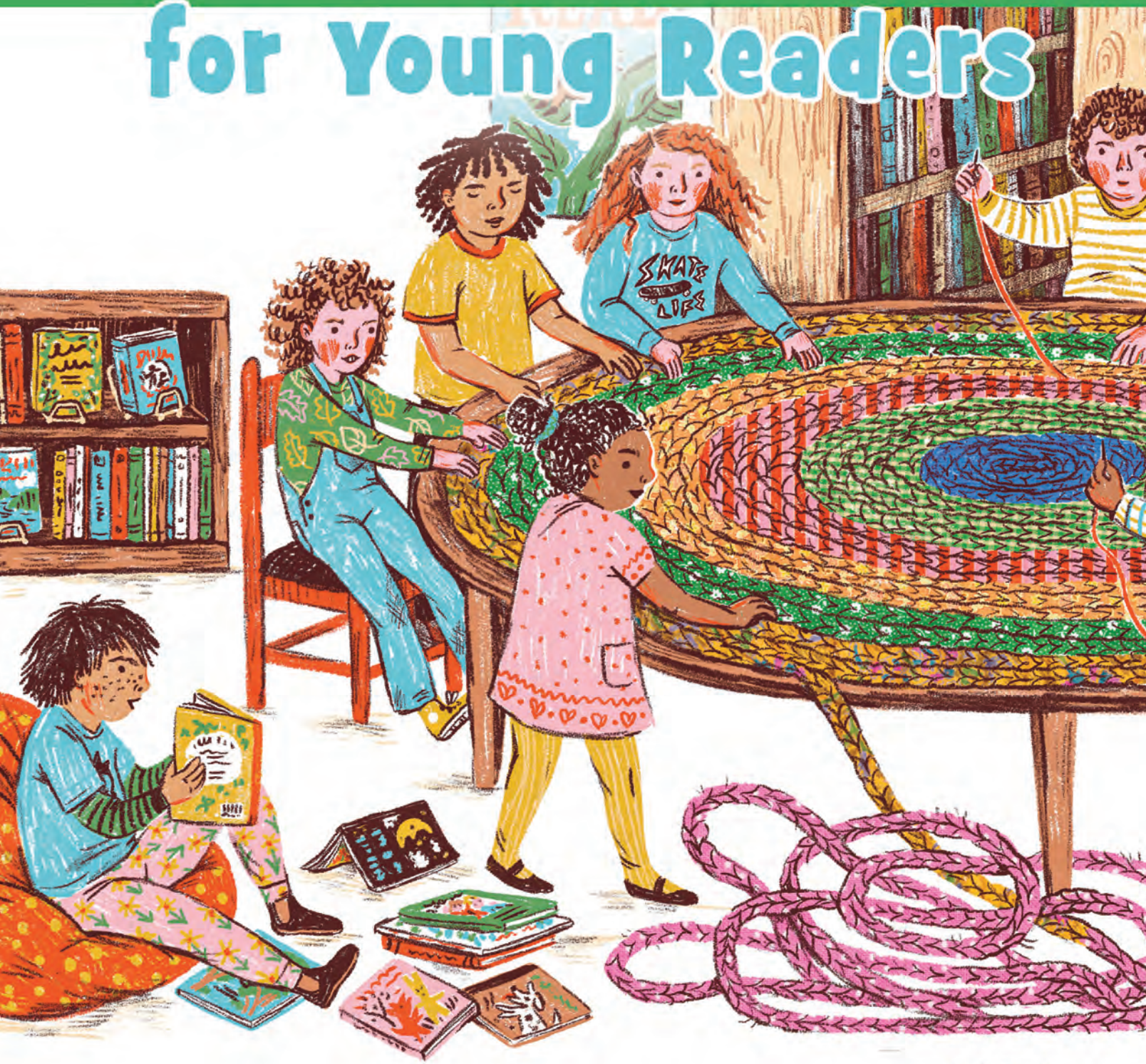
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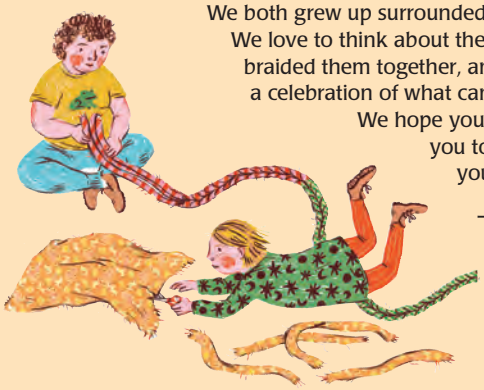
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Story Rug is a picture book about a kid called Noah and his classmates, who are swept up in a braiding fad.

When the kids run out of things to braid, they bring old clothes and fabric from home, each piece evoking a family story. They tear the fabric into strips and begin to braid their fabric and stories together. While they work, their beloved teacher reads to them—funny stories and scary stories and thrilling stories—and those stories are woven into their braid, too, until it becomes so long that it stretches down the hall and back again. It is then that Noah comes up with an idea! The children coil the braid around and around until it forms a giant spiral rug for their classroom—a rug for listening to stories, a rug made from stories, a rug with a story of its own.



We both grew up surrounded by stories, and we both have rag rugs at home. We love to think about the fabrics used to make the rugs, the people who braided them together, and the stories these rugs could tell. This book is a celebration of what can be created when we bring our stories together. We hope you enjoy *Story Rug*, and that it might even inspire you to gather some friends and braid a rag rug of your own.

—Sophie Blackall and Phoebe Wahl



Story Rug *Sophie Blackall, Illustrated by Phoebe Wahl*
Ages 4–6 (9780316535380) **Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (HC)** $18.99

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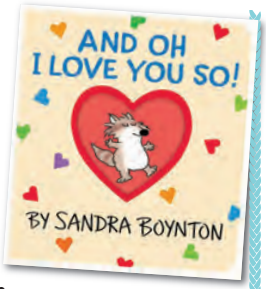
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HC Hardcover	**POB** Paper Over Board
PB Paperback	**BB** Board Book

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Babies & Toddlers

And Oh I Love You So!
Sandra Boynton



Celebrate the little one in your life with this joyful new board book by forever-favorite Sandra Boynton—starring, for the first time ever, raccoons! Ages 0–5 **(9798347111312)**
Boynton Bookworks (BB) $8.99

The Dog Who Was (Almost) Perfect
Jack Kurland



A July/August 2026 Kids' Indie Next List picture book pick about embracing imperfection, managing worries about getting things wrong, and learning that mistakes are part of life. Ages 2–5 **(9781836007753) Frances Lincoln Children's Books (HC) $18.99**

For the Fans! (KPop Demon Hunters) Official Storybook (Little Golden Book)
Adapted by Angela Song



