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The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind William Kamkwamba 2010-03-04 NOW A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE DIRECTED BY AND STARRING CHIWETEL EJIOFOR - AVAILABLE ON NETFLIX
The Book Rescuer Sue Macy 2019-10-01 Recipient of a Sydney Taylor Book Award for Younger Readers An ALA Notable Book A Bank Street Best Book of the Year "Text and

illustration meld beautifully." -The New York Times "Stunning." -Kirkus Reviews (starred review) "Inspired...[a] journalistic, propulsive narrative." -Publishers Weekly (starred review) "The story comes alive through the bold acrylic and gouache art." -Booklist (starred review) From New York Times Best Illustrated Book artist Stacy Innerst and author Sue

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Macy comes a story of one man's heroic effort to save the world's Yiddish books in their Sydney Taylor Book Award-winning masterpiece. Over the last forty years, Aaron Lansky has jumped into dumpsters, rummaged around musty basements, and crawled through cramped attics. He did all of this in pursuit of a particular kind of treasure, and he's found plenty. Lansky's treasure was any book written Yiddish, the language of generations of European Jews. When he started looking for Yiddish books, experts estimated there might be about 70,000 still in existence. Since then, the MacArthur Genius Grant recipient has collected close to 1.5 million books, and he's finding more every day. Told in a folkloric voice reminiscent of Patricia Polacco, this story celebrates the power of an individual to preserve history and culture, while exploring timely themes of identity and

immigration.

El niño Que Domó el Viento / the Boy Who Harnessed the Wind

William Kamkwamba

2020-07-21 El sueño de un niño puede cambiar el mundo entero. Esta es una inspiradora historia, basada en la vida real del autor, sobre el poder de la imaginación y la fuerza de la determinación.

Cuando una terrible sequía asoló la pequeña aldea donde vivía William Kamkwamba, su familia perdió todas las cosechas y se quedó sin nada que comer y nada que vender. William comenzó entonces a investigar en los libros de ciencia que había en la biblioteca en busca de una solución, y de este modo encontró la idea que cambiaría la vida de su familia para siempre: construiría un molino de viento.

Fabricado a partir de materiales reciclados, metal y fragmentos de bicicletas, el molino de William trajo la electricidad a su casa y ayudó a su familia a obtener el agua que

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necesitaba para sus cultivos. Así, el empeño y la ilusión del pequeño Willy cambió el destino de su familia y del país entero. ENGLISH

DESCRIPTION The New York Times bestselling memoir of the heroic young inventor who brought electricity to his Malawian village. When a terrible drought struck William Kamkwamba's tiny village in Malawi, his family lost all of the season's crops, leaving them with nothing to eat and nothing to sell. William began to explore science books in his village library, looking for a solution. There, he came up with the idea that would change his family's life forever: he could build a windmill. Made out of scrap metal and old bicycle parts, William's windmill brought electricity to his home and helped his family pump the water they needed to farm the land. Retold for a younger audience, this exciting memoir shows how, even in a desperate situation, one boy's

brilliant idea can light up the world. Complete with photographs, illustrations, and an epilogue that will bring readers up to date on William's story, this is the perfect edition to read and share with the whole family.

Milton Hershey M.M. Eboch 2008-07-01 Did you know that the man behind Hershey's chocolate used to work in an ice cream parlor? Or that he had to try over and over again to get his now-famous chocolate to taste as delicious as it does today? Milton Hershey's life wasn't always a bowl of chocolate Kisses. When he was in fourth grade, he even had to drop out of school and work to help his poor family make ends meet. Read all about how the man we know as the famous young chocolatier finally struck it rich -- in money, love, and chocolate!

World Social Report 2020
Department of Economic and Social Affairs
2020-02-14 This report examines the links

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between inequality and other major global trends (or megatrends), with a focus on technological change, climate change, urbanization and international migration. The analysis pays particular attention to poverty and labour market trends, as they mediate the distributional impacts of the major trends selected. It also provides policy recommendations to manage these megatrends in an equitable manner and considers the policy implications, so as to reduce inequalities and support their implementation.

