Sarah Tregay's list of novels in verse

**Middle Grade Reads**

**Home of the Brave** - Katherine Applegate 2008
Kek, a Sudanese refugee, has moved to Minnesota to live with his aunt. Laugh and cry with Kek as he learns English and new ways of doing things.

**Borrowed Names: Poems About Laura Ingalls Wilder, Madam C.J. Walker, Marie Curie, and Their Daughters** - Jeannine Atkins, 2012
HISTORICAL - The stories of three women and their daughters.

**Hugging the Rock** - Susan Taylor Brown 2004
Rachel watches her family fall apart under the pressures caused by her mother's mental illness.

**Pieces of Georgia** - Jen Bryant 2005
Thirteen year-old Georgia writes in her journal to deal with the death of her mother and her love of art.

**Ringside, 1925: Views from the Scopes Trial** - Jen Bryant 2008
HISTORICAL - In 1925, in Dayton TN, J.T. Scopes, a science teacher is arrested for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution.

**The Trial** - Jen Bryant 2004
HISTORICAL - The 1930's trial of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, the man arrested for kidnapping the Lindbergh's baby.

**All The Broken Pieces** - Ann Burg 2009
Twelve-year old Matt can't forget the terrors of the war in Vietnam.

**Eva of the Farm** - Dia Calhoun 2012
Twelve-year-old Eva's farm is the most magical place in the world. When the bank forecloses on the farm, Eva must save it.

**This Journal Belongs to Ratchet** - Nancy Cavanaugh 2013
Homeschooled Ratchet wishes she could be a normal girl with a friend instead of helping her tree-hugging dad fix cars. A mix of poems and essays.

**Sweetgrass Basket** - Marlene Carvell 2005
HISTORICAL - Two Mohawk sisters are sent away to the Carlisle Indian School near the turn of the 20th century.

**Frenchtown Summer** - Robert Cornier, 2001
HISTORICAL - In 1944 in a French-Canadian town, 13-year-old Eugene hides a terrible secret about his uncle and a murder.

**Heartbeat** - Sharon Creech 2004
Annie, 12, takes great pleasure in running. Max runs to escape his personal problems. Annie's learns that her mother is pregnant and her beloved Grandpa is slipping into dementia.

**Love That Dog & Hate That Cat** - Sharon Creech 2004/200
Jack discovers poetry and grieves his beloved dog.

**The Wild Book** - Margarita Engle 2012
Fefa struggles with reading, but when her mother gives her a book with no words in it, Fefa grows her own garden of words.

**The Surrender Tree** - Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom - Margarita Engle 2008
HISTORICAL - Following Rosa's life from 1850 to 1899 alongside the struggles for Cuban independence.

**Tropical Secrets - Holocaust Refugees in Cuba** - Margarita Engle 2009
HISTORICAL - Told by a Jewish Refugee, Daniel, and Paloma, a Cuban girl whose father is the worst kind of criminal.

**Mountain Dog** - Margarita Engle, 2013
When Tony's mother is sent to jail, he is sent to stay with his tió and a search-and-rescue dog named Gabe.

**Salt** - Hellen Frost 2013
HISTORICAL - Anikwa and James, spend their days exploring Indiana Territory on the brink of the war of 1812.

**The Braid** - Hellen Frost 2006
HISTORICAL - Evicted from the Western Isles of Scotland in 1850, sisters are torn apart. Jeannie moves to Canada with her parents while Sarah stays behind with Grandma.

**Diamond Willow** - Hellen Frost 2008
Growing up in modern-day Alaska, 12-year old Willow and her sled dogs stumble on adventure and old family secrets.

**Hidden** – Helen Frost, 2011
Darr's father steals a minivan, not knowing that eight-year-old Wren is hiding in the back. Years later, the girls meet at camp.

**Libertad** - Alma Fullerton 2008
When his mother is killed in an accident at the dump where the family picks trash, Libertad goes to find his father.