Add a piece of the global K-pop phenomenon to your shelf with this *New York Times*–bestselling Little Golden Book about the Academy Award–winning animated film. This ultimate edition includes extra pages of activities, stickers, and demon-hunting fun! Ages 2–5 **(9798217236602)**
Golden Books (HC) $12.99

Let's Find Yaya & Boo at the Park!
Andrew Knapp



Is that Boo under the playground slide, or Yaya behind a tree? Can you find the dogs on shaded park paths, or hidden in an outdoor yoga class? Learn new words by finding fun objects in 12 scenes and enjoy playing hide-and-seek with Yaya and Boo. Ages 2–5 **(9781683694922) Quirk Books (BB) $10.99**

We All Love: kisâkihitonaw
Julie Flett



Snuggle up! Animals love—like you! This follow-up to *We All Play* is an adorable celebration of the ways that animals and humans show love, from award-winning Indigenous author Julie Flett. "This book is like a big warm hug." —*School Library Journal*, starred review Ages 0–7 **(9781778403279)**
Greystone Kids (HC) $18.99

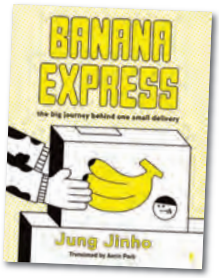
Picture Books

Axolotl-Ella: A Sort-of Cinderella Story
Kate Messner
Illustrated by Lian Cho



Cinderella has never been so adorable—or amphibious! *New York Times*–bestselling author Kate Messner and award-winning illustrator Lian Cho deliver a hilarious, empowering fractured fairy tale starring a clever axolotl with big dreams, impractical magic, and no use for glass slippers. A fresh, funny spin on a classic, filled with charming illustrations. Ages 5–8 **(9780593837993) Ten Speed Young Readers (HC) $18.99**

Banana Express: The Big Journey Behind One Small Delivery
Jung Jinho
Translated by Aerin Park



From award-winning author and illustrator Jung Jinho, *Banana Express* traces the incredible journey of one banana, from phone screen to front door. Bustling trucks, lively market vendors, and dedicated nighttime workers are part of the surprising connections that bring the things we need right to us with seemingly effortless convenience. Ages 4–9 **(9781964992280) Scribble US (HC) $19.95**

Bitsy Bat, Snow Star
Kaz Windness



Bitsy Bat experiences her first snow and discovers it's okay for friends to not always like the same things in this charming follow-up to *Bitsy Bat, School Star* from Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor–winning author-illustrator Kaz Windness. Ages 4–8 **(9781665963664) Beach Lane Books (HC) $19.99**

Bored
Felicita Sala



Utter boredom leads one imaginative girl to inspiration in this clever story from much-loved creator Felicita Sala. Expressive, inviting illustrations and sly storytelling are a guaranteed antidote to the doldrums. Ages 4–8 **(9780823461141)**
Neal Porter Books (HC) $18.99

Dragon Dog
Suzanne Lang
Illustrated by Max Lang



From the #1 *New York Times*–bestselling creators of *Grumpy Monkey* comes a new character—part dragon, part dog, all fierce—in this hilarious adventure that celebrates friendship, courage, and the many forms fierceness (and fluffiness) can take. Ages 4–8 **(9798217223718)**
Random House Studio (HC) $18.99

Dragon Post
Emma Yarlett



This funny and heartwarming interactive picture book about friendship includes five lift-the-flap envelopes to open and read. Perfect for imaginative kids and fans of *Dragons Love Tacos.* Ages 5–9 **(9781536251937)**
Candlewick (HC) $17.99

The Duck Can't Sleep
E. B. White
Illustrated by Melissa Sweet



From the beloved author of *Charlotte's Web* and illustrated by two-time Caldecott Honoree Melissa Sweet, this luminous picture book brings E. B. White's 1928 *New Yorker* poem to life for the first time. Long past bedtime, a restless soul and a very awake duck wander Central Park's moonlit reservoir. A perfect read-aloud for dreamers of all ages. Ages 4–8 **(9780063304291)**
Quill Tree Books (HC) $19.99

EXTRAordinary! A Little EXTRA to Reach BIG Dreams
Caitlin Clark
Illustrated by Adriana Predoi



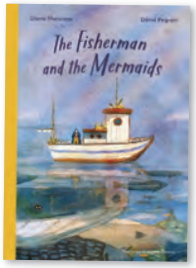
In her uplifting debut picture book, WNBA superstar and record-setting basketball player Caitlin Clark shows how our family, friends, and teammates make us extraordinary. Ages 4–8 **(9798217224913) Random House Books for Young Readers (HC) $19.99**

Felix Finds His Polish
Eric Rosswood
Illustrated by Nathalia Takeyama



When Felix paints his fingernails, he worries about how his classmates will react, especially since a firefighter is visiting. But the firefighter has a creative surprise of his own. From a Stonewall Honor–winning author, *Felix Finds His Polish* explores themes of self-expression and creativity. Ages 4–8 **(9798889834892) Beaming Books (HC) $18.99**





The Fisherman and the Mermaids
Diana Marciano
Illustrated by
Dávid Pogran

An old fisherman's lonely song summons three magical sirens, each offering something he longs for: youth, riches, and happiness. In exchange, they ask for a memory, a dream, and a wish. This luminous, thought-provoking tale explores what truly gives life meaning—and the treasures we already carry deep within us. Ages 3–5 **(9798895090978)**
Post Wave (HC) $18.99



A Forest, a Family, a Harbor, a Home
Nikki McClure

Stunningly crafted, rooted in nature, and capturing the experience of childhood and parenthood, Nikki McClure's *A Forest, a Family, a Harbor, a Home* is a rich meditation on the intimacy of home, the wonder of the world, and the magic of discovery. Ages 4–8 **(9781324125105)**
Norton Young Readers (HC) $18.99

The Future Book
Mac Barnett
Illustrated by
Shawn Harris



Discover the book everyone in the future won't stop raving about! From National Ambassador for Young People's Literature Mac Barnett and award-winning illustrator Shawn Harris comes a very funny book to read out loud. Ages 4–8 **(9798217033171)** **Knopf Books for Young Readers (HC) $19.99**



Gathering the Light
Joy Harjo
Illustrated by
Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley

From the US Poet Laureate and author of the award-winning picture book *Remember*, this luminous and lyrical story reminds readers to cherish their place in the world and make a positive impact wherever they go. Ages 4–8 **(9780593901557)**
Random House Studio (HC) $19.99

Gigantic
Rob Biddulph



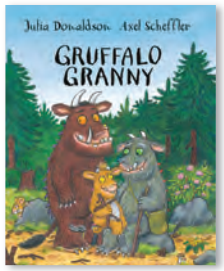
This swimmingly good story about little fins and big hearts is a sweet and funny read-aloud with a positive lesson about teamwork, courage, and embracing what makes us unique. It's a whale of a tale! Ages 3–7 **(9780593518960)**
Doubleday Books for Young Readers (HC) $18.99



