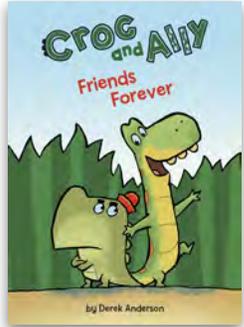


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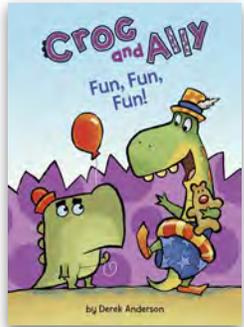
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For fans of *Elephant & Piggie* and *Frog & Toad* comes an easy-to-read series about another unlikely pair: Croc and Ally. These two best friends don't always see things the same way, but there's one thing they do agree on—their friendship comes first!

Croc is grumpy. Ally is happy. Croc sees a problem. Ally finds a solution. Whether it's choosing new chairs, going for a walk, or looking for the moon, these best friends will always work together despite their differences.

With three short stories per book, easy-to-read vocabulary, and adorable illustrations, this series is perfect for progressing readers.



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Granted | **John David Anderson**

Walden Pond Press | **February 2018** | **8–12**

Everyone who wishes upon a star, or a candle, or a penny thrown into a fountain knows that you're not allowed to tell anyone what you've wished for. But even so, there is someone out there who hears it. In a magical land called the Haven lives a young fairy named Ophelia Delphinium Fidgets. Ophelia is no ordinary fairy—she is a Granter: one of the select fairies whose job it is to venture out into the world and grant the wishes of unsuspecting humans every day. It's the work of the Granters that generates the magic that allows the fairies to do what they do, and to keep the Haven hidden and safe. But with worldwide magic levels at an all-time low, this is not as easy as it sounds. Today, Ophelia is going to get her very first wish-granting assignment. And she's about to discover that figuring out how to truly give someone what they want takes much more than a handful of fairy dust.



The Rhino in Right Field | **Stacy DeKeyser**

Simon & Schuster | **July 2018** | **8–12**

A boy who loves baseball must get past his hard-working immigrant parents—and the rhino in the outfield—to become a batboy in this laugh-out-loud middle grade novel in the tradition of *The Sandlot*. Nick wants to change his life. For twelve whole years, he's done what his hard-working, immigrant parents want him to do. Now he's looking for his own American dream and he thinks he's found it. The local baseball team is having a batboy contest. Nick's goal—to be a Mudpuppy for a day! There's one tiny—well, not so tiny—problem. A 2,000-pound rhinoceros named Tank. Nick and his friends play ball right in the city zoo—and Tank lives just beyond the right field fence. Nick's experience getting the ball out of Tank's pen has left him frozen with fear whenever a fly ball comes his way. How's a lousy fielder going to win the contest? Nick will need to keep his eye on the ball and find the courage to face his fears—oh yeah, and stay one step ahead of Tank—in this fast, funny story about a game that can throw you some curveballs—just like life!

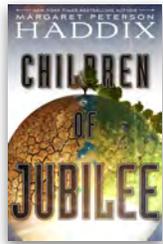


Twilight of the Elves | **Zack Loran Clark & Nick Eliopoulos**

Disney-Hyperion | **October 2018** | **8–12**

Zed, Brock, and their friends may have saved Freestone from destruction, but the fight against the Dangers is far from over. No one knows what to expect next from the dark power that forced the elves to abandon their city. And the influx of elf refugees in Freestone strains resources and brews resentment. Things have shifted between best friends Zed and Brock, as well, with their friendship crumbling under the weight of the secrets they're keeping. When tensions reach an all-time high, Queen Me'Shala, leader of the elves, approaches the Adventurers Guild with a mission. She wants a small group to go on a covert mission to save her city, and Zed, Brock, and their friends join the quest. To face a powerful form of magic thought to be extinct, the adventurers will have to learn how to rely on each other and fight harder than ever before.

