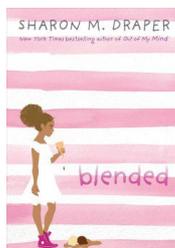




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Blended

by Sharon M. Draper

Piano-prodigy Isabella, eleven, whose black father and white mother struggle to share custody, never feels whole, especially as racial tensions affect her school, her parents both become engaged, and she and her stepbrother are stopped by police.



The Boy, The Bird, & The Coffin Maker

by Matilda Woods

Alberto, the town's coffin maker, and Tito, a runaway boy, both lonely after suffering tragic losses, learn the power of friendship as they try to escape the shadows of their pasts.

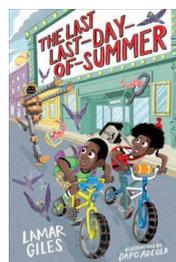


Bloom

by Nicola Skinner

Sorrel Fallowfield is so good at being good that teachers come to her when they need help remembering the school rules. Luckily, Sorrel doesn't have any trouble following them, until the day she discovers a faded packet of Surprising Seeds buried under a tree in her

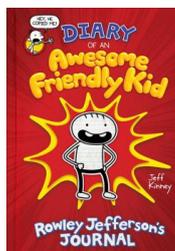
backyard. Now she's hearing voices, seeing things, experiencing an almost unstoppable urge to plant the seeds in some very unusual places.



The Last-Day-of-Summer

by Lamar Giles

When two adventurous cousins accidentally extend the last day of summer by freezing time, they discover that the secrets they find hidden between the unmoving seconds, minutes and hours are not as much fun as expected.



Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid : Rowley Jefferson's Journal

by Jeff Kinney

Greg Heffley's best friend and biographer shares first-person insights into their middle-school experiences while making a decided mess of Greg's

life story. By the award-winning creator of Diary of a Wimpy Kid.



Out of Left Field

by Ellen Klages

Disguising herself as a boy to try out for the 1958 Little League season, talented 10-year-old Katy easily makes the team but is immediately ousted when her secret is discovered, prompting her to tap her classroom knowledge of the burgeoning Civil

Rights Movement to prove that girls can do anything that boys can do. By the award-winning author of The Green Glass Sea.



The Gauntlet

by Karuna Riazi

Sucked into a mechanical board game and forced to defeat its diabolical architect in order to free themselves and others trapped with them, 12-year-old Farah and her two best friends receive assistance from a lizard guide and an aeronaut while battling

fantastical beasts and solving difficult puzzles.



Pizzasaurus Rex

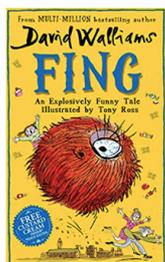
by Justin Wagner

After inventing a device that allows Rex Raditude, the Pizzasaurus, to enter his dimension, Jeremy Duderma finds himself on the frontline when Rex is followed by Emperor Buzzkill and his horde of minions.

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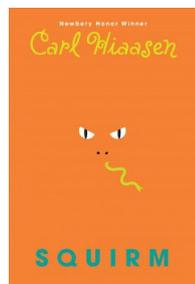


Fing

by David Walliams

Myrtle Meek has everything she could possibly want. But everything isn't enough. She wants more, more, more! When Myrtle declares she wants a fing, there's only one problem. What is a fing? Mr and Mrs Meek will do anything to keep their darling daughter happy.

Their desperate quest leads to the depths of the jungliest jungle where the rarest creatures can be found.



Squirm

by Carl Hiaasen

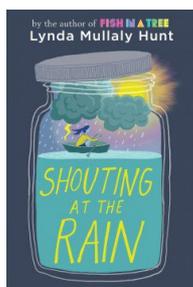
This summer, Billy will fly across the country, hike a mountain, float a river, dodge a grizzly bear, shoot down a spy drone, save a neighbor's cat, save an endangered panther, and then try to save his own father who left him when he was three.



Caterpillar Summer

by Gillian McDunn

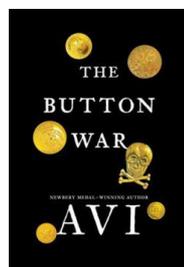
Helping to care for her beloved special-needs brother in the years after their father's passing, Cat suffers a personal setback that prompts her to visit the home of the grandparents she has never met, where she finds renewal in simply being able to be a kid.



Shouting at the Rain

by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Struggling with her unconventional home life and growing distance from a friend, a young meteorology enthusiast leans on the support of her Cape Cod neighbors and bonds with a tragedy-marked newcomer who helps her redefine her perspectives on family.



