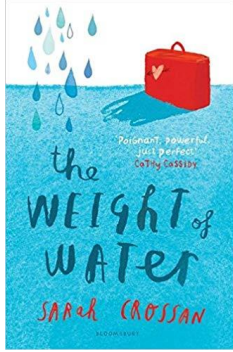


# Books in Verse Reading List 2019-2020

## Books available in the Library

	<p><i>The Poet X</i> By Elizabeth Acevedo</p> <p>Xiomara has always kept her words to herself. When it comes to standing her ground in her Harlem neighbourhood, she lets her fists and her fierceness do the talking. But X has secrets – her feelings for a boy in her bio class, and the notebook full of poems that she keeps under her bed. And a slam poetry club that will pull those secrets into the spotlight. Because in spite of a world that might not want to hear her, Xiomara refuses to stay silent. A novel about finding your voice and standing up for what you believe in, no matter how hard it is to say. Brave, bold and beautifully written - dealing with issues of race, feminism and faith.</p> <p>Winner of the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2019, 2018 National Book Award, Michael L. Printz award, Pura Belpre award, Boston Globe Hornbook award. Shortlisted for the Waterstone's Children's Book Prize 2019</p>
	<p><i>Rebound</i> By Kwame Alexander</p> <p>It's 1988. Charlie Bell is still mourning his father, and struggling to figure out how he feels for his best (girl) friend, CJ. When he gets into trouble one too many times, he's packed off to stay with his grandparents for the summer. There his cousin Roxie introduces him to a whole new world: basketball. A legend on the courts is born. But can Charlie resist when trouble comes knocking once again?</p> <p>Shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal and the CLIPPA</p>
	<p><i>Crossover</i> By Kwame Alexander</p> <p>12-year-old Josh and his twin Jordan have basketball in their blood. They're kings of the court, star players for their school team. Their father used to be a champion player and they each want nothing more than to follow in his footsteps. Both on and off the court, there is conflict and hardship which will test Josh's bond with his brother. In this heartfelt novel in verse, the boys find that life doesn't come with a play-book and it's not all about winning.</p>
	<p><i>One</i> By Sarah Crossan</p> <p>Grace and Tippi don't like being stared and sneered at, but they're used to it. They're conjoined twins - united in blood and bone. What they want is to be looked at in turn, like they truly are two people. They want real friends. And what about love? But a heart-wrenching decision lies ahead for Tippi and Grace. One that could change their lives more than they ever asked for... <i>This moving and beautifully crafted novel about identity, sisterhood and love ultimately asks one question: what does it mean to want and have a soulmate?</i></p>



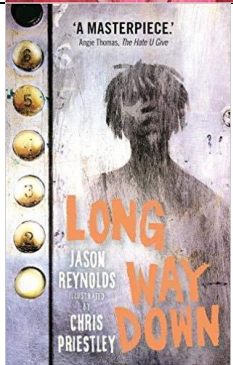
*The Weight of Water*  
By Sarah Crossan

Armed with a suitcase and an old laundry bag filled with clothes, Kasienska and her mother head for England. Life is lonely for Kasienska. At home her mother's heart is breaking and at school friends are scarce. But when someone special swims into her life, Kasienska learns that there might be more than one way for her to stay afloat. *The Weight of Water* is a startlingly original piece of fiction; most simply a brilliant coming of age story, it also tackles the alienation experienced by many young immigrants. Moving, unsentimental and utterly page-turning, we meet and share the experiences of a remarkable girl who shows us how quiet courage prevails.



*The Black Flamingo*  
By Dean Atta

A boy comes to terms with his identity as a mixed-race gay teen - then at university he finds his wings as a drag artist, *The Black Flamingo*. A bold story about the power of embracing your uniqueness. Sometimes, we need to take charge, to stand up wearing pink feathers - to show ourselves to the world in bold colour.



*Long Way Down*  
By Jason Reynolds

An ode to *Put the Damn Guns Down*, this is National Book Award finalist and *New York Times* bestseller Jason Reynolds's fiercely stunning novel that takes place in sixty potent seconds--the time it takes a kid to decide whether or not he's going to murder the guy who killed his brother.

**Newbery Honor Book, Coretta Scott King Honor Book, Printz Honor Book**  
**Los Angeles Times Book Prize Winner for Young Adult Literature, Walter Dean Myers Award, Edgar Award Winner for Best Young Adult Fiction, Parents' Choice Gold Award Winner. Longlisted for the National Book Award for Young People's Literature. An *Entertainment Weekly* Best YA Book of 2017, *Vulture* Best YA Book of 2017, *Buzzfeed* Best YA Book of 2017**