



HAISLN RECOMMENDED READING LIST

2019

About the HAISLN Recommended Reading List

This list of titles has been compiled by librarians at member schools of the Houston Area Independent Schools Library Network (HAISLN). It includes both fiction and nonfiction books by some of the best authors for children and young adults.

Books on the list are evaluated annually by grade-level committees. Committee members rely on recommendations from standard, professionally prepared evaluation aids and on input from students and teachers, as well as the collective HAISLN expertise. A conscious effort is made to appeal to the broad range of interests, maturity levels, and reading abilities of students.

In most cases the number of books by any given author is limited to one or two per grade level list. An older title with superior literary quality may remain on the list despite newer publications by the same author. Before reading a recommended author's book that does not appear on the student's grade list, readers should be aware that authors often write for multiple interest and age levels. Books that are part of a series are also noted, but not all books in a series are necessarily appropriate at the indicated grade level.

Students may find that some titles that are required reading for their classes appear on this list. Be advised that if a book for required reading is selected for independent reading, it may have to be re-read with the class at a later date.

This list is offered as one possible source of reading guidance. Additional lists of award winners and recommended books may be obtained from your school or public librarian. We hope that books from this list bring students many hours of enjoyment and encourage the life-long love of reading.

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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Agee, Jon. ***Lion Lessons***. Dial Books, 2016. A young boy takes lessons on how to be a lion.
- Barnett, Mac. ***Noisy Night***. Roaring Brook, 2017. No one can get to sleep in this high-rise apartment building, as each floor is revealed to make their own kind of noise.
- Brill, Calista. ***Cat Wishes***. Houghton Mifflin, 2018. The ever-skeptical Cat learns that wishes can come true—just not always in the ways we expect. At turns sly and sweet, this clever story about friendship will leave no doubt that true magic lies in our connections with others, not just the wishes we make.
- Brown-Wood, JaNay. ***Grandma’s Tiny House***. Charlesbridge, 2017. In this rhyming counting book, when the whole family plus guests show up for the big dinner at Grandma’s house, it becomes clear that her home is much too small to hold them all.
- Collier, Bryan. ***It’s Shoe Time!*** Hyperion, 2017. If you choose to wear unmatched shoes, can they still be a pair? *Elephant & Piggie Like Reading! series*
- Cooper, Elisha. ***8: An Animal Alphabet***. Orchard Books, 2015. Discover hundreds of animals, from aardvark to zebu, and find out why for each letter of the alphabet one animal is shown eight times.
- Cousins, Lucy. ***Maisy Goes to the Library***. Candlewick, 2005. Maisy goes to the library in search of a book about fish and a quiet place in which to read it.
- Delaney, Celeste. ***ABC Ready for School: An Alphabet of Social Skills***. Free Spirit, 2018. Social skills needed in school are described from A to Z.
- Dewdney, Anna. ***Little Excavator***. Viking, 2017. Little Excavator wants to help the big rigs transform a vacant lot into a neighborhood park, but he is too small to get the work done until he finds a job that is the perfect size for him to do.
- Dickson, Irene. ***Blocks***. Nosy Crow, 2016. Ruby has red blocks, and Benji has blue blocks, but what happens when they won’t share?
- Diesen, Deborah. ***The Pout-Pout Fish***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008. The pout-pout fish believes he only knows how to frown, even though many of his friends suggest ways to change his expression, until one day a fish comes along that shows him otherwise.
- DiTerlizzi, Angela. ***Just Add Glitter***. Beach Lane Books, 2018. Illustrations and simple, rhyming text encourage the reader to add glitter to everything in sight, until even what should really sparkle is obscured.

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- Doerrfeld, Cori. ***The Rabbit Listened***. Dial Books, 2018. Taylor is upset that his block castle has been destroyed, but only the rabbit stops to listen and understand what Taylor needs.
- Drummond, Ree. ***Charlie the Ranch Dog***. Harper, 2011. The adventures of Charlie, a basset hound ranch dog, and his sidekick, Suzie, are recounted. *Series*
- Dunklee, Annika. ***My Name is Elizabeth!*** Kids Can Press, 2011. Elizabeth is not happy that people try to call her by nicknames, such as Lizzie or Beth, so she finally stands up for herself and learns tact and respect in the process.
- Dunlap, Cirocco. ***Crunch, The Shy Dinosaur***. Random House, 2018. A shy brontosaurus would like to play but needs some encouragement in this book that subtly provides lessons in friend-making.
- Elya, Susan Middleton. ***La Madre Goose: Nursery Rhymes for Los Niños***. Putnam's, 2016. This collection of classic nursery rhymes is laced with Spanish words mixed in with sentences in English.
- Emberley, Ed. ***Nighty Night, Little Green Monster***. Little, Brown, 2013. With the turn of each page, see Little Green Monster begin to disappear and then reappear as the stars come out and it is time to say good night.
- Falconer, Ian. ***Olivia...and the Missing Toy***. Atheneum, 2003. When her best toy mysteriously disappears, Olivia the feisty pig is determined to find out who is responsible.
- Feek, Rory. ***The Cow Said Neigh! : A Farm Story***. Thomas Nelson, 2018. Illustrations and rhyming text follow a series of farm animals as each wishes it could be another, and then lets out the sound of the animal it envies.
- Fliess, Sue. ***Shoes for Me!*** Marshall Cavendish, 2011. When she realizes that her feet have grown, a young hippo is allowed to choose which new shoes to buy.
- Florian, Douglas. ***Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars***. Harcourt, 2007. This whimsical collection of twenty poems about the galaxy provides fun facts and creative drawings that are out of this world.
- Foxworthy, Jeff. ***Dirt on My Shirt: Selected Poems***. Harper, 2013. In this hilarious collection of poems, comedian Jeff Foxworthy creates a neighborhood filled with fun, friends, family, and more.
- Gee, Kimberly. ***Mad, Mad Bear!*** Beach Lane Books, 2018. Bear is very angry that he has to leave the park, but after taking a deep breath, he learns to let it go.
- Gilbert, Leah. ***A Couch for Llama***. Sterling, 2018. A llama discovers how much fun a couch can be after one falls off the roof of a family's car.

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- Going, K. L. ***Bumpety, Dunkety, Thumpety-Thump.*** Beach Lane Books, 2017. Illustrations and onomatopoeic text capture a busy day in the life of two young siblings as they pick berries, help make a pie, and “thumpety-thump” their way to bed.
- Hall, Michael. ***Red: A Crayon’s Story.*** Greenwillow, 2015. Red’s factory-applied label clearly says that he is red, but despite the best efforts of his teacher, fellow crayons, and family members, he cannot seem to do anything right until a new friend offers a fresh perspective.
- Heling, Kathryn. ***Clothesline Clues to Jobs People Do.*** Charlesbridge, 2012. Colorful illustrations help children determine job titles from the clothes the people wear.
- Hellman, Blake Liliane. ***Something Smells!*** Atheneum, 2018. When Elliot wakes up to a terrible smell, he is determined to find the source.
- Henkes, Kevin. ***My Garden.*** Greenwillow, 2010. After helping her mother weed, water, and chase the rabbits from their garden, a young girl imagines her dream garden complete with jellybean bushes, chocolate rabbits, and tomatoes the size of beach balls.
- Higgins, Ryan T. ***Be Quiet!*** Hyperion, 2017. Rupert the mouse wants to star in an artistic, wordless picture book, but his animal friends cause problems by talking too much.
- Idle, Molly. ***Flora and the Peacocks.*** Chronicle Books, 2016. Flora and two peacocks become friends as they learn to dance together in this wordless book with flaps.
- Javernick, Ellen. ***What If Everybody Did That?*** Two Lions, 2010. A child learns that there are consequences for thoughtless behavior, from feeding popcorn to a bear at the zoo to dropping an empty can out of a car window.
- Jeffers, Oliver. ***Stuck.*** HarperCollins, 2011. When Floyd’s kite gets stuck in a tree, he tries to knock it down with increasingly larger and more outrageous things.
- Kang, Anna. ***That’s (Not) Mine.*** Two Lions, 2015. This tale is about two fuzzy creatures who want to sit in the same comfy chair.
- Katz, Karen. ***Rosie Goes to Preschool.*** Schwartz & Wade, 2015. Rosie, a helpful preschooler, offers advice to children facing their first day of preschool.
- Keats, Ezra Jack. ***Peter’s Chair.*** Viking. Originally published in 1971. When Peter discovers his blue furniture is being painted pink for a new baby sister, he rescues the last unpainted item, a chair, and runs away.
- Kent, Derek Taylor. ***El Perro con Sombrero: A Bilingual Doggy Tale.*** Holt, 2015. Although Pepe achieves fame and fortune as a movie star dog, much to the chagrin of a movie star cat, Pepe longs for a family.

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- Kuefler, Joseph. ***The Digger and the Flower***. Balzer + Bray, 2018. When Digger discovers a flower growing in the center of the town being built, his entire perspective changes.
- Larson, Jennifer S. ***Do I Need It? or Do I Want It: Making Budget Choices***. Lerner Publications, 2010. This book teaches children to budget and make intelligent choices in life by realizing the difference between want and need.
- Lawler, Janet. ***Ocean Counting***. National Geographic, 2013. Using vivid photographs, a variety of ocean animals are described while the numbers one through ten and the concept of counting are introduced.
- Light, Steve. ***Swap!*** Candlewick, 2016. A peg-legged youngster uses his bartering skills to trade for sails, an anchor, a ship's wheel, and other necessary supplies to fix his ship and makes a new friend in the process.
- Lin, Grace. ***Kite Flying***. Dragonfly Books, 2004. A girl describes how her family makes and flies a kite.
- Lord, Janet. ***Albert the Fix-it Man***. Peachtree, 2008. A cheerful repairman fixes squeaky doors, leaky roofs, and crumbling fences for his neighbors, who return the kindness when he catches a terrible cold.
- Luciani, Brigitte. ***How Will We Get to the Beach?*** NorthSouth, 2003. The reader is asked to guess what Roxanne must leave behind (ball, umbrella, book, turtle, or baby) as she tries various means of transportation to get to the beach.
- Lyons, Shelly. ***Signs in My Neighborhood***. Capstone, 2013. Neighborhood signs such as stop signs, traffic signals, street signs, and crosswalks are described with explanations about why they are important.
- Mack, Jeff. ***Duck in the Fridge***. Two Lions, 2014. When Dad was a boy he found a duck in the fridge, and so begins his explanation as to why he reads Mother Goose rhymes to his own son every night.
- Maloney, Peter, and Felicia Zekauskas. ***One Foot Two Feet: An Exceptional Counting Book***. Putnam's, 2011. The die-cut windows in this counting book frame a single familiar object, and more objects are revealed as pages are turned.
- Mansfield, Andy. ***One Lonely Fish: A Counting Book with Bite!*** Bloomsbury, 2017. By turning the page to see a new fish on each spread, the reader can count along as each fish prepares to eat the one before it.
- Markes, Julie. ***Good Thing You're Not an Octopus!*** HarperCollins, 2001. A little boy finds that his life is pretty easy compared to how it might be if he were a bird, a tiger, or any number of baby animals.

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- Marshall, James. ***Goldilocks and the Three Bears***. Puffin, 1988. In this unique rendering of an old tale, three bears return home from a walk to find a little girl asleep in Baby Bear's bed. *Caldecott Honor Book 1988*
- Martin, Emily Winfield. ***The Wonderful Things You Will Be***. Random House, 2015. Illustrations and simple, rhyming text reveal a parent's musings about what a child will become, knowing that the child's kindness, cleverness, and boldness will shine through no matter what, as will the love they share.
- Marzollo, Jean. ***Pierre the Penguin: A True Story***. Sleeping Bear Press, 2010. Rhyming text and colorful illustrations describe the effort of aquatic biologist Pam to help an African penguin in California when he begins to go bald.
- McAnulty, Stacy. ***Earth! : My First 4.54 Billion Years***. Holt, 2017. With touches of humor, a variety of information is provided about our planet Earth.
- McCarthy, Meghan. ***Astronaut Handbook***. Knopf, 2008. Astronaut school explains what is involved in becoming an astronaut and what living in outer space is like.
- McDonnell, Patrick. ***Shine!*** Little, Brown, 2017. A starfish wishes she could be a star in the sky instead of in the sea, but her ocean friends make her feel special.
- Miller, J. Philip. ***We All Sing with the Same Voice***. HarperCollins, 2000. This joyful Sesame Street song embraces the notion that no matter where children live, what they look like, or what they do, they're all the same where it counts –at heart (book includes music CD).
- Miller, Sharee. ***Princess Hair***. Little, Brown, 2017. Little girls pretending to be princesses celebrate the different shapes, textures, and styles of their black hair.
- Morris, Ann. ***Houses and Homes***. HarperCollins, 1992. Colorful photographs show different kinds of houses around the world, and simple text explains what makes them homes.
- Murphy, Stuart J. ***Double the Ducks***. HarperCollins, 2003. Simple multiplication is used in this story of a boy who cares for five ducks, but when each duck brings home a friend, his work doubles. *MathStart series*
- Na, Il Sung. ***A Book of Babies***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2013. While baby animals are being born—some with fur and some with scales, some with lots of brothers and sisters, some with none—a curious duck watches.
- Newman, Jeff. ***Found***. Simon & Schuster, 2018. While Jenn is seeking Prudence, her big, sleek and shiny, black and white dog, she meets and falls in love with Roscoe, a scruffy little golden dog.
- Parr, Todd. ***The Earth Book***. Little, Brown, 2010. Easy ways to take care of planet Earth and conserve resources are explained with simple text and colorful illustrations.

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- Patton, Julia. ***The Very, Very, Very Long Dog***. Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2017. Bartelby, a very long sausage dog, causes chaos when walking with his friends until they find a way for him to keep track of his bottom.
- Pett, Mark. ***Lizard from the Park***. Simon & Schuster, 2015. Leonard finds an egg in the park that soon hatches into a little green lizard, but when it keeps growing, he realizes that he must return Buster to the park and set him free.
- Pinkney, Jerry. ***The Tortoise and the Hare***. Little, Brown, 2013. Beautiful illustrations and minimal text relate the familiar fable of the race between a slow tortoise and a quick but foolish hare.
- Pizzoli, Greg. ***Number One Sam***. Disney-Hyperion, 2014. A competitive race-car driving dog learns that some things are more important than being number one.
- Portis, Antoinette. ***Wait***. Roaring Brook, 2015. A simple, sweet picture book about the joys of waiting and taking in what is around you.
- Reed, Lynn Rowe. ***Bear's Big Breakfast***. Balzer + Bray, 2016. After Bear wakes up from hibernating, he craves food that begins with the letter "b."
- Ringgold, Faith. ***Cassie's Word Quilt***. Dragonfly Books, 2002. People and objects that make a girl's New York City apartment, school, and neighborhood special are named.
- Rinker, Sherri Duskey. ***Steam Train, Dream Train***. Chronicle Books, 2013. In this book with rhyming text, the dream train pulls into the station and all the different cars are loaded by the animal workers, each with the appropriate cargo.
- Robertson, Michael. ***I Like My Car***. Holiday House, 2018. Animals show how much they love their cars of all different colors while driving, caring for them, and even hugging them.
- Root, Phyllis. ***Creak! Said the Bed***. Candlewick, 2015. In the middle of a dark, stormy night, one child, then another, then a third wake their mother and ask to climb into the bed, but when the last member of the family arrives, Papa declares there is no more room.
- Rosenthal, Amy Krouse, and Paris Rosenthal. ***Dear Girl***. HarperCollins, 2017. Readers are encouraged to accept and love themselves as they are, and they are advised to be confident, curious, adaptable, and willing to speak up.
- Santat, Dan. ***The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend***. Little, Brown, 2014. After waiting a long time to be "imagined" by a child, Beekle (an imaginary friend) finally does the unimaginable – he sets out on a quest to find his perfect match in the real world. *Caldecott Medal 2015*

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- Sayres, Brianna Caplan. ***Where Do Diggers Sleep at Night?*** Random House, 2012. Illustrations and rhyming text reveal what trucks, tractors, and construction vehicles do to get ready for bed after a hard day's work.
- Schwartz, Corey. ***The Three Ninja Pigs***. Putnam's, 2012. In this twist on the classic tale, rhyming text describes how Pig One and Pig Two neglect their martial arts training and are no match for the wolf, but Pig Three's practice and dedication save the day. Includes a glossary of Japanese martial arts terms.
- Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. ***Lemons Are Not Red***. Roaring Brook, 2004. Using die-cuts, this creative book compares the color of familiar objects by showing the wrong color first and then the correct color as soon as the page is turned.
- Shea, Bob. ***I'm a Shark!*** Balzer + Bray, 2011. A boastful shark impresses his underwater friends with his bravery until one of them asks about spiders.
- Slobodkina, Esphyr. ***Caps for Sale and the Mindful Monkeys***. Harper, 2017. As the peddler sells his caps, the playful monkeys become troublesome by following his every move; but just when he thinks they are no good, the monkeys surprise him.
- Smith, Lane. ***A Perfect Day***. Roaring Brook, 2017. The animals in Bert's backyard discover that a perfect day means something different for each of them.
- Stanton, Elizabeth Rose. ***Henny***. Simon & Schuster, 2014. Henny has arms instead of wings like the other chickens, but she soon discovers all the wonderful things she can do with her arms!
- Stein, David Ezra. ***I'm My Own Dog***. Candlewick, 2014. A dog without a human companion fetches his own slippers and curls up at his own feet but cannot reach a certain itchy spot in the middle of his back, compelling him to leash a poor lonely human who will loyally offer a helpful scratch.
- Suen, Anastasia. ***Up! Up! Up! Skyscraper***. Charlesbridge, 2017. Snappy rhymes invite young readers to watch workers dig, pour, pound, and bolt a skyscraper into existence.
- Sullivan, Mary. ***Nobody's Duck***. Houghton Mifflin, 2018. In a surprising twist, Alligator helps Duck find his family.
- Sutton, Sally. ***Demolition***. Candlewick, 2012. A demolition crew tears down an old building, sorts scraps of material, and hauls the debris off to make room for a new construction project, revealed at the end to be a playground.
- Tafari, Nancy. ***The Busy Little Squirrel***. Simon & Schuster, 2007. Squirrel knows it is time to get ready for winter, so he is too busy for fun activities with all his animal friends.