The Button War: A tale of the Great War

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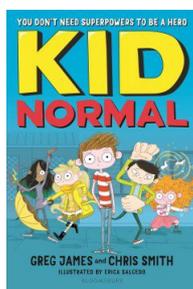
before his friends begin looting the bodies of soldiers as part of an increasingly dangerous competition.



Cosmo: Space Aces 1

by Ian Flynn

Cosmo and his crew of Martians embark on a series of adventures throughout the solar system. Graphic Novel



Kid Normal

by Greg James

Murph Cooper, eleven, is out of his depth when his mother unknowingly enrolls him in a school for superheroes, but his normalcy may be just what is needed to defeat King Nektar.



Merci Suárez Changes Gears

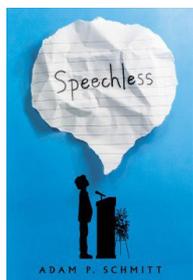
by Meg Medina

Merci Suárez relies on her close, extended family as she goes through many changes during her sixth-grade year at Florida's Seaward Pines Academy.

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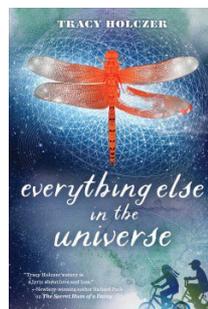
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Speechless

by Adam P. Schmitt

Informed that he will be expected to say a few words at his cousin's wake, 13-year-old Jimmy struggles to come up with something nice to say about his bullying, destructive cousin before realizing that the words that are truly heard are the ones that matter the most.



Everything Else in the Universe

by Tracy Holczer

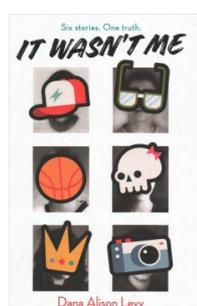
When Lucy's practical and orderly father is sent to Vietnam to serve as an Army doctor, she is forced to move in with her superstitious and quirky relatives. She eagerly anticipates her father's return, only to find him a very changed person.



New Kid

by Jerry Craft

Enrolled in a prestigious private school where he is one of only a few students of color, talented seventh-grade artist Jordan finds himself torn between the worlds of his Washington Heights apartment home and the upscale circles of Riverdale Academy. Graphic



It Wasn't Me

by Dana Alison Levy

When Theo's photography project is mysteriously vandalized at school there are five suspected students who all say, "It wasn't me." Theo just wants to forget about the humiliating incident but his favorite teacher is determined to get to the bottom of it.

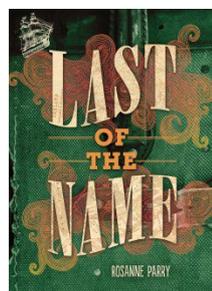
Novel



The Unsung Hero of Birdsong USA

by Brenda Woods

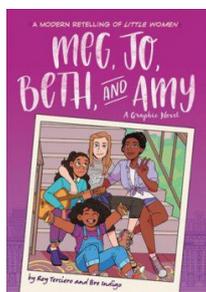
Gabriel, twelve, gains new perspective when he becomes friends with Meriwether, a World War II hero who has recently returned to the unwelcoming Jim Crow South.



Last of the Name

by Rosanne Parry

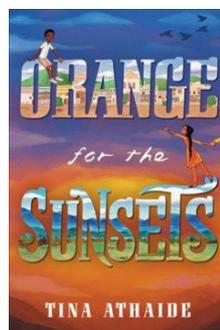
Arriving in 1863 New York City with his older sister, 12-year-old Danny reluctantly pretends to be a girl in order to accompany his sister into domestic service and avoid recruitment into the army.



Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy: A Graphic Novel

by Rey Terciero

An adaptation of the coming-of-age novel *Little Women* features the four March sisters as they struggle with school woes, health issues, boy troubles, and personal identity. Graphic novel



Orange for the Sunsets

by Tina Athaide

Two 12-year-old best friends who have never cared about their differences are torn apart by president Idi Amin's decision to expel Indians from 1972 Uganda, an order that is complicated by an educational opportunity and escalating community unrest.

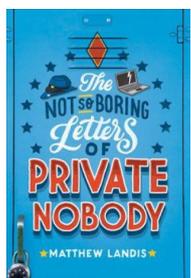
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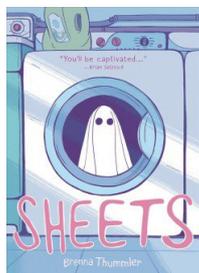
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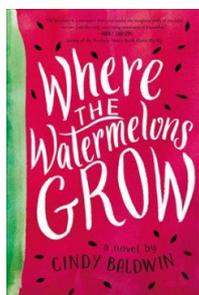
The Neverending Story
by Michael Ende
Bastian, a lonely boy, steps through the pages of a book and finds himself caught up in a dangerous quest in a magical kingdom known as Fantastica.



