PrankLab
by Wade Fairclough
PrankLab shows kids how they can use everyday household items to exploit the laws of physics, biology, and chemistry through entertaining (and perfectly safe) pranks.

A Test of Courage
by Justina Ireland
Long before the Clone Wars, the Empire, or the First Order, the Jedi lit the way for the galaxy in a golden age known as the High Republic!
Also available on Hoopla.

That Thing About Bollywood
by Supriya Kelkar
Middle-schooler Sonali cannot bring herself to share her feelings, but when she wakes up one day and begins to involuntarily burst into Bollywood song and dance routines that showcase her emotions, she realizes she has to find her voice and share her feelings.

Goldie Vance and the Hocus Pocus Hoax
by Lilliam Rivera
The Crossed Palms is hosting the first ever League of Magical Arts Convention, bringing the world’s most renowned magicians to the resort, including an overeager part-time magician and detective named Derek Von Thurston. When some of the magic starts to go awry, Goldie -- and Derek -- are on the case!

Houdini and Me
by Dan Gutman
Eleven-year-old Harry Mancini lives in the house where Houdini spent his final years, so he has even learned a few simple magic tricks; but he never expected Houdini to contact him from beyond the grave--and what Houdini wants him to do could well cost Harry his own life.

Rivals
by Tom Greenwald
In basketball-crazed Walthorne, rival middle school stars Austin Chambers and Carter Haswell are both feeling the pressure when school sports reporter Alfie Jenks reveals scandals that jeopardize the whole season.

Books for Kids in Grade 5
2021
Amari and the Night Brothers
by B.B. Alston

Thirteen-year-old Amari, a poor Black girl from the projects, gets an invitation from her missing brother to join the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs and join in the fight against an evil magician. Also available on Hoopla, Overdrive, Cloud Library.

Snapdragon
by Kat Leyh

When Snap rescues a family of baby opossums, she asks the town witch, Jacks, for help caring for them, but as Snap starts to get to know Jacks, she realizes that Jacks may have a connection with Snap's family past.

Rescue
by Jennifer Nielsen

Meg watches the German soldiers in town, and sometimes carries messages for the French resistance—but suddenly things have gotten more dangerous: now there is a wounded British officer hiding in her grandmother's barn and German soldiers are nearby.

Merci Suarez Can't Dance
by Meg Medina

Merci embarks on a seventh grade year shaped by high teacher expectations and a bossy classmate's plan for the annual Heart Ball.

The Ice Monster
by David Walliams

When Elsie, an orphan on the streets of Victorian London, hears about the mysterious Ice Monster, a woolly mammoth found at the North Pole, she's determined to discover more.

The Ambassador of Nowhere Texas
by Kimberly Willis Holt

In 2001, seventh-grader Rylee Wilson and new student Joe, whose father was a New York City first responder on 9/11, decide to find Zachary Beaver and reunite him with Rylee's father, Toby.

Class Act
by Jerry Craft

This graphic novel tells four stories of Beijing. The stories begin with Yu'er, a Chinese girl who dreams of swimming in the Special Olympics. When her swim-class application is rejected because of her disability, Grandpa has an ingenious solution. Each story will draw you in with words and pictures.

A Place to Hang the Moon
by Kate Albus

In World War II England, orphaned siblings William, Edmund, and Anna are evacuated from London to live in the countryside, where they bounce from home to home in search of someone willing to adopt them permanently.

30,000 Stitches
by Amanda Gilman Davis

The inspiring story of the American flag that flew over Ground Zero, traveled across all fifty states as it was repaired, and returned to New York, a restored symbol of unity.

Wonder Women of Science
by Tiera Fletcher

Meet award-winning aerospace engineer Tiera Fletcher and twelve other science superstars and hear them tell in their own words not only about their fascinating work, but also about their childhoods and the paths they traveled to get where they are.