

**Texas Lonestar Reading List
From TLA. Grades 6-8
2022 List**

AMARI AND THE NIGHT BROTHERS by BB Alston

DB 102312

After fighting a bully at school and losing her scholarship, Amari discovers a mysterious briefcase in her brother Quinton's closet that contains an invitation for summer tryouts at the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs—which she believes is key to locating Quinton, who is missing. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

THIRTEEN WITCHES: THE MEMORY THEIF by Jodi Lynn Anderson

DB 103682

When Rosie begins to see magic, she learns that her mother's dwindling memory is tied to an age-old battle between the light of the moon and the darkness of witches. Commercial audiobook. For grades 4-7. 2021.

LETTERS FROM CUBA by Ruth Behar

DB 100506

In 1938, young Esther joins her father in tropical, multicultural Cuba, where they toil together to rescue the rest of their Jewish family from persecution in Poland. Commercial audiobook. For grades 3-6. 2020.

BLACKBIRD GIRLS by Anne Blankman

DB 99217

On a spring morning, neighbors Valentina Kaplan and Oksana Savchenko wake up to an angry red sky. A reactor at the nuclear power plant where their fathers work--Chernobyl--has exploded. Before they know it, the two girls, who've always been enemies, find themselves fleeing together. Commercial audiobook. For grades 4-7. 2020.

CITY OF THE PLAGUE GOD by Sarwat Chadda

DB 101713

Thirteen-year-old Sikander Aziz teams up with the former hero Gilgamesh to stop Nergal, the ancient Mesopotamian god of plagues, from wiping out the population of Manhattan. Commercial audiobook. For grades 5-8. 2021.

STARFISH by Lisa Fipps

DB 102975

A novel in verse. Bullied and shamed her whole life for being fat, Ellie finally gains the confidence to stand up for herself with the help of some wonderful new allies. Commercial audiobook. For grades 5-8. 2021.

ALONE by Megan E Freeman

DB 104269

When Maddie hatches a scheme for a secret sleepover with her two best friends, she ends up waking to a nightmare. She is alone in a town mysteriously evacuated and abandoned. With only a rottweiler named George as companion, Maddie learns to survive on her own. Commercial audiobook. For grades 5-8. 2021.

WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU MANGOS by Kereen Getten

DB 101375

After a hurricane hit last year, twelve-year-old Clara remembers some parts of her life but not others. The arrival of a new girl in the village makes big waves on the island—and gives Clara a summer she won't forget. Commercial audiobook. For grades 3-6. 2020.

GROUND ZERO by Alan Gratz

DB 104836

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. Both are changed by the events of 9/11. Commercial audiobook. For grades 4-7. 2021.

HIDE AND SEEKER by Daka Hermon

DB 102704

After mysteriously disappearing for a year, Zee freaks out when his friends—Justin, Nia, and Lyric--play an odd game of hide-and-seek. Soon his friends are pulled into a shadowy world ruled by a monstrous, shape-shifting Seeker and forced to play a terrifying game. For grades 4-7. 2020.

LUPE WONG WON'T DANCE by Donna Barba Higuera

DB 101300

Lupe Wong needs an A in all her classes to meet her favorite baseball pitcher, Fu Li Hernandez, but her plan goes awry when she has to learn square dancing in gym class. Commercial audiobook. For grades 3-6. 2020.

LAST FALLEN STAR by Graci Kim

DB 103677

After Hattie Oh casts a dangerous spell so her adopted sister, Riley, will get a share of her inherited magic, Riley must undertake a near-impossible quest to save Hattie from death. Commercial audiobook. For grades 4-7. 2021.

FROM THE DESK OF ZOE WASHINGTON by Janae Marks

DB 98670

Avid baker Zoe Washington receives a letter on her twelfth birthday from her biological father, who is in prison for a terrible crime. Determined to uncover his innocence, Zoe investigates. Meanwhile, pressure rises over a baking show audition. Commercial audiobook. For grades 4-7. 2020.

GLITCH by Laura Martin

DB 100444

Adversaries Regan and Elliot train together to become Glitchers—people who travel through time to preserve important historical events. But everything changes when they find a letter from Regan's future self, warning them about an impending disaster that threatens them all. Commercial audiobook. For grades 4-7. 2020.

HOLD BACK THE TIDE by Melinda Salisbury

DB 103608

Since there was not enough proof to convict Alva's father for the murder of her mother, she reluctantly lives in his house in Scotland, where his family has been called guardians of the loch. It falls to her to monitor the water levels, but something in the loch watches her back. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2021.

SHAPE OF THUNDER by Jasmine Warga

DB 106411

Twelve-year-old neighbors and former best friends Cora Hamed and Quinn McCauley begin working together to open a wormhole so they can travel

through time to prevent the school shooting that resulted in the death of Cora's sister. Commercial audiobook. For grades 4-7. 2021.

TURTLE BOY by M. Evan Wolkenstein
DB 101954

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. Commercial audiobook. Sydney Taylor Book Award. For grades 5-8. 2020.

MILLIONAIRES FOR THE MONTH by Stacy McAnulty
DB 101050

After Benji and Felix "borrow" twenty dollars from a lost wallet, the billionaire owner challenges them to spend millions of dollars in thirty days in order to learn life lessons about money. Commercial audiobook. For grades 4-7. 2020.

GONE TO THE WOODS: SURVIVING A LOST CHILDHOOD by Gary Paulsen
DB 106044

Memoir of the award-winning author of Hatchet (DB 30535), Paulsen's survival stories reflect the experiences of his turbulent childhood. Paulsen recounts these significant events in his life in five sections: the farm, the river, the ship, thirteen, and soldier. Commercial audiobook. For grades 6-9. 2021.

THE GREAT DESTROYERS by Caroline Tung Richmond
DB 105217

In a world without atomic weapons, tensions from the Cold War play out in the Pax Games--fought with powerful robotic mecha war machines. Jo, an unknown fighter and an unlikely pick for Team USA, finds herself caught up in a deadly political conspiracy. Some violence. For senior high and older readers. 2021.

The below books are not in the NLS/TBP collection:
CECE RIOS AND THE DESERT OF SOULS by Kaela Rivera

THE IN-BETWEEN by Rebecca KS Ansari

A TASTE FOR LOVE by Jennifer Yen

CURSES by Lish McBride

TIME VILLAINS by Victor Pineiro

BUMP by Matt Wallace

THANKS A LOT, UNIVERSE by Chad Lucas

TEN THOUSAND TRIES by Amy Makechnie

SCRITCH SCRATCH by Lindsay Currie

WHEN THE WORLD WAS OURS by Liz Kessler