

The Beatryce Prophecy by Kate DiCamillo

In a time of war, a mysterious child appears at a monastery where Brother Edik, a monk discovers a secret that endangers them all.



The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera

Earth has been destroyed by a comet, and only a few hundred scientists and their children including Petra and her family – have been chosen to journey to a new planet.



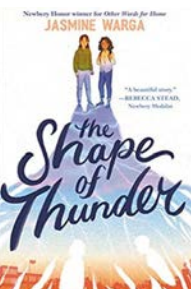
The Outlaws Scarlett & Browne by Jonathan Stroud

As they flee together across the wilds, fighting off monstrous beasts, and dodging their pursuers, Scarlett comes to realize that Albert Browne is hiding a terrible secret. And that he may be the most dangerous threat of all.



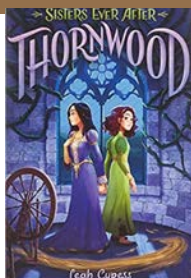
The Sea in Winter by Christine Day

It's been a hard year for Maisie Cannon, ever since she hurt her leg and could not keep up with her ballet training and auditions. But soon, Maisie's anxieties and dark moods start to hurt as much as the pain in her knee.



The Shape of Thunder by Jasmine Warga

Cora hasn't spoken to her best friend, Quinn, in a year. Despite living next door to each other, they exist in separate worlds of grief. Cora is still grappling with the death of her beloved sister in a school shooting, and Quinn is carrying the guilt of what her brother did.



Thornwood by Leah Cypess

This middle grade debut is *Sleeping Beauty* like you've never seen it before, about a girl who lives in the shadow of her older sister and the curse that has haunted her from birth.



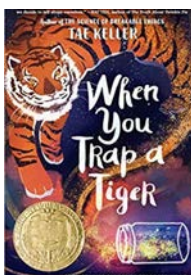
Too Bright to See by Kyle Lukoff

A ghost is haunting Bug's eerie old house in rural Vermont...and maybe haunting Bug in particular. As Bug begins to untangle the mystery of who this ghost is and what they're trying to say, an altogether different truth comes to light--Bug is transgender.



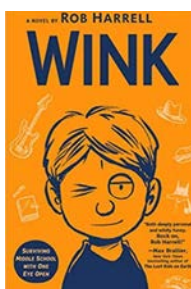
We Dream of Space by Erin Entrada Kelly

Cash, Fitch, and Bird Nelson Thomas are three siblings in seventh grade together in Park, Delaware. In 1986, as the country waits expectantly for the launch of the space shuttle *Challenger*, they each struggle with their own personal anxieties.



When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller

Would you make a deal with a magical tiger? This uplifting story brings Korean folklore to life as a girl goes on a quest to unlock the power of stories and save her grandmother.



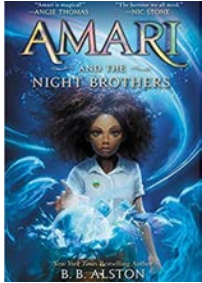
Wink by Rob Harrell

A hilarious and heartwrenching story about surviving middle school--and an unthinkable diagnosis--while embracing life's weirdness. Based on Rob Harrell's real life experience, and packed with comic panels and spot art.

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Amari and the Night Brothers by B. B. Alston

Amari gets a ticket to the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs and learns magic in hopes of finding her missing brother. Artemis Fowl meets Men in Black - for fantasy fans.



Chirp by Kate Messner

The powerful story of a young girl with the courage to make her voice heard, set against the backdrop of a summertime mystery. Family, friendship, and the power to speak up!



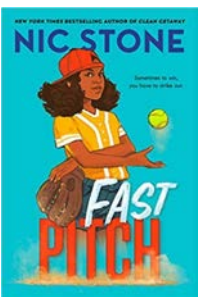
Dust & Grim by Chuck Wendig

Spooky, funny, and heartfelt. The story of rival siblings running a monster mortuary and learning about the bonds of family in the process.



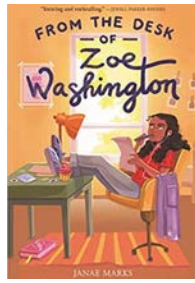
Echo Mountain by Lauren Wolk

After losing everything in the Great Depression, Ellie and her family move to the mountains. When her father has an accident, Ellie goes searching for a healer to help him.



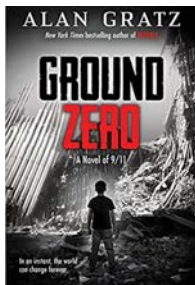
Fast Pitch by Nic Stone

As the sole team of all-brown faces, Shenice and the Firebirds have to work twice as hard to prove that Black girls belong at bat. Shenice first has to get to the root of a family secret before her team is out of the tournament.



From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Janae Marks

When her father tells Zoe he is innocent, and her grandmother agrees, Zoe begins to learn about inequality in the criminal justice system, and she sets out to find the alibi witness who can prove his innocence.



Ground Zero by Alan Gratz

Brandon is visiting his dad at work, on the 107th floor of the World Trade Center when a plane crashes into the tower in 2001. In Afghanistan in 2019 Reshmina stumbles upon a wounded American soldier named Taz. Two kids—one day where nothing will be the same.



King and the Dragonflies by Kacen Callender

In a small but turbulent Louisiana town, one boy's grief takes him beyond the bayous of his backyard, to learn that there is no right way to be yourself.



Out of My Heart by Sharon M. Draper

Melody Brooks, a smart, determined 12-year-old diagnosed with cerebral palsy, returns in this sequel to 2010's *Out of My Mind*. Longing for independence from her family and daily routines, she persuades her parents to let her attend Camp Green Glades, a summer camp for kids with disabilities in her home state of Ohio.



Pax: Journey Home by Sara Pennypacker

Peter and his fox, Pax, now lead separate lives. Pax and his mate have welcomed a litter of kits, and Peter is struggling with his grief. When Pax's daughter becomes ill, will he find Peter and get help? Sequel to *Pax*.



Pony by R. J. Palacio

Twelve-year-old Silas is awoken in the dead of night by three menacing horsemen who take his father away. When a pony shows up at his door, Silas makes the courageous decision to leave his home and embark on a perilous journey to find his father.



Root Magic by Eden Royce

Twins Jez and Jay have always been fascinated by the African American folk magic that has been the legacy of their family for generations, but now have to deal with school integration and racism in their community.



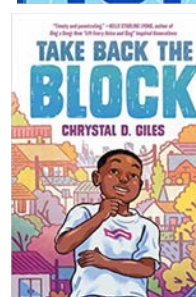
Show Me a Sign by Ann Clare LeZotte

Deaf author Ann Clare LeZotte weaves a riveting story inspired by the true history of a thriving deaf community on Martha's Vineyard in the early 19th century.



Starfish by Lisa Fipps

Ever since Ellie wore a whale swimsuit and made a big splash at her fifth birthday party, she's been bullied about her weight. With some new allies, will Ellie cast aside her "fat girl rules" and live a fabulous life?



Take Back the Block by Chrystal D. Giles

Take Back the Block introduces an irresistible 6th grader and asks what it means to belong--to a place and a movement--and to fight for what you believe in.