Iceberg
by Jennifer A. Nielsen
JF Nielsen
Stowaway and aspiring journalist Hazel Rothbury secretly explores the Titanic with the help of a porter and a sweet first-class passenger until disaster strikes, forcing Hazel to fight to save her friends and herself.

World in Between
by Kenan Trebinčević
JF Trebincevic
Based on a true refugee story, this moving novel follows Kenan and his family as they make it out of war-torn Bosnia alive, which is only the beginning of their journey.

Three Strike Summer
by Skyler Schrempp
JF Schrempp
Dust Bowl refugee Gloria Mae Willard finds herself uprooted and working on a California peach orchard, where she tries to join the secret, all-boys baseball team.

Code Name Bananas
by David Walliams
JF Walliams
As German bombs rain down on London, 11-year-old Eric and his zookeeper uncle Sid escape with Gertrude the gorilla, but while hiding out at the seaside, they uncover a Nazi plot that changes everything.

Over and Out
by Jenni L. Walsh
JF Walsh
Sophie has spent her life behind the Berlin Wall, guarded by land mines, towers, and attack dogs. A science lover, she dreams of becoming an inventor, but that's unlikely in East Berlin. Sophie soon finds herself spying for the secret police, determined to escape to freedom.

Dawn Raid
by Pauline Vaeluaga Smith
JF Smith
After the police raid their house, Lenny starts talking about protests and injustices against Pacific Islanders by the government, which inspires the whole family to become involved in the movement.

Wild Bird
by Diane Zahler
JF Zahler
Set in 14th-century Norway during a deadly plague, this sweeping adventure follows Rype, an abandoned girl, as she joins a group of strangers on a journey across Europe in order to survive, searching for a brighter future and a place to call home.
Juvenile Fiction

The Door of No Return
by Kwame Alexander
When his brother represents Upper Kwantu in a wrestling contest, 11-year-old Kofi finds himself fighting for his life, which sends him on a dangerous journey across land and sea.

Meet Isabel and Nicki
by Julia DeVillers and Jennifer Roy
Isabel and Nicki may be twins, but they're each one of a kind. Isabel loves dancing with her friends, while Nicki prefers skateboarding alone. In December 1999, the girls create a list of challenges to complete before midnight on New Year's Eve.

Peacemaker
by Joseph Bruchac
A 12-year-old Iroquois boy rethinks his calling after witnessing the arrival of a mystical figure with a message of peace in this historical novel based on the creation of the Iroquois Confederacy.

Troublemaker
by John Cho
Following the events of the LA Riots, a 12-year-old Korean American boy must come to terms with the racism within and affecting their community while trying to protect his father, a store owner.

Louisa June and the Nazis in the Waves
by L.M. Elliott
In 1941, after Hitler declares war on the US, unleashing U-boat submarines to attack American ships, Louisa June must help her mother after her father and brother are caught in the crossfire.

The Plot to Kill a Queen
by Deborah Hopkinson
Accidentally uncovering a plot to assassinate Queen Elizabeth I, aspiring playwright Emilia Bassano and her friends, including Will Shakespeare, set out to foil the plans of a disguised murderer on the loose.

The Lucky Ones
by Linda Williams Jackson
In 1967, when his teacher loans him a copy of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, 11-year-old Ellis Earl Brown is amazed to encounter a family worse off than his own and wonders if happy endings only come in books.

In the Tunnel
by Julie Lee
When his father is kidnapped by the secret police, Myung-gi blames himself and refuses to leave North Korea without his dad, even if it means joining the army and being sent to the front lines of the Korean War, where his deepest fears await him.

The Windeby Puzzle
by Lois Lowry
Transporting readers to an Iron Age world, follow Estrild, a female warrior, and Varick, who helps her train in spite of his twisted back, as they fight to survive in a place where differences are not tolerated.

Coming up Cuban
by Sonia Manzano
Four children from very different backgrounds learn to find a place for themselves in a world forever changed after Fidel Castro's rise to power.

A Sky Full of Song
by Susan Meyer
Starting a new life on the American frontier after fleeing persecution in the Russian Empire, 11-year-old Shoshana finds herself hiding her Jewish identity in the face of prejudice until her older sister makes her see that their family's difference is their greatest strength.

The Paper Daughters of Chinatown
by Heather B. Moore
Sold into servitude by her father, Tai Choi arrives in 1890s San Francisco where she suffers abuse at the hands of her employers while forming a powerful friendship with a woman dedicated to winning the freedom of thousands of immigrant women and girls.