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Children of Jubilee | Margaret Peterson Haddix

Simon & Schuster | November 2018 | 8–12

Kiandra has to use her wits and tech-savvy ways to help rescue Edwy, Enu, and the others from the clutches of the Enforcers in the thrilling final novel of the *Children of Exile* series from *New York Times* bestselling author Margaret Peterson Haddix. Since the Enforcers raided Refuge City, Rosi, Edwy, and the others are captured and forced to work as slave labor on an alien planet, digging up strange pearls. Weak and hungry, none of them are certain they will make it out of this alive. But Edwy's tech-savvy sister, Kiandra, has always been the one with all the answers, and so they turn to her. But Kiandra realizes that she can't find her way out of this one on her own, and they all might need to rely on young Cana and her alien friend if they are going to survive.



Garbage Island | Fred Koehler

Boyd's Mills | October 2018 | 8–12

For fans of *Stuart Little* and *Poppy*, here is a middle-grade adventure in which a mouse and a shrew, lost at sea, try to navigate to their home in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Braving multiple dangers, they discover they have more in common than they could ever have imagined. Mr. Popli, the mouse Mayor of Garbage Island, is always at odds with Archibald Shrew, a brilliant but reckless inventor. When Garbage Island splits apart, they're trapped together in Mr. Popli's houseboat, desperate to find their way home. At first, they only argue, but when they face a perilous thunderstorm and a series of predators, they begin to work together and recognize—in themselves and in each other—strengths they didn't know they had. Nonstop action and deep emotion intertwine in this tale of opposites who discover that with bravery, creativity, and friendship, they can triumph.



Elementals: Ice Wolves | Amie Kaufman

HarperCollins | March 2018 | 8–12

Everyone in Vallen knows that ice wolves and scorch dragons are sworn enemies who live deeply separate lives. So when 12-year-old orphan Anders takes one elemental form and his twin sister, Rayna, takes another, he wonders whether they are even related. Still, whether or not they're family, Rayna is Anders's only true friend. She's nothing like the brutal, cruel dragons who claimed her as one of their own and stole her away. In order to rescue her, Anders must enlist at the foreboding Ulfar Academy, a school for young wolves that values loyalty to the pack above all else. But for Anders, loyalty is more complicated than obedience, and friendship is the most powerful shapeshifting force of all.

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The Flight of Swans | Sarah McGuire

Carolrhoda Books | **October 2018** | 8–12

Based on the Brothers Grimm's fairy tale *Six Swans*, *The Flight of Swans* follows Ryn's journey to save her family and their kingdom. Princess Andaryn's six older brothers have always been her protectors until her father takes a new Queen, a frightening, mysterious woman who enchants the men in the royal family. When Ryn's attempt to break the enchantment fails, she makes a bargain: the Queen will spare her brothers' lives if Ryn remains silent for six years. Ryn thinks she freed her brothers, but she never thought the Queen would turn her brothers into swans. And she never thought she'd have to undo the Queen's spell alone, without speaking.



Ellie, Engineer | Jackson Pearce

Bloomsbury | **January 2018** | 8–12

Ellie is an engineer. With a tool belt strapped over her favorite skirt (who says you can't wear a dress and have two kinds of screwdrivers handy, just in case?), she invents and builds amazing creations in her backyard workshop. Together with her best friend Kit, Ellie can make anything. As Kit's birthday nears, Ellie doesn't know what gift to make until the girls overhear Kit's mom talking about her present—the dog Kit always wanted! Ellie plans to make an amazing doghouse, but her plans grow so elaborate that she has to enlist help from the neighbor boys and crafty girls, even though the two groups don't get along. Will Ellie be able to pull off her biggest project yet, all while keeping a secret from Kit? Illustrated with Ellie's sketches and plans, and including backmatter with a fun how-to guide to tools, this is a STEM- and friendship-powered story full of fun!



The Haunting of Hounds Hollow | Jeffrey Salane

Scholastic | **September 2018** | 8–12

Lucas Trainer has just moved from the big city to a creepy, old mansion in the small town of Hounds Hollow, where ghostly dogs prowl at night. At first, he's terrified by the nightly apparitions. But as Lucas and his new friends, Bess and Lens, uncover the mystery behind the town, Lucas learns that a ghost-dog's bark is worse than its bite—in fact, the dogs are protecting the town from an even more terrifying threat. Spooky, fun, and mysterious, this is author Jeffrey Salane's standalone follow-up to the Lawless series, and is perfect for fans of *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*, and dog lovers of all stripes.

