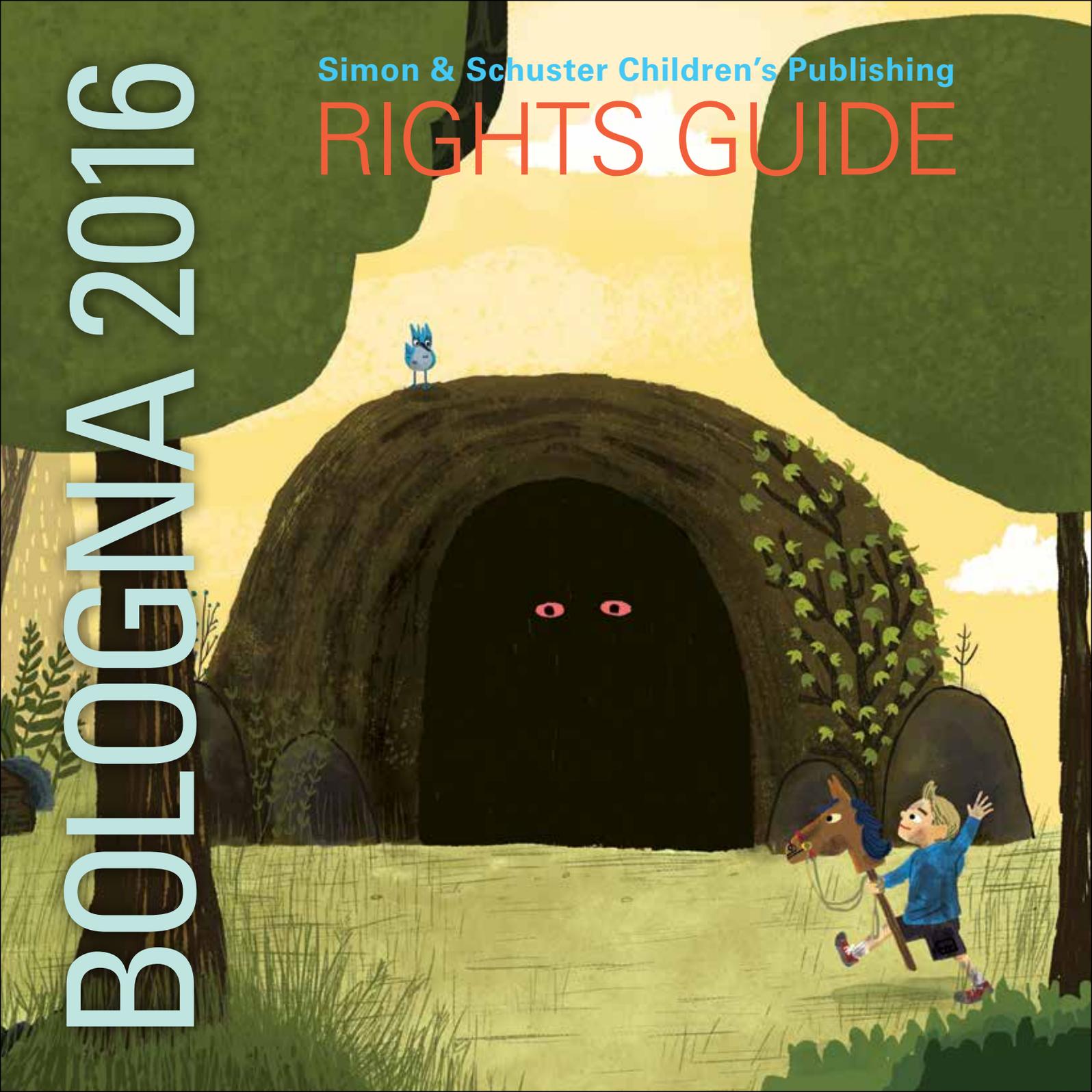


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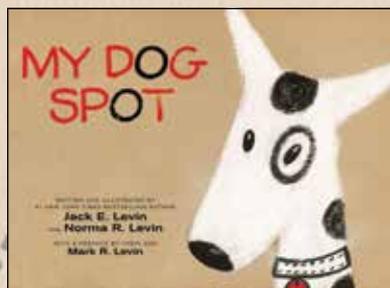
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MY DOG SPOT

By Jack E. Levin and Norma R. Levin
 Preface by Mark R. Levin
 Imprint: Aladdin

From *New York Times* bestselling author Jack E. Levin and his wife, Norma R. Levin, comes a new picture book about a boy's best friend: his dog Spot.

White with black spots and a black circle around his left eye, Spot barks and chases cats and birds, chews on slippers and bones, and especially likes riding in the car with his head out the window. Jack Levin's charming illustrations help make this sweet story as heartwarming as it is timeless.

Publication Date: May 2016

Ages: 4–8

Page Extent: 40 pp



PROVERBS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

By Jack E. Levin
 Preface by Mark R. Levin
 Imprint: Aladdin

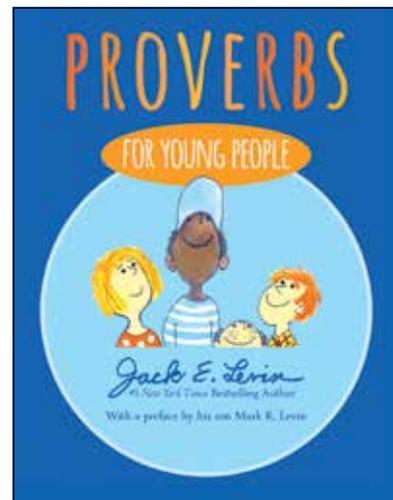
From *New York Times* bestselling author Jack E. Levin comes a new illustrated book of beloved proverbs for young readers, with a foreword by his son, *New York Times* bestselling author Mark R. Levin.

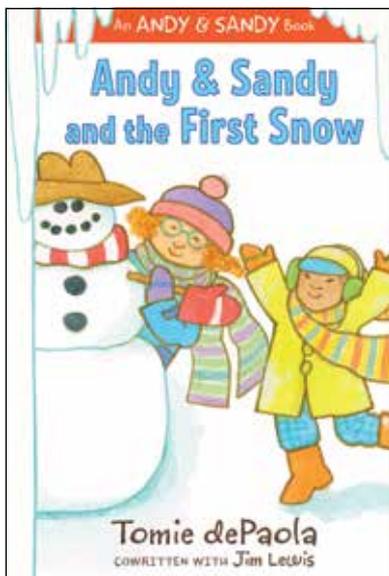
Levin brings his distinctive artistic style to twenty-nine of life's lessons, which have been passed from generation to generation for their timeless wit and wisdom. From "A Stitch in Time Saves Nine" and "Early to Bed and Early to Rise" to "Practice Makes Perfect" and "Look Before You Leap," these well-known proverbs are universal, evergreen truths.

Publication Date: November 2015

Ages: 4–8

Page Extent: 72 pp





ANDY & SANDY AND THE FIRST SNOW

By Tomie dePaola and Jim Lewis
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

From Caldecott and Newbery honoree Tomie dePaola and Emmy Award-winning *Muppets* writer Jim Lewis comes the third book in a charming easy-to-read picture book series about friendship.

*The first snow of winter is here!
Sandy wants to play outside.
Andy is not so sure.
After all, snow is very wet and very cold!
But it can be lots of fun.*

Written in simple words and short, declarative sentences, these books are perfect for little ones just learning to read on their own.

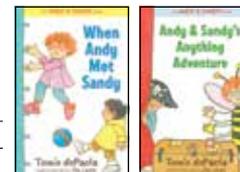
TOMIE DEPAOLA is one of the most popular children's book authors and illustrators of our time. His humor, insight, and gentle art delight all readers. A Newbery Honor recipient, he has written and illustrated a number of books, including Caldecott Honor Book *Strega Nona* as well as *Andy, That's My Name*; *Watch Out for the Chicken Feet in Your Soup*; and *Charlie Needs a Cloak*.

JIM LEWIS is an Emmy Award-winning writer and author who has been writing for frogs, pigs, and other Muppets since 1985, when he first met Jim Henson.

Publication Date: October 2016

Ages: 4–8

Page Extent: 32 pp



SNAIL HAS LUNCH

By Mary Peterson
Imprint: Aladdin

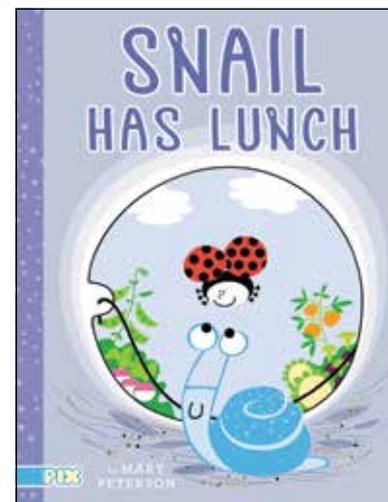
New to Aladdin PIX's line of illustrated chapter books comes a snail who leaves his bucket for a bigger world.

Snail is a merry little mollusk in his rusty bucket. Day after day, rain or shine, Snail doesn't move—and that suits him just fine. But when his bucket is turned over, his life takes a topsy-turvy turn. A journey through the vegetable garden with his adventurous friend Ladybug proves delicious—red, juicy strawberries, YUM! And dangerous when he comes face-to-face with a gopher, then a rabbit, and an unfortunate nibble on a hot red pepper . . .

