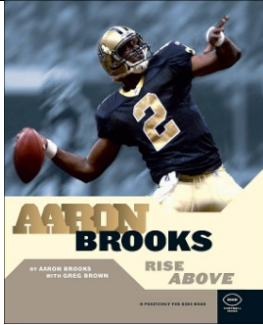
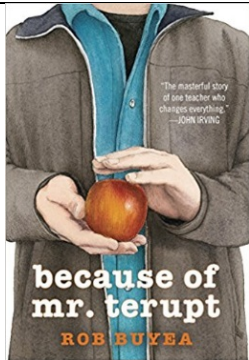


Ms. Budnick & Ms. Amazan's Summer Reading List



Aaron Brooks: Rise Above by Aaron Brooks and Gregg Brown

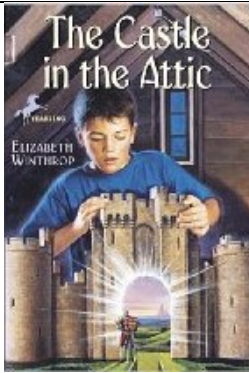
New Orleans Saints star quarterback Aaron Brooks takes us on his life journey from starting at "The Bottom"—the name for his childhood neighborhood in Newport News, Virginia—to being one of the elite 32 NFL quarterbacks. Aaron emphasizes the positive vision he had about his future and details how he, step by step, achieved his dreams.



Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea

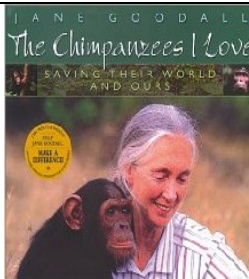
It's the start of fifth grade for seven kids at Snow Hill School. There's . . . Jessica, the new girl, smart and perceptive, who's having a hard time fitting in; Alexia, a bully, your friend one second, your enemy the next; Peter, class prankster and troublemaker; Luke, the brain; Danielle, who never stands up for herself; shy Anna, whose home situation makes her an outcast; and Jeffrey, who hates school.

Only Mr. Terupt, their new and energetic teacher, seems to know how to deal with them all. He makes the classroom a fun place, even if he doesn't let them get away with much . . . until the snowy winter day when an accident changes everything—and everyone.



Castle in the Attic by Elizabeth Winthrop

A gift of a toy castle, complete with silver knight, introduces William to an adventure involving magic and a personal quest.



The Chimpanzees I Love: Saving Their World and Ours by Jane Goodall

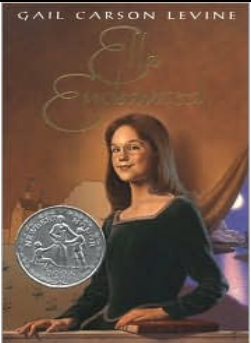
As a child, Jane Goodall dreamed of living with the wild animals of Africa. As a young woman, she amazed the world with her groundbreaking discoveries about chimpanzees, which she documented in her acclaimed National Geographic television specials. Ever since, Dr. Goodall has campaigned unceasingly for the protection of the chimpanzee, now an endangered species. This moving, personal account will inspire readers of all ages to join in her vital work.



The Discovery (Dive, Book 1) by Gordon Korman

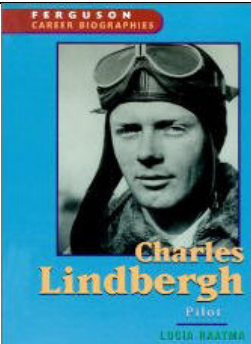
Four kids are diving to explore an underwater habitat that's just been altered by a seismic event. What they find, though, is much more than fish - it's sunken treasure. Can they salvage it without anyone else getting to it first? Will the prospect of wealth set them against one another? And what about those sharks? *Dive* is an action-packed trilogy (it includes books 2 & 3)

*Gordon Korman has other trilogies: *Island*, *Everest*



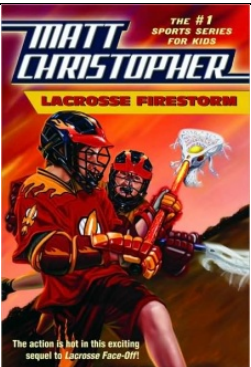
Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine

At birth, Ella is inadvertently cursed by an imprudent fairy named Lucinda, who bestows on her the "gift" of obedience. Anything anyone tells her to do, Ella must obey. Her intelligence and saucy nature keep her in good stead as she sets out on a quest for freedom and self-discovery, trying to track down Lucinda to undo the curse, fending off ogres, befriendng elves, and falling in love with a prince along the way. Yes, there is a pumpkin coach, a glass slipper, and a happily ever after, but this is the most remarkable, delightful, and profound version of Cinderella you've ever read.



