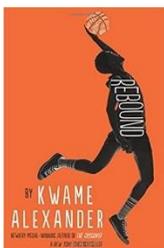
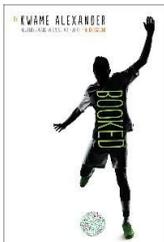


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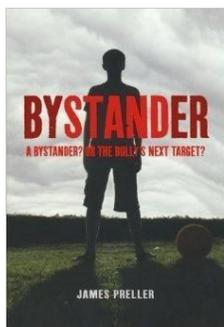
## Fiction

***The Crossover*  
*Booked*  
*Rebound*  
By Kwame Alexander**



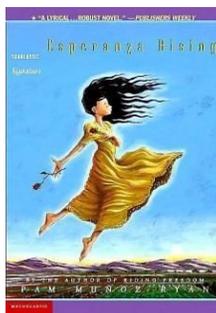
In Kwame Alexander's trilogy, basketball, soccer, love, family, relationships, and the challenges young people face take center stage. The basketball and soccer action provide energy and rhythm for a moving story and Alexander has given readers African-American protagonists to cheer! The scenes are exciting and vivid and will have you asking for more!

***Bystander*  
By Preller, James**



Thirteen-year-old Eric discovers there are consequences to not standing by and watching as the bully at his new school hurts people, but although school officials are aware of the problem, Eric may be the one with a solution.

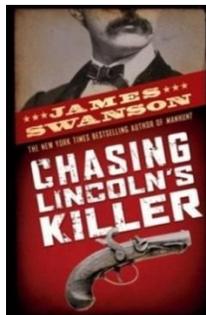
***Esperanza Rising*  
By Ryan, Pam Munoz**



Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.

## Non-Fiction

***Chasing Lincoln's Killer*  
By Swanson, James L**



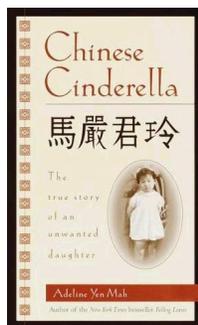
Recounts the twelve-day pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth, covering the chase through Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, with a discussion of Abraham Lincoln as a father, husband, and friend that examines the impact of his death on those close to him.

***Chasing King's Killer*  
By James L. Swanson**



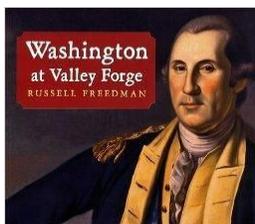
This illustrated history of Martin Luther King Jr.'s includes information about his role in the civil rights movement and U.S. political history also and the killer who assassinated him. It concludes with responses to his death from friends and the public and efforts to apprehend his killer.

***Chinese Cinderella : the True Story of an Unwanted Daughter*  
By Mah, Adeline Yen**

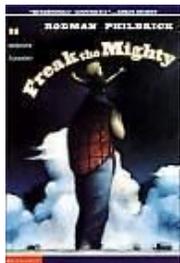


The author tells the story of her painful childhood in China where she lived until the age of fourteen with her father, stepmother, and siblings, all of whom considered her bad luck because her mother died shortly after giving birth to her.

***Washington at Valley Forge*  
By Freedman, Russell**

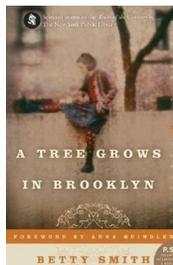


Provides an account of the six months during which the soldiers in George Washington's command camped in Valley Forge, enduring the harsh winter of 1777-78 without adequate food clothing, or blankets.



***Freak the Mighty***  
By Philbrick, W. R

At the beginning of eighth grade, Max, who has a learning disability, and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team.



**HONORS ONLY**  
***A Tree Grows in Brooklyn***  
By Smith, Betty

Young Francie Nolan, having inherited both her father's romantic and her mother's practical nature, struggles to survive and thrive growing up in the slums of Brooklyn in the early twentieth century.