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Books considered classics often represent universal themes.

We rightly acknowledge their value over and over again in curricula and reading lists. But representation is just as important. The books included in this guide explore these same universal themes, while being more reflective of our society. Use these books alongside traditionally canonical texts to explore whose stories we champion and why.

These texts can be used for school-wide book clubs, classroom literature circles, thematic whole-class supplemental reading, or independent reading.

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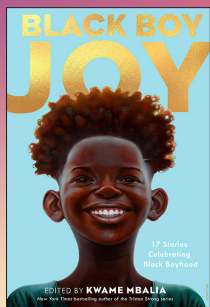
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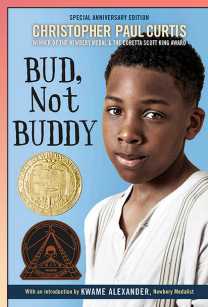


Edited by Kwame Mbalia

HC: 978-0-593-37993-6
GLB: 978-0-593-37994-3
EL: 978-0-593-37995-0

A celebration of Black boyhood from seventeen bestselling and critically acclaimed Black authors.

Themes: Short Stories & Anthologies, Cultural Diversity, Boy Interest

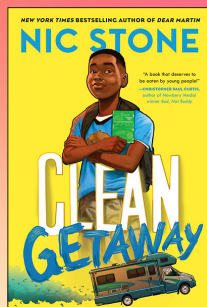


Christopher Paul Curtis

PB: 978-0-440-41328-8
EL: 978-0-385-72995-6

Bud decides to hit the road to find his father and nothing can stop him.

Themes: Adopted & Orphaned Children, Family & Relationships, Self-Discovery



Nic Stone

PB: 978-1-9848-9300-0
GLB: 978-1-9848-9298-0
EL: 978-1-9848-9299-7

A road trip through the Civil Rights Movement's landmarks and contemporary race relations.

Themes: Racism & Prejudice, Human & Civil Rights, Family & Relationships

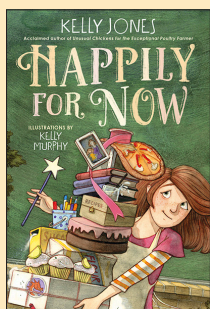


Kristin Mahoney

HC: 978-0-593-17582-8
GLB: 978-0-593-17583-5
EL: 978-0-593-17584-2

Perfectionist Elfie Oster learns the value of "unperfection" in this funny look at middle school life.

Themes: Coming of Age, School, Self-Discovery

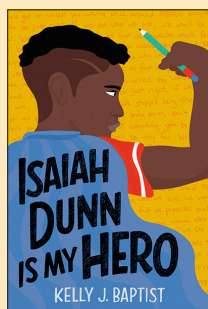


Kelly Jones; illustrated by Kelly Murphy

HC: 978-0-593-17952-9
GLB: 978-0-593-17953-6
EL: 978-0-593-17954-3

Fiona wants to solve people's problems, but helping people in the real world isn't as easy as it sounds in fairy tales.

Themes: Poverty, Self-Discipline, Perseverance



Kelly J. Baptist

HC: 978-0-593-12136-8
GLB: 978-0-593-12137-5
EL: 978-0-593-12138-2

A coming-of-age tale about a boy who discovers a love of poetry after finding his late father's journal.

Themes: Family & Relationships, Friendship, Self-Discovery



Melissa Sarno

PB: 978-1-5247-2011-7
EL: 978-1-5247-2010-0

Can you still have a home if you don't have a house? This is a stunning story about a family struggling to find a place to belong.

Themes: Family & Relationships, Hope, Science & Nature



Laura Shovan

PB: 978-0-553-52140-5
EL: 978-0-553-52139-9

Fifth-grade poets stand up to save their school in this delightful novel.

Themes: School, Community, Coming of Age



S. G. Wilson

PB: 978-1-9848-9578-3
GLB: 978-1-9848-9576-9
EL: 978-1-9848-9577-6

What if you suddenly met someone who's you—only better?

Themes: Humor, Science Fiction

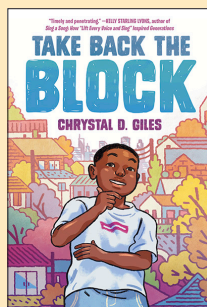


Susin Nielsen

PB: 978-1-5247-6837-9
EL: 978-1-5247-6836-2

A touching and funny middle-grade story about family, friendship, and growing up when you're one step away from homelessness.

Themes: Coming of Age, Contemporary Issues/ Social Problems, Friendship

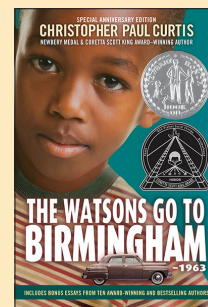


Chrystal D. Giles

HC: 978-0-593-17517-0
GLB: 978-0-593-17518-7
EL: 978-0-593-17519-4

A sixth grader asks what it means to belong—to a place and a movement—and to fight for what you believe in.

Themes: Fairness, Justice & Equality, Cooperation & Teamwork



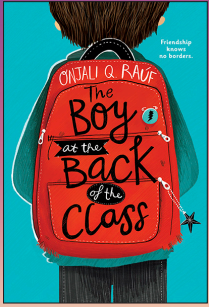
Christopher Paul Curtis

PB: 978-0-440-41412-4
EL: 978-0-385-72985-7

An unforgettable family road trip during one of the most critical times in the Civil Rights Movement.

