

A storyteller's dream. Four children with exceptional gifts are running for their lives. Evil vs good. Forgiveness vs revenge. A great historical fiction novel set in the Great Depression era with touches of another world. "This Tender Land" by William Kent Krueger



Jen Bryant's narrative of grief, friendship, and a love of art written in verse. Very quick and enjoyable. Pieces of Georgia by Jen Bryant



This is slightly sinister story about a young girl haunted by the ghost of a forgotten girl from a segregated graveyard. While the writing may not have been as engaging at the beginning of the tale, the historical and contemporary timelines were flawlessly woven together in a way I would like to see in more adult literature. There was a fantastic blend of the past and the present and some hope for the future. I would definitely recommend this to my middle grade readers of fantasy. The Forgotten Girl by India Hill Brown



"The Smallest Girl in the Smallest Grade" was written by Justin Roberts and illustrated by Christian Robinson. This rhythming story shows just how much attention the smallest girl in the smallest grade gives to her environment and pretty soon that smallest girl calls out those who have been behaving badly.