
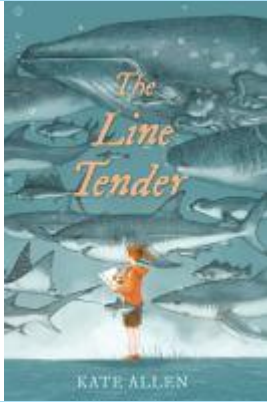



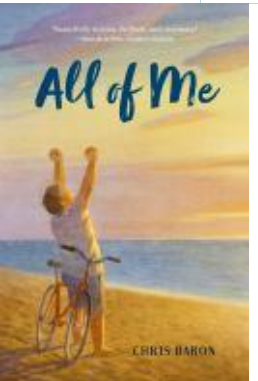
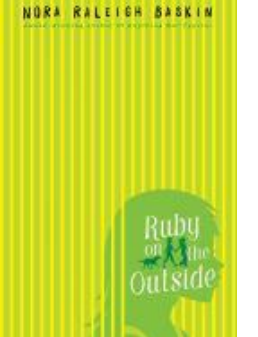




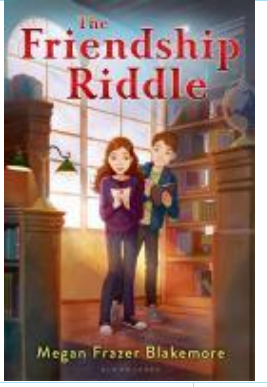
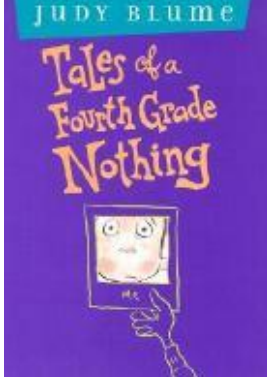
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Location	Author	Title
<p>Realistic Fiction are stories that could have actually occurred to people or animals in a believable setting. These stories resemble real life, and fictional characters within these stories react similarly to real people. Stories that are classified as realistic fiction have plots that highlight social or personal events or issues that mirror contemporary life.</p>		
J AHN	Ahn, Angela	Krista Kim-Bap
	<p>Krista and Jason have been best friends since preschool. It never mattered that he was a boy with reddish brown hair and she was "the Korean girl" at school. Now in fifth grade, everyone in their class is preparing their Heritage Month projects. Jason has always loved Krista's Korean family, and particularly her mom's cooking, but Krista is conflicted about being her school's "Korean Ambassador." She's also worried about asking her intimidating grandma to teach the class how to cook their traditional kim-bap. Combine that with her new friends pulling her away from Jason, and Krista has a lot to deal with this year!</p>	
J ALL	Allen, Kate	The Line Tender
	<p>"Following a tragedy that further alters the course of her life, twelve-year-old Lucy Everhart decides to continue the shark research her marine biologist mother left unfinished when she died years earlier"--</p>	
J AND	Anderson, John David	Posted
	<p>When cell phones are banned at their school, students start communicating through sticky notes left all over the school, triggering a wave of bullying activities in the wake of a new girl's arrival.</p>	


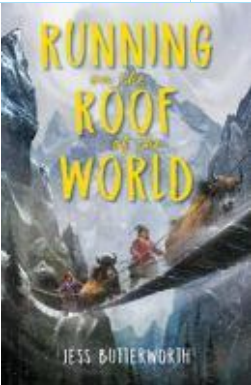
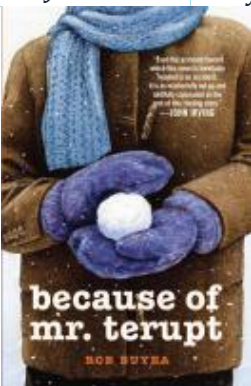
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J ARN	Arnold, Elana	Far from Fair
	A family road trip sets the scene for Elana K. Arnold's middle-grade follow up to <i>The Question of Miracles</i> , which explores what is fair in all the big and little things that make up life.	
J BAL	Balcarcel, Rebecca	Other Half of Happy
	Twelve-year-old Quijana is a biracial girl, desperately trying to understand the changes that are going on in her life; her mother rarely gets home before bedtime, her father suddenly seems to be trying to get in touch with his Guatemalan roots (even though he never bothered to teach Quijana Spanish), she is about to start seventh grade in the Texas town where they live and she is worried about fitting in--and Quijana suspects that her parents are keeping secrets, because she is sure there is something wrong with her little brother, Memito, who is becoming increasingly hard to reach.	
J BAR	Baron, Chris	All of Me
	Thirteen-year-old Ari faces what it is to be a man while dealing with a cross-country move, his parents' separation, being bullied for his weight, and belatedly starting bar mitzvah preparations.	
J BAS	Baskin, Nora Raleigh	Ruby on the Outside
	Eleven-year-old Ruby Danes has a real best friend for the first time ever, but agonizes over whether or not to tell her a secret she has never shared with anyone--that her mother has been in prison since Ruby was five--and over whether to express her anger to her mother.	



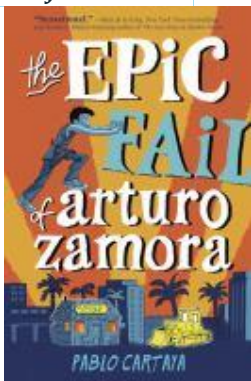

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J BAU	Baughman, Sarah R.	The Light in the Lake
	As a Young Scientist, twelve-year-old Addie studies pollution in the lake where her twin brother recently drowned, while secretly continuing his investigation of the creature he believed lives in the lake's depths.	
J BEN	Benjamin, Ali	The Thing About Jellyfish
	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.	
J BLA	Blakemore, Megan	The Friendship Riddle
	When her former best friend gets popular and leaves her behind, sixth-grader Ruth prefers to be alone, studying for the school spelling bee, until she finds a riddle in an old book.	
J BLU	Blume, Judy	Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
	Life with his little brother, two-year-old Fudge, makes Peter Hatcher feel like a fourth grade nothing. Whether Fudge is throwing a temper tantrum in a shoe store, smearing mashed potatoes on the walls at Hamburger Heaven, or trying to fly, he's never far from trouble. He's an almost three-year-old terror who gets away with everything, and Peter's had it up to here! When Fudge walks off with Dribble, Peter's pet turtle, it's the last straw. Peter has put up with Fudge for too long. How can he get his parents to pay attention to him for a change?	