Publication Date: September 2016

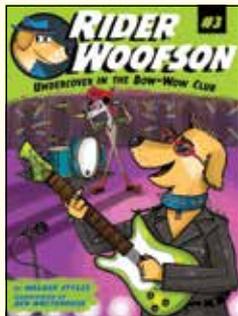
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Page Extent: 64 pp



Little Simon Chapter Books Are Filling the Gap!

Easy-to-read text and illustrations on almost every page make these chapter book series perfect for emerging readers.



RIDER WOOFSON #3: UNDERCOVER IN THE BOW-WOW CLUB #4: GHOSTS AND GOBLINS AND NINJA, OH MY!

By Walker Styles
Illustrated by Ben Whitehouse

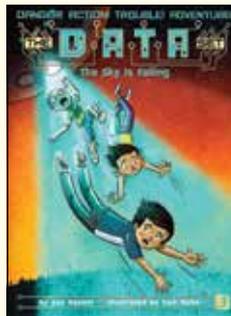
In *Undercover in the Bow-Wow Club*, a mega rock star's instruments are stolen. Can Rider solve this musical mystery before showtime?

In *Ghosts and Goblins and Ninja, Oh My!*, a team of ninjas descends upon Pawston! When the sacred scroll of Bark-Jitsu disappears, the Sensei goes to his student Westie for help. Can Westie and the rest of the Pup Investigators Pack expose the truth before the scroll is lost forever?

Publication Date: #3: May 2016; #4: July 2016

Ages: 5–9

Page Extent: 128 pp



THE DATA SET #3: THE SKY IS FALLING #4: ROBOTS RULE THE SCHOOL

By Ada Hopper
Illustrated by Sam Ricks

In *The Sky Is Falling*, Dr. Bunsen uses his newest invention—the Bunsencommunicator 3000—to communicate with aliens!

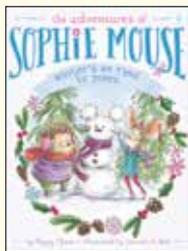
In *Robots Rule the School*, can the

DATA Set race to deprogram an army of robots before they take over Newtonberg Elementary School?

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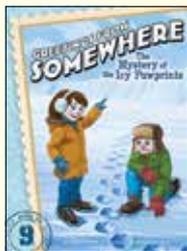
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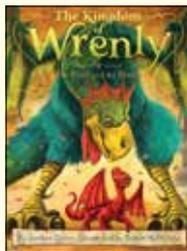
THE ADVENTURES OF SOPHIE MOUSE

By Poppy Green | Illustrated by Jennifer A. Bell



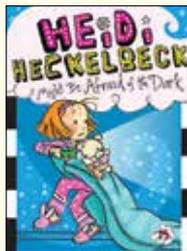
GREETINGS FROM SOMEWHERE

By Harper Paris | Illustrated by Marcos Calo



THE KINGDOM OF WRENLY

By Jordan Quinn | Illustrated by Robert McPhillips



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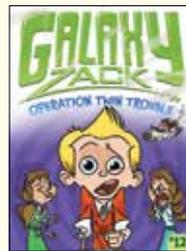
By Wanda Coven | Illustrated by Priscilla Burris

RIGHTS SOLD: Spanish, Turkish



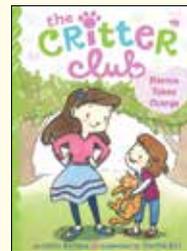
CAPTAIN AWESOME

By Stan Kirby | Illustrated by George O'Connor
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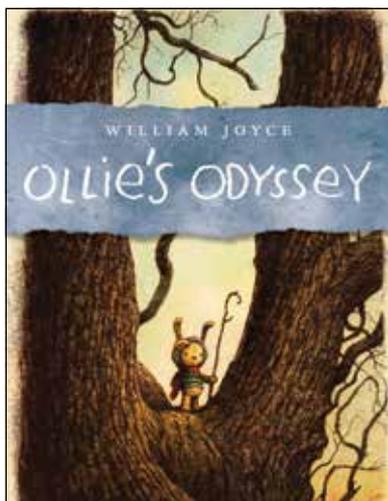
GALAXY ZACK

By Ray O'Ryan | Illustrated by Colin Jack
RIGHTS SOLD: Portuguese (Brazil), Turkish, UK



THE CRITTER CLUB

By Callie Barkley | Illustrated by Marsha Riti



OLLIE'S ODYSSEY

By William Joyce
Imprint: Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

An epic battle between good and evil by William Joyce, author of *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore* and *A Bean, a Stalk, and a Boy Named Jack*

In the secret realm of toys, there are many mysteries. There is the Code of the Toys, which is as ancient as childhood. There is the magic of becoming a child's favorite, the highest honor in the toy world.

Made by hand by Billy's mother, Oliver is a special toy, "a toy who will matter." He becomes the best friend, confidant, pal, and Billy's "favorite."

But there are villains in the Toy World, and Zozo, the ancient clown king, is the most feared. He and his toy henchmen, the Creeps, have sworn to steal and imprison favorite toys until they forget their children and become forever lost. When Ollie is toy-napped, Billy must rescue his beloved favorite from Zozo's subterranean lair in the old Carnival Place Past the Park, through the woods, and into the night.

Never has a journey of ten blocks been more epic.

Features over fifty pieces of full-color artwork.

Publication Date: April 2016

Ages: 7–11

Page Extent: 304 pp

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SAM THE MAN AND THE CHICKEN PLAN

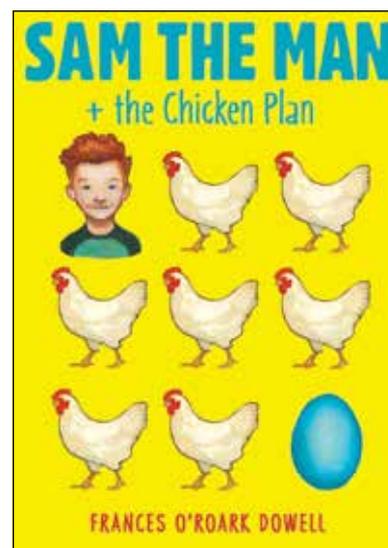
By Frances O'Roark Dowell
Illustrated by Amy June Bates
Imprint: Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

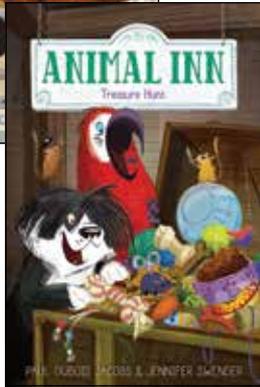
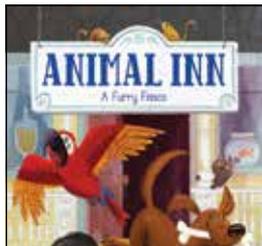
Seven-year-old Sam the Man needs a job. So he asks his next-door neighbor if she needs help doing chores. It turns out she'll pay Sam a whole dollar each time he can take her dad, Mr. Stockfish, for a walk! But convincing Mr. Stockfish to get off the couch isn't easy. AND a dollar a pop isn't gonna cut it. So when Mrs. Kerner, another neighbor, asks if he'd like to watch her chickens, he jumps on the task. Watching chickens is more fun than he expects, and it comes with an added bonus—visiting the chickens is the one thing that will coax Mr. Stockfish out of the house! But what does a boy do with all the money he's earning? It's too little for a toy and too much for candy. But wait! It's just enough for a chicken of his own—the kind that lays BLUE eggs! And now he's got a waiting list of kids who want to buy a blue egg. And what does Sam plan on doing with his new fortune? Buy Mr. Stockfish his own chicken, of course.

Publication Date: August 2016

Ages: 6–9

Page Extent: 128 pp





ANIMAL INN

#1: A FURRY FIASCO

#2: TREASURE HUNT

By Paul Dubois Jacobs and Jennifer Swender

Illustrated by Stephanie Laberis

Imprint: Aladdin

Stay and play at the Animal Inn, a new chapter book series where the fur—and fun—flies at an animal spa and hotel.

From long-term boarding to doggy and kitty day care, grooming to group play—you name it, and the Animal Inn has it. The Inn is run by the Tyler family, and in addition to the changing cast of animals, they have their own furry and feathered band: Leopold (Macaw), Fuzzy and Furry (gerbils), dogs Dash and Coco, and felines Shadow and Whiskers.

In *A Furry Fiasco*, when the animals hear that a new boarder—a Komodo Dragon—will be coming to the Inn, they panic! Is it a fire-breathing dragon? Will it gobble them all up and then devour their family? What's to become of the Animal Inn?

In *Treasure Hunt*, the animals are convinced a pirate with a glittering treasure is visiting the Animal Inn. Will the animals have to walk the plank in order to survive? Arghhh!

Publication Date: December 2016

Ages: 7–10

Page Extent: 112 pp

PIPER MORGAN

#2: PIPER MORGAN IN CHARGE

#3: PIPER MORGAN TO THE RESCUE

By Stephanie Faris

Illustrated by Lucy Fleming

Imprint: Aladdin

The second and third book in this adorable new chapter book series about Piper Morgan, who must deal with a big move and adjust to all the new places and faces she meets along the way!