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The Greed | **Scott Bergstrom**

Feiwei & Friends | **February 2018** | **17+**

Gwendolyn Bloom is dead. But even armed with a new passport and identity, the danger is far from over. Her father is safe...but Gwen still hasn't untangled all his lies from the truth. Meanwhile, her enemies are closing in with a vengeance. She found her father when he disappeared off the face of the earth—can she survive being on the other end of a manhunt? Gwen faces ever greater danger from the men who hunt her in this action-packed, high-stakes YA sequel to *The Cruelty*.



Lost Crow Conspiracy | **Rosalyn Eves**

Knopf | **March 2018** | **12+**

Sixteen-year old Anna Arden was once just the magically barren girl from an elite Luminare family. Now she has broken the Binding—and Praetheria, the creatures held captive by the spell, wreak havoc across Europe. Lower-class citizens have access to magic for the first time, while other Luminates lose theirs forever. Anna Arden did not know breaking the Binding would break the world. Anna thought the Praetheria were on her side, content and grateful to be free from the Binding. She thought her cousin Matyas's blood sacrifice to the disarm the spell would bring peace, equality, justice. She thought her future looked like a society that would let her love a Romani boy, Gabor. But with the Monarchy breathing down her neck and the Praetheria intimidating her at every turn, it seems the conspiracies have only just begun. As threat of war sweeps the region, Anna quickly discovers she can't solve everything on her own. Now there's only one other person who might be able to save the country before war breaks out. The one person Anna was sure she'd never see again: A man known as the King of Crows. Matyas.



A Court of Miracles | **Kester Grant**

Knopf | **May 2019** | **12+**

In the violent urban jungle of an alternate 1828 Paris, the French Revolution has failed and the city is divided between merciless royalty and nine underworld criminal guilds. Eponine (Nina) Thenardier is a talented cat-burglar and member of the Thieves Guild. Nina's life is midnight robberies, avoiding her father's fists, and watching over her adopted sister, Cosette (Ettie). Nina vows to protect her impossibly naive sister, knowing that she won't survive amongst the conniving nobility and savage guilds that rule their world. When Ettie draws the interest of the Tiger—the ruthless lord of the Guild of Flesh—Nina is caught in a desperate race to keep Ettie safe. Her vow takes her from the city's dark underbelly, through a dawning revolution, to the very heart of the glittering court of Louis XVII. There Nina is faced with a terrible choice—protect Ettie and start a brutal guild war, or forever lose her sister to the Tiger.

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The Summer of Broken Things | Margaret Peterson Haddix

Simon & Schuster | April 2018 | 12+

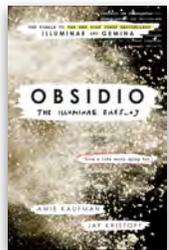
Fourteen-year-old Avery Armisted is athletic, rich, and pretty. Sixteen-year-old Kayla Butts is known as “butt-girl” at school. The two girls were friends as little kids, but that’s ancient history now. So it’s a huge surprise when Avery’s father offers to bring Kayla along on a summer trip to Spain. Avery is horrified that her father thinks he can choose her friends—and make her miss soccer camp. Kayla struggles just to imagine leaving the confines of her small town. But in Spain, the two uncover a secret their families had hidden from both of them their entire lives. Maybe the girls can put aside their differences and work through it together. Or maybe the lies and betrayal will only push them—and their families—farther apart. Margaret Peterson Haddix weaves together two completely separate lives in this engaging novel that explores what it really means to be a family—and what to do when it’s all falling apart.



Maiden Voyage | Sarah Jane

Scholastic | July 2018 | 12+

Isabella is shocked when her parents book her passage on the incredible Titanic and inform her that she’ll be sailing by herself. She is given an envelope and told the contents will explain everything, but she is forbidden from opening it until the boat reaches the US. Lucille is worried over her mother’s poor health, and her father is always distracted, never around. Left to her own devices, Lucille discovers some dangerous secrets that could tear her family apart. Abby is desperate. She’s all her little brother has in the world, and her only hope is start a new life in New York. But the only way to do that is to smuggle her little brother aboard the Titanic and hope they can last the week without him getting caught. Three girls, three different classes on the ship, yet their pasts and futures are more intertwined than they know—and their lives are about to be forever changed over the course of the Titanic’s maiden voyage. That is, if they don’t all drown in secrets first.



