
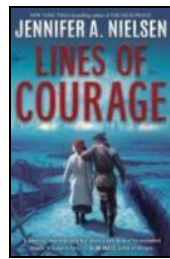



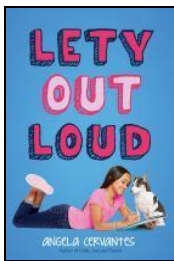
CSMS Summer Reading List 2023




The Inheritance Games (F&P R) 
Jennifer Lynn Barnes
 Avery Grambs is used to maximizing her options. Her mom's dead and her dad's out of the picture, but she and her optimistic-despite-everything half sister scrape by. When Avery is summoned to the reading of Texas billionaire Tobias Hawthorne's will, she's utterly perplexed; she never even met the man. She's even more bewildered to learn that he left almost his entire estate not to his daughters or grandsons but to her, with one condition: Avery must move into Hawthorne House, a giant mansion filled with puzzles, secret passages, and Tobias' deeply irked actual family, for a year. As she delves into the mysteries of the house, Avery also becomes caught up with the four Hawthorne brothers, all raised on secrets, each with his own deeply held motivation.




Lines Of Courage (F&P X) 
Jennifer Nielsen
 What does it mean to have courage? Nielsen (*Words on Fire*, 2019) examines this question through the stories of five tweens in the midst of WWI, offering varied perspectives and showing children caught on each side of the war. There is Felix, a Jewish boy in Austria-Hungary whose family must find a way to survive; Kara in Great Britain, volunteering with the Red Cross; Juliette in France, who is trying to save her imprisoned father; Dimitri, a Russian soldier; and Elsa, a girl from Germany. Over the course of five years, their lives will become interconnected in ways they never thought possible.




Lety Out Loud (F&P T) 
Angela Cervantes
 Ever since she moved to Kansas from Tlaquepaque, Mexico, Lety Muoz has spent her summers at school with the other ELL students working to improve her English; but after finishing fifth grade, she's trying something new and attending a summer camp at the animal shelter. She's immediately drawn to both Spike, a dog she wants to adopt, and the job of shelter scribe, the person who writes profiles of the adoptable dogs and cats for the shelter's website. But Hunter also wants the job, and thinks he can do a much better job than Lety, since she's still learning English while he is already reading and writing at a high school level. Encouraged by their friends, the two end up in a secret competition to determine who gets to be the sole scribe.




Iveliz Explains It All (F&P Y) 
Andrea Beatriz Arango
 Seventh grade is going to be Iveliz's year. She's going to make a new friend, help her abuela Mimi get settled after moving from Puerto Rico, and she is not going to get into any more trouble at school... Except is that what happens? Of course not. Because no matter how hard Iveliz tries, sometimes people say things that just make her so mad. And worse, Mimi keeps saying Iveliz's medicine is unnecessary-even though it helps Iveliz feel less sad. But how do you explain your feelings to others when you're not even sure what's going on yourself?



Merci Suarez Changes Gears (F&P Y) 
Meg Medina
 When bossy Edna Santos sets her sights on the new boy who happens to be Merci's school-assigned Sunshine Buddy, Merci becomes the target of Edna's jealousy. Things aren't going well at home, either: Merci's grandfather and most trusted ally, Lolo, has been acting strangely lately— forgetting important things, falling from his bike, and getting angry over nothing.



Attack of the Black Rectangles (F&P V) 
A.S. King
 Sixth grader Mac Delaney isn't sure what to expect after being assigned to Ms. Sett's class. She's famous – "as famous as a person can get in our town" – for writing letters to the newspaper decrying everything from junk food to girls wearing shorts in school. She seems okay, though, on the first day of school, promising her students she'll treat them like adults – as long as they follow classroom rules. "We don't tolerate any of the behaviors your age group usually indulges in." For "lit circle," Mac picks Jane Yolen's *The Devil's Arithmetic* (classroom rule: Don't Read Ahead!), but he and his groupmates soon encounter a series of "ugly black rectangles" covering up words. When they discover what's been censored, they decide to take action, finding allies and adversaries in unexpected places.