

## TEEN FICTION

**Arash, Jawad. *Enduring Freedom.***

In this dual narrative, an American soldier and a Afghan boy living under the Taliban before and after 9/11 realize they have more in common than they could have realized.

**Budhos, Maria Tamir. *Ask Me No Questions.***

A family from Bangladesh leaves for New York City, only to face hardship in America due to 9/11.

**Buxbaum, Julie. *Hope and Other Punch Lines.***

Two young people's lives are changed by the events of 9/11.

**Girard, Geoffrey. *Truthers.***

A veteran's daughter must connect her past to a conspiracy that is linked to the 9/11 attacks.

**Levithan, David. *Love Is the Higher Law.***

Three NYC teens react to the 9/11 attacks and its impact on the world.

**Mafi, Teherah. *A Very Large Expanse of Sea.***

A Muslim teen faces prejudice after the 9/11 attacks.

**Mills, Wendy. *All We Have Left.***

The story of two 16 year olds trying to cope with the aftermath of 9/11.

**Moskowitz, Hannah. *Gone, Gone, Gone.***

Stonewall Honor Book that depicts the lives of teens near DC after 9/11.

**Polsner, Gail. *Memory of Things.***

Sixteen year old Kyle flees the area when the Twin Towers fall, only to meet a girl on the way that has no memory.

## CHILDREN'S FICTION

### Middle Grade

**Baskin, Nora Raleigh. *Nine, Ten.***

Illustrates how four teens living in different parts of the country are affected by 9/11.

**Fleck, Jessika. *Molly and the Twin Towers.***

Twelve year old Molly must get her younger sister safely home on 9/11.

**Gratz, Alan. *Ground Zero.***

The story of two teens, one American, and one Afghani, whose lives are totally changed by September 11th.

**Rhodes, Jewell Parker. *Towers Falling.***

Eleven year old Deja realizes how much the events of September 11th have left their mark, even though she wasn't born yet.

### Early Chapter Books

**Messner, Kate. *Ranger in Time: Escape From the Twin Towers.***

A Golden Retriever, Ranger, must save two children from the falling tower.

**Tarshis, Lauren. *I Survived the Attacks of September 11, 2001.***

When Lucas skips school he finds himself caught up in the 9/11 attacks.

### Picture Books

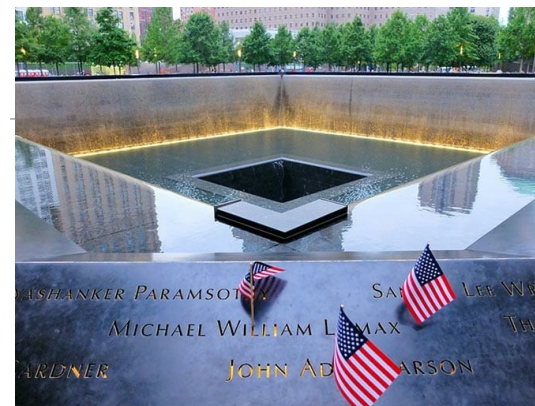
**Magee, Ann. *Branches of Hope.***

The journey of a tree rescued from Ground Zero, alongside a wordless story of a girl and her firefighter uncle.

**Winter, Jeannette. *September Roses.***

Two sisters from South Africa find a perfect use for the flowers they have grown when the flower show in New York has been cancelled because of 9/11.

# September 11th Recommended Books



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## ADULT FICTION

**Aslam, Nadeem. *The Blind Man's Garden.***

This novel follows the lives of two brothers in Afghanistan and Pakistan in the months after 9/11.

**Abdullah, Shaila. *Saffron Dreams.***

The story of Arissa Illahi, a Pakistani woman whose husband is killed in the Twin towers. She faces prejudice as a Muslim woman in America as she struggles with raising a special needs child.

**Delillo, Don. *Falling Man.***

A beautiful, cathartic, and heartbreaking novel on how 9/11 has shaped our depiction of the world. The story follows how the tragic event affects their lives.

**Donahoe, Kathleen. *The Ashes of Fiery Weather.***

This novel brings to life seven women's lives in firefighting families. The tragedy of 9/11 is depicted by one of the first women firefighters.

**Dubus, Andre. *The Garden of Last Days.***

Explosive events in a Florida Men's club depicts three people's lives in September of 2001.

**Foer, Jonathan Safran. *Extremely Loud And Incredibly Close.***

Oskar is on a mission to find a mysterious key that belonged to his father who died in the World Trade Center. He comes in contact with survivors of every description that provide healing.

**Hamid, Mohsin. *The Reluctant Fundamentalist.***

This book is an absorbing novel written from the perspective of Changez, a young Pakistani whose sympathies, despite his embrace of America, lie with the attackers.

**Kalfus, Ken. *A Disorder Peculiar to the Country.***

A dark comedy about a couple intent on divorce who happily think the other has died in the 9/11 attacks.

**McInerney, Jay. *The Good Life.***

A novel depicting the complex lives of a group of privileged New Yorkers who are forced to reassess their lives in the wake of the 9/11 attacks.

**Moore, Lorrie. *A Gate at the Stairs.***

Depicts the coming of age of a 20 year old nanny after 9/11.

**Rutherford, Edward. *New York: the Novel.***

An historical novel which intertwines the lives of black and white, rich and poor and the immigrant experience through 9/11.

**Waldman, Amy. *The Submission.***

An anonymous winner for a memorial to victims of 9/11 is an American Muslim, much to the chagrin of the victims' families, politicians, and some of the jurors of the prize. The winner's fiercest defender, a member of the jury, must struggle with this poignant controversy.

## NARRATIVES/NON-FICTION

**Breitweiser, Karen. *Wake Up Call: the Political Education of a 9/11 Widow.***

Breitweiser, along with 3 other 9/11 widows, fought hard for the 9/11 Commission report. The book illustrates her political awakening.

**Hingson, Michael. *Thunder Dog.***

A guide dog leads his blind owner to safety from the Twin Towers on 9/11.

**Lee-Potter, Charlie. *Writing the 9/11 Decade: Reportage and the evolution of the Novel.***

Lee-Potter covers the works of Don Delillo, Paul Auster, Mohsin Hamid and Nadeem Aslam as they relate to 9/11.

**Luft, Benjamin. *We're Not Leaving: 9/11 Responders Tell Their Stories of Courage, Sacrifice, and Renewal.***

A compilation of personal narratives of fire fighters, police officers, and other first responders at the site.

**Smith, Dennis. *A Decade of Hope: Stories of Grief and Endurance from 9/11 Families and Friends.***

Families tell their 9/11 stories.

## CHILDREN'S NON-FICTION

**Deedy, Carmen. *14 Cows for America.***

A Kenyan tribe presents America with 14 sacred cows as a healing gift.

**Kalman, Maira. *Fireboat: the heroic Adventures of the John J. Harvey.***

An old fireboat goes back into service on 9/11.