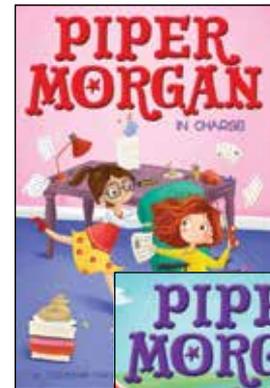
In *Piper Morgan in Charge*, Piper and her mom move in with Piper's beloved grandmother, Nanna, while Piper's mom takes a job in the local school's principal's office. Piper is excited to be a student helper, but when she finds out she is partnered with Lily, the principal's daughter, will Piper be able to make her mark at her new school?

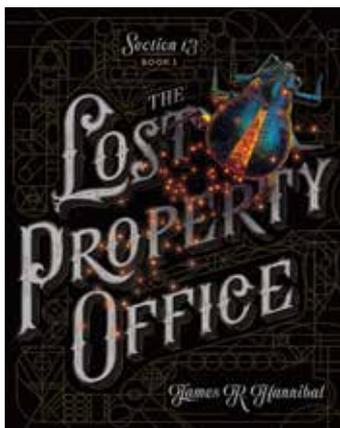
In *Piper Morgan to the Rescue*, Piper is super excited to help out at Bark Street, a local animal shelter in town. Who wouldn't want to be surrounded by adorable puppies and dogs all day? And when Piper sees Taffy, the cutest dog she has ever seen, Piper is determined to find a way to bring Taffy home. But it won't be easy—especially when she finds out someone else wants to make Taffy a part of their family too.

Publication Date: #2: August 2016; #3: November 2016

Ages: 6–9

Page Extent: 144 pp





SECTION 13

#1: THE LOST PROPERTY OFFICE

By James R. Hannibal

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

James R. Hannibal takes readers on a thrilling adventure through history, complete with mysteries, secret items, codes, and a touch of English magic.

Thirteen-year-old Jack Buckles can find things. Not just a missing glove or the other sock, but things normal people have long given up on ever seeing again. If only he could find his father, who has disappeared in London without a trace.

But Jack's father was not who he claimed to be; instead, he was a member of a secret society of detectives who have served the crown for centuries—and membership into the Lost Property Office is Jack's inheritance.

Now the only way Jack will ever see his father again is if he finds what the Clockmaker is after. And that is the Ember, which holds a secret that's been kept since the Great Fire of London.

Publication Date: November 2016

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 400 pp



THE LITTLEST BIGFOOT

By Jennifer Weiner

Imprint: Aladdin

From *New York Times* bestselling author Jennifer Weiner comes the first book in a humorous, heartwarming trilogy about friendship, furry creatures, and finding the place you belong.

Ignored by her family, shipped off to boarding school, twelve-year-old Alice Mayfield slips through the world unseen and unnoticed. More than anything, Alice would like a friend. And when she rescues mysterious, spirited Millie Maximus from drowning in a lake one day, she finds one.

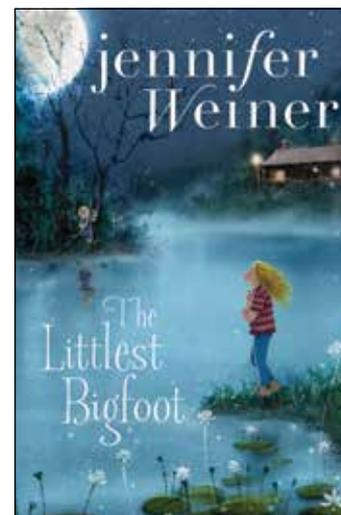
But Millie is a Bigfoot, part of a long-forgotten clan who dwells deep in the woods, silent and hidden from the human eye. Most Bigfoots believe that people—No-Furs, as they call them—are dangerous, yet Millie is fascinated with the No-Fur world. Millie is convinced that humans will appreciate all the things about her that her Bigfoot tribe does not: her fearless nature, her lovely singing voice, and her desire to be a star.

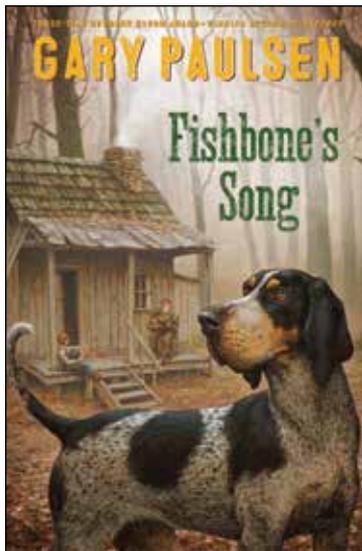
Alice swears to protect Millie and her tribe, and the two girls go in pursuit of a place where they both fit in. But what they don't know is that a league of Bigfoot hunters is on their trail, led by a lonely kid named Jeremy and funded by a shadowy network of powerful men. And in order to survive, Alice and Millie have to put their trust in each other—and their faith in themselves—above all else.

Publication Date: September 2016

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 256 pp





FISHBONE'S SONG

By Gary Paulsen

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

With a lyrical, songlike voice, three-time Newbery Honor recipient Gary Paulsen offers the tale of an orphan raised by a wise old man in the woods.

Deep in the woods, in a rustic cabin, lives an old man and the boy he's raised as his own. This sage old man has taught the boy the power of nature and how to live in it, and more importantly, how to respect it.

In *Fishbone's Song*, this boy reminisces about the magic of the man who raised him and the tales that he used to tell—all true, but different each time.

Publication Date: September 2016

Ages: 10 up

Page Extent: 160 pp



MATTHEW & HIS FUNKY FABULOUS MACHINE (W.T.)

By Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Illustrated by Stephen Gilpin

Imprint: Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

Matthew has a problem. A turkey problem. A TOM turkey problem. Every weekend, when Matthew goes to his grandparents' farm, the turkey is right there, waiting, ready to peck, peck, peck at Matthew's legs. Matthew realizes he needs something to get this turkey off his back, and so he decides to build, in Rube Goldberg's style, a giant LOUD contraption to scare the turkey for good. What he doesn't count on is the seemingly know-it-all neighbor Josie's news that there's a mysterious robber out and about. Bracelets, necklaces, and coins have gone missing, and the odd thing is that the robber leaves V-shaped footprints . . .

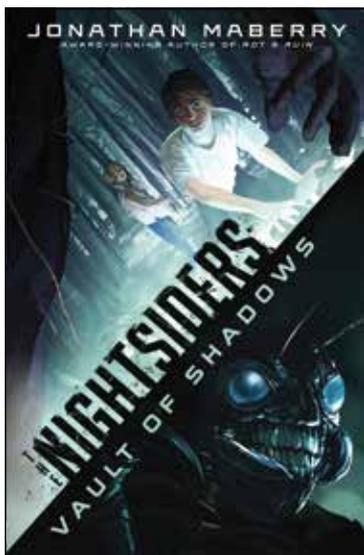
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Ages: 7–11

Page Extent: 192 pp



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THE NIGHTSIDERS #2: VAULT OF SHADOWS

By Jonathan Maberry
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Milo is faced with the choice of risking his life to save both human and magical universes, or to live and save only his own. From the *New York Times* bestselling author and recipient of the Bram Stoker prize, Jonathan Maberry, the Nightsiders series continues

After joining forces with the magical Nightsiders and surviving a trip to the enemy Bugs' Hive ship, Milo Silk still has a lot to fear. The Huntsman has pledged a revenge worse than death on Milo, a group of nefarious fairies are bent on taking back Earth, and zombie-like holo-men are trapping humans for the Bugs to take. Even more unsettling is that the Witch of the World has disappeared and a mysterious boy is haunting Milo's dreams in her stead.

But none of these threats compare to what may happen to the world if the humans and the Nightsiders don't unite to fight for each other.

Publication Date: August 2016

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 464 pp



DONNY'S INFERNO

By P. W. Catanese
Imprint: Aladdin

From award-winning author P. W. Catanese comes a fascinating novel about a twelve-year-old boy who must prevent the new kinder, gentler underworld from returning to its previous terrifying incarnation.

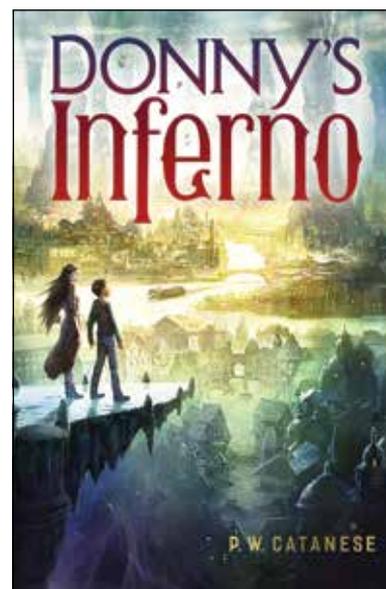
Donny Taylor is trapped atop a burning building with no way down when a girl steps out of the flames and offers to save him. Her name is Angela and she's actually a demon straight out of the underworld, and she needs a mortal to work for her. Donny has no choice—he agrees. But Hell is different now. No more pits of fire. No more demons with pitchforks. And no Devil watching over it all, because about sixty years earlier he just up and left. After his departure, Hell went through a rebranding—led by Angela and a council of other demons who agreed with her. Of course, not everyone is happy about the changes, and they'll do anything to reestablish the old order. And when Donny finds out what they're planning, it will be up to one mortal boy to stop them.

Publication Date: March 2016

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 320 pp

RIGHTS SOLD FOR THE BOOKS OF UMBER SERIES: Catalan, German, Spanish, Thai, Turkish





THE MARVELOUS MAGIC OF MISS MABEL

By Natasha Lowe
Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

Part *Penderwicks*, part Edward Eager—and completely childlike—this story of a baby, found in a flowerpot, who grows up to be a witch will win the hearts of all who read it.

