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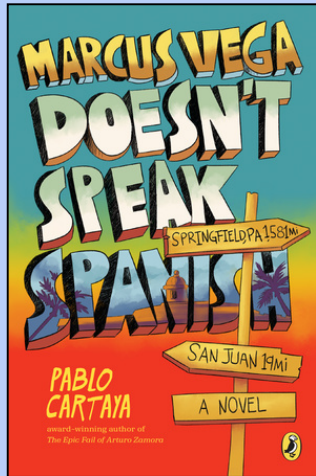
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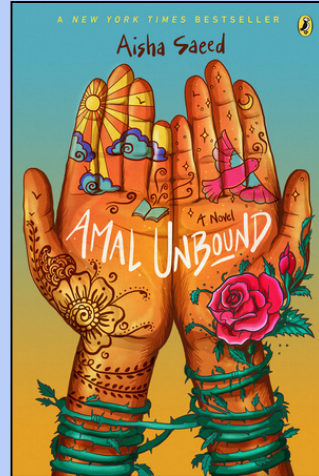
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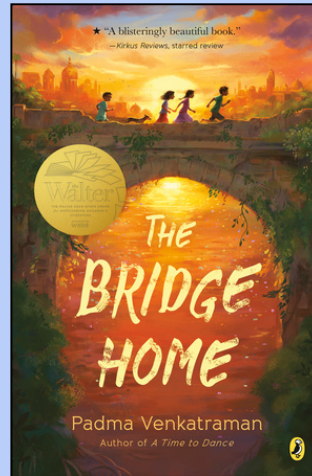
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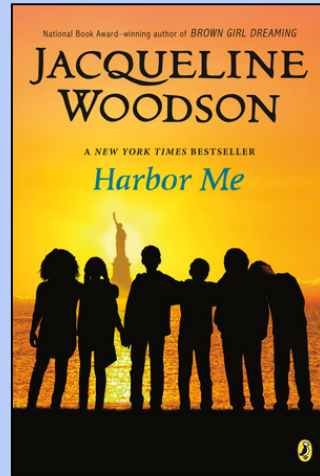
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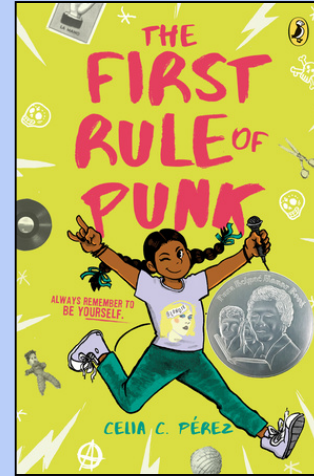
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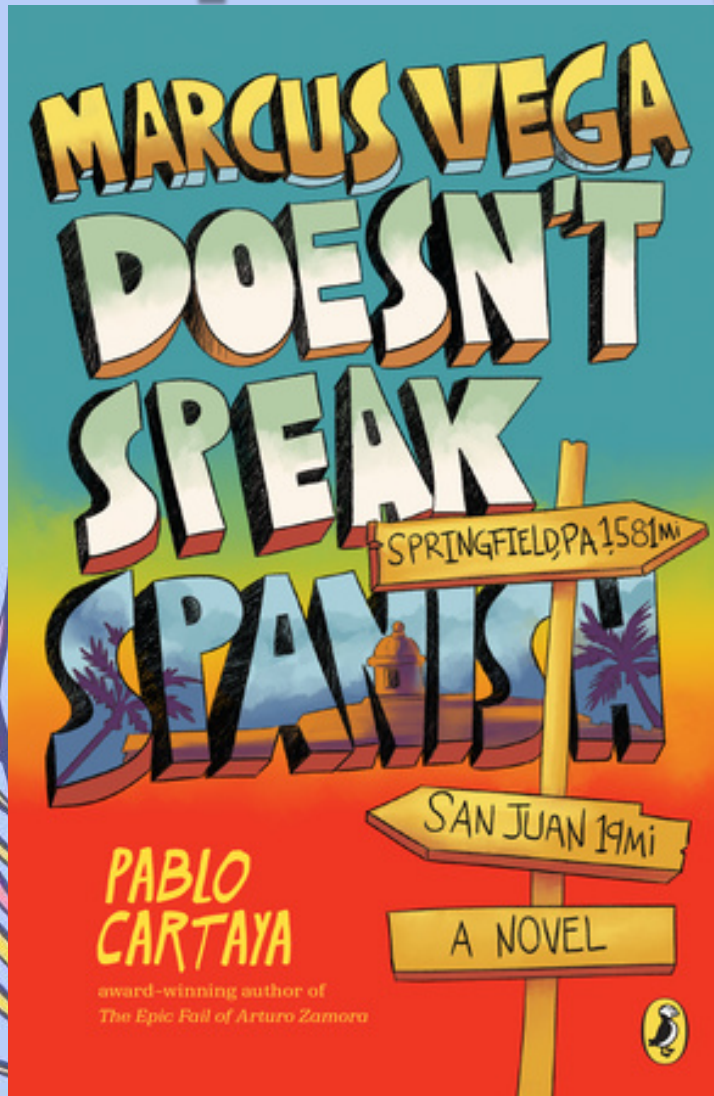


