



Children's Book Award

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All the Impossible Things

Lindsay Lackey

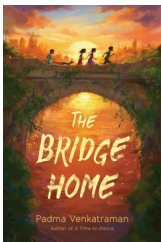
Red got the ability to control weather from her mother who is currently in prison. When the foster system blows Red into the care of a quirky couple who run a petting zoo she might actually find happiness. But the rough winds return as her life is once again uprooted.



Lety Out Loud

Angela Cervantes

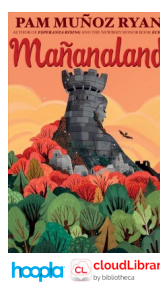
The animal shelter that quiet Lety works in needs a volunteer to write animal profiles to promote adoption and she is just the person to do it. Things get uncomfortable when classmate Hunter declares a competition to become the shelter scribe.



The Bridge Home

Padma Venkatraman

Sisters Viji and Ruku leave an increasingly harsh home environment and find themselves on the harsh streets of Chennai, India. They find two homeless boys and form a family of sorts. However, when Viji gets sick they will have to seek help.



Mañanaland

Pam Muñoz Ryan

Maximiliano discovers that he is connected to an underground network of guardians who risk their lives guiding people fleeing oppression to a safer tomorrow. Max decides to seek his own answers about his missing mother. The legends told by his Buelo, a compass, and a mysterious stone will guide him on his perilous quest.



Finding Orion

John David Anderson

Rion Kwirk comes from an odd family. His dad makes funky flavored jelly beans for a living and don't even get him started about his sisters. His grandfather, Papa Kwirk, is the strangest of all. When the family goes to Papa Kwirk's funeral, they find out the old man was even more "kwirky" that they knew.



More to the Story

Hena Khan

Jameela and her three sisters' life is turned upside down when their father must take a job far away for three months. They determine to make the best of it until one of the younger sisters gets seriously ill. This story of a Muslim-American family is inspired by Louisa May Alcott's Little Women.



The Ghost in Apartment 2R

Denis Markell

When Danny's older brother left for college he left behind Danny, his parents, and an angry ghost. Danny and his friends interview people in their multi-cultural neighborhood trying to decide what kind of ghost it is and how to get rid of it.



On Thin Ice

Michael Northrop

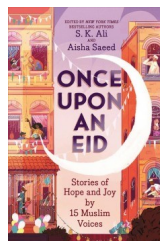
Ked Eakins is having a hard time. His mom moved away, he has a back condition that curves his spine, and his father has gambled away the rent money. But Ked has a plan. It will take courage and put him in the path of the meanest kid in school.



Guest: A Changeling Tale

Mary Downing Hahn

Mary's baby brother is perfectly lovely and Mary is tired of him. She speaks the words that will bring a changeling to replace him. She soon regrets the tiresome little thing and sets off on a quest to get her brother back and return the changeling to where he belongs.



Once Upon an Eid: Stories of Hope and Joy by 15 Muslim Voices

S.K. Ali & Aisha Saeed

This collection of stories come from today's favorite Muslim writers for young people. Each tells stories of different Eid experiences, allowing readers to understand the holiday and Muslim traditions and family experiences.



Hello from Renn Lake

Michele Weber Hurwitz

Analise's family owns rental cabins next to Renn Lake and Analise discovered very young that she could "hear" what the lake feels. But now, a small patch of algae threatens both the lake and her family's livelihood. Analise and her friends must do whatever they can to save the lake, her family, and their town.

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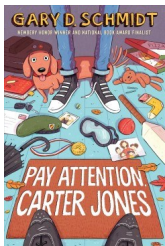
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Pay Attention, Carter Jones

Gary D. Schmidt

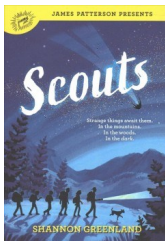
Carter Jones' family is kind of broken but things get interesting when an English butler shows up on their door step, bowler hat and all. Are British niceties and the game of Cricket enough to heal this family?



Strange Birds: A Field Guide to Ruffling Feathers

Celia C. Perez

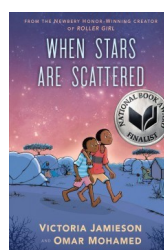
Ofelia, Aster, and Cat couldn't be more different, but they band together with Lane DiSanti to make changes in the traditions of the Floras, their local scout group. In an unforgettable summer, this disparate group finds something priceless – sisterhood.



Scouts

Shannon Greenland

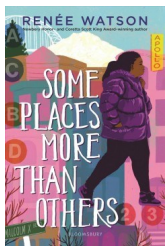
The Scouts are best friends who do everything together. The summer of 1985 has just begun and Annie, Beans, Rocky, and Finn spend the first night on top of a forbidden Silo watching a meteor shower. One meteor crashes nearby and the friends set out on an adventure to find it.



When Stars Are Scattered

Victoria Jamieson

Forced to leave his their homeland and separated from their mother, Omar and his brother now live in a refugee camp in Kenya. If Omar can go to school it may mean a chance to for a better life. But what about his brother?



Some Places More Than Others

Renee Watson

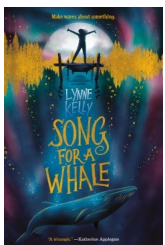
For her birthday Amara gets a trip to Harlem where her father grew up. While there she explores the city, asks questions of family members, and patches the distance between her dad and his father, a relationship that has been frayed for a long time. Her trip helps her understand how places connect people.



Woke: A Young Poet's Call to Justice

Mahogany L. Browne

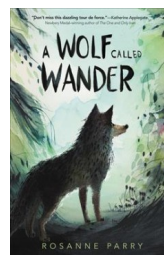
A heartfelt collection of poems by women of color, this book speaks of discrimination, equity, justice, and empathy. Words and pictures implore readers to speak up for a better world.



Song for a Whale

Lynne Kelly

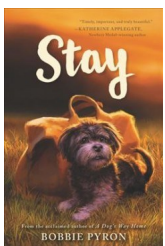
Iris is a 12-year-old mechanical prodigy. She is also hearing impaired which makes people think that she is not very smart. Iris keeps busy fixing computers and old radios but when she discovers a whale that is separated from other whales who can't hear him, Iris finds something new to fix.



A Wolf Called Wander

Rosanne Parry

Swift, a wolf cub, is separated from his family when a rival pack attacks. He travels thousands of miles across the Pacific Northwest to find a new home. His travels will be filled with forest fires, hunters and highways before he finds safety.



Stay

Bobbie Pyron

Life is hard for Piper as her family moves into Hope House, a homeless shelter in a new city, while they get back on their feet. Piper hates having her new classmates know that she is a homeless girl. Things get better when she joins Firefly Girls Troop at the shelter and they work to help a sweet dog named Baby.



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