The Green Otter/ La Nutria Verde
Eduardo Halfon
Illustrated by
María José de Tellería

A father sets out with a simple mission: to bring home a blue horse for his young son. But when he returns, nestled beside the horse is a tiny green otter—an unexpected gift that captures his son's heart in ways no one could have foreseen. Ages 4–8 **(9798993082004/Spanish Edition: 9798993082011)**
Tapioca Stories (HC) $19.95

Gruffalo Granny
Julia Donaldson
Illustrated by
Axel Scheffler



Return to the deep dark wood with the first new Gruffalo story in more than 20 years, and meet Gruffalo Granny! Ages 3–7 **(9798217238736)** **Dial Books (HC) $19.99**



Henri & Miko: Autumn in Bosk Olivette
Rebecca Green

Join best friends Henri and Miko for fall festivities in the wooded village of Bosk Olivette in an enchanting picture book series from *New York Times*–bestselling illustrator Rebecca Green. Ages 4–8 (9781774880647) **Tundra Books (HC) $19.99**

The House With Nobody in It
Jon Klassen



From the peerless Jon Klassen comes a board book for young readers who relish things that go bump in the night—while feeling safely tucked into their own house, with plenty of somebodies around. Ages 3–7 **(9781536248289)** **Candlewick (BB) $14.99**

I Will Eat You in the End
David Duff
Illustrated by
Marianna Coppo



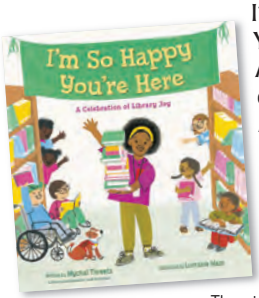
A worm and a dinosaur grapple with the circle of life in this hilariously macabre picture book featuring an unlikely friendship and a humorous approach to mortality. Ages 5–9 **(9780823463930)** **Neal Porter Books (HC) $19.99**

I Wonder if I'm Growing
Raffi
Illustrated by
Jon Klassen



From Jon Klassen, one of Raffi's original fans, comes an exploration of one of life's big questions in this witty picture book adaptation of a beloved song by the iconic musician. Ages 3–7 **(9781774888858)**
Tundra Books (HC) $19.99

I'm So Happy You're Here: A Celebration of Library Joy
Mychal Threets
Illustrated by
Lorraine Nam



Take a tour of the library with the internet's favorite librarian, Mychal Threets, in this uplifting story of belonging and library joy. After all, everyone's invited to the library party! Ages 4–8 **(9798217026029)**
Random House Books for Young Readers (HC) $18.99

If the Moon
Matthew Burgess
Illustrated by
Matthew Forsythe

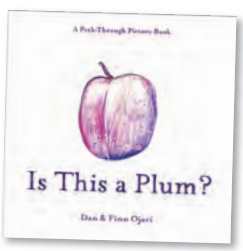


Award-winning creators Matthew Burgess and Matthew Forsythe invite readers into a dreamlike bedtime journey with this lyrical picture book. Poetic text and lush artwork soothe busy minds, creating a timeless read-aloud that gently carries children from wakefulness into sleep. Ages 3–7 **(9781464244049)**
Stonefruit Studio (HC) $19.99

The Incredible Other Side
Andrew J Ross



A celebration of creative problem-solving and the boundless power of imagination, *The Incredible Other Side* encourages little ones to see what's possible when they think outside the box. Ages 3–7 **(9781805703846)** **Frances Lincoln Children's Books (HC) $18.99**



Is This a Plum? A Peek-Through Picture Book
Dan Ojari and Finn Ojari

This delightfully clever book uses cut-through holes to deliver visual tricks and rhyming reveals! Ages 3–7 **(9798217223138)** **Random House Books for Young Readers (HC) $17.99**

Kiki & Me
Leo Timmers



Delicate black-and-white drawings alternate with rich, dramatic paintings to tell a poignant story about the bond between a horse and her owner as she grows up. A landmark picture book from award-winning author Leo Timmers. Ages 4–9 **(9798348041700) Gecko Press (HC) $24.99**

Lil Lizzo Meets Sasha B. Flootin'
Lizzo
Illustrated by Mark Pett



A girl finds her voice with the help of a smart and sassy flute in this charming and inspiring debut picture book from one of the world's best-known and best-loved musical artists—the one and only Lizzo! Ages 4–8 **(9781665951449) Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers (HC) $19.99**

Little Ghost and the Robot
David Litchfield



A spellbinding tale about chosen family and what it means to belong, from the creator of the prize-winning *Bear and the Piano* series. Ages 4–7 **(9780711296060) Frances Lincoln Children's Books (HC) $18.99**

Midnight Manor
Sid Sharp



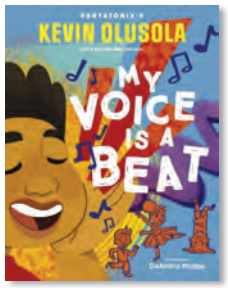
"*Midnight Manor* is full of funky characters and unexpected details, ripe for poring over by flickering candlelight and revisiting again and again. Perfect for future goths, bug collectors, night owls, Edward Gorey fans, and kids with a silly streak." —Ashley Franklin, First Light Books, Austin, TX. Ages 3–5 **(9781834021195) Annick Press (HC) $19.99**

Millie Fleur's Worst Day Ever
Christy Mandin



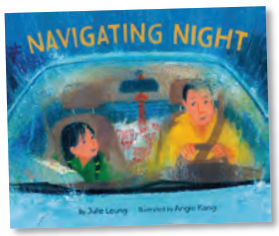
Millie Fleur's Worst Day Ever reminds us all about the importance of relying on our friends when we're feeling blue. Wednesday Addams meets *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* in the latest book in the *New York Times*–bestselling Millie Fleur series! Ages 4–8 **(9781546160182) Orchard Books (HC) $19.99**

My Voice Is a Beat
Kevin Olusola with Daniel Bernstrom
Illustrated by DeAndra Hodge



Encourage kids to find and share their unique voices with this inspiring story from Pentatonix performer Kevin Olusola. A self-proclaimed misfit, Kevin shares his journey of embracing difference, misunderstood talents, and the courage to stand out. Ages 4–8 **(9781400256679) Tommy Nelson (HC) $19.99**

Navigating Night
Julie Leung
Illustrated by Angie Kang



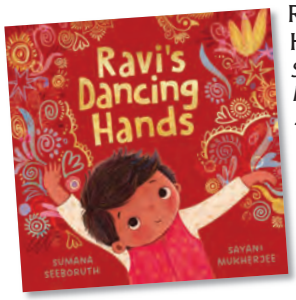
Written by an Asian Pacific American Award for Literature winner and illustrated by a Caldecott Honor winner, *Navigating Night* follows a girl as she guides her dad on his Chinese takeout delivery route. This touching picture book celebrates the unique bond between immigrant parents and their children. Ages 4–8 **(9780593897690) Anne Schwartz Books (HC) $18.99**