**Bronsx Masquerade** - Nikki Grimes 2005
Open Mike Fridays are a favorite for Mr. Ward's English class, from poets to rappers everyone takes the mike.

**Planet Middle School** - Nikki Grimes 2011
Joylin loves basketball, baggy jeans, and ponytails, but things change when she starts noticing boys.

**Words with Wings** - Nikki Grimes 2013
A girl's journey from daydreamer to poet.

**On Pointe** - Lorie Ann Grover 2004
Claire has a love for ballet and dreams of becoming part of a Ballet Company when she is confronted with a family crisis.

**Grow** - Juanita Havill 2008
Berneetha and Kate plant a community garden, but the lot is slated to become a parking garage.

**Downtown Boy** - Juan Felipe Herrera 2005
HISTORICAL - Juanito follows his migrant-worker parents from town to town in 1950's California, often getting into trouble.

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Addie on the Inside - James Howe, 2011
A companion to The Misfits and Totally Joe. Addie struggles to find out who she really is and who she is going to become.

Soul Moon Soup - Lindsay Lee Johnson 1998
When 11-year-old Phoebe Rose's father leaves, she and her mother are homeless.

Shakespeare Bats Cleanup & Shakespeare Makes the Playoffs - Ron Koertge 2006/2010
Baseball star, fourteen-year-old Kevin is forced to stay home sick with mono.

Inside Out and Back Again - Thanhha Lai 2011
Ten-year-old Ha and her family are refugees from Vietnam during the war when they move to Alabama.

The Year of Goodbyes: A True Story of Friendship, Family and Farewells - Debbie Levy 2011
HISTORICAL - Jutta is only twelve in 1938 when her loved ones scatter in the wind on the brink of the second World War.

The Voyage of the Arctic Tern - Hugh Montgomery 2002
HISTORICAL - A tale of pirates, ghost ships and mystery.

Odette's Secrets – Maryann MacDonald, 2013
HISTORICAL - Inspired by the real story of a young Jewish girl living in Paris during the Nazi occupation.

Pearl Verses The World - Sally Murphy, 2011
AUSTRALIAN - Pearl doesn't feel particularly rhymey when her grandmother passes away.

Toppling - Sally Murphy, 2012
AUSTRALIAN - John loves dominoes toppling over, but when his friend, Dom, gets sick, it feels like more than just dominoes are falling over.

Carver, A Life in Poems - Marilyn Nelson 2001
BIOGRAPHY/HISTORICAL - The life of George Washington Carver (1864-1943) educator and botanist.

Fortune's Bones: The Manumission Requiem - Marylin Nelson, 2004
NONFICTION – Poetry and historical documents about a slave named Fortune and his skeleton that was kept by his Master.

The Crazy Man - Pamela Porter 2005
Emaline, 12, is maimed in a freak accident. Her father storms off. Her mother, in need of help around the farm, takes in a man from the mental hospital.

May B., Caroline Rose, 2012
HISTORICAL - Twelve-year-old May helps out on a neighbor's Kansas prairie homestead and gets trapped by a blizzard.

Running with Trains - Michael J. Rosen 2012
HISTORICAL - It's 1969 and Perry is frequent passenger on the train that crosses Steve's family farm. The two meet in an incident that will change both of them forever.

HISTORICAL - One of 12 children, Edith struggles to find her identity.

Serendipity and Me – Judith Roth, 2006
Middle schooler, Sara, adopts a kitten to help her family heal from a devasting loss.

Yellow Star - Jennifer Roy 2006
HISTORICAL NON-FICTION - Twelve children survived the Lodz Ghetto in Nazi-occupied Poland. Sylvia was one of them.

Eddie's War - Carol Fisher Saller, 2011
HISTORICAL - World War II suddenly feels much closer to Ellisville, Illinois when Eddie's big brother enlists.

