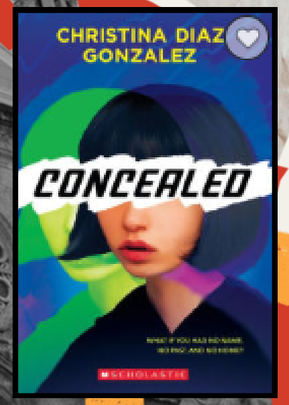
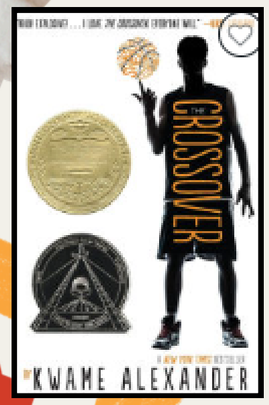
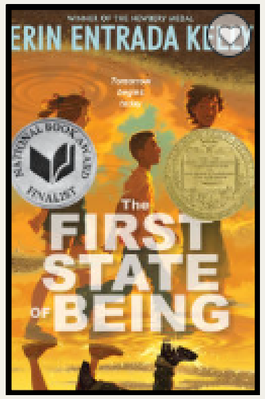
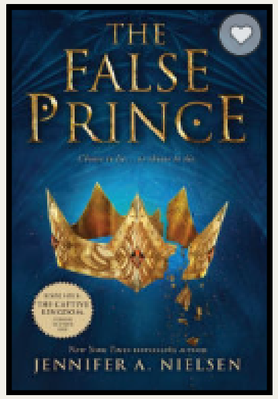
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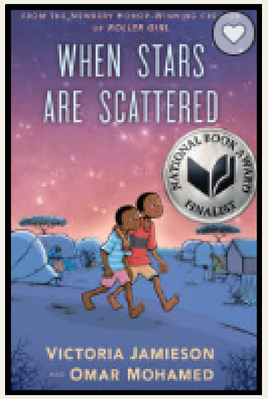
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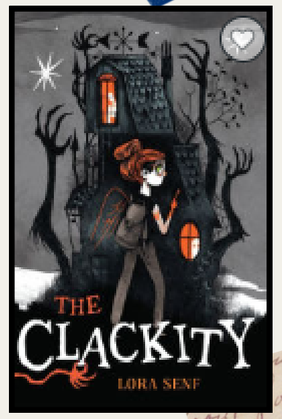


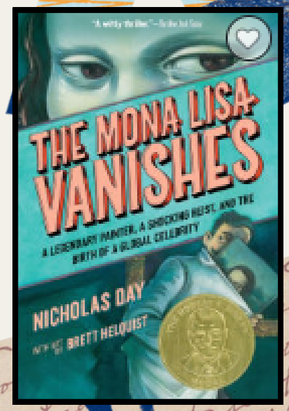












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Concealed



Ivette. Joanna. And now: Katrina.

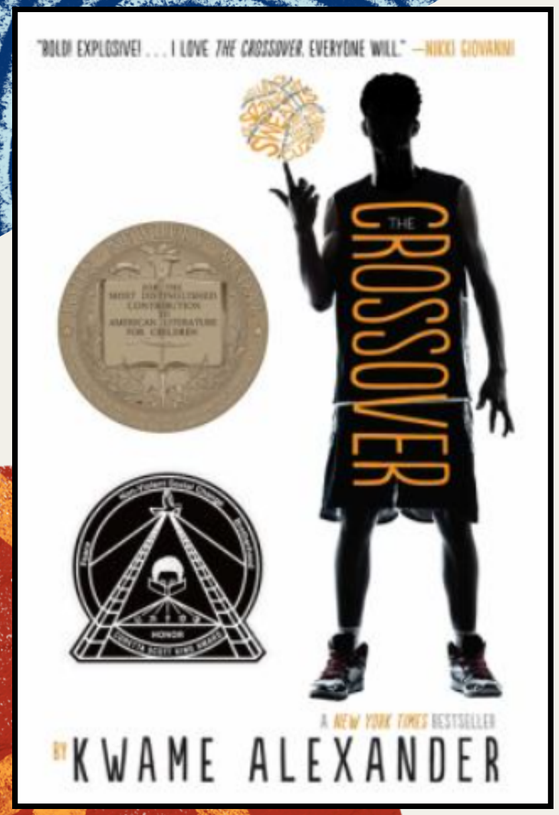
Whatever her name is, it won't last long. Katrina doesn't know any of the details about her past, but she does know that she and her parents are part of the Witness Protection Program. Whenever her parents say they have to move and start over, she takes on a new identity. A new name, a new hair color, a new story.

