

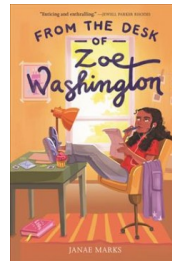


### Get a Grip, Vivvy Cohen!

by Sarah Kapit

JF Kapit

Landing a spot on the baseball team at the same time her major-league hero responds to her fan letter, Vivvy Cohen, a girl on the autism spectrum, considers her famous penpal's advice when an accident lands her back on the bench.

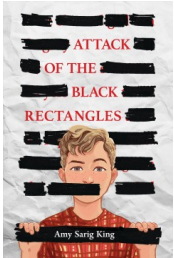


### From the Desk of Zoe Washington

by Janae Marks

JF Marks

Receiving an unexpected letter on her 12th birthday from the incarcerated father she has never met, a young baker prepares for a cooking show competition while scrambling to determine whether her father is innocent.

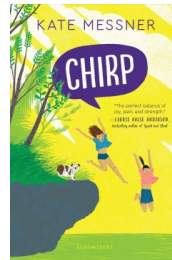


### Attack of the Black Rectangles

by A.S. King

JF King

When his classroom copy of Jane Yolen's "The Devils Arithmetic" contains blacked out words, Mac—who was raised to call out things that are wrong—takes a stand against censorship and intolerance.

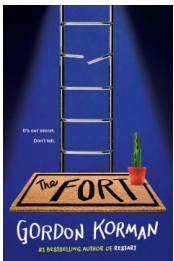


### Chirp

by Kate Messner

JR Messner

Moving to Vermont after breaking her arm in seventh grade, Mia makes new friends and spends time with a beloved grandparent—a stroke patient who is experiencing progressive impairments.



### The Fort

by Gordon Korman

JF Korman

When a tight-knit group of friends discover a trap door in the woods that leads to a completely intact bomb shelter, they vow to keep the place a secret while sharing their individual secrets to build the safest space possible.

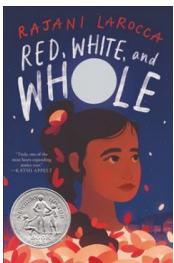


### The List of Things that Will Not Change

by Rebecca Stead

JF Stead

After her parents' divorce, Bea's life became different in many ways. But she can always look back at the list she keeps in her green notebook to remember the things that will stay the same.



### Red, White, and Whole

by Rajani LaRocca

JF LaRocca

Feeling disconnected from her heritage as the only Indian-American student in her community, young Reha commits herself to a future different from her dreams when her mother becomes dangerously ill.



### The Chance to Fly

by Ali Stroker

JF Stroker

The story of a theater-loving girl who uses her wheelchair to defy expectations and gravity when she is cast in a kids production of a favorite Broadway musical.

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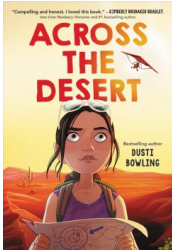


## That's What Friends Do

by Cathleen Barnhart

JF Barnhart

Told in two voices, middle-schoolers Sammie and David's long-term friendship is endangered when new student Luke begins flirting with Sammie just when David decides to confess his crush on her.

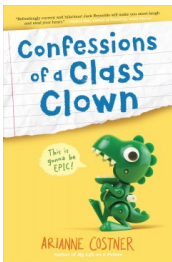


## Across the Desert

by Dusti Bowling

JF Bowling

Jolene sets out on a journey across the treacherous Arizona desert to rescue a young pilot stranded after a plane crash in this gripping story of friendship, courage, and rescue.

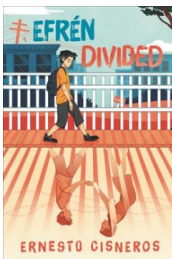


## Confessions of a Class Clown

by Arianne Costner

JF Costner

After joining the new after-school Speed Friendshiping Club to find a collaborator for his wacky MyTube channel, Jack Reynolds wonders if his quest for internet fame will cost him a real friend.

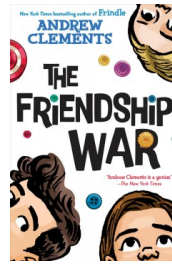


## Efrén Divided

by Ernesto Cisneros

JF Cisneros

Worrying about his undocumented parents, who have worked hard to secure a safe life for their family, a young Mexican American struggles to find his inner courage when his beloved mother is arrested and deported.

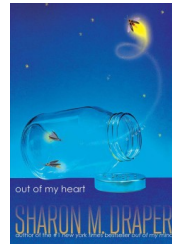


## The Friendship War

by Andrew Clements

JF Clements

A girl who has always enjoyed the spotlight encounters an unexpected rival in her own best friend, who has accidentally triggered a hot new fad at school.

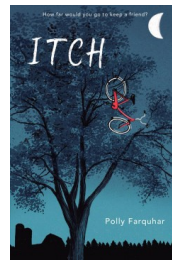


## Out of My Heart

by Sharon M. Draper

JF Draper

Melody decides to sign up for a horseback riding summer camp in order to get over her fear of horses, but she wonders if the camp will welcome a kid with cerebral palsy.



## Itch

by Polly Farquhar

JF Farquhar

Beginning the sixth grade in the wake of a tornado and his mother's extended business trip, Itch navigates painful disadvantages through school friendships that are tested by a scary incident involving a swapped lunch.

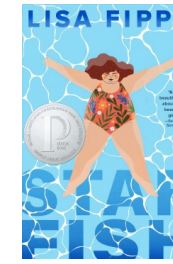


## Yusuf Azeem Is Not a Hero

by Saadia Faruqi

JF Faruqi

With the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks putting his family on edge, Yusuf Azeem, who wants to participate in the regional robotics competition, must stand up to bullies with understanding, justice, and love.



## Starfish

by Lisa Fipps

JF Fipps

This novel-in-verse follows the experiences of a girl who tries to change her behavior when she is bullied for her weight before a swimming hobby, a kind therapist, and an accepting new neighbor help her embrace her true self.



## A Duet for Home

by Karina Yan Glaser

JF Glaser

Two children living in a homeless shelter whose friendship grows over a shared love of classical music, June and Tyree join forces to confront a new housing policy that puts homeless families in danger.



## Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year

by Nina Hamza

JF Hamza

Moving from Hawaii to Minnesota, Ahmed Aziz is having the worst year until he deals with bullies, makes new friends, and uncovers his family's past, all while finding himself in three books assigned for his English class.



## Wink: Surviving Middle School with One Eye Open

by Rob Harrell

JF Harrell

Diagnosed with a rare eye cancer, a seventh grader endures painful treatments and social abandonment while searching for laughter in life's weirdness.