The morning Nora Ratcliff finds a baby in the flowerpot on her front steps her life changes forever. She had always wanted a child, but after her husband passed away, she never thought she would have one. She decides to keep the baby and call her Mabel. As Mabel grows up, to everyone's surprise she shows a distinct talent for magic. Before long, it also becomes clear that Mabel is ungovernable and has a mind of her own.

When Mabel is accepted to the prestigious witch school, Ruthersfield Academy, she excels at the magic curriculum but is constantly in trouble for experimenting and inventing her own potions. One day she is asked to write a paper on her magical roots and discovers the truth of her birth when a mean classmate blurts out what everyone seems to know except Mabel. Mabel is shocked, but the revelation does explain a lot. In rebellion, Mabel changes her name to Magnolia and tries to understand who could have left her in the flowerpot and who her birth family might be.

Mabel comes to see that it doesn't matter where you came from; what's important is that you have someone to care for you. The best families are people who look after and love one another.

Publication Date: August 2016

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 288 pp



THE SECRET COOKIE CLUB: CAMPFIRE COOKIES

By Martha Freeman
Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

The girls from Flowerpot Cabin are back at camp in Martha Freeman's follow-up to *The Secret Cookie Club*, which *School Library Journal* called "a younger version of Ann Brashares's *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*."

Recipe for Summer Drama:

- 1 girl counselor, brokenhearted
- 1 boy counselor, super cute
- 4 determined campers

Mix all ingredients together for eight weeks at Moonlight Ranch summer camp. For best results, add cookies.

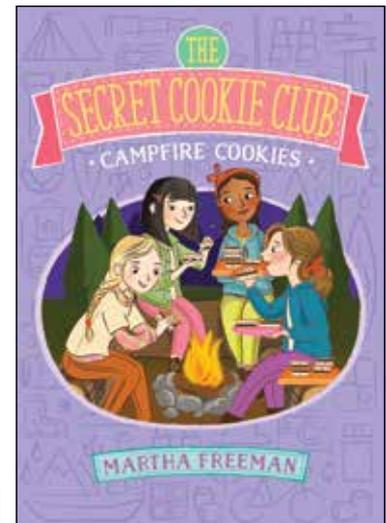
Secret Cookie Club members Grace, Emma, Olivia, and Lucy are thrilled to be back in Flowerpot Cabin with their beloved counselor, Hannah. But when a mysterious letter arrives, Hannah is plunged into despair. Secret Cookie Club to the rescue!

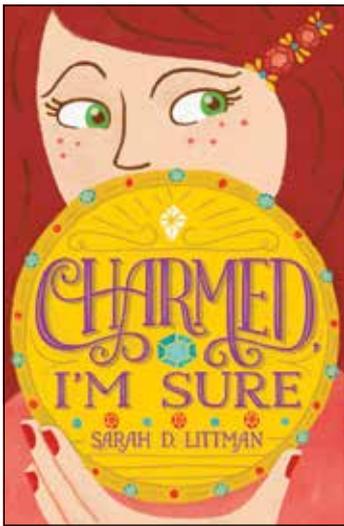
After puzzling out the contents of the letter, they make a plan to fix Hannah's life—a plan that requires a magic spell, a daring mission to the boys' camp, and a big batch of campfire cookies. What could possibly go wrong?

Publication Date: May 2016

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 288 pp





CHARMED, I'M SURE

By Sarah D. Littman
Imprint: Aladdin

Rosie White Charming—daughter of Snow and Prince—discovers that being the fairest in the land isn't all that it's cracked up to be.

Meet Rosie White Charming. You probably know her parents, Snow and Prince. Yup—THAT Snow and Prince. You would think that being the only daughter of two of the most famous people in fairy tale history would be awesome.

But you would be wrong.

After failing to secure a date for the Fall Festive dance, Rosie is on a mission to prove that the daughter of the fairest in the land can actually hold her own. With the help of a mysterious and magical compact that her mother gives her (and a nice blowout from her mother's favorite salon), Rosie starts to become the person she thinks she should be. But is being the fairest in all the land really going to give Rosie her happily-ever-after?

Publication Date: September 2016

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 256 pp

TRUTH OR DARE

By Barbara Dee
Imprint: Aladdin

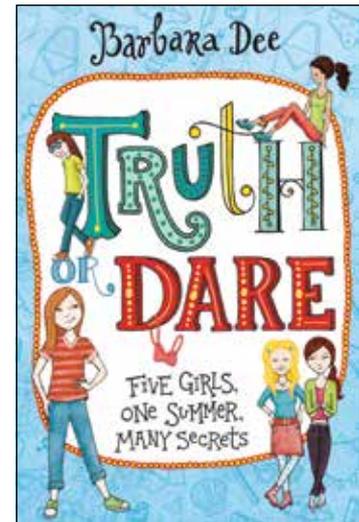
Lia discovers all kinds of secrets, lies, and truths—including her own—in this new middle-grade novel from Barbara Dee.

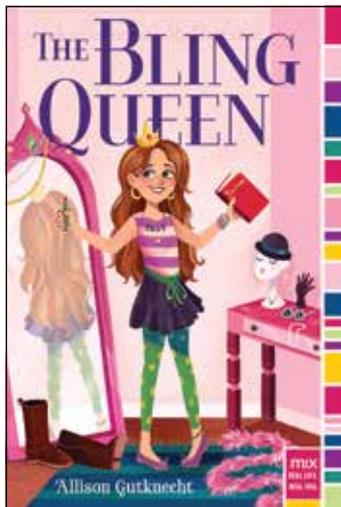
When Lia returns after a summer with her eccentric aunt, it feels like everything has changed within her group of five friends. Everyone just seems more . . . dramatic. And after playing a game of Truth or Dare, Lia discovers how those divides are growing wider. She tells a few white lies about what really happened over the summer in order to “keep up” with her friends. But is “keeping up” with her BFFs really worth it? Reminiscent of Judy Blume’s books, this middle-grade novel focuses on all the changes that happen to a tween girl—including the always changing friendship game.

Publication Date: September 2016

Ages: 9–13

Page Extent: 256 pp





THE BLING QUEEN

By Allison Gutknecht
Imprint: Aladdin

Twelve-year-old Tess loves fashion, but she has a soft spot for accessories. In fact, Tess runs her own consulting firm for the kids at her school. If you need the finishing touch for middle school dances or other special occasions, Tess can make it happen. She loves reading the *Miscellaneous Moxie*, THE online fashion blog that's as crazy about accessories as Tess.

So when MM opens up a contest, calling all of their faithful blog readers to enter to win a chance at designing an accessory of their very own, Tess jumps at the chance to create something that will wow the judges.

But things get more complicated when her former BFF-turned-frenemy, Kayte, tries to encroach on Tess's turf and submits her own entries for the blog contest. And in the midst of the Bling War, Tess discovers that a precious locket from her beloved grandmother, Mimi, is missing. Can Tess figure out the mystery behind the missing necklace and get crowned the Bling Queen too?

Publication Date: October 2016

Ages: 9–13

Page Extent: 208 pp

CRUSHING IT

By Joanne Levy
Imprint: Aladdin

In this retelling of *Cyrano de Bergerac*, twelve-year-old Kat, used to being the invisible wallflower, ends up wooing the boy next door on behalf of her best friend, and in the process realizes that true beauty—and true confidence—comes from the inside.

Kat is already so over seventh grade. Her best friend and cousin, Olivia, grew a foot over the summer and won a spot on the school's dance team. In the jungle that is middle school, Olivia is a gazelle. Braces-wearing, manga-loving, uncoordinated Kat is a warthog.

Plus, Tyler, Kat's next-door neighbor and buddy since birth, turned into a really cute boy over the summer. Suddenly the person Kat's used to playing Xbox with is causing her stomach to do cartwheels.

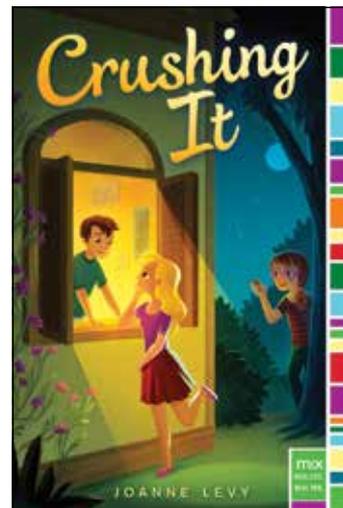
When Olivia confesses that she has a crush on Tyler and wants to ask him to the Fall Ball dance, Kat knows there's going to be a problem: Tyler thinks Olivia is just another ditsy girl who only cares about lip gloss and boy bands. Trying to be a good friend and squash her own feelings, Kat makes it her mission to get the two of them together.

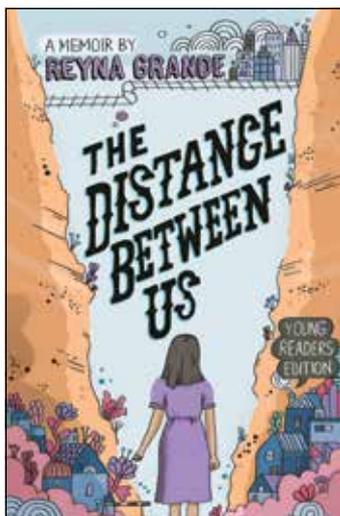
And to her delight—or maybe horror—her plan begins to work. Now that Olivia's caught Tyler's attention, Kat has to wonder if she's fooled Tyler into falling for the wrong girl. But what boy would ever choose a warthog over a gazelle?

