

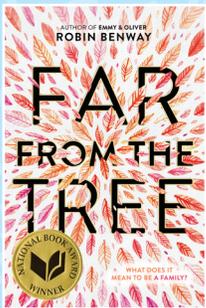
# Read With Your Kids

## (Without Reading to Your Kids)

Want your kids to spend less time looking at screens and more time reading this summer? Lead by example by reading *with* your kids (but not *to* your kids). Here are five suggestions for you to enjoy alongside an option for your 8 to 12-year-old reader!

### CONTEMPORARY FICTION

FOR YOU



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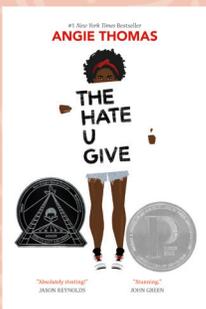


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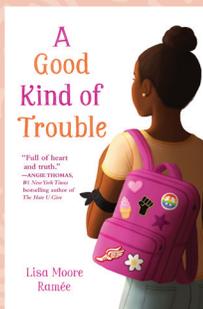
Both of these heartwrenching stories deal with topics of love, loss, foster care, and identity. In *Far From the Tree*, an adopted girl discovers she has two other biological siblings and sets out to locate their birth mother. In *The Echo Park Castaways*, three kids try to help a new boy find his birth mother when it's clear he's having trouble adjusting to their foster home. Though their plots are different, the overall theme of what it means to be family is the same.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE

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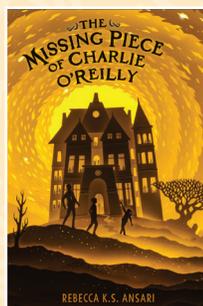
*The Hate U Give* is a multiple-award-winning novel that's also been made into a movie. It's the story of Starr, who is the only witness to her friend Khalil's death at the hands of a police officer. Now she must decide if she's going to keep quiet or come forth about what happened that night. *A Good Kind of Trouble* is the story of a young girl who struggles with her identity and allegiance after wearing a Black Lives Matter armband to school causes issues with her friends. Both of these timely and relevant novels are about finding your voice and standing up for what you believe in—even if doing so means facing your fears and speaking out.

### MYSTERY

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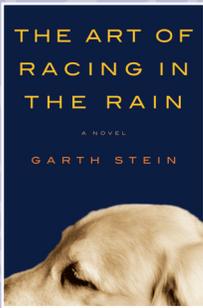


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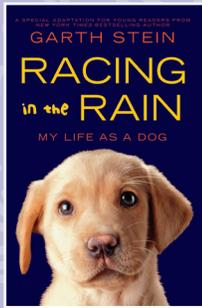
In *Monday's Not Coming*, Claudia searches for her best friend, Monday, only to realize that nobody seems to remember the last time they saw her. Similarly, in *The Missing Piece of Charlie O'Reilly*, Charlie seems to be the only one who remembers he has a younger brother, Liam. When he sets out to prove Liam's existence, he discovers a world of magic he never knew existed and learns that rescuing Liam comes at the risk of being forgotten himself. Both of these thrilling reads will have you and your kids on the edge of your seats as you search for answers as to how someone can vanish without anyone noticing they're gone!

# READ IT BEFORE YOU SEE IT

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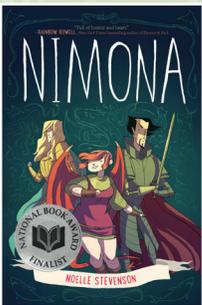


## HERE'S WHY

*The Art of Racing in the Rain* (and the young reader companion novel, *Racing in the Rain*) is the bestselling novel by Garth Stein about Enzo, a wise and funny dog who is looking back on his life and recalling everything he and his family have been through together. It's a story of love, loss, and hope that the whole family can enjoy before the movie hits theaters in September 2019.

## GRAPHIC NOVEL

FOR YOU



FOR THEM



## HERE'S WHY

*Nimona* is a graphic novel about a young shapeshifter with a knack for villainy who teams up with a supervillain to prove that the heroes of their kingdom aren't who everyone thinks them to be. *Estranged* is the first book in a series about a changeling and human child who work together to save both of their worlds from a cruel sorceress. Both of these fantasies feature magic, unlikely heroes, and amazing illustrations and are perfect for seasoned graphic novel fans and reluctant readers alike!

## FANTASY

FOR YOU



FOR THEM



## HERE'S WHY

In *The Cerulean*, Sera feels doomed to a fate not of her choosing. She's been selected to be the sacrifice that will untether her society and allow them to relocate to a new planet, but when she falls out of the sky and lands on the planet below, she'll have to find a way to save herself and the home she loves. Similarly, Annalise in *The Spinner of Dreams* has been cursed since birth by the devious Fate Spinner who resides in a realm above her own. The only way to break the curse and be the master of her own fate is to defeat the Labyrinth of Fate and Dreams and prove to everyone that she won't be defined by her curse.

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