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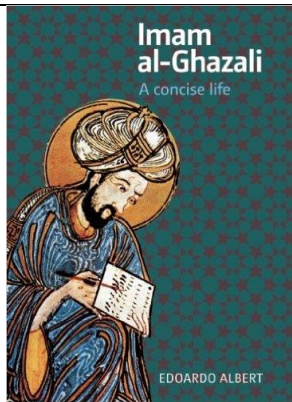
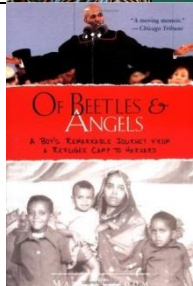
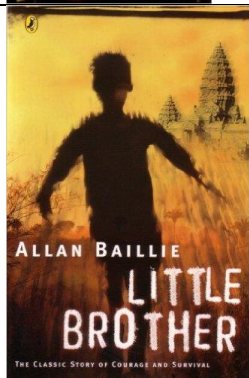
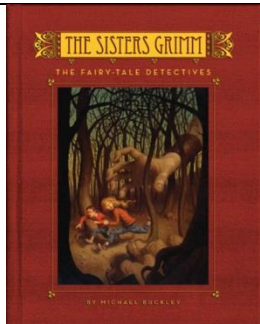
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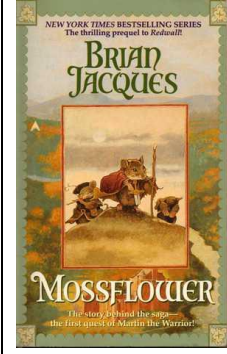
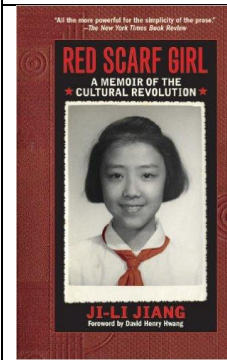
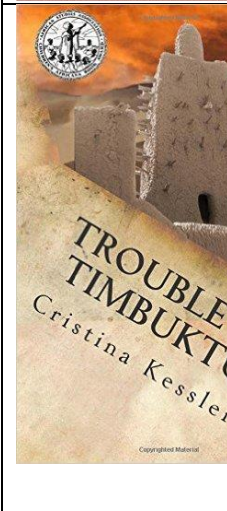
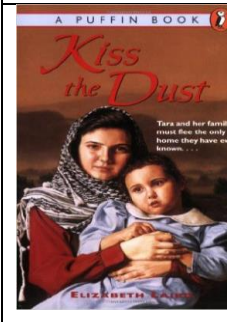
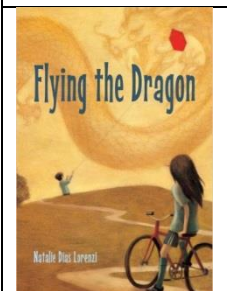


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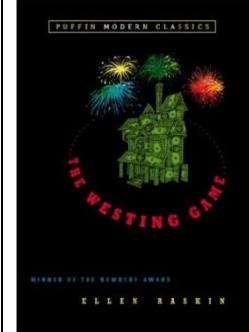
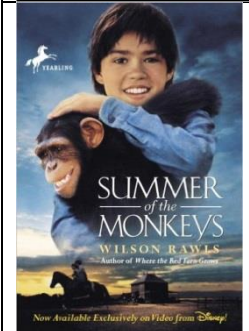
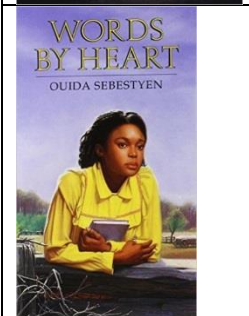
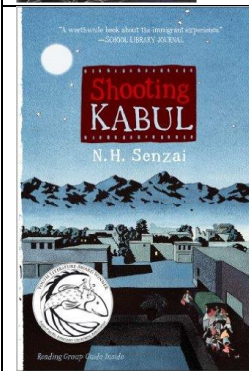
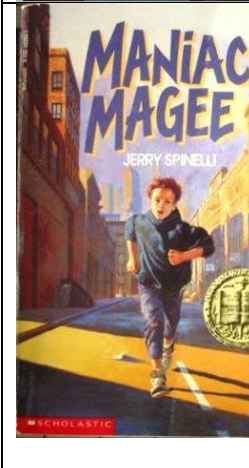
Recommended Reading List for Year 7-9

Cover	Title	Author	Description
	Imam Al-Ghazali: A Concise Life	Albert, Edoardo	In this short biography you will discover how Imam al-Ghazali rose from his humble background as a fatherless young boy to become the preeminent Muslim scholar of the eleventh century and a towering figure in the history of Islamic thought.
	Of Beetles & Angels: a Boy's Remarkable Journey	Asgedom, Mawi	The true autobiographical story of a poor refugee boy from Ethiopia who goes on to graduate from Harvard. Well written and entertaining, it stresses hard work, being good to others, and believing in God.
	Macaroni Boy	Ayres, Katherine	Set in the depression when Italians were the despised minority, Mike Costa is part of a close knit family that works together. He learns that fighting is not always the best way to resolve a problem or deal with your enemy.
	Little Brother	Baillie, Allan	Vithy's older brother rescues him from the vicious Khmer Rouge soldiers, but then they lose each other in the wild jungle. Vithy survives by remembering what he has learned from his father and from his brother, and learning who he can trust as he struggles to find his brother and the border in order to make it out of Cambodia.
	The Sisters Grimm	Buckley, Michael	Sabrina and her sister Daphne live with their grandmother Relda Grimm in a town of fairy-tale magical characters. They solve mysteries as they hunt for their kidnapped parents. Engaging and funny series.

