

CHILDREN'S FICTION

***Bea and the New Deal Horse* by L.M. Elliott**

After being abandoned at a horse farm with her little sister, Bea channels her own hurt into helping a dangerous horse become a champion jumper.

***The Curious Vanishing of Beatrice Willoughby* by G.Z. Schmidt**

Dewey is spending All Hallows Eve trapped in a spooky mansion with his father, and a group of mysteriously magical strangers, all of whom are connected to a strange disappearance from exactly 13 years ago.

***Finally Seen* by Kelly Yang**

Things are not as expected for Lina, who has just been reunited with her family after 5 years apart. Her struggles are soothed by a book that becomes precious to Lina, just as it is challenged. It will take courage to finally be seen.

***How to Stay Invisible* by Maggie C. Rudd**

A survival guide from the library, a duffle bag, and a dog are all Raymond has to his name. He uses what he has to live in the woods behind his school while he continues to attend classes as though nothing has changed.

***Iceberg* by Jennifer A. Nielsen**

A stowaway on the Titanic uncovers a mystery just as calamity hits. Can she save her friends, and survive too?

***Just Gus* by McCall Hoyle**

When livestock guardian dog Gus is injured in the line of duty, he goes to live with Diego, who deals with a lot of worry. Gus loves his new home, but can he curb his protective instincts enough to live in a neighborhood?

***The Labors of Hercules Beal* by Gary Schmidt**

Hercules must live up to his namesake's legacy, when one of his teacher's assigns him a project to complete the mythical twelve labors in real life.

***The Story of Gumluck the Wizard* by Adam Rex**

All Gumluck the Wizard wants is to be crowned the Harvest Hero for helping the town the most, but the truth can be hard to face.

***The Superteacher Project* by Gordon Korman**

The new teacher in Oliver's class may be everyone's favorite, but Oliver knows there is something a bit off about him.

***The Unforgettable Logan Foster* by Shawn Peters**

Logan has never clicked with prospective adoptive parents until he meets Gil and Margie. Will Logan be able to hang on to his new family when a battle breaks out involving super villains and heroes that threatens the fate of the whole world.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

***The 9:09 Project* by Mark H. Parsons**

A thoughtful exploration about finding oneself, learning to hope after loss, and recognizing the role that others can play in the healing process if you are open and willing to share.

***Attack of the Black Rectangles* by A.S. King**

A young boy takes on censorship and intolerance after he finds black marks, marking out words, throughout one of his books at school and finds out that truth can be hard... but still worth fighting for.

***Beneath the Wide Silk Sky* by Emily Inouye Huey**

A young Japanese American girl's life is completely upended when Japan bombs Pearl Harbor. Her community turns against long time members and Samantha is forced to grow up and gather her courage in order to save herself and her family.

***The Isles of the Gods* by Amie Kaufman**

Magic, romance, and slumbering gods clash in this riveting romantasy about a seafaring girl and a playboy prince who band together in a precarious journey.

***It Happened on Saturday* by Sydney Dunlap**

Thirteen-year-old Julia would much rather work with horses at the rescue barn than worry about things like dating and makeup. But when her older sister gives her a makeover and she starts getting positive comments online, Tyler enters her life and his plan is not exactly what it seems to be.

***Promise Boys ** by Nick Brooks**

Dark academia mystery about three teens of color who must investigate their principal's murder to clear their own names.

***Royal Blood* by Aimee Carter**

Royalty, murder and scandal combine in this thrilling new series about an American girl who becomes the British monarchy's greatest nightmare.

***Stars and Smoke* by Marie Lu**

A smoldering-enemies-to-lovers novel that puts a superstar global phenomenon and a hotshot young spy on a collision course with danger—and Cupid's arrow.

***Stateless* by Elizabeth Wein**

A thrilling airplane race mystery, adventure novel. Twelve competitors. Multiple countries. One prize. Many reasons to kill.

***Threads That Bind* by Kira Hatzopoulou**

Set in a world where the children of the gods inherit their powers, a descendant of the Greek Fates must solve a series of impossible murders to save her sisters, her soulmate, and her city.

* for more mature readers

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INFORMATIONAL

***American Murderer: The Parasite that Haunted the South* by Gail Jarrow**

Doctors in the late 1800s never guessed that hookworms were making patients ill, but zoologist Charles Stiles knew better.

***Astonishing and Extinct Professions: 89 Jobs You Will Never Do* by Markus Rottmann and Michael Meister**

Unbelievable jobs from the past are windows into the past.

***Darwin's Super-Pooping Worm Spectacular* by Polly Owen and Gwen Millward**

The silly true story of how Darwin discovered that the earthworm is one of the most important species on the planet.

***Jumper: A Day in the Life of a Backyard Jumping Spider* by Jessica Lanan**

Follows a day in the life of a backyard jumping spider.

***Meet the Bears* by Kate Peridot and Becca Hall**

Meet the world's eight species of bears, from polar bears to giant pandas.

***Seen and Unseen: What Dorethea Lange, Toyo Miyatake, and Ansel Adams Photographs Reveal* by Elizabeth Partridge and Lauren Tamaki**

Three artists photographed the Japanese American incarceration, but with different approaches- and results.

