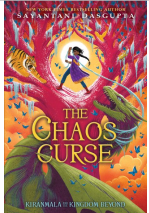
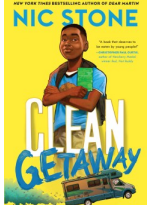
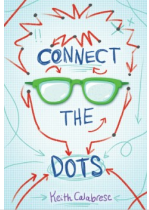
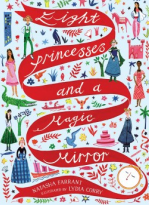



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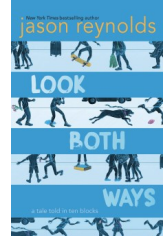
	<p><i>Arcade and the Fiery Metal Tester</i> (Coin Slot Chronicles, Book 3) by Rashad Jennings</p>	<p>In <i>Arcade and the Fiery Metal Tester</i>, New York City is experiencing the hottest summer on record. Eleven-year-old Arcade Livingston can't keep his cool after receiving this suspicious warning atop the Empire State Building: "Things will heat up in all areas to test your mettle." In no time flat, Arcade is tested like never before to use the Triple T token's powerful ways to outsmart a bully, find a place for his best friend to live, and spy on some pesky villains from the 1900s. Meanwhile, sister Zoe thinks controlling the token is nothing but a path to disaster. One thing's for sure, the token continues its flashing and pulsing. And elevator doors continue to transport Arcade, Zoe, and their friends to meet different people in strange locations--people who will challenge them, teach them, and inspire them to grow in patience and compassion.</p>
	<p><i>Awesome Dog 5000 vs. Mayor Bossypants</i> (Awesome Dog 5000, Book 2) by Justin Dean</p>	<p><i>Awesome Dog 5000</i> and the Zeroes Club return for another wacky adventure. After an advertisement for the sequel of the kids' favorite video game – starring Sheriff Turbo-Karate, who attacks with “infinity farts” – the story provides readers an explicit recap of series opener <i>Awesome Dog 5000</i> (2019), reintroducing new kid Marty Fontana, daredevil Skyler Kwon, and trivia-spouting Ralph Rogers. Soon a threat emerges in the form of Mayor Manny Bossypants, a Napoleonic megalomaniac. When the unveiling of a giant statue of the mayor goes badly and <i>Awesome Dog 5000</i> saves the day, he declares war on the heroes so that the spotlight will be his alone. Meanwhile, the heroes learn that the new video game's affordable version, the “meh edition,” isn't worth buying – but if they win the school science fair, they'll be able to afford the “gold deluxe” version. When their early science-invention attempts fail, they gamble on concealing <i>Awesome Dog</i> in their machine, which leads to chaos as the mayor's forces zero in on them. The ending reveals a secret message hidden in the illustrations.</p>
	<p><i>Bouncing Back</i> by Scott Ostler</p>	<p>A boy and his wheelchair-basketball team try to salvage their season in sportswriter Ostler's debut novel. Carlos Cooper reluctantly joins a wheelchair-basketball team at the encouragement of his guardians, his Mexican American maternal aunt and uncle. Formerly dubbed “Cooper the Hooper,” Carlos struggles with wheelchair basketball's difficult new techniques...and with no longer being the star shooter. But soon, Carlos catches the Rollin' Rats' cooperative, competitive spirit – just as the mayor closes their run-down gym, jeopardizing their chances of reaching California's state championship. Basketball fans will particularly enjoy Carlos' play-by-play narration of challenging practices and intense games, but readers won't need sports knowledge to root for Carlos as he and fellow teammate Mia – and unexpected allies – scheme to outwit the villainous Mayor Burns. -<i>Kirkus</i></p>
	<p><i>The Boy Who Became a Dragon: A Bruce Lee Story</i> by Jim Di Bartolo</p>	<p>The astonishing story of martial arts legend Bruce Lee . . . told in spectacular graphic form. Bruce Lee was born on November 27, 1940 - in both the hour and the year of the dragon. Almost immediately, he was plunged into conflict: as a child in Hong Kong as it was invaded and occupied by the Japanese; as the object of discrimination and bullying; and as a teenager grappling against the influence of gangs. As the world knows, Lee found his salvation and calling through kung fu - first as a student, then as a teacher, and finally as a global star. <i>The Boy Who Became a Dragon</i> tells his story in brilliant comic form.</p>

