

CHILDREN'S FICTION

***The Bluest Sky* by Christina Diaz Gonzalez**

A boy and his family must decide whether to remain in Cuba under a repressive government or risk everything for the chance of a new beginning.

***A Duet for Home* by Karina Yan Glaser**

As their friendship grows over a shared love of classical music, June and Tyrell confront a new housing policy that puts homeless families in danger.

***Egypt's Fire* by Tom Phillips**

When a rare ruby goes missing from the New York Museum of Natural History, John is accused of the crime until Inspector McGee says otherwise and they team up to solve the mystery.

***Long Lost* by Jacqueline West**

Feeling lonely and out of place after her family moves to a new town, Fiona Crane (11yo) ventures to the local library, where she finds a gripping mystery novel about a small town, family secrets, and a tragic disappearance.

***The Lucky Ones* by Linda Williams Jackson**

In 1967, when his teacher loans him a copy of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," Ellis Earl Brown (11yo) is amazed to encounter a family worse off than his own and wonders if happy endings only come in books.

***Maizy Chen's Last Chance* by Lisa Yee**

Maizy Chen (11yo) visits her estranged grandparents, who own and run a Chinese restaurant in Last Chance, Minnesota; as her visit lengthens, she makes unexpected discoveries about her family's history and herself

***Omar Rising* by Aisha Saeed**

Omar must contend with being treated like a second-class citizen when he gets a scholarship to an elite boarding school.

***A Perfect Mistake* by Melanie Conklin**

Max (11yo) struggles with his ADHD and making mistakes, so when a mistake leaves one friend in a coma and another shutting him out, Max resolves to find out what really happened that night

***Willodeen* by Katherine Applegate**

When the annual migration of hummingbirds, a source of local pride and income, dwindles and no one knows why, Willodeen, armed with a magical birthday gift, speaks up for the animals she loves and vows to uncover this mystery.

***Word Travelers and the Taj Mahal Mystery* by Raj Haldar**

Eddie and MJ are suddenly transported to India where they must use their word knowledge to solve a mystery and help their new friend Dev save his school.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

***Cameron Battle and the Hidden Kingdoms* by Jamar J. Perry**

When Cameron and his friends are transported through the pages of an ancestral book to a fabled West African country, they find a kingdom in extreme danger and have to find a way to save it.

***Defy the Night* by Brigid Kemmerer**

The kingdom of Kandala is recovering from a devastating plague but the cure is rare and expensive, so a girl hatches a plan to infiltrate the castle and bring the corrupt system crashing down.

***Flirting with Fate* by J.C. Cervantes**

Ava Granados's Nana appears as a ghost asking for help so Ava, with the help of her sisters and spiritual guide, Medardus, must befriend the boy who received the blessing the night of the storm.

***The Fort* by Gordon Korman**

When a tight-knit group of middle school friends discover a trap door in the woods of an intact bomb shelter, they vow to keep the place a secret while sharing their individual secrets.

***Ghostlight* by Kenneth Oppel**

Working as lighthouse tour guide, Gabe tells the story of Rebecca Strand's mysterious death and hauntings, but he doesn't believe in ghosts until he finds himself face to face with Rebecca. The true story of her death is far more terrifying than any ghost tale.

***Hollow Fires* * by Samira Ahmed**

After discovering the body of Jawad Ali (14yo) in Jackson Park, journalism student Safiya Mirza (17yo) begins investigating his murder and ends up confronting white supremacy in her own school.

***I Must Betray You* by Ruta Sepetys**

In a country governed by isolation, fear, and a tyrannical dictator, Cristian Florescu (17yo) is blackmailed by the secret police to become an informer, but he decides to use his position to try to undermine the regime and expose to the world what is happening.

***Love Decoded* by Jennifer Yen**

Gigi (HS Jr) wants to be picked for a contest that could lead to an tech internship, but when her matchmaking app goes viral, Gigi must deal with the consequences of helping her friends find love.

***Me (Moth)* * by Amber McBride**

Moth, who lost her family in an accident, and Sani, who is battling ongoing depression, take a road trip that has them chasing ghosts and searching for ancestors.

***Mirror Girls* by Kelly McWilliams**

Biracial twin sisters--one who presents as black and the other as white--are determined to put the ghosts of the past to rest and to uncover the truth behind their parents' murders in the Jim Crow South.

* for more mature readers

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INFORMATIONAL

Action! How Movies Began by Meghan McCarthy

Shows how early photography capturing motion became silent films, which led to the first color films.

Cougar Crossing: How Hollywood's Celebrity Cougar Helped Build a Bridge for City Wildlife by Meeg Pincus and Alexander Vidal P-22, the famous 'Hollywood Cougar' brought awareness for the need for a wildlife crossing over the highway.

The Elephants Come Home by Kim Tomsic and Hadley Hooper The amazing true story of elephants, the man who saved them, and the miracle of love that brought them home.

Galloping Gertie: The True Story of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge Collapse by Amanda Abler and Levi Hastings Captures the story of the infamous collapse of the first Tacoma Narrows Bridge in Washington State.

The Great Stink: How Joseph Bazalgette Solved London's Poop Pollution Problem by Colleen Paeff and Nancy Carpenter The true story about the determined engineer who fixed London's pollution problem.