Themes: Family & Relationships, Historical Fiction/Twentieth Century, Racism & Prejudice

EMIGRATION & IMMIGRATION

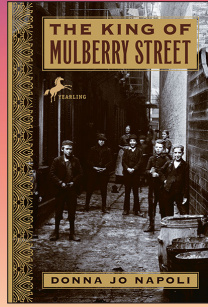


Onjali Q. Raúf

PB: 978-1-9848-5081-2
EL: 978-1-9848-5079-9

A touching, accessible story about the ongoing Syrian refugee crisis, as well as the life-changing power of friendship and standing as an ally.

Themes: Racism & Prejudice, Bullies, Friendship



Donna Jo Napoli

PB: 978-0-553-49416-7
EL: 978-0-307-48675-2

Nine-year-old Dom is sent from Naples to New York City alone in this extraordinary tale of street smarts and survival.

Themes: Historical Fiction, Family & Relationships, Coming of Age

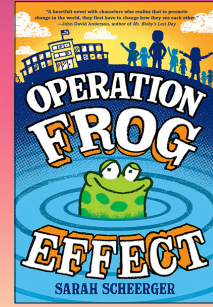


Martine Murray

HC: 978-0-399-55044-7
GLB: 978-0-399-55045-4
EL: 978-0-399-55046-1

A story about friendship and trust, learning to believe in yourself, and discovering what makes you unique.

Themes: Racism & Prejudice, Friendship, School

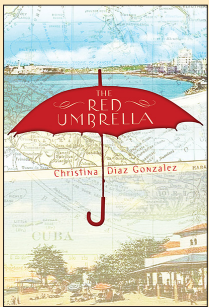


Sarah Scheerger

PB: 978-0-525-64415-6
GLB: 978-0-525-64413-2
EL: 978-0-525-64414-9

If a small act can create a ripple across the universe . . . what happens when a whole group of kids join together?

Themes: Friendship, Cultural Diversity, School, Acceptance & Belonging

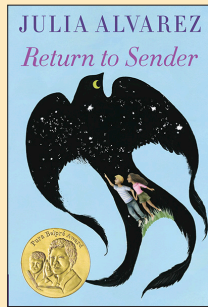


Christina Gonzalez

PB: 978-0-375-85489-7
EL: 978-0-375-89628-6

A moving story of country, culture, family, and what it truly means to be home.

Themes: Immigrant Experience, Family & Relationships, Historical Fiction/Twentieth Century



Julia Alvarez

PB: 978-0-375-85123-0
EL: 978-0-375-89161-8

A hopeful, beautiful, and timely story about the families of undocumented workers.

Themes: Contemporary Issues/Social Problems, Hispanic/Hispanic American Interest, Friendship



Emma Otheguy

PB: 978-1-5247-7325-0
GLB: 978-1-5247-7324-3
EL: 978-1-5247-7326-7

This story is a touching portrayal of the immigrant experience and making new friends—sometimes where least expected.

Themes: Acceptance & Belonging, Cultural Diversity, Contemporary Issues



Geoff Rodkey

PB: 978-1-5247-7307-6
EL: 978-1-5247-7306-9

This middle-grade sci-fi novel proves that friendship and laughter can transcend even a galaxy of differences.

Themes: Cultural Diversity, Racism & Prejudice, Science Fiction

FAMILY & RELATIONSHIPS

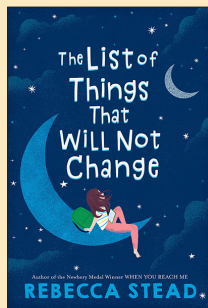


Emily Blejwas

HC: 978-1-9848-4848-2
GLB: 978-1-9848-4849-9
EL: 978-1-9848-4850-5

A poignant story of a boy picking up the pieces of his life after his father's unexpected death.

Themes: Sports, War, Courage & Honor

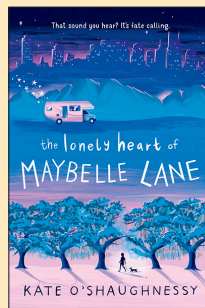


Rebecca Stead

HC: 978-1-101-93809-6
GLB: 978-1-101-93810-2
EL: 978-1-101-93811-9

When everything is changing for Bea and her family, the essential things will always stay the same.

Themes: Acceptance & Belonging, Divorce & Single Parent Families, LGBTQ+

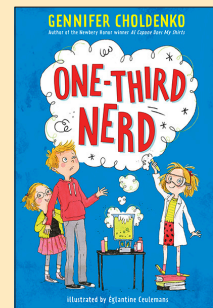


Kate O'Shaughnessy

PB: 978-1-9848-9386-4
GLB: 978-1-9848-9384-0
EL: 978-1-9848-9385-7

Maybelle Lane is looking for her father, but on the road to Nashville, she finds so much more.

Themes: Divorce & Single Parent Families, Music & Theater, Poverty



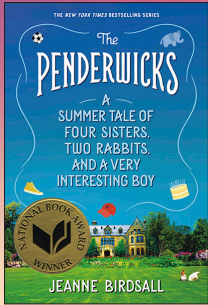
Gennifer Choldenko

PB: 978-1-5247-1891-6
EL: 978-1-5247-1890-9

A humorous and heartwarming sibling story about the lengths kids will go to to save their family pet.