The Chosen Prince Diane Stanley 2015-01-27 From master storyteller Diane Stanley comes a spellbinding tale, based on Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, of two princes—one chosen, one lost—and a mysterious girl on a magical island, all caught in a great web of destiny. On the day of his birth, Prince Alexos is revealed to be the long-

awaited champion of Athene. He grows up lonely, conscious of all that is expected of him. But Alexos discovers that being a champion isn't about fame and glory—it's about sacrifice and courage. Alexos follows the course of his destiny through war and loss and a deadly confrontation with his enemy to its end: shipwreck on a magical, fog-shrouded island. There he meets the unforgettable Aria, and faces the greatest challenge of his life.

The Teen's Guide to Social Media... and Mobile Devices Jonathan McKee 2017-10-01 Ever regret something you've posted? Honestly? How smart are you being when it comes to streaming, messaging, gaming, commenting. . .? *The Teen's Guide to Social Media & Mobile Devices* will help you navigate the digital world with 21 refreshingly honest and humorous tips that will not only inform, but that also just might change the way you think about your social media.

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interaction. 21 real-life tips including. . . Know the app before you snap. Don't post anything you wouldn't want Grandma, your boss, and Jesus seeing! (Jesus is on Insta, you know!) Peek at your privacy settings. . .so you know who's peeking at you. Take more "selflessies." Press pause before you post. . . .and many more will provide just the information you need to post wisely in an insecure world.

A Long Walk to Water

Linda Sue Park 2010 When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, 11-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya in search of safe haven. Based on the life of Salva Dut, who, after emigrating to America in 1996, began a project to dig water wells in Sudan. By a Newbery Medal-winning author.

Two Roads Joseph Bruchac 2018-10-23 A boy discovers his Native American heritage in

this Depression-era tale of identity and friendship by the author of Code Talker It's 1932, and twelve-year-old Cal Black and his Pop have been riding the rails for years after losing their farm in the Great Depression. Cal likes being a "knight of the road" with Pop, even if they're broke. But then Pop has to go to Washington, DC--some of his fellow veterans are marching for their government checks, and Pop wants to make sure he gets his due--and Cal can't go with him. So Pop tells Cal something he never knew before: Pop is actually a Creek Indian, which means Cal is too. And Pop has decided to send Cal to a government boarding school for Native Americans in Oklahoma called the Challagi School. At school, the other Creek boys quickly take Cal under their wings. Even in the harsh, miserable conditions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding school, he begins to learn about

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his people's history and heritage. He learns their language and customs. And most of all, he learns how to find strength in a group of friends who have nothing beyond each other.

Anytime Reading

Readiness Cathy Puett Miller 2013-01-01 "Your young child gets ready to read every minute of the day by interacting with you: his first and best teacher. Make the most of those minutes with Anytime Reading Readiness at home, during chores, or in the car. You'll learn how to: •Take advantage of the learn-through-play style of your preschool/kindergarten child. •Match your child's reading readiness level with easy and engaging games and activities. •Get the most out of reading a book out loud with your child. Anytime Reading Readiness respects the reading readiness level of your child. Now you can integrate early literacy activities throughout your day

without stress, fuss, or pushing your child. Prepare your child to read any time. Find out more about Cathy's companion guide for educators, *Before They Read*, and the Home/School Literacy Partnership Set." *Muck City* Bryan Mealer 2013-08-13 Traces the intertwined stories of an orphaned quarterback, a celebrated football coach and an aspiring medical student whose prospects were collectively shaped by the formidable challenges, shameful history and football enthusiasm of their hometown in the Florida Everglades. 30,000 first printing.

Bill Nye's Great Big World of Science

Bill Nye 2020-10-27 With photos, experiments, and more, this "appealing and highly informative" science book from the beloved TV host is "a winner" (School Library Journal). Science educator, TV host, and New York Times-best-selling author Bill Nye is on a mission

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to help young people understand and appreciate the science that makes our world work. Featuring a range of subjects—physics, chemistry, geology, biology, astronomy, global warming, and more—this profusely illustrated book covers the basic principles of each science, key discoveries, recent revolutionary advances, and the problems that science still needs to solve for our Earth. Nye and coauthor Gregory Mone present the most difficult theories and facts in an easy-to-comprehend, humorous way. They interviewed numerous specialists from around the world, in each of the fields discussed, whose insights are included throughout. Also included are experiments kids can do themselves to bring science to life! “Wordplay and wry wit put extra fun into a trove of fundamental knowledge.” —Kirkus Reviews (starred review) Includes photographs, illustrations, diagrams,

glossary, bibliography, and index

Unbroken Laura

Hillenbrand 2017-04-25
Louis Zamperini, a clever young delinquent turned Olympic runner, became an airman when the war came. In 1943 his plane crashed into the Pacific Ocean, where sharks, a sinking raft, thirst, starvation, and enemy aircraft, tested his will and endurance.