Harriet's Ruffled Feathers: The Woman Who Saved Millions of Birds by Joy McCullough and Romina Galottta After learning about the millions of birds dying for their feathers, Harriet starts the Audubon Society.

Headstrong Hallie! The Story of Hallie Morse Dagget, the First Female Fire Guard by Aimée Bissonette and David Hohn In the 1880s, Hallie overcame discrimination to become the first woman 'fire guard' hired by the U.S. Forest Service.

I Am Smoke by Henry Herz and Merce Lopez Smoke itself acts as narrator, telling the reader how it has served humankind since prehistoric times in a myriad of ways.

It Takes Guts: How Your Body Turns Food into Fuel (and Poop) by Jennifer Gardy and Belle Wuthrich An illustrated book about the digestive system and microbiome.

What's In Your Pocket: Collecting Nature's Treasures by Heather Montgomery and Maribel Lechuga Collecting, sorting, and playing with objects taught these young people how to observe, classify, and discover.

PICTURE BOOKS

Abdul's Story by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow and Tiffany Rose Abdul loves telling stories but thinks his mistakes will keep him from becoming an author, until Mr. Muhammad visits and encourages him to persist.

Chester Van Chime Who Forgot How to Rhyme by Avery Monsen and Abby Hanlon

Rhyming has always come easily to Chester van Chime. But one day he loses his gift and struggles to find the right words.

Chez Bob by Bob Shea A lazy alligator comes up with a plan to lure his prey by opening up a restaurant for birds--until he realizes that birds are better as friends

Clovis Keeps His Cool by Katelyn Aronson and Eve Farb Clovis used to struggle with his temper, but ever since he took over his late grandmother's china shop, he's learning how to manage it.

Counting to Bananas by Carrie Tillotson and Estrela Lourenco A banana wants to be the star of this rhyming counting book, but the narrator has other plans.

Field Trip to Volcano Island by John Hare In this wordless picture book, a student is accidentally left behind on a field trip to a volcano island.

Gibberish by Young Vo When Dat starts school where he does not speak the language, everything around him sounds like gibberish until a new friend helps him make sense of his new world.

Have You Seen Gordon? by Adam Jap Epstein and Ruth Chan A purple tapir named Gordon refuses to remain hidden and decides to stand out.

I'm Not Missing by Kshelle Gourley and Skylar Hogan Sick of the pressures of pet life, one dog escapes, but then he sees his owner with a new dog and feels unexpectedly jealous.

Spoonful of Frogs by Casey Lyall and Vera Brosgol A story about a witch who is having a hard time wrangling a bunch of frogs into her frog soup until she comes up with a surprising solution.

POETRY

Sakamoto's Swim Club by Julie Abery and Chris Sasaki The inspirational and little-known story of a dedicated teacher who coached Hawaiian swimmers all the way to the Olympics.

Smitten with Kittens by Florence Friedmann Minor and Wendell Minor Celebrate all the things that kittens do as they play, explore, and make mischief

Wait—And See by Helen Frost Photographs of praying mantises accompanied by descriptions follow this insect's life cycle.

Worst-Case Collin by Rebecca Caprara His father is obsessed with a classic math problem and has a hoarding problem, leaving Collin desperate to hide this chaos from his friends and everyone else, even as he struggles with his own grief.

Zoobilarions! Animal Poems and Paintings by Douglas Florian A collection of poems celebrating animals, from weasels to hammerhead sharks.

GRAPHIC NOVELS: CHILDREN

Garlic & the Vampire by Bree Paulsen Garlic must believe in herself to confront a bloodthirsty vampire who has moved into a nearby castle.

Invisible by Christina Diaz Gonzalez and Gabriela Epstein Five very different students are forced together by their school to complete community service... and may just have more in common than they thought.

Lumberjackula by Mat Heagerty and Sam Owen Jack, who is half-vampire and half-lumberjack, struggles to choose between a vampire academy and a lumberjack school when all he really wants is to dance.

Sir Ladybug by Corey R. Tabor When a caterpillar needs rescuing from a monster, Sir Ladybug and his trusty friends hatch the perfect (delicious) plan.

The Tryout by Christina Soontornvat and Joanna Cacao Christina confronts both well-meaning ignorance and cruel racism, while she and her best friend Megan are both excited and nervous to try out for the popular cheerleading squad.

GN: YOUNG ADULT

Huda F Are You? by Huda Fahmy Huda F. is starting high school in a new town and needs to figure out where she fits in.

Isla to Island by Alexis Castellanos A wordless graphic novel in which Marisol (12yo) must adapt to a new life in 1960s Brooklyn after her parents send her to the U.S. from Cuba to keep her safe during Castro's regime.

Messy Roots: A Graphic Memoir of a Wuhanese-American by Laura Gao Going between past and present, a Chinese American wants to make the basketball team, escape Chinese school, and figure out why she's attracted to girls.

Ride On by Faith Erin Hicks and Kelly Fitzpatrick After a heartbreaking friend fight, Victoria needs a new start--at new stables. Edgewood Stables has plenty of horses to ride, and Victoria is perfectly happy giving the other riders the cold shoulder. But can she truly be happy with no friends?

Squire by Sara Alfageeh and Nadia Shammas In this breathtaking and timely story, Aiza will have to choose, once and for all: loyalty to her heart and heritage, or loyalty to the Empire.