

## Worlds of Words 2023

### Grades 11-12 Recommended Global Fiction

Themes	Global Fiction	Level Info	Genre Date	Global Context	Themes/Plot of Global Books
<b>Strength through Relationships</b>	<i>*Anna and the Swallow Man</i> , Gavriel Savit	1160 L 232 pp	HF FAN 2016	Poland WWII	An orphaned girl travels with a mysterious man to hide from German soldiers. He explains their new reality through stories embedded in folklore and magical realism.
	<i>The Blossom and the Firefly</i> , Sherri Smith	310 pp	HF 2021	Japan 1945	Two voices, a Japanese teen kamikaze pilot, and Hana, a teen war worker, meet and find comfort just before Taro's mission.
	<i>Cassandra's Sister</i> , Veronica Bennett	930 L (Y) 227 pp	HF 2007	Early 1800s England	Historical fiction novel about an adolescent Jane Austen and her older sister Cassandra.
	<i>Chanda's Secrets</i> , Allan Stratton	590L 193 pp	HF 2004	South Africa	Chanda faces down shame and stigma in her efforts to help friends and family who are dying of AIDS.
	<i>Chloe and the Kaishao Boys</i> , Mae Coyiuto	341 pp	RF 2023	Philippines	A Chinese Filipina teen endures a marathon of arranged dates as her father wants to persuade her to remain in Manila for college. Family, first love and taking chances.
	<i>Daughters of a Dead Empire</i> , Carolyn O'Neill	315 pp 640 L	HF 2022	Russia 1918	Russian Revolution. A teen girl who is a proud member of the Bolshevik party agrees to help a bourgeois girl with a secret traverse the country to find safety. Soon they are both on the run.
	<i>Don't Forget Me</i> , Victoria Stevens	720 L 360 pp	HF 2018	Australia	A teen is forced to leave her dying mother in England to live with a father she's never met as she sets on a path toward healing.
	<i>*The Fountains of Silence</i> , Ruta Sepetys	620 L 495 pp	HF 2020	Spain 1957	Two teens connect through photography during a dark time of silence and secrets under the Franco fascist dictatorship.

	<i>Halley's Comet</i> , Hannes Barnard	454 pp	HF 2022	South Africa 1986	In the final years of Apartheid, three teens from different backgrounds share a secret and form life-changing friendships. Consequences of knowing the truth and the courage to speak it.
	<i>Here the Whole Time</i> , Vitor Martins	272 pp	RF 2020	Brazil Tr	Shy and self-conscious about his weight, Felipe learns he must spend his winter break with his long-term crush, Caio. LGBTQ+, body image.
	<i>*Himawari House</i> , Harmony Becker	374 pp	RF GN 2021	Japan	5 teens living in a house for a language institute become friends across languages and cultures. Combines English, Japanese, Korean, and Singlish. The power of language to connect and divide.
	<i>Mother Tongue</i> , Julie Mayhew	304 pp	HF 2019	Russia	After the Bestan school siege in 2004, when terrorists killed many school children, a teen grieves for her young sister.
	<i>Tamar</i> , Mal Peet	780 L 424 pp	HF 2010	UK WWII Netherlands	A teen uncovers secrets of her grandfather's life in the Dutch resistance during WWII
	<i>This is Our Place</i> , Vitor Martins	308 pp	RF 2022	Brazil Tr	The house on Sunflower Street tells the stories of three queer teens in different decades (2000, 2010, 2020) as they deal with life changes, family conflict, and first love.
	<i>Secret of the Moon Conch</i> , David Bowles and Guadalupe Garcia McCall	398 pp	FAN 2023	Mexico Indigenous	Historical fantasy. Sitlanti finds a conch shell with ancient markings that connects her to Calizto, an Aztec warrior in 1951 Tenochtitlan. Together they fight to survive and for their love across centuries.
	<i>Well, That Was Unexpected</i> , Jesse Sutanto	406 pp 760 L	RF 2022	Indonesia US	Sharlot is sent to Indonesia by her mother and finds herself fake dating the son of a wealthy family, surprised to fall in love with the boy, country and family she never knew before.
<b>Forced Journeys</b>	<i>Berliners</i> , Vesper Stamper	431 pp 720 L	HF 2023	Berlin 1961	Twins with different ideologies live in different sectors of separated Berlin after their parents divorce, forced to choose between playing the rules or taking their dream underground.

