



Bulldogs Read 2021- 2022

Introducing our 60 Bulldogs Read books for the 21/22 school year! To enter the monthly **Bulldogs Read** prize drawing, read a book from this list and then fill out an online form for each book read at <http://bit.ly/submitbulldogsread21-22>. Be sure to track the books you've read and submitted on the form below. Bulldogs Read winners will be announced monthly and receive prizes. Students who read and submit 30+ Bulldogs Read books will also be invited on an end-of-year field trip and receive fun buttons. But, don't forget—the greatest prize of all is experiencing a great book! So, first and foremost, please use this list to get ideas for your next great read! For digital copies of our *Bulldogs Read* books, go to <http://bit.ly/splbulldogsread21-22>.

All Thirteen by Christina Soontornvat

Looks at the cave rescue of the twelve young players of the Wild Boars soccer team and their coach in northern Thailand.

Read Submitted

Amari and the Night Brothers by B.B. Alston

Thirteen-year-old Amari, a poor African American girl from the projects, gets an invitation from her missing brother to join the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs and join in the fight against an evil magician.

Read Submitted

The Barren Grounds by David Alexander Robertson

Morgan and Eli, two Indigenous children forced away from their families and living in a foster home, are brought together when a portal opens to another reality, bringing them onto frozen, barren grounds, and a starving community, fighting to survive.

Read Submitted

Becoming by Michelle Obama (*Young Reader's Edition*)

An autobiography of lawyer and American First Lady Michelle Obama.

Read Submitted

Becoming Muhammad Ali by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander

A biographical novel tells the story of Cassius Clay, the determined boy who would one day become Muhammad Ali, one of the greatest boxers of all time.

Read Submitted

Before the Ever After by Jacqueline Woodson

ZJ's friends Ollie, Darry and Daniel help him cope when his father, a beloved professional football player, suffers severe headaches and memory loss that spell the end of his career.

Read Submitted

The Best At It by Maulik Pancholy

Twelve-year-old Rahul Kapoor, an Indian-American boy growing up in small-town Indiana, struggles to come to terms with his identity, including that he may be gay.

Read Submitted

The Black Friend by Frederick Joseph

Frederick Joseph offers candid reflections on his own experiences with racism and conversations with prominent artists and activists about theirs.

Read Submitted

Blackout (*short stories by various authors*)

A summer heatwave blankets New York City in darkness. But as the city is thrown into confusion, a different kind of electricity sparks... A first meeting. Long-time friends. Bitter exes. And maybe the beginning of something new. When the lights go out, people reveal hidden truths, love blossoms, friendship transforms, and new possibilities take flight.

Read Submitted

The Canyon's Edge by Dusti Bowling

A year after the death of her mother in a restaurant shooting, Nora is left struggling to stay alive when a climbing trip with her father goes terribly wrong.

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Cemetery Boys by Aiden Thomas

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Yadriel, a trans boy, summons the angry spirit of his high school's bad boy and agrees to help him learn how he died, thereby proving himself a brujo, not a bruja, to his conservative family.

Read Submitted

****Charming as a Verb* by Ben Philippe**

Henri 'Halti' Haltiwanger can charm just about anyone, except his "intense" classmate and neighbor, Corinne Troy. When she uncovers Henri's less-than-honest dog-walking scheme, she blackmails him into helping her change her image at school.

Read Submitted

***City of the Plague God* by Sarwat Chadda**

Thirteen-year-old Sikander Aziz has to team up with the hero Gilgamesh in order to stop Nergal, the ancient god of plagues, from wiping out the population of Manhattan in this adventure based on Mesopotamian mythology.

Read Submitted

***City Spies* by James Ponti**

Sara Martinez is facing years in the juvenile detention system for hacking into the foster care computer system to prove that her foster parents are crooks. But then she gets a second chance when a mysterious man offers her a chance to join a group of MI6 spies.

Read Submitted

***Class Act* by Jerry Craft**

Eighth grader Drew Ellis recognizes that he isn't afforded the same opportunities that his privileged classmates at the Riverdale Academy Day School take for granted. And to make matters worse, Drew begins to feel as if his good friend Liam might be one of those privileged kids and is finding it hard not to withdraw, even as their mutual friend Jordan tries to keep their group of friends together.