Ferguson's Career Biography Series

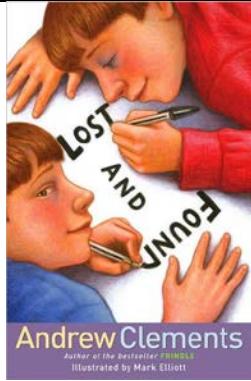
The Ferguson Career Biographies series tells the stories of some of the world's most admired people, focusing on the subject's early education and training, the challenges faced on the job, important career mentors, and career achievements. Students follow each person's journey along one or more career paths and get a sense of the person's historical importance.



Lacrosse Firestorm by Matt Christopher (*series)

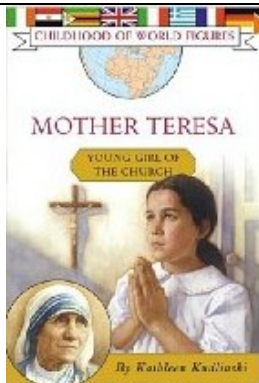
It's early summer, and things are really heating up between Garry Wallis and Michael Donofrio. At the end of last season, Garry sabotaged Michael's chances of becoming the league's top scorer. Now Michael is taking his revenge. He's got plenty of opportunity, too, for the Rockets are taking part in a week-long lacrosse tournament held at an overnight camp. Garry tries to ignore Michael, but the bullying finally gets to him-and what happens next sets off a string of near-disasters that finds Garry in the heart of a firestorm.

* This book is part of a series. Any other book from this series would be a great choice as well.



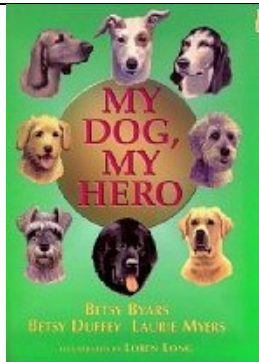
Lost and Found by Andrew Clements

When the Graysons move to a new town, 12-year-old twins Jay and Ray take advantage of a paperwork glitch at school to see what it would be like not to be regarded as one of a matched pair. They take turns going to school, each answering to the name Jay Grayson. Though physically Ray and Jay are nearly identical, their different personalities, abilities, and interests (not to mention the difficulties of one twin staying home each day and logistics of not appearing together in public) make it difficult to keep up the game for long.



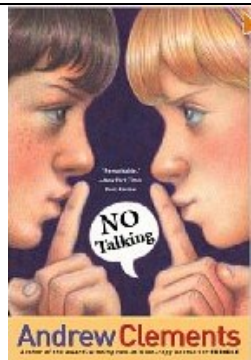
Mother Teresa by Kathleen Kudlinski

Born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in 1910, Mother Teresa grew up in a small war-torn town in Macedonia. The youngest of three children, Mother Teresa was called Gonxha, which means "flower bud," by her family because of her cheerful disposition. Mother Teresa's family were devoted Catholics who prayed every evening and went to church almost every day. By the time she was twelve years old, Mother Teresa knew she wanted to devote her life to helping the sick and poor.



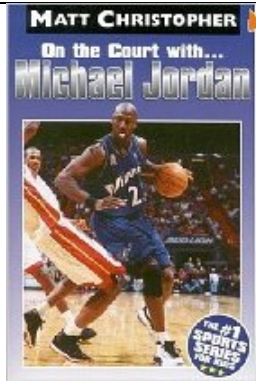
My Dog, My Hero by Betsy Byars

This delightful book is a collection of eight stories about extraordinarily heroic dogs. Each of the tales is told from the point of view of a contestant entering a dog in the My Hero contest. Drama, humor, excitement, and love fuel these short, well-written stories that are certain to be relished by dog lovers.



No Talking by Andrew Clements

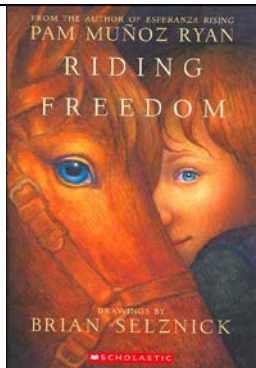
Dave Packer's classmates are so boisterous and difficult to quiet down that the teachers have dubbed them "The Unshushables." Dave has just read about Mahatma Gandhi and learned that the man practiced silence one day a week to bring order to his mind. Though Dave likes to talk nonstop, he's determined to give the idea a try.



