

The ultimate winter reading list

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Transform dark winter afternoons into adventure with our seasonal reading picks. We've curated the perfect reading mix for students of all ages. From books inspired by National Tree Week, uplifting tales of community for International Volunteer Day, and powerful stories for Holocaust Memorial Day, as well as some magical picks for the festive season.

Perfect for independent reading or classroom discussion, these books will inspire students to engage meaningfully with both nature and history, developing a love of reading throughout the winter and beyond.

National Tree Week

Saturday 23 November to Sunday 1 December 2024

International Volunteer Day

Thursday 5 December 2024

Festive picks

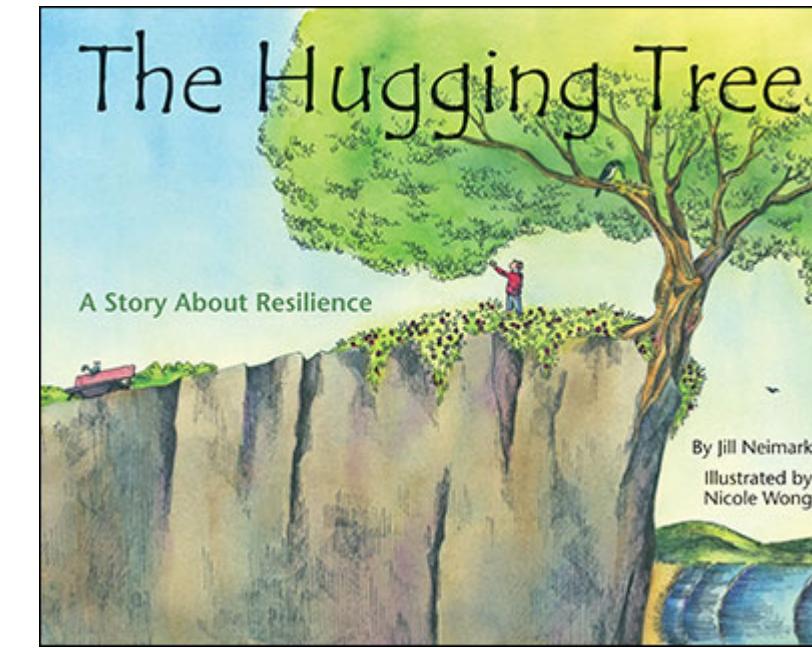
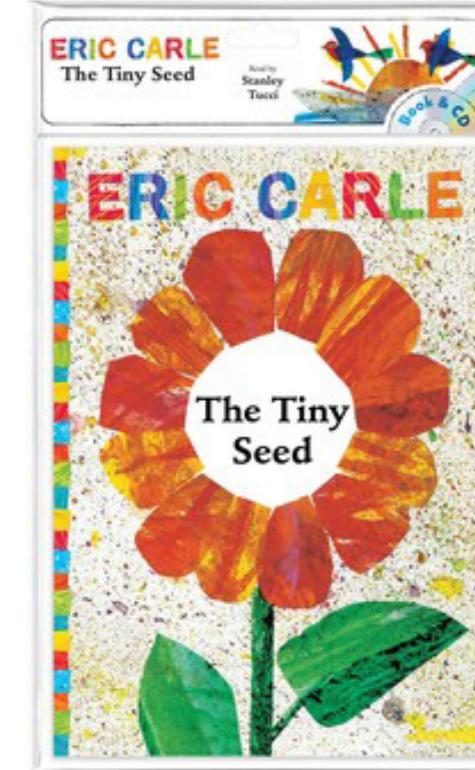
December 2024