Dancing Pancake - Eileen Spinelli, 2011
Eleven-year old Bindy and her family struggle through the recession with the support of the community.

Summerhouse Time - Eileen Spinelli 2008
Laugh and cry as Sophie, her extended family, and her cat, Orange, rent a summerhouse on the beach.

Where I Live - Eileen Spinelli 2007
Diana loves where she lives, especially her best friend, Rose. But moving changes everything.

Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie & Like Bug Juice on a Burger - Julie Sternberg 2012/2013
Eleanor's favorite babysitter moves away and she has to face the summer without her.

Becoming Joe DiMaggio - Maria Testa 2005
HISTORICAL - Growing up listening to the triumphs of Joe DiMaggio on the radio, Joseph Paul learns to dream.

Something About America – Maria Testa 2005
The 13-year-old narrator comes to America to escape war in Kosovo where she was burned.

Girl Coming in for a Landing - April Halprin Wayland 2004
Between fall and spring, the main character goes from an imaginary boyfriend to a real one to the loss of that boyfriend.

Gone Fishing - Tamera Will Wissinger 2013
Nine-year-old Sam loves fishing, except when his little sister, Lucy, tags along.

Locomotion - Jacqueline Woodson 2004
Lonnie Collins Motion is a New York City fifth grader in foster care because he lost his parents in a house fire.

Zorgamazo - Robert Paul Weston 2008
Part Roald Dahl, part Dr. Seuss, this rhyming sci-fi fantasy tells the story of Katrina, Morty, and the missing Zorgles.

Prince Puggly of Spud & the Kingdom of Spiff - Robert Paul Weston 2013
Prince Puggly receives an invitation to a lavish ball.

Little Green, Growing up During the Chinese Cultural Revolution - Chun Yu, 2005
MEMORI/HISTORICAL - Xiao Qing is ten when Chairman Mao dies and her family experience the upheaval of the revolution.

Reaching for the Sun - Tracie Vaughn Zimmer, 2007
Seventh grader, Josie, has cerebral palsy. Bulldozers are carving up the farm where she lives.

Teen Reads

Jimi and Me - Jamie Adoff, 2005
Keith, has to deal with his father's death—and understand his father's life as secrets from the past come to light.

Shark Girl & Formerly Shark Girl - Kelly Bingham 2007/2013
Fifteen-year-old surfer, Jane, finds the world a different place after a shark attack that leaves her without an arm.

Wolf Pack of the Winisk River - Paul Brown, 2009
Told by a wolf after a harsh Northern Ontario winter, food is scarce and wolves must pursue caribou.

Who Will Tell My Brother? - Marlene Carvell 2004
Evan Hill, a part-Mohawk high-school senior, embarks on his brother's crusade to change the school's Indian mascot.

The Weight of Water - Sarah Crossan 2012
Kasienka immigrates from Poland to London and searches for the father who abandoned her and her mother.

Because I am Furniture - Thalia Chaltas 2009
Anke's father abuses molest her sister but ignores her. She finds her voice when she joins the volleyball team.

Displacement -Thalia Chaltas 2011
Home doesn't feel like home to Vera because her mother isn't around and her sister is dead. So she runs away.

Forget Me Not - Carolee Dean, 2012
Ali is devastated when a scandalous photo of her is made public. She meets Elijah who has had a brush with death.

The Poet Slave of Cuba: A Biography of Juan Francisco Manzano - Margarita Engle 2006
BIOGRAPHY/HISTORICAL - Juan is sold to slavery in 1797.

The Firefly Letters: A Suffragette's Journey to Cuba - M. Engle, 2010
HISTORICAL - Fredrika is kept hungry so that she will be thin and graceful. Cecilia is a slave who remembers being captured in the Congo. Elena lives a sheltered life.

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When Nix's older sister starts breaking the rules things spiral out of control.

During the Spanish Inquisition Ramon and Amir are forced to give up their faith.

