**The Higher Power of Lucky**
by Susan Patron
JF Patron
2007. Fearing her legal guardian plans to abandon her to return to France, Lucky decides to run away while also continuing to seek the Higher Power that will bring stability to her life.

**Criss Cross**
by Lynne Rae Perkins
JF Perkins
2006. A young girl struggles with the hardships of becoming a woman while hanging with her friends, learning to drive, dealing with family dramas, and experiencing life in a new town.

**Kira-Kira**
by Cynthia Kadohata
JF Kadohata
2005. Chronicles the close friendship between two Japanese American sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950s and early 1960s, and the despair when one sister becomes terminally ill.

**The Tale of Despereaux**
by Kate DiCamillo
JF DiCamillo
2004. The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

**Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!**
by Laura Amy Schlitz
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2008. Journey to an English village in 1255, where a cast of characters from millers to maidens are introduced through colorful portraits and personal stories.
Freewater
by Amina Luqman-Dawson
JF Luqman-Dawson
2023. After escaping Southerland Plantation with his little sister, 12-year-old Homer becomes part of a secret community called Freewater, where he finally finds a place to call home and the courage to go back and free his mother.

The Last Cuentista
by Donna Barba Higuera
YF Higuera
2022. Petra Peña wanted nothing more than to be a storyteller, like her abuelita. But Earth has been destroyed by a comet, and only a few hundred scientists and their children have been chosen to journey to a new planet. Hundreds of years later, Petra wakes to the discovery that she is the only person who remembers Earth.

When You Trap a Tiger
by Tae Keller
JF Keller
2021. Moving with her mother and sister into the home of her sick grandmother, young Lily forges a complicated pact with a magical tiger in a story inspired by Korean folktales.

New Kid
by Jerry Craft
JGN Craft
2020. After his parents send him to a prestigious private school known for its academics, Jordan Banks finds himself torn between two worlds.

Merci Suárez Changes Gears
by Meg Medina
JF Medina
2019. Alienated from her more privileged classmates at a Florida private school, sixth-grade scholarship student Merci Suarez is targeted by a competitive rival at the same time her beloved grandfather begins to develop memory problems.

Hello Universe
by Erin Entrada Kelly
JF Kelly
2018. The lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully’s prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him.

The Girl Who Drank the Moon
by Kelly Regan Barnhill
JF Barnhill
2017. Luna was raised in the forest by a witch, a swamp monster, and a dragon, but when a young man from the Protectorate is determined to kill the witch, Luna must use her magic to protect her family.

The Crossover
by Kwame Alexander
JF Alexander
2015. Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

Flora & Ulysses
by Kate DiCamillo
JF DiCamillo
2014. Rescuing a squirrel after an accident involving a vacuum cleaner, comic-reading cynic Flora Belle Buckman is astonished when the squirrel, Ulysses, demonstrates astonishing powers of strength and flight after being revived.

The One and Only Ivan
by Katherine Applegate
JF Applegate
2013. When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant who has been added to the mall, he decides he must find her a better life.

Dead End in Norvelt
by Jack Gantos
JF Gantos
2012. In the historic town of Norvelt, PA, Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore.