

## VA READS Chapter Book Selections 2024-2025

***Greenwild: The World Behind the Door*** By Pari Thompson. Farrar, Straus and Giroux (9780374391379). Daisy's mother has been keeping secrets. When those secrets catch up to her, Daisy finds herself on a desperate quest to find her mother and save a magical world before it is too late.

***Link + Hud: Heroes by a Hair***. By Jarrett Pumphrey and Jerome Pumphrey. W.W. Norton & Company (9781324053040). Link and Hud are brothers with unbeatable imaginations who go through babysitters one after the other. When their parents hire stern Ms. Joyce to babysit, the boys decide to take things to the next level to get her fired too.

***Curlfriends: New in Town***. By Sharee Miller. Little, Brown Inc. (9780316591454). A former military kid, Charlie is starting at a new school and decides to change everything about herself to give off a perfect first impression. Her new friend group is very accepting but Charlie has trouble as she has to learn to accept herself.

***Morning Sun in Wuhan***. By Ying Chang Compestine. Clarion Books (9780063309029). The daughter of a doctor, Mei lives in Wuhan, China at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. Mei tries to find a way to use her passion for cooking and food to help her community while grieving the loss of her mother and living in a locked down city.

***Miles Lewis: King of the Ice***. By Kelly Starling Lyons. Illustrated by Wayne Spencer. Penguin Random House Children's Books (9780593383490) Miles loves science and sports, but when his teacher announces a field trip to the ice skating rink to help study physics, Miles is sure it will be the most embarrassing trip ever.

***A Seed in the Sun***. By Aida Salazar. Penguin Random House (9780593406601). In this novel in verse, Lula meets Dolores Huerta and other labor rights activists while trying to balance her big dreams with her farm girl life during the 1965 California protest for worker's rights.

***Sparkle***. By Lakita Wilson. Penguin Random House (9780062973863). Twelve-year-old Sparkle is an aspiring social media influencer. When she is diagnosed with alopecia, Sparkle has to decide if she can make her dreams come true, with or without hair.

***The Many Masks of Andy Zhou***. By Jack Cheng. Penguin Random House (9780525553830). Sixth grader Andy tries to do everything expected of him by his family and friends. With his

grandparents visiting from China, joining a new club and a classmate who picks on him, Andy feels pulled in many different directions.

***The Misfits: A Royal Conundrum.*** By Lisa Yee. Illustrated by Dan Santat. Penguin Random House (9781984830296). When Olive is sent to a reforming arts boarding school, she and the other Misfits have to stop a jewel heist while also saving their school from being closed forever!

***The Takeout.*** By Tracy Badua. Clarion (9780358671732). When the Fab Foodie Brothers open up a new restaurant in town, Mila realizes that they are going to run her family's food truck out of business. While everyone in the town is falling for their food, Mila is busy with a plan to expose them for stealing her family's recipes.