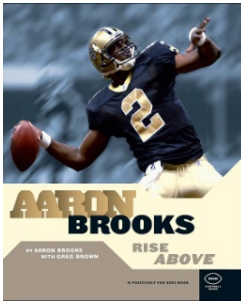
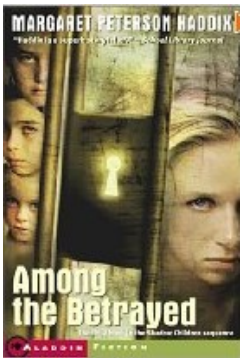


## Ms. Brown's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading List 2019



**Aaron Brooks: Rise Above** by Aaron Brooks and Gregg Brown

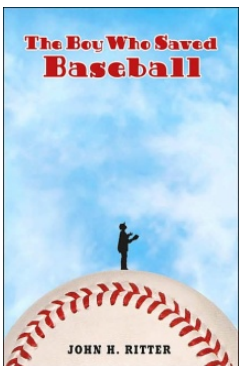
New Orleans Saints star quarterback Aaron Brooks takes us on his life journey from starting at "The Bottom"—the name for his childhood neighborhood in Newport News, Virginia—to being one of the elite 32 NFL quarterbacks. Aaron emphasizes the positive vision he had about his future and details how he,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



**Among the Betrayed** by Margaret Peterson Haddix (\*series)

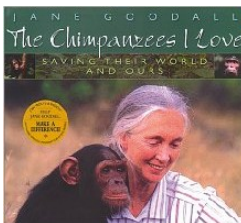
The Third book in The Shadow Children Series. Nina Idi, a third child in a society where families are allowed only two children, has been betrayed by the boy she loved, and arrested by the Population Police for exposing other alleged third children. Angry and confused, Nina knows only one thing for sure: She is innocent of the charges. But now she is faced with the most difficult choice of her life: Get three other prisoners to admit they are shadow children and be spared herself, or refuse to cooperate and be killed. The options are clear. The choice, Nina discovers, is not....

\* This book is part of a series. If you enjoyed Among the Hidden or Among the Imposters, this book would be a great choice!



**The Boy who Saved Baseball** by John H. Ritter

Tom Gallagher is in a tight spot. The fate of the Dillontown team rests on the outcome of one baseball game, winner take all. If Tom's team loses, they lose their field too. But how can they possibly win? Just when everything seems hopeless, a mysterious boy named Cruz de la Cruz rides into town and claims to know the secret of hitting.



**The Chimpanzees and Me: 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.

\*If you liked Shelter Dogs or Saving Lilly, you might like this book!

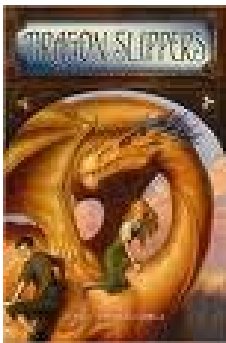


**The Discovery (Dive, Book 1)** by Gordon Korman

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*

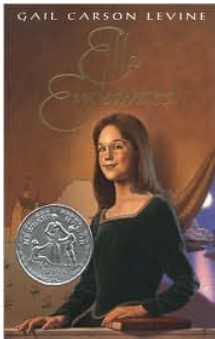
\*If you liked our unit about Mount Everest or Nightmare Mountain, you might like this book!



**Dragon Slippers** by Jessica Day George

After Creel's aunt totes her out to the local dragon in desperation, with the hope that the local prince will rescue her and marry her, Creel refuses the prince and finds friendship with the dragons, who set her on a journey to the center of the kingdom with a pretty pair of what only seem to be ordinary slippers. But soon enough those mysterious slippers begin to wreak havoc, and it's up to Creel to save the kingdom from disaster and defend the dragons from certain doom.

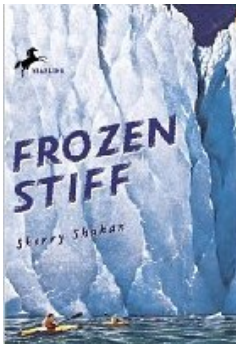
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**Ella Enchanted** by Gail Carson Levine

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, befriending 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.

\*If you liked Esperanza Rising, you might like this one!