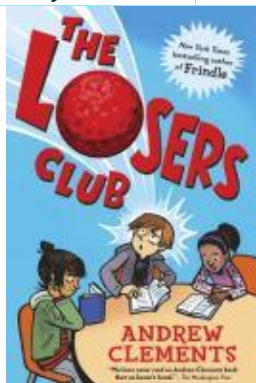
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J BUR	Burt, Jake	Greetings from Witness Protection!
	Thirteen-year-old Nikki Demere is an orphan and a kleptomaniac, making her the perfect girl to portray the Trevors' daughter in witness protection, but she soon learns that the biggest threat to her new family's security comes from her own past.	
J BUT	Butterworth, Jess	Running on the Roof of the World
	After her parents are arrested by Chinese soldiers because of their religious beliefs, twelve-year-old Tash and her best friend Sam travel from their home in Tibet across the Himalayas to India in order to seek the help of the Dalai Lama.	
J BUY	Buyea, Rob	Because of Mr. Terupt
	Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by "rookie teacher" Mr. Terupt.	
<u>Also in this series:</u> <i>Mr. Terupt Falls Again; Saving Mr. Terupt.</i>		
J BUY	Buyea, Rob	The Perfect Score
	Told from different viewpoints, five sixth-graders, facing various challenges and under pressure to do well on statewide assessment tests, agree to a plan for acing the tests.	

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J CAB	Cabot, Meg	Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls: Moving Day
	<p>Nine-year-old Allie Finkle has rules for everything and is even writing her own rule book, but her world is turned upside-down when she learns that her family is moving across town, which will mean a new house, school, best friend, and plenty of new rules.</p> <p>Also in this series: <i>The New Girl; Best Friends and Drama Queens; Stage Fright; Glitter Girls and the Great Fake Out; Blast From the Past.</i></p>	
J CAL	Callender, Kheryn	Hurricane Child
	<p>Born on Water Island in the Virgin Islands during a hurricane, which is considered bad luck, twelve-year-old Caroline falls in love with another girl--and together they set out in a hurricane to find Caroline's missing mother.</p>	
J CAR	Cartaya, Pablo	The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora
	<p>When his family's restaurant and Cuban American neighborhood in Miami are threatened by a greedy land developer, thirteen-year-old Arturo, joined by Carmen, a cute poetry enthusiast, fight back, discovering the power of poetry and protest through untold family stories and the work of José Martí.</p>	
J CER	Cervantes, Angela	Lety Out Loud
	<p>Lety Muñoz's first language is Spanish, and she likes to take her time putting her words together. She loves volunteering at the Furry Friends Animal Shelter because the dogs and cats there don't care if she can't always find the right word. When the shelter needs a volunteer to write animal profiles, Lety jumps at the chance. But grumpy classmate Hunter also wants to write profiles. He devises a secret competition to decide who will be the official shelter scribe. Whoever helps get their animals adopted the fastest wins. Can Lety find her voice before it's too late?</p>	

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J CHE	Cheng, Andrea	The Year of the Book
	Follows a young Chinese American girl, as she navigates relationships with family, friends, and her fourth-grade classroom, and finds a true best friend.	
J CLE	Cleary, Beverly	Beezus and Ramona
	Beezus' biggest problem is her 4-year-old sister Ramona. Even though Beezus knows sisters are supposed to love each other, with a sister like Ramona, it seems impossible.	
Also in this series: <i>Ramona the Pest; Ramona the Brave; Ramona and Her Father; Ramona and Her Mother; Ramona Quimby, Age 8; Ramona Forever; Ramona's World.</i>		
J CLE	Clements, Andrew	The Losers Club
	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.	
J CON	Condie, Ally	Summerlost
	Following the sudden deaths of her father and autistic younger brother, Cedar Lee spends the summer working at a Shakespearean theater festival, making a new friend, and coming to terms with her grief.	


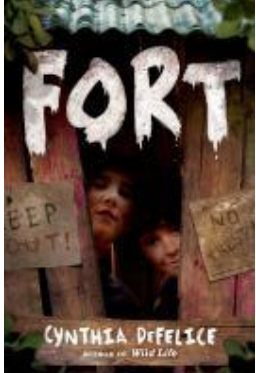
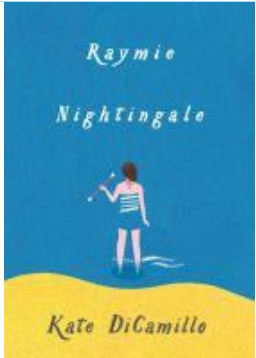
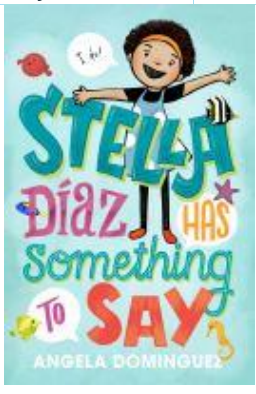
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J CON	Conklin, Melanie	Counting Thyme
	Thyme Owens moves across the country with her family so her younger brother can take part in a promising cancer drug trial, and though all she wants is for him to get better, adjusting to life in Manhattan is anything but easy.	
J CON	Connor, Leslie	The Truth as Told By Mason Buttle
	Mason Buttle is the biggest, sweatiest kid in his grade, and everyone knows he can barely read or write. Mason's learning disabilities are compounded by grief. Fifteen months ago, Mason's best friend, Benny, turned up dead in the Buttle family's orchard. An investigation drags on, and Mason can't understand why Lt. Baird won't believe the story Mason has told about that day. Both Mason and his new friend, tiny Calvin Chumsky, are relentlessly bullied by the other boys in their neighborhood, so they create an underground club space for themselves. When Calvin goes missing, Mason finds himself in trouble again. He's desperate to figure out what happened to Calvin, and eventually, Benny. But will anyone believe him?	
J CRE	Creech, Sharon	Moo
	When Reena, her little brother, Luke, and their parents first move to Maine, Reena doesn't know what to expect. She's ready for beaches, blueberries, and all the lobster she can eat. Instead, her parents "volunteer" Reena and Luke to work for an eccentric neighbor named Mrs. Falala, who has a pig named Paulie, a cat named China, a snake named Edna – and that stubborn cow, Zora.	
J CRO	Cronin, Doreen	Cyclone
	Riding the Cyclone, the world famous Coney Island rollercoaster was supposed to be the highlight of twelve-year-old Nora's summer, but right after they disembark, Nora's thirteen-year-old cousin Riley falls to the ground and into a coma that Nora thinks is her fault.	

