# **Opening Windows to Our World**

# Eighth Grade 2018

### Nonfiction

## I Will Always Write Back by Caitlin Alfirenzka

303.235 ALI

In this dual memoir, Caitlin and Martin recount how they became best friends and better people through their long-distance exchange as penpals.

### *Confronting LGBTQ+ Discrimination* by Avery Hurt

306.76 HUR

This book offers practical guidance on navigating a sometimes hostile world where not everyone believes that LGBTQ+ people should have the same rights as everyone else.

### How I Resist by Maureen Johnson

**320 JOH** 

The author provides a collection of essays, songs, illustrations, and interviews about activism and hope.

### Wheels of Change by Sue Macy

**796.6 MAC** 

The author combines text with vintage photographs, advertisements, cartoons, and songs to examine how women have used bicycles throughout history to improve their lives.

### *Facing Frederick* by Tonya Boland

973.8 BOL

Macy chronicles the life of Frederick Douglass, discussing his years as a slave, escape to freedom, acclaim as a famous orator, journalist, abolitionist, and presidential advisor.

#### **Fiction**

#### The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya

FIC CAR

Arturo tells of his family, his town, and his quest to save both of them.

Genre: Contemporary

#### **Otherbound** by Corrine Duyvis

FIC DUY

A seventeen-year-old boy with epilepsy finds that every time he closes his eyes, he is drawn into the body of a mute servant girl from another world that is growing increasingly more dangerous. Genre: Fantasy

#### Bright Lights, Dark Nights by Stephen Edmond

FIC EDM

Walter Wilcox's first love, Naomi, happens to be African American, so when Walter's policeman father is caught in a racial profiling scandal, the teens' bond and mutual love of the Foo Fighters may not be enough to keep them together.

Genre: Contemporary

## Burn my Heart by Beverley Naidoo

FIC NAI

While the Mau Mau rebellion threatens the British settlers living in Kenya during the 1950s, Mathew and Mugo maintain their friendship, despite their different races, but during these tense times, a single act of betrayal could alter everything.

Genre: Historical

# Apple in the Middle by Dawn Quigley

FIC QUI

Bouncing in the middle of two cultures, Apple meets her Indian relatives, shatters Indian stereotypes, and learns what it means to find her place in a world divided by color.

# Lies we Tell Ourselves by Robin Talley

FIC TAL

In 1959 Virginia, Linda Hairston, who has been taught all her life that the races should be kept "separate but equal," must work on a school project with Sarah Dunbar, one of the first African-American students at the all-white Jefferson High School.

Genre: Historical

### Waiting to Forget by Sheila Kelly Welch

FIC WEL

While in a foster home, T.J. was the only one who could get Angela out of her bad moods, but Angela's accident changes everything.

Genre: Contemporary