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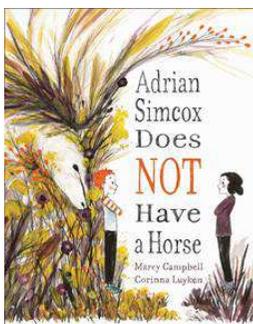


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**CHILDREN AND
YOUNG ADULT**

PICTURE BOOKS



ADRIAN SIMCOX DOES NOT HAVE A HORSE, BY MARY CAMPBELL / 19 PP

A classic in the making, this heartwarming story about empathy and imagination is one that families will treasure for years to come

Adrian Simcox tells anyone who will listen that he has a horse--the best and most beautiful horse anywhere.

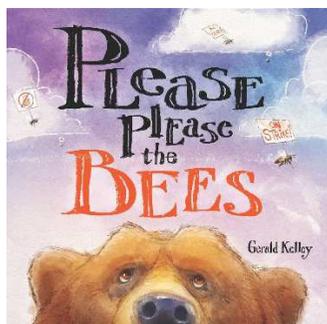
But Chloe does NOT believe him. Adrian Simcox lives in a tiny house. Where would he keep a horse? He has holes in his shoes. How would he pay for a horse?

The more Adrian talks about his horse, the angrier Chloe gets. But when she calls him out at school and even complains about him to her mom, Chloe doesn't get the vindication she craves. She gets something far.

PENGUIN

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PLEASE, PLEASE THE BEES, GERALD KELLEY/ 30 PP

A cute reminder for children to both take care of nature, and not take others for granted

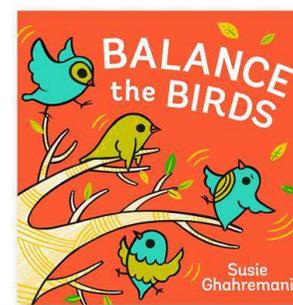
Benedict has a pretty sweet life for a bear. Every morning the bees leave a jar of honey on his doorstep, and every day he has honey for breakfast and honey in his tea. It's an important part of his day. But all that changes when the bees go on strike. Now it's up to Benedict to listen to the bees, and he realizes there's a lot more he could be doing to help them. So, he fixes up the hive and learns to be a better beekeeper.

Will the bees be pleased?

ALBERT WHITMAN

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BALANCE THE BIRDS, SUSIE GHAREMANI / 21 PP

A playful book about the concepts of weight and balance

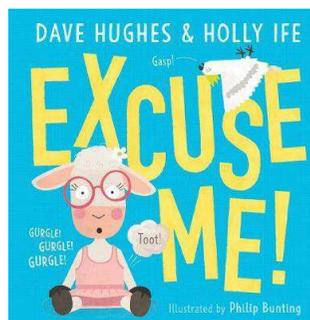
A follow-up to *Stack the Cats*, BALANCE THE BIRDS is a charming book about balance and relative size. When birds spot a tree and decide to land on its branches, it's up to the readers to help them find the perfect balance. The concepts of greater than versus less than and heavy versus light are key early math skills for toddlers, making Balance the Birds an important concept book with a hilarious and charming twist.

ABRAMS

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PICTURE BOOKS



EXCUSE ME! DAVE HUGHES & HOLLY IFE / 17 PP

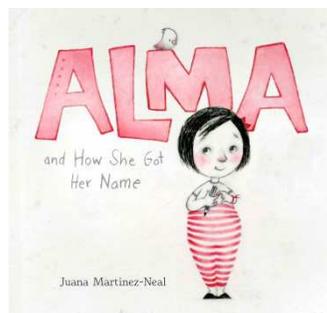
Moral of the story: it's better out than in. Martha May has marvelous manners. She always says 'please' and 'thank you'... and she most certainly DOES NOT FART!

But what will happen on the day of the Baked Bean Bonanza?! Catch a whiff of this hilarious tale about finally letting go, from Dave Hughes, Holly Ife and Philip Bunting. From hugely popular comedian and TV/ radio personality DAVE HUGHES and Holly Ife! It's a gas! Perfectly polite Martha May was inspired by Dave's friend and radio co-host—Kate Langbroek—who infamously claims that she DOES NOT FART! A side-splitting story that builds... and builds... and builds... into one epic and earth-shattering explosion!