Holocaust Memorial Day

Monday 27 January 2025



National Tree Week

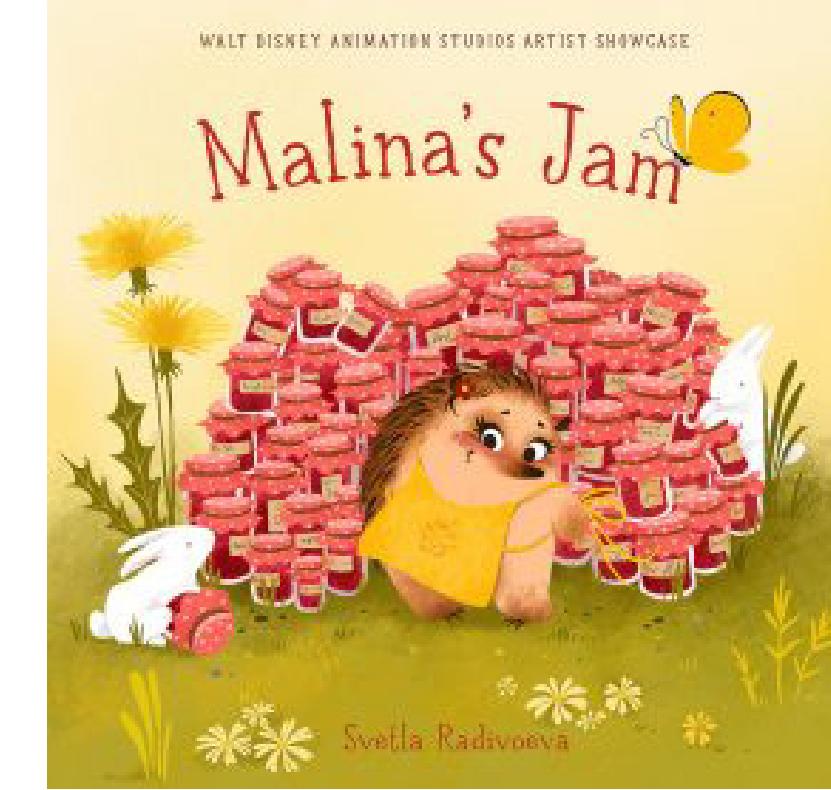


The Tiny Seed
Eric Carle

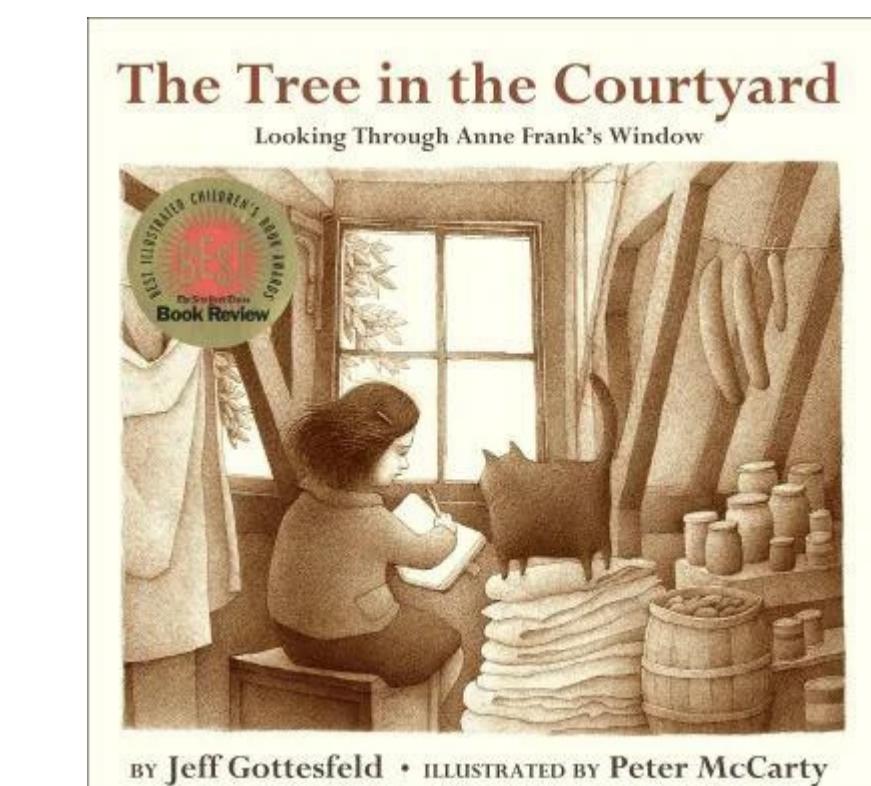
The Hugging Tree
Jill Neimark



Just Help
Sonia Sotomayor

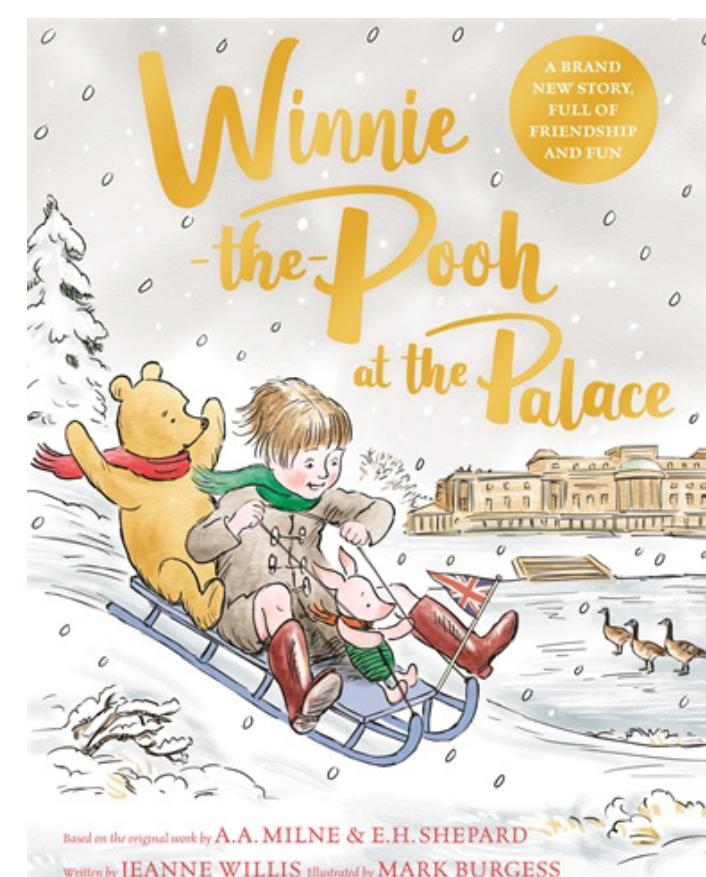
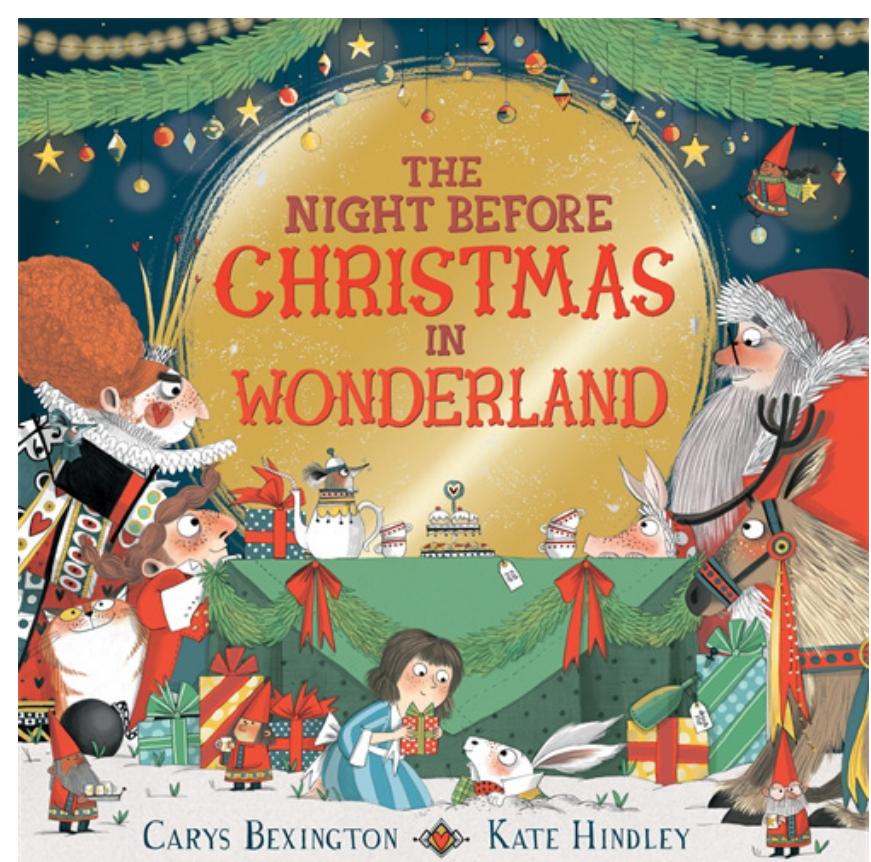


Malina's Jam
Svetla Radivoeva



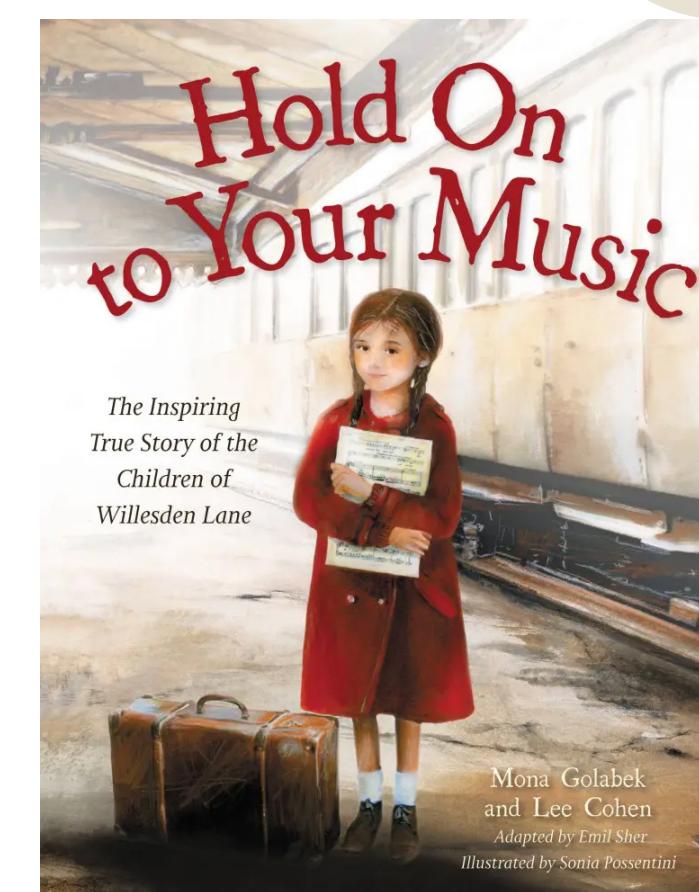
The Tree in the Courtyard
Jeff Gottesfeld

Festive picks



**The Night Before
Christmas in Wonderland**
Carys Bexington

**Winnie-the-Pooh
at the Palace**
Jeanne Willis



**Hold On to Your
Music**
Mona Golabek and
Lee Cohen

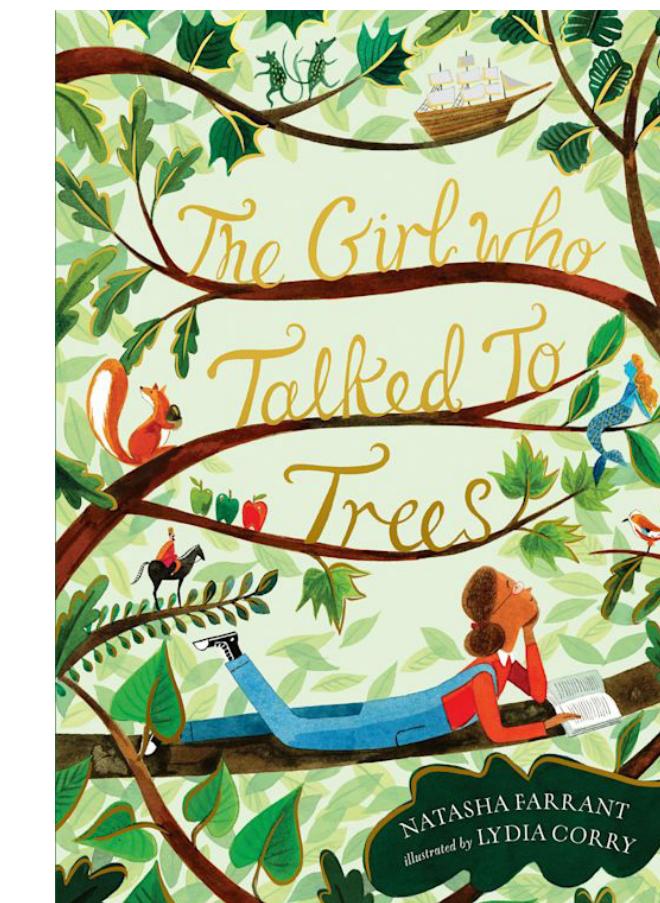
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Ages 8-11