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- Teckentrup, Britta. ***Get Out of My Bath!*** Nosy Crow, 2015. Ellie the elephant’s relaxing bath is disrupted by too many splashing friends, prompting her to suck up all of the water into her trunk until everyone else leaves.
- Tullet, Hervé. ***Press Here***. Chronicle Books, 2011. Each page of this surprising book instructs the reader to press the dots, shake the pages, tilt the book, and discover what happens next!
- Usher, Sam. ***Storm***. Templar, 2018. A boy and his grandfather search for a kite to fly as stormy weather approaches and there is plenty of wind. *Series*
- Vestergaard, Hope. ***Digger, Dozer, Dumper***. Candlewick, 2013. In this book of sixteen poems, young readers meet their favorite trucks and vehicles face-to-face.
- Weeks, Sarah. ***Counting Ovejas***. Atheneum, 2006. When increasing numbers of sheep in a rainbow of colors appear in a boy’s bedroom as he tries to fall asleep, he must resort to more and more elaborate means of removing them.
- Wells, Rosemary. ***Time Out for Sophie***. Viking, 2013. Sophie means to be a good little mouse, but she just can’t resist testing the limits with her patient parents and grandmother.
- Wheeler, Lisa. ***Dino-Baseball***. Carolrhoda Books, 2010. Meat-eating dinosaurs face plant-eating dinosaurs in a game of baseball.
- Willems, Mo. ***Nanette’s Baguette***. Hyperion, 2016. Nanette sets out on her first solo trip to the bakery to get a baguette, but there are many distractions and temptations along the way.
- Wilson, Karma. ***Bear Can’t Sleep***. McElderry Books, 2018. Bear can’t seem to get to sleep so that he can hibernate through the winter until his friends join together to help him.
- Won, Brian. ***Hooray for Hat!*** Houghton Mifflin, 2014. Elephant wakes up in a grumpy mood, but a present on his doorstep – a hat - cheers him and he sets out to greet his neighbors who all, it seems, need hats of their own.
- Yolen, Jane. ***How Do Dinosaurs Learn to Read?*** Blue Sky Press, 2018. Told in rhyming text, young dinosaurs learn to read, but only after many mishaps such as chewing their books and throwing them at the cat—but eventually they learn to respect their books and treat them properly.
- Yoon, Salina. ***Duck, Duck, Porcupine!*** Bloomsbury, 2016. Big Duck likes to boss around her younger brother Little Duck and their gentle friend Porcupine, and though Little Duck does not speak, his expressions and actions show that he has a better grasp of any situation than his older sister.

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Yuly, Toni. ***Night Owl***. Feiwel and Friends, 2015. A baby owl flies through the night, listening carefully for different sounds as he tries to find Mommy Owl.

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- Adderson, Caroline. ***Not in Love***. Kids Can Press, 2014. Jasper John Dooley is not happy to be paired with Isabel, who really likes him, for a reading partner, but when he goes to her house and plays on the trampoline, he begins to change his mind. *Series*
- Adler, David A. ***Don't Throw it to Mo***. Penguin Press, 2015. Although Mo, the youngest kid on the Robins football team, is being teased, his coach has a plan to turn things around.
- Alexander, Kwame. ***Acoustic Rooster and His Barnyard Band***. Sleeping Bear Press, 2011. Acoustic Rooster forms a jazz band with Duck Ellington, Bee Holliday, and Pepe Ernesto Cruz to compete in the annual Barnyard Talent Show against such greats as Thelonius Monkey, Mules Davis, and Ella Finchgerald. Includes glossary, notes on the characters and songs, and jazz timeline.
- Appelt, Kathi. ***Mogie: The Heart of the House***. Atheneum, 2014. A rambunctious puppy finds a home at the Ronald McDonald House, a place that houses sick children and their families while they undergo treatment.
- Applegate, Katherine. ***Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla***. Clarion, 2014. This picture book is an introduction to the true story of Ivan, the shopping mall gorilla that inspired the Newbery-winning novel ***The One and Only Ivan***.
- Arnold, Tedd. ***Fly Guy Presents: Bats***. Scholastic, 2015. Learn all about bats with Fly Guy! *Series*
- Archer, Micha. ***Daniel Finds a Poem***. Nancy Paulsen, 2016. When Daniel sees a sign for poetry in the park on Sunday, he spends the week asking animals he encounters in the park, "What is poetry?" and has his poem to share on Sunday.
- Asim, Jabari. ***Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington***. Little, Brown, 2012. This illustrated picture book follows young Booker T. Washington as he desires and perseveres to go to college and earn a degree.
- Aureliani, Franco. ***Dino-Mike and the Lunar Showdown***. Stone Arch Books, 2016. Mike and Shannon take to space to face off against their archnemesis, Mr. Bones, in a lunar showdown of dino-sized proportions, finally realizing that Mr. Bones isn't at all what he seems to be! *Series*
- Banks, Kate. ***Max's Math***. Frances Foster Books, 2015. Max is looking for problems to solve on this fun adventure in math that culminates in a rocket launch.
- Barrows, Annie. ***Ivy + Bean***. Chronicle Books, 2006. When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected. *Series*
- Beaty, Andrea. ***Ada Twist, Scientist***. Abrams Books, 2016. Ada Twist is a very curious girl who shows perseverance by asking questions and performing experiments to find things out and understand the world.

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- Bell, Cece. ***Rabbit & Robot and Ribbit***. Candlewick, 2016. Rabbit is excited to surprise Robot with a visit, but Robot already has his friend Ribbit over to play, and Rabbit is not so sure about Ribbit. *Series*
- Blabey, Aaron. ***Thelma the Unicorn***. Scholastic, 2017. Told in rhyme, Thelma the pony wants to be a unicorn--but when her wish comes true she discovers that there is a downside to fame and realizes that she was happier at home with her friend.
- Blabey, Aaron. ***The Bad Guys***. Scholastic, 2016. In this illustrated chapter book series, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Piranha want to be heroes, and they decide that the way to do it is to free the 200 dogs in the city dog pound--but their plan soon goes awry. *Series*
- Bottner, Barbara. ***Miss Brooks Loves Books! (And I Don't)***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. A first-grade girl--who does not like to read--stubbornly resists her school librarian's efforts to convince her to love books until she finds one that might change her mind.
- Broach, Elise. ***The Miniature World of Marvin & James***. Henry Holt, 2015. When his best friend, a human boy named James, goes away on vacation, Marvin the beetle worries that their friendship may end. *Series*
- Brown, Don. ***A Wizard from the Start: The Incredible Boyhood and Amazing Inventions of Thomas Edison***. Houghton Mifflin, 2010. Introduces young children to the life and inventions of Thomas Edison.
- Burks, James. ***Bird & Squirrel On the Edge!*** Graphix, 2015. Laughter ensues in Burks' third graphic novel featuring Bird and Squirrel. Amnesia, crossing a mountain, and rescuing a baby bear keep this Bird and Squirrel adventure laughter filled. *Series*
- Butler, Dori Hillestad. ***King and Kayla and the Case of the Secret Code***. Peachtree, 2017. When a mysterious letter written in code arrives at King's house for his human, Kayla, he follows the trail of the person who left it. *Series*
- Chabon, Michael. ***The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man***. Balzer + Bray, 2011. A young superhero describes his awesome powers, which he then demonstrates as various foes arrive on the scene.
- Chin, Jason. ***Gravity***. Roaring Brook, 2014. Minimal text and enthralling illustrations provide an introduction to the concept of gravity and explain what would happen without gravity. Additionally, specific and easy to understand information is included in the afterward.
- Churnin, Nancy. ***The William Hoy Story: How a Deaf Baseball Player Changed the Game***. Whitman, 2016. When deaf professional baseball player William Hoy asks an umpire to use hand signals for calls, it changes the way the game is played forever.

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- Clanton, Ben. ***Super Narwhal and Jelly Jolt***. Tundra Books, 2017. Join Narwhal and his best friend Jelly on three new undersea adventures told in graphic novel format. *Series*
- Clinton, Chelsea. ***She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World***. Philomel, 2018. A nonfiction picture book compilation of the stories of thirteen American women who persisted in overcoming obstacles and changing the world.
- Coleman, Evelyn. ***White Socks Only***. Whitman, 1996. Grandma tells the story about her first trip alone into town during the days when segregation still existed in Mississippi.
- Cornwall, Gaia. ***Jabari Jumps***. Candlewick, 2017. With his father's support and encouragement, Jabari overcomes his fear, musters up his courage, and jumps off the swimming pool diving board.
- Coy, John. ***Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball***. Carolrhoda Books, 2013. In 1891 James Naismith invented basketball as a game of skill to keep the unruly students in his gym class engaged.
- Cummings, Troy. ***Rise of the Balloon Goons***. Scholastic, 2013. Alexander has just moved into Stermont, but because the elementary school is being torn down, his new classroom is located in the hospital morgue where he finds a notebook full of information about monsters--and everywhere he turns there are spooky balloon men determined to attack him. *Series*
- Daywalt, Drew. ***The Day the Crayons Came Home***. Philomel, 2015. One day, Duncan is happily coloring with his crayons when a stack of postcards arrives in the mail from his former crayons, each of whom has run away or been left behind, and all of whom want to come home.
- Davies, Nicola. ***Tiny Creatures: The World of Microbes***. Candlewick, 2014. This engaging introduction to microbes explains how some of the smallest things on Earth have really big jobs.
- Davis, Jill. ***Orangutans Are Ticklish: Fun Facts from an Animal Photographer***. Schwartz & Wade, 2010. Provides interesting facts about animals and explores what it takes to photograph them, with animal photographer Steve Grubman sharing some of his favorite, and scariest, encounters.
- Deedy, Carmen Agra. ***The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet!*** Scholastic, 2017. When the mayor of a noisy village passes harsh rules about singing, a persistent rooster inspires the villagers to rebel and bring back singing.
- Dempsey, Kristy. ***A Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina's Dream***. Philomel, 2014. A young girl growing up in Harlem in the 1950s dreams of becoming a prima ballerina one day and is thrilled to see a performance by Janet Collins, the first "colored" prima ballerina.

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- DePaola, Tomie. ***When Andy Met Sandy***. Simon & Schuster, 2016. Andy has the playground to himself until a new girl, Sandy, arrives. *Series*
- Diggs, Taye. ***Mixed Me!*** Feiwel and Friends, 2015. Mike, a mixed-race boy, answers all the questions about being mixed with lots of energy and joy.
- Dutcher, Jim and Jamie. ***A Friend for Lakota: The Incredible True Story of a Wolf Who Braved Bullying***. National Geographic, 2015. Lakota, the shy wolf pup, is picked on by the other wolves until Matsi blocks the others' nips, and Lakota learns to be more courageous.
- Egan, Tim. ***Dodsworth in Tokyo***. Houghton Mifflin, 2013. Dodsworth and his misbehaving duck continue their journeys with a trip to Tokyo. Again, Dodsworth must come to the rescue of the duck as he causes a series of mishaps. *Series*
- Elliott, Rebecca. ***Eva's Treetop Festival***. Scholastic, 2015. Having a Bloomtastic Festival at school to celebrate spring is a great idea - but Eva Wingdale, a young owl, discovers that it is also a lot of work, and there is nothing wrong with asking her friends for help. *Series*
- Elya, Susan Middleton. ***Little Roja Riding Hood***. Putnam's, 2014. A rhyming twist on the classic fairy tale in which a little girl saves her grandmother from a wolf. Includes a glossary of Spanish words.
- Feder, Sandra V. ***Daisy's Big Night***. Kids Can Press, 2014. Daisy loves poetry, and she must find a way to use it as her special talent in her school's talent show.
- Florian, Douglas. ***UnBEElievables: Honeybee Poems and Paintings***. Beach Lane, 2012. Fourteen funny, fact-filled poems inform the reader about the wonderful life of bees and their role in our ecosystem.
- Green, Poppy. ***A New Friend***. Little Simon, 2015. Eight-year-old Sophie Mouse is excited to return to school after the long winter break, but there is a new student - a snake - and Sophie and the other animals are afraid to sit near him, much less ask him to play with them, because they have heard that snakes are awful. *Series*
- Gutman, Dan. ***My Weird School: Teamwork Trouble***. Harper, 2018. Ryan wants to form a curling team at school with A.J. and Andrea, but soon trouble amongst his teammates threatens to end their season early. *Series*
- Haas, Jessie. ***Bramble and Maggie: Horse Meets Girl***. Candlewick, 2012. Maggie, a little girl who longs for a horse of her own, finds her match in Bramble, a horse who has grown tired of riding lessons and walking in circles. *Series*
- Hale, Shannon. ***The Princess in Black Takes a Vacation***. Candlewick, 2016. Even monster-battling princesses get tired sometimes, but a peaceful time away is hard to find! *Series*
- Hanlon, Abby. ***Dory Fantasmagory***. Dial Books, 2014. Dory, the youngest in the family, is a girl with a very active imagination, and she spends the summer playing with her imaginary friend, pretending to be a dog, battling monsters, and generally driving her family nuts. *Series*

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- Heos, Bridget. ***I, Fly: The Buzz About Flies and How Awesome They Are***. Holt, 2015. In this fact-filled narrative, Fly explains why his species is cooler than butterflies, who seem to get all the attention.
- Hernandez, Laurie. ***She's Got This***. Harper, 2018. This is a beautiful story of a young girl who learns that hard work and perseverance are worth it, especially when accompanied by the encouragement and support of her family.
- Hoberman, Mary Ann, ed. ***Forget-Me-Nots: Poems to Learn by Heart***. Little, Brown, 2012. A collection of more than 120 poems for children to learn, including selections from classic and contemporary poets, with tips and tricks from former Children's Poet Laureate Mary Ann Hoberman on memorization and recitation.
- Holm, Jennifer. ***Super Amoeba***. Random House, 2011. The young amoeba Squish, inspired by his favorite comic book hero, Super Amoeba, tries to navigate his way through school to save his friends, and the world, from the evils that lurk in the halls. *Series*
- Howe, James. ***Plink and Plunk***. Candlewick, 2009. Houndsley likes canoeing and his friend Catina likes bicycling, but each has to help the other learn to enjoy these activities in order to do them together. *Series*
- Jamieson, Victoria. ***The Great Pet Escape***. Holt, 2016. A young graphic novel chapter book about the escape escapades of class pets at Daisy P. Flugelhorn Elementary School.
- Jeffers, Oliver. ***The Incredible Book Eating Boy***. Philomel, 2006. Henry loves to eat books until he begins to feel quite ill and decides that maybe he could do something else with the books he has been devouring.
- Jenkins, Steve. ***Apex Predators: The World's Deadliest Hunters, Past and Present***. Houghton Mifflin, 2017. Award-winning author/illustrator Steve Jenkins shares amazing facts about extinct and modern-day apex (animals at the top of the food chain) predators.
- Kaplan, Michael. ***Betty Bunny Wants a Goal***. Dial Books, 2014. When a young rabbit quits soccer after a disappointing first game, her family encourages her to keep trying. *Series*
- Kelly, Scott. ***My Journey to the Stars***. Crown, 2017. A picture book memoir about NASA astronaut Scott Kelly that takes readers on a journey through his ordinary childhood to his record-breaking year commanding the International Space Station.
- Kimmel, Eric A. ***Anansi's Party Time***. Holiday House, 2008. When Anansi the spider invites Turtle to a party just to play a trick on him, Turtle gets revenge at a party of his own.

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- Kirby, Stan. ***Captain Awesome and the New Kid***. Little Simon, 2012. Looking for super-silly superhero adventures? It's Captain Awesome and Nacho Cheese Man to the rescue! Eugene and Charlie continue their hijinks and discover the "new kid" is Super Dude. *Series*
- Klise, Kate. ***Stay: A Girl, A Dog, A Bucket List***. Feiwel and Friends, 2017. Eli the dog has been with Astrid since she was a baby, and now that Eli is getting older and slowing down, Astrid wants to make fun memories with him, but she knows what is most important to Eli is the time he spends with Astrid.
- Levine, Sara. ***Tooth by Tooth: Comparing Fangs, Tusks, and Chompers***. Millbrook, 2016. This nonfiction book explains the similarities and differences of teeth in humans and animals. It includes more information about mammals, a glossary, further reading suggestions, and websites.
- Lin, Grace. ***Ling & Ting: Twice as Silly***. Little, Brown, 2014. Identical twins Ling and Ting like to be silly, tell jokes, and laugh together. *Series*
- Lobel, Arnold. ***Frog and Toad Are Friends***. First published 1970. Be entertained by the classic, short, delightful tales about best friends Frog and Toad. *Series*
- Mallery, Sydra. ***A Most Unusual Day***. Greenwillow, 2018. Something is unusual about today, from the time Caroline wakes up, throughout her day at school, until her parents greet her with an unusually perfect surprise.
- Marko, Cyndi. ***Let's Get Cracking!*** Scholastic, 2014. Gordon Blue and his brother, Benny, unlikely superheroes, must save Fowladelphia from Granny Goosebumps, who has filled the city with cookies that cause innocent chickens' feathers to fall off. *Series*
- Marshall, James. ***Fox On the Job***. Puffin, 1988. Fox tries several different jobs to earn money. *Series*
- Mattick, Lindsay. ***Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear***. Little, Brown, 2015. A fictionalized account of Captain Harry Coleburn's relationship with a bear cub in 1914, which he rescued while on his way to care for soldiers' horses during World War I and became the inspiration for A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh.
- McCleery, Peter. ***Bob and Joss Get Lost***. HarperCollins, 2016. Two best friends get more than they bargained for in this funny adventure when they are shipwrecked on what may or may not be a deserted island.
- McDonald, Megan. ***Stink and the Ultimate Thumb-Wrestling Smackdown***. Candlewick, 2011. When Stink Moody gets a "U" (for Unsatisfactory) in gym, he turns first to thumb-wrestling, then to karate, to give him a sporting edge. *Series*

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- McMullan, Kate. ***Pearl and Wagner: Five Days Till Summer***. Penguin Press, 2012. Pearl and her friend Wagner, on the verge of moving up to Ms. Bean's first grade class, worry about their new teacher being "mean" until something surprising changes their minds... *Series*
- Mosca, Julia Finley. ***The Doctor with an Eye for Eyes: The Story of Dr. Patricia Bath***. Innovation Press, 2017. As a girl coming of age during the Civil Rights Movement, Patricia Bath dreamed of becoming a doctor, and not only did she fulfill that dream, but she also invented a procedure to remove cataracts and became the first African American female doctor to hold a medical patent.
- Medina, Juana. ***Juana and Lucas***. Candlewick, 2016. Juana lives in Bogota, Colombia, and loves drawing and her dog, Lucas, but she does not love having to learn English. When her abuelos plan a trip - one that will require speaking in English - she reconsiders. *Pura Belpré Award 2017*
- Murray, Carol. ***Cricket in the Thicket***. Holt, 2017. Over 30 common insects are described in a variety of amusing poems combined with interesting facts and collage illustrations.
- Nees, Susan. ***Missy's Super Duper Royal Deluxe Picture Day***. Scholastic, 2013. After her mother helps with her outfit, Missy is afraid her school picture will not be special this year. *Series*
- O'Ryan, Ray. ***Hello, Nebulon!*** Little Simon, 2013. Moving from Earth to the futuristic planet Nebulon in 2120, eight-year-old Galaxy Zack is nervous about starting school and meeting people. *Series*
- Parish, Herman. ***Amelia Bedelia Means Business***. Greenwillow, 2013. Amelia Bedelia wants a new bike, but her parents will only pay for half of the bike, so Amelia Bedelia needs to find a job to earn enough money for the bike of her dreams. *Series*
- Petty, Dev. ***I Don't Want to be a Frog***. Doubleday, 2015. A frog who yearns to be any animal that is cute and warm discovers that being wet, slimy, and full of bugs has its advantages.
- Potter, Alicia. ***Miss Hazeltine's Home for Shy and Fearful Cats***. Albert A. Knopf, 2015. Miss Hazeltine opens her home to cats needing courage, and their new learned skills are put to use when she finds herself in trouble.
- Raczka, Bob. ***Niko Draws a Feeling***. Carolrhoda Books, 2017. A young boy draws his feelings, but no one seems to understand what he is drawing until he meets Iris, the new girl who moves in next door.
- Rex, Adam. ***XO, OX: A Love Story***. Roaring Brook, 2017. This is the hilarious tale of an ox who is in love with a gazelle, told in series of letters.
- Reynolds, Peter H. ***The Dot***. Candlewick, 2003. "Just make a mark and see where it takes you." This sage advice, offered by her teacher, sets the young heroine on a journey of self-expression, artistic experimentation, and success.