Themes: Humor, Friendship, Acceptance & Belonging, Neurodiversity

FAMILY & RELATIONSHIPS continued

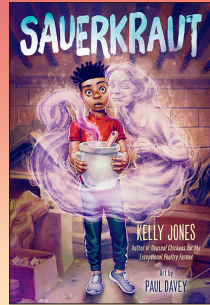


Jeanne Birdsall

HC: 978-0-375-83143-0
PB: 978-0-440-42047-7
EL: 978-0-307-54134-5

A story of four lively sisters, full of all the magic and adventures of summertime.

Themes: Family & Relationships, Friendship, Girl Interest

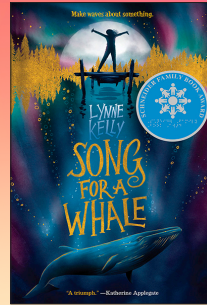


Kelly Jones

PB: 978-1-5247-6598-9
GLB: 978-1-5247-6596-5
EL: 978-1-5247-6597-2

A quirky and funny book about a boy whose plans for the summer go sideways when the ghost of his great-great-grandmother demands his attention.

Themes: Humor, Horror & Ghost Stories, Intergenerational Stories

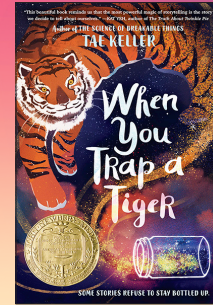


Lynne Kelly

PB: 978-1-5247-7026-6
EL: 978-1-5247-7025-9

The story of a girl's connection to a whale whose song can't be heard by his species and the journey she takes to help him.

Themes: Animals, Disabilities, Ecology & Conservation



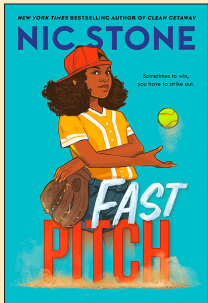
Tae Keller

HC: 978-1-5247-1570-0
GLB: 978-1-5247-1571-7
EL: 978-1-5247-1572-4

A girl goes on a quest to unlock the power of stories and save her grandmother.

Themes: Growing Up, Emotions & Feelings, Science & Nature

COMING OF AGE

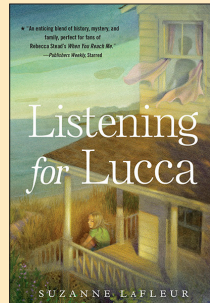


Nic Stone

HC: 978-1-9848-9301-7
GLB: 978-1-9848-9302-4
EL: 978-1-9848-9303-1

A challenging and heartwarming story about a softball player looking to prove herself on and off the field.

Themes: Racism & Prejudice, Human & Civil Rights



Suzanne LaFleur

PB: 978-0-307-98030-4
EL: 978-0-307-98031-1

Ghostly stories of the past intertwine with the mystery of a boy's silence in this intriguing and touching novel.

Themes: Emotions & Feelings, Friendship, World War II

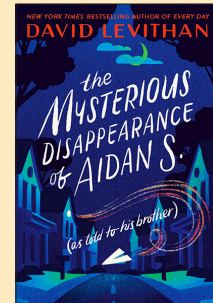


Doreen Spicer-Dannelly

PB: 978-1-5247-0003-4
GLB: 978-1-5247-0001-0
EL: 978-1-5247-0002-7

A coming-of-age novel about girl power, summer, friendship, and double Dutch.

Themes: Cooperation & Teamwork, Sports, Perseverance

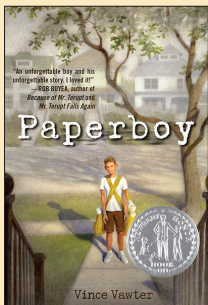


David Levithan

HC: 978-1-9848-4859-8
GLB: 978-1-9848-4860-4
EL: 978-1-9848-4861-1

How can you believe in the impossible when everything and everybody tells you not to? A twisting journey through truth, reality, fantasy, and belief.

Themes: Justice & Equality, Community, Acceptance & Belonging

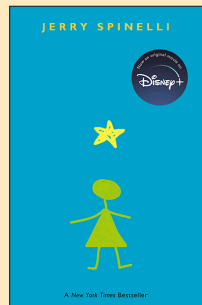


Vince Vawter

PB: 978-0-307-93151-1
EL: 978-0-307-97505-8

The paper route poses challenges for an eleven-year-old boy in 1959 Memphis.

Themes: Self-Esteem, Determination, Human & Civil Rights

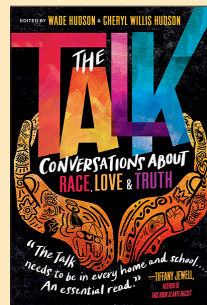


Jerry Spinelli

PB: 978-0-375-82233-9
EL: 978-0-375-89002-4

A tense, emotional tale about the perils of popularity and the thrill and inspiration of first love.

Themes: Friendship, Peer Pressure, Self-Discovery

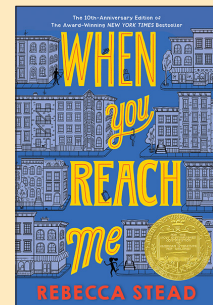


Wade and Cheryl Hudson

PB: 978-0-593-12164-1
GLB: 978-0-593-12162-7
EL: 978-0-593-12163-4

Award-winning authors and illustrators invite you into their homes to witness the conversations they have with their children about race in America today.