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Ages: 9–13

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THE DISTANCE BETWEEN US

By Reyna Grande
Imprint: Aladdin

Award-winning author Reyna Grande's timely middle-grade adaptation of her acclaimed adult novel about crossing borders and cultures

When her parents make the dangerous and illegal trek across the Mexican border in pursuit of the American dream, Reyna and her siblings are forced to live with their stern grandmother, as they wait for their parents to build the foundation of a new life.

But when things don't go quite as planned, Reyna finds herself preparing for her own journey to "El Otro Lado" to live with the man who has haunted her imagination for years: her long-absent father. Both funny and heartbreaking, *The Distance Between Us* beautifully captures the struggle that Reyna and her siblings endured while trying to assimilate to a different culture, language, and family life in the United States.

Publication Date: September 2016

Ages: 10–14

Page Extent: 336 pp

A PLACE I BELONG

By Cynthia Kadohata
Imprint: Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

Newbery and National Book Award–winning author Cynthia Kadohata writes about a real-life postatomic world with a story both searing and dazzling.

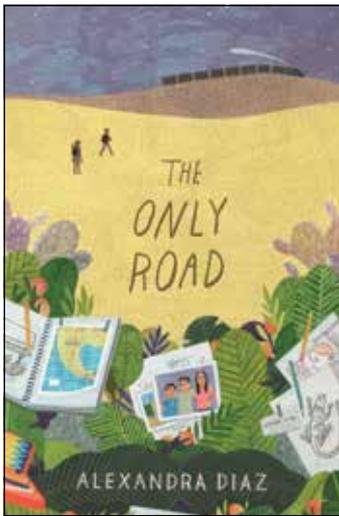
Hiroshima in 1945: the place twelve-year-old Hisa and her family have fled to, not knowing it's been bombed. Not knowing the devastation that has decimated that part of Japan. They've given up their American citizenship because of the terrible treatment they received at the US Japanese internment camps. But the tribulations they faced in the US seem minor compared to what they are now confronting. And Hisa, whose heart is even bigger than her need to eat, finds herself sneaking what little she has to those who have even less, all the while being made to feel more out of place than she had in America—she's loathed because she is American and Americans dropped the bomb. How can she feel so unwanted in the two countries she's from?

Publication Date: August 2016

Ages: 10–14

Page Extent: 240 pp





THE ONLY ROAD

By Alexandra Diaz
Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

Jaime makes the treacherous journey from his home in Guatemala to his older brother in New Mexico in this gripping and highly relevant middle-grade novel.

Jaime is sitting on his bed drawing when he hears a scream. Instantly, he knows: Miguel, his cousin and best friend, is dead.

Everyone in Jaime's small town in Guatemala knows someone who has been killed by the Alphas, a powerful gang that's known for violence and drug trafficking. Anyone who refuses to work for them is hurt or killed—like Miguel. With Miguel gone, Jaime fears that he is next. There's only one choice: accompanied by his cousin Ángela, Jaime must flee his home to live with his older brother in the United States.

Inspired by true incidents, *The Only Road* tells an individual story of a boy who feels that leaving his home and risking everything is his only chance for a better life. It is a story of fear and bravery, love and loss, strangers becoming family, and one boy's treacherous and life-changing journey.

Publication Date: October 2016

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 320 pp

BOUNDERS

By Monica Tesler
Imprint: Aladdin

In the tradition of Michael Vey and *Ender's Game*, twelve-year-old Jasper and his friends are forced to go up against an alien society in this first book in a brand-new adventure series!

Thirteen years ago, Earth Force discovered a connection between brain structure and space travel. Now the space agency has brought together the first group of uniquely talented cadets, called Bounders, to be trained as high-level astronauts who can use new spaceships to teleport.

Jasper is in the first group sent out to space. After growing up knowing that he was different from the kids around him, Jasper is excited to be with other kids who are more like him and to practice the skills he'll need as an astronaut. While learning all about the new technologies and taking classes in mobility (flight with jet packs!), Jasper befriends the four students in his pod and finally feels like he has found his place in the world.

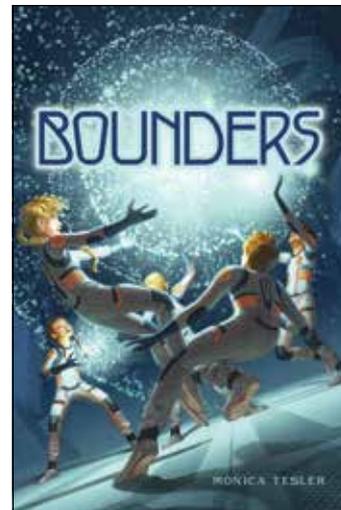
But then Jasper and his new friends learn that they haven't been told everything about Earth Force. They weren't brought to space to become perfect astronauts, but to learn a new, highly classified brain-sync technology that allows them to manipulate matter and teleport without a ship. And it isn't long before they find out that this new technology was stolen from an alien society. When Jasper and his friends discover the truth about why Earth Force needs them, they are faced with a choice: rebel against the academy that brought them together or fulfill their duty and protect Earth at all costs.

This commercial sci-fi action adventure from debut author Monica Tesler, the first in a three-book series, is grounded by relatable characters and is great for sci-fi fans and non-fans alike!

Publication Date: January 2016

Ages: 10–14

Page Extent: 384 pp





RANDOMS #2: REBELS

By David Liss

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

A science fiction superfan is heading back to space on a new mission to save Earth.

It's difficult to return to Earth after having seen the wonders of the universe—especially when Smelly, a self-important artificial intelligence, is living in your head, reminding you how much of a primitive meat bag you are. But with Smelly's help, Zeke is on his way back to space to try to earn Earth a second chance at intergalactic membership—and he'll be reunited with Tamret, the alien girl of his dreams. However, things never go as planned for Zeke, and he's once again blamed for destroying a spaceship and sent deep into the dangerous Forbidden Zone. Will his knowledge of pop culture and science fiction that saved him in *Randoms* help again?

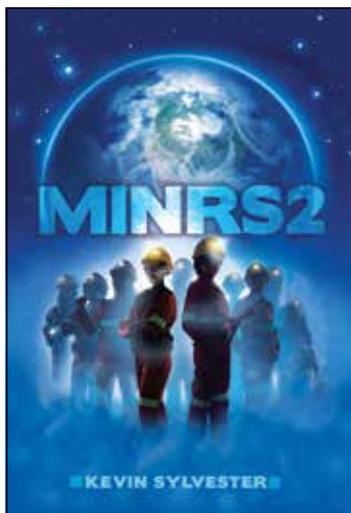
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MINRS 2

By Kevin Sylvester

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

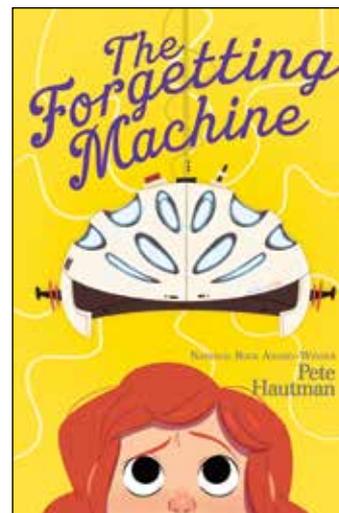
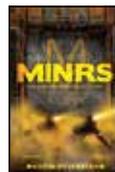
The gritty sequel to *MinRS*, a high-octane space adventure

Christopher, Elena, and the other survivors of the attack on their space colony know that a new wave of attacks is imminent. Led by a ruthless general and armed with a new lethal kind of digger, the new attackers vow to hunt down and destroy everyone. The kids have nowhere to go but underground. Again. But resources and patience are running low and the struggle to keep everyone safe is complicated by all the infighting among the kids. With deadly consequences on the line, there is no room for mistakes.

Publication Date: October 2016

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 272 pp



THE FLINKWATER CHRONICLES: THE FORGETTING MACHINE

By Pete Hautman

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

National Book Award winner Pete Hautman returns to the hilariously geeky Silicon Valley–like town of Flinkwater.

Absentmindedness in Flinkwater, a town overflowing with eccentric scientists and engineers, is nothing new. But Ginger Crump has her own problems, like the strange cat that's been following her around—a cat that seems to be able to read. And the fact that every digital book in Flinkwater has been vandalized by a fanatical censor, forcing Ginger to the embarrassingly retro alternative of reading books printed on dead trees. But when Ginger's true love and future husband Billy Bates completely forgets who she is, things suddenly get serious.

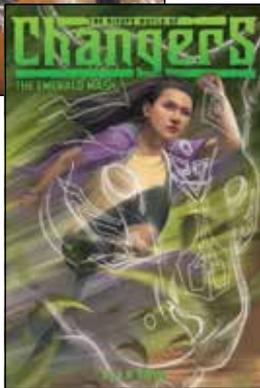
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Ages: 9–13

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THE HIDDEN WORLD OF CHANGERS

#1: THE GATHERING STORM

#2: THE EMERALD MASK

By H. K. Varian

Imprint: Simon Spotlight

Fantasy and myth collide in this wild, action-packed new middle-grade series!