20 State Awards!



18 State Awards!

Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish



One boy's search for his father leads him to Puerto Rico in this moving-middle grade novel, for fans of *Ghost* and *See You in the Cosmos*.

Marcus Vega is six feet tall, 180 pounds, and the owner of a premature mustache. When you look like this and you're only in the eighth grade, you're both a threat and a target. After a fight at school leaves Marcus facing suspension, Marcus's mom decides it's time for a change of environment. She takes Marcus and his younger brother to Puerto Rico to spend a week with relatives they don't remember or have never met. But Marcus can't focus knowing that his father--who walked out of their lives ten years ago--is somewhere on the island. So begins Marcus's incredible journey, a series of misadventures that take him all over Puerto Rico in search of his elusive namesake. Marcus doesn't know if he'll ever find his father, but what he ultimately discovers changes his life. And he even learns a bit of Spanish along the way.

Discussion Guide Available!

Amal Unbound

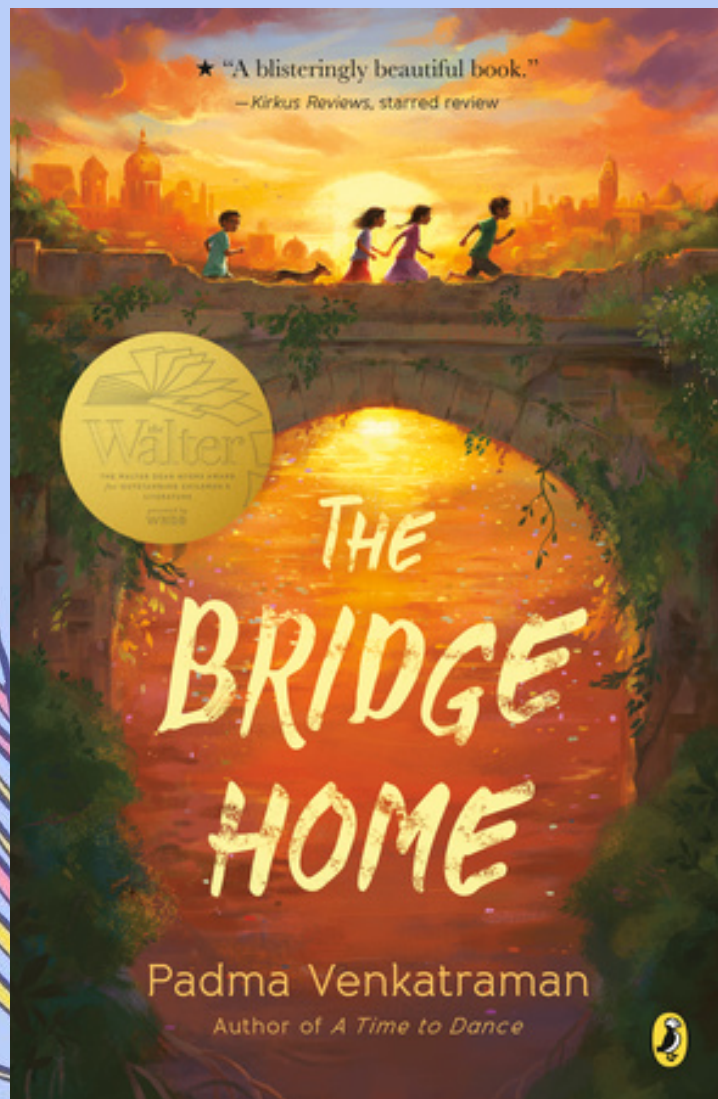


A New York Times Bestseller!