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ALMA AND HOW SHE GOT HER NAME, JUANA MARTINEZ-NEAL/ 28 PP

The first picture book both written and illustrated by award-winning artist Juana Martinez-Neal shares a universal story about discovering who you are

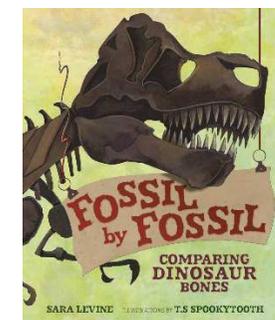
Uncertain about her long name, Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela asks her father about her name. As she hears the stories behind each of the different family members she is named after, she discovers a bit of herself in each and every one. Whether named after a loving grandfather, adventurous aunt, long-lost-friend, or inspiring famous person, young readers will want to discover their own story behind *their own* name.

* ALMA sold at auction with seven publishers bidding!

TARYN

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FOSSIL BY FOSSIL, SARA LEVINE / 20 PP

This picture book will keep you guessing as you find out how human skeletons are like—and unlike—those of dinosaurs!

What dinosaur would you be if you had a bony ridge rising from the back of your skull and three horns poking up from the front?

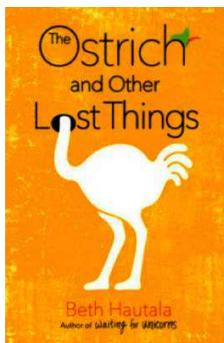
Answer: a triceratops!

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MIDDLE-GRADE



THE OSTRICH AND OTHER LOST THINGS, BETH HAUTALA / 288 PP

The bonds and challenges of caring for a sibling with autism are bravely explored, along with the pain and power that comes from self-discovery.

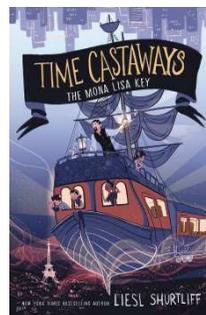
Eleven-year-old Olivia Grant has a knack for finding lost things. There's only one thing Olivia has never been able to find--her brother Jacob's toy ostrich. It wasn't until the day Jacob lost his ostrich that Olivia noticed how different he was: Jacob is autistic, and though she's his little sister, Olivia often feels like the older of the pair, his caretaker.

So when the local community theater announces auditions for an all children's production of her favorite show, Olivia jumps at the chance to claim something for herself. But what begins as a promising opportunity and a wonderful escape quickly becomes pure chaos. The visiting zoo with an odd assortment of animals--including an ostrich that causes even more trouble than Jacob's missing toy--only make matters worse, as Olivia's summer is shaping up to be just as consumed by Jacob's needs as the rest of her life has been.

UPSTART CROW LITERARY

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TIME CASTAWAYS #1: THE MONA LISA KEY by Lisel Shurtliff/ 258 PP

“What do you say to a chance to go wherever and whenever you want? A chance to make time yours?”

When in the Hudson family, there aren't too many rules. It's the usual stuff: Be good. No funny business. And no Hudson kid is allowed to ride the subway alone without a supervising adult, EVER. On Mateo Hudson's birthday, he and his two siblings learn that there's a good reason for this rule. You see, the Hudson family has a huge secret. And that secret involves a rogue subway train, time travel, and an important missing object. At first the Hudson siblings think they've just ended up on the wrong train. But before they know it, Mateo, Ruby, and Corey Hudson are traveling across continents and time under the guidance of a strange captain. The train has shapeshifted into a frigate ship, and they've landed in 1911 France—just in time to become accomplices to the greatest art heist of all time.

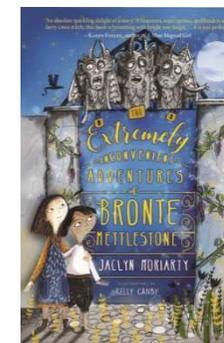
* Trilogy.