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J CRO	Crowder, Melanie	Three Pennies
	In San Francisco, eleven-year-old Marin desperately searches for her birthmother knowing time is running out before she is adopted, and discovers for the first time in her life what it feels like to be truly wanted by someone.	
J DAN	Danziger, Paula	Amber Brown is Not a Crayon
	Amber Brown and Justin Daniels are best friends. They've known each other for practically forever, sit next to each other in class, help each other with homework, and always stick up for each other. Justin never says things like, "Amber Brown is not a crayon." Amber never says, "Justin Time." They're a great team--until disaster strikes. Justin has to move away, and now the best friends are fighting. Will they be able to work it out before it's too late?	
<u>Also in this series:</u> <i>You Can't Eat Your Chicken Pox</i> , <i>Amber Brown</i> ; <i>Amber Brown Goes Fourth</i> ; <i>Amber Brown Wants Extra Credit</i> ; <i>Forever Amber Brown</i> ; <i>Amber Brown Sees Red</i> ; <i>Amber Brown Is Feeling Blue</i> ; <i>I, Amber Brown</i> ; <i>It's Justin Time</i> , <i>Amber Brown</i> ; <i>What a Trip Amber Brown</i> ; <i>Get Ready for 2nd Grade</i> , <i>Amber Brown</i> ; <i>It's a Fair Day</i> , <i>Amber Brown</i> ; <i>Amber Brown Is Green with Envy</i> ; <i>Second Grade Rules</i> , <i>Amber Brown</i> ; <i>Orange You Glad It's Halloween Amber Brown?</i> ; <i>Amber Brown Is Tickled Pink</i> .		
J DAV	Davies, Jacqueline	The Lemonade War
	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. Includes mathematical calculations and tips for running a successful lemonade stand.	
<u>Also in this series:</u> <i>The Lemonade Crime</i> ; <i>The Bell Bandit</i> ; <i>The Candy Smash</i> ; <i>The Magic Trap</i>		
J DAY	Day, Christine	I Can Make This Promise
	"When twelve-year-old Edie finds letters and photographs in her attic that change everything she thought she knew about her Native American mother's adoption, she realizes she has a lot to learn about her family's history and her own identity"--	

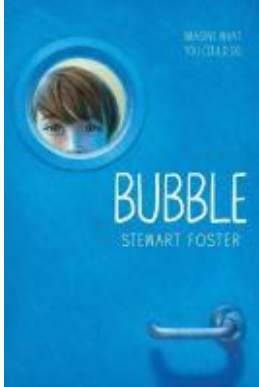
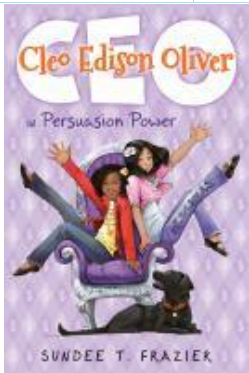


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J DEE	Dee, Barbara	Maybe He Just Likes You
		<p>This book explores the subject of #MeToo for the middle grade audience in this heart-wrenching--and ultimately uplifting--novel about experiencing harassment and unwanted attention from classmates.</p>
J DEF	DeFelice, Cynthia	Fort
		<p>Eleven-year-old Wyatt and his friend Augie aren't looking for a fight. They're having the best summer of their lives hanging out in the fort they built in the woods, fishing and hunting, cooking over a campfire, and sleeping out. But when two older boys mess with the fort--and with another kid who can't fight back--the friends are forced to launch Operation Doom, with unexpected results for all concerned.</p>
J DIC	DiCamillo, Kate	Raymie Nightingale
		<p>Hoping that if she wins a local beauty pageant her father will come home, Raymie practices twirling a baton and performing good deeds as she is drawn into an unlikely friendship with a drama queen and a saboteur.</p>
J DOM	Dominguez, Angela	Stella Diaz Has Something to Say
		<p>Stella Diaz loves marine animals, especially her betta fish, Pancho. Stella loves spending time with her mom and brother and her best friend Jenny. Trouble is, Jenny is in another class this year, and Stella feels very lonely.</p> <p>When a new boy arrives in Stella's class, she really wants to be his friend, but sometimes Stella accidentally speaks Spanish instead of English and pronounces words wrong, which makes her turn <i>roja</i>. Plus, she has to speak in front of her whole class for a big presentation at school! But she better get over her fears soon, because Stella Díaz has something to say!</p>

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J DOO	Dooley, Sarah	Ashes to Asheville
		<p>Twelve-year-old Fella is swept away on a wild road trip by her older sister Zany to fulfill their late mother's dying wish.</p>
J ELL	Ellis, Ann Dee	You May Already Be a Winner
		<p>Twelve-year-old Olivia endeavors to care for her younger sister, possibly make a new friend in the quirky and secretive Bart, and keep hope alive for her, her family, and her community of idiosyncratic neighbors at Sunny Pines Trailer Park.</p>
J FAG	Fagan, Cary	Wolfie and Fly
		<p>Wolfie, a lone wolf who does not like using her imagination, reluctantly befriends Fly, a slightly weird and wordy boy, and soon they find themselves navigating through deep water in a submarine made from a cardboard box.</p> <p><u>Also in this series:</u> <i>Band on the Run</i></p>
J FLO	Florence, Debbi Michiko	Jasmine Toguchi, Super Sleuth
		<p>Jasmine has looked forward to spending Girls Day with her family and best friend, Linnie, but first her sister says she will not participate, and then Jasmine upsets Linnie.</p> <p><u>Sequel:</u> <i>Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen.</i></p>

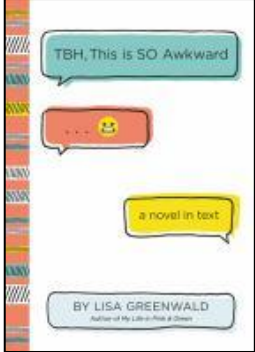
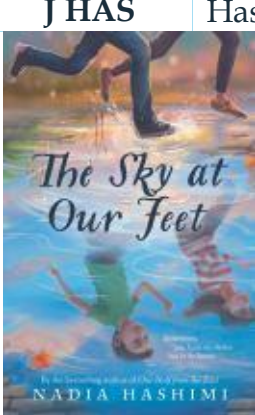