<i>Black Dove White Raven</i> , Elizabeth Wein	900L 357 pp	HF 2015	Ethiopia 1930s	Emilia and her family moved to Ethiopia to escape racism in the U.S. but face the threat of war with Italy.
<i>Borderless</i> , Jennifer De Leon	328 pp	RF 2023	Guatemala	Caught in the crossfire of gang violence, a talented teen fashion designer and her mother set off on a perilous journey for the border. Consequences of structural poverty.
<i>Buried Beneath the Baobab Tree</i> , Adaobi Nwaubani	920 L 330 pp	RF 2020	Nigeria	Kidnapped from her village by Boko Haram, a Nigerian teen is forced to follow her captors and their radical beliefs, searching for escape.
<i>Daughter of War</i> , Marsha Skrypuch	RL 11.2 219 pp	HF 2008	Turkey WWI	An Armenian teen disguises herself as a Muslim to escape genocide in Turkey, searching for her sister and fiancé who have also hidden their true identities.
<i>The Deep Blue Between</i> , Ayesha Attah	850 L 246 pp	HF 2022	W. Africa 1892	Twin sisters are enslaved after a raid on their village and taken in different directions, one to Ghana and the other to Nigeria and then Brazil. Both work for freedom and to find each other.
<i>A Girl Like That</i> , Tanaz Bhathena	378 pp 890 L	FAN 2018	Saudi Arabia	A biracial teen, who challenges strict religious rules, is killed in a car accident, and comes back to examine the events and relationships in her life. Gendered violence.
<i>Golden Boy</i> , Tara Sullivan	820 L (Z) 356 pp	RF 2014	Tanzania	An albino teen is an outsider everywhere due to the color of his skin and is hunted for his body parts, thought to bring good luck.
<i>The Hunger Between Us</i> , Marina Scott	298 pp 590 L	HF 2022	Russia 1942	During the Nazi siege of Leningrad, the city is ruled by hunger. Liza resolves to rescue her best friend, entangling herself in a dangerous situation, forced to make impossible choices.

<i>In Darkness</i> , Nick Lake	800 L 341 pp	RF 2014	Haiti	A teen trapped during an earthquake recalls the gang violence that destroyed his family. His present-day narrative alternates with visions of the 1700s slave rebellion in Haiti.
<i>In the Sea There are Crocodiles</i> , Fabio Geda	RL 12. 5 214 pp	HF 2012	Afghanistan to Italy	Based on the true story of a refugee teen as he encounters dire situations in a five-year journey fleeing from the Taliban.
<i>Kipling's Choice</i> , Geert Spillebeen	820 L 147 pp	HF 2005	Belgium Tr WWI	Kipling encourages his son to enlist in WWI where he dies in agony. A fictionalized biography on war's tragic waste.
<i>Let's Go Swimming on Doomsday</i> , Natalie Anderson	650 L 458 pp	HF 2019	Somalia	Forced to become a child soldier, a teen refugee must confront his painful past in a tale of loss and redemption.
<i>Like Water on Stone</i> , Dana Walrath	720 L 353 pp	HF/NV 2015	Turkey 1915	An Armenian teen and her sisters must make their way across mountains and rivers during ethnic and religious conflict. Verse novel
<i>The Lost Crown</i> , Sarah Elizabeth Miller	880L 412 pp	HF 2012	Russia 1900s	Four Grand Duchesses tell how their privileged lives as daughters of the Tsar change through war and revolution.
<i>The Marrow Thieves</i> , Cherie Dimaline	234 pp	FAN 2017	Canada Indigenous	A Métis teen is hunted for her dream-carrying bone marrow in a dystopia of a world in chaos due to climate change. Sequel – <i>Hunting by the Stars</i> (2021).
<i>My Sweet Orange Tree</i> , Jose Mauro de Vasconcelos	262 pp	HF 2018	Brazil Tr 1920s	A classic book from Brazil about a boy who undergoes physical and emotional abuse, until he finally gains a real friend.
<i>Private Peaceful</i> , Michael Morpugo	860 L 202 pp	HF 2014	England WWI	A young teen soldier spends a sleepless night, recalling his childhood with his older brother, as he awaits a shattering event.

