt for the Seventh, by Christine Morton-Shaw

Nightbooks, by J.A. White

Coraline, by Neil Gaiman

Barnes, Jennifer Lynn. **The Lovely and the Lost.** Freeform Books, 2019. ISBN: 9781484776208

Kira knew joining the search and rescue team looking for Bella, a lost child, might trigger her anxiety. She was once a lost girl, wandering in the woods, more animal than human. Kira was adopted years ago, but she can't seem to move beyond her past, and this search is dredging up old memories and secrets long buried. Will Kira be able to find Bella in time, or will she become another child lost forever? **You might also like:**

Raised by Wolves, by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

The Girl I Used to Be, by April Henry

Pretend She's Here, by Luanne Rice

Blake, Ashley Herring. **The Mighty Heart of Sunny St. James.** Little, Brown and Company, 2019. ISBN: 9780316515535

Sunny has been trapped by her weak heart for the last few years, but now that she's had a heart transplant, things will be different. She wants to do all the things she couldn't do before even if she must do them without her former best friend. Her number one goal for this summer is to kiss a boy, and her new friend Quinn has vowed to help her on the kissing quest. But her new heart will have problems, too, like the return of the mother who abandoned her and the realization that maybe she doesn't want to kiss just boys after all. **You might also like:**

Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World, by Ashley Herring Blake

Drum Roll, Please, by Lisa Jenn Bigelow

P.S. I Miss You, by Jen Petro-Roy

Donnelly, Jennifer. **Stepsister.** Scholastic Press, 2019. ISBN: 9781338268461

Isabelle and her sister are outcasts now that everyone knows what they did. They were cruel to their stepsister, the new princess, and they mutilated their own feet to try and win the prince. Isabelle wants to overcome her past and prove a girl is worth more than her appearance, but it seems like all of France is conspiring against her. Will she be able to find her worth before it's too late? **You might also like:**

Heartless, by Merissa Meyer

The Forbidden Wish, Jessica Khoury

Hunted, by Megan Spooner

Doyle, Catherine. **The Storm Keeper's Island.** Bloomsbury Children's Books, 2019. ISBN: 9781681199597

Fionn Doyle is spending the summer on magical Arranmore Island where his grandfather serves as Storm Keeper, capturing memories in candles. As Fionn explores the island, he uncovers secrets about the island's past including an epic battle against an ancient evil sorceress who may be plotting her return. Will Fionn be able to save the island and the world? **You might also like:**

The Book of Three, by Lloyd Alexander

The Iron Trial, by Holly Black

The Jumbies, by Tracey Baptiste

Gemeinhart, Dan. **The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise.** Henry Holt and Company, 2019. ISBN: 9781250196705
Coyote and her father have been on a never-ending road trip in a converted school bus since her mother and sisters died in an accident, but now Coyote wants to go home. She knows she will have to trick her father into it, and she will have help from some unlikely passengers they pick up along the way, including one adorable kitten.

You might also like:

The Honest Truth, by Dan Gemeinhart

House Arrest, by K.A. Holt

Summerlost, by Ally Condie

Gibbs, Stuart. **Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation.** Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2019. ISBN: 9781534424760

What if Albert Einstein created an equation so powerful it could solve all the world's fuel shortages and make a nuclear weapon look like a cherry bomb? The CIA believes it's true, but they aren't the only ones searching for clues. The government's best chance to find the solution before a terrorist group is Charlie Thorne, thirteen-year-old genius, but is Charlie smart enough to outwit the terrorists and save herself from danger on every side?

You might also like:

Masterminds, by Gordon Korman

Zero Hour, by Jan Gangsei

Not If I Save You First, Ally Carter

Giles, Lamar. **Spin.** Scholastic Press, 2019. ISBN: 9781338219210

DJ ParSec was poised to become a superstar until she was murdered. The police may not be too interested in solving the crime, but ParSec's fans are, especially the #darknation. Now, her former best friends who happen to be enemies must discover the truth about her death before the Dark Nation decides to exact revenge on them.

You might also like:

Shelter, by Harlan Coben

Don't Turn Around, by Michelle Gagnon

Fallout, Gwenda Bone

Greenwald, Tommy. **Game Changer.** Amulet Books, 2018. ISBN: 9781419731433

Teddy Youngblood is in a coma fighting for his life after an accident at freshman preseason football camp. As his family and friends show their support at his bedside, a bit of a mystery begins to unfold. Is this injury just a tragic result of playing a violent sport, or was something more sinister at play? **You might also like:**

Gym Candy, by Carl Deuker

Unstoppable, by Tim Green

Ghost, by Jason Reynolds

Hernandez, Carlos. **Sal and Gabi Break the Universe.** Disney Hyperion, 2019. ISBN: 9781368022828

Sal has a talent. He can reach into other universes and pull things into his own. Sometimes it's a fun trick that mystifies his audience, and sometimes it causes problems, like when he accidentally pulls other versions of his

dead mother into his universe. But is Sal damaging the universe by doing this, and is it worth the risk to help a friend in a life and death situation? **You might also like:**

Storm Runner, by Jennifer Cervantes

Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the World, by Kwame Mbalia

Dragon Pearl, by Yoon Ha Lee

Hutton, Keely. **Secret Soldiers**. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2019. ISBN: 9780374309039

Thomas is only thirteen and small for his age, but he is desperate to join the British army to find his older brother. After he is rejected again, he is recruited by a secret group training boys and men with mining experience to tunnel under the German front lines. The boys risk death every day by carbon dioxide poisoning, a tunnel collapse, or even running into a German tunnel, but the risks will be worth the reward if they succeed.