National Tree Week

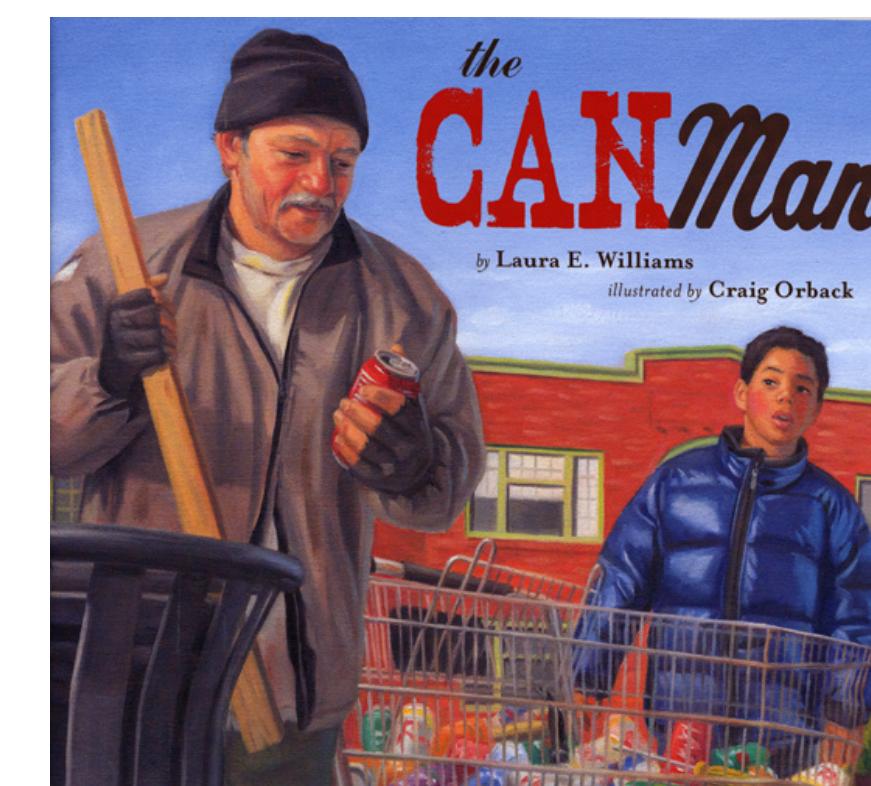


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Liz Garton Scanlon

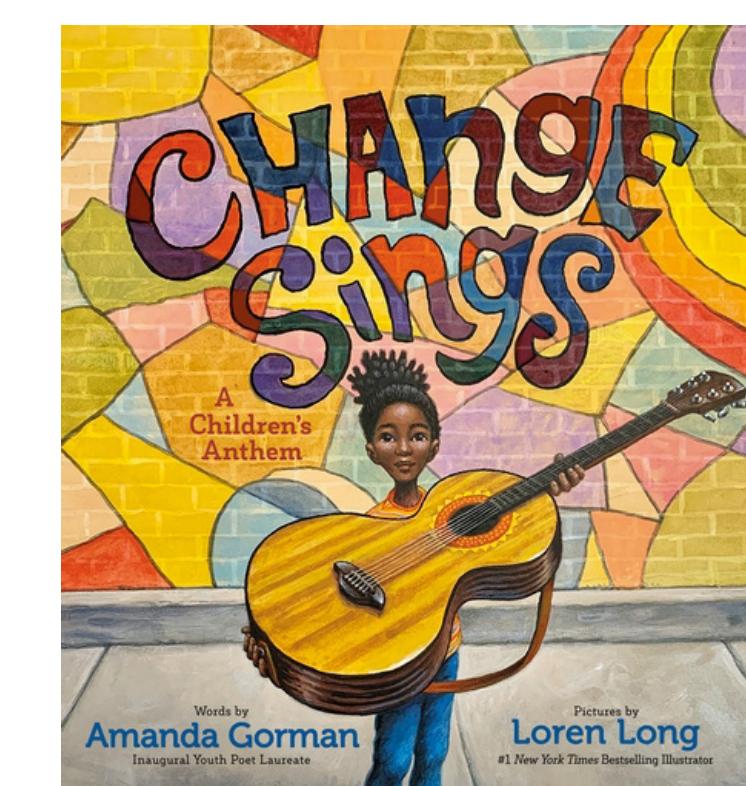


The Girl Who Talked to Trees
Natasha Farrant

International Volunteer Day

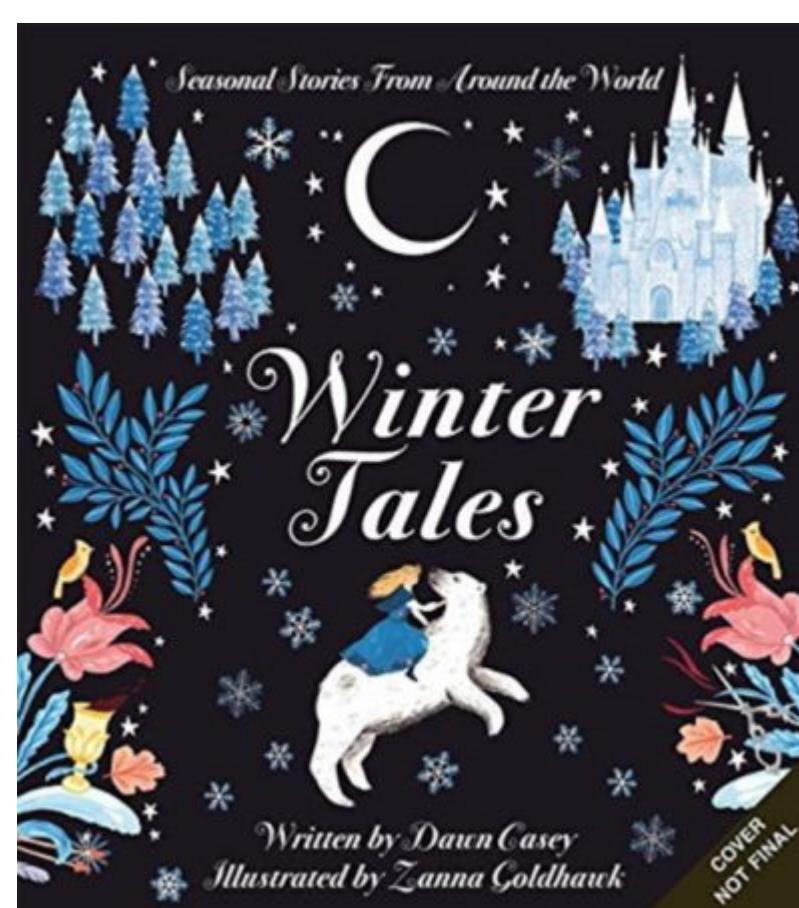


The Can Man
Laura E. Williams

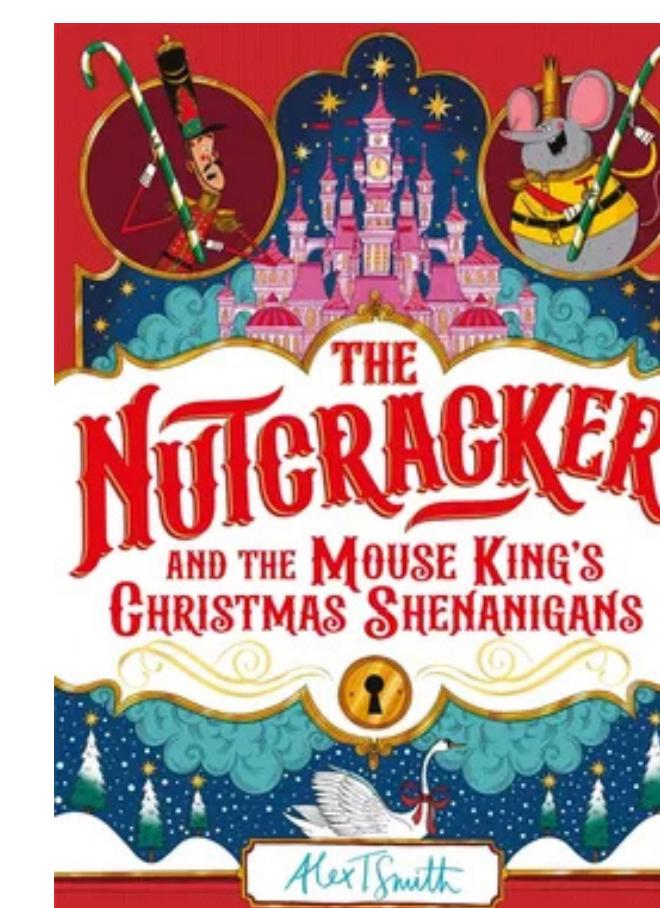


Change Sings
Amanda Gorman

Festive picks

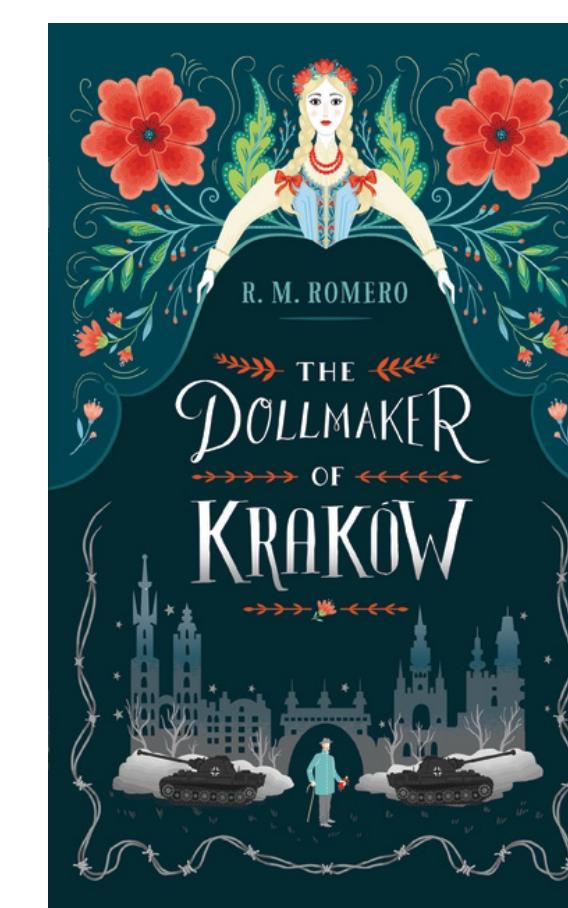


Winter Tales
Dawn Casey

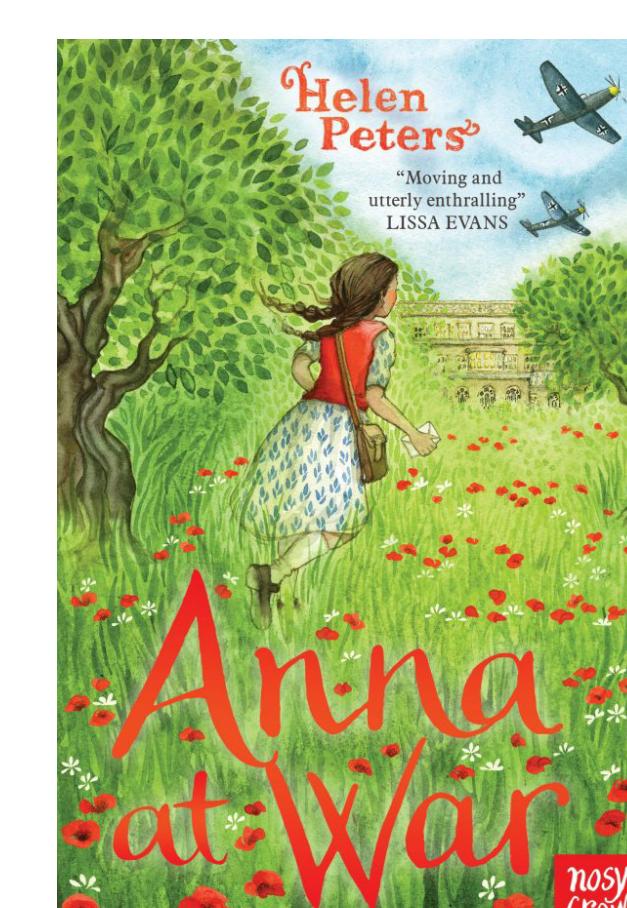


The Nutcracker
Alex T. Smith

Holocaust Memorial Day



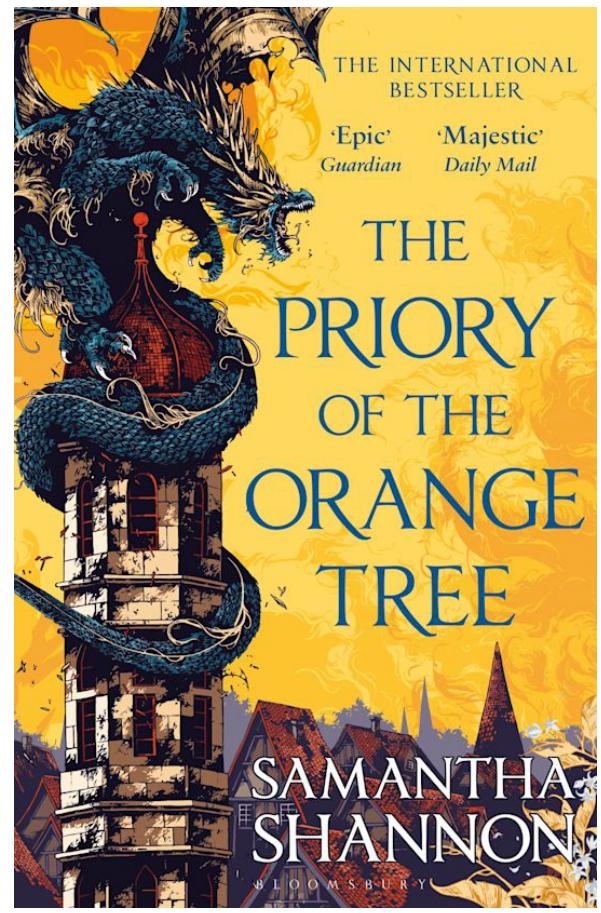
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R. M. Romero