Nighty Night, Dinos
Deborah Holt Williams
Illustrated by Anna Doherty



Send your child's favorite dinosaurs off to bed—and your child, too!—with this rhyming bedtime story that teaches the value of sleep. From a fern-tucked velociraptor to a cuddly brontosaurus, each spread invites cozy read-alouds. A soothing choice for story time shelves, *Nighty Night, Dinos* will be your child's favorite bedtime read. Ages 3–5 **(9798893960501) Familius (HC) $17.99**

Ravi's Dancing Hands
Sumana Seeboruth
Illustrated by Sayani Mukherjee



It's the day before Ruhi's mehndi party, and all her little brother Ravi wants is to help her get ready. But mehndi and henna are not for boys, he's told. Will Ravi get his very own henna hands? Sumana Seeboruth's debut picture book is a vibrant celebration of self-expression. Ages 5–8 **(9780571400638) Faber & Faber Children's (HC) $17.95**

Rock and Roll
Ruby Amy Thompson



A sweet, laugh-out-loud story of friendship that reminds young readers that no matter how different two friends are, there are always similarities that bring them together. Ages 3–6 **(9781664300927) Tiger Tales (HC) $18.99**

Same Time, Next Week?
Marlene Droop
Translated by Alisha Niehaus Berger



Four animal friends venture out of the city in search of the stars. This sweet and funny road trip story celebrates enjoying the journey, even when things don't go as expected. Ages 4–8 **(9780735846302) NorthSouth Books (HC) $19.95**

The Secret Dragon
Briony May Smith



Can Prince Griff keep his pet dragon hidden before sparks fly...literally? From the creator of *Margaret's Unicorn* comes a whimsical romp that stars a young royal, an ever-growing dragon, and a very sneezy queen with an allergy to magical creatures. Ages 4–8 **(9780593650509) Anne Schwartz Books (HC) $18.99**

Seven Curious Ants
JooHee Yoon



A dazzling illustrated storybook from the acclaimed artist behind *The Tiger Who Would Be King*. When their anthill grows too crowded, seven adventurous ants set off through the woods seeking a new home with more space and light. One by one, each finds a spot that seems perfect—but is it? Ages 4–8 **(9781797216102) Chronicle Books (HC) $18.99**

The Skeleton and the Cat
Brandon James Scott



Skeleton lives a peaceful life of tea, books, and gardening—until a persistent cat knocks on her door and asks to come in. Told across five warm, funny stories, this offbeat friendship blooms into something surprisingly tender. From debut author-illustrator Brandon James Scott, for fans of *Frog and Toad* and creepy-cute charm. Ages 4–8 **(9780063455887) HarperCollins (HC) $19.99**

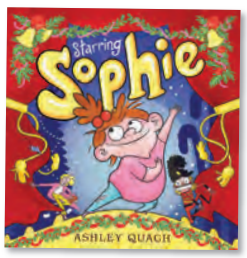


Snowfall
Park Sun-jung

Playful little snowflakes dance and swirl through a sleepy city in this charming and cozy wordless picture book with enchanting illustrations. Perfect for sharing on cold winter evenings. Three starred reviews!

"Cinematic." —*Publishers Weekly*
"Children will be captivated." —*Kirkus*
"A wordless picture book wonderland." —*Shelf Awareness*
Ages 3–6 (9781835750049) **Floris Books (HC) $18.99**

Starring Sophie
Ashley Quach



Cue the spotlight! Sophie is ready to shake things up and steal the show in this laugh-out-loud, utterly original picture book perfect for fans of Eloise and Olivia.
Ages 4–8 (9781546186045) **Orchard Books (HC) $19.99**

The Story Orchestra: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
Jessica Courtney-Tickle



Tumble into a world of magic and music in this interactive retelling of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll. With the push of a button, hear a real orchestra play as the story unfolds across the pages!
Ages 5–8 (9781805701798) **Frances Lincoln Children's Books (HC) $24.99**



Tiny Bean's Big Adventures: Bean Supreme (Book 2)
Stephanie Graegin

Adorable hedgehog Bean returns for more adventures that will warm quills and tickle funny bones. This follow-up to the beloved *Everyday Bean* features legume-sized stories with larger-than-life personality! Ages 3–7 (9781774886229) **Tundra Books (HC) $18.99**

Tiny T. Rex Tries Soccer
Jonathan Stutzman
Illustrated by Jay Fleck



Everyone's favorite pint-sized dinosaur returns for a brand-new adventure—this time on the soccer field! This playful addition to the bestselling Tiny T. Rex series is sized just right for small hands, complete with bonus stickers and plenty of silly, imaginative fun. Ages 3–5
(9781797233857) **Chronicle Books (HC) $12.99**



Tom Nancy: The Sheep Who Swapped Brains With a Boy
Mac Barnett
Illustrated by X. Fang

From two of the most acclaimed and beloved picture book makers today comes a hilarious trickster tale like no other. A sneaky sheep has a proposal for an innocent boy that will change both of their lives forever: a brain swap! Ages 4–8 (9781774885710) **Tundra Books (HC) $19.99**

Truman Toad and the Quest for the Perfect Hug
Oren Lavie
Illustrated by Anke Kuhl



"A self-obsessed protagonist makes narcissism absolutely ribbiting in this gaily cantankerous picture book... In elegant line work, saturated washes, and marvelously emotive characters that feel like a cross between the work of Arnold Lobel and James Stevenson, Kuhl follows Truman through a parade of discarded snuggles with a menagerie of acquaintances—each hug a comic gem of interspecies awkwardness... For anyone seeking their own perfect something, this irresistibly funny title hints, the answer may lie in embracing imperfection." —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review
Ages 5–8 (9781592704590) **Enchanted Lion (HC) $18.99**



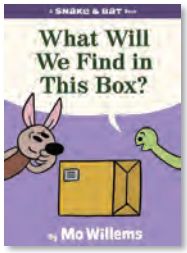
Two Turtles
Kiah Thomas
Illustrated by Jake A. Minton

Terrence and Frank are in trouble. And it's their own fault, really. This laugh-out-loud turtle tale shows that sometimes the best way forward is through teamwork. Fans of Jon Klassen and Mac Barnett will love this past-paced picture book where winning isn't everything—especially when you're plummeting with your best frenemy. Ages 3–7
(9781623548407) **Charlesbridge (HC) $17.99**

Unexpected Guests
Mariajo Ilustrajo



An interactive picture book full of suspense and surprises from award-winning creator Mariajo Ilustrajo. Find out what happens when a family of mice investigates the unexpected guests in their home—humans!
Ages 3–5 (9781805701064)
Frances Lincoln Children's Books (HC) $18.99