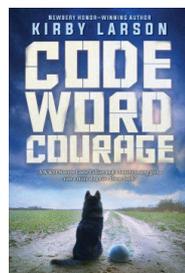
The Not-So-Boring Letters of Private Nobody
by Matthew Landis
Seventh grader Oliver, a Civil War buff, is partnered with two misfits, Ella, who is on the verge of failing all her classes, and Kevin, who is Oliver's lunch companion--to create a documentary about the wartime experience of the Civil War.



Sheets
by Brenna Thummler
When Marjorie, a practical teen in charge of her family's laundry business, encounters Wendell, a ghost seeking purpose in the forbidden human world, the pair must find a solution to Wendell's hauntings that are causing chaos in Marjorie's life. Graphic novel



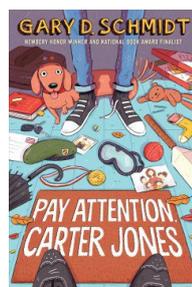
Where the Watermelons Grow
by Cindy Baldwin
Twelve-year-old Della Kelly of Maryville, North Carolina, tries to come to terms with her mother's mental illness while her father struggles to save the farm from a record-breaking drought.



Code Word Courage
by Kirby Larson
In September 1944 eleven-year-old Billie lives with her great aunt, Doff, eagerly waiting her older brother's return from boot camp. Leo brings a friend with him, a Navajo named Denny, and the injured dog they have rescued and named Bear. When the two young men go off to war, Bear becomes the thread that ties them all together.



The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise
by Dan Gemeinhart
Living on the road in an old school bus with her dad after losing her mother and sisters, 12-year-old Coyote devises an elaborate plan to convince her father to make a first trip home to Washington state in five years, a journey marked by an eclectic group of passengers they meet along the way.



Pay attention, Carter Jones
by Gary D Schmidt
When a mysterious English butler appears one morning and stays to help his troubled family, young Carter struggles to navigate middle school under the watch of the resented newcomer, who promotes challenging notions of decorum.



Squint
by Chad Morris
Flint desperately wants to win a comic book art contest so that he and his new friend McKell will be better accepted at middle school. Unfortunately, he's struggling to get the big prize before he goes blind from his eye disease.

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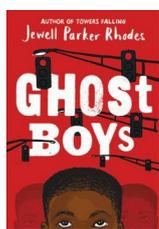
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The Bridge Home

by Padma Venkatraman

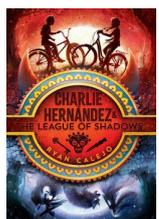
Facing daunting prospects on the streets of Chennai, two runaway sisters find shelter and friendship on an abandoned bridge with two homeless boys before an illness forces them to choose between survival and freedom.



Ghost boys

by Jewell Parker Rhodes

After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a white police officer, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till.



Charlie Hernández & the League of Shadows

by Ryan Calejo

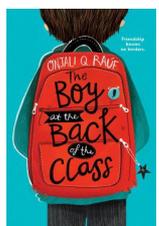
Charlie disregards his abuela's stories about monsters before he undergoes an astonishing transformation and discovers his heritage as a protector of the Land of the Living.



Genesis Begins Again

by Alicia D. Williams

A 13-year-old girl who is so oppressed by low self-esteem that she keeps a list of the things she hates about herself must overcome internalized racism and a verbally abusive family to learn to love herself.

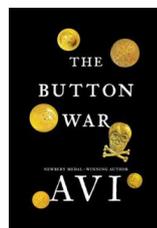


The Boy at the Back of the Class

by Onjali Q. Raúf

There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. The other students find him strange. Turns out, Ahmet is a refugee who's run away from

a war. Luckily, a group of friends decide to come up with a plan to make friends with him.



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The Dog Who Saved the Universe

by Ross Welford

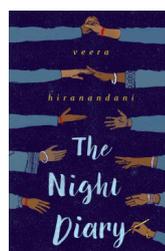
When eleven-year-old Georgie's beloved dog, Mr. Mash gets sick with a deadly virus that threatens the life of every dog in the country, she must embark on a desperate quest, with the help of an eccentric scientist, to save every dog on earth, and maybe for all of humanity.



Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy

by Barry Deutsch

A graphic-novel adaptation of the best-selling series *Wings of Fire* follows the selection of Clay as one of a team of dragonets destined to fulfill a mysterious prophecy and end the war among the dragon tribes of Pyrrhia. Two books as of 2019. Book three will be released October 2019: *The Hidden Kingdom*.



