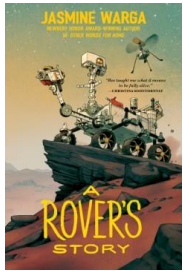


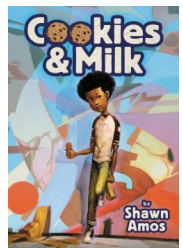


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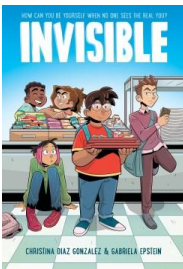
A ROVER'S STORY by Jasmine Warga

A heart-warming tale of a Mars rover that will leave you rooting for him from beginning to end. Res is built to explore Mars, but his artificial intelligence can perceive human emotions. He wants to succeed for his creators. Will he be able to complete the mission while battling storms and difficult terrain?



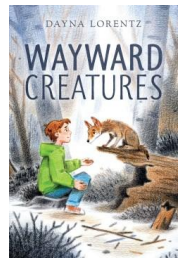
COOKIES & MILK by Shawn Amos, art by Robert Paul

When Ellis' dad gets an idea to open a bakery selling nothing but his delicious cookies, Ellis realizes he will not have the fun summer he had planned. Nothing goes as it should and soon it all seems to be falling apart. Will they even make it to the grand opening?



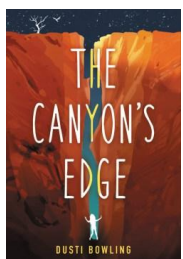
INVISIBLE by Christina Diaz Gonzalez, art by Gabriela Epstein

After getting in trouble, five students have to complete community service. At first, they appear to be as different as could be: the brain, the loner, the tough kid, the jock, and the rich kid. But when a community member needs help, the group unites to accomplish something truly important.



WAYWARD CREATURES by Dayna Lorentz

Gabe didn't mean to start a forest fire; he just wanted to get his friends' attention by setting off a firework. But the damage is done, and Gabe must make it right. Rill, a coyote caught in the flames, relies on Gabe's help. Can these two outsiders start fresh together?



THE CANYON'S EDGE by Dusti Bowling

Any type of loss is difficult, but the loss of a mother and a wife is insurmountable. For Nora and her dad, exploring an Arizona canyon feels like a way to find peace after their loss. When a flash flood separates Nora from her dad, Nora must find her way through grief and isolation to survive.

CHESTER KEENE CRACKS THE CODE by Kekla Magoon

Chester and his friend Skye follow mysterious clues on a scavenger hunt that Chester thinks is a test from his father. He is convinced that his absent father is a spy on covert missions. Skye thinks it's all a game until they discover a heist in progress. Will they be able to crack the code in time to stop a crime?



FALLING SHORT by Ernesto Cisneros

Isaac is the star basketball player. His best friend Marco is a straight-A student. Isaac wants to bring his grades up so that his parents stop arguing, and Marco wants to join the basketball team to make Dad happy. Can they team up to keep each other from falling short?



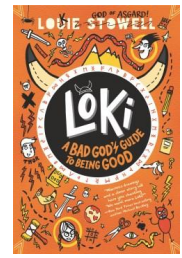
ANYBODY HERE SEEN FRENCHIE? by Leslie Connor

Frenchie Livernois doesn't talk. He is on the autism spectrum. Aurora Petrequin is his best friend, and she talks enough for both of them. They both feel most comfortable in the woods of coastal Maine. One morning Frenchie doesn't make it to class even though they were dropped off at school together. Where did Frenchie go?



LOKI: A BAD GOD'S GUIDE TO BEING GOOD by Louie Stowell

After one prank too many, Loki is banished to Earth in the form of an 11-year-old boy with a truth-telling diary that he has to write in every day. Goody-goody Thor is sent with him to supervise. Can Loki make better decisions in a month's time or will he have to spend eternity in a snakepit?



TUMBLE by Celia C. Perez

When her stepfather asks to adopt Addie, she starts to wonder about the father she has never met and never heard about. After she finds a photograph hidden in her mother's things, Addie starts investigating and her findings lead her to a new, big, professional wrestling family. Why did her mother keep this family a secret?