My Hands Sing the Blues

Jeanne Walker Harvey 2011 In Harlem, New York City, an artist follows the rhythms of blues music as he recalls his North Carolina childhood while painting, cutting, and pasting to make art.

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The Winged Watchman

Hilda Van Stockum 1995
During the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, ten-year-

old Joris and his older brother Dirk Jan become involved in the resistance movement and, with the help of their parents, help conceal a British airman.

Energy Island Allan

Drummond 2011-03-01 It's windy on the Danish island of Sams². Meet the environmentally friendly folks who, in a few short years, worked together for energy independence, and who now proudly call their home Energy Island.

How We Got to the Moon

John Rocco 2020-10-06
LONGLISTED FOR THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD • YALSA EXCELLENCE IN NONFICTION FINALIST • A ROBERT F. SIBERT HONOR BOOK This beautifully illustrated, oversized guide to the people and technology of the moon landing by award-winning author/illustrator John Rocco (illustrator of the Percy Jackson series) is a must-have for space fans, classrooms, and tech geeks. Everyone knows of Neil Armstrong's famous first steps on the moon. But what did it really

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take to get us there? The Moon landing is one of the most ambitious, thrilling, and dangerous ventures in human history. This exquisitely researched and illustrated book tells the stories of the 400,000 unsung heroes--the engineers, mathematicians, seamstresses, welders, and factory workers--and their innovations and life-changing technological leaps forward that allowed NASA to achieve this unparalleled accomplishment. From the shocking launch of the Russian satellite Sputnik to the triumphant splashdown of Apollo 11, Caldecott Honor winner John Rocco answers every possible question about this world-altering mission. Each challenging step in the space race is revealed, examined, and displayed through stunning diagrams, experiments, moments of crisis, and unforgettable human stories. Explorers of all ages will want to

pore over every page in this comprehensive chronicle detailing the grandest human adventure of all time!

Whoosh! Chris Barton 2016-05-03 Celebrate the inventor of the Super Soaker in this inspiring picture book biography about Lonnie Johnson, the maker behind one of the world's favorite toys. You know the Super Soaker. It's one of top twenty toys of all time. And it was invented entirely by accident. Trying to create a new cooling system for refrigerators and air conditioners, impressive inventor Lonnie Johnson instead created the mechanics for the iconic toy. A love for rockets, robots, inventions, and a mind for creativity began early in Lonnie Johnson's life. Growing up in a house full of brothers and sisters, persistence and a passion for problem solving became the cornerstone for a career as an engineer and his work with NASA. But it is his invention of the Super Soaker water gun

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that has made his most memorable splash with kids and adults.

Escape from Aleppo N. H. Senzai 2018-01-02

"Filled with kindness and hope, but also with the harsh realities of the horrors of war, this heartbreaking book is a necessary reminder of what many people live through every day."

-Booklist (starred review) Nadia's family is forced to flee their home in Aleppo, Syria, when the Arab Spring sparks a civil war in this timely coming-of-age novel from award-winning author N.H. Senzai. Silver and gold balloons. A birthday cake covered in pink roses. A new dress. Nadia stands at the center of attention in her parents' elegant dining room. This is the best day of my life, she thinks. Everyone is about to sing "Happy Birthday," when her uncle calls from the living room, "Baba, brothers, you need to see this." Reluctantly, she follows her family into the other room. On

TV, a reporter stands near an overturned vegetable cart on a dusty street. Beside it is a mound of smoldering ashes. The reporter explains that a vegetable vendor in the city of Tunis burned himself alive, protesting corrupt government officials who have been harassing his business. Nadia frowns. It is December 17, 2010: Nadia's twelfth birthday and the beginning of the Arab Spring. Soon anti-government protests erupt across the Middle East and, one by one, countries are thrown into turmoil. As civil war flares in Syria and bombs fall across Nadia's home city of Aleppo, her family decides to flee to safety. Inspired by current events, this novel sheds light on the complicated situation in Syria that has led to an international refugee crisis, and tells the story of one girl's journey to safety.

