

# IMAGINE YOUR STORY

Week One, June 15-20  
Ages 12-18 years  
Suggested Reading  
**WHO AM I?**

**J Fic**      **Jerry Craft**      ***New Kid***

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life, but instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics.

**J Fic**      **Meg Medina**      ***Merci Suarez Changes Gear***

Thoughtful, strong-willed sixth-grader Merci Suarez navigates difficult changes with friends, family and everyone in between.

**YA Fic**      **Elizabeth Acevedo**      ***Poet X***

A young girl in Harlem discovers slam poetry as a way to understand her mother's religion and her own relationship to the world.

**YA Fic**      ***Black Enough: Stories of Being Young and Black in America***

This book is comprised of a collection of coming-of-age short stories that reflect on the African American teenage experience in America.

**YA Fic**      **Adib Khorram**      ***Darius the Great is Not Okay***

Clinically depressed Darius Kellner, a high-school sophomore, travels to Iran to meet his grandparents, but it is their next-door neighbor, Sohrab, who changes his life.

**YA Fic**      **David Levithan**      ***Every day***

Each morning A wakes in a different person's body and life, learning over the years to never get too attached, until he wakes up in the body of Justin and falls in love with Justin's girlfriend.

**YA Fic**      **Julie Murphy**      ***Dumpling***

Questioning her plus-sized body when an athletic boy appears to return her affections, Willowdean enters her city's beauty pageant and uses her sassy styles and talents to compete against thinner contestants.

**YA Non Fic**      **920.73 America Ferrara**  
***American Like Me: Reflections on life between cultures***

From award-winning actress and political activist America Ferrera comes a vibrant and varied collection of first-person accounts from prominent figures about the experience of growing up between cultures.