Obsidio | Amie Kaufman & Jay Kristoff

Knopf | March 2018 | 12+

Kady, Ezra, Hanna, and Nik narrowly escaped with their lives from the attacks on Heimdall station and now find themselves crammed with 2,000 refugees on the container ship, Mao. With the jump station destroyed and their resources scarce, the only option is to return to Kerenza—but who knows what they’ll find seven months after the invasion? Meanwhile, Kady’s cousin, Asha, survived the initial BeiTech assault and has joined Kerenza’s ragtag underground resistance. When Rhys—an old flame from Asha’s past—reappears on Kerenza, the two find themselves on opposite sides of the conflict. With time running out, a final battle will be waged on land and in space, heroes will fall, and hearts will be broken.

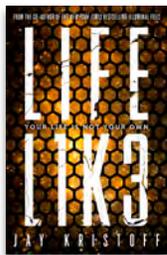
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Unearthed | Amie Kaufman & Meagan Spooner

Disney-Hyperion | January 2018 | 12+

When Earth intercepts a message from a long-extinct alien race, it seems like the solution humanity has been waiting for. The Undying's advanced technology has the potential to undo environmental damage and turn lives around, and their message leads to the planet Gaia, a treasure trove waiting to be explored. For Jules Addison, the discovery of an ancient alien culture offers unprecedented opportunity for study...as long as scavengers like Amelia Radcliffe don't loot everything first. Despite their opposing reasons for smuggling themselves onto the alien planet's surface, they're both desperate to uncover the riches hidden in the Undying temples. They came to Gaia certain that they had far more to fear from their fellow humans than the ancient beings whose mysteries they're trying to unravel. But the more they learn about the Undying, the more Jules and Mia start to feel like their presence in the temple is part of a grand design—one that could spell the end of the human race.



LIFEL1K3 | Jay Kristoff

Knopf | May 2018 | 12+

On a floating junkyard beneath a radiation sky, a deadly secret lies buried in the scrap. 17-year-old Eve isn't looking for secrets—she's too busy looking over her shoulder. The robot gladiator she's spent six months building is a smoking wreck, she's in deep with a local crimelord, and the only thing keeping her Grandpa alive was the fistful of credits she just lost. Worst of all, she's discovered she can somehow destroy electronics with the power of her mind, and the puritanical Brotherhood are building a coffin her size. If she's had a worse day, Eve can't remember it. Problem is, she has had a worse day—a day lingering in the cybernetic implant where her memories used to be. Her discovery of a ruined android in the scrap pile she calls home will bring her world crashing down, and make her question everything. With her best friend Lemon Fresh and her robotic conscience, Cricket, in tow, she'll trek across deserts of irradiated glass, infiltrate megacities and scour the graveyard of humanity's greatest folly to save the ones she loves, and learn the bloody secrets of her past. Even if those secrets were better off staying buried.



Darkdawn | Jay Kristoff

St. Martin's Press | September 2018 | 14+

In *Darkdawn*, the Republic of Ireya is in chaos. Mia has assassinated Cardinal Duomo and rumors of Consul Scaeva's death ripple through the street of Godsgrove like wildfire. But buried beneath those same streets, deep in the ancient city's bones, lies a secret that will change the Republic forever. Mia and her brother Jonnen must journey through the depths of the ancient metropolis. Their quest will take them through the Godsgrove underdark, back to the library of the Quiet Mountain and the poisoned blades of Mia's old mentors, and at last the fabled Crown of the Moon. There, Mia will at last discover the origins of the darkin, and learn the destiny that lies in store for her and her world. But with the three suns now in descent, and Truedark on the horizon, will she survive?

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Bright Burns the Night | Sara B. Larson

Scholastic Press | May 2018 | 12+

Ten years ago, King Lorcan of the Dark Kingdom Dorjhalon defeated Queen Evelayn and cut her conduit stone from her. Since then, he has kept her trapped in her swan form. With the loss of balance between Dark and Light, winter has descended and the Draíolon of Éadrolan lose more power every day. But once a year, Lorcan transforms her back to her Draíolon form and offers a truce. And every year Evelayn refuses—for he requires her to Bind herself to him for life. But now, with an Ancient power bearing down upon them, everything may change. Evelayn will learn that the truths she once believed have shattered, and that she may need her enemies even more than her allies. Can friendship—perhaps even love—bloom where hatred has taken root?



