

CHILDREN'S FICTION

Blackbird Girls by Anne Blankman

Two girls are living in Russia when a nuclear power plant explodes and changes their lives.

The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd

A boy discovers odd fruit from a tree in his grandfather's garden, only to have a dragon hatch from the fruit.

Fighting Words by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Two sisters struggle through trauma, go into foster care, and learn how to process all that happened in their life.

The Great Pet Heist by Emily Ecton and David Mottram

When a mishap occurs, a group of pets must go to great lengths to make sure they will have the food they need.

Homerooms and Hall Passes by Tom O'Donnell

In a magical realm, a group of mythical creatures role play as average 8th graders to relax, until a spell sends them to our world.

How to Make Friends with the Sea by Tanya Guerrero

A transient boy struggles with fears until his mother takes in an orphan and he learns how to be strong and face his fears.

My Life as a Potato by Arianne Costner

Ben Hardy believes he is cursed by potatoes, when he moves to Idaho, injures the spud school mascot, takes on the persona.

Ways to Make Sunshine by Renee Watson

A young girl is determined to make sunshine out of tough situations, especially when they have to move out of their home.

Willa and the Whale by Chad Morris and Shelly Brown

After losing her mom, Willa makes a friend with a whale who offers her friendship and advice.

Wink by Rob Harrell

Ross Maloy just wants to fit in, but when he becomes diagnosed with a rare eye cancer, he can't help but stand out.

GRAPHIC NOVELS: CHILDREN

Anti-Hero by Kate Karyus Quinn and Demitria Lunetta

When an experimental technological device sparks in front of thieves Piper and Sloane, the two girls switch bodies.

Fox and Rabbit by Beth Ferry

Easygoing Fox and anxious Rabbit seem like total opposites. But, somehow, they make the perfect pair!

Major Impossible by Nathan Hale

In 1869, John Wesley Powell embarked with nine other explorers to float through the Grand Canyon, but only six came out!

Pea, Bee, & Jay: Stuck Together by Brian "Smitty" Smith

When a thunderstorm bounces Pea off course, he meets two unlikely new buds: a bee named Bee and a bird named Jay.

When Stars Are Scattered

by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

Omar lives in a refugee camp, and he must decide between going to school or caring for his nonverbal brother.

GRAPHIC NOVELS: YOUNG ADULT

Becoming RBG: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Journey to Justice by Debbie Levy

A child who questioned unfairness, Ginsburg evolved throughout her life until she became a judge who revered the rule of law.

Bloom by Kevin Panetta

While seeking his replacement at the family bakery, Ari becomes close with Hector. Love will bloom, if Ari doesn't ruin everything.

Catherine's War by Julia Billet

Budding French photographer Rachel Cohen must change her name, go into hiding, and bear witness to the atrocities of World War II.

Superman Smashes the Klan by Gene Luen Yang

When the Klan of the Fiery Cross attack Dr. Lee's family, newly arrived in Metropolis, Superman comes to save the day.

They Called Us Enemy by George Takei

Takei's firsthand account of years spent in a Japanese concentration camp and the way those experiences planted the seeds for his astonishing future.

POETRY

Common Critters: The Wildlife in Your Neighborhood by Pat Brisson and Dan Tavis

Familiar characters crawl, run, buzz, and flit through these lively poems showing how exotic these creatures really are.

The Day the Universe Exploded in My Head: Poems to Take You into Space and Back Again by Allen Wolf and Anna Raff

Hang on tight for a raucous bounce through the solar system with funny, fanciful, factually sound poems and exuberant illustrations.

Dictionary for a Better World: Poems, Quotes, and Anecdotes from A to Z by Irene Latham and Charles Waters, and Mehrdokht Amini

This inspiring resource for middle-grade readers is organized as a dictionary; each entry is a word related to creating a better world.

In the Woods by David Elliott and Rob Dunlavey

A love letter to the animals of the forest.

On the Horizon by Lois Lowry and Kenard Pak

A moving account of the lives lost in two of WWII's most infamous events: Pearl Harbor and Hiroshima.

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INFORMATIONAL

Cubs in the Tub: The True Story of the Bronx Zoo's First Woman Zookeeper

by Candace Fleming and Julie Downing

When her zookeeper husband brings home a lion cub, it leads to Helen becoming a foster mom to dozens of wild baby cats.

Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreno Played the Piano for President Lincoln

by Margarita Engle and Rafael López

Forced to flee the revolution in Venezuela and arriving in the U.S. during the Civil War, Teresa finds comfort and peace, as well as acclaim, through her piano playing.

Facts vs. Opinions vs. Robots by Michael Rex

Join a group of robots as they discover the difference between a fact (what you can prove) and an opinion (what you can't).

