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Reading Interest: Ages 9-13



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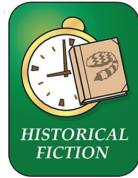
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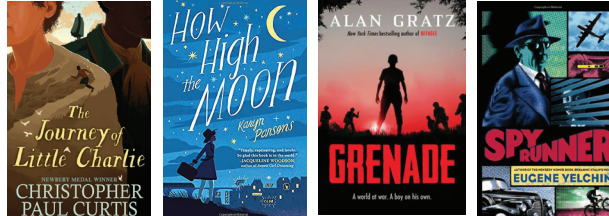
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Eleven-year-old Ella seeks information about her father while enjoying a visit with her mother, a jazz singer, in Boston in 1944, then returns to the harsh realities of segregated, small-town South Carolina. AR (-) LEXILE (-)

The Wind Called My Name by Mary Louise Sanchez (2018)
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