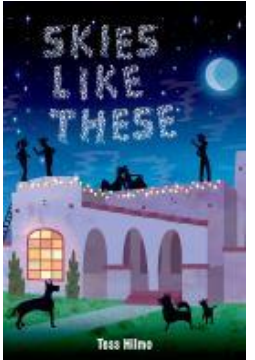
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J FOS	Foster, Stewart	Bubble
	Orphaned eleven-year-old Joe lives in a hospital due to his autoimmune disease, interacting only with his sister, an American boy with the same illness, and medical staff while dreaming of being a superhero.	
J FRA	Frazier, Sundee Tucker	Cleo Edison Oliver in Persuasion Power
	Successful businesswoman Fortune A. Davies has announced a new website where "kidpreneurs" can upload ads for their businesses and Cleo and her friend Caylee are sure this is their big break to get funding for their personalized barrettes, Passion Clips--but producing an internet ad using their classmates is proving difficult, and Cleo is further distracted by her desire to find her birth parents.	
J FRE	Freeman, Martha	Effie Starr Zook Has One More Question
	City girl Effie Starr Zook is not excited about spending the summer on her aunt and uncle's farm in Nowheresville, Pennsylvania, until she stumbles across a mystery that leads her smack into an old family feud.	
J GEM	Gemeinhart, Dan	The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise
	Twelve-year-old Coyote and her father rush to Poplin Springs, Washington, in their old school bus save a memory box buried in a park that will soon be demolished.	





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J GIL	Gilson, Jamie	My Teacher is an Idiom
		<p>Second-grader Richard finds himself in big trouble during Mind Your Manners Month when he unwittingly captures the attention of Patrick, the class clown, and Sophie, a French girl who has trouble with idioms.</p>
J GLA	Glaser, Karina Yan	The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street
		<p>Told that they will have to move out of their Harlem brownstone just after Christmas, the five Vanderbeeker children, ages four to twelve, decide to change their reclusive landlord's mind.</p>
J GRA	Graff, Lisa	Absolutely Almost
		<p>Albie has never been the smartest kid in his class. He has never been the tallest. Or the best at gym. Or the greatest artist. Or the most musical. In fact, Albie has a long list of the things he's not very good at. But then Albie gets a new babysitter, Calista, who helps him figure out all of the things he <i>is</i> good at and how he can take pride in himself.</p>
J GRA	Gratz, Alan	Ban This Book
		<p>An inspiring tale of a young girl who fights back when her favorite book is banned from her school library--by starting her own illegal locker library!</p>





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J GRE	Greenwald, Lisa	TBH, This is So Awkward
	<p>Told entirely in text messages, emails, and notes, best friends Prianka, Gabby, and Cecily find their friendship tested by busily planning a spring fair, bullying, and boys..</p> <p>Also in this series: <i>TBH, This May Be TMI</i>; <i>TBH, Too Much Drama</i>; <i>TBH, IDK What's Next</i>;</p>	
	J HAS	Hashimi, Nadia
	<p>The Sky at Our Feet</p> <p>Discovering that his Afghan mother has been living illegally in the United States since his father was killed in Afghanistan, American-born Jason fears that she has been deported and runs away to New York City to seek a family member who might be able to help.</p>	
	J HEL	Helget, Nicole
	<p>End of the Wild</p> <p>Eleven-year-old Fern helps to take care of her impoverished family by foraging for food in the forest, but when a fracking company rolls into town, she realizes that her peaceful woods and her family's livelihood could be threatened.</p>	
	J HIL	Hilmo, Tess
	<p>Skies Like These</p> <p>While visiting her eccentric aunt who lives in Wyoming, twelve-year-old Jade befriends a boy who believes he is a descendant of Butch Cassidy.</p>	

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J HOL	Holt, K.A.	From You to Me
	On the first day of eighth grade Amelia finds a letter that her older sister Clara wrote to herself before she died. It contains a list of the things Clara planned to do in her own eighth grade year--so Amelia, with the help of her best friend Taylor, resolves to complete the list, in the hope that it will bring some closure and ease her still raw emotions.	
J HUN	Hunt, Lynda	Shouting at the Rain
	Delsie loves tracking the weather, living with her grandmother, and the support of friends and neighbors, but misses having a "regular family," especially after her best friend outgrows her.	
J JOH	Johannes, Shelley	Beatrice Zinker, Upside-Down Thinker
	Beatrice Zinker does everything better upside down! Over summer break she's missing her best friend, Lenny, but they have a top secret plan once school is back in session! Only Lenny doesn't come in a matching ninja suit on the first day of third grade... no! She's totally different with not only a cool new look but also a cool new friend... and there doesn't seem to be a place for Beatrice.	
J KAD	Kadohata, Cynthia	Checked
	To help his dog through cancer treatment, Conor gives up hockey and finds himself considering who he is without the sport that has defined him, and connecting more with his family and best friend.	



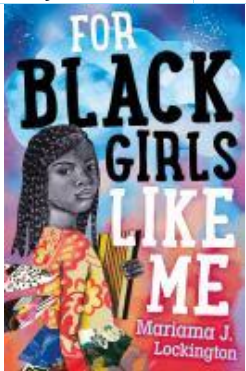
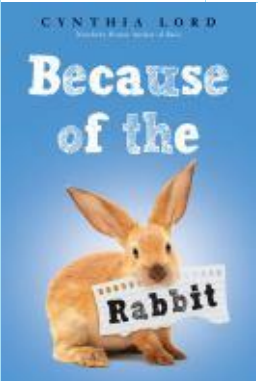
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J KEL	Kelly, Erin	You Go First
	Charlotte, twelve, and Ben, eleven, are highly-skilled competitors at online Scrabble and that connection helps both as they face family issues and the turmoil of middle school.	
J KHA	Khan, Hena	Amina's Voice
	A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school after tragedy strikes her community.	
J KIN	King, A. S.	The Year We Fell From Space
	Middle schooler Liberty likes to make her own maps of the stars, in fact she is obsessed with them, especially since her family is falling apart; her parents are getting divorced, her nine-year-old sister will barely leave the house and carries a stuffed tiger at all times, her father is suffering from depression, but will not talk about it, and the brothers down the street, once friends, have turned into bullies--so when a tiny meteorite literally falls in her lap it is like a sign, but a sign of what?	
J KOR	Korman, Gordon	Restart
	Chase does not remember falling off the roof, in fact he does not remember anything about himself, and when he gets back to middle school he begins to learn who he was through the reactions of the other kids--trouble is, he really is not sure he likes the Chase that is being revealed, but can he take the opportunity amnesia has provided and restart his life?	

