



The Snatchabook

by Helen Docherty, Thomas Docherty (Illus.)

"A classic is born! *The Snatchabook* is an engaging and winsome story celebrating the precious tradition of bedtime stories. 'In every house, in every bed, a bedtime book was being read,' when trouble in the form of a tiny creature named Snatchabook swoops into town and begins absconding with everyone's stories. Eliza, the bunny, sets out to solve the missing story mystery and learns that Snatchabook is sad and lonely because he has no one to read stories to him. A fitting solution: in a town that loves stories, Snatchabook finds himself welcomed into all homes to share in bedtime stories. Highly recommended!"

—Nancy Simpson-Brice, Book Vault, Oskaloosa, IA



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Fangirl

by Rainbow Rowell

"Cath has a huge online following for her fan fiction which is based on the characters from a popular fantasy series, and she prefers that world to her new life as a college freshman, especially since her twin sister, Wren, insisted they live separately. You'll be cheering for Cath as she faces the perils of roommates, writing workshops, and an inexplicably friendly boy named Levi, while dealing with her brilliant but unstable father and her binge-drinking sister. With a perfect balance between serious issues and light-hearted fun, *Fangirl* is a thoroughly entertaining read!"

—Carol Schneck Varner, Schuler Books & Music, Okemos, MI



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Flora and Ulysses

The Illuminated Adventures, by Kate DiCamillo, K.G. Campbell (Illus.)

"You just can't go wrong if you throw a squirrel into the picture. But squirrel poetry? Sheer genius! DiCamillo has taken all probable and improbable squirrel-related antics, mixed them with a superhero-obsessed but very lonely child, added generous helpings of wonderfully quirky characters, and the result is a froth of fantastic fun. At the same time, she tells a touching tale of deep yearning for acceptance, to be seen and to be loved. Delightful!"

—Elizabeth Anker, Alamosa Books, Albuquerque, NM



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Counting By 7s

by Holly Goldberg Sloan

"Willow Chance has just been orphaned for the second time. A genius obsessed with growing plants, she finds herself uprooted and without connections—except for a school counselor who is bad at his job, the Vietnamese family that lives in the garage, and the taxi driver who thinks she is his angel. *Counting By 7s* is both touching and humorous, and you will fall in love with young Willow as she finds connections in the oddest places."

—Kathy Adams, Valley Booksellers, Stillwater, MN



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Autumn '13 Top Ten Kids' Next

Fortunately, the Milk by Neil Gaiman, Skottie Young (Illus.)

"It starts out as a normal day: Mom is on a business trip; boy wants a bowl of cereal but there is no milk; Dad goes out for milk. But Dad is gone a long time and comes home with a story that will end up being one of your favorites. Dad is taken by aliens, jumps through a door marked 'Do Not Open for Any Reason,' falls through the space-time continuum, is found by pirates, and rescued by a stegosaurus—and that's just the beginning! A tale that begs to be read out loud, with dinosaurs and piranhas, volcano gods and coconuts, wumpires and ponies, this is destined to become a children's classic!"

—Angela Mann, Kepler's Books & Magazines, Menlo Park, CA

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Autumn '13 Top Ten Kids' Next

Journey by Aaron Becker

"A perfect antidote for any 'too busy' household, this lovely wordless book depicts a modern family, preoccupied with today's technology and ignoring their youngest member as she sits alone on her front steps. This intrepid heroine, however, makes her own adventures using a magic red marker to create a boat, a balloon, and a flying carpet that carry her to strange lands, through danger, and finally to the fulfillment of her greatest wish. Becker's exquisite illustrations create a graphic reminder of the power of imagination."

—Mary Grey James, Parnassus Books, Nashville, TN

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Autumn '13 Top Ten Kids' Next

The Coldest Girl in Coldtown by Holly Black

"Enter Coldtown. Despite its walls that are intended to keep humans out and monsters in, the decadent allure of the Eternal Ball has long allowed the two to mix in a maelstrom of rage, excess, passion, and the quest for fame and fortune. Slowly revealed events from Tana's past have left her with conflicted emotions about the intermingling of vampires with the rest of the population, but when she awakens from a night of partying to an unprecedented scene of blood and gluttony, she must rescue the other survivors and help them find their way to the heart of Coldtown, where each of their destinies awaits. This is the hottest vampire novel of the year!"

—Katie Capaldi, Between the Covers, Harbor Springs, MI

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Autumn '13 Top Ten Kids' Next

If You Could Be Mine A Novel, by Sara Farizan

"This gorgeous debut novel shows readers what life is like for Sahar, a bright, sensitive, teenage girl busy looking after her grieving father while trying to deal with her love for Nasrin, her best friend. Though homosexuality is legal in Iran, Sahar discovers that sex reassignment is seen as a way to 'correct' nature's mistake. As Nasrin's arranged marriage approaches, Sahar frantically looks for a way to stop it—even if it means changing her entire identity for love. A fascinating look at what it means to be in love, and to be yourself."

—Mary Cotton, Newtonville Books, Newton Centre, MA

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The Beginning of Everything

by **Robyn Schneider**

"Golden boy Ezra Faulkner, former class president and star tennis player, faces a heartbreaking struggle to find himself after an accident sidetracks all his plans for the future. Ezra returns to school for his senior year with a cane and an aversion for the shallowness of the popular group he used to hang out with. He joins a group of interesting misfits, among them an enigmatic new girl, who is hiding secrets of her own. This journey of self-discovery is both funny and poignant, and is sure to appeal to a wide variety of teen readers."

—Pam Stilp, Boswell Book Company, Milwaukee, WI

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Autumn '13 Top Ten Kids' Next

The Song of the Quarkbeast

The Chronicles of Kazam, Book 2, by Jasper Fforde

"Jennifer Strange and her motley crew of eccentric and erratic sorcerers may be all that stands between the Ununited Kingdom and the corruption of magic by the forces of King Snodd IV and his greedy cohorts. Despite every foul plot and obstruction the King throws at Jennifer, she will not quit. But will her sheer determination, intelligence, and grit be enough to save the day? Fforde's sublime wit continues to both amaze and amuse!"

—Rachel King, Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, NY

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