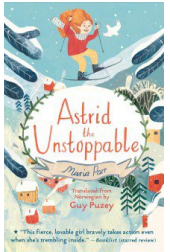


The Very Very Far North

by Dan Bar-el

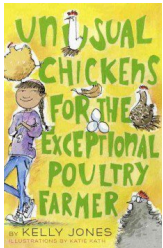
As Duane, a polar bear, explores his new home he makes friends with the wide variety of creatures he encounters, despite their varied personalities.



Astrid the Unstoppable

by Maria Parr

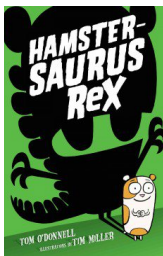
Pippi Longstocking meets Heidi meets Anne Shirley in this tale of an irrepressible girl in a mountain village who navigates unexpected changes with warmth and humor.



Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer

by Kelly Jones

Through a series of letters, Sophie Brown, age twelve, tells of her family's move to her Great Uncle Jim's farm, where she begins taking care of some unusual chickens with help from neighbors and friends.



Hamster-Saurus Rex

by Tom O'Donnell

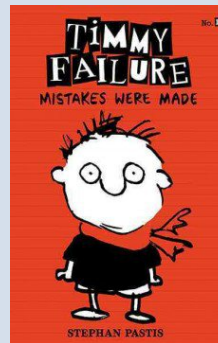
Eleven-year old Sam befriends a hungry class hamster that undergoes a freaky transformation



Two Dogs in a Trench Coat

by Julie Falatko

Sassy and Waldo are good dogs, who keep their house safe (from squirrels, mostly), and worry about their boy, Stewart, who always comes home from school smelling of anxiety; so the two dogs come up with a plan to help him-- they will dress up in a trench coat and attend school, posing as a new student, to find out just what is bothering Stewart.



Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made

by Stephan Pastis

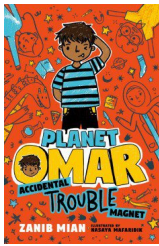
Meet Timmy Failure, the founder, president, and CEO of the best detective agency in town, probably the nation. And his lazy sidekick, Total, a 1,500-pound polar bear.



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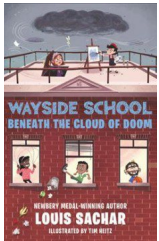




Accidental Trouble Magnet

by Zanib Mian

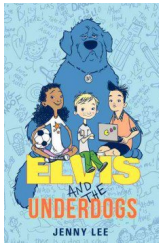
Imaginative Omar goes through the ups and downs of starting a new school and making new friends with the help of his wonderful (and silly) Muslim family.



Beneath the Cloud of Doom

by Louis Sachar

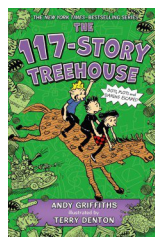
Follows the adventures and misadventures of students and staff as they cope with the effects of a large, gloomy cloud that has settled over Wayside School.



Elvis and the Underdogs

by Jenny Lee

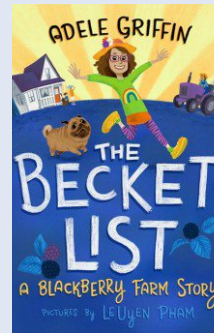
All his life Benji, now ten, has been sickly and he has long been targeted by the school bully, but after a seizure Benji gets a therapy dog that is not only big enough to protect him, it can also talk.



The 117-Story Treehouse

by Andy Griffiths

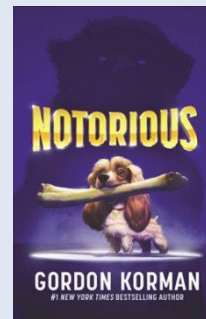
Andy and Terry live in a 117-story treehouse. (It used to be 104-stories) It now has a pajama-party room, a water-ski park filled with flesh-eating piranhas, an Underpants Museum, a giant-fighting-robot arena, and the Door of Doom (don't open it or you'll be COMPLETELY and UTTERLY DOOMED!).



The Becket List: A Blackberry Farm Story

by Adele Griffin

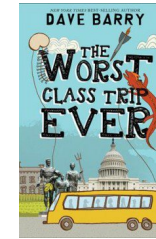
When New York City native Becket Branch moves to the country with her family to help run her grandmother's farm and store, she finds that new friends, hostile chickens, sour lemonade and mischief are only the beginnings of her new life.



Notorious

by Gordon Korman

Told in different voices, on Centerlight Island, halfway between the United States and Canada, middle-schoolers Keenan and ZeeBee team up to seek gold rumored to be hidden there by a famous gangster.



The Worst Class Trip Ever

by Dave Barry

When the eighth grade civics class of Miami's Culver Middle School goes on a trip to Washington, D.C., Wyatt finds himself in deep trouble before the plane even lands because his best friend Matt has decided the men sitting behind them are terrorists.



Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid

by Jeffrey Kinney

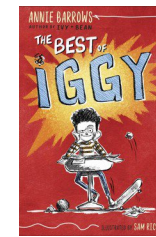
In his first journal, middle schooler Rowley, Greg's sidekick, records his experiences and misguided decision to write a biography of Greg, who, in his own mind, is destined to become rich and famous.



First Rule of Punk

by Celia Perez

Twelve-year-old María reluctantly moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago and starts 7th grade with a bang -- violating the dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurning the school's most popular girl in favor of starting a band with a group of like-minded weirdos.



Best of Iggy

by Annie Barrows

Welcome to the wonderful world of Iggy, where the motto is: It seemed like a good idea at the time. Iggy is not a bad kid - he's really not. Okay, so he's done a few bad things. And okay, he's not very sorry about most of them. No one got hurt!