You might also like:

Four-Four-Two, by Dean Hughes

Private Peaceful, by Michael Morpugo

All Is Fair, by Dee Garretson

Kemmerer, Brigid. **A Curse So Dark and Lonely**. Bloomsbury, 2019. ISBN: 9781681195087

When Harper sees a man with an obviously drunk girl, she decides to intervene despite her cerebral palsy. Her reward is to be kidnapped into to a magical world where a prince is trapped by a curse. Rhen has been living suspended in time for hundreds of years until he can find someone to fall in love with him. Every time he fails, he is transformed into a beast who hunts his own people. Harper may not be his ideal candidate, but she could be his last chance. **You might also like:**

Graceling, by Kristin Cashore

Cinder, by Marissa Meyer

The Kiss of Deception, by Mary Pearson

Magoon, Kekla. **The Season of Styx Malone**. Wendy Lamb Books, 2018. ISBN: 9781524715953

Caleb and Bobby Gene are ready for a summer of adventure, but accidentally trading their baby sister for a bag of fireworks may have taken things too far. Enter Styx Malone. He's older, wiser, and has the perfect plan for how to turn those fireworks into something even better. **You might also like:**

The Usual Suspects, by Maurice Broaddus

As Brave as You, by Jason Reynolds

The Last Last-Day-of-Summer, by Lamar Giles

Messner, Kate. **Breakout**. Bloomsbury Children's Books, 2018. ISBN: 9781681195360.

Nora, a budding reporter, is excited to spend her summer working on the town time capsule, but when two inmates escape from the prison in her town, the project changes dramatically. Elidee is new to Wolf Creek and doesn't really care about the time capsule, but the more time Nora and Elidee spend together, the more Nora realizes her town is not as welcoming as she thought, especially to someone with brown skin like Elidee. **You might also like:**

The Courage Test, by James Preller

The Warden's Daughter, by Jerry Spinelli

Countdown, by Deborah Wiles

Murphy, Julie. **Dear Sweet Pea**. Balzer + Bray, 2019. ISBN: 9780062473073.

Sweet Pea is shocked when her parents get divorced. Now she has to figure out how to live in two different houses, but life is full unexpected twists. When her eccentric next-door neighbor suddenly goes out of town, Sweet Pea becomes an unlikely advice columnist for the local paper. **You might also like:**

The First Rule of Punk, by Celia Perez

Shug, by Jenny Han
Merci Suarez Changes Gears, by Meg Medina

Nobel, Julia. **The Mystery of Black Hollow Lane**. Sourcebooks, 2019. ISBN: 9781492664642

When Emmy's mom sends her to boarding school in England, she finally makes real friends for the first time in her life, but she also uncovers a dangerous secret society and the surprising truth about her father who went missing years ago. **You might also like:**

Buzz Kill, by Beth Fantaskey
The Van Gogh Deception, by Deron Hicks
All Fall Down, by Ally Carter

Ramée, Lisa Moore. **A Good Kind of Trouble**. Balzer + Bray, 2019. ISBN: 9780062836687

Shayla is the ultimate rule follower, but when she attends a Black Lives Matter protest with her older sister, she starts to question things. She never thought wearing a black arm band to school would stir up so many issues.

You might also like: <https://txla.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Lone-Star-2020-Annotated.pdf>

Between the Lines, by Nikki Grimes
One Crazy Summer, by Rita Williams-Garcia
Night on Fire, by Ronald Kidd

Richmond, Caroline Tung. **Live in Infamy**. Scholastic Press, 2018. ISBN: 9781338111095

When the Allies were defeated in WWII, America was divided among the victors. Ren lives in California, which is under an oppressive Japanese ruler. He was even forced watch his own mother's beheading, but Ren has a secret. He will not be controlled by Japan; he is The Viper, spreading a message of freedom and hope in secret.

You might also like:

The Only Thing to Fear, by Caroline Tung Richmond
Wolf by Wolf, by Ryan Graudin
Resistance, by Jennifer Nielsen

Rogerson, Margaret. **Sorcery of Thorns**. Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2019. ISBN: 9781481497619

When Elisabeth is accused of sabotaging a magical book which turns into a murderous creature which kills her mentor, she must turn to sorcerer, Nathaniel Thorn, to help her uncover a plot to destroy the kingdom.

You might also like:

Demon King, by Cinda Williams Chima
Lirael, by Garth Nix
Spin the Dawn, by Elizabeth Lim

Warga, Jasmine. **Other Words for Home**. Balzer + Bray, 2019. ISBN: 9780062747808

When the Syrian conflict spreads to Jude's town, she and her mother must leave her father and brother to live in Ohio with relatives. At first, America is loud and foreign, and Jude struggles to make friends. Some people even mock her religion and call her names. Will this new life ever feel like home? **You might also like:**

Refugee, by Alan Gratz
Amina's Voice, by Hena Khan
Front Desk, by Kelly Yang