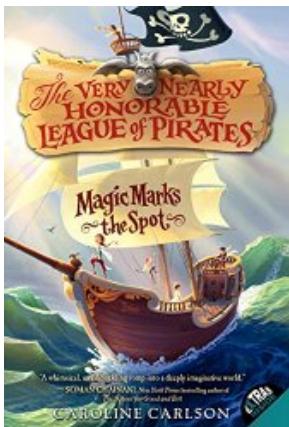
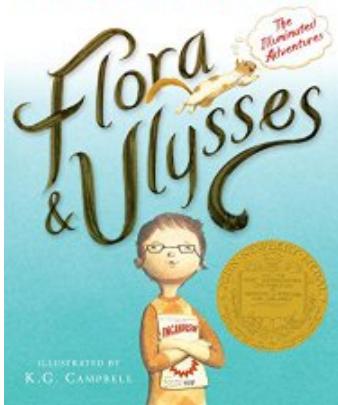


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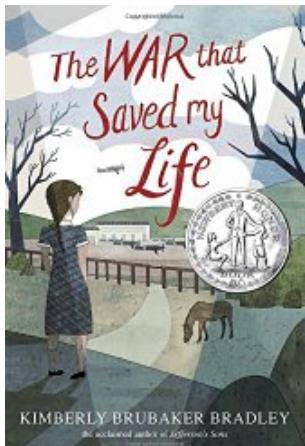


*Magic Marks the Spot* is the first book in the *Very Nearly Honorable League of Pirates* series. Hilary wants to be a pirate. Unfortunately pirates don't take young ladies into their ranks and she is sent off to finishing school. With the help of her gargoyle (*that's right*) she escapes and runs off to join the ship, "the Terror of the Southlands". From then on it is a non-stop treasure seeking adventure. This book has loads of humor, q

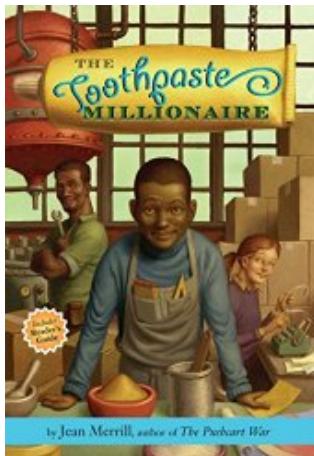
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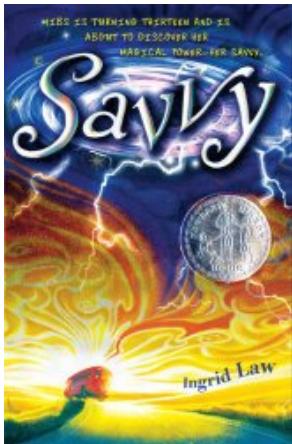
*Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures*. My son read and loved several of DiCamillo's books this year. He told me he really wants to read this one as well. A run in with a vacuum cleaner gives Ulysses the squirrel superhero powers! 10 year old Flora, a self-proclaimed cynic and comic book reader becomes friends with this new superhero, and even opens up her cynical heart. The novel uses comic strip style illustrations to tell parts of the story and is wonderfully funny as well as touching.



**The War that Saved My Life.** Wow. This was a great book! Ada, born with a club foot, has never left the apartment that she shares with her younger brother and cruel mother. When her mother sends her brother out of London to the countryside at the start of WWII, Ada runs away with him. In the country they begin to make a new life with Susan, a woman who reluctantly takes them in. The three of them form a bond and Ada finally gets to truly *live*. This is one of the best books I have read in recent months, with interesting historical details and a compelling narrative voice.



**The Toothpaste Millionaire.** The practical side of math is highlighted when sixth-graders Rufus and Kate decide to invent a superior toothpaste, sell it and make their fortunes. First published 40 years ago, Jean Merrill's book (she also wrote *The Pushcart War*) is still a highly entertaining celebration of the imaginative spirit. After reading this book, don't be surprised to see your kid start up a new entrepreneurial endeavor using his or her math skills! For more math themed novels check out this list of [math chapter books](#).



**Savvy** is about the magical Beaumont family. Mibs is about to turn thirteen, the age when each child finds out what his or her magic, or “savvy”, will be. Her brothers can control natural elements, her mother can do everything perfectly and Mibs is anxious to find out what her special quality is. Right before her 13th birthday party, her father has an accident and Mibs is convinced that her power will heal him. She runs away with her siblings and friends to try and reach him. I simply loved this book and it would be a great choice for kids who like Harry Potter.

## 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Ms. Bitto and Ms. Collins would like you to have a fun and relaxing summer! Please consider reading 1 or 2 of the titles mentioned above. An assignment (based on your selected title/titles) will be handed out in September for extra credit.

☺ Happy Summer ☺