Amal Unbound
by Aisha Saeed
JF Saeed
In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family’s debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family.

Just Like Jackie
by Lindsey Stoddard
JF Stoddard
Teased by a school bully because she does not resemble the dark-skinned grandfather who is raising her, young Robbie wonders about her other family members and worries when her grandfather’s memory begins to fail.

Nightbooks
by J. A. White
JF White
A young boy is imprisoned by a witch in a New York apartment and must tell her a new scary story each night in order to stay alive.

Graphic Novels

Hocus & Pocus: The Legend of Grimm’s Woods
by Manuro
JGN Hocus
Siblings Hocus and Pocus, students at a magical school, investigate the strange disappearance of two children, in a book where the reader’s decisions determine the end of the story.

Non-Fiction

A History of Pictures for Children
by David Hockney
J 709 Hoc
From cave paintings to video games, explore how art has changed through time with the help of technology.

The Ghostly Carousel
by Calef Brown
J 811.6 Bro
A zombie family reunion, a giggling undertaker and a telekinetic warlock are among the innumerable side-tickling subjects in a collection of spooky poems.

No Truth Without Ruth
by Kathleen Krull
J Biography Ginsburg
How Ruth Bader Ginsburg, second female justice of the Supreme Court, faced discrimination and promoted new initiatives in the fight for equality.

The Girl Who Drew Butterflies
by Joyce Sidman
J Biography Merian
A portrait of one of the first naturalists documenting the metamorphosis of the butterfly.
The Last
by Katherine Applegate
JF Applegate
Byx fears she has become the last of
her species when her family is
hunted to near-extinction, forcing
her to band together with a ragtag
group of animals and humans
who could trigger war throughout
their kingdom.

Sweep
by Jonathan Auxier
JF Auxier
After her father’s disappearance,
Nan Sparrow works as an aide for
chimney sweeps. When her most
treasured possessions end up in a
fireplace, she unwittingly creates a
golem.

Drum Roll, Please
by Lisa Jenn Bigelow
JF Bigelow
Drummer Melly embarks on what
she believes will be a rocking
summer at camp only to find
everything upended by her parents’
separation, her best friend’s
estrangement, her crush on a fellow
camper and her doubts about her
performance readiness.

Marcus Vega Doesn’t
Speak Spanish
by Pablo Cartaya
JF Cartaya
When a fight at school puts him on
probation, Marcus reluctantly
accompanies his mother and
younger brother to Puerto Rico to
spend a week with relatives he has
never met.

The Serpent's Secret
by Sayantani DasGupta
JF DasGupta
When a Rakkhosh demon attacks
her family on the morning of her
12th birthday, Kiranmala discovers
that her parents’ fantastical stories
about their ties to royalty are true.

The Creature of the Pines
by Adam Gidwitz
JF Gidwitz
After encountering a Jersey Devil
while on a field trip to the Pine
Barrens, Elliot and his new friend
Uchenna help Professor Fauna
rescue a mythical creature from
a pair of greedy billionaire brothers.

The Magic Misfits
by Neil Patrick Harris
JF Harris
Follows the experiences of a young
New England street magician who
teams up with other talented street
kids to protect their community
from a greedy crime boss.

My Life in Smiley: It's All
Good
by Anne Marchand Kalicky
JF Kalicky
Max chronicles his sixth grade
experiences in a personal diary that
covers every noteworthy event in his
life for future humans who have left
Earth for a new planet.

Out of Left Field
by Ellen Klages
JF Klages
Disguising herself as a boy to try out
for the 1958 Little League season,
Katy easily makes the team but is
immediately ousted when her secret
is discovered, prompting her to
prove that girls can do anything
boys can do.

The Miscalculations of
Lightning Girl
by Stacy McAnulty
JF McAnulty
A lightning strike gave her a super
power, but even a super genius can’t
solve the problem of middle school.

Dactyl Hill Squad
by Daniel José Older
JF Older
Set in 1863 New York, where
dinosaurs are roaming the streets,
the Civil War is raging between
raptor-mounted armies down South,
and Magdalys Roca and her friends
from the Colored Orphan Asylum
who live in the Dactyl Hill
neighborhood of Brooklyn.

Boy Bites Bug
by Rebecca Petruck
JF Petruck
Impulsively eating a stinkbug as a
distraction to quell a racial conflict
at school, Will is dubbed "Bug
Boy" by his peers before he discovers
the practice of entomophagy and
decides to organize a fun class
project.