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- Robbins, Dean. ***Margaret and the Moon: How Margaret Hamilton Saved the First Lunar Landing***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2017. Pursuing her childhood passion for mathematics and astronomy, Margaret Hamilton becomes a pioneer in computer programming and a hero in the Apollo 11 mission.
- Rylant, Cynthia. ***The Old Woman Who Named Things***. Harcourt, 1996. An old woman who has outlived all her friends is reluctant to become too attached to the stray dog that visits her each day.
- Santat, Dan. ***After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again***. Roaring Brook, 2017. After his famous fall, Humpty Dumpty summons his courage to get back up and is rewarded with something amazing.
- Schlitz, Laura Amy. ***Princess Cora and the Crocodile***. Candlewick, 2017. Princess Cora is sick of boring lessons, exercising in the dungeon gym, and especially taking three baths a day. But when she writes to her fairy godmother for help, she doesn't expect that help to come in the form of a crocodile--a crocodile who does not behave properly.
- Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman, and Mitchell Sharmat. ***Nate the Great and the Hungry Book Club***. Delacorte, 2009. Rosamond, who starts a book club, claims there is a monster on the loose that is ruining pages of her cookbook, which leads Nate the Great and his dog Sludge to investigate as undercover detectives. *Series*
- Sidman, Joyce. ***Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature***. Houghton Mifflin, 2011. An illustrated exploration of various examples of spirals appearing in nature, looking at snail shells, flower petals, elephant tusks, crashing waves, and more.
- Snyder, Laurel. ***Charlie and Mouse***. Chronicle Books, 2017. Charlie and Mouse, two young brothers, enjoy a day out together, attending an imaginary party and collecting rocks.
- Spires, Ashley. ***The Most Magnificent Thing***. Kids Can Press, 2014. A little girl has creative ideas to build the 'most magnificent thing,' and despite set-backs and problems, she perseveres and is very pleased with the finished product.
- Steig, William. ***Sylvester and the Magic Pebble***. First published 1969. In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock, but then he cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again! *Caldecott Medal 1970*
- Stein, David Ezra. ***Because Amelia Smiled***. Candlewick, 2012. As she skips down the street in New York, a little girl's smile inspires a neighbor to send cookies to her grandson in Mexico, and the goodwill soon spreads around the world.
- Stewart, Melissa. ***Feathers: Not Just for Flying***. Charlesbridge, 2014. This is a beautifully illustrated description of the many kinds of feathers and their uses.

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- Stockdale, Susan. ***Stripes of All Types***. Peachtree, 2013. Using vivid illustrations and snappy verse, nineteen animals with stripes are described to show the importance of animals' stripes.
- Stone, Tanya Lee. ***Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors?: The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell***. Holt, 2013. This engaging and delightfully illustrated book brings to life Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman doctor.
- Vere, Ed. ***Max and Bird***. Sourcebooks, 2017. Max, a kitten, and Bird, a very young bird, want to be friends, but Max also wants to eat Bird, so they strike a deal. *Series*
- Vernick, Audrey. ***First Grade Dropout***. Clarion, 2015. Humor and empathy abound when an embarrassed first grader decides to quit school.
- Watkins, Rowboat. ***Rude Cakes***. Chronicle Books, 2015. A rude cake learns a valuable lesson from a Cyclops in a simple story of etiquette and kindness found in the most unlikely place.
- West, Tracey. ***Rise of the Earth Dragon***. Scholastic, 2014. Eight-year-old Drake is snatched up by the King's soldiers and taken to the castle where he is told by the wizard Griffiths that he has been chosen to be a Dragon Master like Ana, Rori, and Bo - and his first task will be to discover whether his dragon, Worm, has any special powers. *Series*
- Winter, Jeanette. ***Henri's Scissors***. Beach Lane Books, 2013. When he became an old man confined to a wheelchair, artist Henri Matisse continued to make spectacular art, but not using paint and canvas - he used scissors to create enormous and breathtaking paper cutouts.
- Woodson, Jacqueline. ***The Day You Begin***. Nancy Paulsen, 2018. Other students laugh when Rigoberto, an immigrant from Venezuela, introduces himself, but later, he meets Angelina and discovers that he is not the only one who feels like an outsider.
- Woolvin, Bethan. ***Little Red***. Peachtree, 2016. A visually striking retelling of the classic Little Red Riding Hood story, complete with a brave and confident heroine.
- Yamada, Kobi. ***What Do You Do With a Chance?*** Compendium, 2017. Feeling disappointed and unhappy after not taking a chance, a child overcomes fears and ultimately takes a chance. *Series*
- Young, Amy. ***A Unicorn Named Sparkle***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2016. Lucy wants a unicorn, and although when he arrives he is not at all what she imagined, she warms up to him and realizes he is special after all.

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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Alexander, Kwame. ***Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets.*** Candlewick, 2017. From Maya Angelou to Naomi Shihab Nye, Robert Frost to Walter Dean Myers – this multicultural collection of original poems celebrates renowned poets from across the globe and across centuries of shared stories.
- Applegate, Katherine. ***Endling: The Last.*** Harper, 2018. Byx, believed to be the last dairne, goes on a quest to search for more of her species and is joined by various allies as they uncover many secrets in this exciting series opener. *Series*
- Arnold, Elana K. ***A Boy Called Bat.*** Walden Pond Press, 2017. When his veterinarian mom brings home a stray baby skunk that needs rehabilitation before it can be placed in a wild animal shelter, Bat, who has autism, resolves to prove that he is up to the challenge of caring for the skunk permanently.
- Aston, Dianna Hutts. ***A Beetle Is Shy.*** Chronicle Books, 2016. From flea beetles to bombardier beetles, an incredible variety of these beloved bugs are showcased in this carefully researched, visually striking book that is poetic in voice and elegant in design, perfect for sparking children's imaginations.
- Barton, Chris. ***What Do You Do with a Voice Like That?*** Beach Lane Books, 2018. A picture book biography about the life of Houston native Barbara Jordan, who was best known for her work as a lawyer, politician and civil rights leader.
- Becker, Helaine. ***Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Saved Apollo 13.*** Holt, 2018. From Katherine's early beginnings as a gifted student to her heroic accomplishments as a prominent mathematician at NASA, this is the story of a groundbreaking American woman who not only calculated the course of moon landings but, in turn, saved lives and made enormous contributions to history.
- Boothby, Ian. ***Sparks!*** Graphix, 2018. Two cats, August and Charlie, wear a dog suit and attempt to save humans while their arch nemesis, Princess, tries to conquer the world. *Graphic novel*
- Brown, Jeffrey. ***Lucy and Andy Neanderthal.*** Crown, 2016. Lucy and her brother Andy, two Neanderthal siblings living 40,000 years ago, take on a wandering baby sibling, bossy teens, cave paintings and a mammoth hunt, but the real adventure begins when they encounter a group of humans. *Series*
- Bryan, Ashley. ***Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life.*** Atheneum, 2016. Using original slave auction and plantation estate documents and his own bold and vivid illustrations, the author creatively contrasts the monetary value of a slave with the priceless value of life experiences and dreams that a slave owner could never take away.

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- Cleary, Beverly. ***Beezus and Ramona***. HarperTrophy, 2006. Four-year old Ramona has an imagination that makes her a menace to everyone around her, particularly her older sister, Beezus. *Series*
- Clements, Andrew. ***The Losers Club***. Random House, 2017. Alec, a sixth grade bookworm always in trouble for reading instead of listening and participating in class, starts a book club solely to have a place to read and discovers that real life, although messy, can be as exciting as the stories in his favorite books.
- Cline-Ransome, Lesa. ***Before She Was Harriet: The Story of Harriet Tubman***. Holiday House, 2018. An evocative poem and opulent watercolors come together to honor a woman of humble origins whose courage and compassion make her larger than life.
- Colfer, Chris. ***The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell***. Little, Brown, 2012. Through the mysterious power of a cherished book of stories, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy-tale characters they grew up reading about. *Series*
- Creech, Susan. ***Saving Winslow***. HarperCollins, 2018. When Louis' dad brings home a scrawny and sickly newborn donkey, their connection is instant; while the adults around him say that Winslow might not survive, Louis finds the faith and courage to believe in his donkey and himself.
- Dahl, Roald. ***The BFG***. Farrar, Straus, Giroux. First published in 1982. Sophie is kidnaped from her orphanage by a BFG--Big Friendly Giant--and the two set out to save the world.
- Davies, Jacqueline. ***The Lemonade War***. Houghton Mifflin, 2007. Evan and his younger sister, Jessie, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade, and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars. *Series*
- Divakaruni, Chitra Banerjee. ***Grandma and the Great Gourd: A Bengali Folk Tale***. Roaring Brook, 2013. On her way to visit her daughter on the other side of the jungle, Grandma encounters a hungry fox, bear, and tiger, and although she convinces them to wait for her return trip, she still must find a way to outwit them all.
- Eggers, Dave. ***Her Right Foot***. Chronicle Books, 2017. This beautifully illustrated book looks at the significance of the Statue of Liberty's right foot.
- Engle, Margarita. ***The Flying Girl: How Aida de Acosta Learned to Soar***. Atheneum, 2018. This beautifully illustrated picture book tells the inspirational story of Aida de Acosta, the first woman to fly a motorized aircraft.

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- Eszterhas, Suzi. ***Sea Otter Rescue***. Owlkids, 2016. A visit to the Alaska SeaLife Center explores, through engaging text and striking photography, how sea otters have become orphaned or hurt by a range of threats and how the dedicated teams at the clinic help them heal and rehabilitate.
- Fleming, Candace. ***Ben Franklin's in My Bathroom***. Schwartz & Wade, 2017. When ten-year-old Nolan and his little sister, Olive, find Ben Franklin in their kitchen, they do their best to guide Ben through the new world he helped form. *Series*
- Fleming, Candace. ***Giant Squid***. Roaring Brook, 2016. A nonfiction picture book exploring the mysterious life of the elusive giant squid.
- Florence, Debbi Michiko. ***Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2017. Eager to do something her big sister has not done first, Jasmine Toguchi, eight, decides to pound mochi with the men and boys when her family gets together for New Year's. *Series*
- Gibbs, Stuart. ***Spaced Out***. Simon & Schuster, 2016. In 2041 twelve-year-old Dashiell Gibson is a resident of Moon Base Alpha, and at the moment he is faced with a number of problems: coping with the nasty Sjoberg twins, finding out how the commander of the base has managed to disappear from a facility no bigger than a soccer field, and dealing with the alien Zan who communicates with him telepathically from afar--and who is hiding a secret which may threaten the whole Earth. *Series*
- Grabenstein, Chris. ***Home Sweet Motel: Welcome to Wonderland***. Random House, 2016. P.T. and his friend Gloria must solve a mystery at the world's wackiest motel: The Wonderland. *Series*
- Graff, Lisa. ***The Thing About Georgie***. HarperTrophy, 2008. Georgie's dwarfism causes problems, but he could always rely on his parents, his best friend, and classmate Jeanie the Meanie's teasing, until a surprising announcement, a new boy in school, and a class project shake things up.
- Gratz, Alan. ***Ban This Book***. Tom Doherty, 2017. Amy Anne, who never gets in trouble, finds herself in the battle of a lifetime when a concerned parent in her school has her favorite book taken off the library shelf.
- Griffiths, Andy. ***The 13-Story Treehouse***. Feiwel and Friends, 2013. Under pressure by their publisher to finish their next book, two young authors graphically describe all the extraordinary distractions they face living in their 13-story treehouse. *Series*
- Guglielmo, Amy, and Jacqueline Tourville. ***How to Build a Hug: Temple Grandin and Her Amazing Squeeze Machine***. Atheneum, 2018. Presents the story of Grandin's 'squeeze machine,' describing her childhood love of building and design, as well as her sensitivities.

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- Hale, Nathan. ***Alamo All-Stars***. Amulet Books, 2016. Hale recounts the story of the Alamo, featuring the exploits of historical legends Jim Bowie and Davy Crockett. *Graphic novel series*
- Halls, Kelly Milner. ***Saving the Baghdad Zoo: A True Story of Hope and Heroes***. Greenwillow, 2010. This photo-illustrated book tells the poignant stories of abandoned lions who roamed an empty palace with no food or drink; the camel, Lumpy, who survived transport through sniper fire; the tigers, Riley and Hope, who traveled 7,000 miles from home; and shares first-hand accounts of how the United States soldiers and volunteers saved the animals of the Baghdad Zoo.
- Harper, Charise Mericle. ***The Amazing Crafty Cat***. First Second, 2017. A new graphic novel trilogy for elementary-age readers about a little girl who can craft her way out of any situation. Each volume includes fun and simple instructions for do-it-yourself crafting activities. *Series*
- Harris, Chris. ***I'm Just No Good at Rhyming and Other Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-ups***. Little, Brown, 2017. In the vein of Shel Silverstein, this collection of poems is filled with humor, nonsensical language, rhyme, wordplay, and even codes to crack.
- Henry, Marguerite. ***Misty of Chincoteague***. Aladdin, 1947. Paul's and his sister Maureen's determination to own a pony from the herd on Chincoteague Island, Virginia, is greatly increased when the Phantom and her colt are among the ponies rounded up for the yearly auction.
- Holub, Joan. ***Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom***. Aladdin, 2012. When ten-year-old Zeus is kidnapped, he discovers he can defend himself with a magic thunderbolt. *Series*
- Humphrey, Anna. ***Megabat***. Tundra Books, 2018. When Daniel moves into a new house in a new town, he thinks it might be haunted, but he is surprised to find a new friend who happens to be a fruit bat in need of some help to make the long journey back home. *Series*
- Jenkins, Steve. ***Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World***. Houghton Mifflin, 2014. Profiles a series of animals with unusual eyes and explains how the animals use their uniquely evolved eyes to gain essential information about the biological world.
- Johannes, Shelley. ***Beatrice Zinker, Upside Down Thinker***. Disney-Hyperion, 2017. When third grade begins, Beatrice fears she is losing her best friend, so she uses her topsy-turvy ways of thinking to get things looking up. *Series*
- Khan, Hena. ***Power Forward***. Salaam Press, 2018. Fourth-grader Zayd yearns to play basketball on the Gold Team, but when he skips orchestra rehearsals to practice, his parents forbid anything basketball related, and tryouts are coming soon. *Series*

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- Lamothe, Matt. ***This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from Around the World.*** Chronicle Books, 2017. An illustrated take on how seven real kids from different countries go about a typical day.
- MacLachlan, Patricia ***The Truth of Me: About a Boy, His Grandmother, and a Very Good Dog.*** Katherine Tegen, 2013. Robbie and his dog, Ellie, spend the summer at his grandmother Maddy's house, where Robbie learns many things about his emotionally distant parents and himself.
- McCarthy, Meghan. ***The Wildest Race Ever: The Story of the 1904 Olympic Marathon.*** Simon & Schuster, 2016. The exciting and bizarre true story of the 1904 Olympic marathon, which took place at the St. Louis World's Fair.
- McMullan, Kate. ***Have a Hot Time, Hades!*** Stone Arch Books, 2012. In this story with a modern twist, Hades tells his own version of how he became King of the Underworld and Zeus became King of the Gods. *Series*
- McNamara, Margaret. ***The Dinosaur Expert.*** Schwartz & Wade, 2018. When a classmate tells Kimmy, who dreams of being a paleontologist, that "girls aren't scientists," their teacher Mr. Tiffin teaches them otherwise.
- Messner, Kate. ***Rescue on the Oregon Trail.*** Scholastic, 2015. Ranger, a golden retriever, could have been a great search-and-rescue dog except for the squirrels, but one day he unearths a mysterious box and finds himself transported back to the year 1850, where his faithful service is really needed by a family traveling west along the Oregon Trail. *Series*
- Nobleman, Marc Tyler. ***Thirty Minutes Over Oregon: A Japanese Pilot's World War II Story.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2018. In this important and moving true story of reconciliation after war, beautifully illustrated in watercolor, a Japanese pilot bombs the continental U.S. during WWII—the only enemy ever to do so—and comes back 20 years later to apologize.
- Nolan, Janet. ***Seven and a Half Tons of Steel.*** Peachtree, 2016. This powerful story reveals how seven and a half tons of steel that had once been a beam in the World Trade Center became a navy ship's bow showing how something remarkable can emerge from a devastating event.
- Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw. ***Dogs on Duty: Soldiers' Best Friends on the Battlefield and Beyond.*** Walker, 2012. Explains the many ways that dogs are used in the military and describes how they are cared for and trained.
- Patterson, James. ***Jacky Ha-Ha.*** Little, Brown, 2016. Twelve-year-old Jacky "Ha-Ha" Hart is a class clown with a penchant for pranking--and when she's required to act in the school play to appease her frustrated teachers, she must conquer her stutter. *Series*

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- Pearson, Luke. ***Hilda and the Stone Forest***. Nobrow, 2016. Hilda is hardly at home anymore, seeking days filled with excitement, and her mother can't help but worry... In a moment of tension, the pair find themselves flung far away into a mysterious, dark forest--the land of the trolls! Can they work together to escape the clutches of these sinister stone creatures? *Graphic novel series*
- Phelan, Matt. ***Knights vs. Dinosaurs***. Greenwillow, 2018. Merlin sends the Knights of the Round Table on their most exciting and dangerous quest to date -- to face dinosaurs! *Series*
- Pipe, Jim. ***You Wouldn't Want to Be Cleopatra! : An Egyptian Ruler You'd Rather Not Be***. Franklin Watts, 2017. Humorous illustrations and facts combine to provide a portrait of what life might be like as Cleopatra in Ancient Egypt. *Series*
- Pizzoli, Greg. ***The Quest For Z: The True Story of Explorer Percy Fawcett and a Lost City in the Amazon***. Viking, 2017. The true story of the British explorer Percy Fawcett, an adventurer who set out on a doomed expedition to find a lost city in the Amazon jungle.
- Probst, Jeff, and Chris Tebbetts. ***Stranded***. Puffin, 2013. Jane, Buzz, Carter, and Vanessa, ages nine to thirteen, are on a sailing trip in the South Pacific intended to help them bond in their newly-blended family when a massive storm strands them on a deserted island. *Series*
- Raczka, Bob. ***Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems***. Roaring Brook, 2016. A collection of concrete poetry written and shaped in surprising ways.
- Robinson, Sharon. ***The Hero Two Doors Down: Based on the True Story of Friendship Between a Boy and a Baseball Legend***. Scholastic, 2017. Eight-year-old Steve Satlow is thrilled when Jackie Robinson moves into his Jewish neighborhood in Brooklyn in 1948, although many of his neighbors are not, and when Steve actually meets his hero he is even more excited--and worried that a misunderstanding over a Christmas tree could damage his new friendship.
- Rockliff, Mara. ***Anything But Ordinary Addie: The True Story of Adelaide Herrmann, Queen of Magic***. Candlewick, 2016. Traces the story of dancer-turned-magician's assistant Adelaide Herrmann, placing her achievements against a backdrop of period conventions about women in the arts and her determination to continue her work after the death of her husband.
- Ruurs, Margriet. ***The Elephant Keeper: Caring for Orphaned Elephants in Zambia***. Kids Can Press, 2017. Documents the story of a devoted advocate for elephant conservation who, as a child in Zambia, rescued a baby elephant and reevaluated his beliefs about elephants as violent predators while visiting a wildlife sanctuary.