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Kamkwamba 2009-09-29. Now
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a Netflix Film, Starring and Directed by Chiwetel Ejiofor of 12 Years a Slave William Kamkwamba was born in Malawi, a country where magic ruled and modern science was mystery. It was also a land withered by drought and hunger. But William had read about windmills, and he dreamed of building one that would bring to his small village a set of luxuries that only 2 percent of Malawians could enjoy: electricity and running water. His neighbors called him misala—crazy—but William refused to let go of his dreams. With a small pile of once-forgotten science textbooks; some scrap metal, tractor parts, and bicycle halves; and an armory of curiosity and determination, he embarked on a daring plan to forge an unlikely contraption and small miracle that would change the lives around him. The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind is a remarkable true story about human inventiveness and its

power to overcome crippling adversity. It will inspire anyone who doubts the power of one individual's ability to change his community and better the lives of those around him.

90 Miles to Havana

Enrique Flores-Galbis
2010-08-03 When Julian's parents make the heartbreaking decision to send him and his two brothers away from Cuba to Miami via the Pedro Pan operation, the boys are thrust into a new world where bullies run rampant and it's not always clear how best to protect themselves. *90 Miles to Havana* is a 2011 Pura Belpre Honor Book for Narrative and a 2011 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

Pocketful of Posies 2010
An illustrated collection of sixty-four traditional nursery rhymes.

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Final Season Tim Green
2021-09-14 **INSTANT #1
NEW YORK TIMES
BESTSELLER** From New York Times bestselling author and former NFL player Tim Green comes a gripping, deeply personal standalone football novel about a star middle school quarterback faced with a life-changing decision after his dad is diagnosed with ALS. Perfect for fans of Mike Lupica! With two all-star college football players for brothers and a former Atlanta Falcons defensive lineman for a father, it is only natural for sixth-grade quarterback Benjamin Redd to follow in their footsteps. However, after his dad receives a heartbreaking ALS diagnosis—connected to all those hard hits and tackles he took on the field—Ben's mom becomes more determined than ever to get Ben to quit football. Ben isn't playing just for himself

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though. This might be his dad's last chance to coach. And his teammates need a quarterback that can lead them to the championships. But as Ben watches the heavy toll ALS takes on his dad's body, he begins to question if this should be his final season after all.

Summary of William Kamkwamba's The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by Milkyway Media Milkyway Media 2019-08-26 In The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope (2009), Malawian inventor William Kamkwamba and journalist Bryan Mealer explain how Kamkwamba, using little more than determination and a few library books, built a windmill capable of generating electricity near his family's home. Born in 1987, Kamkwamba grew up in a village called Masitala, which is located in the Wimbe district near the city of Kasungu... Purchase this in-depth summary to learn more.

A Weed Is a Flower Aliki

2020-09-29 Discover how George Washington Carver went from a slave to an innovator of agricultural science in this luminously illustrated picture book. Born a slave, George Washington Carver went on to become the most prominent black scientist of the early twentieth century.

The boy who harnessed the wind William Kamkwamba 2015 William Kamkwamba grew up in a tiny farming village in Malawi, Africa, without electricity. When a drought destroyed the crops and famine resulted, William's family could no longer afford his school tuition. He continued to study on his own, though, painstakingly translating an English science textbook and figuring out how to build a windmill out of old bike parts and other scraps. To the wonder of his community, he brought electricity to his home, and later to his whole village and thus water as well.

Includes an eight-page

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insert of photographs.

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (Movie Tie-In Edition)

William Kamkwamba 2019 Presents a story of how an African teenager built a windmill from scraps to create electricity for his home and his village, improving life for himself and his neighbors.

Nikola Tesla for Kids

Amy O'Quinn 2019-07-02 Nikola Tesla was a physicist, scientist, electrical engineer, and world-renowned inventor whose accomplishments faded into oblivion after his death in 1943. Tesla was undeniably eccentric and compulsive; some considered him to be somewhat of a "mad" scientist. But in reality, he was a visionary. Many of his ideas and inventions that were deemed impossible during his lifetime have since become reality. He was the first to successfully use rotating magnetic fields to create an AC (alternating current)

electrical power supply system and induction motor. He is now acknowledged to have invented the radio ahead of Marconi. Among other things, he developed the Tesla coil, an oscillator, generators, fluorescent tubes, neon lights, and a small remote-controlled boat. He helped design the world's first hydroelectric plant at Niagara Falls. Nikola Tesla for Kids is the story of Nikola Tesla's life and ideas, complete with a time line, 21 hands-on activities, and additional resources to better understand his many accomplishments.