Amal has big dreams, until a nightmarish encounter . . . Twelve-year-old Amal's dream of becoming a teacher one day is dashed in an instant when she accidentally insults a member of her Pakistani village's ruling family. As punishment for her behavior, she is forced to leave her heartbroken family behind and go work at their estate. Amal is distraught but has faced setbacks before. So she summons her courage and begins navigating the complex rules of life as a servant, with all its attendant jealousies and pecking-order woes. Most troubling, though, is Amal's increasing awareness of the deadly measures the Khan family will go to in order to stay in control. It's clear that their hold over her village will never loosen as long as everyone is too afraid to challenge them--so if Amal is to have any chance of ensuring her loved ones' safety and winning back her freedom, she must find a way to work with the other servants to make it happen.

Discussion Guide Available

The Bridge Home

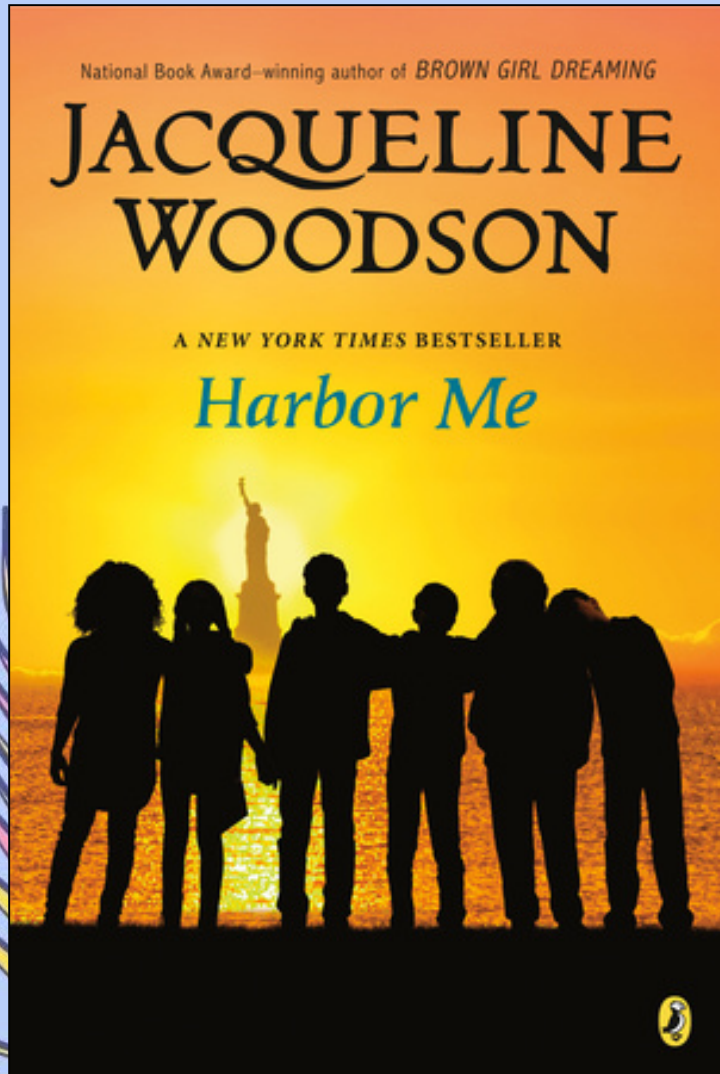


"Readers will be captivated by this beautifully written novel about young people who must use their instincts and grit to survive. Padma infuses her story with hope and bravery that will inspire readers."--Aisha Saeed, author of the *New York Times* Bestseller *Amal Unbound*

Four determined homeless children make a life for themselves in Padma Venkatraman's stirring middle-grade debut. Life is harsh on the teeming streets of Chennai, India, so when runaway sisters Viji and Rukku arrive, their prospects look grim. Very quickly, eleven-year-old Viji discovers how vulnerable they are in this uncaring, dangerous world. Fortunately, the girls find shelter--and friendship--on an abandoned bridge that's also the hideout of Muthi and Arul, two homeless boys, and the four of them soon form a family of sorts. And while making their living scavenging the city's trash heaps is the pits, the kids find plenty to take pride in, too. After all, they are now the bosses of themselves and no longer dependent on untrustworthy adults. But when illness strikes, Viji must decide whether to risk seeking help from strangers or to keep holding on to their fragile, hard-fought freedom.

