



Out of Range
by Heidi Lang

Forced by their parents to attend a nature camp, three sisters, once best friends but now mortal enemies, must rely on each other to survive when they find themselves lost and alone in the wilderness.



We Own the Sky
by Rodman Philbrick

In 1924 Maine, with the Ku Klux Klan on the rise, orphans Davy and Jo Michaud are taken in by a famous aviator relative and spend their days doing dangerous stunts until they cross paths with the KKK, prompting them to run for their lives.

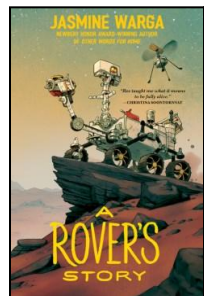
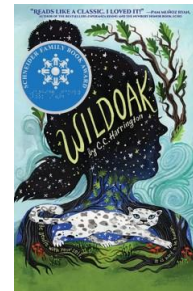
A Perfect Mistake
by Melanie Conklin

To remember the events on the night that left his friend Will in a coma, Max enlists the help of a classmate and aspiring journalist, but not everyone wants the truth to be revealed.



Wildoak
by C.C. Harrington

Twelve-year-old Maggie's stutter causes her much heartache and only her menagerie of pets, whom she can speak with fluidly, provide her comfort, but when she finds Rumpus, an abandoned snow leopard in a forest in Cornwall, their chance encounter will change their lives forever.



A Rover's Story
by Jasmine Warga

Built to explore Mars, Resilience, aka Res, learns new things from the NASA scientists and begins to develop human-like feelings, especially when he arrives on the planet, where he is tested in ways that go beyond space exploration.



Witchlings
by Claribel A. Ortega

Seven isn't placed in one of the five covens like the other Witchlings. She's a Spare. The three Spares are assigned an impossible task: If they work together and succeed at it, their coven will be sealed and they'll gain their full powers. If they fail...well, the last coven to make the attempt ended up being turned into toads.

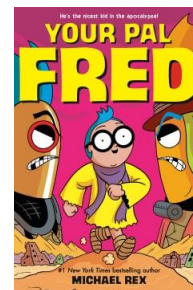
Trex
by Christyne Morrell

A mystery following Trex, a boy with an experimental implant, Mellie, a reclusive girl training to be a spy, and their adventures together as they're pitted against middle school bullies, their own parents, and an evil, brain-hacking corporation.



Your Pal Fred
by Michael Rex

Built to be a best buddy whose kindness never fades, Fred is determined to make the world a better place by talking the two most powerful and battle-hungry warlords into being friends, with hilarious results.



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Controlled Burn
by Erin Soderberg Downing

Sent to spend the summer with her grandparents in Northern Minnesota after a devastating fire destroyed her home, Maia must overcome her guilt, anxiety, fear and self-doubt to save those she loves most when danger strikes again.



Freddie vs. the Family Curse
by Tracy Badua

When he discovers a century-old amulet from the Philippines that's supposed to bring good luck, Freddie couldn't be more wrong and has 13 days to break a curse or meet an untimely demise.



Hummingbird
by Natalie Lloyd

Twelve-year-old Olive, who is seen as "fragile" due to brittle bone disease, searches for a magical, wish-granting hummingbird that could possibly make her most desperate, secret wish come true.

The Cure on Spectacle Key
by Chantel Avededo

When his family moves into a lighthouse in Spectacle Key, Florida, where strange things begin to happen, Frank Fernandez meets a mysterious girl who needs his help with lifting the island's dark curse.



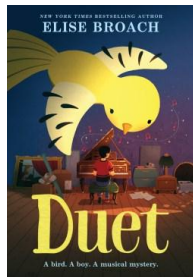
The Girl in White
by Chris Grabenstein

Mallory is still adapting to life in her new town of Eastport when she is haunted by a recurring nightmare, leading her to investigate the legend of Sweet Molly.



Just Harriet
by Elana K. Arnold

Harriet Wermer is unhappy about having to spend her summer with her grandmother on Marble island until she discovers a mystery involving her Dad from when he was a boy living on the island.



Duet
by Elise Broach

Michael is an eleven-year-old keyboard sensation, but lesson after lesson, he refuses to play. Mirabelle, a young goldfinch who dreams of becoming a musical star, helps Michael breakthrough and solve a musical mystery.



Haven: A Small Cat's Big Adventure
by Megan Wagner Lloyd

When her beloved human and rescuer becomes too sick to care for her, Haven decides to seek another human for help and finds herself on a perilous journey that gives her a newfound confidence to see her mission through.



Manatee Summer
by Evan Griffith

When his relationship with his best friend is jeopardized by an unwelcome surprise, nature-loving Peter realizes he has as much to discover about himself as he does about the world around him.

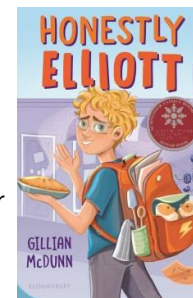
Finally Seen
by Kelly Yang

When ten-year-old Lina Gao leaves China to live with her parents and sister, after five years apart, she must reckon with her hurt, anger, and curiosity and find a way to get her bearings in this new country.



Honestly Elliott
by Gillian McDunn

Struggling with ADHD, loneliness, and connecting with his divorced father who would rather see him embrace sports instead of cooking, sixth-grader Elliott finds an unlikely friend in popular, perfect Maribel when the two are paired in a school-wide contest.



Nellie vs. Elizabeth: Two Daredevil Journalists' Breakneck Race Around the World
by Kate Hannigan

This real-life adventure story follows two daring journalists who paved the way for equality as they race against each other--and the clock--proving that women are just as curious, capable, and courageous as any man.