What Will We Find in This Box? A Snake & Bat Book
Mo Willems

From #1 *New York Times*–bestselling, award-winning author Mo Willems comes Snake & Bat, an exciting early reader series set in the world of Elephant & Piggie! This hilarious series explores supportive friendships while fostering early-learning development and beginning reading skills. Ages 4–8
(9781454966784) **Union Square Kids (POB) $10.99**

Whatever You Do...
Luke Pearson



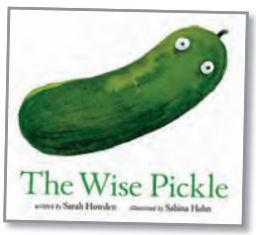
From the creator of *Hilda*, the award-winning comic and Netflix series, comes an irresistibly funny picture book about a tiny troublemaker who turns a family's peaceful morning upside down—and sends them on a delightfully chaotic adventure. Ages 3–7
(9781774884447)
Tundra Books (HC) $18.99



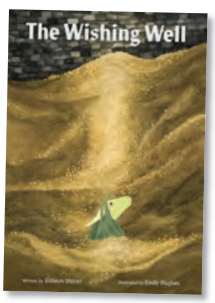
The Wildest Thing
Emily Winfield Martin

From the #1 *New York Times*–bestselling author and illustrator of *The Wonderful Things You Will Be* comes an enchanting picture book about a child finding their "wild" self. Ages 3–7
(9798217023981) **Random House Books for Young Readers (HC) $19.99**

The Wise Pickle
Sarah Howden
Illustrated by Sabina Hahn



A hilariously absurd and philosophical picture book about a pickle slowly withering in the sun, sharing its hard-earned wisdom with the local animal population, and preparing to be eaten by a dog (its preferred way to go). For fans of *I Want My Hat Back* and *The Skunk*. Ages 4–8 (9781774886984)
Tundra Books (HC) $18.99



The Wishing Well
Gideon Sterer
Illustrated by Emily Hughes

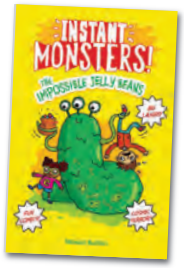
A Kids' Indie Next List pick! In this emotionally rich story from *New York Times*–bestselling author Gideon Sterer and award-winning illustrator Emily Hughes, a monster trapped at the bottom of a wishing well reminds us that true wealth is measured not in coins but in love, freedom, and the beauty of nature. Ages 4–8 (9781454963615)
Union Square Kids (HC) $19.99

Graphic Novels



The Faraway Forest: Hester's Big Dream
Debbie Fong and Kayla Catanzaro

Step into the Faraway Forest, a charming graphic novel series for early readers, perfect for *Animal Crossing* fans! Night owl Hester has just moved to this magical woodland village, and while she loves her nighttime hobbies, she's curious about daytime friendships. Can she stay awake to find out? Adventure awaits! Ages 5–8 (9781797230436) **Chronicle Books (HC) $12.99**



Instant Monsters! The Impossible Jelly Beans
Michael Buxton

Best friends Ollie and Ivy are in for a wild adventure when they find a bag of jelly beans—each with an unusual and unpredictable monster inside! But what will they do when an evil wizard comes looking for his beans? Ages 6–9 (9781684648429) **Kane Miller (PB) $6.99**



Junie B. Jones First Graphic Novel Boxed Set Ever! (Novels 1-4)
Barbara Park Adapted by Colleen AF Venable Illustrated by Honie Beam

The iconic #1 *New York Times*–bestselling series that "makes reading fun" (Dav Pilkey, author of *Dog Man*), now in a giftable four-book graphic novel boxed set. Perfect for Junie B. Jones fans! Ages 6–9 (9798217232642) **Random House Books for Young Readers (PB) $51.96**

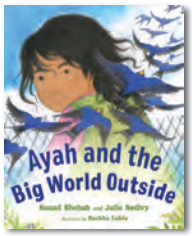


LEGO Nikolas Nurdblok and the Lost Brick
Jeffrey Brown

The heartwarming genius of bestselling cartoonist Jeffrey Brown meets the unlimited creativity of LEGO play in this awesome new adventure for comic fiction fans. Ages 7–9 (9798217307586) **DK Flip (HC) $14.99**

Fiction

Ayah and the Big World Outside
Souad Shehab and Julie Sedivy Illustrated by Barkha Lohia



Ayah, who has always lived in a refugee camp, is trying to figure out what she wants to be when she grows up. When Ayah falls asleep, she dreams of a swallow that shows her places without fences and without war, and she realizes she wants to be free like him. Ages 6–8 (9781459843646) **Orca Book Publishers (HC) $21.95**



Can You Find Steve?
Highlights

Meet Steve, a tiny duck with a giant personality and a talent for hide-and-seek. Find him in each photo-packed puzzle and watch the chaos as his not-so-stealthy dino pal Hank tries to hide, too. Includes five plastic Steves to hide in the real world. Ages 6–9 (9781639624294) **Highlights Press (HC) $18.99**

The Little Stone Buddha
Grace Lin



From award-winning and *New York Times*–bestselling author-illustrator Grace Lin comes a gorgeous picture book about a community coming together to build something beautiful. Ages 6–8 (9780316478403) **Alvina Ling Books (HC) $18.99**



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Matthew Cordell

From Caldecott medalist Matthew Cordell comes a cozy, magical nighttime adventure in which a child discovers the mysterious, miniature world beyond his bedroom walls. Ages 6–8 (9780316580953) **Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (HC) $18.99**

Nonfiction



America Is Wild!
Brad Timm Illustrated by Margaux Samson Abadie and Jill De Haan

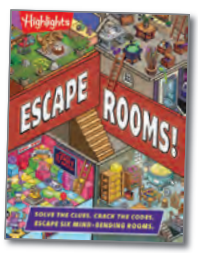
Explore the wild heart of America one state at a time in this visually captivating wildlife encyclopedia featuring more than 400 illustrations. Ages 6–9 (9781836002987) **Wide Eyed Editions (HC) $22.99**

Coco Wyo's Cozy Boxed Set: Cute & Comfy Coloring Books
Coco Wyo



Get ready for cozy coloring fun with four Coco Wyo coloring books, in a wonderful boxed set for the first time ever! This set makes a perfect gift for coloring lovers of all ages. Ages 7+ (9798217232628) **Random House Books for Young Readers (PB) $37.96**

Escape Rooms!
Highlights



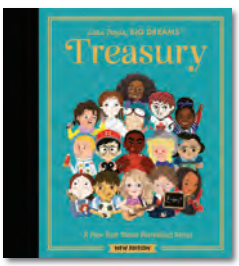
Locked doors. Hidden clues. One way out. Six richly illustrated escape rooms challenge kids to scan every detail, crack the codes, and find a way out. Nothing is there by accident, and every puzzle rewards sharp eyes and sharper thinking. Ages 8–12 (9781639625185) **Highlights Press (HC) $16.99**



How to Draw Kawaii Manga Pets
Misako Rocks!

