

Graphic Novels: Children

Anti-Hero by Kate Karyus Quinn & Demitria Lunetta
When an experimental technological device sparks in front of thieves Piper and Sloane, the two girls switch bodies.

Fox and Rabbit by Beth Ferry
Easygoing Fox and anxious Rabbit seem like total opposites, yet, somehow, they make a perfect pair!

Major Impossible by Nathan Hale
In 1869, John Wesley Powell, embarked with nine other explorers to float through the Grand Canyon, but only six returned from the excursion.

Pea, Bee & Jay: Stuck Together
by Brian "Smitty" Smith
When a thunderstorm bounces Pea off course, he meets two unlikely new buds, a bee named Bee and a bird named Jay.

When Stars are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed
Omar lives in a refuge camp, and he must decide between going to school or caring for his nonverbal brother.

Graphic Novels: Young Adult

Becoming RBG: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Journey to Justice by Debbie Levy
A child who often questioned unfairness, Ruth Bader Ginsburg evolved throughout her life until she became a judge who revered the rule of law.

Bloom by Kevin Panetta
While seeking his replacement at the family bakery, Ari becomes close with Hector. Love will bloom, if Ari doesn't ruin everything.

Catherine's War by Julia Billet
Budding French photographer Rachel Cohen must change her name, go into hiding, and bear witness to the atrocities of World War II.

Superman Smashes the Klan by Gene Luen Yang
When the Klan of the Fiery Cross attack Dr. Lee's family, newly arrived in Metropolis, Superman comes to save the day.

They Called Us Enemy by George Takei
Takei's first hand account of years spent in a Japanese concentration camp and the way those experiences planted the seeds for his astonishing future.

Young Adult Fiction

Bone Crier's Moon by Kathryn Purdie
When her friend Aillesse is kidnapped, Sabine must embrace her bone magic to rescue her.

Frankly in Love* by David Yoon
Frank Li is caught between his parents' traditional expectations and his California upbringing. He falls for Brit and develops a plan that would free him from his parents disapproval, but it leaves him wondering if he ever understood love--or himself--at all.

A Good Girls Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson
As her senior capstone project, Pippa Fitz-Amobi is determined to find the real killer in a closed, local murder case, but not everyone wants her meddling in the past.

I'll Be the One by Lyla Lee
With the support of friends and competition dance partner Henry Cho, Skye Shin sets her sights on becoming the world's first plus-size K-pop star.

The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
A Connecticut teenager must solve a series of puzzles to discover why she inherited vast wealth and an eccentric estate from the richest man in Texas.

Lost and Found by Orson Scott Card
Ezekiel has a micropower that helps him locate lost items, but he needs to find new ways to use his abilities when police ask him to help find a kidnapped girl.

The Paper Girl of Paris by Jordyn Taylor
Inheriting a Parisian apartment that was abandoned after World War II, Alice uncovers the story of a long-lost great aunt who hid her work with the Resistance.

Thorn by Intisar Khanani
To escape her family and the court, Princess Alyrra is willing to marry Prince Kestrin, but when she magically swaps lives with her nemesis, she may find happiness as a commoner.

Verify by Joelle Charbonneau
Chicago teen Meri Beckley's pride of living in a land of peace, prosperity, and truth crumbles when questions following her mother's death reveal buried facts.

When the Ground is Hard by Malla Nunn
At a Swaziland academy, where one's wealth and color determines one's station, once popular Adele bonds with poor Lottie over a book and a series of disasters.

* For older readers

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Picture Books

The Box Turtle by Vanessa Roeder

Terrance is on the lookout for a new shell after someone makes fun of him for his makeshift box one.

In a Jar by Deborah Marcero

Two little rabbits use jars to learn about the power of memory and friendship.

Let's All Creep Through Crocodile Creek

by Jonny Lambert

Mouse and Rabbit encounter lots of bumps, scratchy thorns and more as they explore Crocodile Creek.

Lift by Minh Le and Dan Santat

Iris discovers new realms of possibility when a mysterious elevator button appears.

Naughty Ninja Takes a Bath

by Todd Tarpley & Vin Vogel

Naughty Ninja is always there to save his dad from danger, especially during bath time.

Rita and Ralph's Rotten Day

by Carmen Agra Deedy & Pete Oswald

Two friends meet for fun and games every day, until the day a game ends poorly and someone needs to apologize.

Snail Crossing by Corey R. Tabor

Why did the snail cross the road? To get to the cabbage on the other side. Friendship becomes important when this snail struggles to cross the road.

Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o & Vashti Harrison

Sulwe is the color of midnight. She wishes to be brighter, like others around her. A magical story unfolds to open Sulwe's eyes to her own beauty.

Swim Swim Sink by Jenn Harney

One little duck is not like the others. Discover the duck's imaginative ways to solve a sinking problem.

When Pencil Met Eraser by Karen Kilpatrick,

Luis O. Ramos, Jr. & German Blanco

Pencil is annoyed when Eraser thinks he is improving his artwork, until both resolve their differences and work together.

Poetry

Common Critters: The Wildlife in Your Neighborhood by Pat Brisson & Dan Tavis

Familiar characters crawl, run, buzz and flit through these lively poems showing how exotic these creatures really are.

The Day the Universe Exploded in My Head

by Allen Wolf & Anna Raff

Hang on tight for a raucous bounce through the solar system with funny, fanciful, and factually sound poems.

Dictionary for a Better World by Irene Latham

This inspiring resource for middle-graders is organized as a dictionary; each entry is a word related to a better world.

In the Woods by David Elliott & Rob Dunlavy

A poetic love letter to the animals of the forest.

On the Horizon by Lois Lowry & Kenard Pak

A moving account of the lives lost in two of World War II's most infamous events: Pearl Harbor and Hiroshima.

Children's Fiction

Blackbird Girls by Anne Blankman

Two girls are living in Russia when a nuclear power plant explodes and changes their lives.

The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd

A boy discovers odd fruit from a tree in his grandfathers' garden, only to have the fruit hatch a dragon.

Fighting Words by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Two sisters struggle through trauma, go into foster care, and learn how to process all that has happened in their lives.

The Great Pet Heist by Emily Ecton & David Mottram

When a mishap occurs, a group of pets go to great lengths to make sure they will have the food they need.

Homeroms and Hall Passes by Tom O'Donnell

A group of mythical creatures role play as average eighth graders to relax until a spell sends them to our world.

How to Make Friends With the Sea

by Tanya Guerrero

Pablo learns to be strong and face his fears when his mother takes in an orphan.

My Life as a Potato by Arianne Costner

After he moves to Idaho, injures the spud school mascot, and assumes the persona, Ben believes he is cursed by potatoes.

Ways to Make Sunshine by Renee Watson

Ryan is determined to make sunshine out of tough situations, even when her family must move out of their home.

Willa and the Whale by Chad Morris & Shelly Brown

After losing her mom, Willa becomes acquainted with a whale who offers her friendship and guidance through her grief.

Wink by Rob Harrell

Ross Maloy just wants to fit in, but when he is diagnosed with a rare eye cancer, he can't help but stand out.

Informational

Cubs in the Tub

by Candace Fleming & Julie Downing

When her zookeeper husband brings home a lion cub it leads to Helen becoming the foster mom to dozens of wild baby cats.

Dancing Hands by Margarita Engle & Rafael López

Forced to flee Venezuela, Teresa Carreno moves to the U.S. during the Civil War and finds comfort, peace and acclaim, through her piano playing.

Facts vs. Opinions vs. Robots by Michael Rex

Join a group of robots as they discover the difference between a fact and an opinion.

Flight for Freedom

by Kristen Fulton & Torben Kuhlmann

While his family is secretly building a hot air balloon they hope to fly to freedom, Peter struggles to have a normal childhood.

Hey, Water! by Antoinette Portis

Water is all around us but doesn't always look the same. Join the journey of discovering many different forms of water.

The Oldest Student by Rita L. Hubbard & Oge Mora

Mary was born into slavery and, even after gaining her freedom and having a family while working multiple jobs to get by, she pursued one one final dream and learned to read at 116.

Packs: Strengths in Numbers by Hannah Salyer

Packs, herds, pods, and more! Discover how togetherness and teamwork help animals and humans alike to live and thrive.

Pluto Gets the Call by Adam Rex & Laurie Keller

When scientists tell Pluto he isn't a planet, he tours the solar system to find out why and discovers there is more to him than a label.

Reaching for the Moon: The Autobiography of Katherine Johnson by Katherine G. Johnson

It took hard work, courage and tenacity, along with her natural brilliance with math, to get Katherine into NASA.

Soldier for Equality by Duncan Tonatiuh

José de la Luz Sáenz fought to protect the country he loved during the Great War. Because of his Mexican heritage, he often faced prejudice. After the war he spent his life fighting for Mexican American civil rights and equality.