Until their location leaks and her parents disappear. Forced to embark on a dangerous rescue mission, Katrina and her new friend Parker set out to save her parents--and find out the truth about her secret past and the people that want her family dead.

But every new discovery reveals that Katrina's entire life has been built around secrets covered up with lies and that her parents were actually the ones keeping the biggest secret of all. Katrina must now decide if learning the whole truth is worth the price of losing everything she has ever believed about herself and her family.

Summary by: Carrie Friday

Crossover

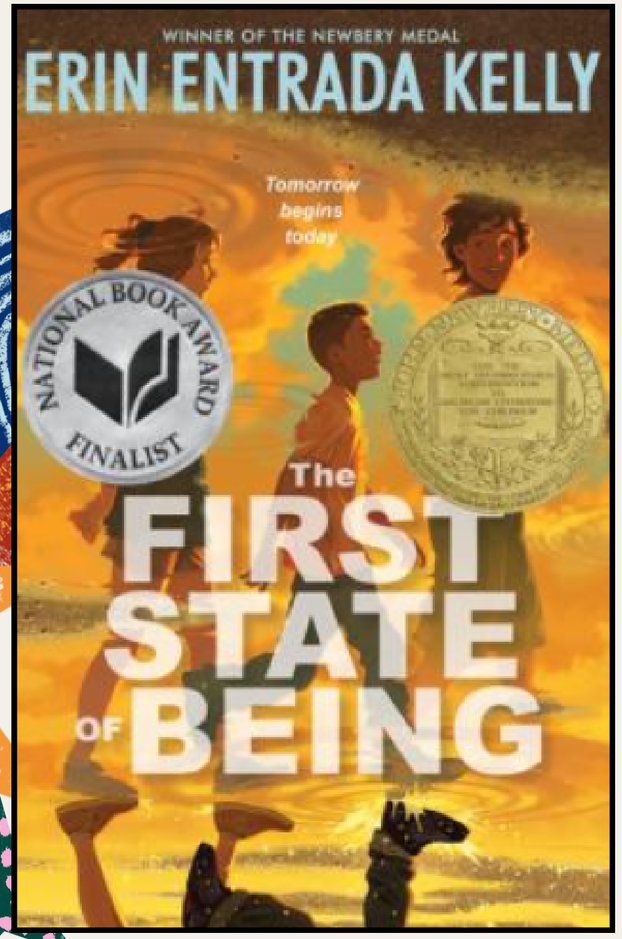


"A bolt of lightning on my kicks . . . The court is SIZZLING. My sweat is DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. Cuz tonight I'm delivering," raps twelve-year-old Josh Bell. Thanks to their dad, he and his twin brother, Jordan, are kings on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood—he's got mad beats, too, which help him find his rhythm when it's all on the line.

As their winning season unfolds, things begin to change. When Jordan meets a girl, the twins' bond unravels. Josh and Jordan must grow up on and off the court and realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price, as their story's heart-stopping climax proves a game-changer for the entire family. Told in dynamic verse, this fast and furious middle grade novel bounces with rhythm and bursts with heart.

