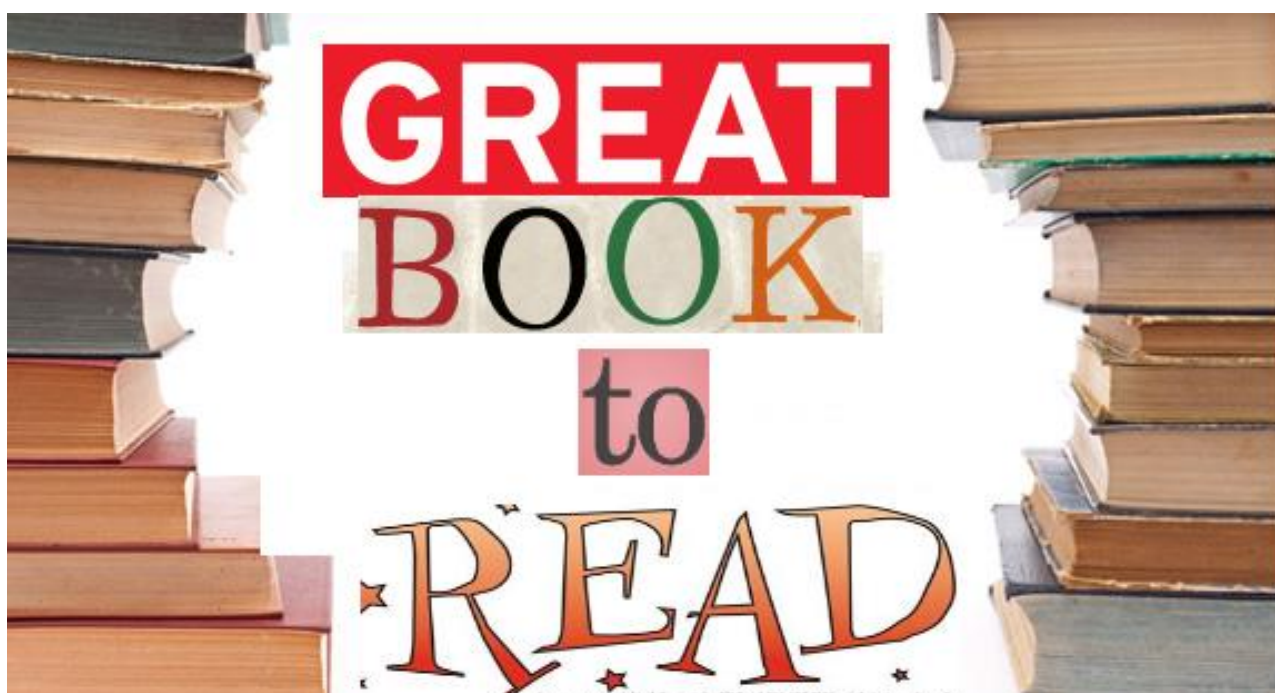


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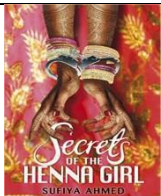
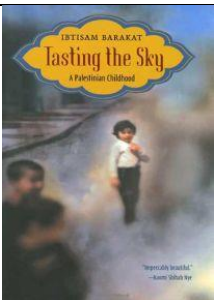
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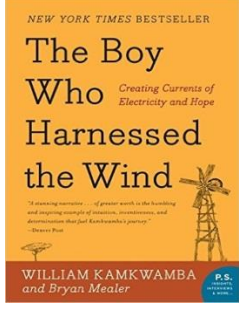
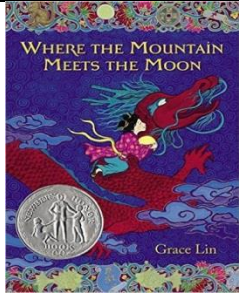
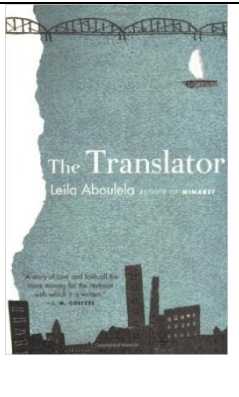