The Omnivore's Dilemma

Michael Pollan 2015 "Includes 12 important food rules"--Jacket.

Linked Gordon Korman

2021-07-20 An unforgettable novel from the New York Times bestseller Gordon Korman Link, Michael, and Dana live in a quiet town. But it's woken up very quickly when someone sneaks into school and vandalizes it with a swastika. Nobody can

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believe it. How could such a symbol of hate end up in the middle of their school? Who would do such a thing? Because Michael was the first person to see it, he's the first suspect. Because Link is one of the most popular guys in school, everyone's looking to him to figure it out. And because Dana's the only Jewish girl in the whole town, everyone's treating her more like an outsider than ever. The mystery deepens as more swastikas begin to appear. Some students decide to fight back and start a project to bring people together instead of dividing them further. The closer Link, Michael, and Dana get to the truth, the more there is to face--not just the crimes of the present, but the crimes of the past. With *Linked*, Gordon Korman, the author of the acclaimed novel *Restart*, poses a mystery for all readers where the who did it? isn't nearly as important as the why?

The Boy Who Harnessed

the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope William Kamkwamba 2010-07 This immensely engaging tale relates how an enterprising teenager in Malawi builds a windmill from scraps he finds around his village and brings electricity--and a future--to his family.

All Things Must Fight to Live Bryan Mealer

2011-01-08 In *All Things Must Fight to Live*, Bryan Mealer takes readers on a harrowing two-thousand mile journey through Congo, where gun-toting militia still rape and kill with impunity. Amidst burnt-out battlefields where armies still wrestle for control, into the dark corners of the forests, and along the high savanna, where thousands have been slaughtered and quickly forgotten, Mealer searches for signs that Africa's most troubled state will soon rise from ruin. At once illuminating and startling, *All Things Must Fight to Live* is a searing portrait of an emerging country facing

unimaginable upheaval and almost impossible odds, as well as an unflinching look at the darkness that continues to exist in the hearts of men. It is non-fiction at its finest—powerful, moving, necessary.

The Provensen Book of Fairy Tales Alice Provensen 2024-09-17 Now back in print, a beautifully illustrated collection of twelve reimagined fairy tales, including classics like "Beauty and the Beast" and literary tales like Oscar Wilde's "The Happy Prince." Alice and Martin Provensen were one of the most talented husband-and-wife author-illustrator teams of the twentieth century. A long-out-of-print cult classic first published 50 years ago, The Provensen Book of Fairy Tales is a treasury of their illustrations accompanied by fairy tales from authors such as A. A. Milne, Hans Christian Andersen, and Oscar Wilde. Here too are clever retellings and newly imagined

tales: refined old favorites like Arthur Rackham's "Beauty and the Beast," feminist revisions like Elinor Mordaunt's "The Prince and the Goose Girl," and sensitive stories by literary stylists like Henry Beston's "The Lost Half-Hour" and Katharine Pyle's "The Dreamer." Full of magic, ingenuity, and humor, The Provensen Book of Fairy Tales is a witty modern descendant of Grimm's Fairy Tales and a classic in its own right, sure to be beloved by a new generation.

My Journey to the Stars (Step into Reading)

Scott Kelly 2020-08-04 An easy-to-read autobiography of NASA astronaut Scott Kelly, in jacketed hardcover, that takes readers on his awe-inspiring journey from childhood to his record-breaking year among the stars. A autobiography of NASA astronaut Scott Kelly! Scott wasn't sure what he wanted to be when he grew up. He struggled in school and often got in

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trouble with his twin brother, Mark. Then one day Scott discovered a book about test pilots and astronauts that set him on a new path. His new focus led him to fly higher and higher, becoming first a pilot and then an astronaut, along with his brother-- the first twin astronauts in history. But his greatest accomplishment of all was commanding the International Space Station and spending nearly a year in space, which set the record for the longest spaceflight by an American. This story of an ordinary boy who grew up to do extraordinary things will amaze and inspire young readers.