Misako shows kids how to create their own irresistibly cute pets with easy step-by-step lessons and QR codes linking to Misako's video tutorials! Ages 7–12 (9781577156376) **Walter Foster Jr. (PB) $14.99**

Little People, BIG DREAMS™ Treasury: 50 Stories of Brilliant Dreamers
Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara



Dive deeper into the world of Little People, BIG DREAMS with a new edition of this beautifully packaged and highly giftable keepsake treasury featuring 50 dreamers (with 35 new stories!). Ages 8–12 (9781805704690) **Frances Lincoln Children's Books (HC) $39.99**

National Geographic Kids Almanac 2027
National Geographic Kids



Kids who want to know everything about everything need this book! Endlessly browsable and packed with bright visuals and bite-sized facts, the latest edition of this internationally bestselling almanac is brand-new and updated for 2027. Ages 8–12 (9781426224560) **National Geographic Kids (PB) $17.99**



The Wild Season: The Remarkable True Story of a Rabbit Rescue
Dashka Slater Illustrated by Jamey Christoph

When four abandoned bunnies turn up in a city park, the community rallies to save them. Award-winning and bestselling author Dashka Slater's unforgettable middle-grade nonfiction debut. Ages 8–12 (9780316596275) **Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (HC) $18.99**

Tweens: Graphic Novels



Amazing Ash & Superhero Ah Ma: Coming of Age (Book 2)

Melanie Lee
Illustrated by Arif Rafhan

Eleven-year-old Ash is perfectly, totally normal—until she discovers her grandmother is a superhero! And Ash has superpowers, too! The adventures in the Amazing Ash & Superhero Ah Ma series continue as Ash juggles being a responsible superhero, a supportive grandchild, and a kind friend, all while struggling with Ah Ma's advancing dementia. Ages 8–12 (9789811840012) **Difference Engine (PB) $14.99**

Doom & Gloom: The Worst Is Yet to Come

Jane Walker and Darin Henry
Illustrated by Jane Walker



Two cunning cats named Doom and Gloom set out to run their own evil empire, but an animal-whispering niece has other plans! A spooky, silly, and laugh-out-loud graphic novel for young readers. Ages 8–10 (9798881602000) **Andrews McMeel (PB) $12.99**

Elfie's Grimoire

Audrey Alwett and Christophe Arleston
Translated by Rebecca Potters
Illustrated by Ludivine Marques-Verissimo



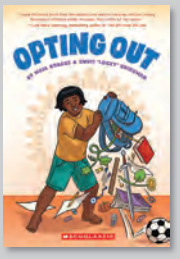
Discover the magic hidden in books! When Elfie inherits her mother's mysterious grimoire, she embarks on cozy magical adventures filled with sisterhood, self-discovery, and the power of stories. Perfect for fantasy-loving middle-grade readers. Ages 8–10 (9798881612078) **Andrews McMeel (PB) $12.99**



Offside: A Graphic Novel

Christina Diaz Gonzalez
Illustrated by Mari Costa

From the bestselling author of *Invisible, Offside* features text in English and Spanish and is a must-have graphic novel about soccer, friendship, and what it really means to work as a team. Ages 8–12 (9781546111030) **Graphix (HC) $25.99**



Opting Out

Maia Kobabe and Swati "Lucky" Srikumar

From the award-winning author-illustrator of *Gender Queer* and a bright new talent comes the story of a kid named Saachi, who is navigating friendship woes, sister issues, a new crush, and a resistance to blue-and-pink binaries. Ages 10–12 (9781339012247) **Graphix (PB) $14.99**

The Wingfeather Saga: On the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness: The Graphic Novel, Book 1

Andrew Peterson
Illustrated by Alessia Trunfio



Three brave siblings. One dangerous secret. A story packed with humor and heart. The first book in the bestselling Wingfeather Saga debuts as a graphic novel, weaving thrilling adventure with enduring themes of family, courage, and hope. Ages 8–12 (9798217444939) **WaterBrook Children's (PB) $14.99**

Tweens

Absent

Rex Ogle
Illustrated by LJ-Baptiste



For fans of Diary of a Wimpy Kid, beloved author Rex Ogle's *Absent* is a mixed-format middle-grade novel, written in comics, verse, and prose, about three boys who skip school for different reasons, meet in detention, and learn that everyone has a story to tell. Ages 10–14 (9781324124894) **Norton Young Readers (HC) $17.99**



Brittle Magic

Kate O'Shaughnessy

Everyone in the Brittle family has a magical talent—except Shiloh. But she's determined to unlock her own greatness in this charmingly quirky novel about family and forgiveness from Newbery Honor–winner Kate O'Shaughnessy. Ages 8–12 (9780593650776) **Knopf Books for Young Readers (HC) $17.99**



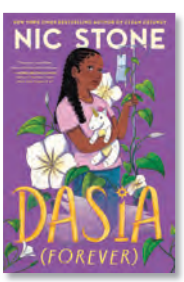
Camp Half-Blood: The Wild Zone (Book 1)

Rick Riordan and Annabelle Oh

Ever wonder what goes on at Camp Half-Blood in between Percy Jackson's legendary quests? Find out in the start of a new series from #1 *New York Times*–bestselling author Rick Riordan and an all-star team of coauthors! Ages 10–14 (9798217445981) **Random House Books for Young Readers (HC) $20.99**

Dasia (Forever)

Nic Stone



From the *New York Times*–bestselling author of the Dear Martin series comes a spin-off novel, written in prose and letters-in-verse, about a girl navigating cancer, family challenges, and newfound friendship during an overnight chemo treatment. Ages 8–12 (9798217229307) **Crown Books for Young Readers (HC) $17.99**



Dragonborn: The Twilight Child

Struan Murray

Soar back into the world of dragons in the thrilling, fiery sequel to *New York Times* bestseller *Dragonborn*. Ages 8–12 (9798217113248) **Dutton Books for Young Readers (HC) $19.99**

Five Days at the Hotel Adams

Hailey Alcaraz
Illustrated by Alisha Monnin



From Hispanic author Hailey Alcaraz, this historical mystery inspired by the 1910 Hotel Adams fire follows two Latina girls who turn being overlooked into strength. As Ruth and Luisa unravel an arson plot, they defy expectations and discover courage. Ages 8–12 (9781400255399) **Tommy Nelson (PB) $11.99**



The Four Seasons of Florence Wallace

Kirstie Myvett
Illustrated by Alisha Monnin

A historical novel about a Black orphan girl in Civil War–era New York City, inspiring tweens to dream big and rise above limits. As Florence faces loss and hardship, she finds purpose, courage, and her path by showing others they belong. Ages 8–12 (9781400255412) **Tommy Nelson (PB) $11.99**