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	<p><i>The Chaos Curse (Book 3)</i> by Sayantani DasGupta</p>	<p>Kiranmala, 12-year-old demon slayer, and her friends must stop her father, the Serpent King, from collapsing the parallel dimensions of the multiverse into one in a nefarious plot to destroy its diversity. Having saved Prince Neelkamal from her father at the end of Game of Stars (2019), Kiran must now save Prince Lalkamal, Neel's brother, trapped in a New Jersey tree. But as Kiran traverses the multiverse, things get strange(r): When her auto-rickshaw collides with a pumpkin, the old woman who tumbles out turns from the woman from a well-loved folktale into the story's ferocious tiger.</p>
	<p><i>Clean Getaway</i> by Nic Stone</p>	<p>When G'ma pulls up to William "Scoob" Lamar's house in a brand-new Winnebago and invites him on an adventure, Scoob leaves a note for his dad and jumps in. Despite not knowing where they are going, or why G'ma has traded in her Mini Cooper and house for the RV, Scoob is a willing wingman because he wants to save spring break and escape his strict single dad for a few days. When G'ma lets him see the contents of her once off-limits treasure box, which includes a 1963 edition of the Travelers' Green Book, Scoob understands this trip means much more than even he imagined.</p>
	<p><i>Connect the Dots</i> by Keith Calabrese</p>	<p>What are the odds of a life-or-death mystery in Elk Grove Park, Illinois? Sixth graders Oliver Beane and Frankie Figge will never be popular. When a new girl named Matilda Sandoval moves to town and sort of befriends them, it seems a good fit. But she is sure someone is surveilling Oliver. It can't have anything to do with the mysterious disappearance of Preston Oglethorpe, their middle school's eccentric-genius namesake, can it? The trio decides to find him themselves and sort things out. Oglethorpe's research into chaos theory had given him a mechanism to predict—even influence—events using mathematical equations. Some odd things are happening around town:</p>
	<p><i>Eight Princesses and a Magic Mirror</i> By Natasha Farrant</p>	<p>When an enchantress flings her magic mirror into our universe, its reflection reveals princesses who refuse to be just pretty, polite, and obedient. These are girls determined to do the rescuing themselves. Princess Leila of the desert protects her people from the king with the black-and-gold banner; Princess Tica takes a crocodile for a pet; Princess Ellen explores the high seas; Princess Abayome puts empathy and kindness above being royal; and in a tower block, Princess saves her community's beloved garden from the hands of urban developers. These beautifully imagined stories offer the pleasure and familiarity of traditional tales with refreshingly modern themes.</p>
	<p><i>Ghost Squad</i> by Claribel A Ortega</p>	<p>After unwittingly unleashing dead spirits on St. Augustine, Florida, Lucely Luna works to restore the city with the help of friend Syd and the spirits of her family. Dominican American Lucely Luna lives with her family. Her father, Simon, runs a ghost tour business. The rest of them are deceased but are still very much in her life, their spirits appearing to her as cucuyos, or fireflies. Alarmingly, after one ghost tour, the spirit of Lucely's grandma, Mamá, goes dim. At school, Lucely learns of Las Brujas Moradas, witches who fled Spain during the Inquisition and who were reputed to have a lost spell book. Lucely and her best friend, Syd, decide to look for a spell that can awaken the dead so they can wake Mamá up, so they prowl through the library of Syd's grandmother Babette, who owns an occult shop. -<i>Kirkus</i></p>

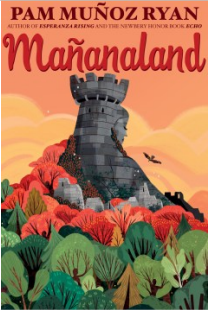


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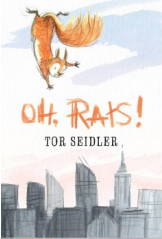
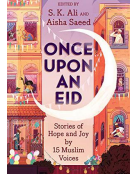
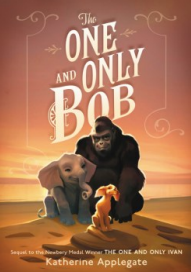
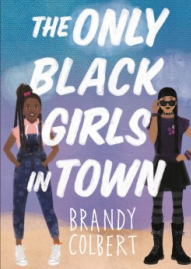
	<p><i>The Hotel Whodunit: Goldie Vance</i> by Lilliam Rivera</p>	<p>Girl detective Goldie Vance moves from graphic novels to middle-grade prose. Crossed Palms Resort valet and permanent resident Goldie Vance is a hopeful apprentice detective waiting for a big break. When movie star Delphine “the Temptress of the Ocean” Lucerne comes to Goldie’s decidedly unglamorous Florida town to shoot a film, her arrival is soon followed by a theft – the 10-pound, diamond-laden swim cap made for Delphine’s character in the film. What makes this complicated for Goldie is that clues seem to be pointing toward her mother as the culprit. But that can’t be true. Now Goldie has two tasks, not just one: find the swim cap and clear her mother’s name.</p>