	Al Capone Does My Shirts	Choldenko, Gennifer	<p>In 1935, 12 year old Moose Flanagan moves with his family to Alcatraz Island for his dad to work there. It's a difficult transition for Moose, particularly because he is trying to protect and care for his severely autistic sister, Natalie. Life on Alcatraz is made more difficult by a classmate who bullies the other kids to join her in activities where they end up getting blamed and she lies her way out</p>
	Whale Talk	Crutcher, Chris	<p>TJ, a gifted student and athlete, decides to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's least popular students. A wonderful book, but please note its dark threads of child abuse.</p>
	Out of My Mind	Draper, Sharon	<p>11-yr old Melody has a photographic memory and cerebral palsy, which prevents her from talking or doing most physical activity. Her family helps her find a way to communicate. She wins a place on the school's quiz team, but gets left behind, on purpose, as the team travels to the state finals.</p>
	Pictures of Hollis Woods	Giff, Patricia Reilly	<p>12-yr old Hollis is an orphan who has moved from foster home to foster home her whole life. She is now living with an aging artist. She finds the family she has been wishing for since she was five, but still is concerned for and looks after the old artist.</p>
	Round Buildings, Square Buildings, & Buildings That Wiggle Like a Fish	Isaacson, Philip	<p>Non-fiction. The author shares his love of buildings and gives readers a lot of photos, including 6 or 7 Muslim-built buildings like the Taj Mahal.</p>

		Moss flower	Jacques, Brian	A prequel to Redwall, this book is a fantasy where mice, moles, otters, and squirrels are pitted against a cruel allegiance of wildcats, weasels, and stouts. An exciting story with no un-Islamic elements.
		Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution	Jiang, Ji-li	Ji-li was a loyal fan of Mao's China until the Cultural Revolution when everything in her world turned upside down. Near the end, we learn she and her family are Muslims.
		Trouble in Timbuktu	Kessler, Christina	The exciting adventure of 13 year old Muslim Malian twins, Ayisha and Ahmed, who are determined to stop an unscrupulous archeologist who is trying to steal ancient manuscripts. The boy acts as guide to the man so the author is able to give lots of detailed information about the city of Timbuktu and the wonderful library of manuscripts which prove that Africans were writing on a wide variety of topics over a thousand years ago.
		Kiss the Dust	Laird, Elizabeth	A realistic story of a Kurdish family that escapes Iraq over mountains to Iran and from there to England."
		Flying the Dragon	Lorenzi, Natalie Dias	Newly arrived immigrant Hiroshi from Japan has problem with English and his American born cousin. She has problems with Japanese and this cousin who wants to monopolize their grandfather. Realistic situation, good family connections.

	Seven Daughters and Seven Sons	Lovejoy, Bahiah and Barbara Cohen	<p>Based on an 11th century Iraqi tale about a middle daughter from a poor but good family of seven girls who disguises herself as a man so she can go out into the world to make her fortune and help her family.</p>
	The Other Side of Truth	Naidoo, Beverly	<p>12-yr old Sade and her younger brother flee Nigeria after their mother's murder and then are abandoned in London by the woman who accompanied them. This book explores the issues of family, exile, and freedom.</p>
	When My Name Was Keoko	Park, Linda Sue	<p>10 year old Sun-hee grew up in Japanese occupied Korea and was forced to change her name to a Japanese name, Keoko. Good family interactions with each person trying to do what is right for the family. Each chapter alternates first person narration between Sun-hee and her 13 year old brother Tae-yul (Japanese name Nubuo).</p>
	Journey of Dreams	Pellegrino, Marge	<p>The story of how one family survives the Guatemalan army's 'scorched earth' campaign in the 1980s and how, in the midst of tragedy, suspicion and fear, their resilient love and loyalty - and Papa's storytelling - keeps them going. On their harrowing journey as refugees to the United States, the dramatic ebb and flow of events are mirrored in the tapestries of one daughter's dreams. "A story of family love, loyalty, bravery and dreams?"</p>
	Rebel McKenzie	Ransom, Candice	<p>Rebel McKenzie wants to spend her summer attending the Ice Age Kids' Dig and Safari, a camp where kids discover prehistoric bones, right alongside real paleontologists. She 'knows' what she wants in life, but by the end of the summer she realizes she is a different person than she thought.</p>

		The Westing Game	Raskin, Ellen	<p>This very entertaining, very inventive mystery involves 16 people who are included in the will of a very rich eccentric man. All they have to do to inherit millions is to answer the question - but no one knows what the question is.</p>
		Summer of the Monkeys	Rawls, Wilson	<p>14 year old Jay Berry lives in the Ozark mountains. He spends his summer matching wits with a group of escaped monkeys from a circus train led by a wily chimp. Excellent family relations.</p>
		Words by Heart	Sebestyen, Ouida	<p>Lena's family is new and the only black family in town. She struggles to make her father proud by winning a Bible quoting contest. A good book for Muslims to learn about Christianity and the values that we share.</p>
		Shooting Kabul	Senzai, N. H.	<p>Fadi flees Afghanistan with his family minus his 5-yr old sister who tragically gets left behind. In the US he has to adjust to a new culture, bullies, etc. Good family interaction, positive depiction of Islam, and insight into Afghani culture and politics.</p>
		Maniac Magee	Spinelli, Jerry	<p>One of my favorite books. Maniac is a homeless boy with excellent running and ball skills who is innocent of the differences between whites and blacks. The whites don't understand why he is friends with blacks, and the blacks don't understand why he doesn't see the differences. There are good families on both sides. One small problem: he is about 10 and takes a bath with the children of the house he is staying in.</p>