

CHILDREN'S FICTION

***Beneath the Bed and Other Scary Stories (Mister Shivers #1)* by Max Brallier, ill. by Letizia Rubegni**

What is hiding under the bed, scratching at the window? These five spine-chilling stories will have beginning readers everywhere begging to stay up late to read (with the light on!)

***Dragons in a Bag* by Zetta Elliott, ill. by Geneva B**

In Brooklyn, nine-year-old Jax joins Ma, a witch who lives in his building, on a quest to deliver three baby dragons to a magical world, and along the way discovers his true calling.

***Inkling* by Kenneth Oppel, ill. by Sydney Smith**

When an inkblot, who can write, listen, learn, and draw, jumps out of Mr. Rylance's sketchbook, Ethan believes he may be the answer to their problems and names him Inkling.

***Mr. Penquin and the Lost Treasure* by Alex T. Smith**

Aspiring Professional Adventurer Mr. Penguin and his colleague, Colin the spider, try to find a treasure buried in The Museum of Extraordinary Objects before bandits do.

***Other Words for Home* by Jasmine Warga**

A gorgeously written, hopeful middle grade novel in verse about a young girl who must leave Syria to move to the U.S.

***Over the Moon* by Natalie Lloyd**

To save her younger brother from being forced to work in the mines, twelve-year-old Mallie pretends to be a boy and learns to ride and train flying horses.

***Shouting at the Rain* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt**

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.

***Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster* by Jonathan Auxier**

In nineteenth-century England, Nan Sparrow, ten, works as a "climbing boy," aiding chimney sweeps, but when her things end up in a fireplace, she unwittingly creates a golem.

***The Unteachables* by Gordon Korman**

Over the course of a school year, room 117, with "unteachable" students and an initially uncaring teacher will experience mayhem, destruction--and maybe even a shot at redemption.

A Wolf Called Wander

by Rosanne Parry, ill. by Mónica Armijo

Based on a true story, a lost wolf cub journeys 1000 miles across the Pacific Northwest, dealing with forest fires, hunters, highways, and hunger before finding a new home.

POETRY

***The Bell Rang* by James Ransome**

A young slave girl witnesses the heartbreak and hopefulness of her family and their plantation community when her brother escapes for freedom.

***Birdie* by Eileen Spinelli**

Twelve year old Birdie, coping with the death of her father, finds her world is changing and learns that change can be painful but also beautiful.

Lion of the Sky: Haiku for All Seasons

by Laura Purdie Salas, ill. by Merce Lopez

Haiku meets riddles in poems that celebrate the seasons.

Predator and Prey: A Conversation in Verse

by Susannah Buhrman-Deever, ill. by Bert Kitchen

See both sides of the story of predators and their prey with poems (many for 2 voices) accompanied by realistic illustrations.

***Sometimes You Fly* by Katherine Applegate,**

ill. by Jennifer Black Reinhardt

A simple poem about encouragement, filled with realistic humor and insight into the effort behind any meaningful accomplishment in life.

GRAPHIC NOVELS

***The Cardboard Kingdom* by Chad Sell**

A group of neighborhood children create costumes from cardboard and use their imagination to have adventures.

***Click* by Kayla Miller**

When a school variety show leaves Olive without an act to join, she wonders why all of her friends have already formed their own groups without her.

Peter & Ernesto: A Tale of Two Sloths

by Graham Annable

Peter and Ernesto are sloths. Peter and Ernesto are friends. Peter and Ernesto are nothing alike.

***Tiger vs. Nightmare* by Emily Tetri**

Thanks to her friend, Monster, Tiger has nothing but good dreams.

Urban Legendz

by Paul Downs and Nick Bruno, ill. by Michael Yates

A motley crew of teenagers must fight to protect Brooklyn when classic urban legends terrorize the city.

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INFORMATIONAL

Borrowing Bunnies: A Surprising True Tale of Fostering Rabbits

by Cynthia Lord, ill. by Hazel Mitchell

The story of two adorable foster bunnies who find the perfect home through the patience and love of the author.

Crayon Man: The True Story of the Invention of Crayola Crayons

by Natascha Biebow, ill. by Steven Salerno

The true story of an inventor who found a way to bring the vibrant colors of nature to children – in a box for only a nickel!

Flower Talk: How Plants Use Color to Communicate

by Sara Levine, ill. by Masha D'yans

A cantankerous talking cactus reveals how flowers use different colors to "talk" to various pollinators.

I'm Trying to Love Math

by Bethany Barton

A friendly alien introduces readers to the things (and people) that use math in amazing ways, showing that math is a necessary and cool part of our lives!

Just Ask: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You

by Sonia Sotomayor, ill. by Rafael Lopez

Celebrate the different abilities kids (and people of all ages) have. When we come across someone who is different from us, but we're not sure why, all we have to do is Just Ask.

Just Like Beverly: A Biography of Beverly Cleary

by Vicki Conrad, ill. by David Hohn

Find out what brought Cleary from struggling student, who found most children's books dull, to world famous author.