**Frozen Stiff** by Sherry Shahan

What begins as a two-night camping and kayaking trek in the untamed Alaskan wilderness turns into a test of survival for Cody and her cousin Derek. While their mothers are in Juneau picking up supplies for Yakutat Lodge, the cousins sneak off in an old pickup. The taste of freedom is soon tainted when Cody's kayak is lost on the rising tide, washing away her life vest and precious supplies. With only each other for support, the cousins face hunger and their fears of the unknown region of Southeast Alaska. As an advancing glacier floods the remote fjord, Cody and Derek find themselves facing menacing waves, immense icebergs, and wild animals. A sense that someone is following them adds to the formidable danger.

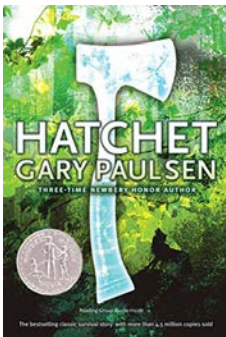
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**The Ghost Sitter** by Peni R. Griffin

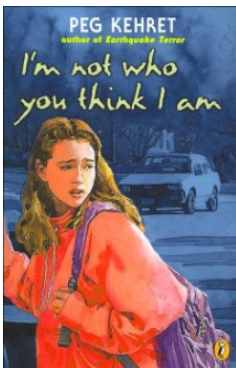
Charlotte is looking forward to a great summer in her new home, despite her many baby-sitting duties. Gradually, Charlotte realizes her all-too-normal house is haunted by the ghost of a girl who doesn't – or won't – realize that she's dead.

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**Hatchet** by Gary Paulsen

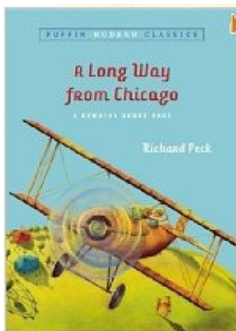
Thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson is on his way to visit his father when the single-engine plane in which he is flying crashes. Suddenly, Brian finds himself alone in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but a tattered windbreaker and the hatchet his mother gave him as a present – and the dreadful secret that has been tearing him apart since his parents' divorce. But now, Brian has no time for anger, self-pity, or despair – it will take all his know-how and determination, and more courage than he knew he possessed to survive.



**I'm Not Who You Think I Am** by Peg Kehret

An odd woman confronts Ginger at the bus stop and divulges an unbelievable secret. While Ginger tries to decide what to do with the woman's strange information, she is involved in a school controversy between some parents and her favorite teacher. Suspense is interwoven with issues of loyalty and honor as Ginger desperately tries to save both her identity and her life.

\*If you liked Nightmare Mountain, you might like this one!



**A Long Way From Chicago** by Richard Peck

A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.

\*If you liked Glory Be, you might like this one!





**Lunch Money** by Andrew Clements

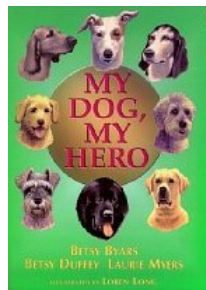
Sixth-grader Greg Kenton has always had a talent for making money. His latest scheme, creating and selling miniature comic books, looks to be a success. However, problems arise when his classmate and longtime nemesis, Maura, competes with him by making her own mini-stories. Even worse, the principal, who believes that comic books are nasty and violent, bans their sale at school.

\*If you liked The Jacket, this is the same author!



**Magician in the Trunk** by Candice Ransom

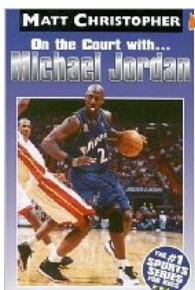
Mattie, Sophie, and Alex stumble onto a magical mystery at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893. Young Harry Houdini's magic show is failing and the kids decide to lend a hand. However, before they can sell one ticket, they're accused of stealing a priceless treasure. Can the world's greatest magician help the Times Spies conjure up the real thief?



**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.

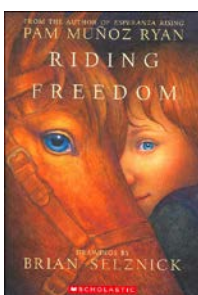
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**On the Court with Michael Jordan** by Matt Christopher

Matt Christopher, the number one sports writer 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.

