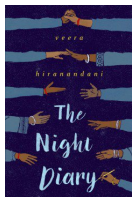


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## Book Recommendations for Rising 6th Graders



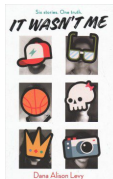
### **The Night Diary** by Veera Hiranandani

Shy twelve-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her deceased Muslim mother in the pages of her diary.



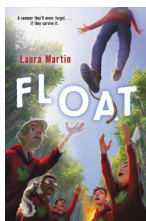
### **The Science of Breakable Things** by Tae Keller

Given a challenging assignment in school to answer an important question using the scientific method, young Natalie endeavors to help her botanist mother fight depression, an effort that leads to a new understanding that parents are people too.



### **It Wasn't Me** by Dana Alison Levy

A middle-grade Breakfast Club tale finds six very different students transcending stereotypes to work together during a mandated detention when they are wrongly blamed for a vandalism incident.



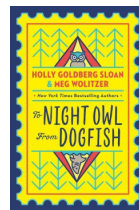
### **Float** by Laura Martin

Relegated to a summer camp for kids with uncontrollable supernatural abilities, Emerson, a boy who must wear weights to prevent himself from floating away, teams up with his fellow misfits when he discovers that a time-traveling camper is hiding a dangerous secret.



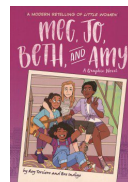
### **We're Not From Here** by Geoff Rodkey

The narrator, a Mars colonist, must relocate in the aftermath of Earth's mysterious demise to the planet Choom, where the mosquito-like inhabitants dislike human singing, jokes and emotions so much that they are outlawed.



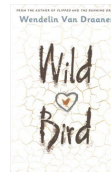
### **To Night Owl From Dogfish** by Holly Goldberg Sloan

A laugh-out-loud tale of friendship and family, told entirely in emails and letters, follows the experiences of two 12-year-old girls--one bookish and fearful, the other fearless and adventuresome--who are sent to camp to bond when their fathers fall in love.



### **Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy : A Graphic Novel** by Rey Terciero

An adaptation of the coming-of-age novel features the four March sisters as they struggle with school woes, health issues, boy troubles, and personal identity.

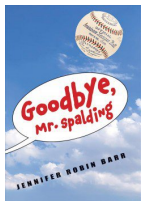


### **Wild Bird** by Wendelin Van Draanen

When her behavior escalates out of control, fourteen-year-old Wren is taken away to a wilderness therapy camp where she is forced to develop new skills, including the courage to ask for help.

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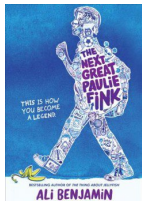
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### **Goodbye, Mr. Spalding** by Jennifer Robin Barr

When the owner of the Philadelphia A's intends to build a wall at the ballpark which will block the view of the rooftops nearby, Jimmy and his friend Lola, whose families are partly

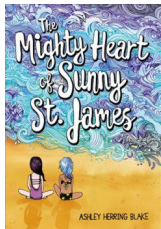
supported by selling tickets to seats on their roofs, come up with ways to prevent the wall.



### **The Next Great Paulie Fink** by Ali Benjamin

Led by new student Caitlyn, seventh-graders at a tiny rural school in Vermont create a reality-show inspired competition to determine who will

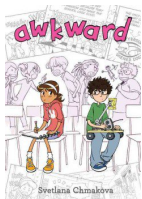
replace the school's legendary class clown, Paulie Fink.



### **The Mighty Heart of Sunny St. James** by Ashley Herring Blake

"Twelve-year-old Sunny St. James must navigate heart surgery, reconnections with a lost mother, the betrayal of a former best friend, first kisses, and emerging feelings for

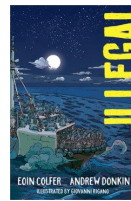
another girl".



### **Awkward** by Svetlana Chmakova

After shunning Jaime, the school nerd, on her first day at a new middle school, Penelope Torres tries to blend in with her new friends in the art club, until the art club goes to war with the science

club, of which Jaime is a member.



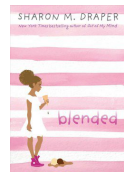
### **Illegal** by Eoin Colfer

Setting out to join his brother and sister in Europe, Ebo leaves Ghana, traveling through the Sahara Desert and dangerous streets of Tripoli before braving the merciless sea.



### **New Kid** by Jerry Craft

After his parents send him to a prestigious private school known for its academics, Jordan Banks finds himself torn between two worlds.



### **Blended** by Sharon M. Draper

Piano-prodigy Isabella, eleven, whose black father and white mother struggle to share custody, never feels whole, especially as racial tensions affect her school, her parents both become engaged, and she and her stepbrother are stopped by police.



### **You Don't Know Everything, Jilly P!** by Alex Gino

Realizing she has a lot to learn when her baby sister is born with a hearing impairment, Jilly tries to connect with fellow reader Derek, a hearing-impaired African-American ASL communicator who helps her understand how to see life in different ways.