Read Submitted

***Crownchasers* by Rebecca Coffindaffer**

Alyssa Farshot has spent her whole life trying to outrun her family legacy, even leaving behind the Kingship and her uncle, the emperor, for a life of exploring. But when her dying uncle announces a crownchase--a search for the royal seal hidden in the empire that will determine the next ruler--Alyssa is thrust into her greatest, most dangerous adventure yet.

Read Submitted

***A Cuban Girl's Guide to Tea and Tomorrow* by Laura Taylor Namey**

Seventeen-year-old Lila Reyes, furious when her parents send her to the English countryside to

recover from grief and heartbreak, unexpectedly falls in love with a teashop clerk--and England, itself.

Read Submitted

***Dress Coded* by Carrie Firestone**

An eighth grader starts a podcast to protest the unfair dress code enforcement at her middle school and sparks a rebellion.

Read Submitted

***Elatsoe* by Darcie Little Badger**

Imagine an America very similar to our own, however this America has been shaped dramatically by the magic, monsters, knowledge, and legends of its peoples, those Indigenous and those not. Seventeen-year-old Elatsoe can raise the ghosts of dead animals, a skill passed down through generations of her Lipan Apache family. Her beloved cousin has just been murdered, in a town that wants no prying eyes. But she is going to do more than pry as she relies on her wits, skills, and friends to tear off the mask and protect her family.

Read Submitted

***Finding Junie Kim* by Ellen Oh**

A tale based on true events follows the coming-of-age of a girl who is motivated by an act of racism at school to learn about her ancestral heritage and her grandparents' experiences as lost children during the Korean War.

Read Submitted

***Flight of the Puffin* by Ann Braden**

Told in multiple voices, seventh-grader Libby sets off a chain of events that brings hope and encouragement to four different individuals across the country who are dealing with bullies, acceptance, homelessness, and grief.

Read Submitted

***Furia* by Yamile Saied Mendez**

Seventeen-year-old Camila Hassan, a rising soccer star in Rosario, Argentina, dreams of playing professionally, in defiance of her fathers' wishes and at the risk of her budding romance with Diego.

Read Submitted

****Girl From Nowhere* by Tiffany Rosenhan**

For Sophia, the terrors of living in dangerous places with her diplomat parents are nothing compared to facing American high school, but friendships and romance bloom just before her past catches up with her. Ninety-four countries. Thirty-one schools. Two bullets. Now it's over . . . or so she thinks.

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***Ground Zero* by Alan Gratz**

Brandon is visiting his dad on the 107th floor of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 when the attack comes; Reshmina is a girl in Afghanistan who has grown up in the aftermath of that attack but dreams of peace, becoming a teacher and escaping her village and the narrow role that the Taliban believes is appropriate for women. Both are struggling to survive, both changed forever by the events of 9/11.

Read Submitted

***How We Became Wicked* by Alex Yates**

A viral disease called 'the wickedness' plagues the world and sixteen-year-olds Astrid and Natalie are two of the only people immune. The girls live in separate, isolated communities, but recent encounters with wicked people link their stories in unexpected ways.

Read Submitted

***I'll Be the One* by Lylla Lee**

Skye Shin has heard it all. Fat girls can't dance. Shouldn't wear bright colors. Shouldn't call attention to themselves. But Skye dreams of joining the glittering, intense world of K-Pop, and to do that, she's about to break all the rules that society, the media, and even her own mother have set for girls like her.

Read Submitted

***The In-Between* by Rebecca Ansari**

Ever since his father left their family three years ago, Cooper has become distant from friends, constantly annoyed by his little sister, and completely fed up with the pale, creepy rich girl who moved in next door and won't stop staring at him. So when Cooper learns of an unsolved mystery his sister has discovered online, he welcomes the distraction and jumps right in to try and solve it.

Read Submitted

***The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Barnes**

When a Connecticut teenager inherits vast wealth and an eccentric estate from the richest man in Texas, she must also live with his surviving family and solve a series of puzzles to discover how she earned her inheritance.

Read Submitted

***The Kinder Poison* by Natalie Mae**

In the magical kingdom of Orkena, a teenaged girl is chosen to be the human sacrifice in a deadly game between three heirs who will do anything for the crown.

Read Submitted

***King and the Dragonflies* by Kacen Callender**

In a small but turbulent Louisiana town, one boy's grief takes him beyond the bayous of his backyard, to learn that there is no right way to be yourself.

