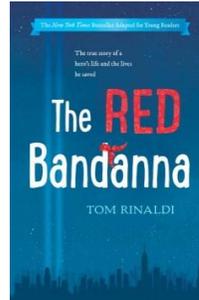


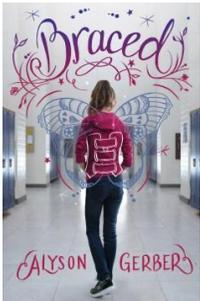
# Virginia Readers' Choice 2019-2020 Middle School List



**Amina's Voice** – A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school after tragedy strikes her community.



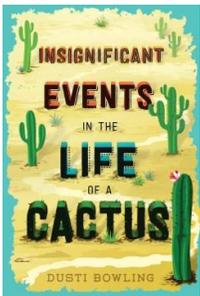
**The Red Bandanna** – Never expecting to be a hero, Welles Crowther is in the South Tower in New York City on September 11, 2001. Realizing the danger of the situation, Welles, wearing his red bandanna, leads people to safety and returns to save even more.



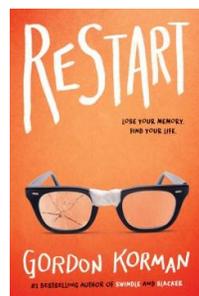
**Braced** – Rachel has scoliosis. Right before 7th grade begins and she's made the starting line-up on the soccer team, she finds out she has to wear a brace to correct her scoliosis. She has two best friends and a crush on a boy, so she has to navigate 7th grade while having to wear the brace.



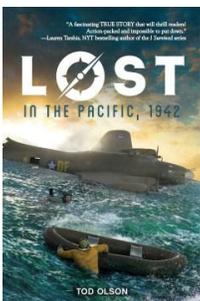
**Refugee** – Three stories of children from different times driven by the same desires to find freedom and safety set out for new lands.



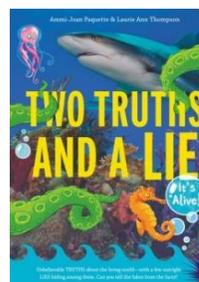
**Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus** – New friends and a mystery help Aden, thirteen, adjust to middle school and life at a dying western theme park in a new state, where her being born armless presents many challenges.



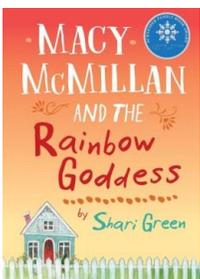
**Restart** – Chase does not remember falling off the roof, in fact he does not remember anything about himself, and when he gets back to middle school he begins to learn who he was through the reactions of the other kids--trouble is, he really is not sure he likes the Chase that is being revealed, but can he take the opportunity amnesia has provided and restart his life?



**Lost in the Pacific, 1942** – Based on true events, this story details the mission charged with taking WWI Air Hero Eddie Rickenbacker to Canton Island. As the plane nears the island, it runs out of fuel and crash lands in the Pacific. The story continues to describe the crews' harrowing time at sea.



**Two Truths and a Lie** – Two out of every three of these unbelievable stories about the world we live in are true, but one is a lie. Like the popular game, readers have to sort fact from fiction to determine the truth.



**Macy McMILLAN and the Rainbow Goddess** – Macy is deaf but that's not what really defines her - it's just a part of who she is. What she's really worried about is a fight with her best friend, her mother remarrying, and surprisingly connecting with her elderly neighbor over books.



**Watchdog** – Orphaned and homeless, fourteen-year-old twins Vick and Tara, who is autistic, go up against a crime lord and her four-legged robotic army, with help from their robotic dog, Daisy.