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J LAI 	Lai, Thanhha Listen, Slowly Assisting her grandmother's investigation of her grandfather's fate during the Vietnam War, Mai struggles to adapt to an unfamiliar culture while redefining her sense of family.
J LEA 	Leavitt, Lindsey The Pages Between Us Disappointed to learn that they will not be in many classes together when starting the sixth grade, best friends Piper and Olivia stay in touch by sharing a journal only to realize that their respective goals are taking them further apart.
J LEV 	Levy, Dana The Family Fletcher Takes Rock Island Summertime brings the Fletcher Family back to Rock Island where the good times never end, but this summer the boys' favorite lighthouse is all boarded up and with the help from their new neighbors, the Garcia girls, the boys are determined to find out what is really happening with their lighthouse and saving it, no matter what the cost. <u>Also in this series:</u> <i>The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher.</i>
J LIB 	Libenson, Terri Positively Izzy On the day of the school talent show, the lives of shy Bri and dreamer Izzy converge to create an event even more dramatic than either could even imagine.

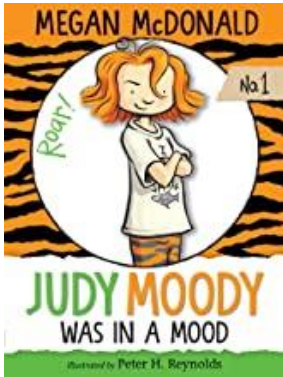

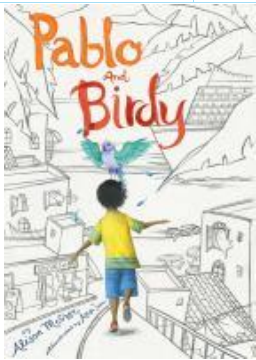
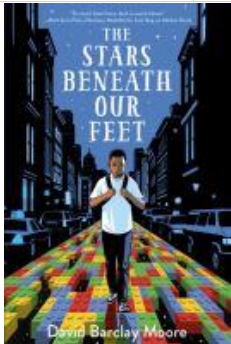
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J LIN	Lin, Grace	Year of the Dog
	<p>Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog, those of making best friends and finding oneself, to her own life.</p> <p><u>Also in this series:</u> <i>The Year of the Rat; Dumpling Days</i></p>	
J LIS	Lisle, Janet Taylor	Quicksand Pond
	<p>Twelve-year-old Jessie spends the summer with her family on Quicksand Pond, a New England vacation spot, where she develops a star-crossed friendship with independent Terri, and meets a reclusive old lady whose connection to a murder that took place decades ago still informs her present--and affects Terri in ways that Jessie gradually comes to understand the more time they spend together.</p>	
J LOC	Lockington, Mariama	For Black Girls Like Me
	<p>Eleven-year-old Makeda dreams of meeting her African American mother, while coping with serious problems in her white adopted family, a cross-country move, and being homeschooled.</p>	
J LOR	Lord, Cynthia	Because of the Rabbit
	<p>On the last night of summer, Emma and her Maine game warden father rescue a small domestic rabbit stuck in a fence; the very next day Emma starts fifth grade after years of being home schooled, excited and apprehensive about making new friends, but she is paired with Jack, a hyperactive boy, who does not seem to fit in with anyone--except that they share a love of animals, which draws them together, because of the rabbit.</p>	

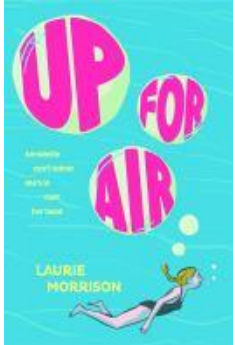



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J MAC	MacLachlan, Patricia	Dream Within a Dream
	Eleven-year-old aspiring writer Louisa considers traveling the world with her globetrotting parents, but friendship with George helps her to see her grandparents' farm on Deer Island in a new light.	
J MAH	Mahoney, Kristen	Annie's Life in Lists
	Annie's a shy fifth-grader with an incredible memory and a love of making lists. It helps her keep track of things when they can seem a little out of control, like her family, her friends, and her life in a new place.	
SERIES GOLDIE	McAnulty, Stacy	Goldie Blox Rules the School
	<p>When Goldie Blox accidentally blows off the roof of her school, she and her friends Val, Ruby, and Li have to work together and use their creative know-how to rebuild the school.</p> <p>Also in this series: <i>Goldie Blox and the Three Dares</i>; <i>Goldie Blox and the Best! Pet! Ever!</i>; <i>Goldie Blox and the Best Friend Fail</i>; <i>Goldie Blox and the Haunted Hacks</i></p>	
J MCA	McAnulty, Stacy	The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl
	A lightning 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.	


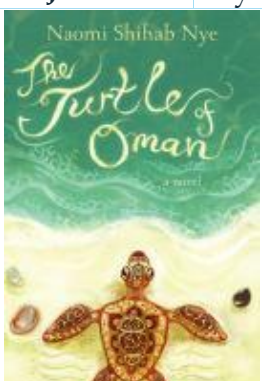

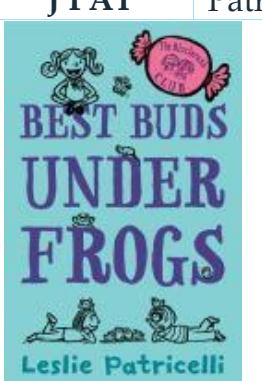
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SERIES JUDY	McDonald, Megan	Judy Moody Was in a Mood
	<p>Third grader Judy Moody is in a first day of school bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating her masterpiece, the Me collage.</p> <p>Also in this series: <i>Judy Moody Gets Famous!; Judy Moody Saves the World!; Judy Moody Predicts the Future; Judy Moody, M.D., The Doctor Is In!; Judy Moody Declares Independence; Around the World in 8 1/2 Days; Judy Moody Goes to College; Judy Moody, Girl Detective; Judy Moody and the NOT Bummer Summer; Judy Moody and the Bad Luck Charm; Judy Moody, Mood Martian; Judy Moody and the Bucket List; Judy Moody and the Right Royal Tea Party; Judy Moody, Book Quiz Whiz</i></p>	
J MCD	McDunn, Gillian	Caterpillar Summer
	<p>Since her father's death, Cat has taken care of her brother, Chicken, for their hardworking mother but while spending time with grandparents they never knew, Cat has the chance to be a child again.</p>	
J MCG	McGhee, Allison	Pablo and Birdy
	<p>The seaside town of Isla has many stories, the most notable being the legend of the Seafaring Parrot. Locals claim that the Seafarer remembers every sound, every whisper, cry, laugh, or snort ever uttered. But, though there have been rumored Seafarer sightings, no one has actually seen the bird before. Other stories surround a boy named Pablo, who had washed up on shore in a blow-up swimming pool as an infant with only a lavender parrot as a companion. Now, on the eve of his tenth birthday, the stories are repeated.</p>	
J MOO	Moore, David Barclay	The Stars Beneath Our Feet
	<p>Unable to celebrate the holidays in the wake of his older brother's death in a gang-related shooting, Lolly Rachpaul struggles to avoid being forced into a gang himself while constructing a fantastically creative LEGO city at the Harlem community center.</p>	

