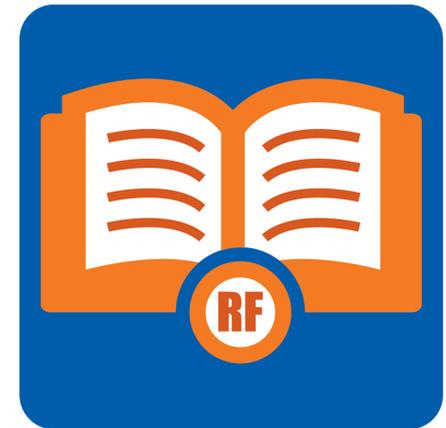
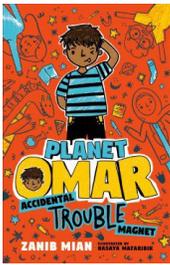


Realistic Fiction



Real kids in real-life situations



Accidental Trouble Magnet

by Zaniab Mian

JF 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.



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.



Dear Sweet Pea

by Julie Murphy

JF Murphy

Struggling to adjust to her parents' sudden divorce at the same time she is forced to sit next to her former best friend in class, a teen finds herself in the unlikely role of a community advice columnist.

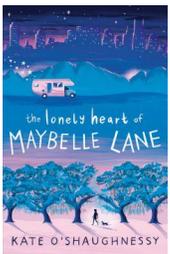


Roll with It

by Jamie Sumner

JF Sumner

Ellie, who has cerebral palsy, finds her life transformed when she moves with her mother to small-town Oklahoma to help care for her grandfather, who has Alzheimer's Disease.



The Lonely Heart of Maybelle Lane

by Kate O'Shaughnessy

JF O'Shaughnessy

11-year-old Maybelle becomes convinced that a new radio DJ is her absent father before entering a singing contest that the DJ will be judging in Nashville.



The Newspaper Club

by Beth Vrabel

JF Vrabel

Named after the legendary Nellie Bly and raised by reporter parents, an aspiring journalist navigates rumors and false news to investigate a mysterious outbreak of vandalism before teaming up with new friends to organize an independent community newspaper.

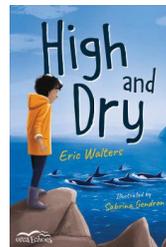


Black Brother, Black Brother

by Jewell Parker Rhodes

JF Rhodes

Suspended unjustly from elite Middlefield Prep, Donte Ellison studies fencing with a former champion, hoping to put the racist fencing team captain in his place.



High and Dry

by Eric Walters

JF Walters

A young boy and his grandfather work together to save a beached orca.



One Last Shot

by John David Anderson

JF Anderson

Struggling with debilitating insecurity that is complicated by his parents' constant bickering, Malcolm discovers the geometrical puzzle challenges of miniature golf only to have his promising initial steps overshadowed by his father's competitive nature.

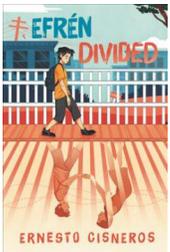


That's What Friends Do

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.

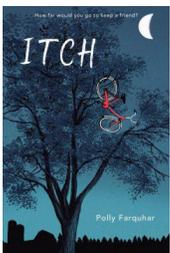


Efrén Divided

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.



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.



The Becket List: A Blackberry Farm Story

by Adele Griffin

JF Griffin

Moving with her family to her Gran's farm, young Becket tries to make sense of new routines while selling too-sour lemonade, feeding hostile chickens and befriending a new neighbor.

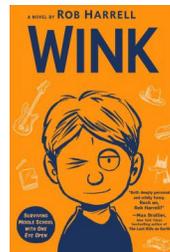


How to Make Friends with the Sea

by Tanya Guerrero

JF Guerrero

Relocating to the politically charged Philippines for his father's zoology work, a homesick 12-year-old boy navigates anxiety and changing perceptions of identity.



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.



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.

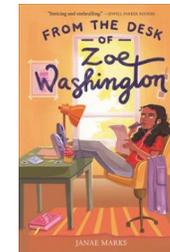


Stand Up, Yumi Chung!

by Jessica Kim

JF Kim

Reworking mortifying memories about her perpetual shyness and cross-cultural realities into comedy gold, an aspiring comedienne accidentally lands in a comedy camp under the instruction of a favorite celebrity.



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 courageous young baker prepares for a cooking show competition while scrambling to determine her father's innocence.



The Queen Bee and Me

by Gillian McDunn

JF McDunn

Twelve-year-old Meg is anxious about growing apart from her best friend Beatrix, but she is also interested in learning about the quirky new student Hazel and her backyard beehive.



Chirp

by Kate Messner

JF 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.