<i>*Salt to the Sea</i> , Ruta Sepetys	560 L 499 pp	HF 2017	East Prussia WWII	Refugees fleeing from the Soviet army at the end of WWII converge on the last ship to Germany. Multiple viewpoints as tragedy unfolds.
<i>The Silent Unseen</i> , Amanda McCrina	301 pp	HF 2022	Poland, Ukraine, Germany, WWII	When the Soviets drive the Nazis out of Poland in 1944, Maria returns home from a forced labor camp to find her family gone except for her brother, part of the Polish Resistance, who then disappears. The only person who can help her is a Ukrainian prisoner. Loyalty and lies.
<i>Sold</i> , Patricia McCormick	820 L 263 pp	RF 2008	Nepal India	A young girl in Nepal in a rural impoverished village is sold into sexual slavery in India, searching for a way to escape.
<i>Soldier Boy</i> , Keely Hutton	RL 11.2 326 pp	HF 2018	Uganda Early 1990s	A novel based on the life of an enslaved child soldier in the guerilla army of a warlord and his creation of a foundation to save others.
<i>They Went Left</i> , Monica Hesse	364 pp	HF 2021	Poland After WWII	Zofia, a Holocaust survivor, travels across Europe in search of her brother and to rebuild her life after the end of the war.
<i>The Things She's Seen</i> , Ambelin Kwaymullina	590 L 197 pp	RF 2019	Australia Indigenous	Explores the lives and deaths of two girls that reveals a history of abuse of Aboriginal girls in a small Australian town.
<i>The Way Back</i> , Gavriel Savit	360 pp 840 L	FAN 2020	E. Europe 1812	Steeped in ghost stories and Jewish folklore, two teens who have experienced loss set out from their small village to journey through the Far Country in a quest to defeat Death. Historical fantasy.
<i>*We Are Not from Here</i> , Jenny Torres Sanchez	348 pp	RF 2021	Guatemala	Three teens flee violence and poverty in Guatemala to journey through Mexico. The dangerous journey ends differently for each of them with devastating consequences.
<i>When the Ground is Hard</i> , Malia Nunn	257 pp	RF 2021	Swaziland	Mixed-race teen in a boarding school faces racism and a social hierarchy experiences the power of literature through <i>Jane Eyre</i> .
<i>Written in the Stars</i> , Aisha Saeed	560 L 292 pp	RF 2016	Pakistan	A Pakistani-American girl visits Pakistan with her parents only to realize that they intend to force her into an arranged marriage.

<b>Taking Action</b>	<i>Amazona</i> , Canizales	GN 95 pp	RF 2022	Colombia	An Indigenous young woman returns to her land on a mission to capture evidence of the illegal mining that displaced her family.
	<i>Among the Fallen</i> , Virginia Schwartz	297 pp	HF 2019	England 1800s	A teen girl in prison is given the opportunity to go to a home established by Dickens. Deals with rights of women and abuse.
	<i>The Declaration</i> , Gemma Malley	900 L 300 pp	FAN 2008	England 2140	A dystopia of a teen, facing a lifetime of forced labor as an “illegal” child due to population control, has her view of the world and the law challenged by an outsider. Trilogy.
	<i>Disappeared</i> , Francisco X. Stork	326 pp 710 L	RF 2017	Mexico	A teen faces tremendous danger as she reports on the disappearance of girls in a border town of Mexico with the U.S.
	<i>The Firefly Letters</i> , Margarita Engle	1230L (Z) 151 pp	HF/NV 2017	Cuba 1851	Verse novel of a Swedish feminist who visits Cuba to interview slaves, free Blacks, and poor Whites.
	<i>Fatal Throne: The Wives of Henry VIII Tell All</i> , M. T. Anderson	396 pp	HF 2020	UK 1500s	Six YA authors each take on the voices of Henry VIII’s six wives, while M. T. Anderson writes in the voice of Henry VIII. Agency of women.
	<i>Girl in the Blue Coat</i> , Monica Hesse	702 L 301 pp	HF 2016	Amsterdam WWII	A teen selling goods on the black market is pulled into resistance activities during Nazi occupation and tries to save a young girl.
	<i>I Must Betray You</i> , Ruta Sepetys	336 pp 500 L	HF 2023	Romania Bucharest 1989	In a country governed by a tyrannical dictator, Cristian is blackmailed to become an informer, but tries to outwit his handler and undermine the communist regime of Ceausescu. Youth-led overthrow.
	<i>The Interrogation of Ashala Wolf</i> , Ambelin Kwaymullina	369 pp	FAN 2014	Australian Aboriginal	Taking refuge with teens who have supernatural powers, Ashala is captured and interrogated by the government as a threat. Indigenous Dystopia Trilogy on our responsibility for choices in love and life.