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J MOR	Morrison, Laurie	Up For Air
	Learning disabilities make school painful for Annabelle, thirteen, but a summer of swimming with the high school team is fantastic until a prank goes wrong, spoiling everything.	
J MOS	Mosier, Paul	Train I Ride
	<p>Rydr is on a train heading east, leaving California, where her grandma can't take care of her anymore, and traveling to Chicago, to live with an unknown relative. She brings with her a backpack, memories both happy and sad, and a box, containing something very important.</p> <p>As Rydr meets her fellow passengers and learns their stories, her own story begins to emerge. It's one of sadness and heartache, and one Rydr would sometimes like to forget. But as much as Rydr may want to run away from her past, on the train she finds that hope and forgiveness are all around her, and most importantly, within her, if she's willing to look for it.</p>	
J MUR	Murphy, Julie	Dear Sweet Pea
	While her eccentric advice-columnist neighbor is away, thirteen-year-old Sweet Pea is charged with forwarding Miss Flora Mae's correspondences. A letter from her former best friend prompts Sweet Pea to take the column into her own hands, which sets off a reconciliation between them – but her other friend Oscar, feels left out. Adding to Sweet Pea's sense of being pulled in multiple directions is her parent's divorce and their efforts to stay equally present in her life by living two doors apart.	
J MYR	Myracle, Lauren	Eleven
	<p>Winnie knows that change isn't all it's cracked up to be, especially when it means her best friend, Amanda, might be dropping her for someone else. Throw in a grumpy teenage sister, a cat who gets trapped in the wall, and a crush who has pinkeye, and you've got one big mess – one that Winnie's not going to clean up! Winnie's decided that she's going to remain exactly the same, no matter what the rest of the world does. But every month brings crazy adventures. A lot can change in a year . . . maybe even Winnie.</p> <p>Also in this series: <i>Ten, Twelve, Thirteen, Thirteen Plus One.</i></p>	


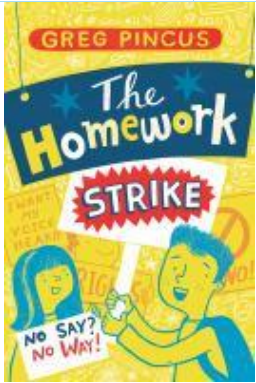
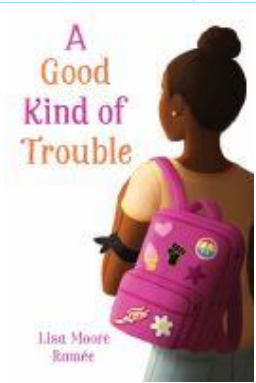

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J NEW	Newman, Catherine	One Mixed-Up Night
	<p>Frankie and Walter aren't really running away. Just like the kids in their favorite book, they are running to somewhere. Specifically, a massive furniture store. They've been obsessed with the Ikea catalog for years. So they make a plan, pack their backpacks, give their parents the sleepover switcheroo . . . and they're off.</p>	
J NYE	Nye, Naomi Shihab	The Turtle of Oman
	<p>When Aref, a third-grader who lives in Muscat, Oman, refuses to pack his suitcase and prepare to move to Michigan, his mother asks for help from his grandfather, his Siddi, who takes Aref around the country, storing up memories he can carry with him to a new home.</p>	
J PAL	Pancholy, Maulik	The Best At It
	<p>Twelve-year-old Rahul Kapoor, an Indian-American boy growing up in small-town Indiana, struggles to come to terms with his identity, including that he may be gay.</p>	
J PAT	Patricelli, Leslie	Best Buds Under Frogs
	<p>For Lily, it's the worst first day of school ever. Who would want to be friends with the new girl, whose debut act is to throw up on the playground (on somebody's shoes!)? Fortunately, quirky Darby comes to the rescue. Darby likes frogs and candy and oddball stuff, and soon she and Lily have formed their own club — the Rizzlerunk Club. But before you can say "BFF," Darby's former best friend, mean-spirited Jill — who had moved to London — returns unexpectedly. Can Lily and Darby's friendship survive the British invasion?</p>	

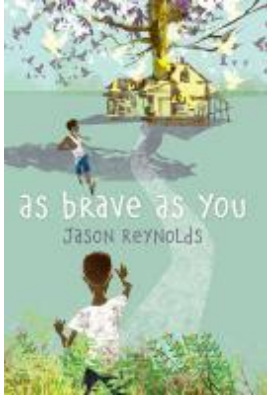


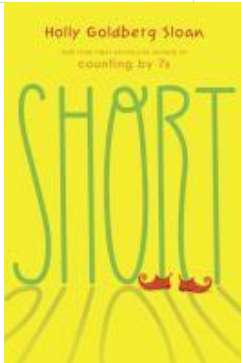
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J PAU	Paulsen, Gary	Fishbone's Song
		<p>Deep in the woods, in a rustic cabin, lives an old man and the boy he's raised as his own. This sage old man has taught the boy the power of nature and how to live in it, and more importantly, to respect it. In Fishbone's Song, this boy reminisces about the magic of the man who raised him and the tales that he used to tell--all true, but different each time.</p>
J PEN	Pennypacker, Sara	Waylon!: One Awesome Thing
		<p>Waylon, a boy with the mind of a scientific genius and the vulnerable heart of an eight year old, is trying to understand his older sister and deal with changes among the kids at school.</p> <p><u>Sequel:</u> <i>Waylon!: Even More Awesome.</i></p>
J PER	Pérez, Celia C.	The First Rule of Punk
		<p>Twelve-year-old María Luisa O'Neill-Morales (who really prefers to be called Malú) reluctantly moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago and starts seventh grade with a bang--violating the dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurning the middle school's most popular girl in favor of starting a band with a group of like-minded weirdos.</p>
J PER	Pérez, Celia C.	Strange Birds
		<p>After Ofelia, Aster, Cat, and Lane fail to persuade a local girls club to change an outdated tradition, they form an alternative group that shakes up their sleepy Florida town. Includes tips for beginning birders, characteristics of crystals, a cookie recipe, tips for aspiring journalists, directions for creating badges, and facts about the killing of birds for fashion.</p>

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J PET	Petruck, Rebecca	Boy Bites Bug
	To defuse a situation between his best friend and a new student, Nolan eats a live stink bug, gaining popularity and a class project idea but, perhaps, losing a friend.	
J PIN	Pincus, Gregory	The Homework Strike
	Now in seventh grade Gregory K. is frustrated by all the homework that leaves him no time for writing, which is what he loves to do--so he decides to go on a homework strike, and with his history teacher's encouragement he learns a valuable lesson in civics and standing up for what you believe in.	
J RAM	Ramée, Lisa Moore	A Good Kind of Trouble
	After attending a powerful protest, Shayla starts wearing an armband to school to support the Black Lives Matter movement, but when the school gives her an ultimatum, she is forced to choose between her education and her identity.	
J RES	Respicio, Mae	The House That Lou Built
	Longing for an escape from her extended Filipino family, Lou plans to build a tiny house on land she inherited from her father, but difficulties quickly arise.	

