

Book Choices

Lifeboat 12 by Susan Hood

In 1940, a group of British children, their escorts, and some sailors struggle to survive in a lifeboat when the ship taking them to safety in Canada is torpedoed. Includes historical notes.

The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart

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

Sidetracked, by Diana Asher

Seventh-grader Joseph Friedman, friendless, puny, and with ADD, spends most of his time hiding in the Resource Room, but when he reluctantly agrees to join the school's cross-country team, he befriends a tough, athletic new student, Heather.

The Trail by Meika Hashimoto

Following his best friend Lucas's accidental death, Toby determines to hike over four hundred miles of the Appalachian Trail to finish the final item on a list of goals the pair planned to complete together before entering middle school.

Blended by Sharon Draper

Piano-prodigy Isabella, eleven, whose black father and white mother struggle to share custody, never feels whole, especially as racial tensions affect her school, her parents both become engaged, and she and her stepbrother are stopped by police.

On Thin Ice by Michael Northrop

The way twelve-year-old Ked Eakins of Norton, Maine, sees it his life has been stolen from him, piece by piece; first by kyphosis, a spinal abnormality which has made him a social outcast at school and a target for the school bully, by his friends who have recently abandoned him, by his mother who left for the West Coast taking the insurance which might have saved him with her, and by his father who is a gambling addict who has lost the rent money--but Ked is a builder, and using the school's Maker Space he intends to build his life back, and maybe make a few real friends, and save his father while he is at it.

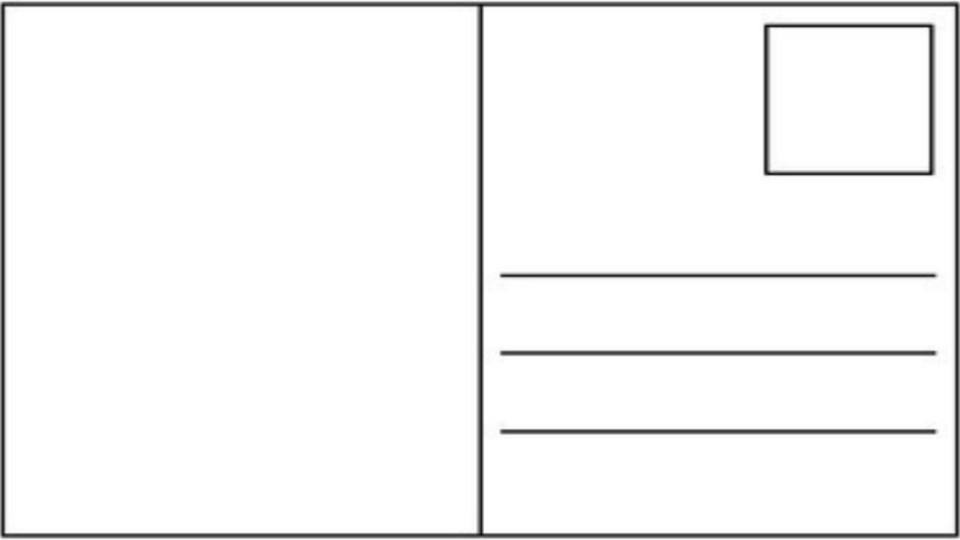
Wildfire by Rodman Philbrick

Thirteen-year-old Sam Castine is at summer camp while his mother is in rehab, but when the camp is evacuated ahead of a fast moving wildfire, he makes the mistake of going back for his phone, and finds himself left behind, disoriented, and running for his life, together with a girl, Delphy, from a different camp. Finding an old jeep keeps them going, but in the wilds of Maine, there are only logging roads and the deadly crown fire is everywhere.

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- *Title and author of the book you read
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- *Your favorite part of the book
- *Explain if you would recommend this book to others

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