

Fall Thrive Book Club Reading List for Girl Scout Juniors

Below is the suggested reading list for Girl Scout Juniors. These books represent a diverse group of characters and themes.

By reading from the suggested book club reading list we want our community of girls and their families to see themselves reflected in the books as well as have a chance to broaden and deepen their ability to empathize and identify with people from backgrounds which are different from their own.

Some families may consider the topics in these books sensitive in nature, so we want everyone to get started by completing the [Building Beyond Today Thrive Series and Fall Activity Waiver](#).



*Books with
“windows” allow
girls to see the
realities of others.*



*Books with
“mirrors” allow
girls to see a
reflection of their
own reality.*

BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	DATE READ / QUICK NOTE
El Deafo *	Cece Bell	
Fatty Legs: A True Story *	Margaret-Olemaun Pokiak-Fenton	
First Girl Scout: The Life of Juliette Gordon Low	Ginger Wadsworth	
George *	Alex Gino	
If America Were a Village: A Book About the People of the United States	David J. Smith	
Inside Out and Back Again *	Thanhha Lai	
Little Dreamers: Visionary Women Around the World	Vashti Harrison	
One Crazy Summer *	Rita Williams-Garcia	
Rules *	Cynthia Lord	
She Sang Promise: The Story of Betty Mae Jumper, Seminole Tribal Leader	J. G. Annino	
Some Places More Than Others *	Renee Watson	
The Birchbark House *	Louise Erdrich	

* These books are available digitally on [NC Kids Digital Library](#)

Capture Your Reading Experience!

We encourage you to take some time to reflect on the book(s) you've read by creatively capturing each book and completing the book club discussion questions.

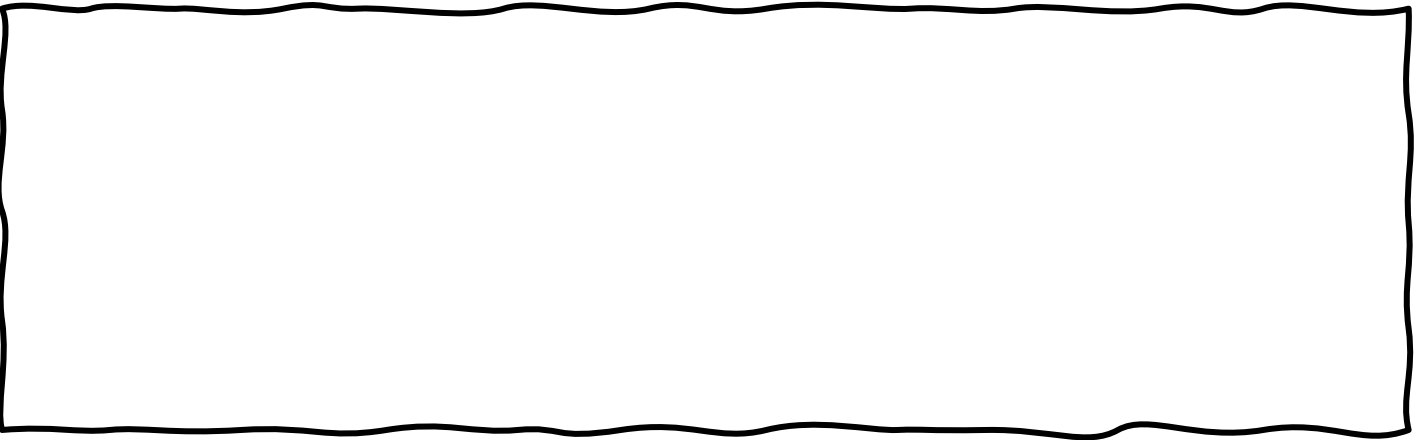
To creatively capture the book(s) you've read, you may decide to draw a picture or paint a scene from the book. Or perhaps you'll write a poem or create a skit that tells how the book helped you understand diversity, equity or inclusion. Use this space below to make notes about the book(s) you read by jotting down ideas for your creative expression. Here's a look at the definition for each of those words in case they are new to you or you need a refresher.

Diversity: Having different types of people in a group, such as people of different races and cultures. Many schools in America are diverse and include students of different races and from different backgrounds and cultures. It's important to accept and respect people from different background in order to support diversity.

Equity: Fairness or justice in how people are treated. For example, providing children with disabilities accommodations at school so they can use their equal right to education.

Inclusion: Accepting or taking in others. The opposite of this is exclusion, which is when you don't allow or take in others.

Here are my ideas for creatively capturing the book(s) I read:



Book Club Discussion Questions

Reflection is the necessary debrief that reinforces what you have learned. As you explore the "whats" and "whys," you make meaningful connections between the activity at hand and future challenges that come your way. Use the book club discussion questions below to reflect on the book(s) you've read.

- This story reminds me of...
- What was your favorite/least favorite part of the book?
- Think about the main character(s) in the book. How is the character(s) similar to you and how is the character different? If this character was someone you had the chance to interact with, how would you honor and appreciate their differences?
- What is the message of the book?
- What feelings did you have when reading this story?
- Did you learn anything new from this book?
- Was this book a window allowing you to see others or a mirror in which you saw characters similar to yourself / your family. How?

Get the Patch



Purchase this patch after reading from the book club list or register and attend either the Fall or Spring Book Club meeting and receive the patch in the mail for free. Girls should read at least one book from the suggested book club reading list. Remember the Thrive Book Series patch is meant to be worn with the Building Beyond Today advocacy patch (pictured at the top of this document), both patches can be purchased using this link or by emailing our retail shop at shop@nccoastalpines.org.

Digital Resources

If you are unable to check out a book from your local library in person, consider using one of these online resources for digital access to the books. Please note digital access may require either a library card or student identification card. Reach out to your local library with question regarding book checkout and digital resources.

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[North Carolina Digital Library](#)

[NC Kids Digital Library](#)

[NC Cardinal](#)

[Libby](#) (app)

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Fall & Spring Book Club Meetings

Girls are invited to attend the fall and/or spring book club meetings. The book club events will feature a guest author or speaker and/or activities. Girls will be encouraged to share how they creatively captured the book(s) they read. Girls who register for and attend one of the book club meetings will receive the Thrive Book Series patch in the mail after the event.

- [Thrive Fall Book Club Meeting on January 21, 2021](#) from 6pm to 7:15pm.
- [Thrive Spring Book Club Meeting on April 22, 2021](#) from 6pm to 7:15pm.

Questions?

We hope that you have enjoyed reading from our suggested reading list. If you have questions about this reading list, please feel free to reach out.



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