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THE EXTREMELY INCONVENIENT ADVENTURES OF BRONTE METTLESTONE, JACI MORIARTY'S/343 PP

An absolute sparkling delight of a story! Whispers, water sprites, spellbinders and faery-cross stitch; this book is brimming with bright new magic...just perfect

I was ten years old when my parents were killed by pirates. This did not bother me as much as you might think. Bronte Mettlestone's parents ran away to have adventures when she was a baby, leaving her to be raised by her Aunt Isabelle and the Butler. She's had a perfectly pleasant childhood of afternoon teas and riding lessons.

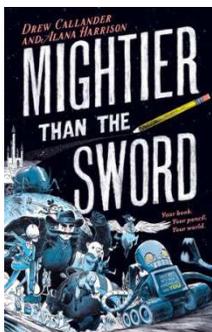
But Bronte's parents have left extremely detailed (and bossy) instructions for Bronte in their will. The instructions must be followed to the letter, or disaster will befall Bronte's home. She is to travel the kingdoms and empires, perfectly alone, delivering special gifts to the other aunts.

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MIDDLE-GRADE



[MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD BY DREW CALLANDER AND ALANA HARRISON/ 162 PP](#)

A humorous and fantastical interactive middle-grade novel that pulls you, the reader, into the action. Yes, YOU!

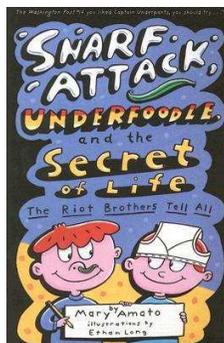
You wake up in the fictional land of Astorya, where stories from our world come to life. You're a real human being (we assume), and in this fictional world, that makes you a superhero. Armed with your trusty pencil you have the power to create: what you write, draw or scribble in the book becomes part of the story!

Only you can rescue Prince S. from the evil Queen Rulette. Aided by the Couriers--a French stoat with dangerous dance moves, a giant dung beetle, a fire ninja, a Pegasus-centaur-cowgirl and a super-intelligent femalien chameleon--you must write, draw, and puzzle your way through a hilarious adventure that is unique to every reader! And most importantly, you must prove that the pencil is mightier than the sword.

PENGUIN

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[SNARF ATTACK, UNDERFOODLE AND THE SECRET OF LIFE: THE RIOT BROTHERS TELL ALL The Riot Brothers Tell All, MARY AMATO / 128 PP](#)

Sometimes they are undercover detectives. Other times they challenge each other to see who can get the most underwear on his head in exactly thirty seconds

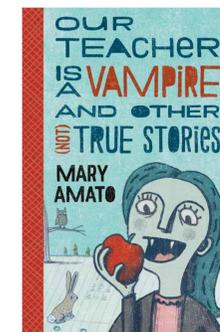
Move over, Captain Underpants, a couple of new pranksters are in town. The action is divided into three "books," with six chapters each. In the first, the brothers are determined to catch a crook. They make a windfall by giving lessons in being annoying to their classmates, are reprimanded by the principal (who is also their mother), and still manage to foil a bank robber on the way home from school. Next, while searching for treasure, they find a mysterious box in the closet. After they finally open it, they discover that the contents, although not worth money, are still valuable. The final installment has the duo building a catapult designed to overthrow a king and using it instead to defeat a bully. Full-colour illustrations

*Serie of 4 books.

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[OUR TEACHER IS A VAMPIRE, MARY AMATO/ 256 PP](#)

All teachers have a secret... discover Mrs Penrose's.

It all begins when Alexander H. Gory Jr. passes around a notebook in which he reveals a tantalizing secret: he has proof that their teacher, Mrs. Penrose, is a vampire. Soon the entire class is speculating and adding their opinions to the notebook until... it lands in Mrs. Penrose's hands. It turns out that Mrs. Penrose has been keeping a secret: she is expecting a baby. But since the notebook is encouraging her students to write and improving their spelling and grammar, Mrs. Penrose allows it to continue circulating.

GALLT & ZACKER

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FANTASY



THE RULE OF ONE, ASHLEY AND LESLIE SAUNDERS / 281 PP

In their world, telling the truth has become the most dangerous crime of all.

In the near-future United States, a one-child policy is ruthlessly enforced. Everyone follows the Rule of One. But Ava Goodwin, daughter of the head of the Texas Family Planning Division, has a secret—one her mother died to keep and her father has helped to hide for her entire life. She has an identical twin sister, Mira.