Discussion Guide Available!

Harbor Me



National Book Award winner Jacqueline Woodson's timely middle-grade novel celebrates the healing that can occur when a group of students share their stories.

It all starts when six kids are sent to a room for a weekly chat--by themselves, with no adults to listen in. There, in the place they dub the ARTT room ("A Room To Talk"), they discover it's safe to open up. A father has recently gone missing, and that starts a conversation about other things they're facing, from racial profiling and fears of deportation to a deep yearning for family history and a sense of belonging. When they're together, they can express the feelings and fears they usually hide from the world. And together, they can grow braver and more ready for the rest of their lives.

Educator's Guide Available!

The First Rule of Punk



Roller Girl meets *School of Rock* in this illustrated middle-grade novel about identity, friendship, and riot-grrrl power by librarian and debut author Celia C. Pérez.

There are no shortcuts to surviving your first day at a new school--you can't fix it with duct tape like you would your Chuck Taylors. On Day One, twelve-year-old Malú inadvertently upsets Posada Middle School's queen bee, violates the school's dress code with her punk-rock look, and disappoints her college-professor mom in the process. Her dad, who now lives a thousand miles away, says things will get better as long as she remembers the first rule of punk: be yourself. The real Malú loves rock music, skateboarding, zines, and Soyrizo (hold the cilantro, please). And when she assembles a group of like-minded misfits at school and starts a band, Malú finally begins to feel at home. She'll do anything to preserve this, which includes standing up to an anti-punk school administration to fight for her right to express herself!

Also available in Spanish!
Discussion Guide Available!

Small Spaces



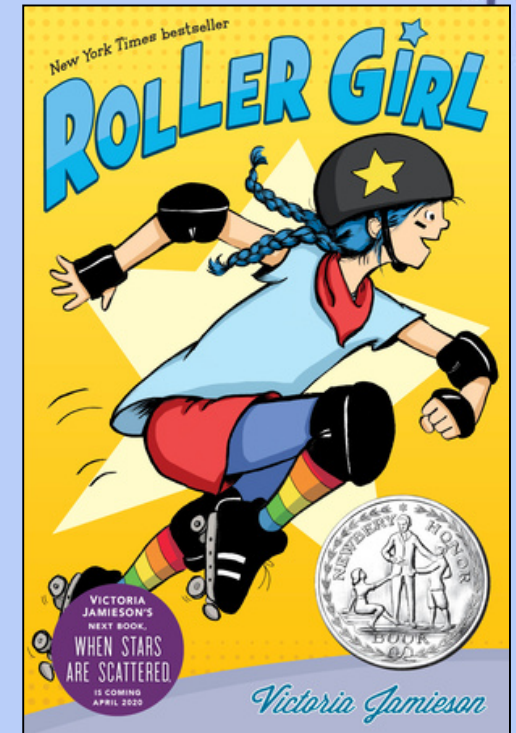
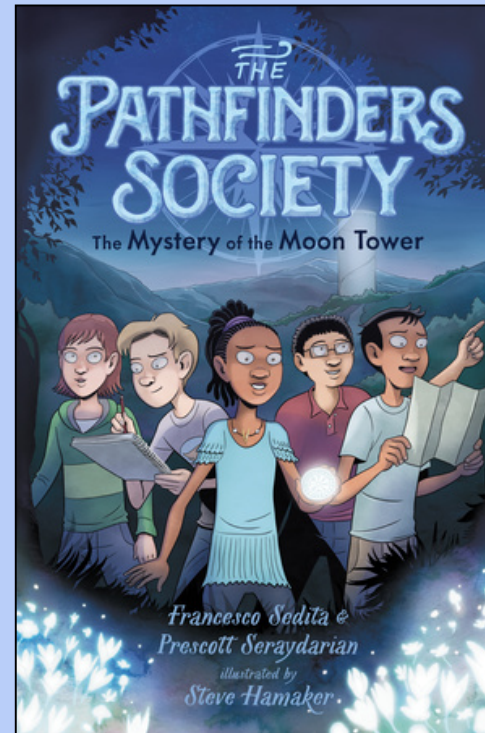
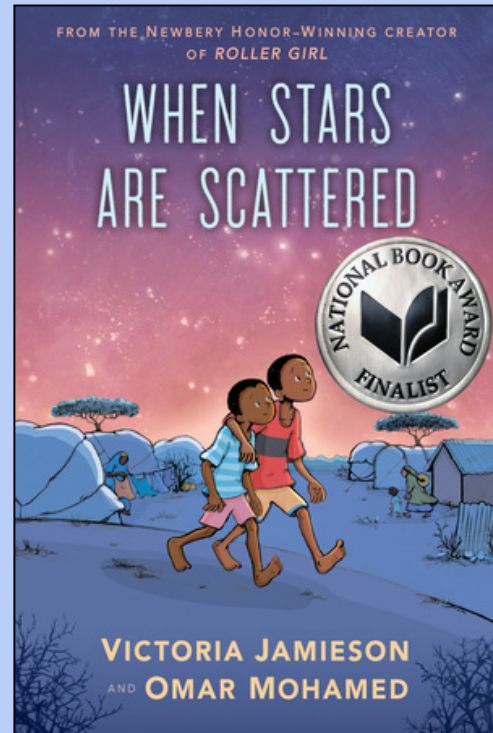
New York Times bestselling adult author of *The Bear and the Nightingale* makes her middle grade debut with a creepy, spellbinding ghost story destined to become a classic.