The Night Diary

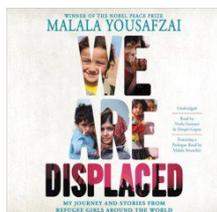
by Veera Hiranandani

Shy twelve-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her deceased Muslim mother in the pages of her diary.

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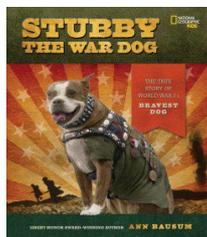


We Are Displaced: My Journey and Stories from Refugee Girls Around the World

by Malala Yousafzai

Introduces displaced people from around the world to give faces to

the statistics and news stories we all see and hear.

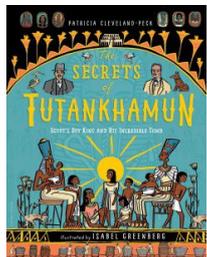


Stubby the War Dog

by Ann Bausum

Learn about the heroic wartime achievements of a World War I mascot who was adopted by a soldier as an orphaned pup and who gained military honors and a display in the Smithsonian Institution for his

brave service behind enemy lines.



The Secrets of Tutankhamun: Egypt's Boy King and His Incredible Tomb

by Patricia Cleveland-Peck

A compelling look at the life and legacy of the famed boy king, whose fully intact tomb gave a stunning and undisturbed perspective on ancient

Egyptian culture and uncovered secrets that continue to fascinate the world.



Countdown: 2979 Days to the Moon

by Suzanne Slade

Powerful free verse and stunning illustrations tell the true story of the American effort to land the first man on the Moon. Within 10 years of President John F. Kennedy's

announced intention to land on the moon, 18 astronauts climbed into spaceships, eight rockets soared into space, and 400,000 people joined Project Apollo in hopes of making the dream a reality.

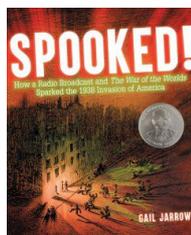


STEAM Labs for Kids: 52 Creative Hands-On Projects Using Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math

by Liz Lee Heinecke

Presents experiments and activities,

with explanations of the STEAM behind the fun, and offering variations and suggestions for taking them a step or two further.

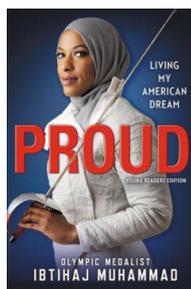


Spooked!: How a Radio Broadcast and "The War of the Worlds" Sparked the 1938 Invasion of America

by Gail Jarrow

Describes the panic induced when listeners believed Orson Welles' radio

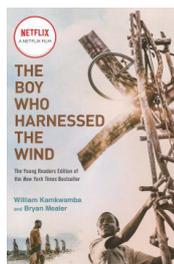
broadcast of "The War of the Worlds" to be news of an alien invasion, discussing the context in which the broadcast was aired and why it was so convincing.



Proud: Living My American Dream

by Ibtihaj Muhammad

At the 2016 Rio Olympics, Ibtihaj Muhammad smashed barriers as the first American to compete wearing hijab, and made history as the first Muslim-American woman to medal. She now shares her unforgettable tale of perseverance and faith.



The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Young Readers Edition

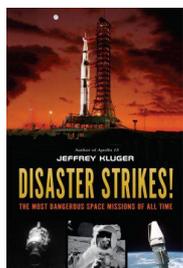
by William Kamkwamba

The author details how he ignored naysayers and was able to bring electricity and running water to his Malawian village when he built a makeshift windmill out of scrap metal.

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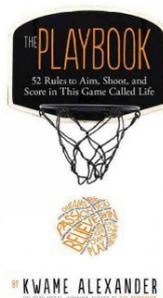


Disaster Strikes! The Most Dangerous Space Missions of All Time

by Jeffrey Kluger

Disaster Strikes! chronicles 12 historic failures that have shaped the Russian and American space programs, sharing insights into the events of each disaster as well as the contributions of

heroic astronauts and cosmonauts.



The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life

by Kwame Alexander

An inspirational guide on how to succeed on the court of life in accordance with the wisdom of such role models as Nelson Mandela, LeBron James and Michelle Obama.

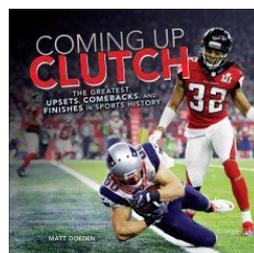


Be the Change: The Future Is in Your Hands

by Eunice Moyle

Encourages readers to use their creativity to make the world a better place, outlining ten steps to organize for civic and community action, discussing how to handle conflict, and

providing instructions for craft projects, including posters, bumper stickers, and buttons.