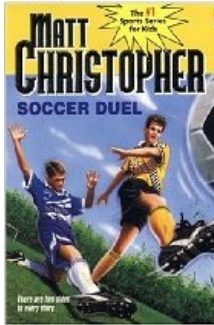
\*Any other biographies from this author are a great choice as well.



**Riding Freedom** by Pam Munoz Ryan

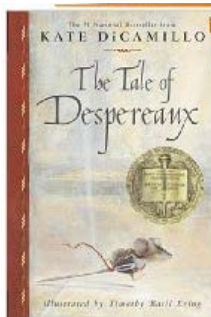
This fictionalized biography of the first woman to vote in the state of California, and perhaps in the whole United States, is fascinating. Charlotte Parkhurst, known as Charley, spent most of her life masquerading as a man. Raised in an orphanage where she is the only girl, she is prevented from being 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.

\*If you liked Esperanza Rising, Homeless Bird, or Glory Be, you might like this book!



**Soccer Duel** by Matt Christopher

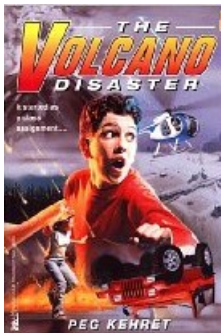
Team rivalry threatens to spoil a budding friendship between a showy soccer player, Bryce, and soft-spoken but talented Renny.



**The Tale of Despereaux** by Kate DiCamillo  
(Author of *Because of Winn-Dixie*)

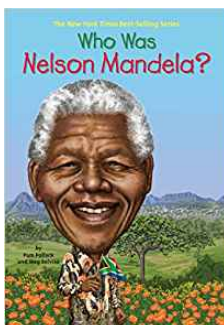
Welcome to the story of Despereaux Tilling, a mouse who is in love with music, stories, and a princess named Pea. It is also the story of a rat called Roscuro, who lives in the darkness and covets a world filled with light. And it is the story of Miggery Sow, a slow-witted serving girl who harbors a simple, impossible wish. These three characters are about to embark on a journey that will lead them down into a horrible dungeon, up into a glittering castle, and, ultimately, into each other's lives.

\*If you liked Where the Mountain Meets the Moon, you might like this book! (This is also one of Ms. Brown's favorite books!)



**The Volcano Disaster** by Peg Kehret

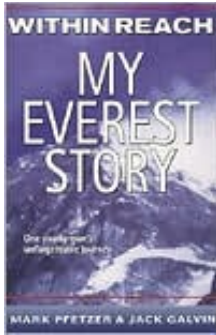
Warren Spalding is sent to live with his grandmother after his father dies in an accident and his mother returns to college. There he discovers his grandfather's invention, an Instant Commuter. Accidentally, the boy is transported back in time to the slopes of Mt. St. Helens just minutes before its eruption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



**Who Was Nelson Mandela?** by Pam Pollack (\*Series)

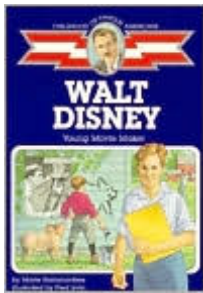
As a child he dreamt of changing South Africa; as a man he changed the world. Nelson Mandela spent his life battling apartheid and championing a peaceful revolution. He spent twenty-seven years in prison and emerged as the inspiring leader of the new South Africa. He became the country's first black president and went on to live his dream of change.

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



**Within My Reach...My Everest** Story by Mark Pfetzer

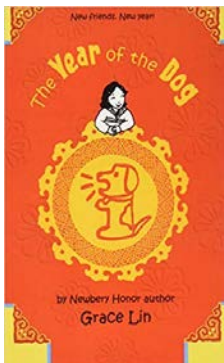
In May 1996, Mark Pfetzer at age 16 was the youngest climber on Mount Everest to reach 26,000 feet, and his gripping autobiography focuses exclusively on his mountain climbing achievements.



**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.

*\*Any other Childhood of Famous Americans biography would be a great choice as well.*



**The Year of the Dog** by Grace Lin

When Pacy's mom tells her that this is a good year for friends, family, and "finding herself," Pacy begins searching right away. As the year goes on, she struggles to find her talent, deals with disappointment, makes a new best friend, and discovers just why the Year of the Dog is a lucky one for her after all.