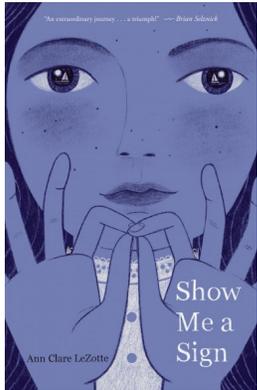


**Our Favorite  
Books of  
2020**

# Kid Picks

**Books for 3rd - 5th graders**



**Show Me a Sign**  
By Ann Clare LeZotte  
J F Lezo 269 pages *Historical Fiction*

Mary Lambert is a lively 11-year-old girl who lives with her family in a small farming town on Martha's Vineyard. Mary is deaf, like many others in her community. It's not until an outsider scientist comes to town that Mary begins to understand how unique her community is. She's dreamed of assisting a scientist with a great

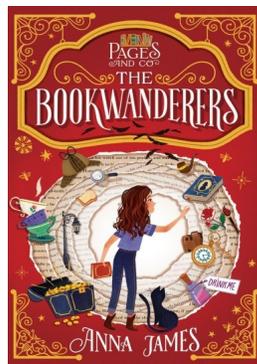
discovery, but then all-too-eager Mary is made into a live specimen and stolen from her island. Will Mary be able to escape and find her way back home?



**Echo Mountain**  
By Lauren Wolk  
J F Wolk 356 pages *Historical Fiction*

When 12-year-old Ellie's parents lose their jobs and home because of the Great Depression, they are forced to move to Echo Mountain to start their lives over. Ellie, who thrives in the wild, has to take over her father's duties after an accident leaves him in a coma. One day, a stray dog leads Ellie to the top of the mountain where she meets

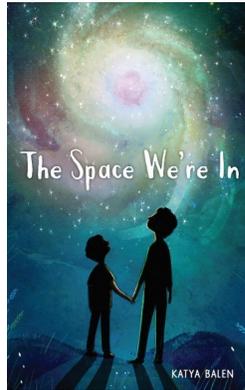
Cate, an old woman everyone refers to as "the hag," suffering from an infected wound. Ellie learns that Cate knows about healing and cures. Will Ellie learn enough from Cate to help her festering wound and wake her father from his coma?



**The Bookwanderers**  
By Anna James  
J F Jame 283 pages *Fantasy*

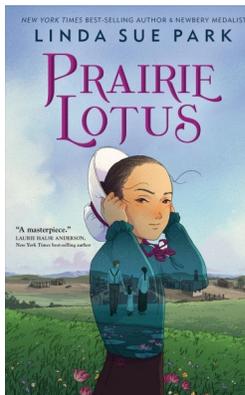
Since her mother's disappearance, 11-year-old Tilly Page has found comfort in her grandparents' bookshop, Pages & Co. But when Anne of Green Gables and Alice from Wonderland start showing up at the shop, Tilly's fictional adventures become real. Not only can she follow Anne and Alice

into their books, she discovers she can bookwander into any story she chooses! Tilly decides to use her new talent to solve the mystery of her mother's disappearance.



**The Space We're In**  
By Katya Balen  
J F Bale 197 pages *Realistic Fiction*

Frank is a 10-year-old boy who loves playing with his friends in the woods, coding like his dad, and playing soccer. Frank has always dreamed of having a little brother with whom to share his universe. But the communication barrier between Frank and his autistic five-year-old brother, Max, makes it feel like they are light years apart. Will a sudden tragedy in the family give Frank the motivation to mend his relationship with his brother?



**Prairie Lotus**  
By Linda Sue Park  
J F Park 261 pages *Historical Fiction*

Following the death of her mother, Hannah, a half-Chinese girl, arrives in the Dakota Territory in the 1880s with her white father. Hannah is excited to start school, and her father has plans to open a store in their new hometown of LaForge. But when they arrive, they have to adjust to frontier life while simultaneously facing the harsh prejudice against Asians

from the people in the community. Will Hannah ever make friends with the townspeople, and will her father's store have the grand opening he has worked so hard to make happen? Read this heartwarming story to find out!



**Ways to Make Sunshine**  
By Renée Watson  
J F Wats 177 pages *Realistic Fiction*

In this updated take on *Beezus and Ramona*, Ryan Hart is a confident young girl trying to navigate middle school and her family's changing circumstances. However, even though Ryan is confident, she still has to reconcile the dynamics of race and girlhood, which leads to learning experiences. With a strong

family and friend base, though, she finds a way to move forward with optimism!