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- Sachar, Louis. ***Sideways Stories from Wayside School***. HarperTrophy. Originally published in 1978. Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story. *Series*
- Scroggs, Kirk. ***Snoop Troop: It Came from Beneath the Playground***. Little, Brown, 2014. Fifth-grade private eyes Logan and Gustavo use their doodling and detective skills to solve the mystery of a group of moles that have stolen the amusement park merry-go-round. *Series*
- Shurtliff, Liesl. ***Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2013. Relates the tale of Rumpelstiltskin's childhood and youth, explaining why his name is so important, how he is able to spin straw into gold, and why a first-born child is his reward for helping the miller's daughter-turned-queen.
- Silverstein, Shel. ***A Light in the Attic***. HarperCollins, 1981. A collection of poems and drawings by American poet and humorist Shel Silverstein, including "Backward Bill," "Day After Halloween," "Gumey Ball," "Nailbiter," "Sour Face Ann," and many others.
- Stabler, David. ***Kid Athletes: True Tales of Childhood from Sports Legends***. Quirk Books, 2015. Hilarious childhood biographies and full-color illustrations show how Tiger Woods, Gabby Douglas, Bruce Lee, Billie Jean King, and other budding sports champions faced kid-sized challenges growing up. *Series*
- Stanley, Diane. ***Ada Lovelace, Poet of Science: The First Computer Programmer***. Simon & Schuster, 2016. This is the story of how an important but little-known woman – a brilliant scientist and mathematician - envisioned the computer-driven world we know today.
- Sternberg, Julie. ***Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie***. Amulet Books, 2011. When nine-year-old Eleanor's beloved babysitter Bibi moves away to care for her ailing father, Eleanor must spend the summer adjusting to a new babysitter while mourning the loss of her old one. *Series*
- Stone, Tanya Lee. ***Pass Go and Collect \$200: The Real Story of How Monopoly Was Invented***. Holt, 2018. This exciting nonfiction picture book tells the bold and fascinating story behind one of the world's most beloved board games.
- Tarshis, Lauren. ***I Survived the Hindenburg Disaster, 1937***. Scholastic, 2016. Eleven year-old Hugo, his parents, and his sister Gertie are making the thrilling four thousand mile journey across the Atlantic in a zeppelin as big as the Titanic when disaster strikes and fire consumes the ship. *Series*
- Tavares, Matt. ***Crossing Niagara: The Death-Defying Tightrope Adventures of the Great Blondin***. Candlewick, 2016. An illustrated account of the daredevil of Niagara Falls, the Great Blondin, who walked from America to Canada across the Niagara River on a rope.

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- Temple, Bob. ***The Golden Age of Pirates: An Interactive History Adventure***. Capstone, 2016. Describes the people and events of the Golden Age of Piracy. The reader's choices reveal historical details from the perspectives of a pirate, a navy sailor, and a merchant ship crewmember. *Series*
- Turnage, Sheila. ***Three Times Lucky***. Dial Books, 2012. Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a café and co-parent of Mo with the café's hostess, Miss Lana, seems implicated in a murder. *Series*
- Van Allsburg, Chris. ***Jumanji***. Houghton Mifflin, 1981. Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical jungle adventure board game. *Caldecott Award 1982*
- Vande Velde, Vivian. ***Three Good Deeds***. Houghton Mifflin, 2005. Caught stealing some goose eggs from a witch, Howard is cursed for his heartlessness and turned into a goose himself, and he can only become human again by performing three good deeds.
- Vernick, Audrey. ***The Kid from Diamond Street: The Extraordinary Story of Baseball Legend Edith Houghton***. Clarion, 2016. A historical picture book about Edith Houghton, a female baseball phenomenon who joined the professional women's team the Bobbies in 1922 at the age of 10.
- Wallace, Sandra Neil. ***Between the Lines: How Ernie Barnes Went from the Football Field to the Art Gallery***. Simon & Schuster, 2018. The true story of NFL star Ernie Barnes, a man who pursued his lifelong dream of being an artist after his football career ended.
- Walker, Sally M. ***Earth Verse: Haiku from the Ground Up***. Candlewick, 2018. A collection of haiku poems that celebrates the planet Earth, including such topics as rocks, earthquakes, fossils, volcanoes and the water cycle. Factual information about each topic is included.
- Walker, Sally M. ***Winnie: The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh***. Holt, 2015. This is the true story of a bear named Winnie who was left behind at the London Zoo while her keeper went away fighting in World War I and becomes the inspiration for the fictional character Winnie-the-Pooh.
- Weeks, Sarah, and Gita Varadarajan. ***Save Me a Seat***. Scholastic, 2016. Ravi has just moved to the United States from India and has always been at the top of his class. Joe has lived in the same town his whole life and has learning problems. When their lives intersect in the first week of fifth grade, they are brought together by a common enemy (the biggest bully in their class) and the need to take control of their lives.

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- Winick, Judd. ***Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth***. Random House, 2016. When a mysterious boy falls from the sky, friends D.J. and Gina must discover the secrets of his identity and help him save the world. *Series*
- Winter, Jonah. ***Lillian's Right to Vote: A Celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965***. Schwartz & Wade, 2015. As an elderly woman, Lillian recalls that her great-great-grandparents were sold as slaves in front of the courthouse where only rich white men were allowed to vote, then remembers the long fight that led to her right--and determination--to cast her ballot since the Voting Rights Act gave every American the right to vote.
- Woods, Brenda. ***Zoe in Wonderland***. Nancy Paulsen, 2016. Because Zoe has such an active imagination, she does not think that her real life will ever be as interesting as her make-believe life.
- Yep, Laurence. ***A Dragon's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans***. Crown, 2015. Feisty dragon Miss Drake's new pet human, precocious ten-year-old Winnie, not only thinks Miss Drake is her pet, she accidentally brings to life her "sketchlings" of mysterious and fantastic creatures hidden in San Francisco, causing mayhem among its residents. *Series*

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- Alvarez, Lorena. ***Nightlights***. Nobrow, 2017. Each night Sandy creates beautiful creatures with the tiny lights that appear in her room and draws them the next day. Will the mysterious new girl who notices her art turn it into something sinister?
- Appelt, Kathi. ***The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp***. Atheneum, 2013. In this hilarious tall tale from a Texas swamp, twelve-year-old Chap Brayburn, ancient Sugar Man, and his raccoon-brother Swamp Scouts Bingo and J'miah try to save Bayou Tourterelle from feral pigs Clydine and Buzzie, greedy Sunny Boy Beaucoup, and world-class alligator wrestler and would-be land developer Jaeger Stitch.
- Applegate, Katherine. ***Wishtree***. Feiwel and Friends, 2017. Red, the neighborhood "wishtree," and her crow friend, Bongo, comfort an immigrant family who is threatened by others.
- Auxier, Jonathan. ***Sophie Quire and the Last Storyguard: A Peter Nimble Adventure***. Amulet Books, 2016. Twelve-year-old Sophie knows little beyond the four walls of her father's bookshop, where she repairs old books and dreams of escaping the confines of her dull life, when she finds herself pulled into an adventure beyond anything she has ever read. *Series*
- Behar, Ruth. ***Lucky Broken Girl***. Nancy Paulsen, 2017. It's 1960 and Ruthie, a recent Cuban immigrant, is finally showing confidence in her English and hopscotch abilities when a horrific car accident shrinks her world, causing her to rely on her inner strength, the love of family and neighbors, and a new love of art.
- Bell, Cece. ***El Deafo***. Amulet Books, 2014. This empowering graphic novel memoir of the author/illustrator's childhood struggle with being accepted and finding friends with her severe deafness received a 2015 Newbery Honor.
- Brown, Peter. ***The Wild Robot***. Little, Brown, 2016. Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try and learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants. *Series*
- Chanani, Nidhi. ***Pashmina***. First Second, 2017. Priyanka has a lot of questions which her mother never entertains nor answers: why did her mother leave India, without her father, and what is it like there? The mysteries start to unravel when Pri wraps herself in a pashmina scarf found in an abandoned suitcase, and she is transported to a magical version of India, where she begins to learn the truth of her two worlds and cultures, and she and her mother begin their healing journey. *Graphic novel*

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- Creech, Sharon. ***Moo***. Joanna Cotler, 2016. Twelve-year-old Reena, who has recently moved to rural Maine, adjusts to a new environment and unexpectedly bonds with an ornery cow.
- DeKeyser, Stacy. ***The Rhino in Right Field***. McElderry Books, 2018. Twelve-year-old Nick wants to win the 1948 Batboy Contest for the local Milwaukee minor league team, but the contest is on Saturday when he works in his father's shop, and he's lost confidence in his fielding ability ever since he had to retrieve his missed ball that went into Tank's (the 2,000-pound rhino) pen—what is Nick going to do to save face and uphold his responsibilities?
- Draper, Sharon. ***Stella by Starlight***. Atheneum, 2015. When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.
- Flanagan, John. ***The Royal Ranger***. Philomel, 2013. Will Treaty is a shell of his former self, and his first apprentice may be the only one who can save him. *Series*
- Gantos, Jack. ***Writing Radar: Using Your Journal to Snoop Out and Craft Great Stories***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2017. A fun guide to writing using stories from everyday experiences.
- Gemeinhart, Dan. ***Some Kind of Courage***. Scholastic, 2016. Fun, touching, adventurous story of an orphan boy's search for his beloved horse, sold without his knowledge.
- Hiranandani, Veera. ***The Night Diary***. Dial Books, 2018. Shy twelve-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her Muslim mother in the pages of her diary.
- Holm, Jennifer L. ***Full of Beans***. Random House, 2016. Ten-year-old Beans Curry, a member of the best marble playing gang in Depression-era Key West, engages in various schemes to earn money while "New Dealers" from Washington, D.C., arrive to turn his town into a tourist resort.
- Hood, Susan. ***Lifeboat 12***. Simon & Schuster, 2018. In 1940, a group of British children escaping the bombing of London, their escorts, and some sailors struggle to survive in a lifeboat when the ship taking them to safety in Canada is torpedoed by the Germans. Includes historical notes. *Novel in verse*
- Jamieson, Victoria. ***Roller Girl***. Dial Books, 2015. Twelve-year-old Astrid decides she wants to try something new this summer and signs-up for a Roller Derby camp, but her long-time best friend Nicole makes a different choice. How will this summer change Astrid and her friendship with Nicole?

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- Janeczko, Paul B. compiler. ***The Death of the Hat: A Brief History of Poetry in 50 Objects***. Candlewick, 2015. A celebrated duo reunites for a look through history inspired by objects--earthly and celestial--reflecting the time in which the poet lived.
- Janowitz, Jessie. ***The Doughnut Fix***. Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2018. Tristan isn't as talented as his perfect sister Janie, but when his parents transplant their family from a big city to a tiny town, one that brags about their long-forgotten and famous chocolate cream doughnuts, it is Tris who starts his own doughnut business in the hopes of putting Petersville back on the map and proving his self-worth. *Series*
- Johnson, Varian. ***The Great Greene Heist***. Arthur A. Levine, 2014. Jackson Greene has a reputation as a prankster at Maplewood Middle School, but after the last disaster he is trying to go straight. When it looks like Keith Sinclair may steal the election for school president from Jackson's former best friend Gabriela, he assembles a team to make sure Keith does not succeed.
- Kane, Karen. ***Charlie & Frog: A Mystery***. Disney-Hyperion, 2018. While staying with his grandparents in Castle-on-the-Hudson, Charlie stumbles upon a mystery but must learn American Sign Language to keep up with Frog, a deaf girl who wants to help solve it.
- Kelly, Erin Entrada. ***Hello, Universe***. Greenwillow, 2017. The lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him. *Newbery Medal 2018*
- Khan, Hena. ***Amina's Voice***. Salaam Press, 2017. A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school after tragedy strikes her community.
- Marsden, Mariah. ***Anne of Green Gables: A Graphic Novel***. Andrews McMeel, 2017. The indomitable spirit and antics of flame-haired heroine Anne Shirley are delightfully brought back in this graphic adaptation of the classic by L.M. Montgomery. Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her. *Graphic novel*
- Marshall, Joseph. ***In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse***. Amulet Books, 2015. Jimmy McClean is a part white and part Native American boy who embarks on a journey with his grandfather to learn more about his Lakota heritage while visiting places significant in the life of Crazy Horse, the 19th century Lakota leader and warrior.
- Mass, Wendy, and Rebecca Stead. ***Bob***. Feiwel and Friends, 2018. Visiting her grandmother in Australia, Livy, ten, is reminded of the promise she made five years before to Bob, a strange, green creature who cannot recall who or what he is.

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- Messner, Kate. ***All the Answers***. Bloomsbury, 2015. Twelve-year-old Ava finds an old pencil in her family's junk drawer and discovers during a math test that it will answer factual questions, so she and her best friend, Sophie, enjoy testing the pencil's abilities. Ava grows in self-confidence until the pencil reveals a truth about her family that Ava would rather not know.
- Montgomery, Sy. ***Amazon Adventure: How Tiny Fish Are Saving the World's Largest Rainforest***. Houghton Mifflin, 2017. Scientific tale of how small fish and humans coexist to create a healthy and thriving ecology in the rainforest.
- Newman, Patricia. ***Plastic, Ahoy!: Investigating the Great Pacific Garbage Patch***. Millbrook, 2014. Informative book about how our overuse of plastics is affecting ocean life and has created the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Lots of photographs help tell the story of three female scientists doing research onboard a ship in the middle of the patch.
- O'Connor, George. ***Hera, the Goddess and Her Glory***. First Second, 2011. Recounts the stories of the many heroes who sought and won the approval and patronage of Hera, the Queen of the Gods, including the story of Heracles. *Graphic novel, series*
- Palacio, R.J. ***Wonder***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, born with extreme facial abnormalities, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, where he endures the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.
- Pennypacker, Sara. ***Pax***. Balzer + Bray, 2016. After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a young boy named Peter decides to leave home and get his best friend back.
- Philbrick, Rodman. ***Zane and the Hurricane: A Story of Katrina***. Blue Sky Press, 2014. On a visit to New Orleans to visit his great-grandmother for the first time, Zane Dupree and his dog Bandy are caught in Hurricane Katrina. After weathering the storm, they meet an old musician and a tenacious girl, and together they face many challenges to survive in the aftermath while searching for his grandmother.
- Reynolds, Jason. ***Ghost***. Atheneum, 2018. Can a talented sprinter from a rough neighborhood push past his troubles to keep his place on an elite track team? *National Book Award Finalist 2016, Series*
- Riordan, Rick. ***The Lost Hero***. Disney-Hyperion, 2010. Jason, Piper, and Leo, three students from a school for "bad kids," find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hera, who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth herself. *Series*
- Rundell, Katherine. ***The Explorer***. Simon & Schuster, 2017. Left stranded in the Amazon jungle when their plane crashes on their way back to England from Manaus, Brazil, four children struggle to survive for days until one of them finds a map that leads them to a ruined city and a secret hidden among the vines.

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- Scattergood, Augusta. ***The Way to Stay in Destiny***. Scholastic, 2015. Sixth-grader Theo moves to Destiny, Florida, to live with his Uncle Charlie, an isolated Vietnam War veteran. Theo meets Anabel, a baseball fanatic, and the two work together to solve a mystery.
- Scott, Elaine. ***Our Moon: New Discoveries About Earth's Closest Companion***. Clarion, 2016. Highlighting the latest thrilling discoveries about the moon, this comprehensive book for kids covers the moon's history, scientific findings, and fun facts, interspersed with informative color photos.
- Selznick, Brian. ***Wonderstruck: A Novel in Words and Pictures***. Scholastic, 2011. Rose and Ben are deaf children living fifty years and worlds apart, yet both marvel and connect with the world around them. The American Museum of Natural History links their separate stories – one narrated in text and the other through cinematic illustrations.
- Silvey, Anita. ***Untamed: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall***. National Geographic, 2015. This biography of Jane Goodall highlights her work with chimpanzees and her fight for the protection of the environment so her beloved chimpanzees and other animals can not only survive, but thrive.
- Slader, Erik and Ben Thompson. ***The Wright Brothers: Nose-Diving into History***. Roaring Book, 2018. Describes the lives of the two American brothers who designed, built, and flew the first heavier-than-air aircraft successfully, detailing the many mishaps and misadventures that preceded it. *Series*
- Stead, Rebecca. ***When You Reach Me***. Wendy Lamb, 2009. As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980s television game show “The \$20,000 Pyramid,” a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seem to defy laws of time and space. *Newbery Medal 2010*
- Stewart, Trenton Lee. ***The Extraordinary Education of Nicholas Benedict***. Little, Brown, 2012. Nine-year-old Nicholas Benedict is moved to one more orphanage: this one filled with nasty bullies who target him, a suspicious orphanage director, and a mystery about lost treasure. Using his superior intellect and fierce determination, Nicholas strives to solve the mystery and makes a couple of fast friends in the process. *Series*
- Tingle, Tim. ***How I Became a Ghost: A Choctaw Trail of Tears Story***. RoadRunner, 2013. A Choctaw boy tells the story of his tribe's removal from the only land its people had ever known, and how their journey to Oklahoma led him to become a ghost—one with the ability to help those he left behind. *Series*

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- Townsend, Jessica. ***Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow***. Little, Brown, 2017. Since birth, cursed Morrigan Crow has known she will die the night before her eleventh birthday; however, with only minutes remaining until her impending doom, Morrigan is whisked from her parents' gloomy house by an eccentric man and taken to the magical land of Nevermoor. There she must compete in trials which will determine whether she is allowed to stay in Nevermoor or return home to face her fate. *Series*
- Turnage, Sheila. ***The Law of Finders Keepers***. Kathy Dawson, 2018. The Desperado Detectives, Mo LoBeau and her best friends Dale and Harm, tackle two huge cases in Tupelo Landing – the hunt for Blackbeard's buried treasure and the search for Mo's Upstream Mother – in this heart-warming series conclusion. *Series*
- Valise, Kim Perez. ***The Orca Scientists***. Houghton Mifflin, 2018. Follow the majestic orca whales along with the scientists who tirelessly work to save this species from extinction. *Series*
- Yang, Gene Luen, and Mike Holmes. ***Secret Coders***. First Second, 2015. A girl named Hopper is at a new school where everything seems creepy, until she makes a new friend named Eni and they work together to solve a mystery. *Graphic novel, Series*
- Yang, Kelly. ***Front Desk***. Arthur A. Levine, 2018. Recent immigrants from China and desperate for work and money, ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown motel in Southern California, even though the owner, Mr. Yao, is a nasty skinflint who exploits them. While her mother (who was an engineer in China) does the cleaning, Mia works the front desk and tries to cope with demanding customers and other recent immigrants--not to mention being only one of two Chinese students in her fifth grade class, the other being Mr. Yao's son, Jason.