After suffering a tragic loss, eleven-year-old Ollie who only finds solace in books discovers a chilling ghost story about a girl named Beth, the two brothers who loved her, and a peculiar deal made with "the smiling man"--a sinister specter who grants your most tightly held wish, but only for the ultimate price.

Captivated by the tale, Ollie begins to wonder if the smiling man might be real when she stumbles upon the graves of the very people she's been reading about on a school trip to a nearby farm. Then, later, when her school bus breaks down on the ride home, the strange bus driver tells Ollie and her classmates: "Best get moving. At nightfall they'll come for the rest of you." Nightfall is, indeed, fast descending when Ollie's previously broken digital wristwatch begins a startling countdown and delivers a terrifying message: RUN.

In Paperback Now!

Graphic Novels



Shirley and Jamila Save Their Summer



This middle-grade graphic novel for fans of *Roller Girl* and *Smile* introduces Jamila and Shirley, two unlikely friends who save each other's summers while solving their neighborhood's biggest mysteries.

Jamila Waheed is staring down a lonely summer in a new neighborhood--until she meets Shirley Bones. Sure, Shirley's a little strange, but both girls need a new plan for the summer, and they might as well become friends. Then this kid Oliver shows up begging for Shirley's help. His pet gecko has disappeared, and he's sure it was stolen! That's when Jamila discovers Shirley's secret: She's the neighborhood's best kid detective, and she's on the case. When Jamila discovers she's got some detective skills of her own, a crime-solving partnership is born. The mystery of the missing gecko turns Shirley and Jamila's summer upside down. And when their partnership hits a rough patch, they have to work together to solve the greatest mystery of all: What it means to be a friend.



The start of a series!

