December 20, 2023
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CHILDREN’S

RANK EARLY & MIDDLE GRADE

1 Letters from Father Christmas
   J.R.R. Tolkien, William Morrow, $28
2 96 Facts About Taylor Swift: Quizzes, Quotes, Questions, and More!
   Ane Kaplan, Risa Rodli (Illus.), Grosset & Dunlap, $6.99
3 The Puppets of Spelhorst (The Norendy Tales)
   Kate DiCamillo, Julie Morstad (Illus.), Candlewick, $17.99
4 Wings of Fire: A Guide to the Dragon World
   Tui T. Sutherland, Joy Ang (Illus.), Scholastic Press, $24.99
5 The Lost Library
   Rebecca Stead, Wendy Mass, Feiwel & Friends, $17.99
6 Dogtown
   Katherine Applegate, Gennifer Choldenko, Wallace West (Illus.), Feiwel & Friends, $17.99
7 The Skull: A Tyrolean Folktale
   Jon Klassen, Candlewick, $19.99
8 Juniper’s Christmas
   Eoin Colfer, Roaring Brook Press, $22.99
9 The Moth Keeper: A Graphic Novel
10 Cat on the Run in Cat of Death!
    Aaron Blabey, Scholastic, $7.99
11 A First Time for Everything
    Dan Santat, First Second, $14.99
12 The Eyes and the Impossible
    Dave Eggers, Shawn Harris (Illus.), Knopf Books for Young Readers, $18.99
13 Charlotte’s Web
   E.B. White, Harper, $10.99
14 Hatchet
   Gary Paulsen, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, $9.99
15 A Wrinkle in Time
   Madeleine L’Engle, Square Fish, $8.99

RANK YOUNG ADULT

1 Check & Mate
   Ali Hazelwood, G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers, $14
2 Divine Rivals
   Rebecca Ross, Wednesday Books, $18.99
3 What the River Knows
   Isabel Ibañez, Wednesday Books, $20
4 Gwen & Art Are Not in Love
   Lex Croucher, Wednesday Books, $20
5 Nimona
   ND Stevenson, Quill Tree Books, $18.99
6 If He Had Been with Me
   Laura Nowlin, Sourcebooks Fire, $10.99
7 Lightlark
   Alex Aster, Amulet, $12.99
8 Betting on You
   Lynn Painter, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, $19.99
9 The Giver
   Lois Lowry, Clarion Books, $11.99
10 Powerless
   Lauren Roberts, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, $19.99
11 Nightbane
   Alex Aster, Amulet, $19.99
12 The Book Thief
   Markus Zusak, Knopf Books for Young Readers, $14.99
13 The Perks of Being a Wallflower
   Stephen Chbosky, MTV Books, $15.99
14 A Study in Drowning
   Ava Reid, HarperTeen, $19.99
15 Better Than the Movies
   Lynn Painter, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, $12.99

OTHER CHILDREN’S INDIE FAVORITES

AGES 8 TO 12
Sir Callie and the Dragon’s Roost
Esme Symes-Smith, Labyrinth Road, $17.99
“This sequel packs a punch! When Helston proves it’s not ready to change, Callie, Willow, Elowen, and Edwyn must flee to save their lives. Symes-Smith will have readers itching to rally behind Callie and the world they wish to fight for.”—Vaughn Lachenauer, Main Point Books, Wayne, PA

TEEN READERS
If You’ll Have Me
Eunnie, Viking Books for Young Readers, $17.99
“In her first year of university, kind, anxious Momo develops a crush on PG, an unattainable player known for her many one-night stands. Can they let their guards down and allow love to bloom? A cute WLW graphic novel for fans of Heartstopper.”—Talia Smart, Flyleaf Books, Chapel Hill, NC

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