1. **All the Greys on Greene Street** by Laura Tucker
   [Historical Fiction, 1981 New York City, white female protagonist, art, mental illness, friendship]
   **Summary:** A 12-year-old artist in 1981 SoHo searches for answers when her father, a restorer of antique paintings, abruptly disappears in the middle of the night. (AR)
   **Awards:** ALSC Notable Children’s Book, Publishers Weekly: Best Books of 2019
   **Accelerated Reader:** IL: MG - BL: 5.9 - AR Pts: 12.0 AR Quiz No. 503860

2. **Dark Lord Clementine, The** by Sarah Jean Horwitz
3. **Genesis Begins Again** by Alicia D. Williams  
   [Realistic, black female protagonist, colorism, texturism, parental alcoholism, poverty]  
   **Summary**: Thirteen-year-old Genesis tries again and again to lighten her black skin, thinking it is the root of her family's troubles, before discovering reasons to love herself as is. (LOC)  
   **Awards**: Morris Award Finalist, Newbery Honor Book, Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Author Award, YALSA Top Ten Best Fiction for Young Adults, ALSC Notable Children’s Book, NPR: Favorite Books of 2019, SLJ: Best Middle Grade Books of 2019  
   **Accelerated Reader**: IL: MG - BL: 4.5 - AR Pts: 11.0 AR Quiz No. 199648

4. **Maybe He Just Likes You** by Barbara Dee  
   [Realistic fiction, white female protagonist, sexual harassment]  
   **Summary**: When boys in her class start touching seventh-grader Mila and making her feel uncomfortable, she does not want to tell her friends or mother until she reaches her breaking point. (LOC)  
   **Accelerated Reader**: IL: MG - BL: 4.5 - AR Pts: 11.0 AR Quiz No. 199648

5. **New Kid (New Kid 1)** by Jerry Craft  
   [Realistic fiction, graphic novel, black male protagonist, racism, microaggressions]  
   **Summary**: Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life, but instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics. (AR)  
   **Awards**: Newbery Award Winner, YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers List, Coretta Scott King Author Award Winner, ALSC Notable Children’s Book, Publishers Weekly: Best Books of 2019  
   **Accelerated Reader**: IL: MG - BL: 2.9 - AR Pts: 2.0 AR Quiz No. 500606

6. **Next Great Paulie Fink, The** by Ali Benjamin  
   [Realistic fiction, white female protagonist, social hierarchy, humor]
Summary: Led by new student Caitlyn, seventh-graders at a tiny rural school in Vermont create a reality-show inspired competition to determine who will replace the school's legendary class clown, Paulie Fink. (LOC)


Accelerated Reader: IL: MG - BL: 4.9 - AR Pts: 9.0 AR Quiz No. 500764

7. Okay Witch, The by Emma Steinkellner
[Fantasy, graphic novel, non-white female protagonist, witches, family secrets]

Summary: When thirteen-year-old Moth Hush learns she comes from a long line of witches, she unlocks a hidden witch world, where secrets from generations past unravel and threaten her family. (AR)

Awards: YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers List, YALSA Great Graphic Novels for Teens, SLJ: Best Graphic Novels of 2019

Accelerated Reader: IL: MG - BL: 3.1 - AR Pts: 2.0 AR Quiz No. 505277

8. Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga
[Realistic fiction, verse, Syrian female protagonist, refugees, racism, Islamophobia]

Summary: Sent with her mother to the safety of a relative's home in Cincinnati when her Syrian hometown is overshadowed by violence, Jude worries for the family members who were left behind as she adjusts to a new life with unexpected surprises. (LOC)


Accelerated Reader: IL: MG - BL: 5.3 - AR Pts: 5.0 AR Quiz No. 504111

9. Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise, The by Dan Gemeinhart
[Realistic fiction, white female protagonist, grief, family, friendship, LGBTQIA+]

Summary: Twelve-year-old Coyote and her father rush to Poplin Springs, Washington, in their old school bus save a memory box buried in a park that will soon be demolished. (LOC)

Awards: CYBILS Award Winner, Junior Library Guild Selection, Amazon: Top 20 Children’s Books of 2019

Accelerated Reader: IL: MG - BL: 4.7 - AR Pts: 12.0 AR Quiz No. 199391

10. Storm Blown by Nick Courage
[Realistic fiction, survival, white female protagonist and Puerto Rican male protagonist]

Summary: In San Juan, Puerto Rico, Alejandro worries about his great-uncle while helping guests at a resort, and in New Orleans, Emily worries about her sick brother, as a major hurricane rages, changing both their lives forever. (LOC)

Accelerated Reader: IL: MG - BL: 6.6 - AR Pts: 10.0 AR Quiz No. 503962
11. **Strangers, The (Greystone Secrets 1)** by Margaret Peterson Haddix  
[Science fiction, white male, female, and male protagonists, mystery, missing persons]  
**Summary:** Told from separate viewpoints, Chess, Emma, and Finn Greystone, ages twelve, ten, and eight, investigate why their mother went missing and uncover their ties to an alternate world. (LOC)  
**Awards:** LITA Excellence in Science Fiction, Publishers Weekly: Best Books of 2019  
**Accelerated Reader:** IL: MG - BL: 5.1 - AR Pts: 11.0 AR Quiz No. 501254

12. **Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky** by Kwame Mbalia  
[Fantasy, black male protagonist, inspired by African American folk tales and West African gods]  
**Summary:** Seventh-grader Tristan Strong tumbles into the MidPass and, with allies John Henry and Brer Rabbit, must entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding and seal the hole Tristan accidentally ripped in the sky. (LOC)  
**Awards:** Coretta Scott King Author Honor, ALSC Notable Children’s Book, Publishers Weekly: Best Books of 2019  
**Accelerated Reader:** IL: MG - BL: 4.8 - AR Pts: 15.0 AR Quiz No. 505341