Me, Frida Amy Novesky 2015-03-10 Like a tiny bird in a big city, Frida Kahlo feels lost and lonely when she arrives in San Francisco with her husband, the famous artist Diego Rivera. But as Frida begins to explore San Francisco on her own, she discovers the inspiration she needs to

become one of the most celebrated artists of all time. *Me, Frida* is an exhilarating true story that encourages children to believe in themselves so they can make their own dreams soar.

The Finest Hours (Young Readers Edition) Michael J. Tougias 2014-01-14 On the night of February 18, 1952, during one of the worst winter storms that New England has ever seen, two oil tankers just off the shore of Cape Cod were torn in half by the force of the storm. This middle-grade adaptation of an adult nonfiction book tells the story of the shipwreck and a harrowing Coast Guard rescue when four men in a tiny lifeboat overcame insurmountable odds and saved more than 30 stranded sailors. This is a fast-paced, uplifting story that puts young readers in the middle of the action. It's a gripping story of heroism and survival with the same intensity as the bestselling book and

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movie *The Perfect Storm*.
A Christy Ottaviano Book
A Boy Is Not a Bird
Edeet Ravel 2019-09-01 A
young boy named Natt
finds his world
overturned when his
family is uprooted and
exiled to Siberia during
the occupation of the
Soviet Ukraine by Nazi
Germany. In 1941, life
in Natt's small town of
Zastavna is comfortable
and familiar, even if
the grownups are acting
strange, and his parents
treat him like a baby.
Natt knows there's a war
on, of course, but he's
glad their family didn't
emigrate to Canada when
they had a chance. His
mother didn't want to
leave their home, and
neither did he. He
especially wouldn't want
to leave his best
friend, Max. Max is the
ideas guy, and he hears
what's going on in the
world from his older
sisters. Together the
boys are two brave
musketeers. Then one day
Natt goes home and finds
his family huddled
around the radio. The
Russians are taking
over. The churches and

synagogues will close,
Hebrew school will be
held in secret, and
there are tanks and
soldiers in the street.
But it's exciting, too.
Natt wants to become a
Young Pioneer, to show
outstanding
revolutionary spirit and
make their new leader,
Comrade Stalin, proud.
But life under the
Russians is hard. The
soldiers are poor. They
eat up all the food and
they even take over
Natt's house. Then
Natt's father is
arrested, and even Natt
is detained and
questioned. He feels
like a nomad, sleeping
at other people's houses
while his mother works
to free his father. As
the adults try to
protect him from the
reality of their
situation, and local
authorities begin to
round up deportees bound
for Siberia, Natt is
filled with a sense of
guilt and grief. Why
wasn't he brave enough
to look up at the prison
window when his mother
took him to see his
father for what might be

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the last time? Or can just getting through war be a heroic act in itself? Key Text Features historical note map author's note Correlates to the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts: CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.6.3 Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind William

Kamkwamba 2009-09-29

William Kamkwamba was born in Malawi, a country where magic ruled and modern science was mystery. It was also a land withered by drought and hunger, and a place where hope and opportunity were hard to find. But William had read about windmills in a book called *Using Energy*, and he dreamed of building one that would bring electricity and water to his village and change his life and the lives of those around him. His

neighbors may have mocked him and called him misala—crazy—but William was determined to show them what a little grit and ingenuity could do. Enchanted by the workings of electricity as a boy, William had a goal to study science in Malawi's top boarding schools. But in 2002, his country was stricken with a famine that left his family's farm devastated and his parents destitute. Unable to pay the eighty-dollar-a-year tuition for his education, William was forced to drop out and help his family forage for food as thousands across the country starved and died. Yet William refused to let go of his dreams. With nothing more than a fistful of cornmeal in his stomach, a small pile of once-forgotten science textbooks, and an armory of curiosity and determination, he embarked on a daring plan to bring his family a set of luxuries that only two percent of

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Malawians could afford and what the West considers a necessity—electricity and running water. Using scrap metal, tractor parts, and bicycle halves, William forged a crude yet operable windmill, an unlikely contraption and small miracle that eventually powered four lights, complete with homemade switches and a circuit breaker made from nails and wire. A second machine turned a water pump that could battle the drought and famine that loomed with every

season. Soon, news of William's magetsi a mphepo—his "electric wind"—spread beyond the borders of his home, and the boy who was once called crazy became an inspiration to those around the world. Here is the remarkable story about human inventiveness and its power to overcome crippling adversity. The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind will inspire anyone who doubts the power of one individual's ability to change his community and better the lives of those around him.