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- Abbott, Tony. ***The Copernicus Legacy: The Forbidden Stone***. Katherine Tegen, 2014. Wade, Lily, Darrell, and Becca fly from Texas to Germany for the funeral of an old family friend. But instead of just paying their respects, they wind up on a dangerous, mind-blowing quest to unlock an ancient, guarded secret that could destroy the fate of the world. *Series*
- Alexander, Kwame. ***The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life***. Houghton Mifflin, 2017. Award-winning author offers his motivational rule book on winning the “game of life,” drawn from the world of sports heroes and other inspirational figures.
- Allen, Crystal. ***The Laura Line***. Balzar + Bray, 2013. When Laura Dyson’s seventh grade history teacher schedules a class trip to the slave shack on her grandmother’s farm, Laura is forced to come to terms with her family’s past and what it means for her future.
- Anderson, John David. ***Ms. Bixby’s Last Day***. HarperCollins, 2016. When Ms. Bixby unexpectedly announces that she is very sick and won't be able to finish the school year, three students come up with a hilarious and heart-warming plan to tell her how much she means to them.
- Arce, Julissa. ***Someone Like Me: How One Undocumented Girl Fought for Her American Dream***. Little, Brown, 2018. Autobiography of a bright, hard-working young girl’s struggle to overcome everyday problems of making the cheer squad while keeping the mean girls at a distance as she fears her legal status will be discovered and her family destroyed.
- Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. ***Terrible Typhoid Mary: A True Story of the Deadliest Cook in America***. Houghton Mifflin, 2015. In 1906, Irish immigrant Mary Mallon was a cook for some of the wealthiest families in New York City, never realizing she was passing on the typhoid disease through the food she cooked. Once health officials discovered she was a carrier, Mary was unwillingly imprisoned for much of her life to be studied by medical professionals, raising questions of human and civil rights for those who are held against their will in the name of science.
- Bausum, Ann. ***Stubby the War Dog: The True Story of World War I’s Bravest Dog***. National Geographic, 2014. Smuggled onto a naval ship heading to battle in France by his faithful human friend, Stubby earns his place in World War I history by warning troops of gas attacks, killing rats that plagued the soldiers’ barracks, and even capturing a German soldier by biting the seat of his pants.

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- Benjamin, Ali. ***The Thing About Jellyfish***. Little, Brown, 2015. Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death.
- Blakemore, Megan Frazer. ***The Spy Catchers of Maple Hill***. Bloomsbury, 2014. Amidst the fervor of Cold War era McCarthyism, Hazel Kaplansky and new student Samuel Butler investigate rumors that a Russian spy has infiltrated their small Vermont town, but more is revealed than they could ever have imagined.
- Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. ***The War That Saved My Life***. Dial Books, 2015. A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother. *Series*
- Burgan, Michael. ***Olympic Gold 1936: How the Image of Jesse Owens Crushed Hitler's Evil Myth***. Capstone, 2017. Track star Jesse Owens won multiple gold medals in the 1936 Olympic Games—his performance crushed Hitler's view of Aryan superiority in every way, showing the world that personal character and skill have nothing to do with race.
- Burt, Jake. ***Greetings from Witness Protection!*** Feiwel and Friends, 2017. Thirteen-year-old Nikki Demere is an orphan and a kleptomaniac, making her the perfect girl to portray the Trevors' daughter in witness protection; but she soon learns that the biggest threat to her new family's security comes from her own past.
- Cherrix, Amy. ***Eye of the Storm: NASA, Drones, and the Race to Crack the Hurricane Code***. Houghton Mifflin, 2017. From the acclaimed series *Scientists in the Field*, this first contribution solely about weather covers a program using drones to learn more about hurricanes, plus a poignant narrative from Hurricane Sandy. *Series*
- DeFelice, Cynthia. ***Fort***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2015. Wyatt and his friend Augie are enjoying the fort they built, but when two older boys mess with it and with another kid who can't fight back, they launch Operation Doom to get back at the bullies.
- Draper, Sharon. ***Out of My Mind***. Atheneum, 2010. Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient, young girl with cerebral palsy discovers a way for her to speak for the first time.
- Flanagan, John. ***The Outcasts***. Philomel, 2011. In this action-packed companion series to Flanagan's *Rangers Apprentice* books, a sixteen-year-old Skandian-Araluen named Hal and his group of misfit friends compete against two other, more powerful, brotherbands, enduring three months of grueling training in seamanship, weapons, and battle tactics to determine who will win the coveted prize. *Series*

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- Forde, Patricia. ***The List***. Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2017. Letta, charged with collecting and saving words, uncovers a sinister plan to suppress language, robbing the people of Ark of the power of speech, and she realizes she must also save the culture itself.
- Fox, Janet. ***The Charmed Children of Rookskill Castle***. Puffin, 2017. In 1940 during the London Blitz, Katherine, Robbie and Amelie Bateson are sent north to a private school at Rookskill Castle in Scotland, a brooding place, haunted by dark magic from the past--but when some of their classmates disappear, Katherine has to find out if the cause is hidden in the past or very much in the present.
- Gemeinhart, Dan. ***Good Dog***. Scholastic, 2018. Brodie was a good dog. And good dogs go to heaven. Except Brodie can't move on. Not just yet.
- Gibbs, Stuart. ***Space Case: A Moon Base Alpha Novel***. Simon & Schuster, 2014. You'd think it would be awesome to be the first people to live on the moon, right? For 12-year old Dashiell Gibson and the other civilians on the base, however, life is extremely dull until the base's top scientist is found dead. Dash takes it upon himself to solve the mystery and find out what exactly happened to the doctor. *Series*
- Haddix, Margaret Peterson. ***Under Their Skin***. Simon & Schuster, 2016. Twelve-year-old twins Nick and Eryn investigate why their mother and new stepfather are keeping secrets; why they are forbidden to meet their stepsiblings; and most importantly, why their lives are in danger. *Series*
- Hale, Nathan. ***Lafayette!*** Amulet Books, 2018. At age 19, Major General Marquis de Lafayette left the luxuries of French nobility for adventure overseas, where he joined the American Revolution and fought alongside Alexander Hamilton and George Washington. *Graphic novel, Series*
- Hicks, Deron R. ***The Van Gogh Deception***. Houghton Mifflin, 2017. When a young boy is discovered in Washington, DC's National Gallery of Art without any recollection of who he is, he must piece together the disjointed clues of his origins while using his limited knowledge to stop one of the greatest art frauds ever attempted.
- Jamieson, Victoria. ***All's Faire in Middle School***. Dial Books, 2017. In her quest to train as an official squire for the Renaissance Faire (her parents' passion), homeschooled Impy takes on the challenge of public middle school and discovers that fitting in is harder than she imagined.
- Johnson, Varian. ***The Parker Inheritance***. Arthur A. Levine, 2018. Twelve-year-old Candice, who is spending the summer in Lambert, South Carolina, finds herself caught up in the mystery of a lost inheritance; tries to exonerate her grandmother who had the city tennis courts dug up looking for this treasure; and exposes an injustice once committed against an African American family in Lambert.

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- Kennedy, Caroline, ed. ***Poems to Learn by Heart***. Disney-Hyperion, 2013. A wonderful selection of poems -- some old favorites, some new -- arranged by everyday subjects like school, family, self, sports, etc., accompanied by watercolor illustrations charmingly painted by Jon J. Muth. A book to treasure and share!
- Lupica, Mike. ***Fantasy League***. Philomel, 2014. Twelve-year-old Charlie gets a chance to work with a real NFL owner once his skills for picking Fantasy Football winners is discovered. On the field, the game is much more challenging.
- Magras, Diane. ***The Mad Wolf's Daughter***. Kathy Dawson, 2018. When her Scottish war-lord father and cherished brothers are taken captive by invading knights, twelve-year-old Drest ignores her father's command to hide and courageously sets off to rescue them, taking a wounded knight along to ransom for her family.
Series
- McAnulty, Stacy. ***The Miscalculations of Lighting Girl***. Random House, 2018. A lighting strike made Lucy, twelve, a math genius, but after years of homeschooling, her grandmother enrolls her in middle school, and she learns that life is more than numbers.
- Messner, Kate. ***The Exact Location of Home***. Bloomsbury, 2017. Believing his long-absent father is missing and leaving clues behind through geocaching, thirteen year old Zig, relies on his love of electronics, a garage sale GPS unit, and his best friend Gianna to search for answers.
- Methods, Bryan. ***The Thief's Apprentice***. Carolrhoda, 2016. Oliver, the neurotic son of a wealthy British industrialist, discovers his family butler, Mr. Scant, is a notorious thief who soon takes on Oliver to become an apprentice vigilante.
Series
- Napoli, Donna Jo. ***Treasury of Egyptian Mythology: Classic Stories of Gods, Goddesses, Monsters & Mortals***. National Geographic, 2014. Illustrated retellings of Egyptian myths, sharing the stories of Ra, Isis, Osiris, Anubis, and Bastet with sidebars for each god, goddess, monster and mortal that link the tales to history, geography, and culture. Includes a timeline and other resources.
- Nelson, S.D. ***Sitting Bull: Lakota Warrior and Defender of His People***. Abrams Books, 2015. Native American author combines archival images and his own drawings in the style of a 19th century Lakota ledger book of art to enhance this life story of one of the most important Lakota/Sioux chiefs to ever live, Sitting Bull.

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- Nielsen, Jennifer A. ***The Mark of the Thief***. Scholastic, 2015. In this fast-paced historical fantasy, Nic is a slave in the Roman mines who finds a magical amulet that once belonged to Julius Caesar. He learns very quickly that there are others who seek the amulet who want to use its powers to overthrow the Emperor and control Rome. *Series*
- O'Connor, George. ***Apollo: The Brilliant One***. FirstSecond, 2016. Mighty Apollo is known by all as the god of the sun, but there's more to this Olympian than a bright smile and a shining chariot. *Graphic novel, series*
- Paterson, Katherine. ***My Brigadista Year***. Candlewick, 2017. A historical novel about a young Cuban teenager who volunteers for Fidel Castro's national literacy campaign that taught those throughout the impoverished countryside to read.
- Pearsall, Shelley. ***The Seventh Most Important Thing***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2015. In 1963, thirteen-year-old Arthur is sentenced to community service helping the neighborhood Junk Man after he throws a brick at the old man's head in a moment of rage, but the junk he collects might be more important than he suspects. Inspired by the work of American folk artist James Hampton.
- Reynolds, Jason. ***Patina***. Atheneum, 2017. Patina needs more than blinding speed to thrive when diabetes disables her mom, leaving her to juggle big sister duties at her aunt and uncle's house, elite track team practices, and adjustments to a private school as best as she can. *Series*.
- Saeed, Aisha. ***Amal Unbound***. Nancy Paulsen, 2018. In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family.
- Saujani, Reshma. ***Girls Who Code: Learn to Code and Change the World***. Viking, 2017. Introduces the relevance of coding and shares down-to-earth explanations about coding principles and real-life stories of women programmers who work at such places as Pixar and NASA.
- Shepherd, Megan. ***The Secret Horses of Briar Hill***. Delacorte, 2016. Beautifully combining a historical setting and a little magic, this book is destined to be a favorite for those lucky enough to be drawn into its pages. Living in a children's hospital during World War II, Emmaline discovers that a winged horse has entered her world and desperately needs her help.
- Shusterman, Neal, and Eric Elfman. ***Tesla's Attic***. Disney-Hyperion, 2014. With a plot combining science and the supernatural, four kids are caught up in a dangerous plan concocted by the eccentric inventor Nikola Tesla. *Series*
- Sloan, Holly Goldberg. ***Short***. Dial Books, 2017. Very short for her age, Julia grows into her sense of self while playing a Munchkin in a summer regional theater production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

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- Smith, Roland. ***The Edge***. Houghton Mifflin, 2015. Fifteen-year-old Peak Marcello is invited to participate in an “International Peace Ascent” in the Hindu Kush with a team made up of under-eighteen-year-old climbers from around the world—but from the first, something seems wrong. When the group is attacked, and most of the climbers are either killed or kidnapped, Peak finds himself caught up in a struggle to survive, shadowed by the Shen, a mysterious snow leopard. *Series*
- Snyder, Laurel. ***Orphan Island***. Walden Pond Press, 2017. A group of orphans waits each year for a boat to arrive on their island, replacing the eldest with the youngest, never to be seen again, as each remaining child learns what it means to say goodbye to childhood forever.
- Sonnenblick, Jordan. ***The Secret Sheriff of Sixth Grade***. Scholastic, 2017. Armed with the toy sheriff badge his dad gave him years ago, Maverick learns that standing up for yourself and others makes everybody’s life better, and despite the challenges of bullies and a troubled home life, he can be a hero, just like his dad.
- Stevens, Robin. ***Poison is Not Polite***. Simon & Schuster, 2016. In 1930s England, schoolgirl detectives Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong are at Daisy's home for the holidays when someone falls seriously, mysteriously ill at a family party, but no one present is what they seem--and everyone has a secret or two--so the Detective Society must do everything they can to reveal the truth . . . no matter the consequences. *Series*
- When on Earth: History as You've Never Seen It Before***. DK, 2015. Divided into four sections covering the ancient, medieval, and modern worlds, this book features beautiful illustrations, 3-D graphics, clear text boxes, and fun facts that bring history to life and show how it fits into the world at large.
- Williams-Garcia, Rita. ***Clayton Byrd Goes Underground***. Amistad, 2017. Harmonica-playing Clayton is one cool guy, just like his grandpa “Cool Papa Byrd,” but he struggles to find his place in the world after his grandfather’s death. At home with his mother, who does not appreciate his “runaway” underground adventure on the New York subways, he is equally lost, searching for the Bluesmen in Washington Square Park.
- Woodson, Jacqueline. ***Brown Girl Dreaming***. Nancy Paulsen, 2014. The author shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in the North and South. *National Book Award Winner 2014, Coretta Scott King Author Award Winner 2015*

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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Alexander, Kwame. ***The Crossover***. Houghton Mifflin, 2014. Twins Josh and Jordan, both of whom love basketball, begin to grow apart in adolescence at the same time as their father, a former basketball star, begins to experience health issues. *Written in verse. Newbery Medal 2015*
- Anthony, Lawrence. ***The Elephant Whisperer: My Life with the Herd in the African Wild (Young Readers' Edition)***. Holt, 2017. Lawrence Anthony reflects on his decision to accept a group of hard-to-manage wild elephants onto his South African game reserve in an effort to ensure their survival.
- Anderson, John David. ***Posted***. Walden Pond Press, 2017. Eighth graders thwart a phone ban at their school with a creative use of post-it notes, until the messaging gets harmful and a group of outsider teens take a stand to promote inclusiveness and kindness.
- Anderson, M. T. ***The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge***. Candlewick, 2018. This is a collaboration between author M. T. Anderson and illustrator Eugene Yelchin about an inept and unlikely pair - an elf and a goblin - in which the stiff and snobby historian elf is catapulted into the goblin kingdom as a spy/unknowing assassin and is hosted by the goblin archivist, who is anxious for cultural exchanges. *National Book Award Finalist 2018*
- Asimov, Isaac. ***The Stars, Like Dust***. First published 1951. At the death of his father, Biron Farrill becomes involved in the plot to rebel against the Tyranni who have conquered many worlds. *Series*
- Bascomb, Neal. ***The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi***. Arthur A. Levine, 2013. Recounts how sixteen years after the end of World War II, a team of undercover Israeli agents captured the Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann in a remote area of Argentina and brought him to trial in Israel for crimes committed during the Holocaust.
- Berry, Julie. ***The Scandalous Sisterhood of Prickwillow Place***. Roaring Brook, 2014. The students at St. Etheldreda's School for Girls face a difficult dilemma disguising inconvenient facts when their headmistress and her horrible brother are poisoned, and they decide that they would rather stay together and not go home to their unloving families. *The audiobook version is highly recommended.*
- Bowling, Dusti. ***Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus***. Sterling, 2017. New friends, a mystery, and a lot of humor help Aven, thirteen, adjust to middle school and life at a dying western theme park, where her being born armless presents many challenges.

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- Brody, Jessica. ***A Week of Mondays***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2016. Sixteen-year-old Ellison Sparks keeps reliving that terrible Monday when her boyfriend, Tristan, breaks up with her; and no matter how hard she tries, she cannot seem to set things right.
- Brown, Daniel James. ***The Boys in the Boat: The True Story of an American Team's Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics (Young Readers' Adaption)***. Viking, 2015. Adapted for young readers by Gregory Mone, this is the remarkable story of the University of Washington's 1936 eight-oar crew team and their epic quest for an Olympic gold medal, defeating elite rivals first from eastern and British universities before challenging the German crew rowing for Adolf Hitler at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin.
- Brown, Don. ***Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina & New Orleans***. Houghton Mifflin, 2015. On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina's monstrous winds and surging water overwhelmed the protective levees around low-lying New Orleans, Louisiana. The tale of this historic storm and the drowning of an American city is one of selflessness, heroism, and courage -- and also of incompetence, racism, and criminality. *Graphic novel*
- Budhos, Marina. ***Watched***. Wendy Lamb, 2016. Naeem, a senior in high school and an immigrant from Bangladesh, doesn't feel at home anywhere - at home, at school, or with his friends. Tricked into shoplifting by one "friend," he is arrested by NYPD and given a choice--go to jail or become an informant, spying on his own Muslim community.
- Cameron, Sharon. ***The Forgetting***. Scholastic, 2016. Seventeen-year-old Nadia lives in Canaan, a quiet city in an idyllic world, but every twelve years the people of Canaan undergo a collective Forgetting after which the people are left without any trace of memory of themselves, their families, or their lives--except for Nadia, who does not forget. *The audiobook version is highly recommended. Series*
- Carriger, Gail. ***Etiquette & Espionage***. Little, Brown, 2013. In an alternate England of 1851, spirited fourteen-year-old Sophronia is enrolled in a finishing school where she is surprised to learn that lessons include not only the fine arts of dance, dress, and etiquette, but also diversion, deceit, and espionage. *The audiobook version is highly recommended. Series*
- Connor, Leslie. ***The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle***. Katherine Tegen, 2018. Mystery surrounds the death of Mason's friend, and when a second friend goes missing, Mason falls under suspicion. Mason struggles at school with learning and is bullied, but he has a steadfast heart that allows the truth about Mason Buttle to be revealed. *National Book Award Finalist 2018*
- Cooney, Caroline B. ***No Such Person***. Delacorte, 2015. One of the Allerton sisters has been charged with a pre-meditated killing, so when Lander says she did not do it, Miranda, who wants to believe her sister, finds that the evidence is pointing to Lander's guilt.

