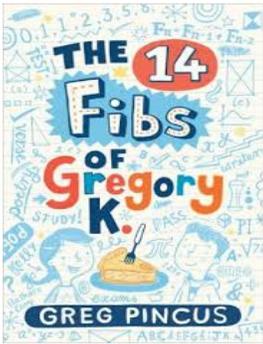


**JMS Summer Reading List**  
**Fiction**



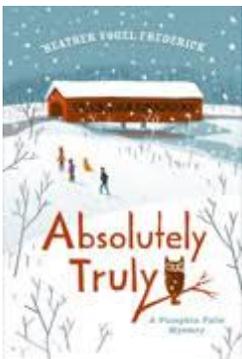
**Graff, Lisa**  
**Absolutely Almost**

Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, best at gym, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but new nanny Calista helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself.



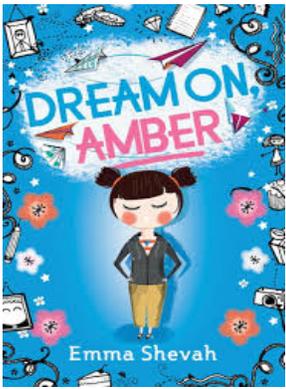
**Pincus, Greg**  
**The 14 Fibs of Gregory K.**

Gregory Korenstein-Jasperton is an eleven-year-old boy who likes to write stories and poems and is not excited by math, but he has a problem--he is the middle child in a family of math geniuses and his father expects him to participate in the City Math contest.



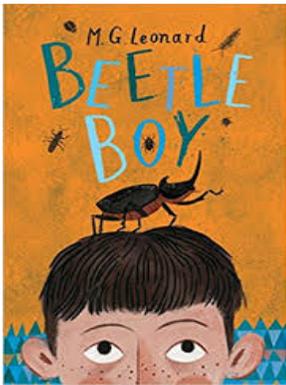
**Vogel-Fredrick, Heather**  
**Absolutely Truly**

Truly Lovejoy is the middle child in a large military family. Her family is getting ready to settle down after her dad's retirement in Texas when an injury during his last tour of duty in Afghanistan costs him his post-Army job as a college wrestling coach. Truly's family is uprooted again to her dad's hometown of Pumpkin Falls, NH to save her grandparent's failing bookstore. (Publisher)



**Shevah, Emma**  
**Dream On Amber**

She's started a new school, is being picked on by a bully, and only has a caveman phone for company. But the hardest thing about being Amber is that a big part of her life is missing. Her dad. He left when she was little, and he's never coming back. But Amber has one thing on her side: she's a girl with a BIG imagination ... (Chicken House)



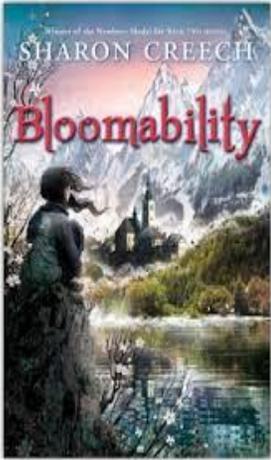
**Leonard, M. G.**  
**Beetle Boy**

A giant beetle called Baxter comes to a boy's rescue. But can the two solve the mystery of his dad's disappearance, especially when links emerge to cruel Lucretia Cutter and her penchant for beetle jewelry? A coffee-mug mountain, home to a million insects, could provide the answer – if Darkus and Baxter are brave enough to find it ... (Chicken House)

**Engle, Madeleine**  
**A Wrinkle in Time**

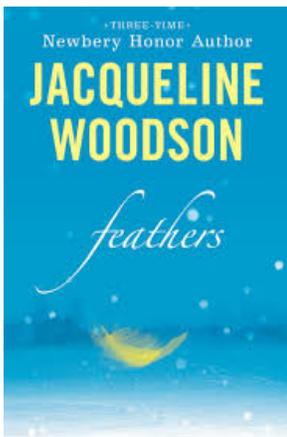


In A WRINKLE IN TIME, Meg's father, an eminent physicist, has been missing for two years. One night a strange old woman, Mrs. Whatsit, appears, "blown off course" while she, along with Mrs. Who and Mrs. Which, was tessering, or taking a shortcut through time and space. They take Meg, her little brother Charles Wallace, and their new friend Calvin, to rescue Dr. Murry, who is a prisoner on a planet ruled by IT, a giant pulsating brain that controls the minds of everyone on the planet. Charles Wallace also falls under its control, and when Meg finds her father, she discovers that he is not the invincible protector she thought he was. (Common Sense Media)