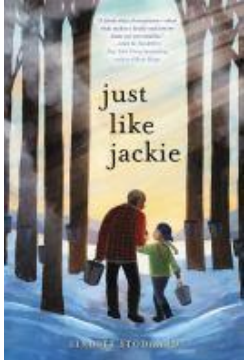


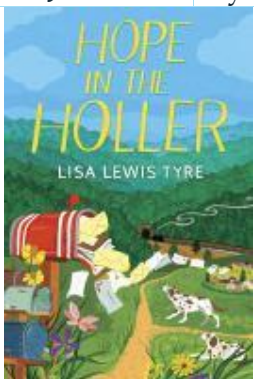
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J REY	Reynolds, Jason	As Brave as You
	<p>Genie and his brother, Ernie, leave Brooklyn for the first time to spend the summer with their grandparents in Virginia -- in the country! When he figures out that Grandpop is blind, Genie thinks he's the bravest guy ever. But he never leaves the house. Then Ernie won't learn how to shoot. Is bravery only about proving something? What about owning up to what you won't do?</p>	
J SAE	Saeed, Aisha	Amal Unbound
	<p>Set in Pakistan, this middle-grade debut from the author of "Written in the Stars" tells the compelling story of a girl's fight to regain her life and dreams after being forced into indentured servitude to pay off her family's debt.</p>	
J SAL	Salazar, Aida	The Moon Within
	<p>Eleven-year-old (nearly twelve) Celi Rivera, who is a mix of Black-Puerto Rican-Indigenous Mexican is secretive about her approaching period, and the changes that are happening to her body; she is horrified that her mother wants to hold a traditional public moon ceremony to celebrate the occasion; she must choose loyalty to her life-long best friend who is contemplating an even more profound change of life or the boy she likes.</p>	
J SLO	Sloan, Holly Goldberg	Short
	<p>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.</p>	

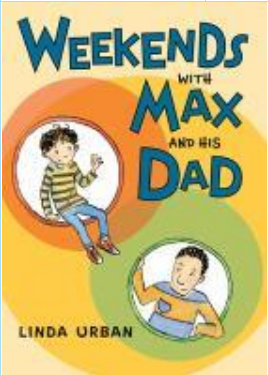
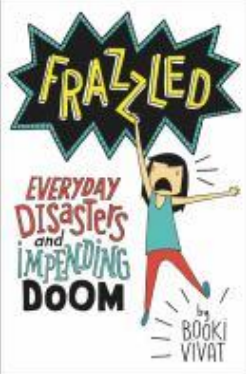


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J SPR	Springstubb, Trisha	Every Single Second
	<p>Twelve-year-old Nella's life is changing too soon, too fast. The only person who might understand how Nella feels is Angela, but the two of them have gone from being "secret sisters" to not talking at all. Then Angela's big brother makes a terrible, fatal mistake, one that tears apart their tight-knit community and plunges his family into a whirlwind of harsh publicity and judgment. In the midst of this controversy, Nella is faced with a series of startling revelations about her parents, friends, and neighborhood. As Angela's situation becomes dangerous, Nella must choose whether to stand by or stand up.</p>	
J SNY	Snyder, Laurel	My Jasper June
	<p>The school year is over and the days brim with possibility. But Leah feels lost. She has been this way since one terrible afternoon a year ago when everything changed. Since that day, her parents have become distant, her friends have fallen away, and Leah's been adrift and alone. Then she meets Jasper, a girl unlike anyone she has ever known. There's something mysterious about Jasper, almost magical. Leah discovers that Jasper is also lost. But as the days of this magical June start to draw to a close, and the darker realities of their lives intrude once more, Leah and Jasper have to decide how real their friendship is, and whether it can be enough to save them both.</p>	
J STA	Standish, Ali	The Ethan I Was Before
	<p>Moving from Boston to small-town Georgia after losing his best friend in a devastating accident, Ali bonds with Coralee, a girl with an outsized personality whose inclination toward colorful stories may be putting both of them in danger.</p>	
J STE	Stevenson, Nanci Turner	Georgia Rules
	<p>Magnolia Grace never wanted to leave Georgia. She never wanted to move with her mama to the farm her daddy owned before he died. But now here she is, in a tiny Vermont town where everybody sings the praises of the father Maggie never knew. Then Maggie meets the Parker family – two moms, six kids, plus a pony. The Parkers are loud and wild, ask lots of questions, and don't follow any of the rules Maggie grew up with in Georgia. Suddenly Maggie has questions too – questions about her father, and why Mama kept him away for so long.</p>	