Themes: Racism & Prejudice, Coming of Age, Anthologies



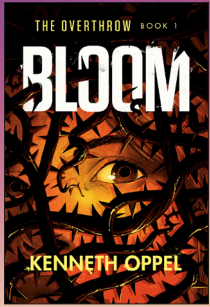
Rebecca Stead

PB: 978-0-375-85086-8
EL: 978-0-375-89269-1

This remarkable novel takes place in the real world but holds a fantastic puzzle at its heart.

Themes: Acceptance & Belonging, Divorce & Single Parent Families, Friendship

FRIENDSHIP



Kenneth Oppel

PB: 978-1-5247-7303-8
EL: 978-1-5247-7302-1

Three kids on a remote island seem immune to toxic plants. They each have strange allergies—and yet not to these plants. What's their secret?

Themes: Adventure, Friendship, Survival



Chad Sell

HC: 978-1-5247-1937-1
PB: 978-1-5247-1938-8
EL: 978-1-5247-1939-5

Neighborhood kids transform cardboard into homemade costumes and explore conflicts with friends, family, and their own identity.

Themes: Self-Discovery, Bullies, Cooperation & Teamwork

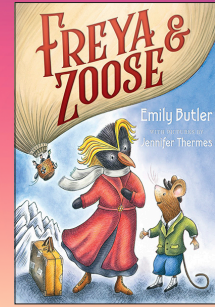


Michael Buckley

PB: 978-0-525-64690-7
GLB: 978-0-525-64688-4
EL: 978-0-525-64689-1

An action-packed middle-grade series with aliens and robots and kids who save the world!

Themes: Science Fiction, Adventure, Friendship

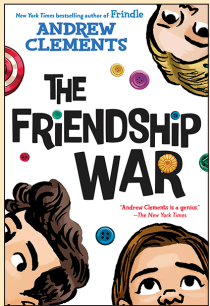


Emily Butler

PB: 978-1-5247-1774-2
GLB: 978-1-5247-1772-8
EL: 978-1-5247-1773-5

A timeless tale about a magnificent adventure to the North Pole and true friendship.

Themes: Animals, Friendship, Adventure, Survival

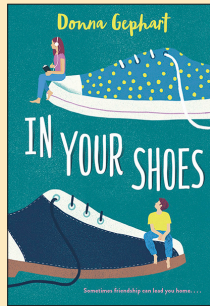


Andrew Clements

PB: 978-0-399-55762-0
GLB: 978-0-399-55760-6
EL: 978-0-399-55761-3

Stickers, Rainbow Looms, fidget spinners . . . buttons?! An excellent school story about friendship and fads.

Themes: Friendship

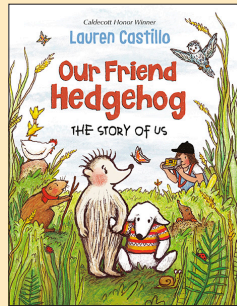


Donna Gephart

PB: 978-1-5247-1376-8
EL: 978-1-5247-1375-1

A heartfelt story about two imaginative tweens who help each other find new beginnings.

Themes: Coming of Age, Family & Relationships, Sports

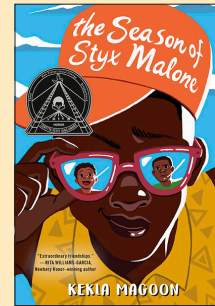


Lauren Castillo

HC: 978-1-5247-6671-9
GLB: 978-1-5247-6672-6
EL: 978-1-5247-6673-3

A story about finding your friends and sticking together through thick and thin.

Themes: Animals, Friendship, Acceptance & Belonging



Kekla Magoon

PB: 978-1-5247-1598-4
EL: 978-1-5247-1597-7

Two brothers embark on a madcap, heartwarming, one-things-leads-to-another adventure in which friendships are forged and loyalties are tested.

Themes: Family & Relationships, Friendship

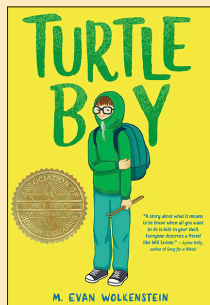


Onjali Q. Raúf

HC: 978-0-593-30227-9
GLB: 978-0-593-30228-6
EL: 978-0-593-30229-3

A novel about the power of hope to sustain, even when tragedy strikes.

Themes: Hope, Perseverance, Coming of Age



M. Evan Wolkenstein

PB: 978-0-593-12159-7
GLB: 978-0593-12160-3
EL: 978-0-593-12158-0

A boy who has spent his life living inside a shell discovers the importance of taking a chance.

Themes: School, Ecology & Conservation, Acceptance & Belonging



Kim Baker

PB: 978-1-9848-5223-6
GLB: 978-1-9848-5221-2
EL: 978-1-9848-5222-9

A quirky, empowering story about a boy recovering from a bear attack with the help of his friends and, maybe, some magic.

Themes: Acceptance & Belonging, Friendship, Self-Discovery



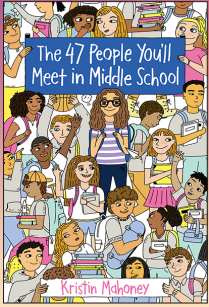
Kereen Getten

HC: 978-0-593-17397-8
GLB: 978-0-593-31021-2
EL: 978-0-593-17398-5

A rich lyrical mystery that is also a celebration of island life.