	<p><i>Indian No More</i> by Charlene Willing McManis</p>	<p>This novel (based on McManis's childhood) is set against the background of U.S. government actions beginning in the 1940s that terminated the status of many Native Nations and forced relocation of families living on reservations. With a stroke of the pen, in 1954, eight-year-old Regina Petit and her family lose both their identities and their home. Members of the Umpqua tribe in northern Oregon, the Petits relocate to Los Angeles. There, Regina tries to adapt to life in the city, making friends outside her culture and figuring out what it means to be (in the terminology of the times) Indian. The straightforward, easygoing flavor of this narrative is shot through with deadpan, subversive humor. Its many ironies lie not in authorial commentary but in the events themselves. <u>Highly recommended for students entering 4th and 6th grades because it aligns with the curriculum.</u></p>
	<p><i>The List of Things That Will Not Change</i> by Rebecca Stead</p>	<p>Things are changing, Bea. But there's still a lot you can count on. Okay? Things that won't EVER change." After her parents' divorce, Bea's life became different in many ways. But she can always look back at the list she keeps in her green notebook to remember the things that will stay the same. The first and most important: Mom and Dad will always love Bea, and each other. When Dad tells Bea that he and his boyfriend, Jesse, are getting married, Bea is thrilled. Bea loves Jesse, and when he and Dad get married, she'll finally (finally!) have what she's always wanted-- a sister. Even though she's never met Jesse's daughter, Sonia, Bea is sure that they'll be "just like sisters anywhere." As the wedding day approaches, Bea will learn that making a new family brings questions, surprises, and joy, and readers will discover why the New York Times called Rebecca Stead a "writer of great feeling."</p>
	<p><i>Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks</i> by Jason Reynolds</p>	<p>This story was going to begin like all the best stories, with a school bus falling from the sky. But no one saw it happen. They were all too busy – too busy walking home. Jason Reynolds conjures ten tales (one per block) about what happens after the dismissal bell rings, and brilliantly weaves them into one wickedly funny, piercingly poignant look at the detours we face on the walk home, and in life. There are connections among some of the stories: places, people, incidents. However, each story has its own center, and readers learn a great deal about each character in just a few lines. Reynolds’ gift for capturing the voices and humanity of urban teens is on full display. ***A Natational Book Award Finalist ***Coretta Scott King Honor Book *** Five Starred Reviews***</p>



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	<p><i>Mañanaland</i> by Pam Muñoz Ryan</p>	<p>A boy journeys to self-discovery through the power of stories and traditions. Eleven-year-old Maximiliano Córdoba is ready for an idyllic summer. He plans to work hard as a builder for his father and train for fútbol tryouts. Plus, Max hopes dad will take him to visit the towering ruins of La Reina Gigante, a haunted hideout used in the past by the Guardians to hide refugees as they fled Abismo, a war-torn, neighboring dictatorship. However, when Max must provide his birth certificate to join the team, he feels his dream summer crumble away. The document disappeared years ago, along with his mother, the woman with whom Max shares “leche quemada” eyes. Soon, Papá leaves on a three-week journey to request a new one, and Max finds himself torn between two desires: to know the truth about why his mother left when he was a baby and to make the team. As Max discovers the enchanting stories his grandfather has been telling him for years have an actual foothold in reality. -<i>Kirkus</i></p>