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First State of Being



What would you think if you met an older kid, dressed in strange clothes, who seemed lost and didn't know what year it was? Twelve-year-old Michael Rosario, living in 1999, has enough problems without helping odd strangers, but he still befriends Ridge, the strange lost kid. So does Michael's babysitter and crush, Gibby, who's sixteen. Could Ridge really be a time traveler from the future? Fascinated by the peculiarities of 1999 and carrying a book that seems to sum up history, Ridge sparks curiosity and determination in Michael. Amidst Michael's fears that Y2K will cause the end of the world, his secret stockpiling, and his feelings of inadequacy, Michael finds inspiration in Ridge's fearless spirit. Through his time with the buoyant Ridge and with the encouragement of friends and family around him, Michael gains a new way of looking at himself and the confidence to test his courage.

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The False Prince

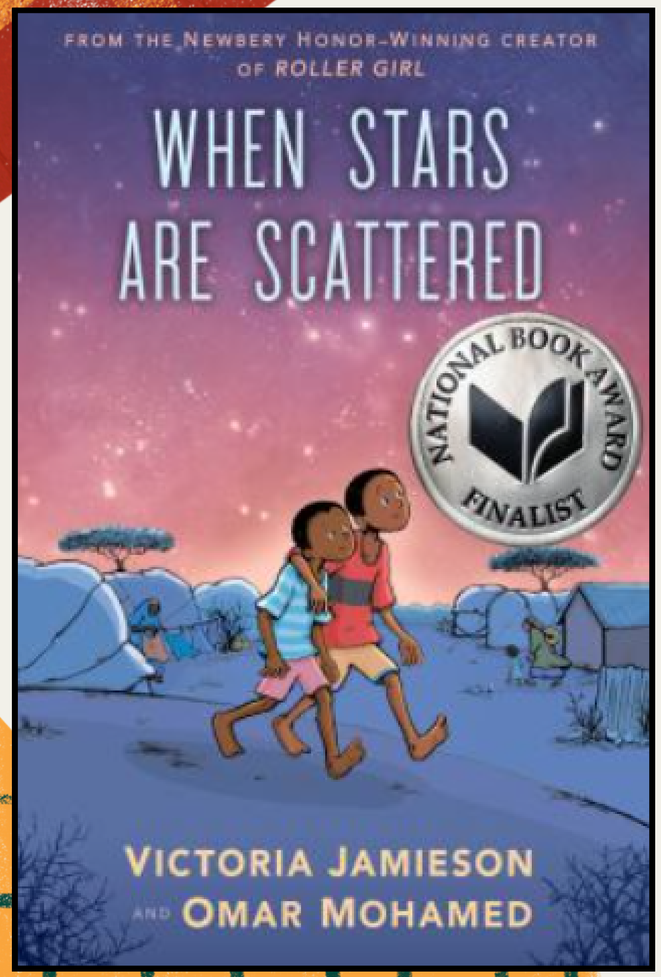


In a faraway land, civil war is brewing. To unify the kingdom's divided people, a nobleman named Conner devises a cunning plan to find an impersonator of the king's long-lost son and install him on the throne. Four orphans are recruited to compete for the role, including a defiant and clever boy named Sage. Sage knows that Conner's motives are more than questionable, yet his life balances on a sword's point—he must be chosen to play the prince or he will certainly be killed. His rivals will be devising their own plots as well, so Sage must trust no one and keep his thoughts hidden.

As Sage moves from a rundown orphanage to Conner's sumptuous palace, layer upon layer of treachery and deceit unfolds, until finally, a truth is revealed that may very well prove more dangerous than all of the lies together. The False Prince is an extraordinary adventure filled with danger and action, deceptions and deadly truths that will have readers clinging to the edge of their seats.

This guide was written by Mary Kate Doman, Children's and Young Adult Book Consultant, Author, and Professor.

When Stars are Scattered



Omar and his younger brother Hassan live in a refugee camp. When an opportunity for Omar to get an education comes along, he must decide between going to school every day or caring for his nonverbal brother in this intimate and touching portrayal of daily life in a refugee camp.

Ungifted



Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.