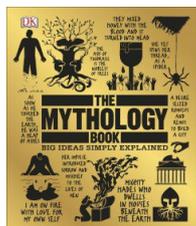


Coming Up Clutch: The Greatest Upsets, Comebacks, and Finishes in Sports History

by Matt Doeden

Features upsets, comebacks, and clutch performances in

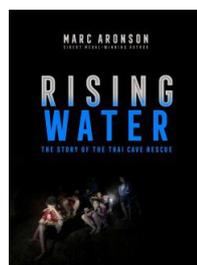
sports and recounts the miracle on ice, Lindsey Jacobellis's fall, and Christian Laettner's shot.



The Mythology Book

by Georgie Carroll

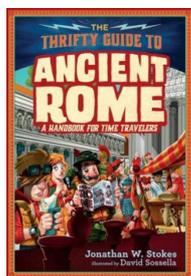
Eighty of the world's greatest myths and characters, from the gods of Greek mythology to the Norse heroes, retold and explained with engaging text and bold graphics.



Rising Water: The Story of the Thai Cave Rescue

by Marc Aronson

An account of the incredible true story of the Wild Board soccer team's summer 2018 rescue from a flooded cave in Thailand.



The Thrifty Guide to Ancient Rome: A Handbook for Time Travelers

by Jonathan W. Stokes

A tongue-in-cheek introduction to Ancient Rome is presented in the style of a guide for time travelers and shares insights into culture, law, politics and entertainment, profiling

famous historical figures while outlining recommendations for surviving the era's most significant challenges.



Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History

by Keith O'Brien

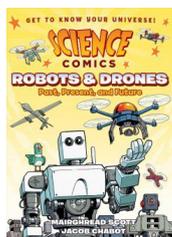
From NPR correspondent Keith O'Brien comes this thrilling Young Readers' edition of the untold story about pioneering women, including Amelia Earhart, who fought to compete

against men in the high-stakes national air races of the 1920s and 1930s--and won.

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Robots and Drones: Past, Present, and Future

by Mairghread Scott

Presents the history of robotics, from the world's earliest mechanized robots to modern machines used in the home, in the military, and in space exploration. Graphic novel

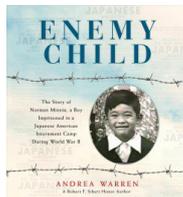


The Tornado Scientist: Seeing Inside Severe Storms

by Mary Kay Carson

A heroic tornadogenesis scientist who studies how tornadoes form

describes her team's work in a Doppler radar truck chasing storms to obtain data that may enable life-saving discoveries.



Enemy Child: The story of Norman Mineta, a Boy Imprisoned in a Japanese American Internment Camp During World War II

by Andrea Warren

A biography of Norman Mineta, from his internment as a child in Heart Mountain Internment Camp during World War II, through his political career including serving in Congress for ten terms during which time he was instrumental in passing the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

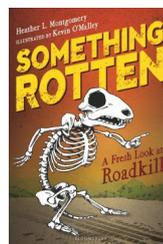


Dolores Huerta Stands Strong: The Woman Who Demanded Justice

by Marlene Targ Brill

This book follows Huerta's life from the mining communities of the Southwest to the vineyards and fields of California. As she worked for fair treatment for others,

Dolores earned the nation's highest honors. More importantly, she found her voice.

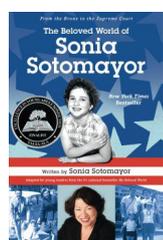


Something Rotten: A Fresh Look at Roadkill

by Heather L. Montgomery

A completely gross and wholly compelling look at the scientific, artistic and culinary uses of roadkill reveals how the author, a wildlife researcher, uses roadkill to do medical studies, while

others use it for trophies or even restaurant foods.



The Beloved World of Sonia Sotomayor

by Sonia Sotomayor

The first Hispanic Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court traces her childhood ambition to become a lawyer and judge, her battle with juvenile diabetes, the economic roadblocks that challenged

her goals, and the importance of how she learned to dream big.

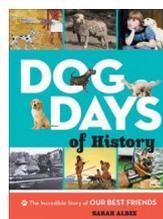


You Are Awesome

by Matthew Syed

If you believe you can't do something, the chances are you won't try. But what if you really could get better at maths, or sport, or exams? In fact, what if you could excel at anything you put your mind to? *You Are Awesome* can help you

do just that!



Dog Days of History: The Incredible Story of Our Best Friends

by Sarah Albee

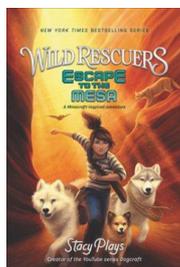
From ancient times to the present, dogs have guarded us, worked with us, marched off to war with us, and of course, cuddled with us on the couch.

Throughout the course of human history, this partnership deepened from dogs doing a service into friendship. This book tracks our common story from wild wolves in ancient civilizations to modern-day breeds.