	<p><i>Middle School Misadventures Operation Hat Heist!</i> by Jason Platt</p>	<p>Newell's favorite hat gets taken away! With the help of his most talented friends, he concocts the perfect plan to get it back. Operation: Hat Heist is a go! Newell's favorite show of all time is The Captain! Newell is beyond excited when he learns that the Captain himself, Patrick O'Shaughnessy, will be at Monster Comic Con. He can't wait to meet The Captain wearing his once-worn-by-The-Captain WWII crusher hat that his dad gave him. But when Newell brings the hat to school, it gets stolen from his backpack! Fart. When Newell finally spots the culprit wearing his hat in the hall, Mr. Todd confiscates it and reminds the students, "There are no hats to be worn in school!" Double fart. What will Newell do?!</p>
	<p><i>Music for Tigers</i> By Michelle Kadarusam</p>	<p>Shipped halfway around the world to spend the summer with her mom's eccentric Australian relatives, middle schooler and passionate violinist Louisa is prepared to be resentful. But life at the family's remote camp in the Tasmanian rainforest is intriguing, to say the least. There are pig-footed bandicoots, scary spiders, weird noises and odors in the night, and a quirky boy named Colin who cooks the most amazing meals. Not the least strange is her Uncle Ruff, with his unusual pet and veiled hints about something named Convict Rock. Finally, Louisa learns the truth: Convict Rock is a sanctuary established by her great-grandmother Eleanor—a sanctuary for Tasmanian tigers, Australia's huge marsupials that were famously hunted into extinction almost a hundred years ago. Or so the world believes. Hidden in the rainforest at Convict Rock, one tiger remains.</p>
	<p><i>The Newspaper Club</i> by Beth Vrabel</p>	<p>Nellie Murrow -- the daughter of two (former) newspaper reporters -- was named after one of the fiercest journalists who ever lived. When she moves to sleepy Bear Creek, Maine, rumors of vandalism and attacks at the only park in town are keeping her saddled to the house. Some townspeople blame a vagrant spotted on the hiking trails around town. But when Nellie thinks like a reporter, none of those explanations make sense. Something is happening at the park, but what? All of the fake online news and rumors are clouding the truth. Nellie wants to break the story -- and break free from the front yard -- but she can't do it alone. She needs a whole club if she's going to start the Cub Report, the town's first independent newspaper.</p>

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	<p><i>Nina Soni, Sister Fixer</i> By Kashmir Sheth</p>	<p>The second title in a humorous series featuring a charming, distractible Indian-American girl and her family and friends. A long rainy stretch during spring break has Nina restless and hungry for a new project and aggravated with little sister Kavita's embarrassing behavior. A fresh pile of dirt just delivered to the neighbor's house for a landscaping project ends up being too tempting to resist. Can Nina fix Kavita and create something amazing at the same time? With her sister's help, Nina launches a grand engineering project--with unexpected consequences.</p>
	<p><i>Oh, Rats!</i> by Tor Seidler</p>	<p>After being kidnapped by Walter, a chatty red-tailed hawk, a spunky New Jersey squirrel needs to adjust to life with wharf rats on a Manhattan pier. When a violent encounter with hot tar and then a dunk in the Hudson leaves red squirrel Phoenix without his signature dashing fur and adrift in the middle of a dizzying city, sister and brother rats Lucy and Beckett (who also reads and writes) take him in. Soon their community of wharf rats discovers that an odious New York developer (ahem!) named P.J. Weeks is tearing down their beloved pier to build tennis courts. Unlike squirrels, wharf rats are highly organized in their resistance to human encroachment. Phoenix is enlisted to sabotage the electrical grid, surprising even himself with the results.</p>
	<p><i>Once Upon an Eid</i> Edited by S. K. Ali</p>	<p>Once Upon an Eid is a collection of short stories that showcases the most brilliant Muslim voices writing today, all about the most joyful holiday of the year: Eid! Eid: The short, single-syllable word conjures up a variety of feelings and memories for Muslims. Whatever it may be, for those who cherish this day of celebration, the emotional responses may be summed up in another short and sweet word: joy. The anthology will also include a poem, graphic-novel chapter, and spot illustrations.</p>