Themes: Death, Dying & Grief, Forgiveness

SCHOOL & EDUCATION

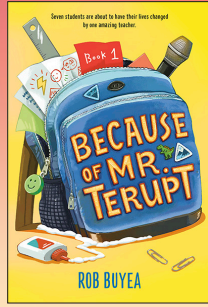


Kristin Mahoney

PB: 978-1-5247-6516-3
GLB: 978-1-5247-6514-9
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A heartwarming novel, ideal for anyone nervously approaching middle school.

Themes: Friendship, Family & Relationships

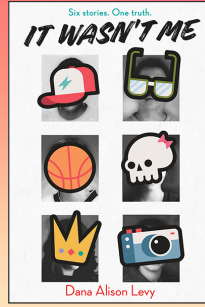


Rob Buyea

PB: 978-0-375-85824-6
EL: 978-0-375-89615-6

Discover the school year that changes the lives of seven kids and their teacher in book one of the Mr. Terupt series!

Themes: Emotions & Feelings, Guilt

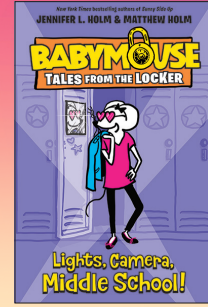


Dana Alison Levy

PB: 978-1-5247-6646-7
EL: 978-1-5247-6645-0

The Breakfast Club meets middle school in this story of six very different seventh graders who are forced to band together after a vandalism incident.

Themes: Character Education/Honesty, Friendship, School

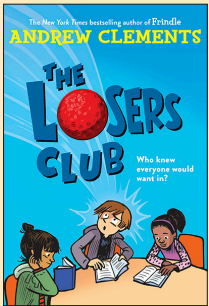


Jennifer L. Holm;
illustrated by Matt Holm

HC: 978-0-399-55438-4
GLB: 978-0-399-55439-1
EL: 978-0-399-55440-7

Babymouse joins the film club to write and direct a sweeping cinematic epic; but will making the film of her dreams turn into a nightmare?

Themes: School, Humor

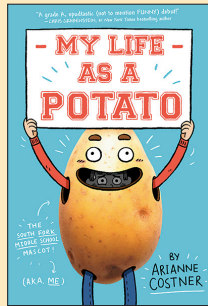


Andrew Clements

PB: 978-0-399-55758-3
EL: 978-0-399-55757-6

A school story that's a love letter to books and reading. It reminds us that sometimes the best stories are the ones that happen off the page—in our lives.

Themes: Friendship, Bullies, Self-Discovery

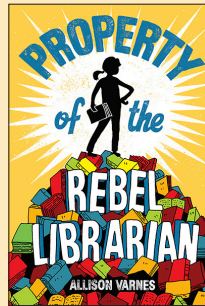


Arianne Costner

HC: 978-0-593-11866-5
GLB: 978-0-593-11867-2
EL: 978-0-593-11868-9

This hilarious story about a boy forced to become the dorkiest school mascot ever will have readers cheering!

Themes: Friendship, Humor, Peer Pressure



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Themes: Censorship, Coming of Age, Making Choices



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Words could save Charlotte Andrews and everything she believes in . . . if she just believes in herself enough to speak up.

Themes: Friendship, Making Choices, Bullies

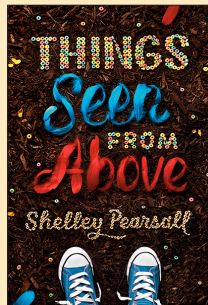


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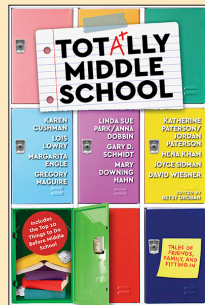


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A celebration of kids who see the world a little differently.

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Perspectives converge in a portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance.

Themes: Acceptance & Belonging, Friendship

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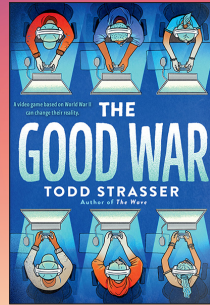


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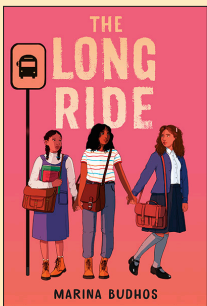


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A riveting story of two devoted sisters, Italian citizens, who must survive in World War II Japan.

Themes: Historical Fiction/World War II, Family & Relationships, Survival



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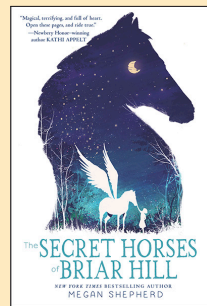


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Themes: Historical Fiction/World War II, Death, Dying & Grief, Animals



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EL: 978-0-593-17436-4

A lantern ceremony transforms a young Japanese girl's understanding of the tragic bombing at Hiroshima.

Themes: Death, Dying & Grief, Patriotism, Historical Fiction/World War II



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Adventure and history collide in this novel about the Nineteenth Amendment.

Themes: Politics & Government, Justice & Equality, Historical Fiction



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A graphic novel adaptation of the beloved, bestselling, Newbery Honor-winning novel.