<i>The Last Leaves Falling</i> , Sarah Benwell	640 L 359 pp	RF 2015	Japan	A Japanese teen with ALS asks online friends to help him die before he becomes helpless. Includes samurai death poetry.
<i>The Light in Hidden Places</i> , Sharon Cameron	377 pp 650 L	HF 2020	Poland WWII 1943	Based on the true story of a Polish teen whose courage led her to hide 13 Jews in her attic and care for her young sister, while two Nazi officers live in her house. Authors note, photos.
<i>Mad, Bad and Dangerous to Know</i> , Samira Ahmed	327 pp	RF 2021	France	Connects the lives of two young Muslim women in Paris fighting to write their own stories and escape the cultural expectations of worlds defined by men.
<i>Maresi: The Red Abbey Chronicles</i> , Maria Turtschaninoff	205 pp	FAN 2017	Finland Tr	Only women and girls are allowed in the Red Abbey, a haven from abuse, rape, and oppression. Maresi lives a happy life in the abbey library, until Jai arrives for protection, bringing an attack by men that forces Maresi to act. Trilogy – <i>Naondel</i> and <i>Red Mantle</i> .
<i>Out of This Place</i> , Emma Cameron	RL 11.6 402 pp	RF/NV 2013	Australia	3 teens each share their stories of being trapped in harsh realities from which they seek a way to escape. Novel in verse.
<i>The Outside Circle</i> , Patti LaBoucane-Benson	RL 11.5 264 pp	RF/GN 2015	Canada Cree Indigenous	In this graphic novel, two Aboriginal brothers surrounded by decades of poverty, drugs, and gangs, try to overcome historical trauma to bring positive change in their lives.
<i>This Rebel Heart</i> , Katherine Locke	437 pp 750 L	HF FAN 2022	Hungary 1956	Historical fantasy. Csilla must decide whether to get involved in the fight for liberation of Hungary from Soviet communist rule and how to find her power as an orphaned Jewish teen in Budapest.
<i>*The Summer Prince</i> , Alaya Dawn Johnson	780 L 289 pp	FAN 2013	Brazil Future	In futuristic Brazil, ruled by technology and tradition, Jane falls in love with a fellow artist, the Summer Prince who is destined to die due to the oppression beneath the city's glitter.

	<i>An Uninterrupted View of the Sky</i> , Melanie Crowder	770 L 289 pp	HF 2019	Bolivia 1990s	When his father is unjustly imprisoned, an Indigenous teen must live inside the corrupt prison system as he finishes high school.
	<i>The Whale Rider</i> , Witi Tame Ihimaera	152 pp	HF 2005	New Zealand	A Māori girl is denied the opportunity to become the next whale rider due to her gender and must prove her talents.
	<i>When Morning Comes</i> , Arushi Raina	221 pp	HF 2017	South Africa 1976	Meetings between students set in motion the events of the Soweto Uprising in the Anti-Apartheid movement. 4 perspectives
<b>Locating Self in the World</b>	<i>Between Sisters</i> , Adwoa Badoe	690 L (Z) 205 pp	RF 2010	Ghana	A teen living in poverty dreams of a better life but struggles in school and so finds herself working as a nanny in the city, facing class stereotypes and re-defining family.
	<i>The Black Flamingo</i> , Dean Atta	403 pp	RF 2021	UK	A mixed-race gay teen navigates his complicated identities and finds a place to belong within the drag community.
	<i>Bones of Ruin</i> , Sarah Raughley	416 pp	FAN 2022	London 1884	Historical fantasy set in alternate London in which an African tightrope dancer is a spectacle of colonial curiosity but holds a secret that she cannot die and searches for her history. Sequel is <i>The Song of Wrath</i> , in which her power can destroy the world.
	<i>Cardboard City</i> , Katarina Jovanovic	128 pp	RF 2022	Belgrade Serbia	A Romani teen must make an impossible choice between a loving but impoverished community and a more comfortable future due to her talent with the trumpet.
	<i>Chime</i> , Franny Billingsley	600 L 361 pp	FAN 2011	England 1900s	In an alternative England, a teen with secret powers tries to solve a mystery that fills her life with guilt and takes away hope.
	<i>Dear Haiti, Love Alaine</i> , Maika Moulite	422 pp	RF 2020	Haiti US	A teen is sent to Haiti as a volunteer and explores her family history. Told in emails, texts, letters. Magical realism. Identity.



