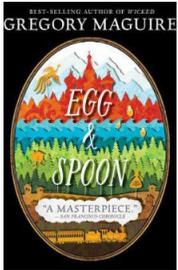


The Boundless

by **Kenneth Oppel**
Aboard "The Boundless," the greatest train ever built, on its maiden voyage across Canada, teenaged Will enlists the aid of a traveling circus to save the train from villains.



Egg & Spoon

by **Gregory Maguire**

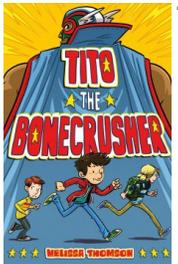
An impoverished Russian country girl Elena Rudina and the aristocratic Ekatrina meet and set in motion an escapade that includes mistaken identity, a monk locked in a tower, a prince traveling incognito, and the witch Baba Yaga.



Sidekicked

by **John David Anderson**

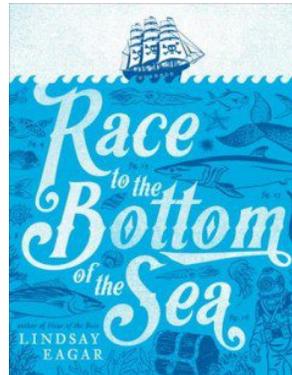
Superhero sidekick-in-training Drew "The Sensationalist" Bean must overcome his not-so-superpowers and become the hero everyone needs when a supervillain, The Dealer, returns to Justicia.



Tito the Bonecrusher

by **Melissa Thomson**

Oliver's dad is about to be jailed for a crime he didn't commit, and Oliver believes the only way to save him is with the help of his favorite luchalibre wrestler, Tito the Bonecrusher. Together with best friend, Brianna and their new ally Paul, Oliver devises a madcap plan to spring his dad from a correctional facility.



Race to the Bottom of the Sea

by **Lindsay Eagar**

When her parents, the great marine scientists Dr. and Dr. Quail, are killed in a tragic accident, eleven year old Fidelia Quail is racked by grief. But she is forced out of her mourning when she's kidnapped by Merrick the Monstrous, a pirate whose list of crimes stretches longer than a ribbon eel.



The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas

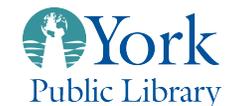
by **David Almond**

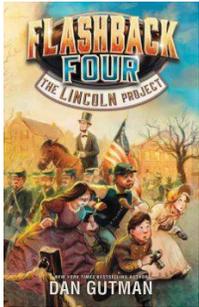
When Stanley's guardian, Uncle Ernie, develops an unhealthy obsession with fish, Stan has no choice but to strike out on his own. He's welcomed by a carnival of eccentric characters, including the legendary Pancho Pirelli, the man who swims with piranhas. Will Stan be bold enough to dive into the churning waters and choose his destiny?



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Flashback Four: The Lincoln Project

by Dan Gutman

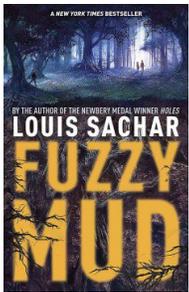
Miss Z, a mysterious billionaire and a collector of rare photographs, is sending her recruits back in time on a mission to capture one of the most important moments in American history--Abraham Lincoln giving his famous Gettysburg address.



Swindle

by Gordon Korman

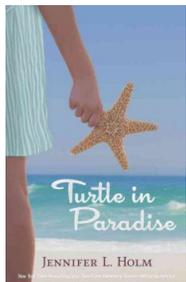
After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palamino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, 6th grader Griffin puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back.



Fuzzy Mud

by Louis Sachar

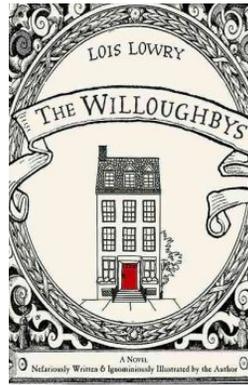
Two middle-grade kids take a shortcut home from school and discover what looks like fuzzy mud but is actually a substance with the potential to wreak havoc on the entire world.



Turtle in Paradise

by Jennifer L. Holm

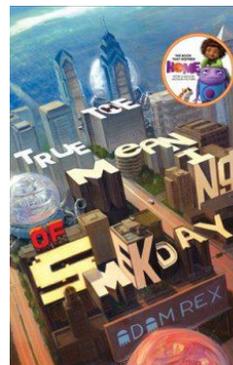
In 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who does not like children, eleven-year-old Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in far away Key West, Florida.



The Willoughbys

by Lois Lowry

In this tongue-in-cheek take on classic themes in children's literature, the four Willoughby children set about to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny.



The True Meaning of Smekday

by Adam Rex

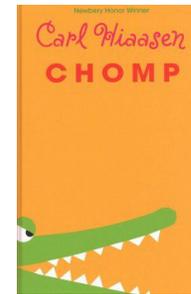
When Gratuity Tucci is assigned to write 5 pages on, "The True Meaning of Smekday," for the National Time Capsule contest, she's not sure what to write. Once she begins her research though, Gratuity's story evolves into much more.



Hello Universe

by Erin Entrada Kelly

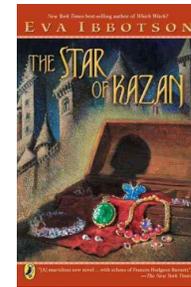
Lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him.



Chomp

by Carl Hiaasen

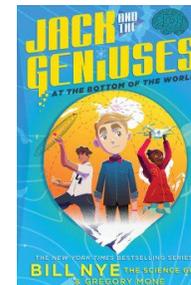
When the star of the reality television show "Expedition Survival" disappears while filming an episode in the Florida Everglades, Wahoo and classmate Tuna Gordon set out to find him while avoiding Tuna's gun-happy father.



The Star of Kazan

by Eva Ibbotson

After 12 y.o. Annika, a founding living in late 19th century Vienna, inherits a trunk of jewelry, a woman claiming to be her aristocratic mother arrives and takes her to live in a strange mansion in Germany.



At the Bottom of the World

by Bill Nye

Traveling to Antarctica for a prestigious science competition, twelve-year-old Jack and his genius foster siblings, Ava and Matt, become caught up in a mystery involving a missing scientist.