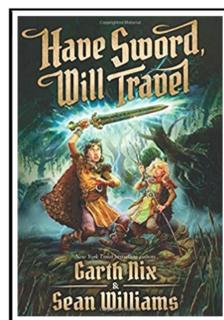
For eighteen years Ava and Mira have lived as one, trading places day after day, maintaining an interchangeable existence down to the most telling detail. But when their charade is exposed, their worst nightmare begins. Now they must leave behind the father they love and fight for their lives.

Branded as traitors, hunted as fugitives, and pushed to discover just how far they'll go in order to stay alive, Ava and Mira rush headlong into a terrifying unknown.

AMAZON

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HAVE SWORD, WILL TRAVEL, GARTH NIX AND SEAN WILLIAMS / 288 PP

Finding Biter is only the start - boy, girl, and sword must soon go on a quest to save their kingdom from threats in both human and dragon form.

It is strange enough that Odo and Eleanor have stumbled upon a sword in a dried-up river outside their village. It is even stranger that Odo is able to remove it from where it's buried. And it's REMARKABLY strange when the sword starts.

Odo and Eleanor have unearthed Biter, a famous fighter from earlier times. By finding Biter, Odo instantly becomes a knight - a role he is exquisitely unsuited for. Eleanor, however, would make a PERFECT knight - but she's not the one with the sword.

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BURNING GLASS#1, KATHRYN PURDIE 416 PP

Steeped in intrigue and betrayal, *Burning Glass* captivates with heartrending romance, dangerous magic, and one girl's quest for redemption.

Sonya was born with the rare gift to feel what those around her feel—both physically and emotionally—a gift she's kept hidden from the empire for seventeen long years. After a reckless mistake wipes out all the other girls with similar abilities, Sonya is hauled off to the palace and forced to serve the emperor as his sovereign Auraseer.

Tasked with sensing the intentions of would-be assassins, Sonya is under constant pressure to protect the emperor. As she struggles to wrangle her abilities, Sonya seeks refuge in her tenuous alliances with the charming-yet-volatile Emperor Valko and his idealistic younger brother, Anton, the crown prince. But when threats of revolution pit the two brothers against each other, Sonya must choose which brother to trust—and which to betray.

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YA REALISTIC



TO BE HONEST, MAGGIE ANN MARTIN / 301 PP

A high school senior must live alone with her weight-obsessed mother after her sister goes off to college.

Savannah is dreading being home alone with her overbearing mother after her sister goes off to college. But if she can just get through senior year, she'll be able to escape to college, too. What she doesn't count on is that her mother's obsession with weight has only grown deeper since her appearance on an extreme weight-loss show, and now Savvy's mom is pressuring her even harder to be constantly mindful of what she eats.

Between her mom's diet-helicoptering, missing her sister, and worrying about her collegiate future, Savvy has enough to worry about. And then she meets George, the cute new kid at school who has insecurities of his own. As Savvy and George grow closer, they help each other discover how to live in the moment and enjoy the here and now before it disappears.

MACMILLAN PUBLISHING GROUP

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IF YOU'RE OUT THERE, KATY LOUTZENHISER / 278 PP

A whip-smart, dual-POV contemporary-realistic YA debut with a Veronica Mars vibe and crafty structure akin to *Where'd You Go, Bernadette*.

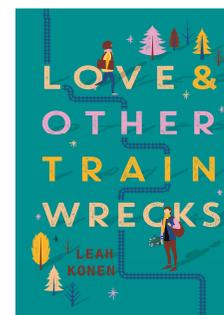
When Pri moves to California she stops talking to Zan, and Zan knows something isn't right. Pri's social media posts just don't seem like her, but no one else seems that concerned. So Zan tries to investigate with the help of the tall, cute, hilarious, and resourceful Logan. And when you find out how Pri has been using her social media to communicate, your head and heart will do a big flipflop!