Volcano Dreams: A Story of Yellowstone

by Janet S. Fox, ill. by Marlo Garnsworthy

Explore the Yellowstone ecosystem, while placing the lives of its creatures within the context of geological time.

Wait, Rest, Pause: Dormancy in Nature

by Marcia Flinchum Atkins

Captivating photos teach young readers about different kinds of dormancy and which animals do what.

When Sparks Fly: The True Story of Robert Goddard, the Father of US Rocketry

by Kristen Fulton, ill. by Diego Funck

In the 1880s, when he was just a kid, Goddard experimented time and again with BAMS! POPS! and BANGS! with one mission: make his rockets fly!

The Wonders of Nature

by Ben Hoare, ill. by Angela Rizza

Discover the wonders of planet Earth and learn about some of the most amazing animals, plants, rocks and minerals, and microscopic life that live here.

PICTURE BOOKS

Bear Came Along

by Richard T. Morris, ill. by LeUyen Pham

This hilarious picture book and heartfelt message celebrates the joy and fun that's in store when friends embark together on a ride of a lifetime.

Harold & Hog Pretend for Real!

by Dan Santat

Harold and Hog are best friends. But can Harold and Hog's friendship survive a game of pretending to be Elephant and Piggie?

Jasper & Ollie

by Alex Willan

Jasper, an impatient fox, and Ollie, a slow-moving sloth, head to the pool on a summer day, each taking their own unique path.

The Neighbors

by Einat Tsarfati, ill. by Annette Appel

As she climbs the seven stories to her own apartment, a little girl imagines what happens behind every door she passes.

Oliver: The Second-Largest Living Thing on Earth

by Josh Crute, ill. by John Taesoo Kim

Oliver wishes he were as popular and important as Sherman, the largest giant sequoia tree, until he discovers it is enough to be part of something big.

Sign Off

by Stephen Savage

A wordless picture book that shows what the figures on road signs do when no one is around to see them.

Skulls!

by Blair Thornburgh, ill. by Scott Campbell

This smart, skull-positive story celebrates one of the most important bones in your body: the skull!

SumoKitty

by David Biedrzycki

A stray kitty gets a job in a sumo stable, chasing mice in exchange for food. But when eating like a sumo wrestler slows our hero down, he realizes he must train like a wrestler, too.

The Very Impatient Caterpillar

by Ross Burach

A caterpillar learns to be patient while trying to metamorphosize.

The Wall in the Middle of the Book

by Jon Agee

A knight who feels secure on his side of the wall that divides his book discovers that his side is not as safe as he thought, and the other side is not as threatening.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Aurora Rising

by Amie Kaufman

Relegated to a squad comprised of his school's hopeless misfits, a graduating cadet in a 24th-century space academy rescues a centuries-hibernating girl from interdimensional space only to be swept up in an interstellar war millions of years in the making.

Call It What You Want*

by Brigid Kemmerer

Once-popular Rob and overachiever Maegan, both dealing with serious family issues, quickly form a bond that is threatened when Rob confides plans to repair damage his father caused.

The Dark Descent of Elizabeth Frankenstein

by Kiersten White

The events of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein unfold from the perspective of Elizabeth Lavenza, who is adopted as a child by the Frankensteins as a companion for their volatile son Victor.

Illegal

by Eoin Colfer

Resolved to join the siblings who left months earlier, 12-year-old Ebo ventures through the Sahara and the dangerous streets of Tripoli before embarking on a hazardous voyage from Ghana to a safe haven in Europe.

Rayne & Delilah's Midnight Matinee*

by Jeff Zentner

Told in two voices, Josie and Delia struggle with growing up and growing apart as they face tough decisions about their post-high school futures and the fate of their weekly cable television show.

Resistance

by Jennifer Nielson

After a smuggling mission to an isolated Jewish ghetto goes wrong and her colleagues are arrested, Chaya Lindner, a Jewish girl living in Nazi-occupied Poland, decides to go to Warsaw, where an uprising is in the works.

The Rest of the Story

by Sarah Dessen

Unexpectedly sent to spend the summer with her late mother's estranged relatives at scenic North Lake, a teen finds herself torn between her mother's working-class relatives and her father's wealthier associates.

Skyward

by Brandon Sanderson

When a long-term attack against her world by the alien Krell escalates, Spensa's dream of becoming a pilot may come true, despite her deceased father being labeled a deserter.

A Very Large Expanse of the Sea*

by Tahera Mafi

A year after 9/11, Muslim teenager Shirin has completely withdrawn from social life, until she meets Ocean James in her biology class and is tempted to actually let her guard down.

We Walked the Sky

by Lisa Fiedler

Seventeen-year-old Victoria escapes an abusive father by joining the VanDrexel Family Circus in 1965, and fifty years later her writings guide her granddaughter, sixteen-year-old Callie, in facing the uncharted waters of public high school.

* for older readers