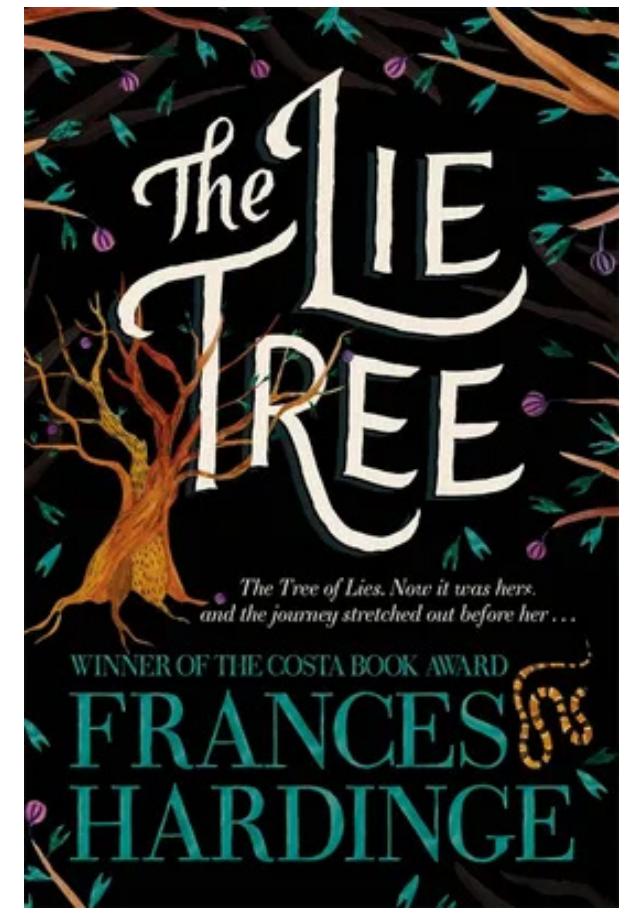
Anna at War
Helen Peters



National Tree Week



The Priory of the Orange Tree
Samantha Shannon

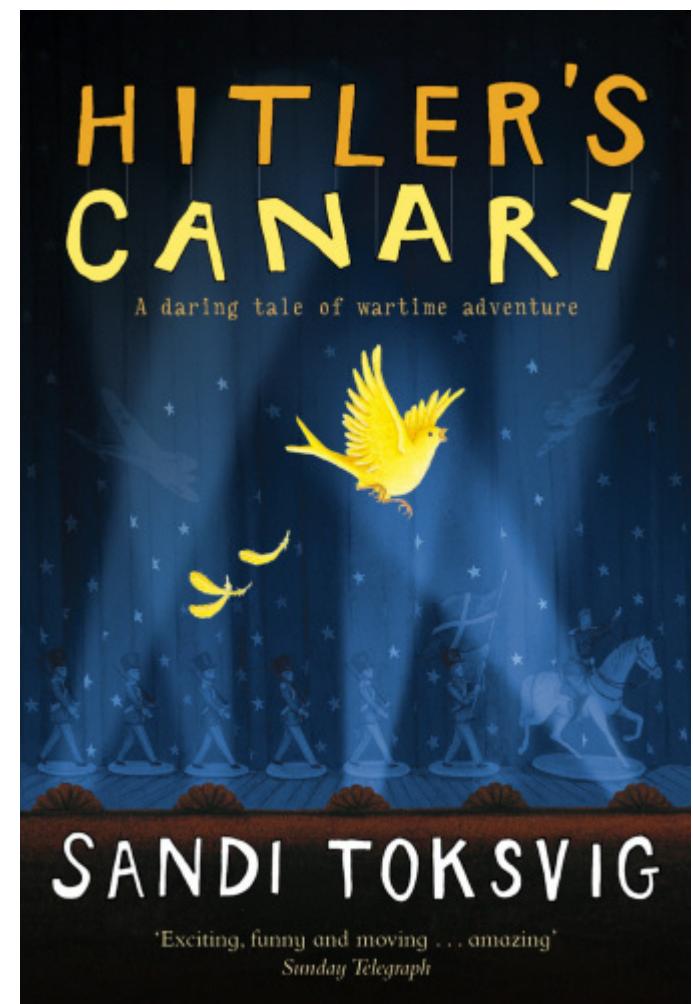


The Lie Tree
Frances Hardinge

Secondary

Ages 11-14

Holocaust Memorial Day

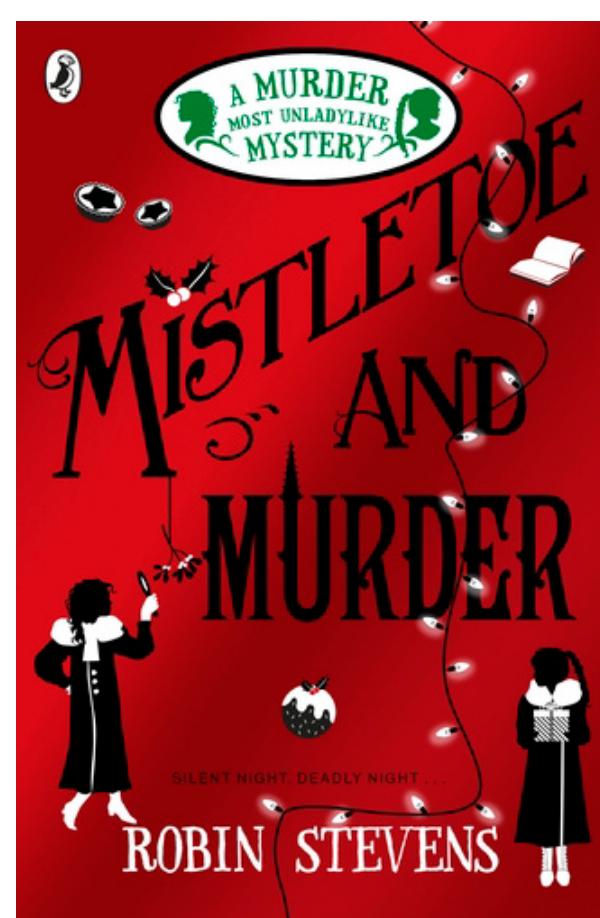


Hitler's Canary
Sandi Toksvig

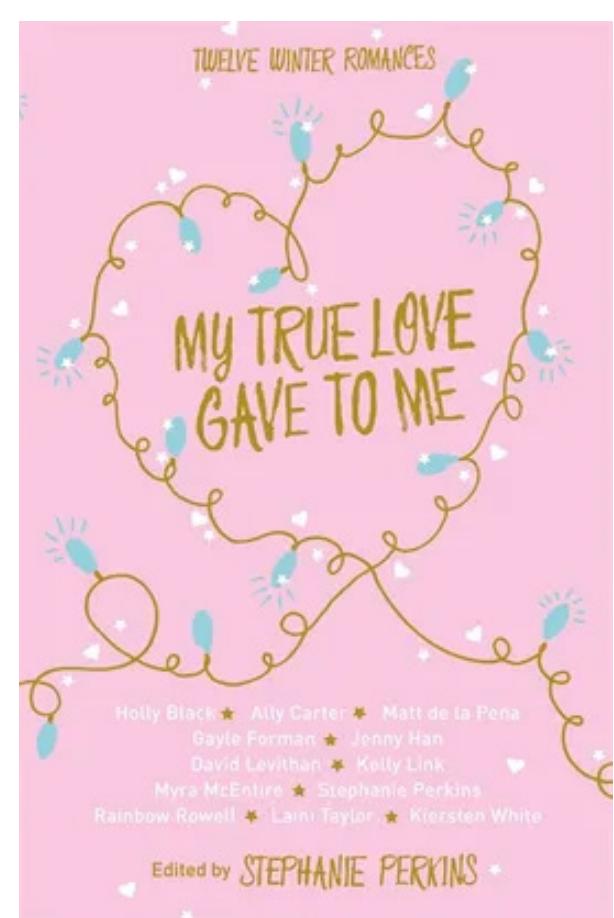


Fritz and Kurt
Jeremy Dronfield

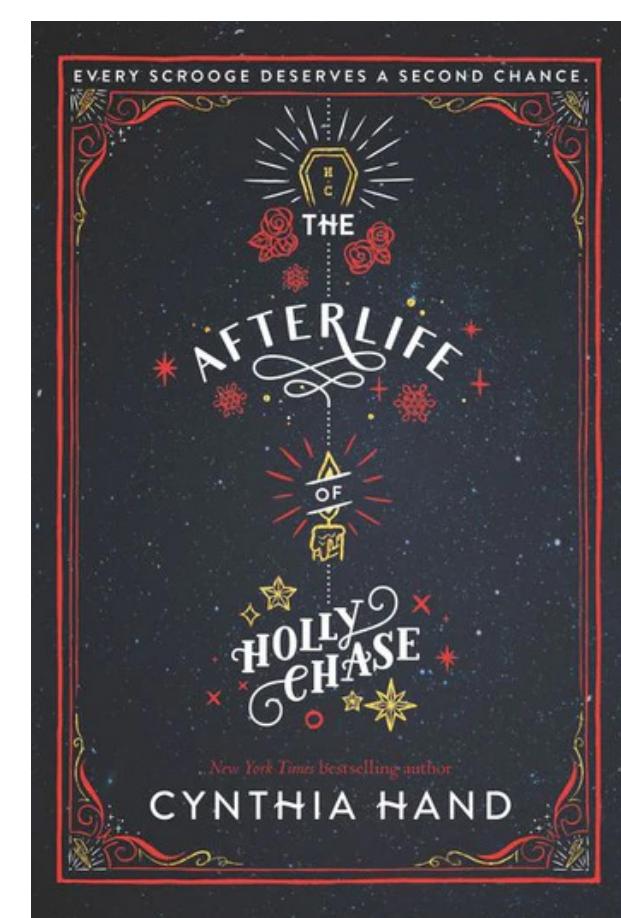