HISTORICAL - Thirteen-year-old Paula is Deaf. She escapes Hitler's T4 program, Twenty-three modernized fairy tales in free verse.

Fifteen narrators tell the story of a high school shooting.

worries about what her parents might think.

Fourteen-year old Lizzie grapples with her feelings about her adoption and feelings for the new glassblower who is working for the family.

HISTORICAL - Based on the 1944 circus fire in Hartford.

Worlds Afire -

A humorous road trip story with rhyme and beat.

Sister Slam & the Poetic Motormouth Road Trip -

AUSTRALIAN - Harry longs to escape the small town.

By the River -

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The Language Inside - Holly Thompson, 2013
Emma was raised in Japan, but when her mother is diagnosed with cancer, Emma’s family moves to the U.S.

Love and Leftovers - Sarah Tregay, 2012
Stuck on summer vacation, Marcie Foster has to start her sophomore year at a new school in New Hampshire. Things look up when she meets, JD, but she gets shipped back home.

Unlocked - Ryan G. Van Cleave 2011
Andy, the janitor’s son, unlocks another boy’s locker when rumors about a gun circulate.

Becoming Billie Holiday - Carole Boston Weatherford, 2008
HISTORICAL - Elanora’s journey from poverty to the stage.

Yellow Mini - Lori Weber 2011
Mark has inherited a yellow mini from his deceased father. He and his friends set out to find their riches, be it concert pianist or activist.

Escaping Tornado Season - Julie Williams 2004
HISTORICAL - Set in the 1960’s, 13-year-old Allie moves to a small town after her father’s death.

Glimpse - Carol Lynch Williams 2010
Lizzie and Hope take their vow to protect each other seriously, but when sexual abuse divides them, Hope must save them both.

New Found Land, Lewis and Clark’s Voyage of Discovery - Allan Wolf 2004
HISTORICAL - The adventures of Lewis and Clark.

Make Lemonade, True Believer & This Full House - Virginia Euwer Wolff 2001/2002/2009
LaVaughn takes a job babysitting for Jolly, a young mother.

Seeing Emily - Joyce Lee Wong, 2007
Sixteen-year-old Emily Wu discovers that she can be both Chinese and American.

Rubber Houses - Ellen Yeomans 2007
Sixteen-year-old Kit’s life changes when her younger brother is diagnosed with and dies from leukemia.

Reads for Older Teens
The Best and Hardest Thing - Pat Brisson 2010
Molly sheds her goody-goody reputation and becomes pregnant. She decides to give her baby up for adoption.

Freakboy - Kristen Elizabeth Clark 2013
Brendan tries to understand his sexual identity, Vanessa fights to keep Brendan, and Angel confronts her demons.

The Fattening Hut - Pat Lowery Collins 2005
Fourteen-year-old Helen is to marry an older man, but first she must face the fattening hut and female circumcision. She flees.

Dead on Town Line - Leslie Conner
Two spirits help searchers find their bodies.

You Remind Me of You - Eireann Corrigan 2001
NON-FICTION/MEMOIR Corrigan is struggling with eating disorders when her boyfriend attempts suicide.

Splintering - Eireann Corrigan 2005
A stranger violently attacks a family in their own home.

Tough Boy Sonatas – Curtis Crisler 2007
The voices of the young men tell of growing up in Gary, Indiana.

Keesha’s House - Helen Frost 2001
Told in sonnets and sestinas, stories of teens in need of a safe place to stay intersect at Keesha’s house.

Walking on Glass - Alma Fullerton 2007
A young man’s mother attempts suicide and is left in a coma.

Cold Skin - Steven Herrick 2009
AUSTRALIAN/HISTORICAL - When Eddie’s brother’s classmate is murdered, suspicion falls on many men in town.

Love, Ghosts and Facial Hair & A Place Like This (also published as Kissing Annabel) - Steven Herrick 2004
AUSTRALIAN - Jack’s mother has died, yet he still falls in love.