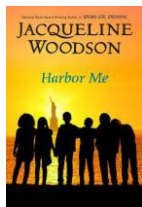


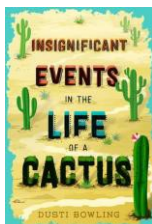
2020 Read Alouds: Middle Grades



Dry by Neal Schusterman
In this dystopian/survival novel, the state of California has seen the effects of global warming and has literally run out of water. Told from many different points of view, the reader will understand how the characters cope with the crisis and try to survive.



Harbor Me By Jacqueline Woodson
Six middle schoolers believe they're alone in their struggles until a thoughtful teacher finds a way for them to connect with each other to form friendships and learn that they're all in this together.

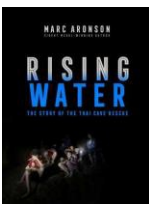


Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling
Aven has just moved to Arizona and has to start making friends at a new school again. She has a spunky personality and was born without arms. See how she navigates through her daily life, befriends a classmate with Tourette's and helps solve a mystery!



Nowhere Boy by Katherine Marsh
14-year old Ahmed flees the fighting in Syria and after an arduous journey in which his father dies, finally makes it to Brussels, Belgium. He finds refuge in the basement of an American family without their knowledge and one day is confronted by their 13-year old son. This novel

gives the reader a realistic account of a young refugee's struggle with daily life.



Rising Water by Marc Aronson
This is a true account of the Tham Luang (Thailand) cave rescue that occurred in 2018. The book goes into detail about what the soccer team and their coach had to endure over the course of 18 days as floodwaters trapped them inside the cave. It is a riveting tale of grit and resilience.



The Benefits of Being an Octopus by Ann Braden
Growing up is hard enough without having to worry about your mom's boyfriend, where your next meal will come from, and taking care of a little brother and sister. Zoey has always tried to keep quiet and keep her head down as she balances everything in her life. What good can come when she finds her voice?



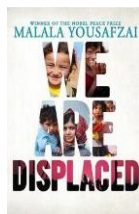
The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani
In 1947, the ruling British, on their way out of the region, chose to split Pakistan from India creating two countries out of one. This partition didn't only divide lands, but also families. Twelve-year-old Nisha finds herself racing across a border that didn't exist previously into a future where she is unsure of who she is and where she belongs.



The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
15-year-old Xiomara has too much of everything; too much hair, too many curves, too much anger. Written in verse, Xiomara tells her own story of finding a path through the anger to speak her truth boldly.



The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart
She wasn't always named Coyote. Her dad wasn't always named Rodeo. And they didn't always live in a school bus traveling from one end of the country to the other. Once they had a home with a mom and sisters. Now Coyote needs to get back in time to recover some precious memories before they're gone forever.



We Are Displaced: My Journey and Stories from Refugee Girls Around the World by Malala Yousafzai
Malala talks about the personal and heart wrenching experience of being displaced from her own home in Pakistan at a young age. The rest of the book is filled with 1st person narratives from other girls who have dealt with the anguish and uncertainty of being refugees in a chaotic world.