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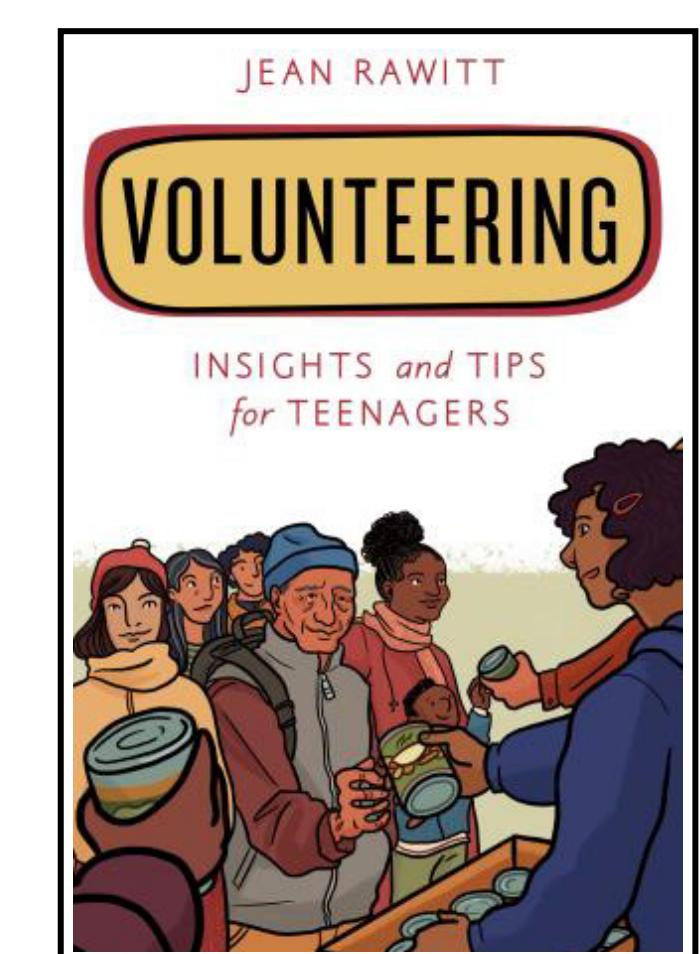
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Robin Stevens



My True Love Gave to Me
Various,
editor: Stephanie Perkins



The Afterlife of Holly Chase
Cynthia Hand

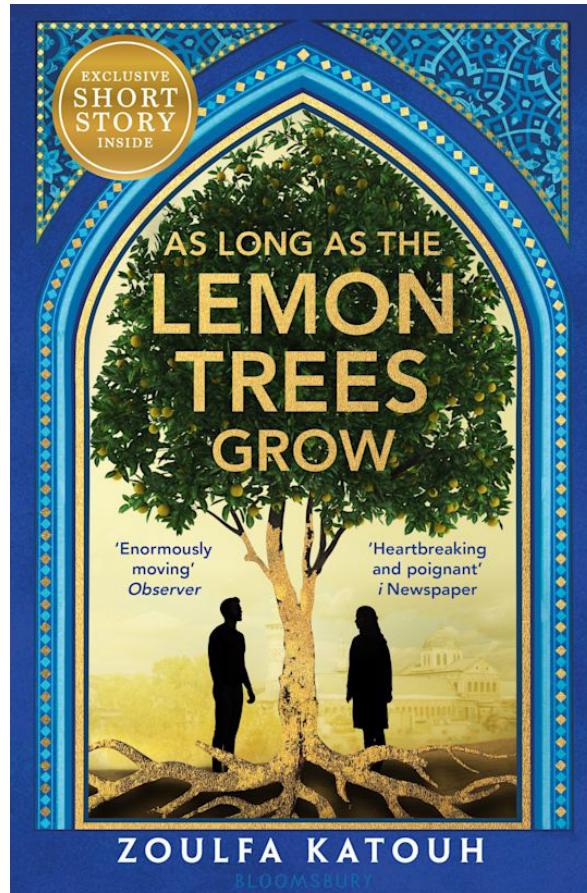


Volunteering
Jean Rawitt

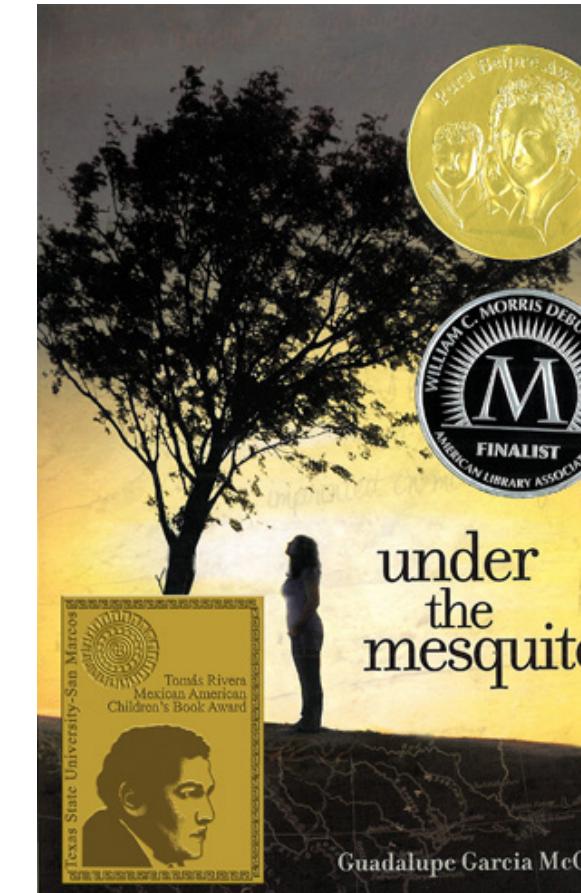
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Ages 14-16