Themes: Acceptance & Belonging, Character Education/Caring, Determination

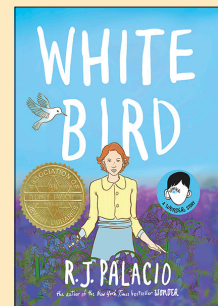


Karen Cushman

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It's a time of sunshine, siblings, and stress. A heartfelt and humorous story of World War II on the home front.

Themes: Historical Fiction, Community, Coming of Age



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Themes: Historical Fiction/World War II, Friendship

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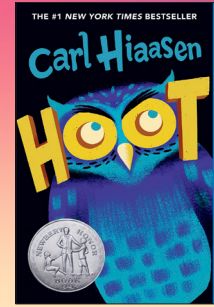


Michele Weber Hurwitz

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GLB: 978-1-9848-9633-9
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Environmental activism and summer friendship collide in this heartfelt story.

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A major hurricane is raging across the southern United States, and two unsuspecting kids are about to go on the journey of a lifetime!

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Twin sisters move with their father to a small town in Alaska after the devastating loss of their mother.

Themes: Family & Relationships, Science & Nature, Coming of Age



Stacy McAnulty

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Every day in middle school can feel like the end of the world, but is middle-school drama scarier than an asteroid heading for Earth?

Themes: Friendship, Family & Relationships

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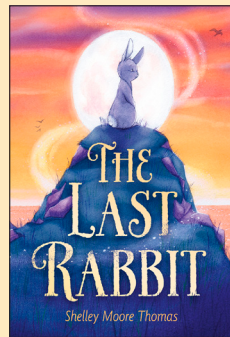


Paul Durham

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Themes: Adventure, Good vs. Evil, Friendship



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A modern fairy tale about sisterhood, forgiveness, and redemption.

Themes: Family & Relationships, Animals, Friendship

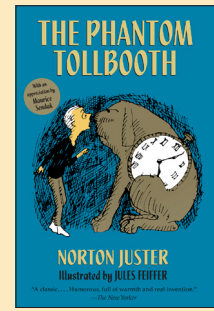


Karla Arenas Valenti

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An adventure steeped in magic and mythology explores the notion of free will in a world where fate holds all the cards.

Themes: Adventure, Myths, Legends & Folklore, Death, Dying & Grief



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A bored ten-year-old finds a large toy tollbooth sitting in his room; through its gates, a memorable journey begins.

Themes: Adventure, Classics

MYSTERY, SUSPENSE & DETECTIVE STORIES

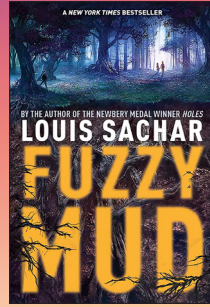


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A perfect summer story about friends, amateur sleuthing, and a whole lot of rubber duckies.

Themes: Friendship, Mystery & Suspense, Adventure

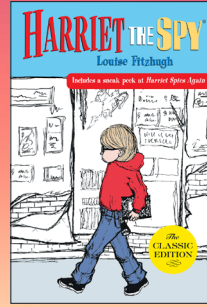


Louis Sachar

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This novel will intrigue, surprise, and inspire, while compelling readers to think twice about how they treat others and the environment.

Themes: Ecology & Conservation, Bullies, Peer Pressure

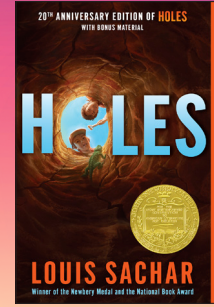


Louise Fitzhugh

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A timeless classic that describes the adventures and personal growth of an eleven-year-old girl.

Themes: Acceptance & Belonging, Classics, Family & Relationships

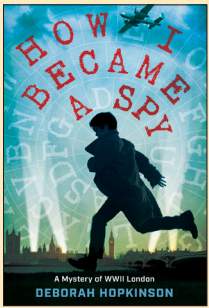


Louis Sachar

PB: 978-0-440-41480-3
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Stanley Yelnats is cursed. The curse began with his no-good great-great-grandfather and has since followed generations of Yelnates.

Themes: Courage & Honor, Friendship, Self-Discovery

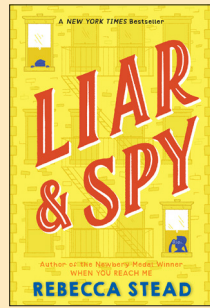


Deborah Hopkinson

PB: 978-0-399-55709-5
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This suspenseful World War II adventure reminds us that times of war call for bravery, brains, and teamwork.

Themes: Historical Fiction/World War II, Friendship, Adventure



Rebecca Stead

PB: 978-0-375-85087-5
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A story about spies, games, and how far we will go for friends.

Themes: Acceptance & Belonging, Divorce & Single Parent Families, Friendship

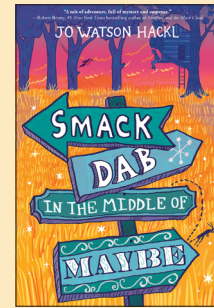


Claire Vanderpool

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Abilene Tucker searches for clues about her father's boyhood when she uncovers a town's long-held secrets.

Themes: Acceptance & Belonging, Adventure, Community



Jo Watson Hackl

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Eleven days. Thirteen clues. And one kid who won't give up. How far would you go to find something that might not even exist?

Themes: Art, Music & Theater, Family & Relationships

ANIMALS



Graham Salisbury

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GLB: 978-0-375-94069-9
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A contemporary classic about a boy, his dog, and a choice that will test their loyalty and trust.