<i>Does My Head Look Big in This?</i> Randa Abdel-Fattah	850 L 360 pp	RF 2008	Australia	A Muslim teen makes the decision to wear the hijab full-time, leading to taunts at school and on the street.
<i>The End</i> , Mats Strandberg	383 pp	Sci Fi 2020	Sweden Tr	A comet will decimate Earth in 30 days, leading to chaos as people decide how to live out their last days. Simon and Lucinda try to solve the murder of their friend Tilda as each faces the unknown.
<i>Forward Me to You</i> , Mitali Perkins	690 L 415 pp	RF 2020	India US	Two teens go to India on a service project about human trafficking, one dealing with the trauma of assault and the other with identity.
<i>How It Feels to Float</i> , Helena Fox	379 pp	RF 2020	Australia	Story of grief, love, and mental illness as a teen constantly talks to her father who has been dead for 10 years. Hereditary effects of trauma.
<i>In a Perfect World</i> , Trish Dolier	880 L 294 pp	RF 2019	Cairo, Egypt	An American teen, visiting Cairo, comes to understand more about Muslim culture and a relationship that challenges her thoughts on love, faith, and privilege.
<i>Jane, the Fox &amp; Me</i> , Fanny Britt and Isabelle Arsenault	800 L (X) 101 pp	RF/GN 2013	Canada	Graphic novel of a young teen, bullied in school, who finds solace in the pages of <i>Jane Eyre</i> and a connection with a fox.
<i>Learning to Breathe</i> , Janice Mather	640 L 328 pp	RF 2019	Bahamas	Indy struggles to conceal that she is pregnant by rape while searching in Nassau for a place to belong.
<i>*Let Sleeping Dogs Lie</i> , Mirjam Pressler	1320 L 207 pp	RF 2007	Germany Tr.	A teen learns that her family's successful clothing store was owned by a Jewish family and acquired by her grandfather from the Nazis. Her wealth is based in injustice.
<i>Luck of the Titanic</i> , Stacey Lee	368 pp	HF 2021	UK 1912	A British Chinese teen smuggles aboard the Titanic to find her twin brother, a crew member, and convince him to revive their acrobatic act as a way to get into the U.S. Issues of racial and class discrimination in an engaging retelling of the Titanic tragedy.

<i>*Mary's Monster: Love, Madness, and How Mary Shelley Created Frankenstein</i> , Lita Judge	312 pp 1070 L	HF 2018	England 1800s	Fictionalized biography of Mary Shelley, the pregnant runaway who wrote Frankenstein. Pairs free verse with hundreds of black-and-white watercolors. Gothic atmosphere.
<i>Medusa</i> , Jessie Burton & Olivia L. Gill	207 pp	FAN GR 2022	Greek myth	A feminist retelling of the Greek myth as a graphic fantasy. Medusa is exiled on a deserted island until a boat arrives with a lost sailor, Perseus. Her bravery and self-love emerge as they tell their stories.
<i>The Melancholy of Summer</i> , Louisa Onome	320 pp	RF 2023	Canada	When her parents go on the run from a crime, a Nigerian Canadian teen is placed in the care of a distant cousin, unsure of who to trust and whether she has a future.
<i>The Minister's Daughter</i> , Julie Hearn	860 L 263 pp	HF 2005	England 1645	The teen daughter of a minister blames others of witchcraft to hide her secret pregnancy.
<i>Patron Saints of Nothing</i> , Randy Ribay	352 pp	RF 2020	Philippines	Coming of age story about grief and guilt as a teen uncovers the truth about his cousin's death in the Philippines.
<i>Postcards from No Man's Land</i> , Aidan Chambers	900 L 312 pp	RF/HF 2004	Amsterdam	Alternates between two stories, one contemporary, and the other historical, as past secrets are revealed and a teen struggles with what it means to be human.
<i>The Quiet and the Loud</i> , Helena Fox	380 pp	RF 2023	Australia	Set during the wildfires of 2019, George seeks the quiet in the loud world as she faces trauma, family secrets, and falling in love. Portrayal of PTSD from her father's alcoholism.
<i>Song of Silver, Flame Like Night</i> , Am'lie Wen Zhao	480 pp	FAN 2023	China	Inspired by Chinese history and folklore. Lan struggles with identity and shame as a teahouse "songgirl" for the conquerors of her land. The strange scar on her wrist draws attention and she is soon on the run with Zen, a magician. Series, Song of the Last Kingdom