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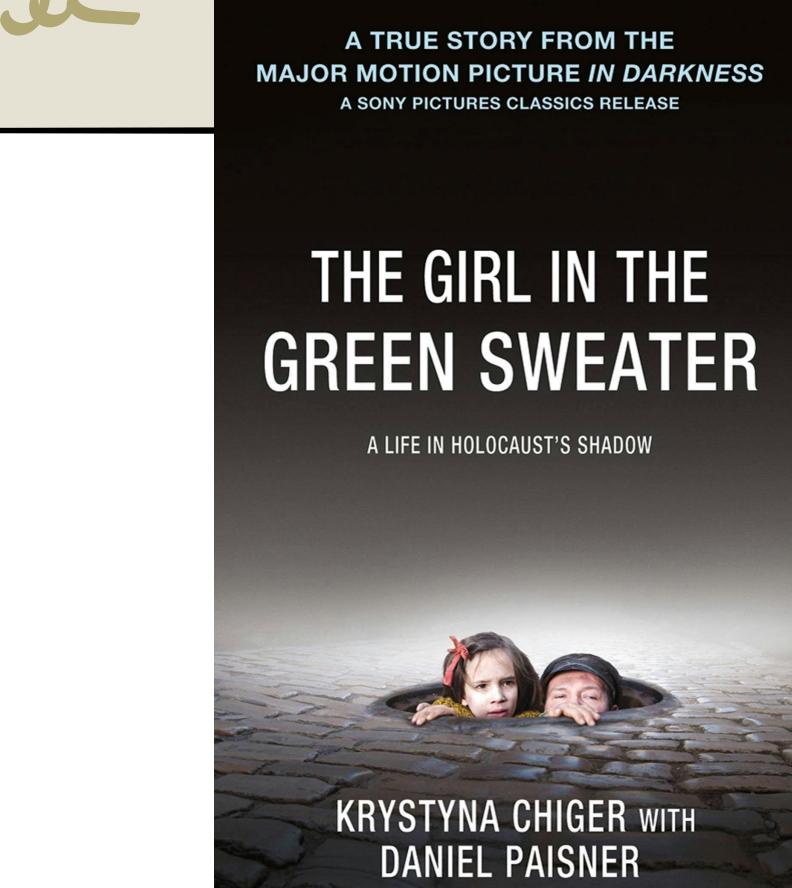


As Long As the Lemon Trees Grow
Zoufia Katouh

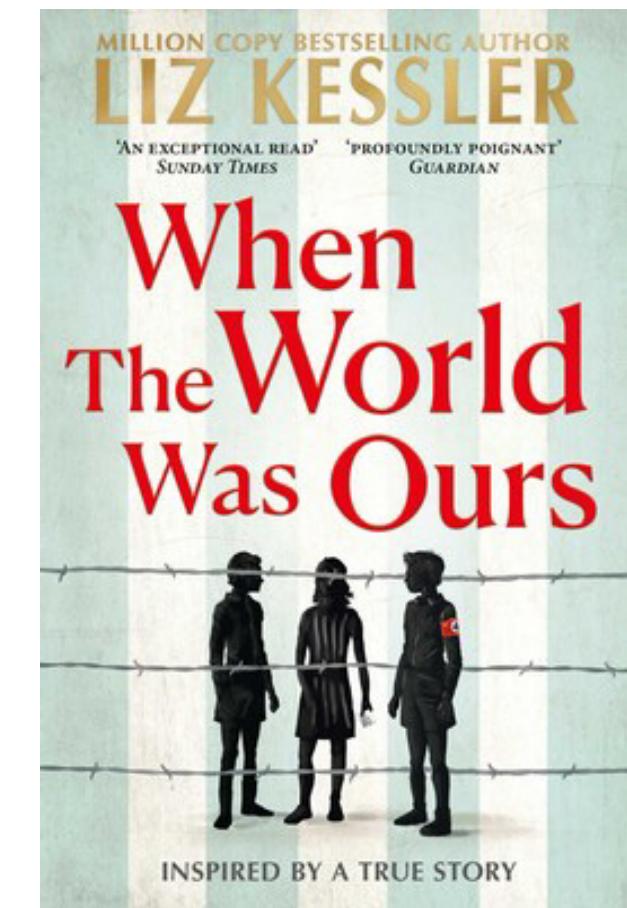


Under the Mesquite
Guadalupe Garcia McCall

Holocaust Memorial Day

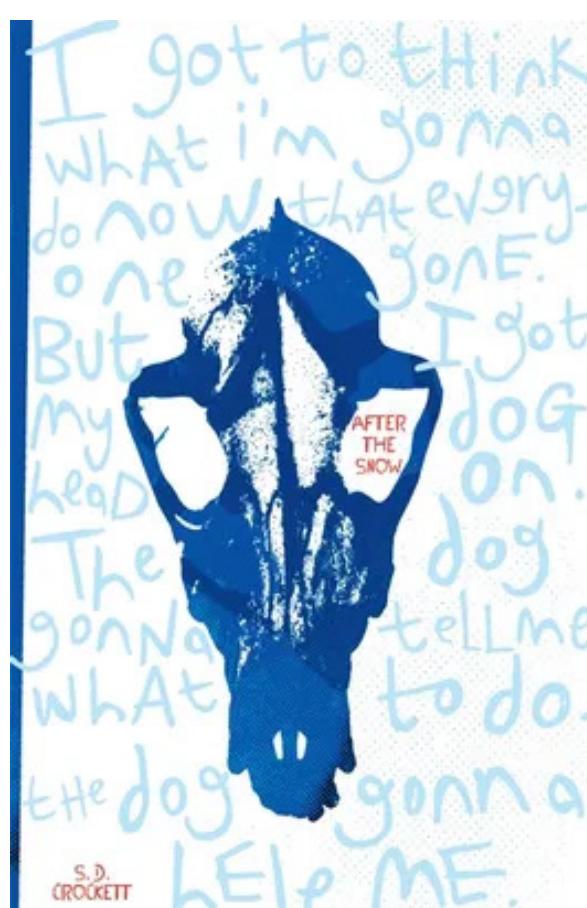


The Girl in the Green Sweater
Krystyna Chiger

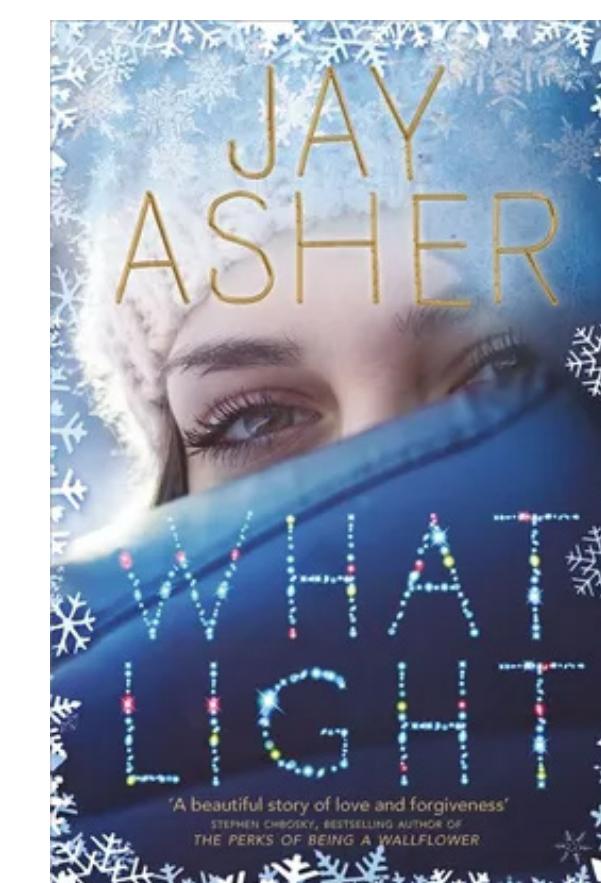


When the World Was Ours
Liz Kessler

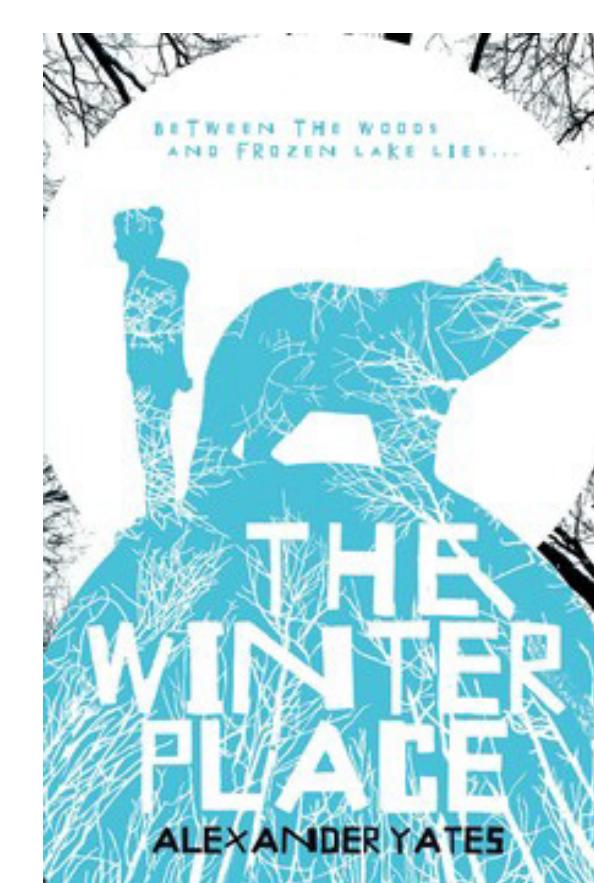
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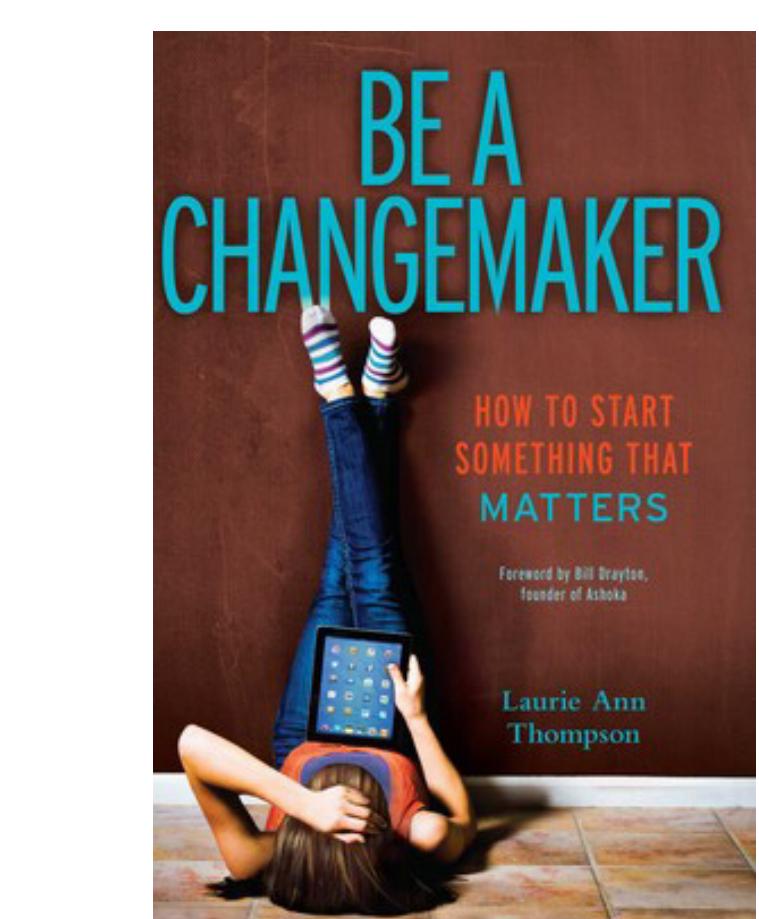
After the Snow
S. D. Crocket



