Worlds of Words 2020

Grade 9-10 Additional Recommended Global Fiction

Title and author	Level Info	Global Context	Themes/Plot	Possible Pairings
Broken Memory, Elizabeth Combres	890L (Z) 139 pp	Rwanda 1994	A child witnesses the brutal murder of her mother during a genocide and seeks shelter.	Cry of the Giraffe, Judie Oron
Enchanted, Alethea Kontis	770L 308 pp	Europe	When Sunday kisses an enchanted frog, he transforms back into the crown prince of Arilland.	The Goose Girl, Shannon Hale
Genius: The Game, Leopoldo Gout	690L 294 pp	Global	Three young prodigies from across the world with incredible skills in technology and engineering team up to become heroes to save the world. Series.	
<i>I Love You so Mochi,</i> Sarah Kuhn	810 L 306 pp	Japan	Japanese-American teen goes to Japan and explores her mother's heritage and her love of fashion	
La Linea, Ann Jaramillo	650L 135 pp	Mexico	A teen from Mexico takes a dangerous journey with his sister to rejoin their parents in the US.	Enrique's Journey, Sonia Nazario
Lucy and Linh, Alice Pung	900 L 340 pp	Australia	A Chinese immigrant working-class teen struggles with identity in an elite private school and with balancing expectations at home and at school.	
<i>Prison Boy,</i> Sharon E. McKay	RL 10.6 224 pp	Unnamed	Two homeless boys running errands unknowing deliver a bomb and are imprisoned and tortured.	

Rebels by Accident, Patricia Dunn	610L 310 pp	Egypt	Mariam is sent to live with her grandmother in Cairo and she finds herself in the middle of a revolution.	
A River of Royal Blood Amanda Joy	800 L 351 pp	N. Africa	Eva must harness the magick within her to defeat her sister and other forces. N. Africa-inspired world.	
The Goose Girl, Shannon Hale	870L (X) 383 pp	Europe	On her way to marry a prince she's never met, a princess is betrayed and must become a goose girl.	Enchanted, Alethea Kontis
Secrets in the Fire, Henning Mankell	(Z) 166 pp	Mozambique Tr.	Sofia loses her legs in a land mine explosion and struggles to rebuild her life.	
The Girl King, Mini Yu	488 pp	China	An Asian-inspired fantasy of magic and political intrigue about two sisters pitted against each other by their father, the Emperor.	
The Milk of Birds, Sylvia Whitman	780L 363 pp	Sudan (Darfur)	Two teens, one a refugee in Sudan and the other an American, form an unlikely friendship as pen pals.	
The Pact, Amanda West Lewis	RL 7.6 352 pp	Germany 1939	A teen tries to understand conflicts of personality, culture, and morality in Nazi Germany.	My Brother's Secret, Dan Smith
The Shepherd's Granddaughter, Anne Carter	600L (Z) 224 pp	Palestine	Amani's dream to be a shepherd is devastated when Israelis build a settlement on her family's land.	
Skating over Thin Ice Jean Mills	432 pp	Canada	Two teens, one gifted in music and the other in hockey, find a connection that helps them deal with social anxiety and anger.	
Tropical Secrets: Holocaust Refugees in Cuba, Margarita Engle	1170L 199 pp NV	Cuba 1939	Escaping from Nazi Germany to Cuba, a young Jewish refugee dreams of finding his parents again.	Refugee, Alan Gratz

Where the World Ends, Geraldine McCaughrean	324 pp	Scotland 1727	A group of teens go to St. Kilda, a remote rock in the ocean, to hunt birds, but no one returns for them for months, as they face starvation and cold.	
Wicked as You Wish, Rin Chupeco	421 pp	Philippines US	Fantasy where a hidden prince, a girl with secrets, a group of unlikely heroes, and a firebird come together to defeat evil. Mixes fairy tales and legends from many cultures. Family has Filipino traditions.	

Tr = translated from that language and country into English

Under Levels, the letters, e.g. (O), in parentheses are Fountas and Pinnell levels

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