	<i>Surrender</i> , Sonya Hartnett	710 L (Z+) 248 pp	RF 2012	Australia	As he lies dying, a young adult recounts his troubled childhood and his strange relationship with a dangerous counterpart.
	<i>Tender Morsels</i> , Margo Lanagan	950 L 436 pp	FAN 2008	Australia	A young woman who has endured great cruelty is magically granted a safe haven from reality where beauty and brutality lie side by side.
	<i>A Time to Dance</i> , Padma Venkatraman	720L 307 pp	RF 2015	India	A girl who excels at Bharatanatyam dance refuses to give up after losing a leg in an accident.
	<i>Twice as Perfect</i> , Louisa Onome	407 pp	RF 2022	Canada	A Nigerian Canadian teen deals with her estranged older brother, uncertainty about her future, and helping a cousin plan a big Nigerian wedding. Nigerian culture and parental expectations.
	<i>Viva Lola Espinoza!</i> Ella Ceron	393 pp	RF 2023	Mexico	Pride and Prejudice variant in which Lola is sent to live with her grandmother in Mexico City, learning a family secret that changes her life.
	<i>We Kiss Them with Rain</i> , Futhi Ntshingila	148 pp	RF 2018	South Africa	Mvelo faces sexual abuse and poverty as her mother is dying of AIDS but remains full of heart and hope. Multiple viewpoints.
	<i>Your Corner Dark</i> , Desmond Hall	373 pp 660 L	RF 2021	Jamaica	Frankie yearns to leave Jamaica but is forced to give up his scholarship and join his uncle's gang when his father is shot. Harsh realities of gang life. Autobiographical
<b>Adventure and Fantasy</b>	<i>After the Snow</i> , S. D. Crockett	700 L 288 pp	FAN 2013	England 2059	In an apocalyptic world of snow and ice, a teen searches for his family in a brutal city, discovering his own voice in the process.
	<i>*Children of Blood and Bone</i> , Tomi Adeyemi	531 pp 670 L	FAN 2018	Nigeria	In this fantasy, Zelia fight to restore magic but are pursued by the crown prince, who seems magic as a threat to his rule. Trilogy. <i>Children of Virtue and Vengeance</i> .

<i>Dodger</i> , Terry Pratchett	1201 L 360 pp	FAN 2013	London\Late 1800s	In an alternative Victorian London, a street urchin rescues a woman in a complicated plot that includes Charles Dickens and Sweeney Todd. Pathos and humor.
<i>Four Dead Queens</i> , Astrid Schotte	413 pp	FAN 2020	Australia	Keralie steals a “comm disk” that reveals the murder of the 4 queens of her kingdom and sends her on the run. Multiple viewpoints.
<i>The Gilded Ones</i> , Namina Foma	418 pp 780 L	FAN 2021	W. Africa	A West-African inspired fantasy in which a blood ceremony reveals that Keka is an alaki-near-mortal with rare gifts that can be used to save the empire. Duology – <i>The Merciless Ones</i> (2022).
<i>The Glass Town Game</i> , Catherynne Valente	810 L 535 pp	FAN 2017	England	Charlotte Bronte and her sisters invent a game in this fantasy where their game comes to life and they escape loss and fear.
<i>The Ivory Key</i> , Akshaya Raman	375 pp	FAN 2022	India	An Indian-inspired fantasy of 4 estranged royal siblings who harbor secrets must work together to search for the Ivory Key, a legend that will lead to a new source of magic. Duology.
<i>The Lost Dreamer</i> , Lizz Huerta	378 pp	FAN 2022	Mexico	A Mesoamerica-inspired fantasy about a lineage of female seers who resist a shifting patriarchal state that would see them destroyed. A world of dreams, songs, and prophecy. Duology
<i>A Magic Steeped in Poison</i> , Judy Lin	364 pp	FAN 2022	China	A Chinese-inspired fantasy of competition on the art of brewing tea, which Ning enters in the hope of saving her dying sister. Political court intrigue and dangerous secrets. <i>A Venom Dark and Sweet</i> . Duology.
<i>Rogue Heart</i> , Axie Oh	790 L 357 pp	FAN 2019	China 2201 Sci Fi	A telepath, Ama plays it safe, hiding her gift until a resistance group recruits her to save young girls.
<i>Skin of the Sea</i> , Natasha Bowen	309 pp 860 L	FAN 2021	W. Africa 1400s	West African-inspired mythology of Yoruba gods and goddesses in which Simi is transformed into a Mami Wati, a mermaid, who collects souls of the dead. When she saves a boy, she must appease the Supreme Creator. Slave trade. Trilogy.