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LOVE AND OTHER TRAIN WRECKS, LEAH KONEN / 269 PP

A twenty-four-hour romance about two teens who meet—and perhaps change their minds about love—on a train ride to Upstate New York in the middle of a snowstorm

Seventeen-year old Ammy West is not in the mood for love. She's on a train, bound for her father's commitment ceremony in Hudson, and dreading every minute of it. Even worse, her seatmate is a ball cap-wearing bro, who introduces himself as Noah Adler. He's clutching a bouquet of flowers and prattling on about winning back his ex-girlfriend.

When the train breaks down, Noah concocts a crazy plan to get them both to Hudson on time, sending them on a mad-cap adventure through the snowy hills of upstate New York. The day is a disaster, but it's the most fun Ammy's had in forever. And with time running out, she doesn't know which she dreads more—her father's ceremony or saying goodbye to Noah.

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YA REALISTIC



THE HISTORY OF JANE DOE, MICHAEL BELANGER / 281 PP

A poignant, deeply funny coming-of-age story about first love, first loss, and the power of history to give life meaning.

History buff Ray knows everything about the peculiar legends and lore of his rural Connecticut hometown. Burgerville's past is riddled with green cow sightings and witches' curses, but the most interesting thing about the present is the new girl--we'll call her Jane Doe.

Inscrutable, cool, and above all mysterious, Jane seems as determined to hide her past as Ray is to uncover it. As fascination turns to friendship and then to something more, Ray is certain he knows Jane's darkest, most painful secrets and Jane herself--from past to present. But when the unthinkable happens, Ray is forced to acknowledge that perhaps history can only tell us so much.

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JUNIPER LEMON'S HAPPINESS INDEX, JULIE ISRAEL / 320

PP

Funny, warm, and moving. A novel about loss and making our own joy

It's been sixty-five days since the accident that killed Juniper's sister, and ripped Juniper's world apart. Then she finds the love letter: written by Camilla on the day of the accident, addressed mysteriously to "You," but never sent. Desperate to learn You's identity and deliver the message, Juniper starts to investigate. Until she loses something. A card from her Happiness Index: a ritual started by sunny Camie for logging positives each day. It's what's been holding Juniper together since her death – but a lost card only widens the hole she left behind. And this particular card contains Juniper's own dark secret: a memory she can't let anyone else find out.

The search for You and her card take Juniper to even less expected places, and as she connects with those whose secrets she upturns in the effort, she may just find the means to make peace with her own.

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ALL THE FOREVER THINGS, JOLENE PERRY/276 PP

From growing up in the funeral home her family runs, Gabriella knows that death is a part of life and nothing is forever.

Yet Bree, her best friend, has been a constant; it's always been the two of them together against the world. But when Bree starts dating a guy--the worst guy-- from that ultra-popular world, suddenly she doesn't have time for Gabe anymore. Now the only one at school who wants to spend time with "Graveyard Gabe" is Hartman, the new guy, but Gabe, not wanting to lose her mind over a boyfriend the way Bree has, holds back. It takes a very strange prom night (with the family hearse instead of a limo) for Gabe to truly fall for Hartman. But when she leaves the after-prom party with him, she's not there for Bree--or for the deadly accident that happens that night. Bree survives, but will she and Gabe ever be able to rebuild their friendship?

**"An interesting and unusual romance."

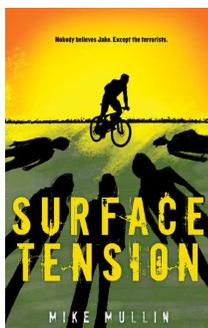
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CROSSOVER



[SURFACE TENSION, MIKE MULLIN/ 272 PP](#)

Nobody believes Jake. Except the terrorists.

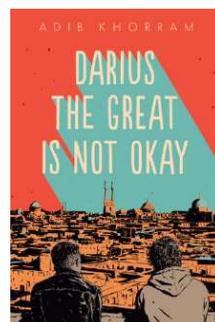
After witnessing an act of domestic terrorism while training on his bike, Jake is found near death, with a serious head injury and unable to remember the plane crash or the aftermath that landed him in the hospital.

A terrorist leader's teenage daughter, Betsy, is sent to kill Jake and eliminate him as a possible witness. When Jake's mother blames his head injury for his tales of attempted murder, he has to rely on his girlfriend, Laurissa, to help him escape the killers and the law enforcement agents convinced that Jake himself had a role in the crash.