All books published 2018-2019 unless otherwise noted. Summaries written by publishers with modifications as needed.



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Escape to the Mesa

by Stacy Hinojosa

A follow-up to Guardians of the Taiga finds Stacy and her Arctic wolves driven by humans from their forest home into an unknown desert, where the pack struggles against Mesa canyons, snakes and coyotes. First book: *Guardians of the Taiga*. Two

books as of 2019.



Keeper of the Lost Cities: Flashback

by Shannon Messenger

When the Neverseen reveal that she is far more vulnerable than she imagined, Sophie begins training to fight while evaluating a risky choice that could help a beloved friend. First book: *Keeper of the Lost Cities*. Seven books as of 2019.

Book eight will be released November 2019.

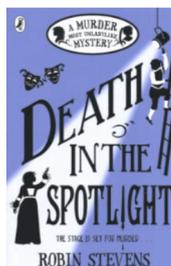


Ultimate Football Heroes

by Matt Oldfield & Tom Oldfield

Ultimate Football Heroes is a series of biographies telling the life stories of the biggest and best footballers in the world and their incredible journeys from childhood fan to super-star professional player. Written in fast-paced, action-packed style, these books are perfect to

collect and share.



Death in the Spotlight

by Robin Stevens

Fresh from their adventure in Hong Kong, Hazel Wong and Daisy Wells are off to the Rue Theatre in London to face an entirely new challenge: acting. But danger has a nasty habit of catching up with the Detective Society, and it soon becomes clear that there is

trouble afoot at the Rue. First book: *Murder Most Unladylike*. Seven books as of 2019. Book eight will be released August 8, 2019.

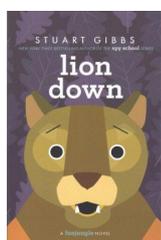


Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond: Game of Stars

by Sayantani DasGupta

A sequel to *The Serpent's Secret* finds Kiranmala returning to her homeland to discover a fraying society under the tyrannical rule of an awful game show that puts both friends and enemies in

danger. First book: *Serpent's Secret*. Two books as of 2019.

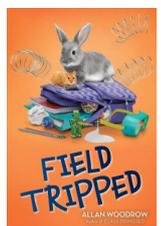


Funjungle: Lion Down

by Stuart Gibbs

When a lion is falsely accused of killing an inflammatory radio host's famous dog, FunJungle resident sleuth Teddy Fitzroy and Summer help a renegade animal activist prove the great cat's innocence to prevent it from being

hunted. First book: *Belly Up*. Four books as of 2019.



Liberty Falls Elementary: Field Tripped

by Allan Woodrow

The fifth graders of Liberty Falls Elementary have a reputation for trouble, but they still have a field trip to the mansion of Edward Minks. While there, they search for secret inventions that are

rumored to be hidden in the mansion--but they find that they are not the only ones searching, and somehow this class of trouble-makers must work together to thwart the thieves. First book: *Class Dismissed*. Three books as of 2019.



Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: Lafayette! A Revolutionary War Tale

by Nathan Hale

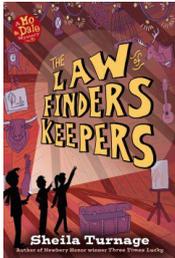
Designed for particular appeal to young Hamilton fans, a lively introduction to the French nobleman who helped save

the American Revolution traces his rise from an orphan to a major contributor to history. First book: *One Dead Spy*. Eight books as of 2019.

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Mo & Dale Mystery: The Law of Finders Keepers

by Sheila Turnage

A conclusion to the popular series finds Tupelo Landing affected by pirate fever when an opportunistic treasure hunter arrives with claims about Blackbeard's local hoard, prompting the Desperado Detectives to investigate clues about

Mo's long-lost Upstream Mother. First book: *Three Times Lucky*. Four books as of 2019.



Endling: The First

by Katherine Applegate

This sequel to the best-selling novel, *The Last*, finds Byx and her companions traveling a perilous path out of Nedarra into the snow-covered mountains of Dreyland in search of more dairnes before becoming unlikely leaders in a simmering rebellion. First

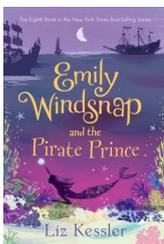
Book: *The Last*. Two books as of 2019.



The Hive Queen

by Tui Sutherland

Rendered fugitives after stealing the Book of ClearSight, the SilkWings race to prevent a LeafWing attack while Cricket struggles to stay hidden and uncover the queen's deadly secret. First book: *The Dragonet Prophecy*. Twelve books as of 2019.



