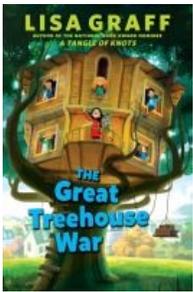


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Recent books for kids that the Children's Library staff have read & loved & that we think you will too!



The Great Treehouse War by Lisa Graff. J Fiction, JCD, eBook, eAudiobook

Imagine being forced to live in an amazing 2-level treehouse that is fully equipped with bed, bathroom, kitchenette, movie viewing/daydreaming/library area and art station. Sounds pretty fun, right? That is exactly what happens to Winifred Malladi-Maraj, also known as Winnie. On her last day of 4th grade, she is told that she will be living in this treehouse on her own every Wednesday going forward. There is a tricky situation in her family life that is prompting this, so she does have mixed feelings about it. She goes through the summer all right, but then starts 5th grade and begins to have problems at school related to the changes in her life. She had been a good student, but now is really having trouble getting her assignments done and taking tests. She ends up needing to complete a big project in order to salvage her grades and pass 5th grade. She definitely wants to be able to go on to middle school with her really great friends who come alongside her as she navigates this situation in her life. This is a really entertaining book with some nutty twists and turns. It would be great for 3rd grade and older kids.



Have Sword Will Travel by Garth Nix and Sean Williams. J Fiction, JCD

Odo and Eleanor are good friends living in the time of knights, swords and dragons. Odo is the son of the miller and is strong from lugging bags of grain and flour around at the mill, but is a laid-back and peaceful type of person. Eleanor, on the other hand, is energetic and dreams of adventure. Her mother became a knight and Eleanor would love to also be a knight. One day they discover that the river near their village is so low that it is just mud in places. Odo spots something shiny on the riverbed. When he reaches in to get it, his hand is cut by the sharp edge of a sword. It is not just any sword, but is a talking sword with attitude! The sword claims Odo as its knight and Eleanor becomes squire. The sword compels them to go forward into a great quest. They realize that the water being so low in the river is a big problem and will only get worse, so they venture forth to find the cause. Along their way they come upon strange occurrences, uncover secrets and end up in many adventures. This is a great book for 3rd grade and older kids.



The Mad Wolf's Daughter by Diane Magras. J Fiction, eBook, eAudiobook

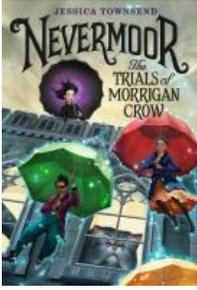
Drest is the only girl and the youngest in her family. She idolizes her five older brothers, and even more so her father, The Mad Wolf of the North. Drest's family lives in a remote camp on a Scottish headland. One night invaders come while the family is sleeping and Drest is the only one to escape. Her brothers and father are taken away to Faintree Castle, where they will be hanged in five days. Drest knows that she is the only one who can save them, so she sets off on a perilous journey. Accompanied by a wounded enemy knight who she saved and plans to trade for one of her brothers Drest braves bandits, witches, poisoned wells, hunger and unfamiliar lands on her way. Even if she reaches the castle how will



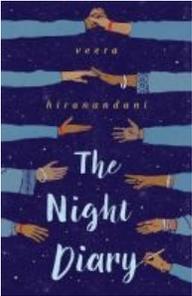
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Drest manage to break into the well guarded prison? This story will be a hit with fans of historical fiction, adventure, Scottish lore or just those who enjoy reading about strong female characters. It would make a great family read aloud for a long summer car trip! The audio version is recommended for this one if possible as the Scottish accents are delightful.



Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow by Jessica Townsend. J Fiction, JCD, eBook, eAudiobook
Morrigan Crow was born on Eventide as a cursed child, blamed for all the misfortunes that befall the people of the Wintersea Republic. This terrible curse condemns her to die on her eleventh birthday. All seems lost to her until she is rescued by a patron named Jupiter North who illegally takes her to the unknown free state of Nevermoor. Once in the magical Nevermoor, she must undergo a series of challenging trials which will determine whether she can become a part of the most prestigious Wondrous Society or fail and be sent back to Wintersea and realize her horrible fate. The fantastical descriptions of this magical story conjure up colorful and exciting images that make this a fast paced read perfect for fans of Harry Potter. Recommended for grades 4 and up.



Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani. J Fiction, eBook

The Night Diary takes place in India during the 1947 partition that splits India into two countries-- Pakistan for Indian Muslims and India for Indian Hindus. Nisha tells the story through diary entries to her deceased mother who she longs to know. Nisha's Muslim mother died after giving birth to Nisha and her twin brother Amil. They have been raised by their Hindu father, a local doctor, their father's mother and their beloved Muslim cook, Kazi, who gives Nisha her diary on her birthday. Nisha does well in school, but has a very hard time talking out loud and making friends. Amil is the opposite with his big smile that matches his outgoing and talkative personality. Amil, however, cannot learn how to read and he most likely has some form of Dyslexia. Instead of reading and writing, Amil draws beautiful pictures of the world around him. Nisha details her family life, troubles and woes, most of which are typical of a 12 year-old girl. The reader soon discovers that Nisha's world is about to be turned upside down with the violent partition of India. The family must leave behind everything and everyone they love, including Kazi, to travel and live in the new India. Nisha's father tries his best to protect his family from the worst-- riots, religious violence on all sides and death-- while also maintaining that living a peaceful life that accepts all religions is what unites all people. This is a must read for anyone. The partition of India is not discussed or known about by many people in the United States. The book is heartwarming and sad, but leaves the reader hopeful for a better future. Kids in 4th grade and up who enjoy reading about true to life events and historical fiction will enjoy *The Night Diary*.



The Sneak Thief by Faith Harkey. J Fiction

12-year-old Hush Cantrell has been taking care of herself for most of her life. Her mother, Nina, hasn't been much of a parent; they live in a dingy old trailer, she doesn't allow Hush go to school, she has a series of no good rotating boyfriends, and she doesn't cook (unless you count microwaving and opening cans). Hush has kind of a thieving problem... when she's in a store or someone's home she gets the urge to steal something, and before she knows it the thing is in her pocket. After she is finally caught shoplifting, the authorities take her away from Nina and place her in a temporary foster home with a woman named Mabel Tromp. Surrounded by calm and stability for the first time in her life, Hush thrives. And it is only then that she discovers another hidden talent besides her sneak thieving; she can see pain on people. And not only can she see it - she can take it away. This time her talent can do good - if only Hush can stay on the right path. Southern charm, a sassy, plucky narrator and a touch of magic combine to make this a fantastic read for kids in grades 4-7.

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