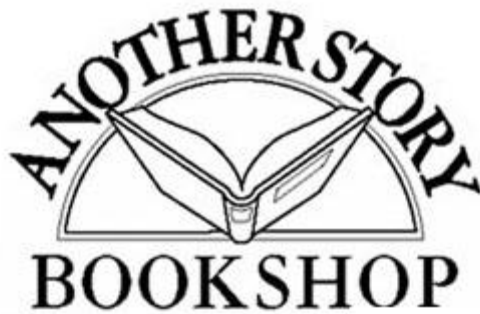


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Suggested Titles for Grade 7/8 Novel Studies

Contemporary Fiction:

“Make Lemonade” – Virginia Euwer Wolff \$8.99

LaVaughn needs a part-time job. Something she could do after school to help earn money for college. Jolly needs a babysitter. Someone she could trust with two kids while she works the evening shift. It doesn't matter that LaVaughn is fourteen years old – only three years younger than Jolly. What matters is that LaVaughn gives Jolly and her two babies more love and understanding than anyone else will. Life is a struggle for all of them. But together they might make it through.

“Lush” – Natasha Friend \$8.99

It's hard to be a thirteen-year-old girl. But it's even harder when your father's a drunk. It adds an extra layer to everything – your family's reactions to things, the friends you're willing to bring home, the way you see yourself and the world... Sam knows things have to stop. But she doesn't know how to make them stop... Sam doesn't want her family to fall apart. But that might be what has to happen for things to be okay again.

“Face” – Benjamin Zephaniah \$14.95

“Zephaniah (Refugee Boy) paints a sympathetic portrait of Martin Turner, a burn victim, who changes as much on the inside as on the outside after a car accident leaves his face severely disfigured. The author uses bold lines to describe how the once fun-loving wise-cracker confronts the fact that his life can never be the same. Even more disturbing than the stares and cruel taunts, perhaps, are his friends' obvious discomfort and overly solicitous behavior. Martin also resents those (like the priest at the community center) who refer to him as "disabled"; however, he develops the confidence and poise to correct such misapprehensions. Newfound friends who are able to look beyond his scars encourage him to rise to challenges and develop his talent for dancing and gymnastics.”

“Our Secret Siri Aang” – Cristina Kessler \$8.99

Twelve-year-old Namelok is thrilled when she finds a mother black rhino and her new baby in the bush while collecting firewood for her Maasai tribe. She vows to protect, visit them, and – most important- keep them a secret so that poachers will not try to hurt them. But when her initiation into womanhood threatens her secret visits, Namelok must say good-bye to her beloved animal friends. Before she can, though, she makes a horrifying discovery, one that sends her on a harrowing journey into the bush in a search for poachers that soon becomes a desperate struggle for survival.