The Clackity

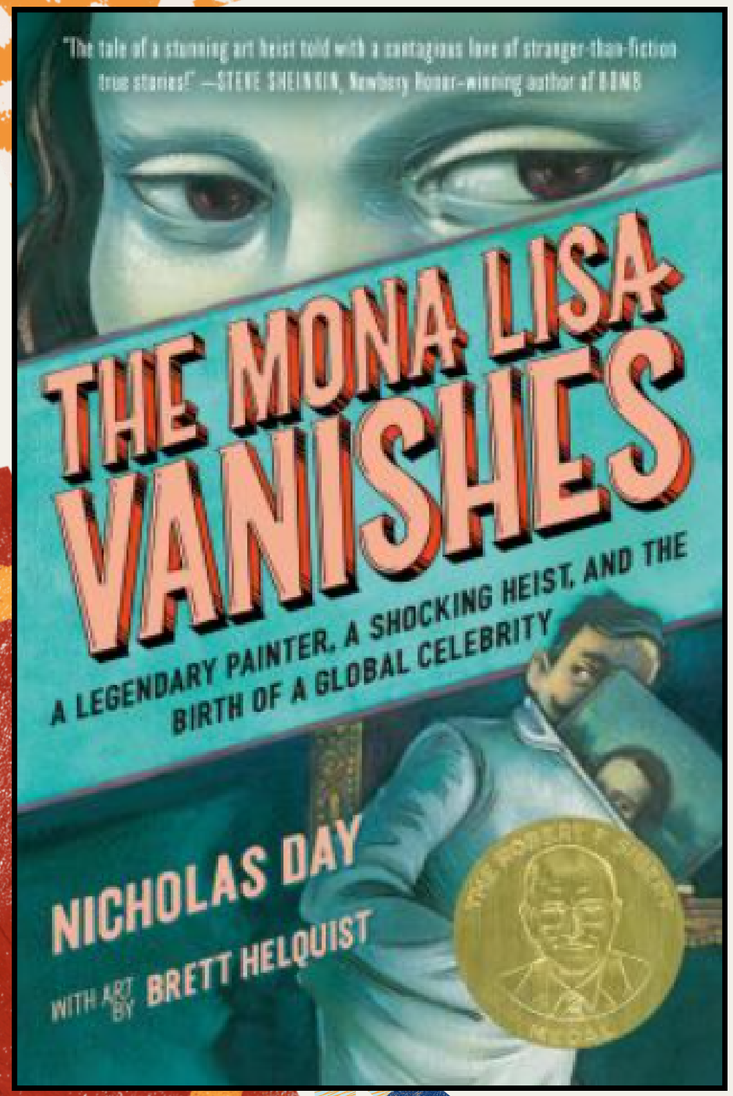


Evie Von Rathe lives in Blight Harbor—the seventh-most haunted town in America—with her Aunt Desdemona, the local paranormal expert. Des doesn't have many rules except one: Stay out of the abandoned slaughterhouse at the edge of town. But when her aunt disappears into the building, Evie goes searching for her.

There she meets The Clackity, a creature who lives in the shadows and seams of the slaughterhouse. The Clackity makes a deal with Evie to help get Des back in exchange for the ghost of John Jeffrey Pope, a serial killer who stalked Blight Harbor a hundred years earlier. Evie reluctantly embarks on a journey into a strange otherworld filled with hungry witches, penny-eyed ghosts, and a memory-thief, all while being pursued by a dead man whose only goal is to add Evie to his collection of lost souls. Will she ever find Des, or is The Clackity planning something far more sinister?

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The Mona Lisa Vanishes



On a hot August day in Paris, just over a century ago, a desperate guard burst into the office of the director of the Louvre and shouted, “La Joconde, c’est partie! The Mona Lisa, she’s gone!”

No one knew who was behind the heist. Was it an international gang of thieves? Was it an art-hungry American millionaire? Was it the young Spanish painter Pablo Picasso, who was about to remake the very art of painting?

Travel back to an extraordinary period of revolutionary change: turn-of the-century Paris. Walk its backstreets. Meet the infamous thieves—and detectives —of the era. And then slip back further in time and follow Leonardo da Vinci, painter of the Mona Lisa, through his dazzling, wondrously weird life. Discover the secret at the heart of the Mona Lisa— the most famous painting in the world should never have existed at all.

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