Read Submitted

***Kingston and the Magician's Lost and Found* by Rucker Moses and Theo Gangi**

Returning to Brooklyn, where his magician-father disappeared years before, twelve-year-old Kingston learns that magic is real and that if he enters the Realm, he might get his father back.

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***The Left-Handed Booksellers of London* by Garth Nix**

A girl's quest to find her father leads her to an extended family of magical fighting booksellers who police the mythical Old World of England when it intrudes on the modern world.

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****Legendborn* by Tracy Deonn**

To discover the truth behind her mother's mysterious death, a teen girl infiltrates a magical secret society claiming to be the descendants of King Arthur and his knights.

Read Submitted

***The Lonely Heart of Maybelle Lane* by Kate O'Shaughnessy**

Eleven-year-old Maybelle Lane is looking for her father, but on the road to Nashville she finds so much more: courage, brains, heart, and true friends.

Read Submitted

***Luck of the Titanic* by Stacey Lee**

After smuggling herself onto the RMS Titanic, British-Chinese teenager Valora Luck reunites with her twin brother and tries to convince him that their acrobatic training could be their ticket to a better life.

Read Submitted

***The Magic Fish* by Trung Le Nguyen**

Real life isn't a fairytale. It's hard enough trying to communicate with your parents as a kid, but for Tiên, he doesn't even have the right words because his parents are struggling with their English. Is there a Vietnamese word for what he's going through? Is there a way to tell them he's gay?

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***Measuring Up* by Lily LaMotte**

Having just moved to Seattle from Taiwan, twelve-year-old Cici enters a cooking competition to win the chance to see her grandmother again, but she only knows how to cook Taiwanese food.

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***Millionaires for the Month* by Stacy McAnulty**

After seventh graders Benji and Felix 'borrow' \$20 from a lost wallet, the billionaire owner challenges them to spend over \$5 million dollars in thirty days in order to learn some important life lessons.

Read Submitted

***Nubia: Real One* by L.L. McKinney**

Nubia has always stood out because of her Amazonian strength, but, even though she uses her ability for good, she is seen as a threat. When her best friend Quisha is threatened by a boy who thinks he owns the town, Nubia risks everything to become the hero society tells her she is not.

Read Submitted

***The Only Black Girls in Town* by Brandi Colbert**

In a predominately white California beach town, the only two black seventh-graders, Alberta and Edie, find hidden journals that uncover family secrets and speak to race relations in the past.

Read Submitted

***The Oracle Code* by Marieke Nijkamp**

After a gunshot leaves her paralyzed, Barbara Gordon enters the Arkham Center for Independence, where Gotham's teens undergo physical and mental rehabilitation. Now using a wheelchair, Barbara must adapt to a new normal, but she cannot shake the feeling that something is dangerously amiss.

Read Submitted

****Punching the Air* by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam**

Amal Shahid has always been an artist and a poet. But even in a diverse art school, he's seen as disruptive and unmotivated by a biased system. Then one fateful night, an altercation in a gentrifying neighborhood escalates into tragedy. "Boys just being boys" turns out to be true only when those boys are white.

Read Submitted

***Raybearer* by Joran Ifueko**

Raised in isolation, Tarisai yearns for the closeness she could have as one of the Crown Prince's Council

of 11. But her mother, The Lady, has magically compelled Tarisai to kill the Crown Prince.

Read Submitted

***Red, White, and Whole* by Rajani LaRocca**

Reha feels torn between two worlds: school, where she's the only Indian American student, and home, with her family's traditions and holidays. When she finds out her mother is sick, her life is turned upside down.

Read Submitted

***Running* by Natalia Sylvester**

When fifteen-year-old Cuban American Mariana Ruiz's father runs for president, Mari starts to see him with new eyes.

Read Submitted

****Sanctuary* by Paola Mendoza and Abby Sher**

In 2032, when sixteen-year-old Vali's mother is detained by the Deportation Forces, Vali must flee Vermont with her little brother, hoping to reach their Tía Luna in the sanctuary state of California.

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***Santiago's Road Home* by Alexandra Diaz**

Fleeing abusive relatives and extreme poverty in Mexico, young Santiago endures being detained by ICE while crossing the border into the United States.