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- Crossan, Sarah. ***The Weight of Water***. Bloomsbury, 2013. Told in verse, this story is about twelve-year-old Kasienka who immigrates to England from Poland with her mother in search of Kasienka's father. Sadly, everyone is not friendly except for one neighbor and a cute boy she meets at the swimming pool, which is her only refuge from bullies and an unfamiliar society.
- Culbertson, Kim. ***The Wonder of Us***. Point, 2017. Riya and Abby were best friends in their small California town, but Riya and her family moved to Berlin for Riya's junior year, and it was hard to stay in touch. Now that the year has passed, Riya proposes that they take a two-week Grand Tour and travel around Europe to reconnect--but they have both been hiding secrets, and those secrets threaten to push them apart forever.
- Dashner, James. ***The Eye of Minds***. Delacorte, 2013. Kaine, a cyberterrorist, has been holding players hostage in the VirtNet, a total mind/body virtual reality immersion. Michael and his friends, skilled gamers, are hired to go off the grid to track him down. *Series*
- Davies, Linda. ***Longbow Girl***. Chicken House, 2016. Sixteen-year-old expert archer Merry Owen is desperate to save her family's farm in Wales. When she finds a buried chest containing an ancient and possibly valuable Welsh text, she hopes it will be the key to a fortune -- and so it is, but not in the way she expected, for it sends her and her friend James de Courcy into the past.
- Deuker, Carl. ***Swagger***. Houghton Mifflin, 2013. Jonas' future looks bright with a college basketball scholarship within reach, but a team member is dead and Jonas knows who is responsible. Should he keep his head down or confront the killer and put his future in jeopardy?
- Eagar, Lindsay. ***Hour of the Bees***. Candlewick, 2016. Twelve-year old Carolina spends the summer with her aging grandfather in New Mexico and starts to connect more deeply with her family and her Mexican-American heritage in this novel of magical realism.
- Elliott, Kate. ***Court of Fives***. Little, Brown, 2015. When a scheming lord tears Jess's family apart, she must rely on her unlikely friendship with Kal, a high-ranking Patron boy, and her skill at Fives, an intricate, multi-level athletic competition that offers a chance for glory, to protect her Commoner mother and mixed-race sisters and save her father's reputation. *Series*
- Fantaskey, Beth. ***Buzz Kill***. Houghton Mifflin, 2014. Seventeen-year-old Millie joins forces with her classmate, gorgeous but mysterious Chase Colton, to try to uncover who murdered head football coach "Hollerin' Hank" Killdare . . . and why.
- Fleming, Candace. ***Presenting Buffalo Bill: The Man Who Invented the Wild West***. Roaring Brook, 2016. Buffalo Bill's rise as a mythic figure looms large in this entertaining and well-researched story of how Buffalo Bill popularized the legend of the West with his Wild West shows in the US and Europe.

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- Freedman, Russell. ***Vietnam: A History of the War***. Holiday House, 2016. The author offers a presentation of American involvement in the Vietnam War with a good selection of primary source photos and quotes from public officials as well as diary accounts and viewpoints of veterans of the war.
- Friedman, Laurie B. ***Love or Something Like It***. Darby Creek, 2015. As summer approaches, April is conflicted about going to camp and missing time with new boyfriend Matt and her friend Sophie, who will be visiting. Is her flame with Matt strong enough to survive a long absence? *Series*
- Gerber, Alyson. ***Braced***. Arthur A. Levine, 2017. Rachel's plans to start as a forward on her school's soccer team become endangered when she learns that scoliosis, a spinal condition, requires her to wear a back brace; however, friends and family rally to support her as she rises to the challenge to lead a full life on the field and at school.
- Gidwitz, Adam. ***The Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog***. Dutton, 2016. On a dark night, travelers from across France cross paths at an inn and begin to tell stories of three children whose adventures take them on a chase through medieval France.
- Gier, Kerstin. ***Ruby Red***. Translated from the German by Anthea Bell. Holt, 2011. Sixteen-year-old Gwyneth Shepherd unexpectedly travels through time to the eighteenth century where she discovers a mystery about her real birth date and finds to her dismay that she must work with Gideon -- another time traveler who hates her! *Series*
- Gratz, Alan. ***Refugee***. Scholastic, 2017. In this action-packed story, three kids from three time periods on three journeys of survival fight for their lives, and ultimately, their stories converge in the end.
- Grimes, Nikki. ***Planet Middle School***. Bloomsbury, 2011. A series of poems describes all the baffling changes at home and at school in twelve-year-old Joylin's transition from tomboy basketball player to not-quite-girly girl.
- Hale, Nathan. ***One Dead Spy: The Life, Times, and Last Words of Nathan Hale, America's Most Famous Spy***. Amulet Books, 2012. After being swallowed by a giant history book moments before his own execution, Nathan Hale is given the chance to tell his own story as well as many other stories from American history. *Graphic novel, series*
- Halpern, Jake, and Peter Kujawinski. ***Nightfall***. Putnam's, 2015. On a distant island where day and night exist on fourteen-year cycles and the islanders migrate south each sunset, three children get left behind and must find a way off the island before the Night finds them.

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- Hardinge, Frances. ***A Face Like Glass***. Amulet Books, 2017. In a subterranean society, a young girl named Neverfall becomes immersed in plots, poisonings, and a rising revolt; humor and intrigue fill this story of Neverfall's victory over a society that masks true emotions.
- Harrington, Kim. ***The Dead and Buried***. Point, 2012. High school senior Jade is horrified to learn her father and stepmother have bought the house of a girl who was mysteriously killed the year before they moved to town. She is even more horrified to realize that the house is being haunted by the dead girl's very mean-spirited ghost.
- Henry, April. ***The Girl I Used to Be***. Holt, 2016. Fourteen years ago, everyone believed Olivia's mother had been killed by her father, but recently his remains were found in the same woodsy area where her mother died. Who killed them? Olivia means to find out.
- Hilton, Marilyn. ***Full Cicada Moon***. Dial Books, 2015. Mimi grapples with society in this novel written in verse about a half-black, half-Japanese seventh grader who moves to a new town and struggles to find her identity.
- Hoose, Phillip. ***The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2015. Deeply ashamed of Denmark's failure to resist the Nazi regime, fifteen-year-old Knud Pedersen resolved with his brother and a handful of schoolmates to take action against the Nazis themselves.
- Howard, Tim. ***The Keeper: The Unguarded Story of Tim Howard (Young Readers' Edition)***. Harper, 2015. Tim Howard's uplifting memoir about how he grew from being a hyperactive kid from New Jersey with Tourette syndrome to becoming one of the world's premier soccer goalkeepers.
- Jarrow, Gail. ***Spooked! How a Radio Broadcast and The War of the Worlds Sparked the 1938 Invasion of America***. Calkins Creek, 2018. Orson Welles led a group of talented performers in a 1938 radio production of *The War of the Worlds* which created a panic across the nation. The story of this faked "alien invasion" is a fascinating mix of theater, history, and psychology.
- Kelly, Erin Entrada. ***Blackbird Fly***. Greenwillow, 2015. Bullied at school, eighth grader Apple, a Filipino American who loves the music of the Beatles, decides to change her life by learning how to play the guitar.
- Kelly, Scott. ***Endurance: My Year in Space and How I Got There (Young Readers' Edition)***. Crown, 2018. Ever wonder what it is like to live in space? NASA astronaut Scott Kelly details his journey from problem student to fighter pilot, Space Shuttle commander, and year-long inhabitant of the International Space Station.

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- Kincaid, S.J. ***Insignia***. Katherine Tegen, 2012. Tom, a fourteen-year-old genius at virtual reality games, is recruited by the United States Military to begin training at the Pentagon Spire as a Combatant in World War III, controlling the mechanized drones that do the actual fighting off-planet. *The audiobook version is highly recommended. Series*
- Khoury, Jessica. ***Kalahari***. Razorbill, 2015. Five teens must try to survive in the Kalahari Desert with limited supplies while evading mercenaries and a strange silver lion.
- Klass, David. ***Losers Take All: A Novel***. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2015. At a sports-crazy New Jersey high school where all kids must play on a team, a group of rebels starts a soccer team designed to undermine the jock culture of the school.
- Klise, James. ***The Art of Secrets***. Algonquin, 2014. When a piece of quirky art donated to a school fundraising effort to help a Pakistani American family, victims of a possible hate crime, is revealed to be a valuable unknown work by a famous outsider artist, adults and teenagers alike debate who should get the money and begin to question each other's motivations.
- Landman, Tanya. ***Hell and High Water***. Candlewick, 2017. In 1750s London, young Caleb's life is upended when his father is accused of theft and shipped to America as a laborer; meanwhile, Caleb journeys to a rough seafaring town to live with his father's estranged sister, and he begins to discover murderous plots and a smuggling operation.
- McCall, Guadalupe Garcia. ***Under the Mesquite***. Lee & Low, 2011. Lupita, a budding actor and poet in a close-knit Mexican American immigrant family, comes of age as she struggles with adult responsibilities during her mother's long illness.
- McNeal, Tom. ***Far Far Away***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2013. When Jeremy Johnson Johnson's strange ability to speak to the ghost of Jacob Grimm draws the interest of his classmate, Ginger Boultinghouse, the two find themselves at the center of a series of disappearances in their hometown.
- Meyer, Marissa. ***Heartless***. Feiwel and Friends, 2016. Long before she becomes the infamous Queen of Hearts, all Cath wants is to open her own bakery to sell her tarts and other goodies; but in this prequel to Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*, she has caught the eye of the goofy King of the Hearts as well as the eye of Jest, the very intriguing court jester! Will she choose royal duty or true love?
- Miller, Sarah. ***The Borden Murders: Lizzie Borden and the Trial of the Century***. Schwartz & Wade, 2016. Examines the Borden murders using newspaper articles to recreate the events and the trial and acquittal of Lizzie Borden and explores Lizzie's story to theorize what might have really happened.

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- Moriarty, Jaclyn. ***A Corner of White***. Arthur A. Levine, 2013. Fourteen-year-old Madeleine of Cambridge, England, struggling to cope with poverty and her mother's illness, and fifteen-year-old Elliot of the Kingdom of Cello in a parallel world, begin exchanging notes through a crack between their worlds and find they can be of great help to each other. *Series*
- Muhammad, Ibtihaj. ***Proud: Living My American Dream (Young Readers' Edition)***. Little, Brown, 2018. Muhammad's powerful memoir chronicling the hard work and determination it took, despite ever-present negative and hurtful comments, to become the first Muslim-American woman to medal in fencing in the Olympics, earning her a coveted spot on Time Magazine's "100 Most Influential People."
- Murdock, Catherine Gilbert. ***Dairy Queen***. Houghton Mifflin, 2006. After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her. *Series*
- Nelson, Marilyn. ***How I Discovered Poetry***. Dial Books, 2014. Looking back on her childhood in the 1950s, the author tells the story of her development as an artist and young woman through fifty eye-opening poems that also offer a larger view of the world around her: racial tensions, the Cold War era, and the first stirrings of the feminist movement.
- Nielsen, Susin. ***We Are All Made of Molecules***. Ember, 2016. Brilliant but socially-challenged Stewart and mean-girl Ashley must find common ground when, two years after Stewart's mother dies, his father moves in with his new girlfriend--Ashley's mother--whose gay ex-husband lives in their guest house in the backyard.
- Nix, Garth. ***Frogkisser!*** Scholastic, 2017. Princess Anya has big problems. Duke Rikard, her step-stepfather, is an evil wizard who wants to rule the kingdom and has a habit of changing people into frogs, and her older sister Morven, the heir, is a wimp. With the help of the librarian Gotfried (who turns into an owl when he is upset) and the Royal Dogs, she must find a way to defeat Rikard, save her sister, and maybe even turn Prince Denholm back into a human being.
- Okorafor, Nnedi. ***Akata Witch***. Viking, 2011. Twelve-year-old Sunny Nwazue, an American-born albino child of Nigerian parents, moves with her family back to Nigeria, where she learns that she has latent magical powers which she and three similarly gifted friends use to catch a serial killer. *Series*
- Oliver, Mary. ***Dog Songs: Thirty-five Dog Songs and One Essay***. Penguin, 2013. A collection of poems and one essay about dogs and their relationships with their owners.
- Oppel, Kenneth. ***The Nest***. Simon & Schuster, 2015. Steve is an anxious boy who is visited in his dreams by wasps who say they want to save his sickly baby brother but can only do it with his help. But do they really want to help, and is he actually dreaming, and can he really help?

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- Peet, Mal. ***Keeper***. Candlewick, 2005. An enthralling story of a poor and gawky Brazilian child who mysteriously becomes the world's greatest goalkeeper -- a seamless blend of magical realism and exhilarating soccer action.
- Phelan, Matt. ***Snow White: A Graphic Novel***. Candlewick, 2016. This darkly stylized, noir adaptation of the classic story is set against a backdrop of Depression-era Manhattan and depicts, in vibrant graphic-novel detail, the story of a beleaguered girl who finds shelter with seven street urchins after the sudden death of her father, a former Wall Street king, and suffers cruelty at the hands of her Queen of the Follies stepmother. *Graphic novel*
- Preus, Margi. ***West of the Moon***. Amulet Books, 2014. Norwegian folktale and myth are woven into the story of Astri, a young girl whose evil aunt sells her to a goat herder. Astri plots to make a daring escape, rescue her younger sister, and embark on a quest to find their father.
- Priest, Cherie. ***I Am Princess X***. Arthur A. Levine, 2015. Years after writing stories about a superheroine character she created with a best friend who died in a tragic car accident, sixteen-year-old May is shocked to see stickers, patches, and graffiti images of the superheroine appearing around Seattle.
- Raffin, Michele. ***The Birds of Pandemonium: Life Among the Exotic and the Endangered***. Algonquin, 2014. Pandemonium, the home and bird sanctuary that Raffin shares with some of the world's most remarkable birds, is a conservation organization dedicated to saving and breeding birds at the edge of extinction, with the goal of eventually releasing them into the wild. Their stories teach us volumes about the interrelationships of humans and animals.
- Reynolds, Jason. ***Long Way Down***. Atheneum, 2017. Fifteen-year-old Will faces questions of morality and justice as he considers murdering the man who shot his brother in this powerful, gripping novel-in-verse that takes place in sixty crucial seconds.
- Ruiz Zafón, Carlos. ***The Prince of Mist***. Little, Brown, 2010. In 1943, in a seaside town where their family has fled to be safe from war, thirteen-year-old Max Carver and his fifteen-year-old sister Alicia, along with new friend Roland, face off against an evil magician who is striving to complete a bargain made before he died.
- Sands, Kevin. ***The Blackthorn Key***. Aladdin, 2015. In 1665 London, fourteen-year-old Christopher Rowe, apprentice to an apothecary, and his best friend Tom try to uncover the truth behind a mysterious cult, following a trail of puzzles, codes, pranks, and danger toward an unearthly secret with the power to tear the world apart. *Series*
- Schlitz, Laura Amy. ***The Hired Girl***. Candlewick, 2015. Fourteen-year-old Joan Skraggs chronicles her life in a journal when she leaves her family's farm in Pennsylvania to work as a hired girl in Baltimore in the summer of 1911. *Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction 2016*

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- Sedgwick, Marcus. ***She Is Not Invisible***. Roaring Brook, 2014. When her father disappears, a blind London teenager kidnaps her younger brother -- her eyes to the world -- and embarks on a quest to find her father and solve the mystery of his disappearance.
- Sepetys, Ruta. ***Between Shades of Gray***. Philomel, 2011. On a calm, beautiful night in 1941 Lithuania, a time in the country's history about which very little is written, fifteen-year-old Lina's life is torn apart as she and her family are forced from their home and sent to work in labor camps along the harsh Arctic Circle as part of Stalin's forced relocation program.
- Sheinkin, Steve. ***Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team***. Roaring Brook, 2017. Tells the fascinating story of the beginning of American collegiate football and the role that coach Pop Warner, football great Jim Thorpe, and the legendary Carlisle Indian Industrial School contributed to the development of the sport.
- Stead, Rebecca. ***Goodbye, Stranger***. Wendy Lamb, 2015. As Bridge makes her way through seventh grade on Manhattan's Upper West Side with her best friends, curvaceous Em, crusader Tab, and a curious new friend - or more than friend - Sherm, she finds the answer she has been seeking since she barely survived an accident at age eight: "What is my purpose?"
- Stevenson, Robert Louis. ***Treasure Island***. First published 1883. A classic pirate story reproduced in movies and TV shows more than any other, *Treasure Island* tells the tale of the quest for treasure by Jim Hawkins and pirate Long John Silver. The book introduces the now infamous pirate song "Fifteen men on the dead man's chest--Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!"
- Stroud, Jonathan. ***The Amulet of Samarkand***. Hyperion, 2003. This story is set in present-day London where Nathaniel, a young magician's apprentice, calls up the djinni Bartimaeus to steal the Amulet of Samarkand from another magician, and they both get caught up in a vast conspiracy of treason and murder. *Series*
- Sundquist, Josh. ***Love and First Sight***. Little, Brown, 2017. When Will decides to have surgery that can potentially restore his vision, he finds that those he cares about may be keeping secrets.
- Thompson, Holly. ***Orchards***. Ember, 2011. Sent to Japan for the summer after an eighth-grade classmate's suicide, half-Japanese, half-Jewish Kana Goldberg tries to fit in with relatives she barely knows and reflects on the guilt she feels over the tragedy back home.
- Tolkien, J. R. R. ***The Hobbit, or, There and Back Again***. First published 1937. Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return. *Series*

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- Vail, Rachel. ***Well, That Was Awkward.*** Viking, 2017. Gracie has forgotten how to breathe, move, or do anything when confronted with A. J. who is suddenly so good looking! Then to top things off, her best friend Sienna wants Gracie to compose texts to send to A. J. as if they were from her... but the replies are weirdly unlike A. J.
- Van Draanen, Wendelin. ***Flipped.*** Alfred A. Knopf, 2001. This is a classic romantic comedy of errors told in alternating chapters by two teenagers describing how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years.
- Volponi, Paul. ***Game Seven.*** Viking, 2015. Julio Ramirez, a sixteen-year-old shortstop in Cuba who dreams of playing with the national team, finds that he must choose between his country and family and his father who long ago defected to the U.S.
- Watson, Jude. ***Loot: How to Steal a Fortune.*** Scholastic, 2014. When notorious jewel thief Alfie McQuinn is killed on a job, his last words to his son, March, are to "find jewels," and this instruction leads the boy to Jules, the twin sister he never knew he had—and the perfect partner to carry on the family business. *Series*
- Watson, Renée. ***Piecing Me Together.*** Bloomsbury, 2017. Tired of being singled out at her mostly white private school as someone who needs support, high school junior Jade would rather participate in the school's amazing Study Abroad program than join Women to Women, a mentorship program for at-risk girls. *Coretta Scott King Award 2018*
- Wolk, Lauren. ***Wolf Hollow: A Novel.*** Dutton, 2016. Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn to stand up for what is right in the face of a manipulative and violent new bully who targets people Annabelle cares about, including a homeless World War I veteran.