Themes: Animals, Coming of Age, Forgiveness

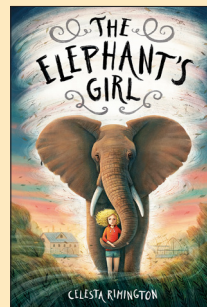


Kimberly Newton Fusco

PB: 978-0-385-75404-0
GLB: 978-0-385-75402-6
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A sweetly satisfying novel about a girl and her lost dog.

Themes: Adopted & Orphaned Children, Mystery & Suspense

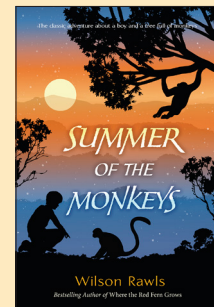


Celesta Rimington

HC: 978-0-593-12122-1
GLB: 978-0-593-12123-8
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A magical adventure about a girl with a mysterious connection to the elephant who saved her life.

Themes: Mystery & Suspense, Animals, Adopted & Orphaned Children



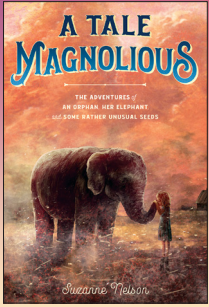
Wilson Rawls

PB: 978-0-440-41580-0
EL: 978-0-307-78155-0

An adventure story filled with heart, humor, and excitement that takes place over one unforgettable summer.

Themes: Coming of Age, Friendship, Historical Fiction/Twentieth Century

ANIMALS continued



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EL: 978-1-9848-3176-7

A story of an orphan, her elephant, and some rather unusual seeds.

Themes: Animals, Adopted & Orphaned Children, Cooperation & Teamwork



Cynthia Voigt

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A rich and rewarding story of finding one's way in the world.

Themes: Animals, Growing Up, Acceptance & Belonging



Rob Buyea

HC: 978-0-525-64802-4
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A girl meets a dog that helps her forge new friendships and find happiness after a tragic loss.

Themes: School, Friendship, Family & Relationships



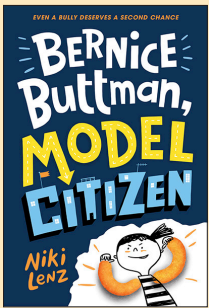
Wilson Rawls

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The timeless classic about the powerful bond between man and man's best friend.

Themes: Animals, Coming of Age, Death, Dying & Grief

HUMOROUS STORIES



Niki Lenz

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Bernice Buttman is tough, crass, and hilarious, and she just might teach you a thing or two about empathy.

Themes: Acceptance & Belonging, Bullies, Family & Relationships

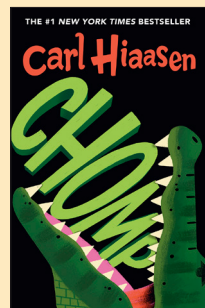


Jessica Brody

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EL: 978-1-5247-6973-4

Two twelve-year-old girls—one a famous TV star, the other an obsessive fan—switch bodies with hilarious results.

Themes: Friendship, Humor, Making Choices



Carl Hiaasen

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EL: 978-0-375-89895-2

Gators and snakes and parrots—oh my! Hiaasen takes a bite out of reality TV in this hysterical novel focused on ecology and conservation.

Themes: Ecology & Conservation, Humor, Mystery & Suspense



Kenneth Oppel

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Inkling leaps off the pages of a sketchbook and straight into readers' hearts!

Themes: Humor, Art, School

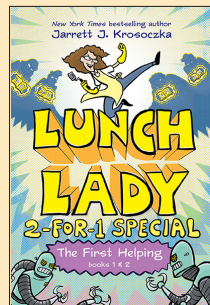


**Craig Robinson and Adam Mansbach;
illustrated by Keith Knight**

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Jake cracks up the crowd as a budding comedian, but when he starts blowing off his friends to pursue his "art," Jake's ego becomes a colossal bummer.

Themes: Humor, School, Music & Theater



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Don't miss the beloved adventures of a lunch lady who serves justice—available for the first time as a full-color graphic novel!

Themes: School, Humor

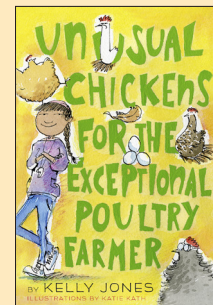


**Jeanne Birdsall;
illustrated by Jane Dyer**

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GLB: 978-0-593-17912-3
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Teaflot promises to clean while Roog bakes for the party, but will she be too distracted to finish in time?

Themes: Activities, Crafts & Hobbies, Animals, Community



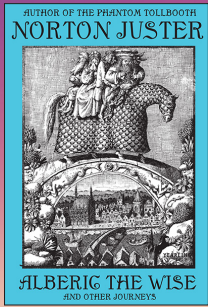
Kelly Jones

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Resourceful Sophie must find a way to keep her flock (and their superpowers) safe.

Themes: Animals, Humor, Adventure, Family & Relationships

MYTHS, LEGENDS, FOLKLORE, & FAIRY TALES

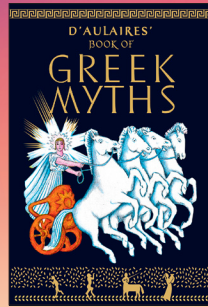


Norton Juster;
illustrated by Domenico Gnoli

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Three fantastical stories from the author of *The Phantom Tollbooth*!