Ghost Guild: The Lost Three

Annie Barrows
Illustrated by Chloe Bristol

A wickedly entertaining supernatural story about three siblings finding their way in the world as ghosts, from the bestselling author of the Ivy + Bean series, Annie Barrows. Ages 8–12 (9780316593908) **Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (HC) $17.99**

Guardians: Forbidden Mountain

Brandon Mull



Choose your guardian. Choose your destiny. The instant *New York Times*–bestselling fantasy from the author of the Fablehaven and Beyonders series. Ages 8–12 (9780593712047) **Labyrinth Road (HC) $19.99**



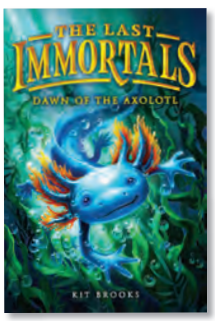
Kiki's Delivery Service: Kiki and the New Magic (Book 2)

Eiko Kadono
Translated by Emily Balistrieri
Illustrated by Yuta Onoda

Blending cozy fantasy with a dash of real life, this brand-new translation of the sequel to a beloved classic arrives at the same time as a gorgeous deluxe edition of the story that started it all, enchanting readers all over again! Ages 8–12 (9798217227105) **Delacorte Press (HC) $19.99**

The Last Immortals: Dawn of the Axolotl

Kit Brooks



Abandoned at birth, Ace the axolotl struggles to survive both human and animal predators in his quest to save himself—and his entire species—in this epic middle-grade fantasy, with 24 black-and-white illustrations throughout, for fans of Warrior Cats. Ages 8–12 (9780316601856) **Christy Ottaviano Books (PB) $8.99**

Licorice

Kara LaReau
Illustrated by Kelly Murphy



A feral tabby cat is adopted by a loving family, only to realize her new home might be haunted by the cat who lived there before her. Spine-chilling and heartwarming, funny and charming, *Licorice* is purrfect for fans of Kate DiCamillo, Katherine Applegate, and Aaron Reynolds. Ages 8–12 (9781546185949) **Scholastic Press (HC) $18.99**



Magic Elizabeth

Norma Kassirer
Illustrated by Mark Richardson

A beloved middle-grade fantasy classic returns in a beautifully illustrated new edition. When a mysterious mirror leads Sally into the past, she uncovers a magical mystery that celebrates friendship, kindness, and the enduring power of love. Ages 8–12 (9781685558017) **The Collective Book Studio (PB) $15.99**

The Magic Library of Waterfall Way (Deluxe Limited Edition)

Julie Abe



In *The Magic Library of Waterfall Way*, an unremarkable girl with a remarkable destiny must save a magic library to find her forever home. This delightful cozy fantasy is perfect for fans of *Impossible Creatures* and *Kiki's Delivery Service*. Ages 8–11 (9781547618293) **Bloomsbury Children's Books (HC) $18.99**



The Missing Magic of Sparrow Xia

Leia Ham

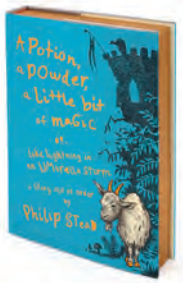
With exciting, atmospheric illustrations on every page, *The Missing Magic of Sparrow Xia* is the beginning of an unforgettable adventure overflowing with friendship, mystery, and the truth that magic is everywhere. Ages 9–12 (9781546150923) **Scholastic Press (HC) $16.99**

Nando

McCall Hoyle



A tropical storm turns the creek into a raging river and scatters Nando and his friends. Nando is rescued by Levi, who offers him courage, friendship, and love, teaching Nando that he doesn't have to be perfect to be loved and accepted. Ages 8–10 (9781639935239) **Shadow Mountain (HC) $18.99**



A Potion, a Powder, a Little Bit of Magic: Or, Like Lightning in an Umbrella Storm

Philip Stead

In this instant *New York Times* bestseller by award-winning creator Philip Stead, a plucky young goat keeper sets out on a misadventurous rescue mission. A one-of-a-kind novel, perfect for fans of Kate DiCamillo and Lemony Snicket. Ages 10+ (9780823458097) **Neal Porter Books (HC) $18.99**

The Secret Bookstore Sleuth Society (Deluxe Edition)

Lindsay Currie



Clue meets *Midnight at the Barclay Hotel* in this page-turning mystery from #1 *New York Times*–bestselling author Lindsay Currie. When an ice storm traps guests inside a book-themed inn, four best friends launch their own sleuth society to uncover a killer hiding in plain sight. Ages 9–12 (9781464241260) **Sourcebooks Young Readers (HC) $17.99**



The Second Life of Snap

Erin Entrada Kelly

Zuzu Santos doesn't want a robot—she'd rather explore Bright Valley with friends. But Snap, a know-it-all guardian robot with a failing battery, becomes family, and Zuzu will do anything to keep him going. A hopeful survival story from two-time Newbery Medalist Erin Entrada Kelly, for *The Wild Robot* fans. Ages 8–12 (9780063485952) **Greenwillow Books (HC) $19.99**

Starminster

Megan Hopkins

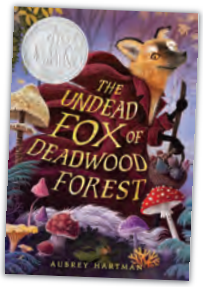


Eleven-year-old Astrid has lived her entire life in a rhubarb shed, but one day a strange winged woman unlocks her door and tells Astrid she will soon grow wings of her own. A magnificent secret world awaits her in the clouds, full of wonder and teeming with adventure. Ages 9–11 (9781684648634) **Kane Miller (PB) $9.99**



This Is a Door
Daniel Nayeri

From National Book Award winner and Newbery Honor recipient Daniel Nayeri comes a groundbreaking fairy tale adventure unlike any other. As text twists, climbs, and transforms into art, a young hero's unforgettable journey becomes a one-of-a-kind visual reading experience readers will treasure. Ages 8–12 (9781464246029) **Stonefruit Studio (HC) $19.99**



The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest
Aubrey Hartman

A fox and a badger begrudgingly team up to change their destinies in this endearing middle-grade novel. Featuring black-and-white illustrations throughout, this critically acclaimed novel brings Deadwood Forest to life through both words and art. Perfect for fans of Kate DiCamillo and Katherine Applegate. Ages 8+ (9780316575737) **Little, Brown Books for Young Readers (PB) $8.99**



Winnie-the-Pooh: The Complete Collection
A. A. Milne
Illustrated by
Ernest H. Shepard

A charming four-book boxed set of A. A. Milne's classic stories and poetry in an affordable paperback collection. The perfect gift for any occasion and an essential part of every family's bookshelf. Ages 8–12 (9798217242849) **Dutton Books for Young Readers (PB) $35.96**

The Trouble With Heroes
Kate Messner



An instant *New York Times* bestseller! A #1 Kids' Indie Next List pick! A *USA Today* bestseller! A Read with Jenna Jr. Summer Reading List pick! "Genuinely moving." —*New York Times* Book Review

