December 27, 2023
For the week ending December 24, 2023 based on sales in hundreds of independent bookstores nationwide.

CHILDREN’S

RANK | EARLY & MIDDLE GRADE
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1 | Wings of Fire: A Guide to the Dragon World
Tui T. Sutherland, Joy Ang (Illus.), Scholastic Press, $24.99
2 | 96 Facts About Taylor Swift
Arie Kaplan, Lisa Rodil (Illus.), Grosset & Dunlap, $6.99
3 | The Skull: A Tyrolean Folktale
Jon Klassen, Candlewick, $19.99
4 | The Puppets of Spelhorst
Kate DiCamillo, Julie Morstad (Illus.), Candlewick, $17.99
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 | Letters from Father Christmas
J.R.R. Tolkien, William Morrow, $28
8 | The Eyes and the Impossible
Dave Eggers, Shawn Harris (Illus.), Knopf Books for Young Readers, $18.99
9 | From the World of Percy Jackson: The Sun and the Star
Rick Riordan, Mark Oshiro, Disney Hyperion, $19.99
10 | Juniper’s Christmas
Eoin Colfer, Roaring Brook Press, $22.99
11 | Cat on the Run in Cat of Death!
Aaron Blabey, Scholastic, $7.99
12 | Hatchet
Gary Paulsen, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, $9.99
13 | The Moth Keeper: A Graphic Novel
14 | The Ogress and the Orphans
Kelly Barnhill, Algonquin Young Readers, $10.99
15 | An Anthology of Our Extraordinary Earth
Cally Oldershaw, DK Children, $21.99

RANK | YOUNG ADULT
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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 | The Book Thief
Markus Zusak, Knopf Books for Young Readers, $14.99
6 | Nimona
ND Stevenson, Quill Tree Books, $18.99
7 | If He Had Been with Me
Laura Nowlin, Sourcebooks Fire, $10.99
8 | Powerless
Lauren Roberts, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, $19.99
9 | Legendborn
Tracy Deonn, Margaret K. McElderry Books, $13.99
10 | Lightlark
Alex Aster, Amulet, $12.99
11 | Betting on You
Lynn Painter, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, $19.99
12 | The Perks of Being a Wallflower
Stephen Chbosky, MTV Books, $15.99
13 | We Were Liars
E. Lockhart, Ember, $10.99
14 | Hell Followed with Us
Andrew Joseph White, Peachtree Teen, $12.99
15 | They Both Die at the End
Adam Silvera, Quill Tree Books, $12.99

OTHER CHILDREN’S INDIE FAVORITES

AGES 7-11
Who Will Make the Snow?
Taras Prokhasko, Marjana Prokhasko (Illus.), Boris Dralyuk (Transl.), Jennifer Croft (Transl.), Elsewhere Editions, $22

"I’d like to settle down in Beech Forest, read the news in The Daily Mole, and visit friends at The Under-the-Oak Cafe. Taras’ story has a classic feel with contemporary generosity, lifted by a superb translation and textured illustrations."
– Timothy Otte, Wild Rumpus, Minneapolis, MN

TEEN READERS
Bittersweet in the Hollow
Kate Pearsall, G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers, $18.99

"I was hooked on the premise of a murder mystery linked to Mothman. I didn’t expect how quickly I’d fall in love with the language that just drips with magic, the cast of amazing witchy women on every page, and the intricately woven story."
– Jacey Anderson, Rediscovered Books, Boise, ID