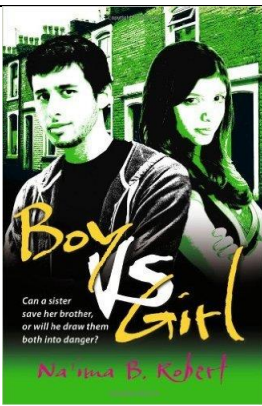
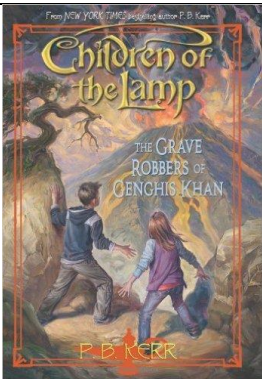
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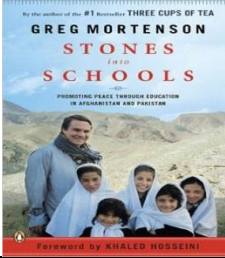
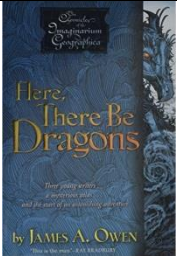

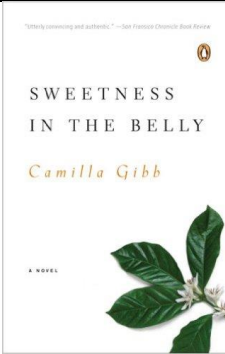
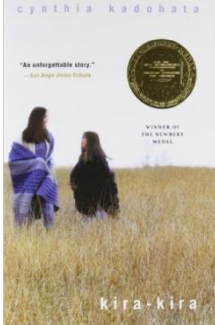
Recommended Reading List for Year 10-12

Cover	Title	Author	Description
	Minaret	Aboulela, Leila	Najwa, a Sudanese girl born into a wealthy family, falls in love with a nonreligious political student who tries to relieve her of her faith through rational arguments. When Najwa's father is executed on charges of bribery following a coup in Sudan, she and the rest of her family move to England. Najwa ends up being a poor maid, but she turns to her faith in Islam for support and guidance.
	Secrets of the Henna Girl	Ahmed, Sufiya	A well written story about forced marriages between English raised Pakistani girls and men from Pakistan.
	Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood	Barakat, Ibtisam	This is the memoir of a Palestinian who recalls her terrifying and humiliating experiences as a child growing up in occupied Palestine, including having to leave her family home and visiting friends in a refugee camp. Her love of reading and writing give her hope and a future.
	The Shepherd's Granddaughter	Carter, Anne	Amani wants to be a shepherd like her grandfather, but the Israelis build a settlement next to their land and shoot at them when they go to their olive trees.
	Diamonds in the Shadow	Cooney, Caroline B.	Through their love for people, yet ignorance of the unknown, the Finch Family has joined alongside their church and opened their home to an African refugee family who are moving to Connecticut. The Amabo family of four—Andre, Celestine, Mattu, and Alake: father, mother, and teenage son and daughter— arrive in great hope as they have escaped the tyranny of Africa.

	Belle: A Retelling of Beauty and the Beast (Once Upon a Time)	Dokey, Cameron	A great retelling of Beauty and the Beast where Belle's two more beautiful sisters are not the bad guys, but rather young ladies who can adapt to their new poverty as well as Belle.
	Guests of the Sheik	Fernea, Elizabeth Warnock	A delightful, well-written, and vastly informative ethnographic study, this is an account of Fernea's two-year stay in a tiny rural village in Iraq, where she assumed the dress and sheltered life of a harem woman. Excellent treatment of the positive and negative in two vastly different cultures. Written in 1965.
	The Day They Came to Arrest the Book	Hentoff, Nat	Although written at a middle school level, this book would be excellent for a class discussion about book censorship. All sides are presented well, but the author and, therefore, the central characters are in favor of unlimited free access to all books, no matter how racist or immoral.
	Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl	Jacobs, Harriet	This autobiography tells the story of Harriet, who is born as a slave in NC in 1813. Her grandmother's and her faith helps Harriet retain a dignified sense of self and enables her to eventually flee to the North where she discovers slavery is also present. Interesting, factual, written honestly and in an Islamically appropriate manner ??? for example, the obsessive lust her owner has for her is written about in a way suitable for all Muslims to read.
	A Heart in the Right Place	Jourdan, Carolyn	An autobiography of an Appalachian woman who left a highly paid job as a lawyer in DC to return home to help her parents and her community.