What Light
Jay Asher



The Winter Place
Alexander Yates

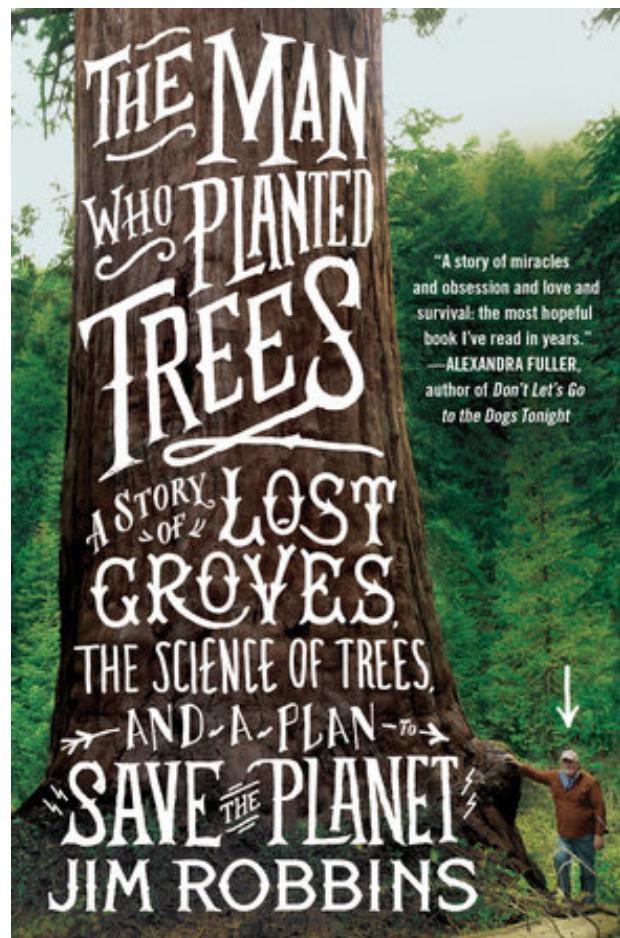


Be a Changemaker
Laurie Ann Thompson

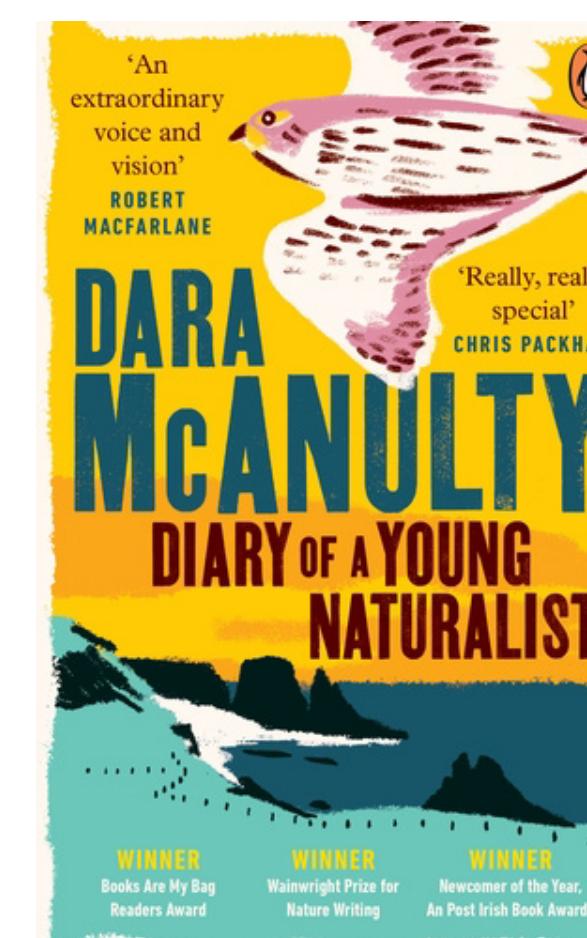
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Ages 16-18

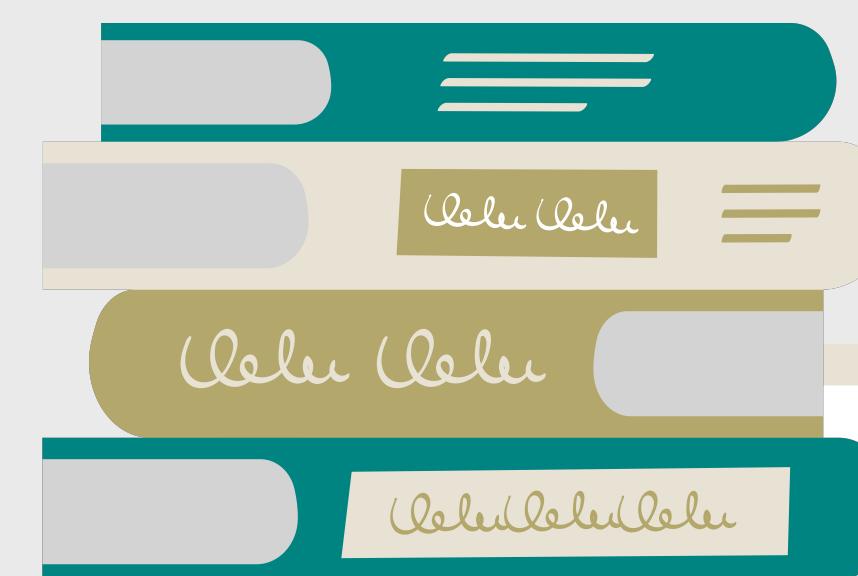
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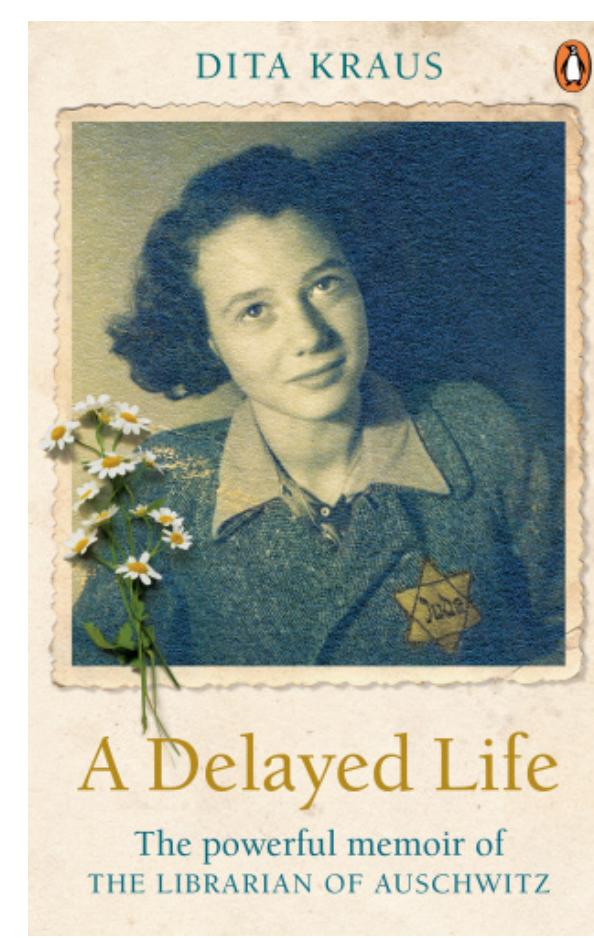
**The Man Who
Planted Trees**
Jim Robbins