When four normal seventh graders start developing incredible powers, they find out that they are Changers. Ripped from the pages of mythology and folklore, Changers are people who can transform into magical creatures. They look just like us, but underneath they are werewolves and selkies, lightning birds and spirit foxes. They come from every corner of the world—and possess magic untold.

In *The Gathering Storm*, Mack, Fiona, Darren, and Gabriella aren't exactly friends at their middle school. But when they start developing incredible powers, they find out that they are Changers, a magical race that history has forgotten. But there's little time for questions. A powerful warlock is racing toward their town, destroying everything in his wake. Can the kids harness their newfound powers in time to save their home?

In *The Emerald Mask*, the kids are training hard to control their growing powers, something that seems easy for everyone except Gabriella—she loves the speed and strength that comes with being a jaguar so much that her transformations are out of control. If Gabriella changes during a soccer game, everyone at school could learn her secret.

Publication Date: June 2016

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 176 pp

IN DUE TIME

#1: GOING, GOING, GONE

#2: STAY A SPELL

By Nicholas O. Time

Imprint: Simon Spotlight

Three middle schoolers travel back in time on madcap adventures with the help of a library book in this laugh-out-loud start to the brand-new series, In Due Time.

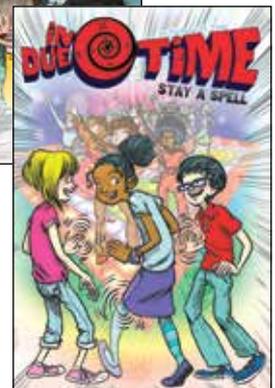
In *Going, Going, Gone*, strange things are happening in the school library. Vikings burst out of bookcases. Albert Einstein befriends a student. When the librarian tells the kids that one of the library books is actually a time-travel portal, twelve-year-old Matt Veza is excited. Can he travel back to 1951, arrange for his grandfather to get his dream job and meet the love of his life, and still make it home in time for dinner?

In *Stay a Spell*, Jada Reese just wants to go back in time one week and retake her spelling test. Spelling isn't going to be important when she's a fashion designer, just like her aunt Katy. But instead of going back in time one week, Jada finds herself in 1977, in the designer's studio where Aunt Katy works. . . .

Publication Date: July 2016

Ages: 8–12

Page Extent: 160 pp





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THE DIABOLIC

By S. J. Kincaid

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Red Queen meets *The Hunger Games* in this epic novel about what happens when a senator's daughter is summoned to the galactic court as a hostage, but she's really the galaxy's most dangerous weapon in disguise. From award-winning author S. J. Kincaid comes a novel fans of *Star Wars* and *Divergent* will delight in.

A Diabolic is ruthless. A Diabolic is powerful. A Diabolic has a single task: Kill in order to protect who you've been created for. Nothing else.

Nemesis is a Diabolic, a humanoid teenager created to protect a galactic senator's daughter, Sidonia. When the power-mad emperor learns Sidonia's father is participating in a rebellion, he summons Sidonia to the galactic court. She is to serve as a hostage. Now there is only one way for Nemesis to protect Sidonia. She must become her. Nemesis travels to the court disguised as Sidonia—a killing machine masquerading in a world of corrupt politicians and two-faced senators' children.

As the empire begins to fracture and rebellion looms closer, Nemesis learns there is something more to her than just deadly force. She finds a humanity truer than what she encounters from most humans. Amidst all the danger, action, and intrigue, this just might be the thing that saves her and the empire itself.

Publication Date: November 2016

Ages: 14 up

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THE BEAST IS AN ANIMAL (W.T.)

By Peternelle van Arsdale

Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Haunting and beautiful, *The Beast Is an Animal* is a wholly original fairy tale: shivery, dark, and deeply satisfying.

Alys was seven when the soul eaters came to her village. The soul eaters are twin sisters who were abandoned by their father and slowly grew into something not quite human. And they feed off human souls. Alys was spared, as were all the children in her village, and the young survivors were sent to a neighboring village. There the devout people have created a strict world where good and evil are as fundamental as the nursery rhymes children sing. Fear of the soul eaters—and of the Beast they believe guides them—rules village life. But the Beast is not what they think he is. And neither is Alys.

Inside, Alys feels connected to the soul eaters, and maybe even to the Beast itself. Her journey will take her through the darkest parts of the forest, where danger threatens Alys from the outside—and from within her own soul.

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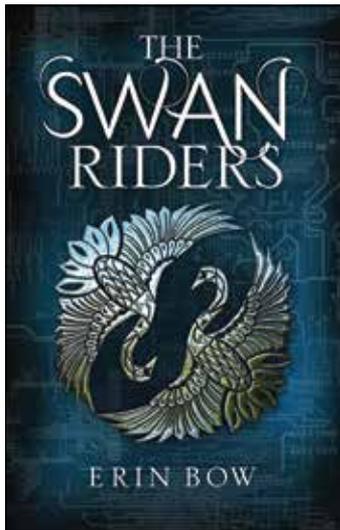
Ages: 14 up

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PRISONERS OF PEACE: THE SWAN RIDERS

By Erin Bow
Imprint: Margaret K. McElderry Books

Treacherous twists await Greta as the stakes get even higher in this stunning follow-up to the “masterful” (*School Library Journal*, starred review) novel, *The Scorpion Rules*.

Greta Stuart has become AI. New transmitters have silvered her fingerprints. New receptors have transformed her vision. And the whole of her memory has become one book in a vast library of instant knowledge. Greta is ready to rule the world.

But the new technology is also killing her.

Greta is only sixteen years old, but her new enhancements are burning through her mortal body at an alarming rate. Of course the leader of the AIs, an ancient and compelling artificial intelligence named Talis, has a plan. Greta can simply do what he’s done when the time comes, and take over the body of one of the Swan Riders, the utterly loyal humans who serve the AIs as part army, part cult.

First though, Greta will have to find a way to stay sane inside her new self. Talis’s plan for that involves a road trip. Escorted by Swan Riders, Greta and Talis set out on a horseback journey across the strange and not-quite-deserted landscape of Saskatchewan. But there are other people interested in Greta—people who want to change the world—and the Swan Riders might not be as loyal as they appear. . . .

Publication Date: September 2016

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 384 pp

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LOCK & MORI: MIND GAMES

By Heather W. Petty
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Sherlock Holmes and Miss James “Mori” Moriarty may have closed their first case, but the mystery is far from over in this thrilling second book in the Lock & Mori trilogy.

Mori’s abusive father is behind bars . . . and she has never felt less safe. Threatening letters have started appearing on her doorstep, and the police are receiving anonymous tips suggesting that Mori—not her father—is the Regent’s Park killer. To make matters worse, the police are beginning to believe them.

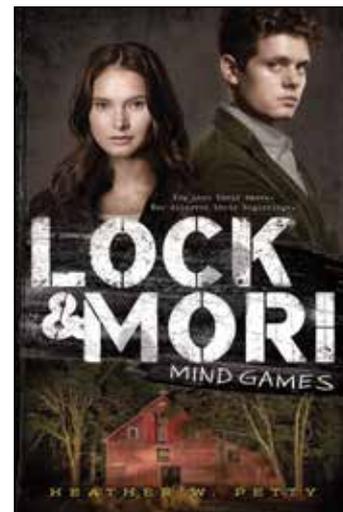
Through it all, Lock—frustrating, brilliant, gorgeous Lock—is by her side. The two of them set out to discover who is framing Mori, but in a city full of suspects, the task is easier said than done. With the clock ticking, Mori will discover just how far she is willing to go to make sure that justice is served, and no one—not even Lock—will be able to stop her.

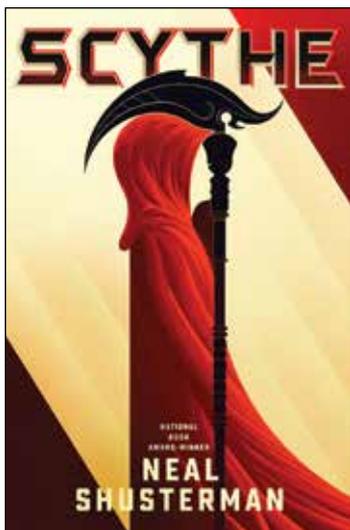
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Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 256 pp

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SCYTHE

By Neal Shusterman

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

The first book in a thrilling new series by National Book Award winner Neal Shusterman, in which a teenage boy realizes the disease-free utopia he lives in is anything but perfect when he's selected to compete to be a scythe's apprentice.

In a world where disease has been eliminated, the only way to die is to be randomly killed ("gleaned") by professional reapers ("scythes"). Citra and Rowan are teenagers who have been selected to be a scythe's apprentices, and they must learn the art of killing. They come to understand the necessity of what they do, but only one of them will be chosen as a scythe's apprentice. And when it becomes clear that the winning apprentice's first task will be to glean the loser, Citra and Rowan are pitted against each other in a fight for their lives.

Publication Date: November 2016

Ages: 12 up

Page Extent: 400 pp



SCARY OUT THERE

Edited by Jonathan Maberry

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Multiple Bram Stoker Award winner Jonathan Maberry pulls together more than twenty members of the Horror Writers of America in this terrifying collection about worst fears.