	<p><i>The One and Only Bob</i> By Katherine Applegate</p>	<p>Tiny, sassy Bob the dog, friend of The One and Only Ivan (2012), returns to tell his tale. Wisecracking Bob, who is a little bit Chihuahua among other things, now lives with his girl, Julia, and her parents. Happily, her father works at Wildworld Zoological Park and Sanctuary, the zoo where Bob's two best friends, Ivan the gorilla and Ruby the elephant, live, so Bob gets to visit and catch up with them regularly. Due to an early betrayal, Bob doesn't trust humans (most humans are good only for their thumbs); he fears he's going soft living with Julia, and he's certain he is a Bad Dog—as in “not a good representative of my species.” On a visit to the zoo with a storm threatening, Bob accidentally falls into the gorilla enclosure just as a tornado strikes. So that's what it's like to fly. In the storm's aftermath, Bob proves to everyone (and finally himself) that there is a big heart in that tiny chest.</p>
	<p><i>The Only Black Girls in Town</i> by Brandy Colbert</p>	<p>Beach-loving surfer Alberta has been the only black girl in town for years. Alberta's best friend, Laramie, is the closest thing she has to a sister, but there are some things even Laramie can't understand. When the bed and breakfast across the street finds new owners, Alberta is ecstatic to learn the family is black—and they have a 12-year-old daughter just like her. Alberta is positive she and the new girl, Edie, will be fast friends. But while Alberta loves being a California girl, Edie misses her native Brooklyn and finds it hard to adapt to small-town living. When the girls discover a box of old journals in Edie's attic, they team up to figure out exactly who's behind them and why they got left behind. Soon they discover shocking and painful secrets of the past and learn that nothing is quite what it seems.</p>

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	<p><i>Race to the Sun</i> by Rebecca Roanhorse</p>	<p>A Diné (Nayajo) teen teams up with her younger brother and her best friend to battle monsters threatening their world. After seventh grader Nizhoni Begay senses a monster lurking in the stands during her basketball game, she tells her younger brother, Mac. When the monster kidnaps her father as part of a multilayered plot to lure her brother—the only one who knows her monster-spotting abilities—into servitude. Aided by Mr. Yazzie, a stuffed horned-toad toy that can talk, and a cast of characters from Diné culture, the three kids embark on an adventurous trek to free Dad and stop the monsters. Recommend to rising 6th grades because it aligns with the curriculum.</p>
	<p><i>Rick</i> by Alex Gino</p>	<p>As he explores his identity and finds his footing in middle school, a sixth grader stands up to his bully best friend. White, cisgender boys Rick and Jeff have been best friends since the third grade. When they're alone, Jeff shares his video games, but at school Jeff picks on other kids and talks about girls with ostentatious lasciviousness. Despite their connection, Rick knows he can't tell Jeff that he wants to join their school's Rainbow Spectrum, a safe space for LGBTQIAP+ students, or that he's questioning his own sexuality. The more Rick learns about himself, the more he realizes he needs to hold Jeff accountable for his behavior. An honest relationship develops between Rick and his cosplay-loving grandfather.</p>
	<p><i>Sal and Gabi Fix the Universe</i> By Carlos Hernandez</p>	<p>A Gabi from another universe shows up to warn Sal that Papi's research has destroyed her world and killed her own Sal and that they must stop his version of Papi from doing the same. This excellent sequel features nonstop multiverse hijinks, great comedy, and heartening moments that are skillfully interwoven with a subplot that features a delightfully surreal student production of Alice in Wonderland—er, "Alicia" in "el pais de las maravillas." A hilarious, heartwarming, and absolutely unmissable sequel.</p>
