

Children's Fiction

Beneath the Bed and Other Scary Stories by Max Brallier

What's hiding under the bed, scratching at the window? Five spine-chilling stories to keep you up all night.

Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliott

Jaxon joins Ma, a witch, on a quest to deliver three baby dragons to a magical world.

Inkling by Kenneth Oppel

A story about how a little ink spot changes a family forever.

Mr. Penguin and the Lost Treasure by Alex T. Smith

Mr. Penguin and Colin the Spider try to find a treasure buried in The Museum of Extraordinary Objects before bandits do.

Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga

A hopeful middle-grade novel in verse about a young girl who must leave Syria to move to the U.S.

Over the Moon by Natalie Lloyd

To save her younger brother from being forced to work in the mines, Mallie pretends to be a boy and learns to ride and train flying horses.

Shouting at the Rain by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Delsie is in the confusing transition years when friends are lost and family is annoying and desired at the same time.

Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster by Jonathan Auxier

Nan works as a "climbing boy," aiding chimney sweeps, but when her things end up in a fireplace, she unwittingly creates a golem.

The Unteachables by Gordon Korman

What happens when the worst class of kids in school is paired with the worst teacher?

A Wolf Called Wander by Rosanne Parry

A lost wolf cub journeys 1,000 miles across the Pacific Northwest before finding a new home.

Poetry

The Bell Rang by James Ransome

A young slave girl witnesses the heartbreak and hopefulness of her family and their plantation community when her brother escapes for freedom.

Birdie by Eileen Spinelli

Birdie, coping with the death of her father, learns that change can be painful, but also beautiful.

Lion of the Sky: Haiku for All Seasons by Laura Purdie Salas

Haiku meets riddles in poems that celebrate the seasons.

Predator and Prey by Susannah Buhman-Deever

See both sides of the story of predators and their prey with poems.

Sometimes You Fly by Katherine Applegate

An inspirational tribute to the universal struggles and achievements of childhood.

Graphic Novel

The Cardboard Kingdom by Chad Sell

A group of neighborhood children create costumes from cardboard and use their imagination to have adventures.

Click by Kayla Miller

When a school variety show leaves Olive without an act to join, she wonders why all of her friends have already formed their own groups without her.

Peter & Ernesto: A Tale of Two Sloths by Graham Annable

Peter and Ernesto are sloths. Peter and Ernesto are friends. Peter and Ernesto are nothing alike.

Tiger vs. Nightmare by Emily Tetri

Thanks to her friend, Monster, Tiger has nothing but good dreams.

Urban Legendz by Paul Downs & Nick Bruno

A motley crew of teenagers must fight to protect Brooklyn when classic urban legends terrorize the city.

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Young Adult Fiction

Aurora Rising by Amie Kaufman

Tyler, of Aurora Academy, is ready to recruit the squad of his dreams, but he ends up stuck with the dregs nobody else in the academy would touch.

Call It What You Want by Bridgid Kemmerer

Rob and Maegan, both dealing with serious family issues, quickly form a bond that is threatened when Rob plans to the repair damage his father caused.

The Dark Descent of Elizabeth

Frankenstein by Kiersten White

Elizabeth is almost thrown into the streets until she is brought to the home of Victor Frankenstein, a boy who has everything—except a friend.

Illegal by Eoin Colfer & Andrew Donkin

Ebo is alone. He later follows his brother, Kwame, on a hazardous journey to Europe, and a better life.

Rayne & Delilah's Midnight Matinee by

Jeff Zentner

Josie and Delia struggle with growing up and growing apart as they face tough decisions about their futures.

Resistance by Jennifer Nielson

Using forged papers, Chaya becomes a courier and travels between the Jewish ghettos of Poland, smuggling food, papers, and even people.

The Rest of the Story by Sarah Dessen

A girl reconnects with a part of her family she hasn't seen since she was a little girl—and falls in love, all over the course of a magical summer.

Skyward by Brandon Sanderson

Spensa's dream of becoming a pilot may come true despite her deceased father being labeled a deserter.

A Very Large Expanse of the Sea by

Tahera Mafi

The ups and downs of life after 9/11 for a Muslim teenager.

We Walked the Sky by Lisa Fielder

A multigenerational story about two teenagers: Victoria, who joins the circus in 1965, and her granddaughter, Callie, who leaves the circus fifty years later.

Picture Book

Bear Came Along by Richard T. Morris

Very different animals take off downstream, but they didn't know they needed one another until thankfully, the river came along.

Harold & Hog Pretend for Real!

by Dan Santat

Can Harold and Hog's friendship survive a game of pretending to be Elephant and Piggie?

Jasper & Ollie by Alex Willan

Jasper, a fox, and Ollie, a sloth, head to the pool on a summer day, each taking their own unique path.

The Neighbors by Einat Tsarfati

As she climbs the seven stories to her own apartment, a little girl imagines what happens behind every door she passes.

Oliver: The Second-Largest Living Thing on Earth by Josh Crute

Oliver wishes he were as popular and important as Sherman, the largest giant sequoia tree, until he discovers it is enough to be part of something big.

Sign Off by Stephen Savage

A wordless picture book that shows what the figures on road signs do when no one is around to see them.

Skulls! by Blair Thornburgh

This smart, skull-positive story celebrates one of the most important bones in your body: the skull!

SumoKitty by David Biedrycki

Through hard work and perseverance—and with a little help from a big buddy—SumoKitty is born!

The Very Impatient Caterpillar by Ross

Burach

A caterpillar learns to be patient while trying to metamorphosize.

The Wall in the Middle of the Book by

Jon Agee

A knight who feels secure on his side of the wall that divides his book discovers that his side is not as safe as he thought, and the other side is not as threatening.

Informational

Borrowing Bunnies by Cynthia Lord

The story of two adorable foster bunnies who find the perfect home through patience and love.

Crayon Man by Natascha Biebow

The true story of an inventor who found a way to bring the vibrant colors of nature to children—in a box for only a nickel!

Flower Talk by Sara Levine

A cantankerous talking cactus reveals how flowers use different colors to "talk" to various pollinators.

I'm Trying to Love Math by Bethany Barton

A friendly alien introduces readers to the things (and people) that use math in amazing ways, showing that math is a necessary and cool part of our lives!

Just Ask by Sonia Sotomayor

Celebrate the different abilities kids (and people of all ages) have. When we come across someone who is different from us, but we're not sure why, all we have to do is Just Ask.

Just Like Beverly by Vicki Conradd

Find out what brought Beverly Cleary from struggling student who found most children's books dull to world famous author.

Volcano Dreams by Janet S. Fox

Explore the Yellowstone ecosystem while placing the lives of its creatures within the context of geological time.

Wait, Rest, Pause by Marcie Flinchum Atkins

Captivating photos teach young readers about different kinds of dormancy and which animals do what.

When Sparks Fly by Kristen Fulton

In the 1880s, when he was just a kid, Goddard experimented time and again with BAMS!, POPS! and BANGS! with one mission: make his rockets fly!

The Wonders of Nature by Ben Hoare

Discover the wonders of planet Earth and learn about some of the most amazing animals, plants, rocks and minerals, and microscopic life that live here.