

# New Fiction for Older Readers - Read Aloud Nebraska 2021

By: Kayla Albright, Ethan Boggs, and Addilyn Sugden

Todd Strasser, *The Good War*

P.192, ISBN: 9780593173657

*The Good War* is about two teams of kids who play video games in an after school club. The club started as a fun game made in the style of WWII. The team of bullies on the Axis side take their roleplaying as the Nazi team too far. They start wearing red shirts and making Nazi salutes. The teacher, Mrs. B, investigates to see where the hate is coming from, only to find it's coming from other online games. This book is told in a fun way that is easy to follow, and shows the importance of being kind to others no matter what race they are.

Doug Cornett, *Finally Something Mysterious*

P. 256, ISBN: 9781984830036

It all starts with a bunch of rubber duckies in someone's backyard. Paul, Shanks, and Peephole, the One And Only's, are the kids who have to solve the mystery. The big bratwurst contest is coming up and they sense foul play with the rubber ducks, because they were dropped in the five time champion's yard. This book is very interesting and it gets to solving the mystery quickly. I would highly recommend this book for all ages.

Gordon Korman, *Unplugged*

P. 336, ISBN:9780062798893

Jett Baranov, the son of the inventor of the best technology in the country. When the spoiled teen was sent off to a rejuvenation camp, sadly the love of his life, his phone, was taken away. This camp has a hot spring, lake, and a yoga room. Jett finally can't take being without his technology, so he plans a heist to get the technology. With much mystery and adventure, I would highly recommend this book.

Kate Messner, *Chirp*

P. 227, ISBN: 9781713755258

Mia's whole life was gymnastics until a tragic accident leaves her unable to even lift herself up onto a bar. To make things worse, her parents decided to move to her Grandma's cricket farm in Vermont, which seems peaceful at first, but when someone tries to sabotage the already struggling farm, Mia's plans for a calm summer are thrown out the window. Will Mia be able to solve the mystery while also dealing with the two different clubs her mom made her join?

Jennifer L. Holm, *The Lion of Mars*

P. 259, ISBN 9780593376942

Bell is a normal kid. Well, as normal as a kid living on a Mars colony can be. He lives a relatively slow and boring life in his small settlement until he sees what looks like an alien spaceship crash into the neighboring French colony. After that, everything seems to go wrong. Everyone turns against each other as old secrets are rehashed and all the adults are infected with a mysterious illness. Will Bell and the other kids be able to survive on the red planet by forming unexpected alliances and making choices they could only dream about before?

Raphael Simon, *The Anti-Book*

P. 320, ISBN 9780525552420

Micky is your average, angsty teenage boy who wants everyone to "GET LOST!!" but thinks that it is only wishful thinking. When he opens up yet another pack of Bubble King Bubble gum, a coupon for the *Anti-book* falls out. Out of sheer curiosity, Mickey decides to cash in the coupon and write everything he wants to disappear in the book. After that, he's thrown into a topsy-turvy world of strange places, stranger new friends, and everything that Mickey knows is turned upside down and inside out. Read to find out if Mickey can figure out how to make things back to normal and survive in the Anti-world.

Carrie Firestone, *Dress-Coded*

P. 320, ISBN: 9781984816436

When Molly Frost's friend-but-not-really Olivia has an incident with her period, Molly decides to start a podcast to let everyone know what really happened, and share other incidents as well. When she starts to make an impact, she makes more stances. Will Molly's plans horribly fail, or will the dress code be withdrawn completely?

Lisa Fipps, *Starfish*

P. 256, ISBN: 9781984814500

Bigger than the "perfect" size, "Ellie" has tried everything to be thinner. In reality, it's Ellie's mom who wants her to be thinner. Life is hard for her, but her mom forcing her to go on diets and weighing her makes it, and her best friend moving away, makes it a lot tougher. Will Ellie conquer these dumb beauty rules, or will they conquer her?

Tae Keller, *When You Trap a Tiger*

P. 304, ISBN: 9781524715700

After a sudden move to an always-raining town in Washington, Lily gets to move in with her Halmoni. But, it's not all fun and games when she starts seeing make-believe tigers and she gets the feeling that her mom isn't telling her the real reason they've moved. Will Lily discover why these tigers are revealing themselves, or is it already too late?

Ann Lezotte, *Show Me a Sign*

P. 304, ISBN: 9781524715700

Growing up as a deaf child, on an island half-full of deaf residents, Mary Lambert has learned to adapt. But when a nosy, and quite frankly rude, scientist shows up to find the source of their "disease", what will Mary do? Will the island's resident's allow themselves to be mistreated, or will the scientist be forced to leave?