Emily Windsnap and the Pirate Prince

by Liz Kessler

When the cruise ship taking her home is commandeered by pirates who take Aaron captive, Emily finds herself on a rescue mission that forces her to choose between her mermaid identity

and a swashbuckling life alongside the pirate king's son. First book: *The Tale of Emily Windsnap*. Eight books as of 2019.



Spy School: British Invasion

by Stuart Gibbs

Stranded in Mexico during his effort to capture the leaders of SPYDER, 13-year-old Ben Ripley rallies his spy school friends and England's MI6 for a rogue mission to track down the enigmatic Mr. E. First book: *Spy School*. Seven books as of 2019.

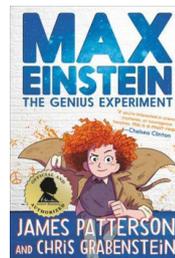


The Unicorn Rescue Society: The Chupacabras of the Rio Grande

by Adam Gidwitz

Dispatched by Professor Fauna to Laredo on the U.S.-Mexico border, Elliot and Uchenna team up with a brilliant Mexican doctor, her curandero husband

and their kids to help heal a divided community and protect the regional Chupacabras. First book: *The Creature of the Pines*. Four books as of 2019.



Max Einstein: The Genius Experiment

by James Patterson

Meet 12-year-old orphan Max Einstein, a genius hacker, inventor, and chess player who is recruited into a mysterious organization that uses science to solve world problems. Book two will be released September 2019:

Max Einstein: Rebels with a Cause.



Bluecrowne: A Greenglass House Story

by Kate Milford

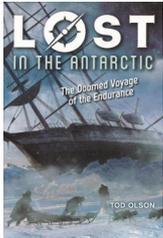
Forced to move to the safety of dry land with her stepmother, Lucy Bluecrowne misses her life aboard her father's warship before her fighting instincts are challenged by nefarious strangers who target her younger

brother. First Book: *Greenglass House*. Three books as of 2019.

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Lost in the Antarctic: The Doomed Voyage of the Endurance

by Tod Olson

Chronicles Ernest Shackleton's expedition to the Antarctic aboard the ship Endurance, detailing the harsh conditions the crew suffered on the

frozen continent. First book: *Lost in the Pacific, 1942: Not a Drop to Drink*. Four books as of 2019.



The Storm Runner

by Jennifer Cervantes

To prevent the Mayan gods from battling each other and destroying the world, thirteen-year-old Zane must unravel an ancient prophecy, stop an evil god, and discover how the physical disability that makes him reliant on a cane also connects him to his father

and his ancestry. Book two will be released September 2019: *The Fire Keeper*.



The Hyena Scientist

by Sy Montgomery

A myth-busting latest entry in the critically acclaimed series draws on the groundbreaking research of an award-winning female scientist and

shares engaging discussions about the hyena's complexities, social nature and high intelligence. Series: *Scientists in the Field*

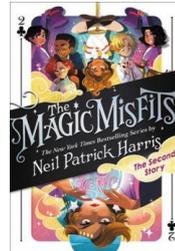


The Train to Impossible Places: A Cursed Delivery

by P. G. Bell

When the Impossible Postal Express comes roaring through her living room, scientifically minded Suzy Smith sneaks on board only to be declared the train's Deputy Post Master, a position that requires her to make a first delivery to a

power-hungry villainess. Book two will be released October 2019: *The Great Brain Robbery*.



Magic Misfits: The Second Story

by Neil Patrick Harris

Leila and the other Magic Misfits have the opportunity to perform with a famous stage psychic known as Madame Esmeralda, who may hold secrets to Leila's past. First book: *The Magic Misfits*. Book three will be

released September 2019: *Magic Misfits: The Minor Third*.



Pages & Co.: Tilly and the Bookwanderers

by Anna James

Eleven-year-old Tilly Pages, who has found comfort in her grandparents' bookshop since her mother's disappearance, now learns that she can bookwander into any stories, and decides to seek her mother. Book two

will be released September 2019: *Pages & Co.: Tilly and the Lost Fairytales*.



Pandava: Aru Shah and the Song of Death

by Roshani Chokshi

Twelve-year-old Aru stretches the truth to fit in at her private school, but when she is dared to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she inadvertently frees an ancient demon. First book: *Aru Shah and the End of Time*. Two books as of 2019.



Wing & Claw: Beast of Stone

by Linda Sue Park

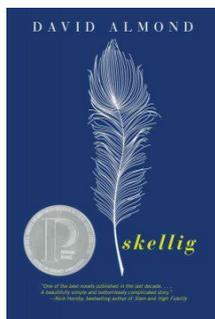
Apothecary Raffa and his ragtag band of allies prepare to battle the heartless Chancellor's armies, a conflict he fears will cause untold suffering for the animals being forced to fight. First book: *Forest of Wonders*. Three books as of 2019.