***Sisters in Science: Marie Curie, Bronia Dluska, and the Atomic Power of Sisterhood* by Linda Elovitz Marshall and Anna & Elena Balbusso**

Nobel Prize winner Marie Curie and her sister Bronia made a legendary impact on chemistry and health care.

***The Story of the Saxophone* by Lesa Cline-Ransome and James E. Ransome**

It began in 1840s Belgium and went all the way to New Orleans, where this instrument became an iconic symbol.

***The Witness Trees: Historic Moments and the Trees Who Watched Them Happen* by Ryan Van Cleave and Dom Dom**

Be amazed by the quiet, reverberating voices of nature's sentinels, the world's most enduring witnesses: the trees.

***Wombats Are Pretty Weird: A Not So Serious Guide* by Abi Cushman**

Wombats may be weird, but they're pretty awesome, too!

PICTURE BOOKS

***Flat Cat* by Tara Lazar and Pete Oswald**

Flat Cat likes being flat until one day he becomes fluffy and learns to enjoy the attention it brings.

***Frank & Bert* by Christy Naylor-Ballesteros**

When Bert isn't so good at hiding (despite thinking he is), Frank must decide between winning or making Bert happy.

***One Chicken Nugget* by Tadgh Bentley**

Frank, a monster, loves chicken nuggets which makes problems for Celeste who sells the best nuggets around.

***Our Pool* by Lucy Ruth Cummins**

It is pool day in the city and everyone is welcome.

***Peng's Vase* by Angus Yuen-Killick and Paolo Proietti**

Young Peng shows courage and honesty when brought before the Emperor in this retelling of a folktale from China.

***Rick the Rock of Room 214* by Julie Falatko and Ruth Chan**

A rock named Rick escapes to the great outdoors and discovers that sometimes the greatest adventure in life is friendship.

***That's My Sweater* by Jessika von Innerebner**

When Olivia's mother gives her favorite sweater to her baby brother, she vows to get it back.

***Very Good Hats* by Emma Straub and Blanca Gomez**

Some people think hats are fancy things you buy at a dressy store, but anything can be a hat if you believe it can.

***Walter Finds His Voice* by Ann Kim Ha**

Hiding below the surface, painfully shy crocodile Walter gathers his courage to defend his friend who's being mistreated and learns to speak up when it matters most.

***Yetis Are the Worst* by Alex Willan**

Gilbert the Goblin sets off on a quest to prove once and for all that Goblins are just as cool and mysterious as the elusive yeti.

POETRY

***Animals in Pants* by Suzy Levinson; Kevin Howdeshell and Kristen Howdeshell**

Simple, humorous poems featuring a variety of animals wearing different kinds of pants.

***Counting in Dog Years and Other Sassy Math Poems* by Betsy Franco and Priscilla Tey**

Playful poems, plus ingenious high-concept art, equals countless hours of mind-blowing, mathematical fun.

***Good Different* by Meg Eden Kuyatt**

Selah (7th gr) knows that to be 'normal' she has to keep her feelings controlled, but after hitting a fellow student, she needs to figure out what makes her different--and why that is ok

***We are Branches* by Joyce Sidman and Beth Krommes**

A singular celebration of a fascinating shape in nature.

***Zap! Clap! Boom!: The Story of a Thunderstorm* by Laura Purdie Salas and Elly MacKay**

Explores the life cycle of a thunderstorm.

GRAPHIC NOVELS: CHILDREN

***Frizzy* by Claribel A. Ortega and Rose Bousamra**

Tired of going to the salon to have her curls straightened, Marlene learns to embrace her natural curly hair.

***Gnome and Rat* by Lauren Stohler**

Best friends celebrate Hat Day, learn magic tricks, and find Gnome a new signature hat in their charming forest.

***Mexikid* by Pedro Martin**

After growing up with stories about his legendary abuelito, Pedro takes a family road trip to Mexico, connects with his grandfather, and learns more about his own Mexican identity

***Saving Sunshine* by Saadia Faruqi and Shazleen Khan**

After being forced into each other's company, constantly fighting twins find an ailing turtle which presents a opportunity for teamwork if they can put aside their differences.

***Squire & Knight* by Scott Chantler**

A young squire tackles mysteries, monsters and magic, but the inept knight he serves takes the credit, every time!

GN: YOUNG ADULT

***Bomb: The Race to Build -and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon (The Graphic Novel)* by Steve Sheinkin and Nick Bertozzi**

Examines the history of the atomic bomb, the race to build it, and the impact on societies around the world.

***A First Time for Everything* by Dan Santat**

The author shares his life-changing middle school trip to Europe during which he experiences a series of firsts.

***Hungry Ghost* by Victoria Ying**

After the sudden death of her father, Valerie (16yo), who is hiding an eating disorder, reevaluates her life, her choices and her own body as she tries to find the strength to seek help.

***The Princess and the Grilled Cheese Sandwich* by Deya Muniz**

Cam disguises herself as a man to inherit her father's money and estate and ends up falling for Crown Princess Brie.

***Victory: Stand! Raising My Fist for Justice* by Tommie Smith, Derrick Barnes, & Dawud Anyabwile**

Runner Tommie Smith looks back on his life, from his childhood in rural Texas through to his stellar athletic career, culminating in his historic victory and Olympic podium protest.