**Diary of a Young
Naturalist**
Dara McAnulty

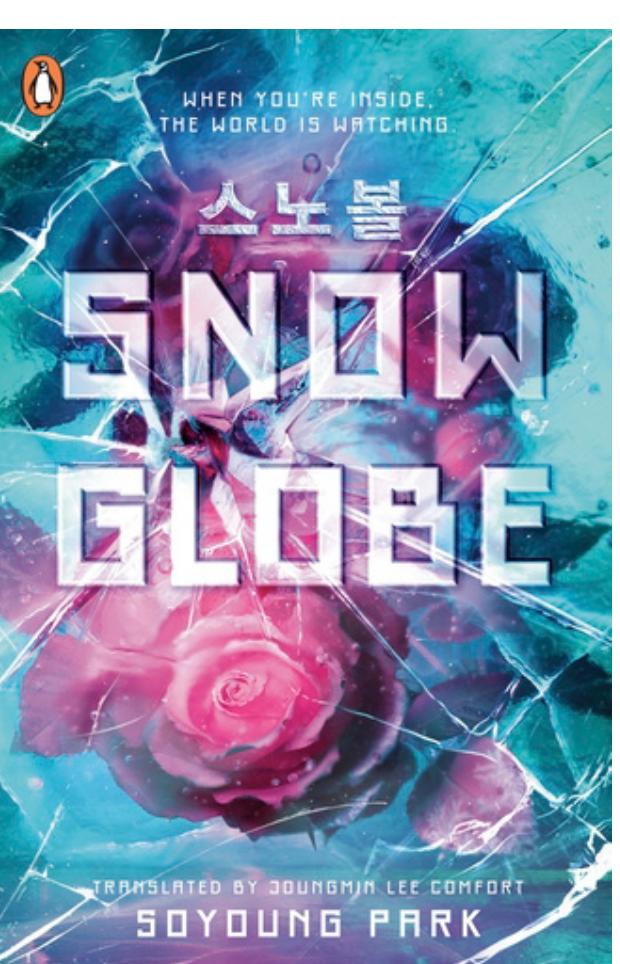


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Sharon Cameron

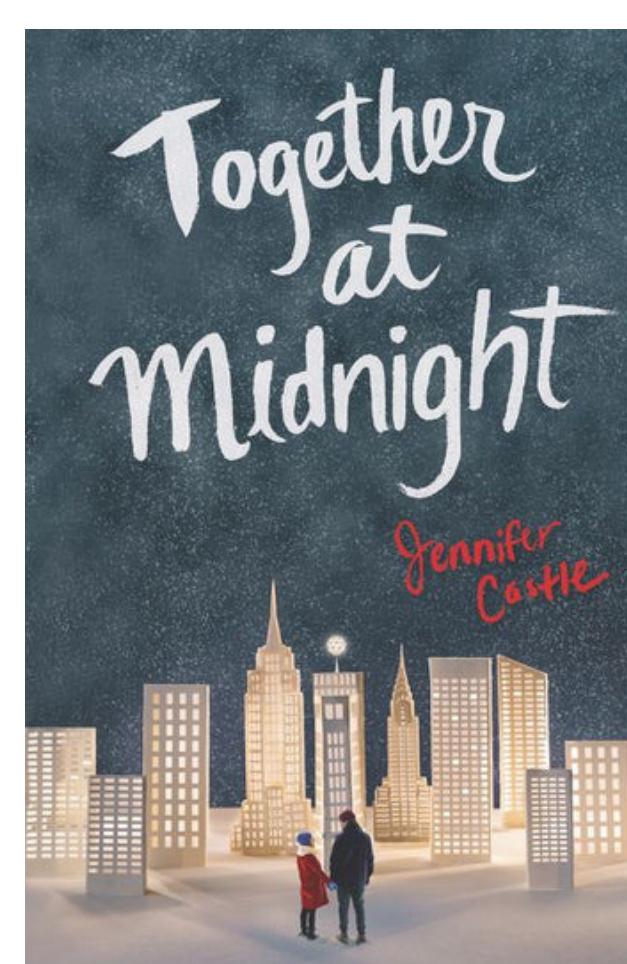


Delayed Life
Dita Kraus

Festive picks



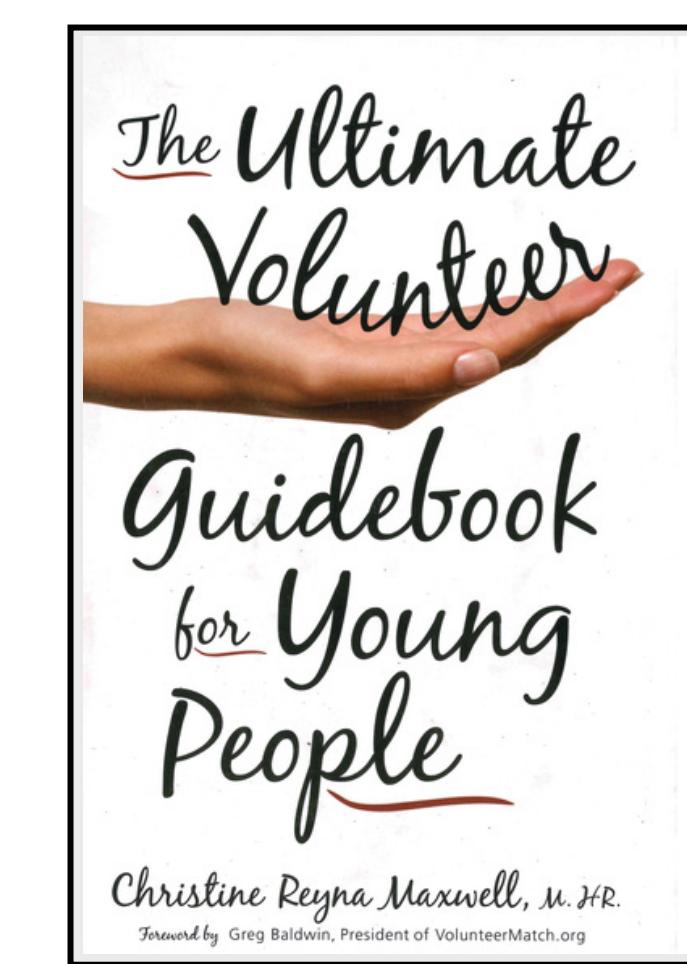
Snowglobe
Soyoung Park



**Together at
Midnight**
Jennifer Castle



**The Paper Bag
Christmas**
Kevin Alan Milne



**The Ultimate
Volunteer Guidebook
for Young People**
Christine Reyna
Maxwell



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PRIMARY Ages 4-7

The Tiny Seed - Eric Carle - 9781416979173 - Little Simon

The Hugging Tree - Jill Neimark - 9781433819070 - Magination Press

Just Help!: How to Build a Better World - Sonia Sotomayor - 9780593206263 - Philomel Books

Malina's Jam - Svetla Radivoeva - 9781368024587 - Disney Press

Hold On to Your Music - Mona Golabek and Lee Cohen - 9780316463133 - Little, Brown Young Readers US

The Tree in the Courtyard - Jeff Gottesfeld - 9780385753975 - Bantam Doubleday Dell

The Night Before Christmas in Wonderland - Carys Bexington - 9781509882212 - Macmillan Children's Books

Winnie-the-Pooh at the Palace - Jeanne Willis - 9781529070415 - Macmillan Children's Books

PRIMARY Ages 8-11

Kate Who Tamed the Wind - Liz Garton Scanlon - 9781101934791 - Schwartz & Wade Books

The Girl who Talked to Trees - Natasha Farrant - 9781800242234 - Zephyr

The Can Man - Laura E Williams - 9781600602665 - Lee & Low Books

Change Sings - Amanda Gorman - 9780241535844 - Puffin

The Dollmaker of Krakow - R. M. Romero - 9781406379822 - Walker Books

Anna at War - Helen Peters - 9781788004718 - Nosy Crow Ltd

Winter Tales - Dawn Casey - 9781787416871 - Templar Publishing

The Nutcracker and the Mouse King's Christmas Shenanigans - Alex T Smith - 9781035028177 - Macmillan Children's Books

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SECONDARY Ages 11-14

The Priory of the Orange Tree - Samantha Shannon - 9781408883358 - Bloomsbury Publishing PLC

The Lie Tree - Frances Hardinge - 9781509868162 - Macmillan Children's Books

Volunteering: Insights and Tips for Teenagers - Jean Rawitt - 9781538129753 - Rowman & Littlefield Publishers

Hitler's Canary - Sandi Toksvig - 9780440866626 - Random House

Fritz and Kurt - Jeremy Dronfield - 9780241565742 - Puffin

Mistletoe and Murder - Robin Stevens - 9780141369723 - Puffin

My True Love Gave to Me - Various, Editor: Stephanie Perkins - 9781447272816 - Macmillan Children's Books

The Afterlife of Holly Chase - Cynthia Hand - 9780062318503 - Harper Collins

SECONDARY Ages 14-16

As Long As the Lemon Trees Grow - Zoulfa Katouh - 9781526648549 - Bloomsbury YA

Under the Mesquite - Guadalupe Garcia McCall - 9781600604294 - Lee & Low Books

Be A Changemaker: How to Start Something That Matters - Laurie Ann Thompson - 9781582704647 - Simon Pulse/ Beyond Words

The Girl in the Green Sweater - Krystyna Chiger with Daniel Paisner - 9780312376567 - St. Martin's Press

When the World Was Ours - Liz Kessler - 9781471196805 - Simon & Schuster

After the Snow - S D Crocket - 9781447201175 - Macmillan Children's Books

The Winter Place - Alexander Yates - 9781471123832 - Simon & Schuster Children's UK

What Light - Jay Asher - 9781509840762 - Macmillan Children's Books

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SIXTH FORM Ages 16-18

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The Man Who Planted Trees - Jim Robbins - 9781400069064 - Random House

The Ultimate Volunteer Guidebook for Young People - Christine Reyna Maxwell - 9781594160585 - Westholme

Bluebird - Sharon Cameron - 9781338355963 - Scholastic Press

A Delayed Life: The True Story of the Librarian of Auschwitz - Dita Kraus - 9781529106053 - Ebury Press

Together at Midnight - Jennifer Castle - 9780062250513 - Harperteen

Snowglobe - Soyoung Park - 9780241681060 - Penguin

The Paper Bag Christmas - Kevin Alan Milne - 9781478974765 - Center Street

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