Award-winning author Kate Messner takes readers on a heartfelt journey as a boy finds his path to healing. Ages 9–14 (9781547619429) **Bloomsbury Children's Books (PB) $10.99**

Wide Eye
Jennifer Liss



For fans of Kate DiCamillo and *Mr. Lemoncello's Library*! Ten-year-old Meridian loves spending summers helping out at grandpa's quirky museum dedicated to a legendary lake monster. When her research uncovers a long-buried family secret, she must solve the mystery and dodge two pranksters to save her summer's magic. Adventure awaits! Ages 9–12 (9781782695400) **Pushkin Children's Books (PB) $13.95**

Wish on a Willow
Maria Oka



Eloise discovers a weeping willow, and when she finds her dad's childhood journal tucked away, she learns the tree holds magic. With the help of the journal, Eloise and her friends race to save the tree, because her wish is too big to let go. Ages 8–12 (9781639935819) **Shadow Mountain (HC) $19.99**

Tweens: Indies Introduce The Best Debuts of 2026



Casting April
Wendy Lu

A heartwarming middle-grade novel about a girl who refuses to let ableism dim her light. Ages 8–12 (9798217030286) **Knopf Books for Young Readers (HC) $17.99**

The Ginghams
T. C. Kemper



An eerie middle-grade mystery debut that follows a young girl who returns home to find the people of her little town, including her best friend, chillingly changed after the arrival of the prim and proper Gingham family. Ages 8–12 (9781250489425) **Henry Holt and Co. BYR Paperbacks (PB) $9.99**



Just Ask Elsie
Ari Koontz

An empowering middle-grade novel about a fifth-grader who starts an underground advice board to answer questions about puberty and identity often left off the curriculum, and finds herself having to decide what she'll risk to tell the truth to kids who really need it. Ages 10–14 (9781250410986) **Feiwel & Friends (HC) $18.99**

The Last Dragon House
Liv Mae Morris



"The most delightful middle-grade novel! The dragons were fantastic, the kids were daring and kind, the adventure was just the right amount of scary, and the ending has me needing book two ASAP. This is going to be a huge hit with middle-grade readers."—Kimberly McCraw, Old Town Books, Alexandria, VA. Ages 8–12 (9781419784613) **Amulet Books (HC) $19.99**



Little Bones
Sandy Bigna

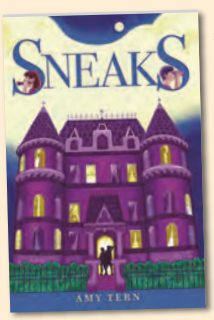
"A beautiful novel-in-verse about grief, love, family, and friendship. Bones is trying to live through the grief of losing her little brother when she makes a wish and brings a bird skeleton to life. It's up to Bones and her new friend Tenny to try to put this right." —Katrina Bright-Yerges, Books & Company, Oconomowoc, WI. Ages 8–12 (9781665985086) **Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers (HC) $17.99**

Oh Brother: A Graphic Memoir
Georgina Chadderton



A unique coming-of-age story that explores the complex realities of growing up alongside an autistic and nonverbal brother. Perfect for fans of *Speak Up!* and *Frankie's World*. Ages 8–12 (9780593488263) **Random House Graphic (PB) $14.99**

Sneaks
Amy Tern



A missing child and an apartment that should be empty spur two tweens to investigate an increasingly tangled neighborhood mystery in this page-turning middle-grade debut. Ages 8–12 (9780823461622) **Holiday House (HC) $18.99**

Deathly Fates
Tesia Tsai



"Get in, xianxia girlies—we're dispelling restless spirits, exploring the social consequences of empire and war, and falling in love with sweet, flirty reanimated princes. A spellbinding tale of family, duty, and compassion, and at its beating core is a heartfelt and unflinching relationship with death."—Lucky Pents, Meet Cute Romance Bookshop, San Diego, CA. Ages 13–18 **(9781250378927) Wednesday Books (HC) $20**

Fire to the Stars
Morgan J. Watchorn



In a kingdom cursed to turn people into dragons, two teens from opposite worlds, each with nothing left to lose, form an uneasy alliance. Told in alternating perspectives, this sweeping debut follows their search for redemption and their slow-burning bond. Ages 12+ **(9780593708446) Knopf Books for Young Readers (HC) $19.99**

Flickerstate
F.A. Davidson



A Study in Drowning meets *Neverworld Wake* in this dark academia YA fantasy debut. A gifted student who can manipulate probability enters a deadly academy competition to save her father, uncover dangerous secrets, and defy impossible odds. Ages 12–18 **(9781464266195) Sourcebooks Fire (HC) $18.99**

The Free Verse Society
Delali Adjoa



A tender hate-to-love YA romance about two teens who connect through their high school poetry club. Featuring colorful sprayed edges! Ages 14+ **(9781682638781) Peachtree Teen (PB) $14.99**

Goldenborn
Ama Ofosua Lieb



A *Good Morning America* Book Club pick and an Indies Introduce pick! A girl with a mission. A god with a deal. A story that could change everything. *Goldenborn* is a gripping fantasy about legacy, lies, and what it really means to rewrite your story. Ages 12+ **(9781546147466) Scholastic (HC) $19.99**

Her Hidden Fire
Clíodhna O'Sullivan



In the first book of a heart-pounding, debut romantasy series set in a world of dragons and magic, one girl must make an impossible decision: watch the boy she loves get exiled for lack of magic or pass off her formidable powers as his. Ages 12+ **(9798217040506) Viking Books for Young Readers (HC) $22.99**

Meet Me Under the Lights
Cassie Miller



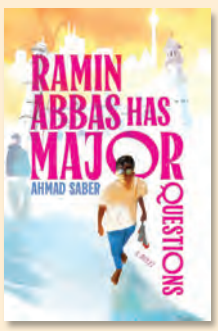
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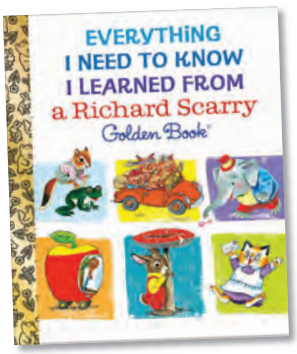
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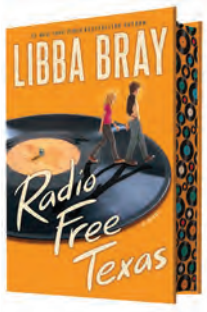
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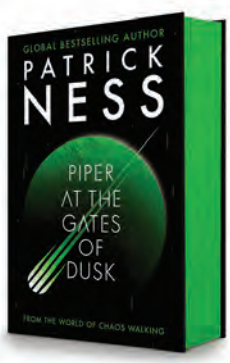


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