



Quimby Oak Middle School Library Newsletter

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December

December is the twelfth and final month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars. It is also the last of seven months to have a length of 31 days.

December got its name from the Latin word *decem* (meaning *ten*) because it was originally the tenth month of the year in the calendar of Romulus c. 750 bc which began in March. The winter days following December were not included as part of any month. Later, the months of January and February were created out of the monthless period and added to the beginning of the calendar, but December retained its name.

Author Highlight Lauren Tarshis



Lauren Tarshis is an author of children's books, with several series of fiction, non-fiction and historical fiction works found in thousands of libraries and translated into several languages. [213141](#)

She is the author of the [New York Times Bestselling](#) series [I Survived](#). The books, fast-paced historical fiction for kids in focus on a historical disasters from the perspective of a child who lived to tell the tale.

In addition to writing books, Tarshis is SVP Editor-in-Chief & Publisher of the Classroom Magazine Division at Scholastic, Inc., which includes [Storyworks](#) magazine, a language arts magazine for children in grades 3-5 that she has edited for several years.

Happy Holidays

Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home. – Edith Sitwell

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Featured Titles

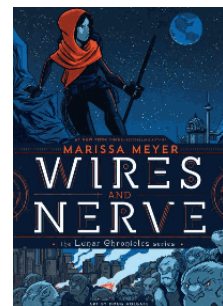
The Winter of Red Snow by Kristiana Gregory



Eleven-year-old Abigail presents a diary account of life in Valley Forge from December 1777 to July 1778 as General Washington prepares his troops to fight the British.

Wires and Nerve by Marissa Meyer Art by Doug Holgate with Stephen Gilpin

"When rogue packs of wolf-hybrid soldiers threaten the tenuous peace alliance between Earth and Luna, Iko takes it upon herself to hunt down the soldiers' leader. She is soon working with a handsome royal guard who forces her to question everything she knows about love, loyalty, and her own humanity. With appearances by Cinder, Cress, Scarlet, Winter, and the rest of the Rampion crew"-



The Children's Blizzard, 1888 by Lauren Tarshis

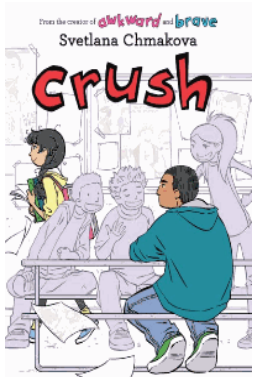


"When John Hale's parents moved from Chicago to a farm in the Dakota Territory in the late 1880s, he was not happy (too hot in summer, too cold in winter, and that is just the beginning); but after a year, and now eleven, he has settled in and made some friends at school--but when a sunny day in January 1888 turns abruptly into a deadly blizzard he will need all his strength and courage to survive what became known to history as The Children's Blizzard."

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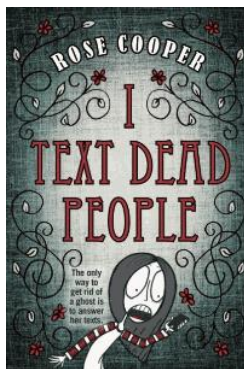
New Titles

Crush by Svetlana Chmakova



Jorge seems to have it all together. He's big enough that nobody really messes with him, but he's also a genuinely sweet guy with a solid, reliable group of friends. The only time he ever really feels off his game is when he crosses paths with a certain girl... But when the group dynamic among the boys starts to shift, will Jorge be able to balance what his friends expect of him versus what he actually wants?"

I Text Dead People by Rose Cooper



"As if living in a creepy house on cemetery grounds weren't horrible enough, Annabelle accidentally becomes a guide that bridges the gap between the living and the dead with her cell phone. Which means she is pestered by the deceased 24/7. And until she helps them with their absurd unresolved issues and ridiculous requests, no one will be able to rest in peace."

The Dollmaker of Krakow by R.M. Romero



"At the beginning of World War II, Karolina's spirit magically travels from the war-torn Land of the Dolls to the Krakow, Poland, shop of the Dollmaker, Cyril, and together they take great risks to save their Jewish friends"