	<p><i>Small Mercies</i> by Bridget Krone</p>	<p>Mercy lives in modern-day Pietermaritzburg, South Africa with her eccentric foster aunts—two elderly sisters so poor, they can only afford one lightbulb. A housing developer is eying their house. And that same house suddenly starts falling apart—just as Aunt Flora starts falling apart. She's forgetting words, names, and even how to behave in public. Mercy tries to keep her head down at school so nobody notices her. Along comes Mr. Singh, who rents the back cottage of the house on Hodson Road. When he takes Mercy to visit a statue in the middle of the city, she learns that the shy, nervous "Mohandas" he tells stories about is actually Gandhi, who spent a cold and lonely night in the waiting room of the Pietermaritzburg train station over a hundred years ago.</p>
	<p><i>Stand up, Yumi Chung!</i> by Jessica Kim</p>	<p>Instead of spending the summer studying her favorite YouTube comedians, Yumi is enrolled in test-prep tutoring to qualify for a private school scholarship, which will help in a time of hardship at the restaurant. One day after class, Yumi stumbles on an opportunity that will change her life: a comedy camp for kids taught by one of her favorite YouTube stars. The only problem is that the instructor and all the students think she's a girl named Kay Nakamura—and Yumi doesn't correct them. As this case of mistaken identity unravels, Yumi must decide to stand up and reveal the truth or risk losing her dreams and disappointing everyone she cares about.</p>



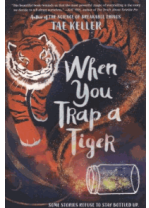

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	<p><i>Stargazing</i> by Jen Wang</p>	<p>Moon is everything Christine isn't. She's confident, impulsive, artistic . . . and though they both grew up in the same Chinese American suburb, Moon is somehow unlike anyone Christine has ever known. But after Moon moves in next door, these unlikely friends are soon best friends, sharing their favorite music videos and painting their toenails when Christine's strict parents aren't around. Moon even tells Christine her deepest secret: that she has visions, sometimes, of celestial beings who speak to her from the stars.</p>
	<p><i>Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky</i> by Kwame Mbalia</p>	<p>Chicago seventh grader Tristan Strong travels to Alke, where African American folk characters are gods. Tristan has just lost his first boxing match. It's unsurprising, given he's mourning the death of his best friend, Eddie, and struggling with accompanying survivor guilt, but unacceptable for someone from a boxing family. On the ride to summer exile with his grandparents in the Alabama countryside, Tristan begins reading Eddie's story journal. Somehow, the journal allows Tristan to see folk heroes John Henry and Brer Rabbit sending an unseen someone off on a mission. That night, Gum Baby (a hoot and a half – easily the funniest character in the book), from the Anansi story, steals Eddie's journal. Needless to say, things go awry</p>
	<p><i>Unmapped Chronicles: Casper Tock and the Everdark Wings</i> by Abi Elphinstone</p>	<p>An unlikely pair in need of adventure is now responsible for saving worlds known and unknown and maybe finding a friend. Casper Tock is just your average, orderly middle schooler trying to stay safe from bullies, turn in homework, and survive the haphazard hurricanes slamming England. That is, until a bully sneaks into his turret to torment him; forced to hide in a broken grandfather clock, he finds himself in Rumblestar, being detained by Utterly Thankless, a girl known for taking risks and causing mayhem, and her dragon, Arlo. Bewildered by this kingdom in the clouds – it's responsible for creating "marvels" that the other three unmapped kingdoms use to create weather.</p>
	<p><i>The Water Bears</i> By Kim Baker</p>	<p>Newt Gomez has a thing with bears. Last year he survived a bear attack. And this year, he finds an unusual bear statue that just might grant wishes. Newt's best friend, Ethan, notices a wishbone on the statue and decides to make a wish. When it comes true, Newt thinks it's a coincidence. Even as more people wish on the bear and their wishes come true, Newt is not convinced. But Newt has a wish too: while he loves his home on eccentric Murphy Island, he wants to go to middle school on the mainland, where his warm extended family lives. Newt is almost ready to make a secret wish when everything changes.</p>