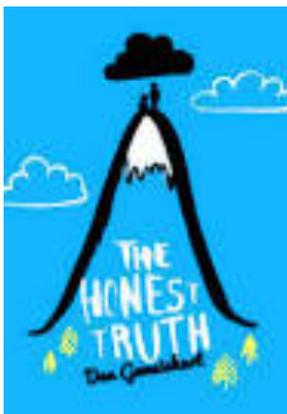
**Creech, Sharon**  
**Bloomability**

When her aunt and uncle take her from New Mexico to Lugano, Switzerland, to attend an international school, thirteen-year-old Dinnie discovers an expanding world and her place within it. (Publisher)



**Woodson, Jacqueline**  
**Feathers**

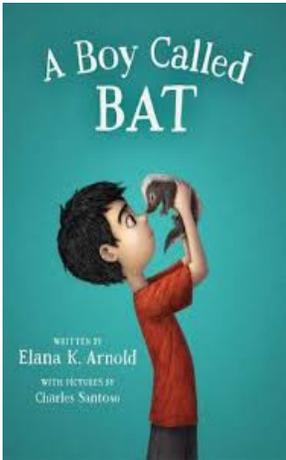
"Hope is the thing with feathers," starts the poem Frannie is reading in school. Frannie hasn't thought much about hope. There are so many other things to think about. Each day, her friend Samantha seems a bit more holy. There is a new boy in class everyone is calling the Jesus Boy. And although the new boy looks like a white kid, he says he is not white. Who is he? (Publisher)



**Gemeinhart, Dan**  
**The Honest Truth**

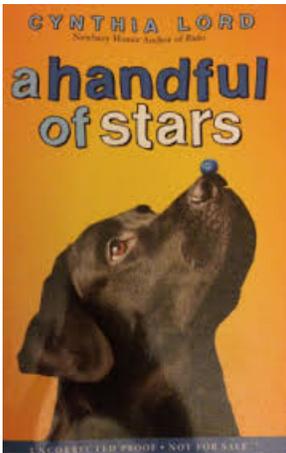
It's never too late for the adventure of a lifetime. In all the ways that matter, Mark is a normal kid. He's got a dog-named Beau and a best friend, Jessie. He likes to take photos and write haiku poems in his notebook. He dreams of climbing a mountain one day but in one important way, Mark is not like other kids at all. Mark is sick. The kind of sick that means hospitals. And treatments. The kind of sick some people never get better from. (Publisher)

**Arnold, Elana**  
**A Boy Called Bat**



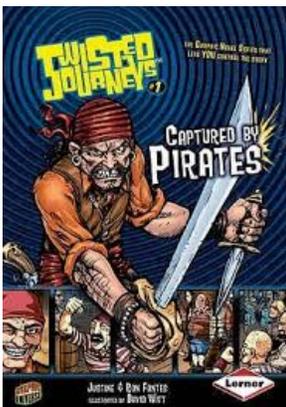
For Bixby Alexander Tam (nicknamed Bat), life tends to be full of surprises—some of them good, some not so good. Today, though, is a good-surprise day. Bat’s mom, a veterinarian, has brought home a baby skunk, which she needs to take care of until she can hand him over to a wild-animal shelter. But the minute Bat meets the kit, he knows they belong together. And he’s got one month to show his mom that a baby skunk might just make a pretty terrific pet. (Publisher)

**Lord, Cynthia**  
**A Hanful of Stars**



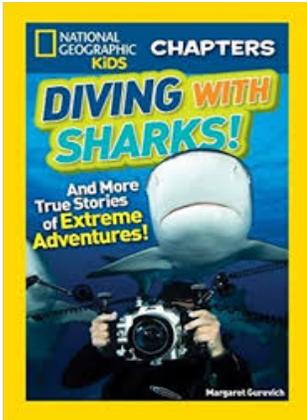
The only reason I ever spoke to Salma Santiago was because my dog ate her lunch. Sometimes life is like a long road leading from one "if" to another. If Lucky hadn't slipped out of his collar, I wouldn't have been running across the blueberry barrens in late July, yelling, "Lucky! No! Come! Treats! (Publisher)