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Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Adeyemi, Tomi. ***Children of Blood and Bone***. Holt, 2018. Seventeen-year-old Zelig, her older brother Tzain, and rogue princess Amari fight to restore magic to the land and activate a new generation of magi, but they are ruthlessly pursued by the crown prince, who believes the return of magic will mean the end of the monarchy. *Series*
- Ahdieh, Renée. ***Flame in the Mist***. Putnam's, 2017. While journeying to meet her betrothed, the son of the emperor's favorite consort, Mariko barely escapes a sudden and shocking assassination attempt. Disguising herself as a boy, Mariko sets out to discover who tried to kill her and why. Once accepted into the notorious Black Clan, however, Mariko finds herself appreciated and respected for her intellect and alchemical abilities, leading her to start questioning everything she's ever known about her family and her destiny. *Series*
- Anderson, Natalie C. ***City of Saints & Thieves***. Putnam's, 2017. When Tina's mother is murdered in Mr. Grayhill's study in Kenya, Tina believes she knows who did it. She disappears into the streets of Sangu City and begins to train with the Goonda gang, perfecting her thieving skills in order to extract revenge for her mother's death. After four years on the streets, she puts her plan of revenge into action, only to discover that everything may not be what it seems.
- Aveyard, Victoria. ***Red Queen***. HarperTeen, 2015. In a world divided by blood--Red blooded (more common) serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities--seventeen-year-old Mare, a Red, discovers she has an ability of her own. To cover up this impossibility, the king forces her to play the role of a lost Silver princess and betroths her to one of his own sons. But Mare risks everything and uses her new position to help the Scarlet Guard--a growing Red rebellion--even as her heart tugs her in an impossible direction. *Series*
- Bardugo, Leigh. ***Wonder Woman: Warbringer***. Random House, 2017. Diana, Princess of the Amazons, witnesses a shipwreck and cannot stand aside and let the lone survivor drown, but the girl she rescues is no mere mortal – and her life may mean death for millions of people. *Series*
- Benedict, Marie. ***Carnegie's Maid***. Sourcebooks, 2018. In this Gilded Age era novel, Clara, an Irish immigrant, takes on a false identity to gain employment as a housekeeper in Andrew Carnegie's grand house. Her relationship with the steel tycoon transforms him into America's first philanthropist.

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- Biles, Simone, with Michelle Burford. ***Courage to Soar: A Body in Motion, A Life in Balance***. Zondervan, 2016. Olympic gold medalist Simone Biles describes how she overcame early difficulties through the help of her family and God to realize her dream of becoming an elite gymnast.
- Blake, Kendare. ***Three Dark Crowns***. HarperTeen, 2016. On the island of Fennbirn, a set of triplets born to the queen are separated at a young age and trained to use their individual special powers: a naturalist, an elemental, and a poisoner. As tradition dictates, on their sixteenth birthday, the sisters will engage in a battle to the death; the victor gains the right to be Queen. *Series*
- Bowman, Erin. ***Vengeance Road***. Houghton Mifflin, 2015. When her father is killed by the notorious Rose Riders for a mysterious journal that reveals the secret location of a gold mine, eighteen-year-old Kate Thompson disguises herself as a boy and takes to the plains looking for answers--and justice. *Series*
- Brody, Jessica. ***The Chaos of Standing Still***. Simon Pulse, 2017. Ryn, eighteen, trapped by a massive blizzard in the Denver airport, meets some unique characters who help her cope with survivor's guilt on the first anniversary of her best friend's death.
- Brown, Jennifer. ***Torn Away***. Little, Brown, 2014. As Jersey copes with her tornado tragedies, the deaths of both mom and sister, as well as the loss of her home, she is further challenged when she is forced to live with her long-estranged father.
- Cline, Ernest. ***Ready Player One***. Crown, 2011. In the year 2044, Wade Watts, like the rest of humanity, chooses to escape reality and spends his waking hours in the limitless, utopian virtual world of the OASIS. When Wade stumbles upon the first of the fiendish puzzles set up by OASIS creator James Halliday, he finds he must compete with thousands of others -- including those willing to commit murder -- in order to claim the prize of a massive fortune. *Alex Award 2012*
- Cornwell, Betsy. ***Mechanica***. Clarion, 2015. In this retelling of Cinderella, an indomitable inventor-mechanic finds her prince but realizes she doesn't want a fairy tale happy ending after all.
- Crossan, Sarah. ***One***. Greenwillow, 2015. Despite problems at home, sixteen-year-old conjoined twins Tippi and Grace love going to school for the first time and making real friends. In the midst of their happiness, however, they learn that a cardiac problem will force them to have separation surgery, which they have never before considered. *Novel in verse*

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- Crowley, Cath. ***Words in Deep Blue***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2016. Rachel and her brother always loved the ocean, but after he drowns, she cannot bear to be around it. She moves back to the city and finds a job working in a bookstore whose part-owner is a young man she had a crush on years before. The job, school, friends and emotional ups and downs lead Rachel to healing.
- Dessen, Sara. ***Saint Anything***. Viking, 2015. Her brother and his problems have pushed Sydney to the back seat in her family. A random stop at a local pizzeria introduces her to an amazing journey which includes finding friends, family, love, and herself.
- Doty, James R. ***Into the Magic Shop: A Neurosurgeon's Quest to Discover the Mysteries of the Brain and the Secrets of the Heart***. Penguin, 2016. James Doty, a distinguished neurosurgeon, reflects on his impoverished childhood, his alcoholic father, and his career in medicine to show readers how it is fundamentally possible to change the thinking patterns in one's brain.
- Ewing, Eve L. ***Electric Arches***. Haymarket, 2017. A visually explosive collection of poetry and narrative prose that explores black girlhood and womanhood. *Alex Award 2018*
- Foxlee, Karen. ***The Midnight Dress***. Ember, 2015. Until almost sixteen year old Rose connects with the people of a small, coastal Australian town, she is used to traveling aimlessly with her alcoholic father. Stunning classmate Pearl, reclusive dressmaker Edie, and a magical dress that Rose and Edie sew for the Harvest Festival all contribute to a mystery unfolding around them. *The audiobook is also highly recommended.*
- Gaiman, Neil. ***Norse Mythology***. Norton, 2017. A pleasurable retelling of Norse myths featuring gods who interact with dwarves and giants, animals and humans; the tales end with the violent Ragnarok, the twilight of the gods, and the birth of a new time and people.
- Grolleau, Fabien. ***Audubon: On the Wings of the World***. Nobrow, 2017. In the early 1800s, John James Audubon, an ornithologist, traversed America studying birds. Despite challenging weather and wildlife along the way, he persevered to create beautiful illustrations still admired today. *Graphic novel*
- Hesse, Monica. ***The Girl in the Blue Coat***. Little, Brown, 2016. In 1943 Nazi-occupied Amsterdam, teenage Hanneke--a 'finder' of black market goods--is tasked with finding a Jewish girl who has seemingly vanished into thin air, and she is pulled into a web of resistance activities and secrets as she attempts to solve the mystery and save the missing girl.

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- Hitchcock, Bonnie-Sue. ***The Smell of Other People's Houses***. Wendy Lamb, 2016. In quite possibly the best titled novel in recent years, this redemptive coming of age story is told in four unique teen voices living in 1970s Alaska.
- Howe, Katherine. ***Conversion***. Putnam's, 2014. When girls at Colleen's high school start experiencing strange tics and other mysterious symptoms, the small town of Danvers, Massachusetts, falls victim to rumors that lead to full-blown panic. Only Colleen connects their fate to Salem Village where three centuries earlier another group of girls suffered a similarly bizarre epidemic.
- Jones, Kelly. ***Murder, Magic and What We Wore***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2017. When her father dies, Annis Whitworth, who has power to sew glammers, garments that can disguise the wearer completely, becomes a spy and leads a double life in order to find her father's killer.
- Katz, Jon. ***Saving Simon: How a Rescue Donkey Taught Me the Meaning of Compassion***. Random House, 2015. In this heartfelt, thoughtful, and inspiring memoir, the author tells the story of his beloved rescue donkey, Simon, and the wondrous ways that animals make us wiser and kinder people.
- Kooser, Ted. ***Delights & Shadows: Poems***. Copper Canyon Press, 2004. This collection of poems by a former Poet Laureate of the United States describes the habits and struggles of daily life. *Winner Pulitzer Prize for Poetry 2005*
- Mandel, Emily St. John. ***Station Eleven***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2014. Scenes from life before and after a great pandemic decimates the world's population depict life through the eyes of members of a traveling group of performers.
- Maas, Sarah J. ***Catwoman: Soulstealer***. Random House, 2018. Joining forces with Poison Ivy and Harley Quinn, Catwoman returns to Gotham City to right the social order and wreak havoc on the city's rich and self-righteous, while attempting to fulfill her own private quest. *Series*
- Mathieu, Jennifer. ***Devoted: A Novel***. Roaring Brook, 2015. Rachel Walker loves her family and is devoted to God, but when she begins to question both her reclusive and sheltered life and her relationship with God, she must decide if she will stay or flee, leaving her family and community behind.
- McLemore, Anna-Marie. ***The Weight of Feathers***. St. Martin's Press, 2015. To the delight of audiences worldwide, members of the Paloma family perform underwater as mermaids while the Corbeau family gives feathered performances in the tallest of trees . . . but their families have been enemies for generations. When disaster strikes, will Lace Paloma and Cluck Corbeau be able to overcome their prejudices and help each other?

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- McNamee, Graham. ***Defender***. Wendy Lamb, 2016. Seventeen-year-old Tyne and her boyfriend Stick investigate a decades-old murder after she finds the body of a girl in the basement wall of her apartment building.
- McStay, Moriah. ***Everything That Makes You***. Katherine Tegen, 2015. In alternating voices, Fiona "Fi" Doyle experiences her teen years in two ways, with and without a disfiguring accident that occurred at age six, dealing with its effects on her brother and parents, her friendships, her dating life, her involvement in sports and hobbies, her future plans, and especially her self-image.
- Menon, Sandhya. ***When Dimple Met Rishi***. Simon Pulse, 2017. When Dimple Shah and Rishi Patel meet at a Stanford University summer program, Dimple is avoiding her parents' obsession with "marriage prospects," but Rishi hopes to woo her into accepting an arranged marriage with him.
- Miodownik, Mark. ***Stuff Matters: Exploring the Marvelous Materials that Shape Our Man-Made World***. Mariner, 2014. Explores objects as ordinary as an envelope and as unexpected as concrete cloth, uncovering the fascinating secrets that hold together our physical world.
- Montgomery, Sy. ***The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration Into the Wonder of Consciousness***. Atria Books, 2015. Explores the emotional and physical world of the octopus -- a surprisingly complex, intelligent, and spirited creature -- and the remarkable connections it makes with humans, revealing what octopuses can teach us about consciousness.
- Moore, Meredith. ***I Am Her Revenge***. Razorbill, 2015. Obedient Vivian arrives at boarding school to attract fellow student Ben, to toy with him, run away with him, and break his heart on her mother's orders. Ben is the son of the man who, long ago, jilted her teenage mother. Revenge is the motive, but the instrument -- Vivian -- may not be the efficient hammer Mother envisions.
- Nazemian, Abdi. ***The Authentics***. HarperCollins, 2017. Daria, an Iranian-American teenager, is tired of the sameness of the school cliques, so she and her friends form the Authentics because they are unique and real. When a school project forces her to trace her family roots, unexpected secrets emerge.
- Oliver, Mary. ***Swan: Poems and Prose Poems***. Beacon Press, 2010. Mary Oliver's adoration and awe of nature shines through in this slim collection of beautiful poetry evocative of the beauty, brutality, and mysteries found in the natural world.

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- Perkins, Mitali, ed. ***Open Mic: Riffs on Life Between Cultures in Ten Voices.*** Candlewick, 2013. Using a mix of diverse styles and perspectives, ten authors of non-Caucasian background share their personal views on the ways race and discrimination affect children and teenagers.
- Pung, Alice. ***Lucy and Linh.*** Alfred A. Knopf, 2016. Set in Australia, Lucy tries to balance her life at home surrounded by her Chinese immigrant family with her life at a pretentious private school.
- Raasch, Sara. ***Snow Like Ashes.*** Balzar + Bray, 2014. Sixteen years ago the Kingdom of Winter was attacked by King Angra from the Kingdom of Spring. Most of the Winterians were killed or enslaved. Meira and a group of Winterians journey to find the magical conduit that will restore their Kingdom, not realizing that she is the key to their future. *Series*
- Revis, Beth. ***A World Without You.*** Penguin, 2016. Seventeen-year-old Bo knows that he can time travel. His parents send him to a special school where he meets and falls in love with Sofia, a tragic, quiet girl. Is this school for troubled teens - or for those with superpowers? *Series*
- Roat, Sharon Huss. ***How to Disappear.*** HarperTeen, 2017. When Vicki's best friend moves away, she is consumed by loneliness and anxiety until, on a whim, she invents an Instagram account that forces her out of the shadows.
- Rowling, J.K., John Tiffany, and Jack Thorne. ***Harry Potter and the Cursed Child - Parts One and Two.*** Arthur A. Levine, 2016. As an overworked employee of the Ministry of Magic, a husband, and a father, Harry Potter struggles with a past that refuses to stay where it belongs while his youngest son, Albus, finds the weight of the family legacy difficult to bear. *Play*
- Saedi, Sara. ***Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card.*** Alfred A. Knopf, 2018. In this memoir set in the 1990s, teenaged Sara keeps a diary of life as an Iranian American and her discovery that she and her family entered the United States as undocumented immigrants.
- Saeed, Aisha. ***Written in the Stars.*** Nancy Paulsen, 2015. Naila's vacation to visit relatives in Pakistan turns into a nightmare when she discovers her parents want to force her to marry a man she's never met.
- Scotton, Christopher. ***The Secret Wisdom of the Earth.*** Grand Central, 2015. Kevin spends the summer with his grandfather and tries to help the townspeople save the woods in Appalachia from the devastation of strip mining.

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- Sepetys, Ruta. ***Salt to the Sea: A Novel***. Philomel, 2016. World War II is drawing to a close in East Prussia, and thousands of refugees are on a desperate trek toward freedom. When their paths converge en route to the ship that promises salvation, Joana, Emilia, and Florian find their strength, courage, and trust in one another tested with each step closer toward safety. When tragedy strikes the *Wilhelm Gustloff*, they must fight for the same thing: survival.
- Showalter, Gena. ***Firstlife***. Harlequin TEEN, 2016. Locked in an asylum for her refusal to let her parents dictate her afterlife choices, Ten Lockwood finds herself caught in a violent power struggle between the two leading Everlife realms that would do anything to claim her powerful soul. *Series*
- Shusterman, Neal. ***Scythe***. Simon & Schuster, 2016. In a Utopian world where there is no war, no unhappiness, and the creation of nannites has eliminated death, the only challenge facing the world is overpopulation. Scythes have been given the power to selectively kill or “glean” the population to keep growth in check. Rowan and Cirta, the newly selected apprentice scythes, internally struggle with “gleaning” and find that the world is really no utopia. *Series*
- Simon, Matt. ***The Wasp That Brainwashed the Caterpillar: Evolution's Most Unbelievable Solutions to Life's Biggest Problems***. Penguin, 2016. Explores the creative way that curious creatures have adapted to the challenges of survival. Includes a discussion of the satanic leaf-tailed gecko, the velvet worm, and the pink fairy armadillo.
- Stevenson, Noelle. ***Nimona***. HarperTeen, 2015. Nimona, a young shapeshifter with a knack for villainy, and Lord Ballister Blackheart, a villain with a vendetta, set out to prove that Sir Ambrosius Goldenloin and his friends are not the heroes everyone thinks they are. But Lord Blackheart soon realizes that Nimona's powers are as murky and mysterious as her past, and her unpredictable wild side might be more dangerous than he is willing to admit. *Eisner Award for Best Graphic Album 2016, Graphic novel*
- Suma, Nova Ren. ***The Walls Around Us***. Algonquin, 2015. Orianna and Violet are ballet dancers and best friends, but when the ballerinas who have been harassing Violet are murdered, Orianna is accused of the crime and sent to a juvenile detention center where she meets Amber and they experience supernatural events linking the girls together.
- Tahir, Sabaa. ***An Ember in the Ashes***. Razorbill, 2015. Laia is a Scholar living under the iron-fisted rule of the Martial Empire. When her brother is arrested for treason, Laia goes undercover as a slave at the empire's greatest military academy in exchange for assistance from rebel Scholars who claim that they will help save her brother from execution. *Series*

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- Taylor, Laini. ***Strange the Dreamer***. Little, Brown, 2017. In the aftermath of a war between gods and men, a hero, a librarian, and a girl must battle the fantastical elements of a mysterious city stripped of its name. *Series*
- Van Draanen, Wendelin. ***Wild Bird***. Alfred K. Knopf, 2017. When her behavior escalates out of control, fourteen-year-old Wren is taken away in the middle of the night to a wilderness therapy camp where she is forced to develop new skills, including the courage to ask for help.
- Wallach, Tommy. ***We All Looked Up***. Simon & Schuster, 2015. The lives of four high school seniors intersect weeks before a meteor is set to pass through Earth's orbit, with a 66.6% chance of striking and destroying all life on the planet.
- Wilson, G. Willow. ***Ms. Marvel. Volume 1: No Normal***. Marvel, 2014. When Pakistani-American and Jersey City teenager Kamala Khan suddenly acquires superpowers, she sets out to protect her community and her city while balancing school and family life. *Hugo Award 2015, Series, Graphic novel*
- Yoon, Nicola. ***Everything, Everything***. Delacorte, 2015. The story of a teenage girl who's literally allergic to the outside world. When a new family moves in next door, she begins a complicated romance that challenges everything she's ever known. The narrative unfolds via vignettes, diary entries, texts, charts, lists, illustrations, and more.
- Zappia, Francesca. ***Eliza and Her Monsters***. Greenwillow, 2017. Eliza has found great success through her webcomic *Monstrous Sea*. However, in real life she is voluntarily isolated, until she meets a new student, Wallace, who is one of the series' greatest fans. Her journey to being part of the real world is rocky and terrifying at times; however, navigating her way through the relationships in her life helps her to find her way.
- Zentner, Jeff. ***The Serpent King***. Crown, 2015. Small towns can be hard places to grow up when you don't fit the mold, but for three high school seniors, it is nearly impossible. Dill, whose father is incarcerated, Lydia, who is a fashion blogger longing for New York, and Travis, who is living in an abusive home, find an unlikely friendship that bonds them together and helps them find hope for the future. *William C. Morris Award 2017*