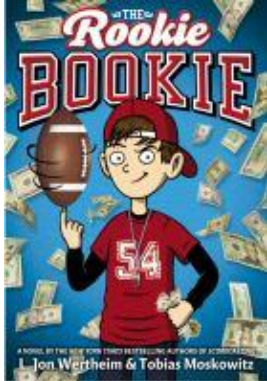

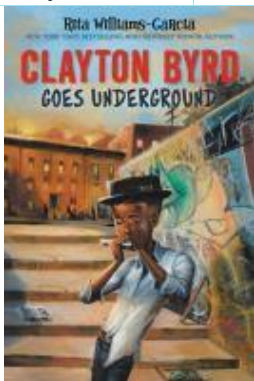
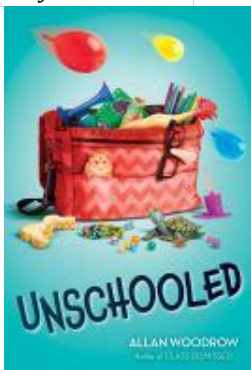
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J STO	Stoddard, Lindsey	Just Like Jackie
	Fifth grader Robbie is determined to stay out of trouble so that she does not worry her grandfather whose memory is failing and to make sure that she and her grandfather stay together as he is the only family she has left.	
J SWA	Swartz, Elly	Give and Take
	Family has always been important to twelve-year-old Maggie. But her grandmother's recent death leaves a giant hole in Maggie's life, one which she begins to fill with an assortment of things: candy wrappers, pieces of tassel from Nana's favorite scarf, milk cartons, sticks . . . all stuffed in cardboard boxes under her bed. Then her parents decide to take in a foster infant. But anxiety over the new baby's departure only worsens Maggie's hoarding, and soon she finds herself taking and taking until she spirals out of control. Ultimately, with some help from family, friends, and experts, Maggie learns that sometimes love means letting go.	
J TOU	Tougas, Shelley	Laura Ingalls is Ruining My Life
	Charlotte struggles to adjust when her mother moves the family to Walnut Grove, Minnesota, the small, boring town where pioneer author Laura Ingalls Wilder grew up, in hopes of finding inspiration for her writing career.	
J TYR	Tyre, Lisa Lewis	Hope in the Holler
	Upon her mother's death, Wavie Conley, eleven, must go live with a scheming aunt in the Kentucky town her mother left behind.	

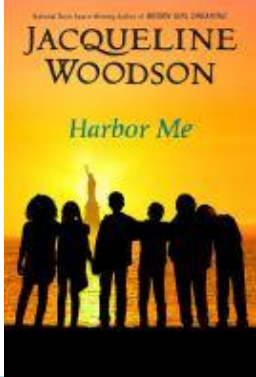

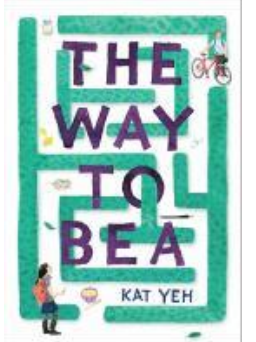
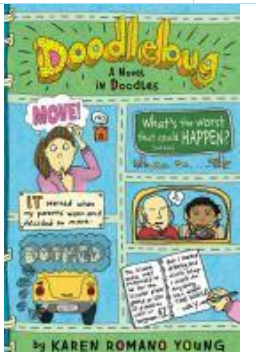
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J URB	Urban, Linda	Weekends with Max and His Dad
	<p>Max and his dad love their weekends together. Weekends mean pancakes, pizza, spy games, dog-walking, school projects, and surprising neighbors! Every weekend presents a small adventure as Max gets to know his dad's new neighborhood – and learns some new ways of thinking about home.</p> <p>Sequel: <i>Road Trip with Max and His Mom.</i></p>	
J VIV	Vivat, Booki	Frazzled: Everyday Disasters and Impending Doom
	<p>Nervous about middle school because her family does not get her and her friends know exactly what they want to do, Abbie Wu searches for her own passion before discovering a knack for leadership when injustices in the cafeteria come to light.</p> <p>Also in this series: <i>Ordinary Mishaps and Inevitable Catastrophes; Minor Incidents and Absolute Uncertainties</i></p>	
J WAL	Walker, Melissa	Let's Pretend We Never Met
	<p>Struggling to adapt when her family moves during the school year, Mattie makes friends with the girl next door during winter break only to confront unpopularity when she learns that her new friend is the weird girl in school who no one likes.</p>	
J WEE	Weeks, Sarah	Save Me a Seat
	<p>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--but 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.</p>	


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J WER	Wertheim, L. Jon	Rookie Bookie
	"When seventh-grader Mitch Sloan moves to Jonasburg, Indiana, he uses his exceptional skills in math, money, and sports statistics to make friends--but gets in over his head when he starts a football betting ring."	
J WIL	Williams, Alicia	Genesis Begins Again
	Thirteen-year-old Genesis tries again and again to lighten her black skin, thinking it is the root of her family's troubles, before discovering reasons to love herself as is.	
J WIL	Williams-Garcia, Rita	Clayton Byrd Goes Underground
	Feeling most alive when he's playing the blues with his grandfather, Clayton is devastated when his grandfather dies and his mother forbids him from playing music, losses that compel him to run away and join bluesmen on the road.	
J WOO	Woodrow, Allan	Unschool
	Fifth graders and best friends George and Lilly lead separate teams competing for the Spirit Week prize. It puts a strain on their friendship, especially when the competition generates a host of nasty pranks designed to sabotage their teams. Can George and Lilly find a way to fix their friendship and get the entire fifth grade to play fair?	

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J WOO	Woodson, Jacqueline	Harbor Me
	<p>"When six students are chosen to participate in a weekly talk with no adults allowed, they discover that when they're together, it's safe to share the hopes and fears they have to hide from the rest of the world"--</p>	
J YAN	Yang, Kelly	Front Desk
	<p>Ten-year-old Mia Tang has a lot of secrets.</p> <p># 1: She lives in a motel and manages the front desk.</p> <p># 2: Her parents hide immigrants. And if the motel owner, Mr. Yao, finds out they've been letting them stay in the empty rooms for free, the Tangs will be doomed.</p> <p># 3: She wants to be a writer. But how can she when her mom thinks she should stick to math because English is not her first language?</p> <p>It will take all of Mia's courage, kindness, and hard work to get through this year. Will she be able to hold on to her job, help the immigrants, and go for her dreams?</p>	
J YEH	Yeh, Kat	Way to Bea
	<p>Recently estranged from her best friend and weeks away from shifting from only child to big sister, seventh grader Beatrix Lee consoles herself by writing haiku in invisible ink and hiding the poems, but one day she finds a reply--is it the librarian with all the answers, the editor of the school paper who admits to admiring her poetry, an old friend feeling remorse, or the boy obsessed with visiting the local labyrinth?</p>	
J YOU	Young, Karen Romano	Doodlebug: a Novel in Doodles
	<p>Moving is tough. But the hardest thing of all is that Doreen "Dodo" Bussey suspects her family is making the move because of her. She got into trouble at her last school. Her mother gives Dodo a blank notebook, which she uses to chronicle the move and the first days in a new city. In the process, she reinvents herself as the Doodlebug. Her little sister seems to adjust to everything so easily - why is it so hard for Dodo?"</p>	

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J ZHA	Zhang, Kat	The Memory of Forgotten Things
	<p>"Twelve-year-old Sophia has never told anyone about her unusual memories--snapshots of a past that never happened. She becomes convinced that the upcoming solar eclipse will grant her the opportunity to make her alternate life come true, to enter a world where her mother never died. With the help of two misfit boys, she must figure out a way to bring her mother back to her--before the opportunity is lost forever"--</p>	