	<i>Want</i> , Cindy Pon	830 L 327 pp	FAN 2019	Taiwan	In a future Taiwan plagued by pollution and viruses, a teen discovers the elite are corruptly using their wealth to evade the deadly effects. Dystopian series
	<i>Wonderous Journeys in Strange Lands</i> , Sonia Nimr	245 pp	FAN 2021	Palestine Tr	A fable of literacy, romance and adventure in an ancient time that follows the adventures of Qamar, a young Palestinian woman, as she journeys from place to place in epic tales of legend and history.
	<i>Winter's Promise</i> , Christelle Dabos	830 L 491 pp	FAN 2020	France Tr	The world is shattered into celestial islands, each with distinct cultures. Ophelia leaves her home for an arranged marriage with a powerful clan and finds herself in a deadly plot. Series, Mirror Visitor.
<b>Traditional Literature, Mythology, and Classics</b>	<i>The Boneless Mercies</i> , April G. Tucholke	339 pp 770 L	Classic 2018	Scandinavia	A retelling of Beowulf in alternative Scandinavia in which teen girls hired for mercy killings seek glory by going after a legendary monster.
	<i>Enter the Body</i> , Joy McCullough	320 pp	Classic 2023	UK Shakespeare	Novel in verse that focuses on the inner lives of Shakespeare's most tragic heroines, Cordelia, Juliet, and Ophelia who get to retell the stories of their own lives in their own terms.
	<i>The Illiad</i> , Gareth Hinds	GN 246 pp	Myth 2019	Greece	Graphic novel adaptation of The Iliad by Homer, a poem of war between Trojan Hector and Greek Achilles.
	<i>Beauty</i> , Robin McKinley	970 L (X) 325 pp	Trad. Lit 2014	England Medieval	A novel retelling of Beauty and the Beast, highlighting the unusual and unlikely love story between Beauty and the Beast
	<i>Rose's Daughter</i> , Robin McKinley	1210 L 328 pp	Trad Lit 2014	England Medieval	An alternative retelling of Beauty and the Beast with more magical complications of plot. Focus on roses and gardening and a different kind of Beast and ending.
	<i>Self-Made Boys: A Great Gatsby Remix</i> , Anna-Marie McLemore	304 pp	Classic	HF	Three teens chase their own version of the American Dream during the roaring 20s in a remix of The Great Gatsby. A Latinx lends that shows how queer love has flourished in quiet corners across history.

### Examples of Possible Pairings of Classic Novels with Global YA Literature

Theme	Classic Novel	Global YA Literature
The role of story	<i>The Canterbury Tales</i> , Geoffrey Chaucer	<i>Anna and the Swallow Man</i> , Gavriel Savit
Revenge and redemption	<i>The Scarlet Letter</i> , Nathaniel Hawthorne	<i>The Minister's Daughter</i> , Julie Hearn <i>Among the Fallen</i> , Virginia Schwartz <i>The Killer's Tears</i> by Anne-Laure Bondoux
Justice, power, greed, betrayal	<i>The Great Gatsby</i> , F. Scott Fitzgerald	<i>Let Sleeping Dogs Lie</i> , Mirjam Pressler <i>The Summer Prince</i> , Alaya Dawn Johnson <i>I Must Betray You</i> , Ruta Sepetys <i>Self-Made Boys: A Great Gatsby Remix</i> , Anna-Marie McLemore
Pain of war	<i>Farewell to Arms</i> , Ernest Hemingway	<i>Salt to the Sea</i> , Ruta Sepetys <i>Kipling's Choice</i> , Geert Spillebean <i>Private Peaceful</i> , Michael Morpugo <i>Soldier Boy</i> , Keely Hutton <i>The Blossom and the Firefly</i> , Sherri Smith

Tr = translated from that language and country into English

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Check the recommended reading lists for Grades 9-10, many of these books will be appropriate for 11-12

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