When Stars Are Scattered



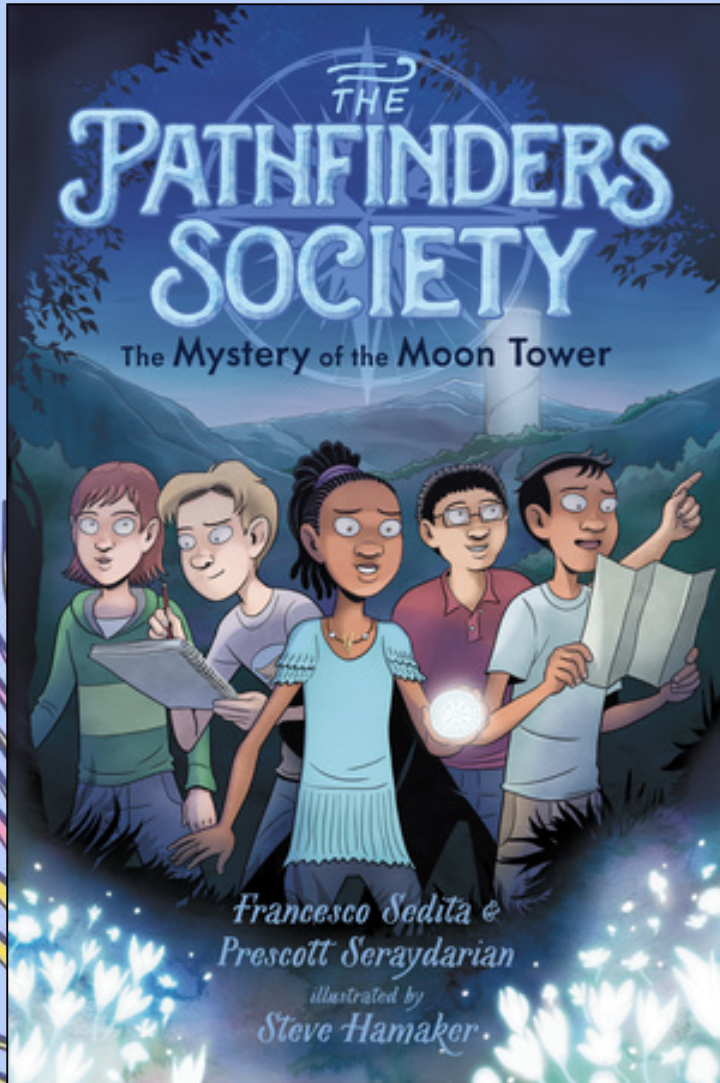
National Book Award Finalist

Heartbreak and hope exist together in this remarkable graphic novel about growing up in a refugee camp, as told by a Somali refugee to the Newbery Honor-winning creator of *Roller Girl*.

Omar and his little brother, Hassan, arrived in Dadaab, a refugee camp in Kenya, seven years ago. Their father was killed the day they left home, and they haven't seen their mother since they joined their neighbors who were fleeing to Dadaab. Now Omar is eleven and Hassan is nine, and Omar has quit school to look after his brother, who has an intellectual disability. When Omar is given the opportunity to return to school and carve out a future for himself and Hassan, he feels torn. He loves school and could have the opportunity to earn a coveted scholarship to a North American university--and with it a visa for himself and Hassan. But is it worth the risk and heartache of leaving his vulnerable brother for hours each day? Told in Victoria Jamieson's engaging and accessible graphic-novel style and based on Omar Mohamed's gripping true story, this book is an intimate, important look at day-to-day life in a refugee camp.

Discussion Guide Available!

The Pathfinders Society: The Mystery of the Moon Tower



"A legendary hidden treasure, an eccentric guy who collects stuff in a mysterious castle, and five cool kids trying to connect the dots and save the day, all of it brilliantly illustrated. WHAT'S NOT TO LOVE HERE?" --MAX BRALLIER, author of the *NYT* bestselling series *The Last Kids on Earth*

Summer camp just became a whole lot more interesting when five curious kids accept a mysterious project: work together as a team to uncover a series of strange clues, reveal a secret path--and follow its twists and turns to a legendary treasure! Join in the fun in this lively, clever debut graphic novel sure to appeal to fans of the *Last Kids on Earth* and *Lumberjanes* series.

The start of a series!

Roller Girl



For fans of *Smile*, a heartwarming and inspiring graphic novel about surviving middle school through the power of roller derby.

For most of the first twelve years of her life, Astrid knew exactly who she was she was Nicole's Best Friend. When her mother takes the friends on an unusual Evening of Cultural Enlightenment; however, Astrid discovers a new identity for herself. She is Astrid Vasquez: Roller Derby Girl. Unfortunately, Astrid can't skate, but that doesn't stop her from signing up for roller-derby boot camp. Nicole, however, chooses to go to dance camp instead. And so begins the most difficult summer of Astrid's life, as she tries to keep up with the older and tougher girls at camp while they prepare for their first bout, hang on to the friendship she feels slipping away, and cautiously embark on a new one. As the summer dwindles down, and the bout (and middle school!) draw ever closer, Astrid realizes that just maybe she is strong enough to handle her first bout, a lost friendship, and middle school... in short, strong enough to be a roller girl.