Read Submitted

***Scary Stories for Young Foxes* by Christian Heidicker**

The haunted season has arrived in the Antler Wood. No fox kit is safe. When Mia and Uly are separated from their litters, they discover a dangerous world full of monsters where they must fight to survive and find a den to call home.

Read Submitted

***Secret Soldiers* by Keely Hutton**

In 1917, thirteen-year-old Thomas joins the Claykickers, who tunnel beneath the battlefields of the Western Front as they learn to be men.

Read Submitted

***Skyhunter* by Marie Lu**

Talin is a Striker, a member of an elite fighting force that stands as the last defense for Mara, the only free nation in the world. But when a mysterious prisoner is brought from the front to Mara's capital, Talin senses there is more to him than meets the eye.

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***Starfish* by Lisa Fipps**

Bullied and shamed her whole life for being fat, twelve-year-old Ellie finally gains the confidence to stand up for herself, with the help of some wonderful new allies.

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****This Is My America* by Kim Johnson**

While writing letters to Innocence X, a justice-seeking project, asking them to help her father, an innocent black man on death row, teenaged Tracy takes on another case when her brother is accused of killing his white girlfriend.

Read Submitted

***Turtle Boy* by M. Evan Wolkenstein**

Seventh-grader Will's Bar Mitzvah community service project, visiting an incurably ill older boy in the hospital, leads to a friendship that is life-changing for both them and those around them.

Read Submitted

***Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Boy* by Emmanuel Acho**

NFL player Acho took the world by storm with his web series addressing racial inequities by bringing white and Black people together in conversation. This title is born of that web series, offering young readers a play-by-play of America's dark history of racism at its various levels and pushing them to break the long-standing cycle of racialized injustice.

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***What I Carry* by Jennifer Longo**

In her final year in foster care, seventeen-year-old Muir tries to survive her senior year before aging out of the system.

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***When the World Was Ours* by Liz Kessler**

Vienna, 1936. Three young friends spend a perfect day together, unaware that around them Europe is descending into a growing darkness and that events will soon mean that they are ripped apart from each other as their lives take very different directions.

Read Submitted

***A Wish in the Dark* by Christina Soontornvat**

All light in Chattana is created by one man--the Governor--who appeared after the Great Fire to bring peace and order to the city. For Pong, who was born in Namwon Prison, the magical lights represent freedom, and he dreams of the day he will be able to walk among them. But when Pong escapes from prison, he realizes that the world outside is no fairer

than the one behind bars and his prison tattoo marks him as a fugitive who can never be truly free. Nok, the prison warden's perfect daughter, is bent on tracking Pong down and restoring her family's good name. But as Nok hunts Pong through the alleys and canals of Chattana, she uncovers secrets that make her question the truths she has always held dear.

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***Wolfpack* by Abby Wambach (Young Readers' Edition)**

In this young readers' adaptation, two-time Olympic gold medalist and FIFA World Cup champion Abby Wambach inspires the next generation to find their voice, unite their pack, and change the world.

Whether you're leading from the bench or demanding the ball on the field, real success comes when you harness your inner strength, forge your own path, and band together with your team.

Read Submitted

***Yes, No, Maybe So* by Becky Albertalli and Aisha Saeed**

Jamie Goldberg is cool with volunteering for his local state senate candidate--as long as he's behind the scenes. When it comes to speaking to strangers, Jamie's a choke artist. There's no way he'd ever knock on doors to ask people for their votes . . . until he meets Maya. Maya Rehman's having the worst Ramadan ever. Her best friend is too busy to hang out, her summer trip is canceled, and now her parents are separating. Why her mother thinks the solution to her problems is political canvassing--with some awkward dude she hardly knows--is beyond her. Going door to door isn't exactly glamorous, but maybe it's not the worst thing in the world. After all, the polls are getting closer--and so are Maya and Jamie.

Read Submitted

***You Should See Me in a Crown* by Leah Johnson**

Liz Lighty has always done her best to avoid the spotlight in her small, wealthy, and prom-obsessed midwestern high school. After all, her family is black and rather poor, especially since her mother died. Instead, she has concentrated on her grades and her musical ability in the hopes that it will win her a scholarship to elite Pennington College. But when that scholarship falls through, she is forced to turn to her school's scholarship for prom king and queen, which plunges her into the gauntlet of social media which she hates and leads her to discoveries about her own identity and the value of true friendships.

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