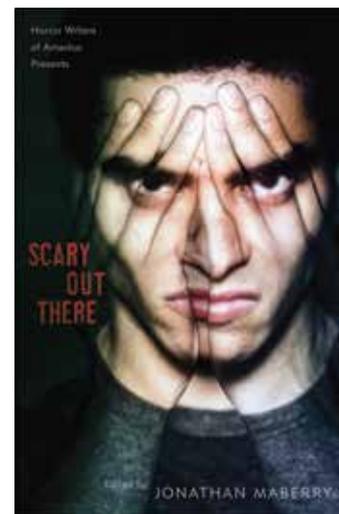
What scares you? Things that go bump in the night? Being irreversibly different? A brutal early death? The unknown?

This collection contains stories and poetry by renowned writers such as R. L. Stine, Neal and Brendan Shusterman, and Ellen Hopkins—all members of the Horror Writers of America—about what they fear most. The stories include mermaids, ghosts, and personal demons, and are edited by Jonathan Maberry, author of the Rot & Ruin series.

Publication Date: August 2016

Ages: 12 up

Page Extent: 512 pp





THE MESSENGER

By Carol Lynch Williams

Imprint: Paula Wiseman Books

PEN Award winner Carol Lynch Williams tells a story that's part romance, part ghost story, and part mystery.

Evie Messenger knows that her family is different from other families. But it isn't until her fifteenth birthday that the Messenger gift is revealed to her: a power to be able to see and talk to the dead—ghosts—often with no idea who the person was. Or as Evie says: "I see Dead People. It's a Messenger gift." At first Evie tries to ignore it, but finds she cannot, so she must search for a way to live without letting the power take over her life.

Publication Date: October 2016

Ages: 13 up

Page Extent: 288 pp



THE EFFIGIES: FATE OF FLAMES

By Sarah Raughley

Imprint: Simon Pulse

Avengers meets The Mortal Instruments in this contemporary fantasy—the first book in a trilogy featuring four girls with the power to save the world from the monstrous Phantoms . . . but only if they can figure out how to work together first.

Years ago, everything changed.

Phantoms, massive beasts of nightmare, began terrorizing the world. At the same time, four girls, the Effigies, appeared, each with the unique power to control a classical element: earth, air, fire, or water. Since then, four girls across the globe are continually tasked with the cosmic duty to protect the world—at the death of one Effigy, another is unexpectedly chosen, pulled from her normal life into the never-ending battle.

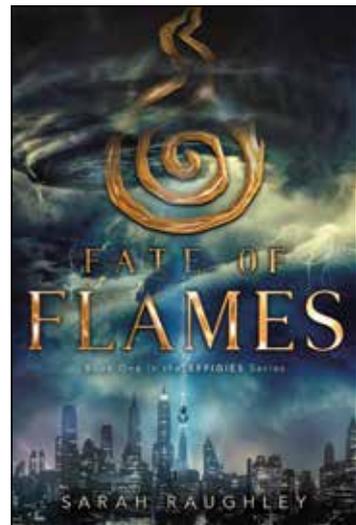
When Natalia, the Fire Effigy, is killed in battle, Maia is next to be chosen. A quiet girl with few friends and almost no family, she is immediately thrust into battle and expected to master her skill over fire. Things are made more complicated by the arrival of a new villain, Saul—a man with the never-before-seen power to control the Phantoms.

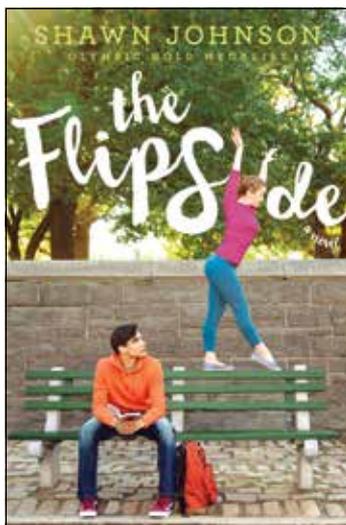
Now Maia and the other Effigies must learn to work together, at a time when their celebrity is more important than their heroism, in order to fight Saul and his Phantoms, find out the true plans behind his attacks, and, ultimately, discover the origin of his powers . . . and their own.

Publication Date: December 2016

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 320 pp





THE FLIP SIDE

By Shawn Johnson

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Charlie Ryland has a secret. She may seem like your average high school sophomore—but she’s just really good at pretending. Because outside of school Charlie spends all her waking hours training to become one of the best gymnasts in the world. And it’s not easy flying under the radar when you’re aiming for Olympic gold—especially when an irresistible guy comes along and threatens to throw your whole world off balance.

Inspired by her own experiences as a fifteen-year-old Olympic gymnast, gold medalist Shawn Johnson writes a delightfully entertaining novel about chasing big dreams and falling in love, all while trying to keep it real.

SHAWN JOHNSON has accomplished a lifetime of achievements that include four Olympic medals, a *New York Times* bestselling memoir, starting her own business, and a career in broadcasting. Johnson is a 2007 World Champion gymnast, a 2008 Olympic women’s gymnastics gold and silver medalist, and a 2006, 2007, and 2008 gymnastics National Champion—all titles she attained by the time she turned sixteen. At the age of seventeen, she became the youngest ever contestant on ABC’s eighth season of *Dancing with the Stars*, and in May 2009 she was crowned champion. *The Flip Side* is Shawn Johnson’s debut young adult novel. Find out more at ShawnJohnson.com.

Publication Date: June 2016

Ages: 12 up

Page Extent: 288 pp

26 KISSES

By Anna Michels

Imprint: Simon Pulse

Being dumped by her boyfriend is not how Veda planned on starting her summer. When Mark makes it clear that it’s over between them, Veda is heartbroken and humiliated—but, more importantly, she’s inspired. So she sets out on the love quest of a lifetime: use the summer to forget about Mark, move on, and move up. All she has to do is kiss twenty-six boys with twenty-six different names—one for each letter of the alphabet.

From the top of the Ferris wheel at her hometown carnival to the sandy dunes of Lake Michigan, Veda takes every opportunity she can to add kisses (and boys) to her list, and soon the breakup doesn’t sting quite as much. But just when Veda thinks she has the whole kissing thing figured out, she meets someone who turns her world upside down.

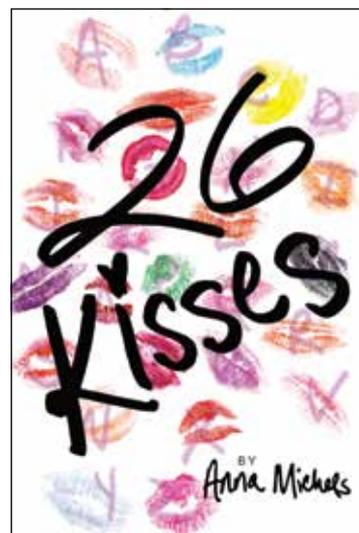
Hilarious and heartwarming, Anna Michels’s debut is the story of one girl who realizes that moving on from the supposed love of your life means taking a chance—and having the courage to love again.

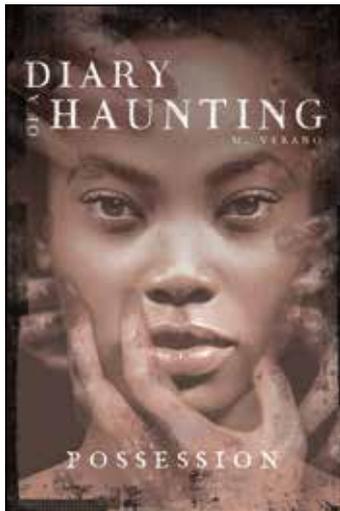
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Ages: 14 up

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DIARY OF A HAUNTING: POSSESSION

By M. Verano
Imprint: Simon Pulse

In the vein of *Paranormal Activity* and *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*, the account of an average teen experiencing a possession that might be a force of good or a force of evil set out to destroy her—in journal format with photos and images throughout

All her life, Laetitia Jones has wanted to be a star. But the path to stardom has been halted by the mysterious, undiagnosed illness that's taken over her body. Doctors don't have a clue. She stays home from school most days, documenting her strange symptoms. Symptoms that start with fevers and chills but soon escalate to strange items her body seems to be producing—bones, nails, and even glass.

As Laetitia's illness worsens and visions of horrific scenes begin to invade her mind, she starts to wonder: Is her sickness biological, or is it something more? Are the voices she hears, and the notes she finds in her own writing, signs of insanity or signs of something much more sinister and demonic? Perhaps they are signs of something more benevolent . . . something holy, even. Laetitia always knew she'd be a star . . . she just never knew how quickly it would all manifest.

Publication Date: August 2016

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 320 pp

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BOY ROBOT

By Simon Curtis
Imprint: Simon Pulse

From debut author Simon Curtis comes the first book in a fast-paced and high-stakes science fiction trilogy perfect for fans of Marie Lu and James Dashner.

Before, Isaak lived the life of the average American teenager. But on the eve of his eighteenth birthday, a dormant force awakens within him.

Moments before a fleet of men with strange, powerful weapons invade his home, Isaak flees into the night, led by a mysterious girl with an iridescent birthmark.

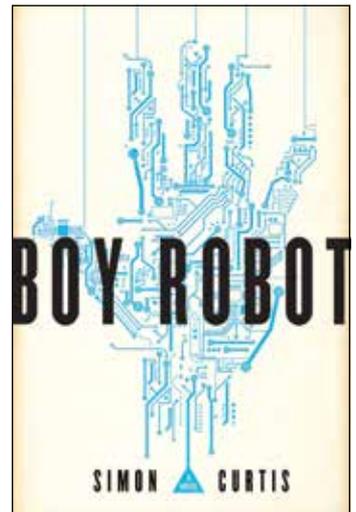
Isaak soon learns that he is a Robot: a synthetic human created by the government as a weapon. Now the same organization that created him is hell-bent on destroying him, and the only asylum for Isaak and the other Robots is the Underground—an intricate network formulated to seek out Robots, shepherd them to safety, and protect them.