On the Court with Michael Jordan by Matt Christopher

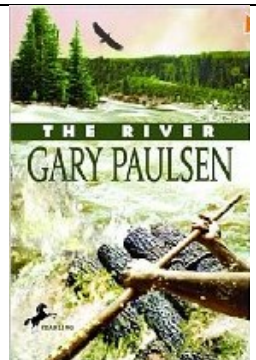
Matt Christopher, the number one sportswriter for kids, profiles basketball superstar Michael Jordan, covering his childhood, college career, rookie years, and current professional standing. Real-life sports action makes for a reading experience that's not to be missed.

*Any other biographies from this author are also great choices.



Riding Freedom by Pam Munos Ryan (author of *Esperanza Rising*)

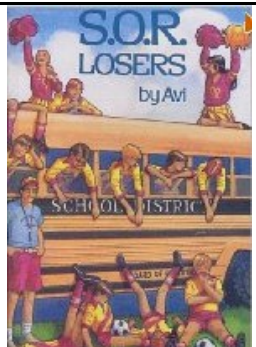
This fictionalized biography of the first woman to vote in the state of California, and perhaps in the whole United States, is fascinating. Charlotte Parkhurst, known as Charley, spent most of her life masquerading as a man. Raised in an orphanage where she is the only girl, she is prevented from being adopted by the staff, who put her to work in the kitchen. Her preference is to be with the horses and the elderly man who cares for them.



The River by Gary Paulsen (**Hatchet* series)

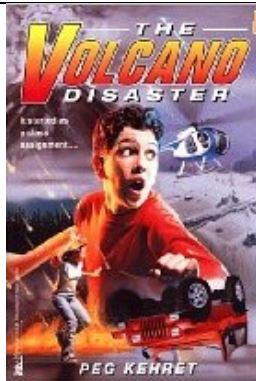
"We want you to do it again." These words, spoken to Brian Robeson, will change his life. Two years earlier, Brian was stranded alone in the wilderness for 54 days with nothing but a small hatchet. Yet he survived.

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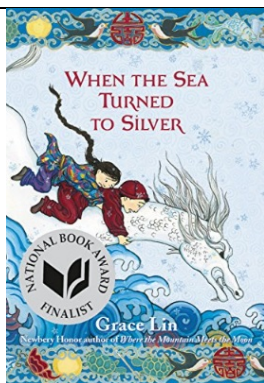
S.O.R. Losers by Avi

The South Orange River (S.O.R.) School is big on sports and famous for not losing a game all season. That all changes when the school insists that some seventh-grader non-jocks form a soccer team. The new team is sure that losing their first game 32-0 will put an end to their athletic adventure, but no such luck.



The Volcano Disaster by Peg Kehret (author of *Saving Lilly & Nightmare Mountain*)

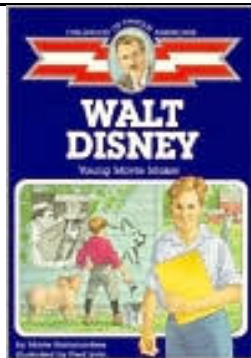
Warren Spalding is sent to live with his grandmother after his father dies in an accident and his mother returns to college. There he discovers his grandfather's invention, an Instant Commuter. Accidentally, the boy is transported back in time to the slopes of Mt. St. Helens just minutes before its eruption in 1980.



When the Sea Turned to Silver by Grace Lin (author of *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*)

Pinmei's gentle, loving grandmother always has the most exciting tales for her granddaughter and the other villagers. However, the peace is shattered one night when soldiers of the Emperor arrive and kidnap the storyteller.

Everyone knows that the Emperor wants something called the Luminous Stone That Lights the Night. Determined to have her grandmother returned, Pinmei embarks on a journey to find the Luminous Stone alongside her friend Yishan, a mysterious boy who seems to have his own secrets to hide.



Walt Disney: Young Movie Maker by Marie Hammontree

In the childhood story of an American original, readers learn how a farm boy in Missouri grew up to be the father of Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Pluto, Goofy, and scores of other beloved characters.

** This book is part of a series. Any other book from the *Childhood of Famous Americans biography* series would be a great choice as well.