**Fontes, Justine and Ron**  
**Captured by Pirates**



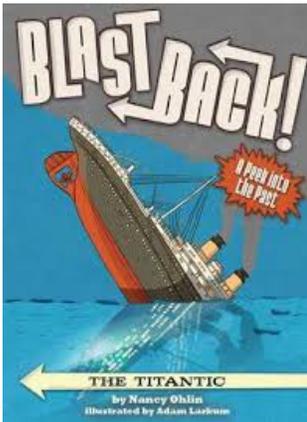
Match your wits against a band of pirates on the high seas and try to defeat them--or join them! Every Twisted Journeys(tm) graphic novel lets YOU control the action by choosing which path to follow. Which twists and turns will your journey take? (Publisher)

## Nonfiction



### **Gurevich, Margaret** **Diving with the Sharks**

Join real-life cave divers, extreme photographers, and researchers as they brave thrilling undersea adventures! Kids who are familiar with the popular National Geographic Kids Chapters line are sure to be on the edge of their seats over these new totally true tales of adventure and survival. (Publisher)



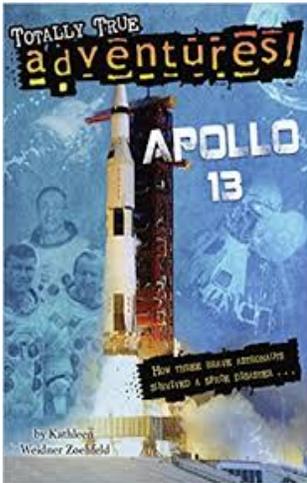
### **Ohlin, Nancy** **The Titanic**

You may have heard of the movie *Titanic*, but what was life on the actual *Titanic* really like? This engaging nonfiction book, complete with black and white interior illustrations, will make readers feel like they've traveled back in time. It covers everything from how the ship was built to what the passengers did for fun, and more. Find out interesting, little-known facts such as how the anchor was so heavy that they needed to use twenty horses to lift it and how the ship's musicians continued to play as the ship sank. (Publisher)



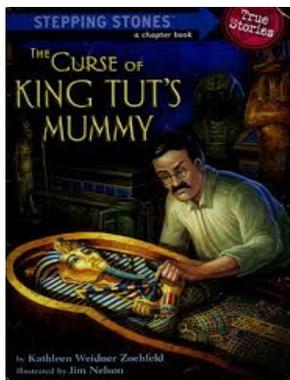
### **Ohlin, Nancy** **The Space Race**

When people think about the Space Race, things like astronauts and the Soviet Union may come to mind. But why was there a race, and who won anyway? This engaging nonfiction book will make readers feel like they've traveled back in time. It covers everything from the Cold War to the moon landing, and more. Find out interesting, little-known facts such as how the moon has an unpleasant odor and how a prototype of the ballpoint pen was invented by NASA for astronauts to use in zero-gravity conditions! (Publisher)



## Zoehfeld, Kathleen Weidne Apollo 13

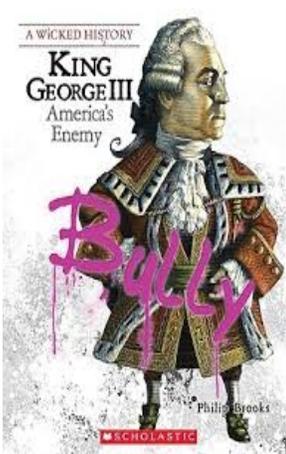
Astronauts Jim Lovell, Jack Swigert, and Fred Haise blasted off for the Moon on April 11, 1970. But after a disastrous explosion damaged their spacecraft, the three men had only one goal: to get back home safely. (Publisher)



## Zoehfeld, Kathleen Weidne The Curse of King Tut's Mummy

When the pharaohs of Egypt died, they were mummified and buried in pyramids and tombs with all their riches. But as centuries passed, the tombs were looted and the pharaohs' gold stolen. Then Howard Carter found the greatest Egyptian treasure trove of all—the tomb of King Tut's mummy! But did the amazing treasure come with a deadly curse? (Publisher)

## Zoehfeld, Kathleen Weidne The Curse of King Tut's Mummy



"He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people." That's what the American subjects of George III said about him when they declared their independence from Great Britain. George vowed to crush the rebels and launched his country into a seven-year bloodbath called the American Revolution. He wanted to be known as the man who saved the British Empire. Instead, he ended his days ravaged by insanity and plagued by failures. He would always be remembered as the king who lost America. (Publisher)