	<p><i>Ways to Make Sunshine</i> By Renée Watson</p>	<p>Ryan Hart has a lot on her mind--school, self-image, and especially family. Her dad finally has a new job, but money is tight. That means some changes, like selling their second car and moving into a new (old) house. But Ryan is a girl who knows how to make sunshine out of setbacks. As her brother says, she's got the talent that matters most: it's a talent that can't be seen, she's nice, not mean! Ryan is all about trying to see the best in people.</p>

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	<p><i>The Way to Rio Luna</i> by Zoraida Cordova</p>	<p>Eleven-year-old Danny Monteverde believes in magic. He knows that pixie dust is real, that wardrobes act as portals, and that rabbit holes lead to Wonderland. Most of all, he believes that his older sister, Pili, is waiting for him somewhere in Rio Luna, the enchanted land in their favorite book of fairy tales. Yet as the years pass, Danny's faith begins to dim. But just when he thinks it might be time to put foolish fairy tales behind him, he finds a mysterious book in the library. It's a collection of stories that contain hints about how to reach another world. A map to Rio Luna . . . and to Pili.</p>
	<p><i>We Dream of Space</i> by Kelly, Erin Entrada</p>	<p>Cash, Fitch, and Bird Thomas are three siblings in seventh grade together in Park, Delaware. In 1986, as the country waits expectantly for the launch of the Space Shuttle Challenger, they each struggle with their own personal anxieties. Cash, who loves basketball but has a newly broken wrist, is in danger of failing seventh grade for the second time. Fitch spends every afternoon playing Major Havoc at the arcade. And Bird, his twelve-year-old twin, dreams of being NASA's first female shuttle commander. The Thomas children exist in their own orbits, circling a tense and unpredictable household, with little in common except an enthusiastic science teacher named Ms. Salonga.</p>
	<p><i>When You Trap a Tiger</i> By Tae Keller</p>	<p>If stories were written in the stars and guarded by tigers, this wondrous tale would be one of the brightest. Lily is happy when she, her mom, and sister, Sam, move, because it means they will spend more time with their grandmother, their halmoni, whose life is full of magic. Halmoni has always told beautiful stories about clever sisters and equally clever tigers-not to be trusted-but Lily soon finds that life is not how she expected it to be. Sam isn't so happy about the move, and worse, Halmoni is very sick, so when a tiger appears to Lily, offering her a deal, she thinks it could be what saves her grandmother. "This is one of my favorite books this year." -Ms. Otero</p>
	<p><i>A Wish in the Dark</i> by Christina Soontornvat</p>	<p>All light in Chattana is created by one man--the Governor, who appeared after the Great Fire to bring peace and order to the city. For Pong, who was born in Namwon Prison, the magical lights represent freedom, and he dreams of the day he will be able to walk among them. But when Pong escapes from prison, he realizes that the world outside is no fairer than the one behind bars. The wealthy dine and dance under bright orb light, while the poor toil away in darkness. Worst of all, Pong's prison tattoo marks him as a fugitive who can never be truly free. Nok, the prison warden's perfect daughter, is bent on tracking Pong down and restoring her family's good name</p>
	<p><i>Woke: A Young Poet's Call to Justice</i> by Mahogany L. Browne</p>	<p>What does it mean to be woke? Simply put, "to be WOKE is to understand that equality and justice for some is not equality and justice at all." In this poetry collection, Browne, accompanied by Elizabeth Acevedo and Olivia Gatwood, unpacks the weight of social inequities in 23 standalone poems in a variety of forms. Topics include activism, community, joy, prejudice, and resourcefulness, to name a few, blending the hard lines of fighting and resisting injustice with sweet moments of peace in our shared humanity. Aimed toward the middle grades, each poem offers lyrical strength and resolve that will encourage budding activists to develop an ever-important ethical and justice-oriented muscle.</p>

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