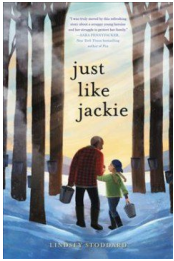


Tight

by Torrey Maldonado

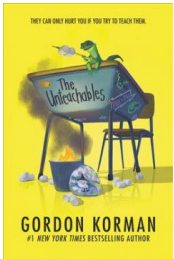
After his quick-tempered father gets in a fight and is sent back to jail, sixth-grader Bryan, known for being quiet and thoughtful, snaps and follows new friend Mike into trouble.



Just like Jackie

by Lindsey Stoddard

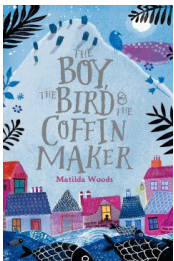
Fifth grader Robbie is determined to stay out of trouble so that she does not worry her grandfather whose memory is failing and to make sure that she and her grandfather stay together as he is the only family she has left.



The unteachables

by Gordon Korman

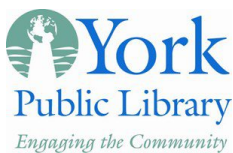
Isolated from the rest of their school, a notorious class of misfits, delinquents and academic underachievers embark on a year of unexpected changes with a burned-out teacher who has been shattered by a cheating scandal. By the author of Restart.



The boy, the bird, & the coffin maker

by Matilda Woods

Alberto, the town's coffin maker, and Tito, a runaway boy, both lonely after suffering tragic losses, learn the power of friendship as they try to escape the shadows of their pasts.



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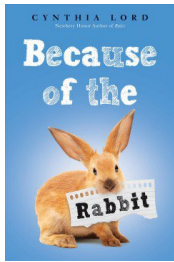
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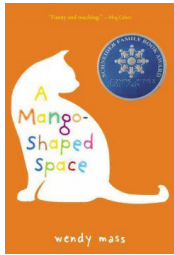




Because of the rabbit

by Cynthia Lord

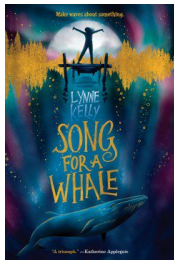
Accompanying her game warden father on a routine call on the last night of summer before she ends homeschooling and starts public school for the first time, young Emma finds herself caring for a baby bunny while navigating a project with an animal-loving boy who does not quite fit in.



A mango-shaped space

by Wendy Mass

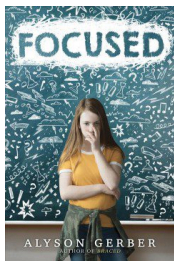
Offers the story of thirteen-year-old Mia Winchell whose perception of life is truly different due to synesthesia, an unusual physiological condition where a person sees sounds, smells colors, and tastes shapes, and tells how she has learned to embrace the condition and cope with it in her daily routine.



Song for a whale

by Lynne Kelly

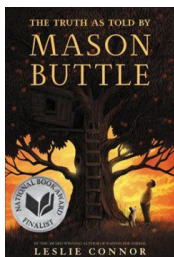
Frustrated by the communication challenges of the hearing world as her school's only hearing-impaired student, a 12-year-old electronics whiz uses her tech skills to help a whale that has lost its ability to communicate. By the award-winning author of Chained.



Focused

by Alyson Gerber

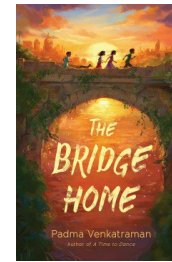
Clea can't control her thoughts. She knows she has to do her homework . . . but she gets distracted. She knows she can't just say whatever thought comes into her head . . . but sometimes she can't help herself. Clea knows life can't continue the way it's been going. She's just not sure how you can fix a problem that's all in your head.



The truth as told by Mason Buttle

by Leslie Connor

As he grieves his best friend Benny's death, Mason and his friend Calvin, who are targeted by the neighborhood bullies, create an underground haven for themselves, but when Calvin goes missing Mason finds himself in trouble.



The bridge home

by Padma Venkatraman

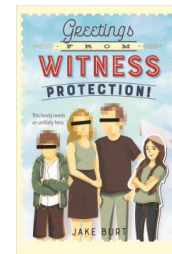
Facing daunting prospects on the streets of Chennai, two runaway sisters find shelter and friendship on an abandoned bridge with two homeless boys before an illness forces them to choose between survival and freedom.



The thing about jellyfish

by Ali Benjamin

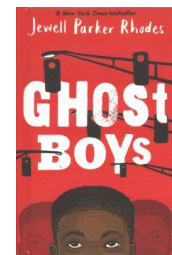
Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death.



Greetings from witness protection!

by Jake Burt

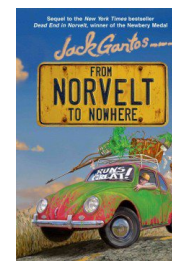
Nikki Demere is an orphan and a kleptomaniac, making her the perfect girl to portray the Trevors' daughter in witness protection, but she soon learns that the biggest threat to her new family's security comes from her own past.



Ghost boys

by Jewell Parker Rhodes

After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till.



From Norvelt to nowhere

by Jack Gantos

After an explosion, a new crime by an old murderer, and the sad passing of the founder of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack accompanies his slightly mental elderly mentor, Miss Volker, on a cross-country run as she pursues the oddest of outlaws.