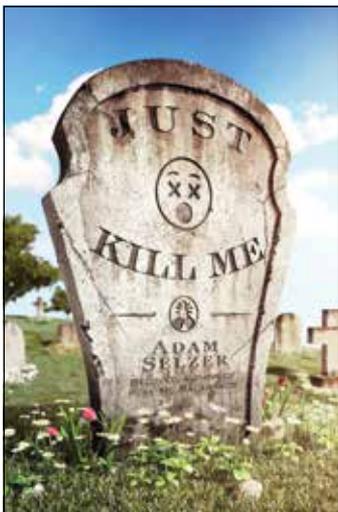
But the Underground is harshly divided between those who would seek diplomacy with the government, and those who would fight back. And Isaak must choose a side. And with the government's soldiers closing in, and Isaak's own powerful destiny revealing itself, he doesn't have long to make that choice.

Publication Date: November 2016

Ages: 14 up

Page Extent: 496 pp





JUST KILL ME

By Adam Selzer

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

***Just Kill Me* is the dark comedy of Megan's unusual summer job as a ghost tour guide, filled with authentic history, twisted legends, and scandalous fanfic.**

Megan Henske isn't one to heed warnings. . . .

When the last letters in her alphabet cereal are D, I, and E, she doesn't crawl right back into bed. When her online girlfriend won't text a photo, she just sends more of herself. And when she realizes that Cynthia, her boss at a Chicago ghost tour company, isn't joking about making stops more haunted by euthanizing people there, she doesn't quit her job—she may even help.

But soon she learns people in the murdermonger industry are being murdered and doesn't know who is behind it. Could it be the head of the rival tour company? Or could it be someone near and dear to Megan?

After she realizes she bears an uncanny resemblance to a flapper who disappeared in 1922, Megan receives a warning she can't ignore: the next ghost on the tour might be her. . . .

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SOMETIMES WE TELL THE TRUTH

By Kim Zarins

Imprint: Simon Pulse

Jeff boards the bus for the civics class trip to Washington DC with a few things on his mind:

- Six hours trapped with his classmates sounds like a disaster waiting to happen.
- He somehow ended up sitting next to his ex-best friend, whom he hasn't spoken to in years.
- He still feels guilty for the major part he played in pranking his teacher—the trip's chaperone—Mr. Bailey.
- And his best friend, Cannon, never one to be trusted and banned from the trip, has something "big" planned for DC.

But Mr. Bailey has an idea to keep everyone in line: Each person on the bus is going to have the chance to tell a story. It can be fact or fiction, realistic or fantastical, dark or funny or sad. And whoever tells the best one will get an automatic A in the class.

But in the middle of all the storytelling, with secrets and confessions coming out, Jeff only has one thing on his mind: Can he live up to the super successful story published in the school newspaper that convinced everyone that he was smart, special, and someone with something to say?

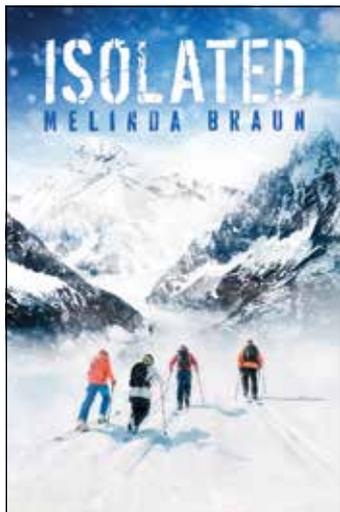
In her debut novel, Kim Zarins breathes new life into Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales* in a fresh and contemporary retelling that explores the dark realities of high school and the subtle moments that bring us all together.

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ISOLATED

By Melinda Braun
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Two groups of teens—those waiting to be saved and those doing the saving—are in a race against time and a battle against Mother Nature in this chilling novel.

All Matt was hoping for was an adventure. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to cross-country ski in a thrilling but dangerous pass through the Rocky Mountains. The perfect way for Matt to forget about his disappointing father and let loose with his best friend and a group of adrenaline junkies.

But then their guide takes them off-path . . . and straight into an avalanche. By the time they make it safely to an abandoned cabin, one skier is dead and another severely injured. Trapped with no heat, no water, and no radio, the group decides to wait it out. Help will come. It has to.

Until it doesn't. And Matt knows if they wait any longer they'll be dead. Armed with only a handful of supplies and his fierce determination, Matt decides to go head-to-head with the elements, battling hypothermia, frostbite, and even mountain lions in order to find help. That is if Mother Nature doesn't kill him first.

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THANKS FOR THE TROUBLE

By Tommy Wallach
Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

Tommy Wallach, the *New York Times* bestselling author of *We All Looked Up*, delivers a brilliant new novel about a young man who overcomes a crippling loss and discovers the redemptive power of love after meeting an enigmatic girl.

"Was this story written about me?"

I shrugged, earning a little scowl, which somehow made the girl even more pretty.

"It's very rude not to answer simple questions," she said.

I gestured for my journal, but she still wouldn't give it to me. So I took out my pen and wrote on my palm. I can't, I wrote. Then, in tiny letters below it: Now don't you feel like a jerk?

Parker Santé hasn't spoken a word in five years. While his classmates plan for bright futures, he skips school to hang out in hotels, killing time by watching the guests. But when he meets a silver-haired girl named Zelda Toth, a girl who claims to be quite a bit older than she looks, he'll discover there just might be a few things worth living for.

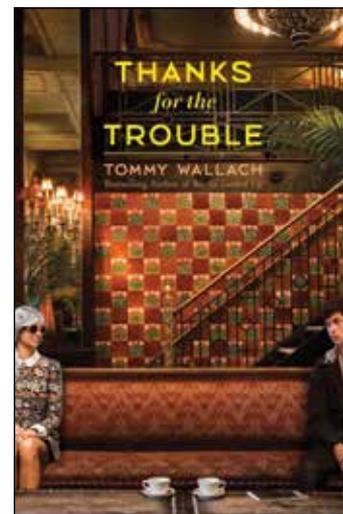
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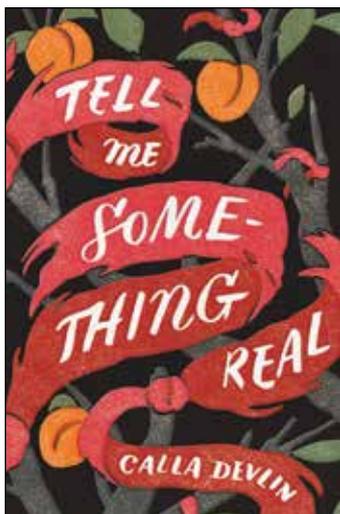
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TELL ME SOMETHING REAL

By Calla Devlin

Imprint: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

A brilliant debut novel about three sisters whose world is about to shatter under the weight of an incomprehensible betrayal, perfect for fans of *Everything, Everything* and *We Were Liars*

This is the story of the three beautiful blond Babcock sisters: gorgeous and foul-mouthed Adrienne, observant and shy Vanessa, and the youngest and best-loved, Marie. They have always been close, but now that their mother has leukemia, they depend on one another even more. Days at home in California alternate with time at a clinic in Mexico where their mother goes to receive alternative treatments that are banned in the United States.

Vanessa is the middle child, a talented pianist who is trying to hold her family together despite the painful loss that they all know must come soon. But as she and her sisters navigate first loves and college dreams, they are completely unaware that an illness far more insidious than cancer poisons their home.

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CURE FOR THE COMMON UNIVERSE

By Christian McKay Heidicker

Imprint: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

***It's Kind of a Funny Story* set in video game rehab, *Cure for the Common Universe* is a hilarious, quirky, character-driven contemporary debut for fans of Jesse Andrews and Andrew Smith.**

Sixteen-year-old Jaxon is being sent to video game rehab . . . ten minutes after meeting a girl. A living, breathing girl named Serena, who not only laughed at his jokes but actually kinda sorta seemed excited when she agreed to go out with him.

Jaxon's first date. Ever.

In rehab, Jaxon can't blast his way through galaxies to reach her. He can't slash through armies to taste her sweet lips. Instead, he has four days to earn one million points by learning real-life skills. And he'll do whatever it takes—lie, cheat, steal, even learn how to cross-stitch—in order to make it to his date.

If all else fails, Jaxon will have to bare his soul to the other teens in treatment, confront his mother's absence, and maybe admit that it's more than video games that stand in the way of a real connection.

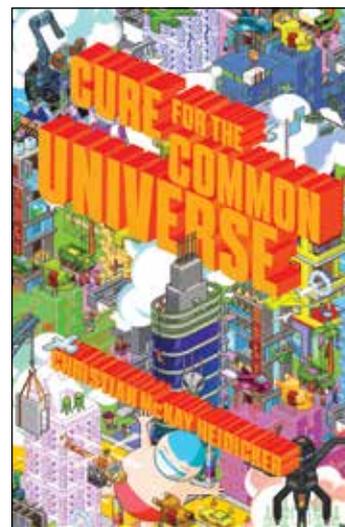
Prepare to be cured.

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