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[DARIUS THE GREAT IS NOT OKAY, ADIB KHORRAM / 239](#)

PP

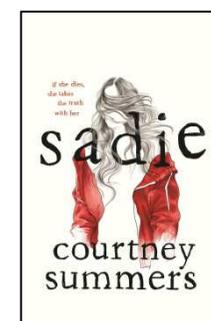
The debut follows a 15-year-old boy, who is a “tea-obsessed, clinically depressed, half-Iranian Star Trek nerd whose sense of self is transformed by his first trip to Iran

Darius Kellner speaks better Klingon than Farsi, and he knows more about Hobbit social cues than Persian ones. He's about to take his first-ever trip to Iran, and it's pretty overwhelming--especially when he's also dealing with clinical depression, a disapproving dad, and a chronically anemic social life. In Iran, he gets to know his ailing but still formidable grandfather, his loving grandmother, and the rest of his mom's family for the first time. And he meets Sohrab, the boy next door who changes everything. Sohrab makes sure people speak English so Darius can understand what's going on. He gets Darius an Iranian National Football Team jersey that makes him feel like a True Persian for the first time. And he understands that sometimes, best friends don't have to talk. Sohrab calls him Darioush the original Persian version of his name and Darius has never felt more like himself than he does now that he's Darioush to Sohrab. When it's time to go home to America, he'll have to find a way to be Darioush on his own.

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[SADIE, COURTNEY SUMMERS/ 378 PP](#)

A gripping novel about the depth of a sister's love; poised to be the next book you won't be able to stop talking about.

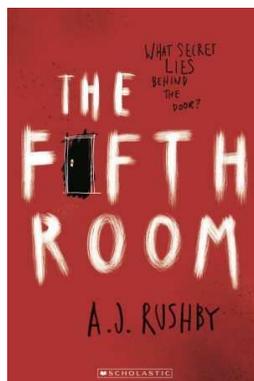
West McCray popular public radio personality, hardly knows what he's getting himself into when he overhears a story about a missing girl in a small Colorado town and decides to find out. But something about this story has struck a chord in him. He needs to find out what happened to her. 19-year-old Sadie Southern has no idea that her story will soon become the subject of a major podcast. She's bought a car off Craigslist and she's following clues that she hopes will lead to the man who killed her sister Mattie, who was recently found beaten to death in a field near their home. Having raised Mattie on her own, she is the only person Sadie has ever truly loved. She's fought to keep her alive and safe for the past few years since their mother disappeared. She can't go on until she has avenged her murder. As West investigates Sadie's disappearance, chronicling the whole thing on what will become a major podcast called The Girls, he finds he feels more urgency and desperation to find her with each clue that comes his way.

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THRILLER



[THE FIFTH ROOM, ALLISON RUSHBY / 288PP](#)

When a brilliant high-school student is invited to join an international secret society, she leaves everything behind in pursuit of the high-stakes rewards it offers.

Four selected students are pitted against each other to push the boundaries of medicine using illegal self-experimentation. Miri discovers her boyfriend is also in the society and they must pretend they don't know each other, or risk expulsion, and more.

But when they realize that a fifth student is secretly experimenting alongside them, the stakes are raised dramatically. Now they must decide how far they will go...and some, it seems are willing to go much farther than others.

SCHOLASTIC AUSTRALIA

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[THE FALL OF GRACE, AMY FELLNER/ 288 PP](#)

An adventure-thriller with a hint of romance, in which not everything is as perfect as it seems.

Grace's junior year is turning into her best year yet. She's set to make honor roll, her print from photography class might win a national contest, and her crush just asked her. Then the bottom falls out. News breaks that the investment fund her mom runs is a scam and her mother is a thief. Now, instead of friends, the FBI is at her door. Millions of dollars are unaccounted for, and everyone wants to know where all the money went. Can she find it and clear her mother's name?

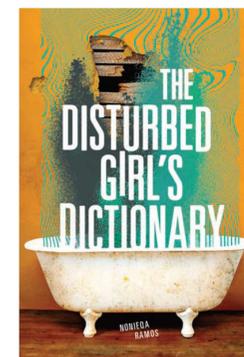
The key to repairing her shattered life seems to lie in a place deep in the wilderness, and Grace sets out, her identity hidden, determined to find it.