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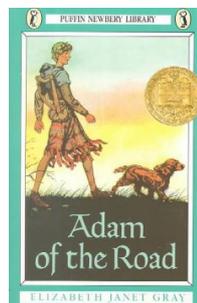


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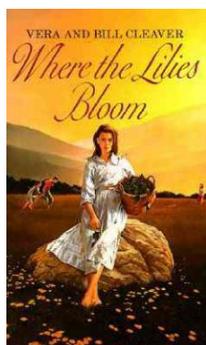
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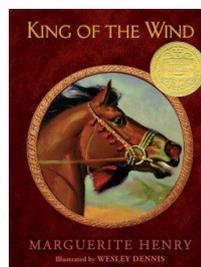
Skellig (1999)
by David Almond
Two lonely children form a bond when they secretly take on the care of a crusty, otherworldly old man living in a ramshackle garage. A mystical story of love and friendship.



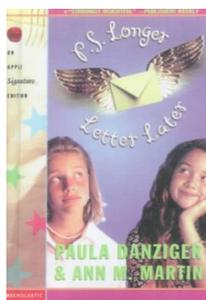
Adam of the Road (1962)
by Elizabeth Gray Vining
The adventures of eleven-year-old Adam as he travels the open roads of thirteenth-century England searching for his missing father, a minstrel, and his stolen red spaniel, Nick.



Where the Lilies Bloom (1969)
by Vera and Bill Cleaver
In the Great Smoky Mountains, a fourteen-year-old girl struggles to keep her family together after their father dies.



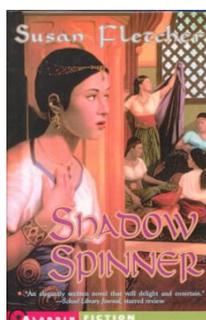
King of the Wind: The Story of the Godolphin Arabian (1949)
by Marguerite Henry
Sham and the stable boy Agba travel from Morocco to France to England where, at last, Sham's majesty is recognized and he becomes the "Godolphin Arabian," ancestor of the most superior Thoroughbred horses.



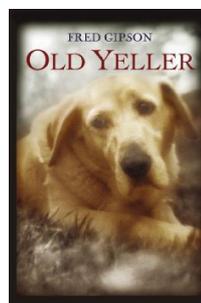
P.S. Longer Letter Later (1998)
by Paula Danziger
Twelve-year-old best friends Elizabeth and Tara continue their friendship through letter-writing after Tara's family moves to another state. *Also a series



A Wrinkle in Time (1962)
by Madeleine L'Engle
Meg and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.



Shadow Spinner (1998)
by Susan Fletcher
When Marjan, a thirteen-year-old crippled girl, joins the Sultan's harem in ancient Persia, she gathers for Shahrazad the stories which will save the queen's life

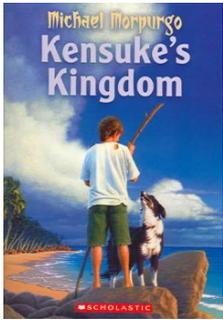


Old Yeller (1956)
by Fred Gipson
In the rugged landscape of early frontier Texas, fourteen-year-old Travis is faced with taking over his family's farm and making a painful, important decision.

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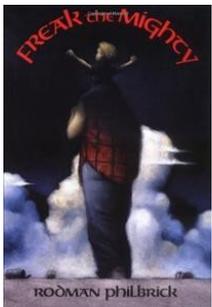
Kensuke's Kingdom (1999)

by Michael Morpurgo
When Michael is swept off his family's yacht, he washes up on a desert island, where he struggles to survive--until he finds he is not alone.



White Fang (1906)

by Jack London
The adventures in the northern wilderness of a dog who is part wolf and how he comes to make his peace with man.



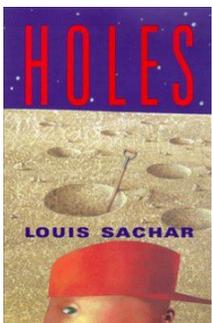
Freak the Mighty (1993)

by W. R. Philbrick
At the beginning of eighth grade, learning disabled Max and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team.



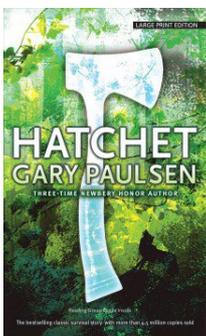
Number the Stars (1989)

by Lois Lowry
In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.



Holes (1998)

by Louis Sachar
As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.



Hatchet (1998)

by Gary Paulsen
After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the Canadian wilderness, learning to survive with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce. *Also a series

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