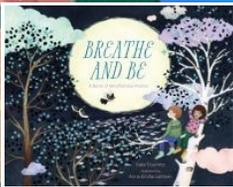


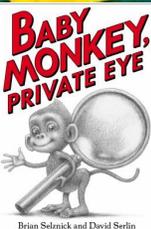
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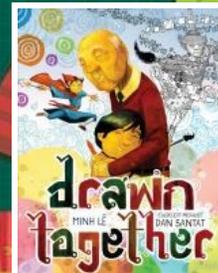
Want to give the gift of a book? Here are our favorite picks from 2018!



Breathe and Be by Kate Coombs. Ages 3-8. The amazing combo of poetry and artwork invites kids to slow down and be. *Pair with a yoga mat or money giving jar.*



Baby Monkey, Private Eye by Brian Selznick. Ages 3-8. Part picture book, part early reader, this adorable monkey is ready to solve some mysteries....once he gets his pants on. *Pair with a sleuthing kit.*

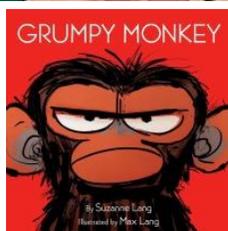


Drawn Together by Minh Lê. Ages 3-8. Two generations speak through pictures in this mostly wordless story. *Pair with drawing supplies.*

Mae Among the Stars by Roda Ahmed. Ages 3-8. This picture book intro to Mae Jemison pairs beautiful illustration with a powerful story of the first female African American astronaut. *Pair with a telescope or space heroes kit.*



Grumpy Monkey by Suzanne Lang. Ages 2-6. Jim Panzee is having a bad day and nothing will cheer him up. *Pair with a collection of jungle animals.*



Thank You, Omu by Oge Mora. Ages 2-6. The delicious smell of Omu's stew brings everyone from the neighborhood in for a taste. *Pair with kid friendly kitchen supplies.*



The Big Book of Blue by Yuval Zommer. Ages 5-10. Continuing the Big Book series fun, this title dives deep into the ocean with beautiful illustrations and amazing facts. *Pair with underwater themed stuffies.*



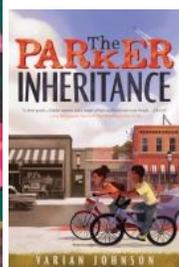
Next Best Junior Chef by Charise Harper. Ages 6-9. Local author Harper delves into reality cooking shows—with kids! This easy chapter book series serves up some yummy fun. *Pair with kid friendly kitchen supplies.*



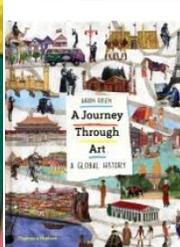
Rosie Revere's Big Project Book by Andrea Beaty. Ages 6-9. This hands on activity guide also pairs well with Rosie Revere's new chapter book series, fantastic for builders. *Pair with a box of inventive building materials.*



The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson. Ages 8-12. With a nice nod to *The Westing Game*, this mystery packs a social justice punch. *Pair with a classic whodunit board game.*



A Journey Through Art by Aaron Rosen. Ages 8-12. Art enthusiasts can explore a trove of techniques and styles with hands-on activities. *Pair with a collection of art supplies.*

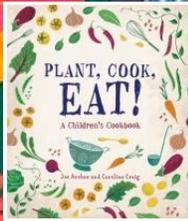


The Cardboard Kingdom by Chad Sell. Ages 8-12. This graphic novel creates individual stories for the creative kids who craft their own cardboard world. *Pair with boxes, paper and other crafty materials.*



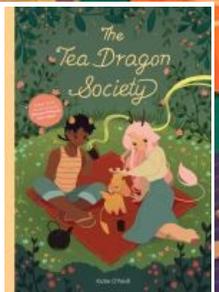


Be the Change by Eunice Moyle and Sabrina Moyle. Ages 10+. This colorful workbook will lead young activists through creative projects to fire up their civic mindedness.



Plant, Cook, Eat! By Joe Archer and Caroline Craig. Ages 8-12. Part gardening book, part cookbook, total yum, complete with colorful photos and step-by-step instructions. *Pair with a gardening kit.*

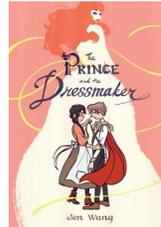
The Tea Dragon Society by Katie O'Neill. Ages 9-12. A lost Tea Dragon leads a young girl to a tea shop and new friends. *Pair with a tea assortment.*



You Go First by Erin Kelly. Ages 10+. Can a game of Scrabble make middle school and family drama any easier? *Pair with a word focused board game.*

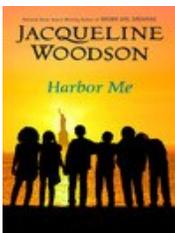


The Prince and the Dressmaker by Jen Wang. Ages 12+. A prince with a secret, a dressmaker with artistic flair. Will they be able to live their lives the way they want? *Pair with sewing supplies.*

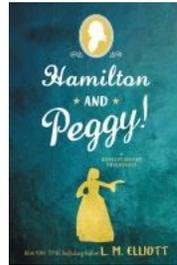


The Serpent's Secret by Sayantani DasGupta. Ages 10+. On her 12th birthday Kiranmala finds out she's an actual Indian princess in hiding and now her secret's out.

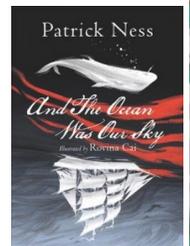
Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson. Ages 10+. Six students, each with their own reasons for needing a safe space to talk, find their voices, questions and friendship.



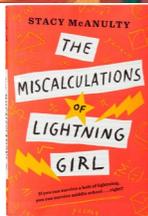
Hamilton and Peggy! By Laura Elliott. Ages 12+. A friendship grows amid the chaos, adventure and intrigue of the Revolutionary War. *Pair with a popular musical soundtrack.*



And the Ocean Was Our Sky by Patrick Ness. Ages 12+. A killer whale pod (whales with harpoons strapped to their backs) attacks a ship that bears more than they bargained for.



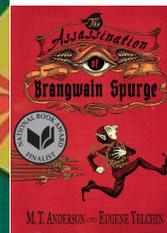
The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnulty. For ages 12+. Thanks to a freak accident, Lucy is a reclusive math genius... and now she's going to middle school. *Pair with a math workbook (ha!).*



Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi. For ages 14+. Harry Potter meets West African folklore, when Zelia rises up against those who would stamp out all magic from her world.



The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge by M.T. Anderson. For ages 10+. A National Book Award nominee, this satirical novel combines exquisite artwork with incredible storytelling of goblins and elves.



Want more ideas? Check out the "Best of 2018" titles from your library book resource **Novelist**.

Just go to **linc.org** and click on "Online Resources." Scroll down to find **Novelist**, using your library card number and PIN to log in.

The screenshot shows the Novelist website interface. On the left, there is a 'Recommended Reads Lists' sidebar with categories like 'Teen', 'Ages 9-12', and 'Ages 0-8'. The main content area features a search bar with the text 'I'm in the mood for books that are...' and filters for 'Teen', 'Ages 9-12', and 'Ages 0-8'. Below the search bar, there are several book covers displayed, including 'Walter Dean Myers', 'Apple and Rain', and 'The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge'. At the bottom, there is a 'Browse Genres' section with various genre icons.