Sam Rivers, a mysterious loner from school, is on her trail and wants to know exactly what secrets she uncovers. As the pair travels into the wilds, Grace realizes she must risk everything on the dark, twisted path to the truth.

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[THE DISTURBED GIRL'S DICTIONARY, NONIEQA RAMOS / 344 PP](#)

Brilliant and beautiful story about mental illness

Macy's school officially classifies her as "disturbed," but Macy isn't interested in how others define her. She's got more pressing problems: her mom can't move off the couch, her dad's in prison, her brother's been kidnapped by Child Protective Services, and now her best friend isn't speaking to her. Writing in a dictionary format, Macy explains the world in her own terms complete with gritty characters and outrageous endeavors.

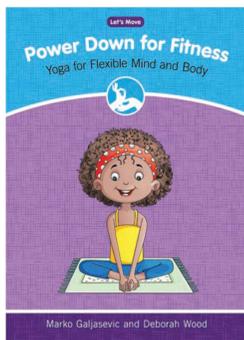
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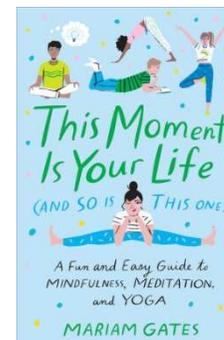
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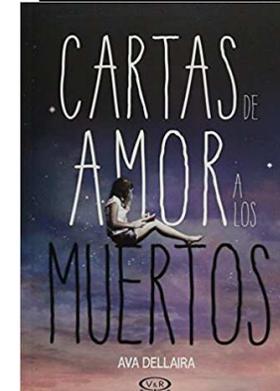
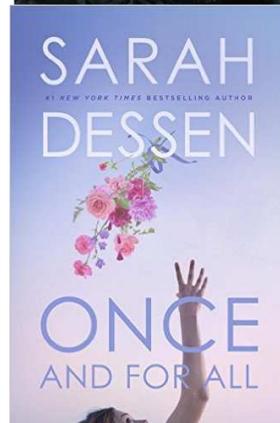
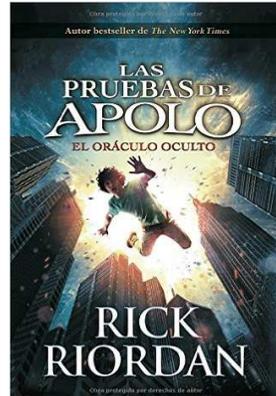
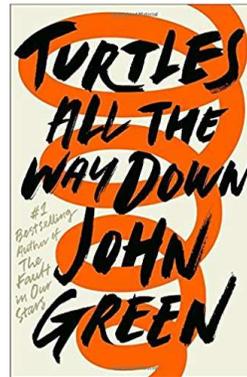
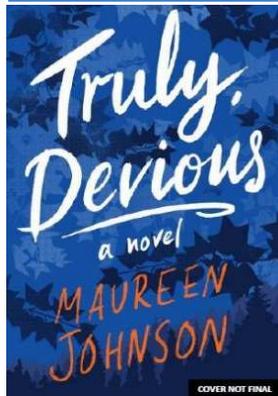
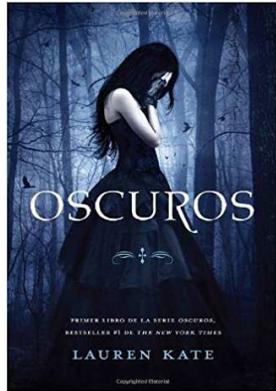
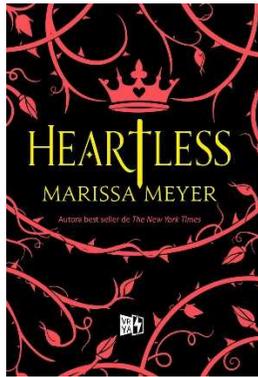
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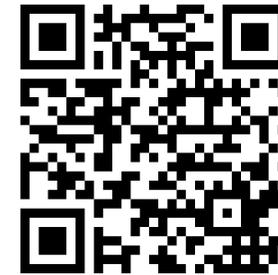
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