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- Anderson, Laurie Halse. ***The Impossible Knife of Memory***. Viking, 2014. Hayley and her father, who suffers from PTSD, return to their hometown to start over, but the Iraq war continues to haunt him and threatens to disrupt their lives.
- Anderson, Natalie G. ***City of Saints & Thieves***. Putnam's, 2017. An exciting thriller that takes place in Kenya and follows Tina, a Congolese refugee, as she takes care of her little sister and plots revenge on the man who killed her mother.
- Arden, Katherine. ***The Bear and the Nightingale***. Del Rey, 2017. After Vasilisa's new stepmother forbids her family from honoring the household spirits at the edge of the wilderness in medieval Russia, misfortune stalks the village and evil creatures of the forest creep nearer. *Series*
- Backman, Fredrik, translated by Neil Smith. ***Beartown***. Atria Books, 2016. Beartown gets smaller each year, but the townspeople believe that winning the hockey national semi-finals will breathe life back into the dying town. When faced with a violent scandal committed by one of their own, courage and honor will be tested, and the town's response will determine the fate of Beartown. *Series*
- Bardugo, Leigh. ***Six of Crows***. Holt, 2015. Six outcasts sign up for a dangerous heist that will not only fill their pockets but also save the world from its current path towards darkness and destruction. Each of these characters has a story to tell, but can they unite long enough to complete the mission? *Series*
- Brown, Dan. ***Origin***. Doubleday, 2017. Professor Robert Langdon teams up with the director of the Guggenheim Bilbao and together they race across Spain, eluding mysterious men trying to kill them, in search of Langdon's former friend and futurist Edmond Kirsch's answers to mankind's most perplexing questions. *Series*
- Carey, M. R. ***The Girl with All the Gifts***. Orbit, 2015. Not every gift is a blessing. Every morning, Melanie waits in her cell to be collected for class. When they come for her, Sergeant Parks keeps his gun pointed at her while two of his people strap her into the wheelchair. She thinks they don't like her. She jokes that she won't bite. But they don't laugh. Melanie is a very special girl.
- Coates, Ta-Nehisi. ***Between the World and Me***. Spiegel & Grau, 2015. Written as a letter to his teenage son, Coates confronts racism through the ages in America. This book covers many uncomfortable but pertinent social issues, encouraging the reader to wrestle with the questions. *National Book Award 2015, Alex Award 2016*

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- Divakaruni, Chitra Banerjee. ***Before We Visit the Goddess***. Simon & Schuster, 2016. Life choices around love are powerful ones that have the potential to alter lives dramatically. Three generations of Indian mothers and daughters share their interconnected stories, even if they are themselves separated by thousands of miles.
- Doerr, Anthony. ***All the Light We Cannot See***. Scribner, 2014. The paths of a blind French girl and a young Nazi soldier collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. *Alex Award 2015, National Book Award for Fiction 2014, Pulitzer Prize for Fiction 2015*
- Duckworth, Angela. ***Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance***. Scribner, 2016. Part of success and achievement is finding and keeping the determination and resilience to move forward and meet goals in all aspects of life. The author offers examples, interviews, and guidance for students, teachers, and other professionals.
- Fink, Joseph, and Jeffrey Cranor. ***It Devours!: A Welcome to Night Vale Novel***. HarperCollins, 2017. Set in the peculiar town of Night Vale, scientist Nilanjana Sikdar is forced to put logic on the backburner when she investigates a mysterious rumbling in the desert. *Series*
- Grann, David. ***Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI***. Doubleday, 2016. Presents a true account of the early twentieth-century murders of dozens of wealthy Osage and law-enforcement officials, citing the contributions and missteps of a fledgling FBI that eventually uncovered one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.
- Green, John. ***Turtles All the Way Down***. Dutton, 2017. Aza deals with anxiety and invasive thoughts that make living a normal life a struggle. She must learn to control her thoughts if she is going to help solve the mysterious disappearance of billionaire Russell Pickett.
- Hannah, Kristin. ***The Great Alone***. St. Martin's Press, 2018. In Alaska during the 1970s, teenager Leni observes her parents cope with her father's PTSD and its effect on their relationship. As the family struggles to survive the brutal cold and dark landscape, Leni falls in love, discovers a supportive community, and copes with her difficult family dynamics.
- Hoffman, Alice. ***The Marriage of Opposites***. Simon & Schuster, 2015. Fleeing from the Spanish Inquisition, Rachel's family finds a small Jewish community on the tropical island of St. Thomas to call home. This magical story is based on the extraordinary life of Rachel Pissarro who gave birth to Camille Pissarro, famous painter and father of Impressionism.

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- Jiles, Paulette. ***News of the World***. William Morrow, 2016. After the Civil War, an older man who makes his living travelling around North Texas reading newspapers aloud, agrees to take a young white girl who was kidnapped and raised by Indians on a 400-mile journey from Wichita Falls back to her family in San Antonio.
- Kelly, Martha Hall. ***Lilac Girls***. Ballantine Books, 2016. Three women - a New York socialite charity worker, a Nazi doctor, and a “Ravensbruck Rabbit” survivor of medical experiments in the concentration camp - search for justice, peace, or a new life after World War II.
- Kelly, Scott. ***Endurance: A Year in Space, a Lifetime of Discovery***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2017. Astronaut Scott Kelly describes how he overcame early obstacles through hard work and perseverance to find himself living and working on board the International Space Station during an amazing year of science and self-reflection.
- King, A. S. ***Still Life with Tornado***. Dutton, 2016. Sarah’s life changes the day her art teacher says that there are no more original ideas. She begins roaming the streets of Philadelphia and stops seeing the point of things like going to school or brushing her hair. As the traumatic events that led to Sarah’s existential crisis are revealed, she begins to heal.
- Larbalestier, Justine. ***My Sister Rosa***. Soho Teen, 2016. When his father's business takes the family to New York City, a seventeen-year-old Australian boy must balance his desire to protect his ten-year-old sister, a diagnosable psychopath, from the world with the desperate need to protect the world from her.
- Larson, Erik. ***Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania***. Crown, 2015. With a false sense of security, the luxury ocean liner sailed on May 1, 1915, during World War I. The author tells the story of the many individuals who lost their lives or played a part in this famous maritime disaster involving an enemy torpedo. The story also offers a glimpse of the Progressive Era in the United States.
- Lee, Mackenzi. ***The Gentleman’s Guide to Vice and Virtue***. HarperCollins, 2017. Henry "Monty" Montague takes off on a wild and memorable trip across Europe with his closest friend and crush, Percy. *Series*
- Levithan, David. ***Every Day***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2012. Every morning, A wakes in a different person's body, in a different person's life, learning over the years to never get too attached. Life goes along smoothly until A wakes up in the body of Justin and falls in love with Justin's girlfriend, Rhiannon. *Series*

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- Liu, Cixin, translated by Ken Liu. ***The Three-Body Problem***. Tor Books, 2014. At the height of the Chinese Cultural Revolution, a young scientist sends a signal to an alien world knowing it will lead an invasion force to Earth and end the human race. Forty years later, humanity's first chance to avert destruction emerges. *Hugo Award 2015, Series*
- Lockhart, E. ***Genuine Fraud***. Delacorte, 2017. Jule is on the run and hiding out in a resort in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Her story is told in reverse with unpredictable twists that will keep readers guessing until the very end.
- Luceno, James. ***Star Wars, Catalyst: A Rogue One Novel***. Del Rey, 2016. If completed, the secret Death Star project promises to change the balance of power in the galaxy, and Director Orson Krennic knows that the key to finishing the deadly superweapon lies with the brilliant scientist Galen Erso. Weaving a web of deception around Galen and his family, Krennic is determined to ensnare the scientist to ensure the completion of the Death Star and to make his own political fortune, no matter the cost to the galaxy itself. *Series*
- Mastai, Elan. ***All Our Wrong Todays***. Dutton, 2017. In a twist of fate, Tom Barren travels from a utopian society to a dystopian wasteland. Will he go back to the idealistic world he came from or stay in the alternate reality that finally feels like home?
- Mathieu, Jennifer. ***Moxie***. Roaring Brook, 2017. In a small Texas town where high school football reigns supreme, sixteen-year-old Viv starts a feminist revolution using anonymously written zines.
- McBride, Laura. ***We Are Called to Rise: A Novel***. Simon & Schuster, 2014. This debut novel is set in Las Vegas and told from four alternating perspectives that come together suddenly and explosively. At its heart, it's a story about the power of human resilience and how even in the darkest and most hopeless moments, people can rise, help each other, redeem themselves, and ultimately heal.
- McClellan, Brian. ***Promise of Blood***. Orbit, 2014. The Age of Kings has ended in a bloody coup. Field Marshal Tamas' determination to end rule by corrupt aristocrats may have brought relief to the oppressed citizens of Ardo, but threats quickly arise from inside and outside the nation. More worryingly, whispers have begun to circulate about gods walking the earth amid omens of death and destruction, and Tamas has only his own estranged son, Taniel, and Adamant, a retired police inspector, on whom to rely. *Series*
- McCullough, David. ***The Wright Brothers***. Simon & Schuster, 2015. An award-winning historian helps us understand the lives of these two modest men as they journey from bike shop to aviation history.

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- McGee, Katharine. ***The Thousandth Floor***. HarperCollins, 2016. From the top of a towering skyscraper in New York City a hundred years in the future, someone falls to their death. The flashback follows five teens through the events that led to that fateful event in this first book of a page-turning trilogy. *Series*
- McLain, Paula. ***Circling the Sun***. Ballantine Books, 2015. This novel is based on the life of Beryl Markham, who grew up training horses on her father's ranch in Nairobi, Africa, in the 1920s. She led a full and sometimes difficult life, befriending Karen Blixen and Denys Finch Hatton from *Out of Africa* fame. Being a strong woman for her times, Beryl's relationships were complicated, but her passion for flying was ignited by the friendships she made.
- McManus, Karen M. ***One of Us is Lying***. Delacorte, 2017. A modern-day Breakfast Club in which four students become murder suspects when the ruthless high school gossip blogger dies mysteriously in detention; they were the only ones in the room and everyone wants to know...who killed Simon Kelleher?
- Miller, Madeline. ***Circe***. Little, Brown, 2018. This is the intimate story of Circe, daughter of the sun god Helios, who could transform her enemies into wild beasts and was banished by Zeus to a deserted island, as she crosses paths with several famous mythological figures such as Odysseus, Daedalus, Icarus, Athena, and the Minotaur.
- Miranda, Lin-Manuel, and Jeremy McCarter. ***Hamilton: The Revolution***. Grand Central, 2016. Includes the complete libretto of the Broadway musical with a true account of its creation and concise remarks on hip-hop, the power of stories, and the new America. *Musical*
- Miranda, Megan. ***All the Missing Girls***. Simon & Schuster, 2016. After graduating high school Nicolette 'Nic' Farrell leaves to get away from her small-town life and the mystery of her best friend's death. Ten years later she comes home and the town is looking into another girl's disappearance. The story is told backwards from day 15 to day 1, and Nic finds out much more than she expected.
- Munroe, Randall. ***What If?: Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions***. Houghton Mifflin, 2014. Have you ever wondered how high a human can throw something or what would happen if lightning struck a bullet in midair? Using stick-figure drawings, Munroe answers these and other bizarre questions submitted by readers of his web comic.
- Nelson, Jandy. ***I'll Give You the Sun***. Dial Books, 2014. A story of first love, family secrets, loss, and betrayal told from different points in time and in separate voices, by artists Jude and her gay twin brother, Noah. *Printz Award 2015*

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- Niven, Jennifer. ***All the Bright Places***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2015. When Theodore Finch and Violet Markey meet on the ledge of the bell tower at school, both teetering on the edge, it's the beginning of an unlikely relationship, a journey to discover the "natural wonders" of the state of Indiana, and two teens' desperate desire to heal and save one another.
- Noah, Trevor. ***Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood***. Spiegel & Grau, 2015. Born the son of a Swiss white father and a black Xhosa mother during South Africa's tyrannical white rule, Trevor Noah's existence is forbidden and punishable by law. Noah's remarkable story is told with an honesty that is refreshing, moving, and laugh out loud funny.
- Owens, Delia. ***Where the Crawdads Sing***. Putnam's, 2018. Abandoned at the age of ten, Kya, known as "the marsh girl," learns to take care of herself as she carefully studies the beloved wildlife that surrounds her. Two young men are attracted to her wild beauty when she is older, and when one of them is found dead, the locals automatically suspect Kya in this beautifully written coming-of-age story entwined with mystery.
- Padua, Sydney. ***The Thrilling Adventures of Lovelace and Babbage: The (Mostly) True Story of the First Computer***. Pantheon, 2015. A delightful and fascinating story about friendship, the first computer, and how different the world would be if the mathematician duo responsible for creating the first computer would have created the Difference Engine instead. *Graphic novel*
- Perkins, Stephanie, ed. ***Summer Days and Summer Nights: Twelve Love Stories***. St. Martin's Griffin, 2016. A diverse short story collection that has a little something for everyone. Don't let the cover fool you - these stories take a more realistic look at love. *Short story collection*
- Quinn, Kate. ***The Alice Network***. William Morrow, 2017. This epic novel is based on a relatively unknown story of heroic female spies who worked together in a vast underground group called the Alice Network throughout World War I and World War II.
- Roe, Robin. ***A List of Cages***. Hyperion, 2017. Adam, a high school senior, rescues Julian, a freshman who happens to be his former foster brother, from an abusive situation.
- Ruby, Laura. ***Bone Gap***. Balzer + Bray, 2015. Eighteen-year-old Finn, an outsider in his quiet Midwestern town, is the only witness to the abduction of town favorite Roza. His inability to distinguish between faces makes it difficult for him to help with the investigation and subjects him to even more ridicule and bullying. *Printz Award 2016*
- Schneider, Robyn. ***The Beginning of Everything***. Katherine Tegen, 2013. Star athlete and prom king Ezra Faulkner's life is irreparably transformed by a tragic accident and the arrival of eccentric new girl Cassidy Thorpe.

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- Schwab, V. E. ***A Darker Shade of Magic***. Tor Books, 2015. Follow Kell, one of the last Antari, as he travels through parallel Londons in this urban fantasy. After colliding with Delilah Bard, a pickpocket roaming the streets of Grey London, Kell realizes he needs her help to stay alive amidst an invasion of dark magic. *Series*
- See, Lisa. ***The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane***. Scribner, 2017. Three generations of women living in rural China adapt to life in the 20th century. Li-yan leaves a part of herself there as she embarks on a career as a businesswoman and tea expert but finds more of “home” in the USA than she ever expected.
- Shetterly, Margot Lee. ***Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race***. William Morrow, 2016. The phenomenal true story of the black female mathematicians at NASA at the leading edge of the feminist and civil rights movements whose calculations helped fuel some of America's greatest achievements in space.
- Shusterman, Neal. ***Challenger Deep***. HarperTeen, 2015. A powerfully authentic and moving story about mental illness. This book has a heart and a soul and takes the reader on a journey to the deepest part of the ocean and the deepest corners of the mind. *National Book Award 2015*
- Stanley, Shalanda. ***Drowning is Inevitable***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2015. After seventeen-year-old Olivia and her friend Jamie accidentally kill Jamie's abusive father, two other friends, Max and Maggie, join them in running away from St. Francisville, Louisiana, to hide out in New Orleans while they try to figure out what to do next.
- Stanton, Doug. ***12 Strong: The Declassified True Story of the Horse Soldiers***. Scribner, 2017. Immediately after 9/11, a small unit of the elite Special Forces is sent to Afghanistan to defeat the Taliban—using horses rather than tanks.
- Thomas, Angie. ***The Hate U Give***. Balzer + Bray, 2017. African-American, sixteen-year-old Starr sees her unarmed childhood friend Khalil gunned down by a police officer. As protesters take to the streets defending Khalil and condemning police brutality, Starr is torn between her poor urban neighborhood and her affluent suburban private school worlds. Starr must decide if she speaks to what she saw or if she stays silent; neither choice is easy. *Morris Award 2018*
- Towles, Amor. ***A Gentleman in Moscow***. Viking, 2016. Count Rostov is placed on house arrest in 1922 by the Bolsheviks in the Hotel Metropol in Moscow. The hotel provides the setting for the count to encounter an array of characters propelling a mystery, a love story, and a father-daughter tale.

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- Westover, Tara. ***Educated: A Memoir***. Random House, 2018. Growing up in Idaho in a Mormon survivalist family who values hard work over public education, the author shares stories about her non-traditional family life. With a desire to attend college, Ms. Westover prepares herself independently for entrance exams in order to enroll in Brigham Young and eventually Cambridge for a PhD. *Alex Award 2019*
- Womack, Gwendolyn. ***The Memory Painter***. Picador, 2015. When Linz Jacobs stumbles across a painting that depicts her reoccurring nightmare, she tracks down artist Bryan Pierce and finds that his creations are inspired by vivid dreams; their meeting sparks Bryan's most important dream yet.
- Wynne-Jones, Tim. ***The Emperor of Any Place***. Candlewick, 2015. When Evan's father dies suddenly, Evan finds a hand-bound yellow book on his desk—a book his dad had been reading when he passed away. The book is the diary of a Japanese soldier stranded on a small Pacific island in WWII. Why was his father reading it? What is in this account that Evan's grandfather, whom Evan has never met, fears so much that he will do anything to prevent its being seen? And what could this possibly mean for Evan?
- Yang, Gene Luen. ***Boxers***. First Second, 2013. Volume one of ***Boxers & Saints*** tells the first side of a parallel story. Little Bao harnesses the powers of ancient Chinese gods to fight against the foreign Christian missionaries that bully and rob the Chinese peasants. *Graphic novel*
- Yang, Gene Luen. ***Saints***. First Second, 2013. Volume two of ***Boxers & Saints*** tells the other side of a parallel story. Vibiana is an unwanted fourth daughter who finds friendship and a home with the Christian missionaries just as the Boxer Rebellion rises. *Graphic novel*
- Zentner, Jeff. ***Goodbye Days***. Crown, 2017. “Where are you guys? Text me back.” Carver did not know his text would be the last text his three best friends would see. He blames himself for the accident. As Carver deals with his own grief, his friend's grandmother requests that he spend a “goodbye day” with her to share memories and say a proper farewell to her grandson. Carver questions if he is mentally ready for a “goodbye day” as other families begin asking for one too.
- Zevin, Gabrielle. ***The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry***. Algonquin, 2014. The trajectory of bookstore owner A.J. Fikry's life is changed when his prized book of rare Poe poems goes missing and a mysterious package arrives.
- Zusak, Markus. ***Bridge of Clay***. Alfred A. Knopf, 2018. Full of imagery, symbolism and descriptive language, Zusak crafts a story about five Australian brothers, various pets, their parents, and a bridge. The many themes of the novel revolve around loss, grief, family, journey, and redemption.

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