Flight for Freedom: The Wetzel Family's Daring Escape from East Germany

by Kristen Fulton and Torben Kulmann

In East Germany, Peter doesn't get to watch cartoons or wear blue jeans, but he wishes for better. His family is secretly building a hot air balloon they hope to fly to freedom.

Hey, Water! by Antoinette Portis

Water is all around us, but it doesn't always look the same. Join a young girl as she discovers many different forms of water.

The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read by Rita L. Hubbard and Oge Mora

Mary was born into slavery and even after gaining her freedom, had to work very hard all her life. This left no time to pursue her dream of learning to read until she was 116.

Packs: Strength in Numbers by Hannah Salyer

Packs, herds, pods, and more! Discover how togetherness and teamwork help animals and humans alike to live and thrive.

Pluto Gets the Call by Adam Rex and Laurie Keller

When scientists tell Pluto he isn't a planet, he tours the solar system and discovers that there is more to him than a label.

Reaching for the Moon: The Autobiography of Katherine Johnson by Katherine G. Johnson

It took hard work, courage, and tenacity, along with her natural brilliance with math, to get Katherine into NASA.

Soldier for Equality: José de la Luz Sáenz and the Great War by Duncan Tonatiuh

José helped protect the country he loved during the Great War, but prejudice denied him credit and equality. He worked throughout his life for equality for the Latinx community.

PICTURE BOOKS

The Box Turtle by Vanessa Roeder

Terrance is on the lookout for a new shell after someone makes fun of him for his makeshift box one.

In a Jar by Deborah Marcero

Two little rabbits use jars to learn about the power of memory and friendship.

Let's All Creep Through Crocodile Creek by Jonny Lambert

Mouse assures Rabbit that they have never seen a croc on Crocodile Creek. However, they do encounter lots of bumps, scratchy thorns and more as they explore.

Lift by Minh Le and Dan Santat

Iris discovers new realms of possibility when a mysterious elevator button appears.

Naughty Ninja Takes a Bath by Todd Tarpley and Vin Vogel

Naughty Ninja is always there to save his dad from danger, especially during bath time.

Rita and Ralph's Rotten Day by Carmen Agra Deedy and Pete Oswald

Two friends meet under the apple tree for fun and games every day. Discover what happens when the game ends poorly and someone has to be the one to apologize.

Snail Crossing by Corey R. Tabor

Why did the snail cross the road? To get to the cabbage on the other side. Find out the importance of friendship when this snail has trouble crossing the road.

Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o and Vashti Harrison

Sulwe is the color of midnight. She wishes to be brighter, like others around her. A magical story unfolds to open Sulwe's eyes to her own beauty.

Swim Swim Sink by Jenn Harney

One little duck is not like the others. Discover the duck's imaginative ways to solve a sinking problem.

When Pencil Met Eraser by Karen Kilpatrick and Luis O. Ramos, Jr., and German Blanco

Pencil is rather annoyed when eraser seems to think he is improving his artwork. See how they resolve their differences and learn to work together.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Bone Crier's Moon by Kathryn Purdie

When her friend Aillesse is kidnapped, Sabine must embrace her bone magic to rescue her.

Frankly in Love* by David Yoon

High school senior Frank Li risks going after a girl his parents would never approve of, but his plans leave him wondering if he ever understood love--or himself--at all.

A Good Girls Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson

As her senior capstone project, Pippa Fitz-Amobi is determined to find the real killer in a closed, local murder case, but not everyone wants her meddling in the past.

I'll Be the One by Lyla Lee

With the support of friends and competition dance partner Henry Cho, Skye Shin sets her sights on becoming the world's first plus-sized K-pop star, without losing herself.

The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

A Connecticut teenager must solve a series of puzzles to discover why she inherited vast wealth and an eccentric estate from the richest man in Texas.

Lost and Found by Orson Scott Card

Ezekiel Blast has a micropower that helps him locate lost items, but he needs to find new ways to use his abilities when police ask him to help find a kidnapped girl.

The Paper Girl of Paris by Jordyn Taylor

Inheriting a Parisian apartment that was abandoned after World War II, Alice uncovers the story of a long-lost great aunt who hid her work with the Resistance.

Thorn by Intisar Khanani

To escape her family and court, Princess Alyrra is willing to marry Prince Kestrin but when she magically swaps lives with her nemesis, she may find happiness as a commoner.

Verify by Joelle Charbonneau

Chicago teen Meri Beckley's pride of living in a land of peace, prosperity, and truth crumbles when questions following her mother's death reveal buried facts.

When the Ground Is Hard by Malla Nunn

At a Swaziland academy, where one's wealth and color determines one's station, once-popular Adele bonds with poor Lottie over a book and a series of disasters.

* for older readers