Themes: Fairy Tales & Fables

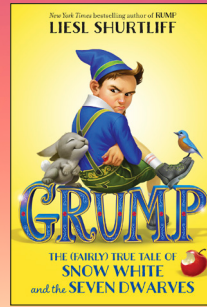


Ingrid d'Aulaire and
Edgar Parin d'Aulaire

PB: 978-0-440-40694-5
EL: 978-1-5247-7064-8

The legendary figures of ancient Greece are lavishly depicted by Caldecott winners Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire.

Themes: Classics



Liesl Shurtliff

PB: 978-1-5247-1704-9
EL: 978-1-5247-1703-2

The "true" story behind a grumpy dwarf who gets tangled up in Snow White's feud with the wicked queen.

Themes: Humor, Adventure



Christyve Morrell

HC: 978-0-593-30478-5
GLB: 978-0-593-30479-2
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When her father is arrested for a crime she committed, Prismena will do anything to save him.

Themes: Family, Action & Adventure

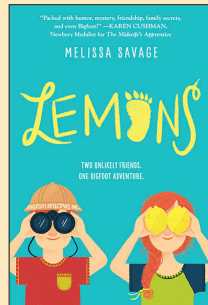


Michael Scott

HC: 978-0-593-38176-2
GLB: 978-0-593-38178-6
EL: 978-0-593-38179-3

Myths, legends, and magic are woven together in a collection of enthralling Irish folktales.

Themes: Adventure, Fantasy, Ancient World



Melissa Savage

PB: 978-1-5247-0015-7
GLB: 978-1-5247-0013-3
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The search for Bigfoot gets juicy in this funny and touching story.

Themes: Adventure, Family & Relationships, Friendship, Myths, Legends & Folklore, Self-Discovery

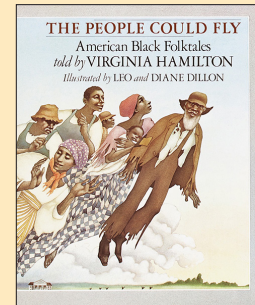


Ruth Stiles Gannett

PB: 978-0-440-42121-4

This charmingly illustrated Newbery Honor book is a comic adventure story that has delighted generations of children.

Themes: Fantasy & Magic, Animals, Action & Adventure

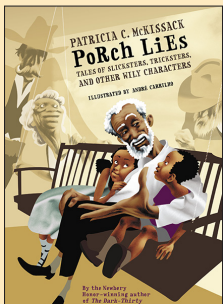


Virginia Hamilton; illustrated by
Leo and Diane Dillon

HC: 978-0-394-86925-4
PB: 978-0-679-84336-8

Retellings of twenty-four Black folk tales.

Themes: Short Stories, Myths, Legends & Folklore, Racism & Prejudice



Patricia McKissack;
illustrated by Andrea Carrilho

HC: 978-0-375-83619-0
EL: 978-0-307-55917-3

Side-splittingly funny and spine-chillingly spooky, this anthology is filled with bad characters who know exactly how to charm.

Themes: Myths, Legends, & Folklore, Short Stories

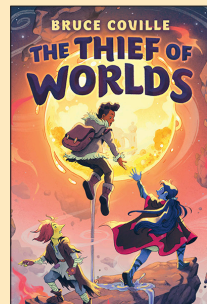


Emily Winfield Martin

PB: 978-0-553-53821-2
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A fascinating fairy tale about two sisters, a lost father, and an enchanted wood.

Themes: Family & Relationships, Friendship, Courage & Honor

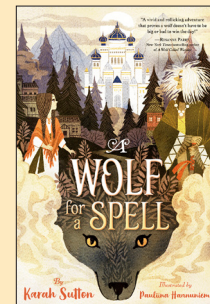


Bruce Coville

HC: 978-0-385-39251-8
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This epic fantasy will enthrall readers while it reminds them of the magic that lies in friendship.

Themes: Fantasy, Adventure, Fairy Tales & Fables, Weather, Courage & Honor



Karah Sutton

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EL: 978-0-593-12167-2

A wolf forms an unlikely alliance with Baba Yaga to save the forest from a wicked tsar.

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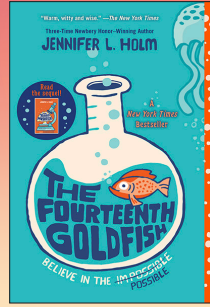


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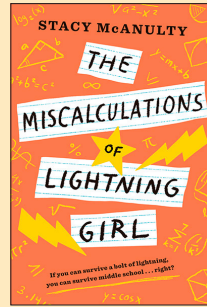


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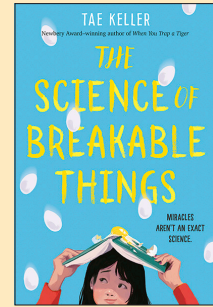


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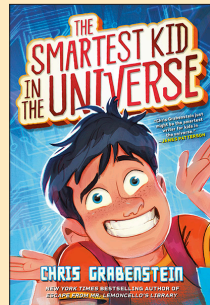


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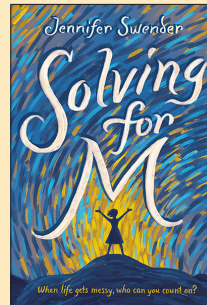


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