	The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind	Kamkwamba, William and Bryan Mealer	<p>This is an autobiography of a teenage boy in Malawi who teaches himself about electricity and builds a windmill out of scraps that provides electricity for lights in his village home. It is an inspiring story of what someone can do even if he has little education and absolutely no money.</p>
	Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	Lin, Grace	<p>A young Chinese girl goes off to find out how to bring fortune to her poor parents, only to learn that their loving each other is their real fortune. The parents also learn to be thankful for what they have. Many other stories are contained within this story.</p>
	The Translator	Aboulela, Leila	<p>For Muslim teens, this is the author's best book. Sammar, a Sudanese immigrant, works for and falls in love with a Scottish Islamic scholar who isn't Muslim. She struggles with her feelings for him, but depends on her strong faith to reach a properly Islamic solution. Her feelings and struggles are realistically portrayed. It has a happy ending when he accepts Islam honestly and fully.</p>
	Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace... One School at a Time	Mortenson, Greg and David Relin	<p>he author is not a Muslim, but he respects Islam and acts accordingly. He has built more than 100 schools in rural areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan.</p>
	Now Is Your Time!: The African-American Struggle for Freedom	Myers, Walter Dean	<p>A non fiction account from Muslim empires in Africa to slavery in America up to the modern Civil Rights Movement, told through the biographies of real African Americans. The several references to Muslims and/or Islam are positive, and the first personal story is told of Abd al-Rahman Ibrahim, the Muslim prince who was a slave in Mississippi.</p>

	<p>The Westing Game</p>	<p>Raskin, Ellen</p>	<p>This very entertaining, very inventive mystery involves 16 people who are included in the will of a very rich excentric man. All they have to do to inherit millions is to answer the question - but no one knows what the question is. A supersharp mystery...confoundingly clever, and very funny.</p>
	<p>Boy vs. Girl</p>	<p>Robert, Nai'ma B.</p>	<p>A brother and sister with immigrant Pakistani parents have different problems at school. The girl is beautiful and very popular. She feels the need to be a better Muslim and struggles when her hijab turns her into a nonentity at school. Her brother is sensitive and not able to stand up for himself. He falls into a drug running gang, partially to protect himself from some bullies at school. During Ramadan he also decides to become a better Muslim, but how does he get out of the gang? The book is not preachy and demonstrates the benefit of being a practicing Muslim.</p>
	<p>Children of the Lamp Series</p>	<p>Kerr, P.B.</p>	<p>This is either an excellent series, or a series to be avoided depending on how you feel about altering Islamic truths. The author has used Islamic definitions of the jinn except they are in charge of all the luck in the world ??? good and bad. Twelve year old twins, born of a human father and jinn mother, are good jinn who help their jinn uncle fight the bad jinn.</p>
	<p>Born for Adventure</p>	<p>Karr, Kathleen</p>	<p>This historical novel???s hero is a youth who manages to go on the great explorer Henry Morton Stanley???s relief of Emin Pash Expedition in 1887 from Zanzibar to the mouth of the Congo River and beyond. As the cover says, it is ???a startling, scary and surprising??? true story. The European???s prejudice and distain for all colored people is accurately portrayed while the youth sees Africans as people of equal value, and their cultures worthy of respect.</p>

	Stones into Schools	Mortenson, Greg	Greg goes to Afghanistan to build more schools, sometimes in very inaccessible places. True story.
	Here, There be Dragons, (Chronicles of the Imaginarium Geographica)	Owen, James	An exciting fantasy adventure of three Oxford students who travel into the imaginary lands. Lots of literary references. This is the first of the potential series and romance is within Islamic bounds.
	Fablehaven (series)	Mull, Brandon	An exciting series with magical creatures, Kendra and her brother help their grandfather save these creatures in protected spaces. Good family relations.
	Sweetness in the Belly	Gibb, Camilla	A novel about an English girl who grows up under the care of a Sufi sheikh in Morocco, moves to Ethiopia when she is 16 to live the righteous life of a poor Sufi, and who ends up working in England. The girl has an admirable faith, which finally waivers as she succumbs to the love of a Muslim doctor who admires her faith but who is weaker himself, and encourages her to go against some of her beliefs.
	Kira-Kira	Kadohata, Cynthia	Katie???s older sister teaches her to enjoy her surroundings, thinking that everything is kira-kira (???glittering??? in Japanese). They are very close until the older becomes a teen and starts to have other friends and interests. Then the older sister develops (and dies) from leukemia so in the end Katie is taking care of her. Good family relations.