Heart of Ash | Kim Liggett

Putnam | February 2018 | 12+

Ash may have escaped the immortal-worshipping cult that killed her mother in the author's debut, *Blood and Salt*, but the love of her life is still under its thrall. Dane has been possessed by his diabolical ancestor Coronado, a man who's fabulously wealthy, dripping with fame, and the leader of Europe's most dangerous immortal network. Dane begs Ash to join him at Coronado's castle in Spain, and swears that his blood bond with Ash is stronger than Coronado's hold over him. Ash is desperate to help Dane vanquish Coronado without having to sacrifice herself to the darkness. But when you're all in, blood and salt, the only way to hold on to the light might just be by setting everything on fire.



Frozen Reign | Kathryn Purdie

Katherine Tegen Books | November 2018 | 12+

Fear reigns in Riaznin. Former emperor Valko has kidnapped the youngest Auraseer and provoked a civil war. Now, he's hunting his brother, Anton, and threatening the people Sonya holds most dear. With her empathic powers gone, Sonya doesn't know how to protect the people she loves and the nation she helped free. She can't sense who to trust. She can't track Valko. She can't tell if her beloved Anton is safe. She only knows danger is coming. And there's nothing she can do to stop it. When Sonya hears a tale of an Esten Auraseer with a mysterious ability to heal, suddenly her situation doesn't feel as impossible as it once did. But without her powers, finding the legendary Auraseer will be dangerous. And if she doesn't succeed, the peace she sacrificed so much to achieve will be shattered forever. In this pulse-pounding finale to the *New York Times* bestselling series, Sonya must learn how to find her true strength—before the power she once saw as a curse is lost to her for good.

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Grim Lovelies | Megan Shepherd

HMH | October 2018 | 12+

In a beautiful Parisian townhouse, Anouk sweeps the floors. Years ago her mistress, the 400-year old Montmartre Witch, enchanted animals into human servants, called beasties: a driver, a gardener, a thief, an assassin, and a maid—Anouk. Anouk has been living in Mada Vittoria's Parisian townhouse for over a year, but has yet to set foot in the city. As she watches the lovelies walking by outside, she wonders what it's like to be one of them: Beautiful. Human. Free. Anouk may envy the lovelies, but she knows something they don't: Mada Vittoria is a member of the Haute, a society of magic handlers who control everything. When Mada Vittoria is murdered, Anouk and her fellow beasties only have three days before the spell fades and they turn back into animals forever, unless they can find a way to hold on to their humanity. Anouk must now step into the "Pretty World" where she discovers that beasties can do more than sweep floors and hang up coats. They exist for a far more deadly reason.



Once a King | Erin Summerill

HMH | December 2018 | 12+

Since before King Aodren was born, Channelers—women with a magical ability—have been persecuted in Malam. Now Aodren wants to end the bloody divide and unite his kingdom. But decades of hatred can't be overcome by issuing decrees, and rumors of a deadly Channeler-made substance are making things worse. When Lirra, a Channeler from a neighboring country, offers to help him discover the truth behind the rumors, Aodren begins to see a way forward for his people. But only if he can rewrite the mistakes of the past before it's too late. Return to the world of *Ever the Hunted* in this high-stakes spin-off novel full of intrigue, romance, betrayal, and revenge.



Splendor and Spark | Mary Taranta

Simon & Schuster | August 2018 | 12+

Magic can't save you from yourself. Things are not going well in Avinea. Faris has been forced to give up North, the man she loves, for a dangerous but necessary alliance. Her obedience is still bound by a powerful spell to his new bride, the villainous Bryn. And her mother's powerful spell fights with poisoned magic for control of her heart. But none of that matters anymore because everything Faris has done has been for her little sister, Cadence. Now they're finally reunited and Cadence is free of the spell that held her captive. But Cadence has a gut-wrenching confession: She remembers everything that happened while under the king's enchantment. She wants nothing to do with Faris. Heartbroken, Faris turns to learning how to use her mother's spell, the one bit of magic that could save them all, rather than destroy them. But is it worth it to risk everything to save a kingdom for a man that will never be hers and yet again leave behind the sister she's sacrificed so much for?

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