Historical Fiction

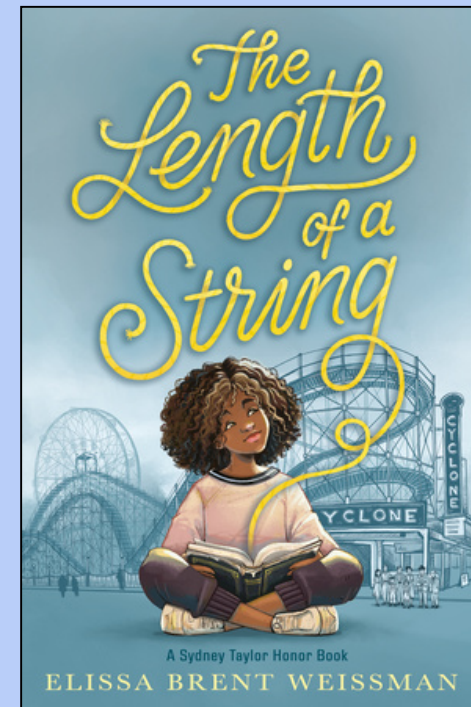
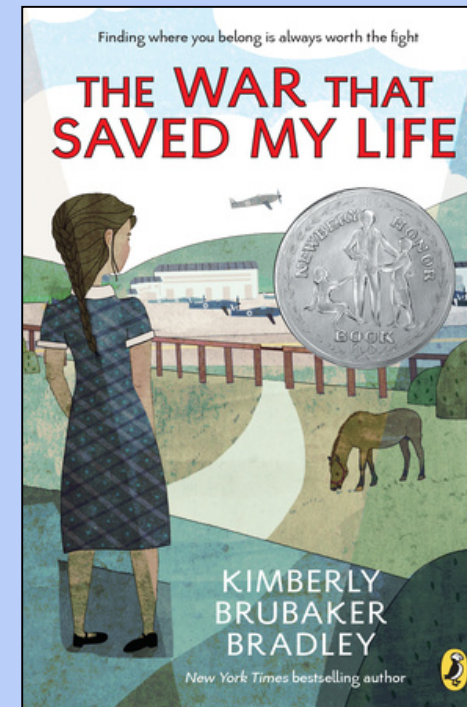
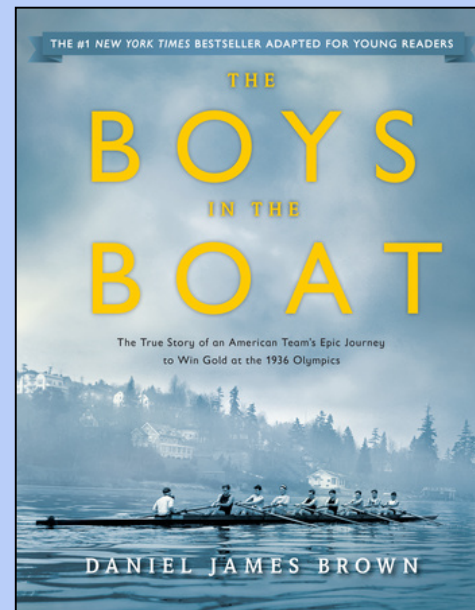
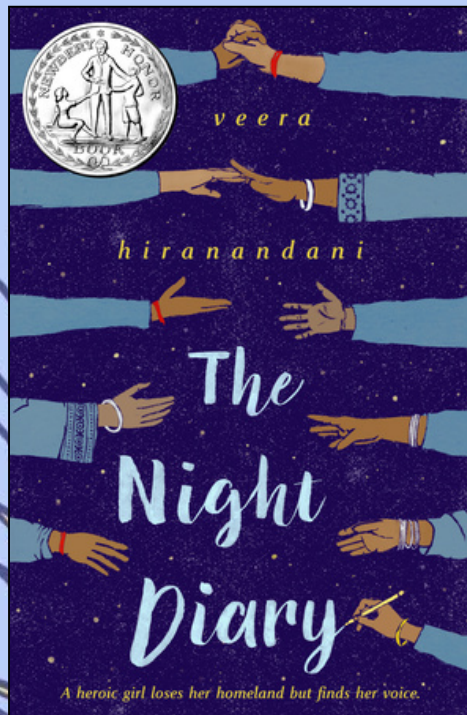
On 19 State Awards

New from a Newbery Honor Winning Author!

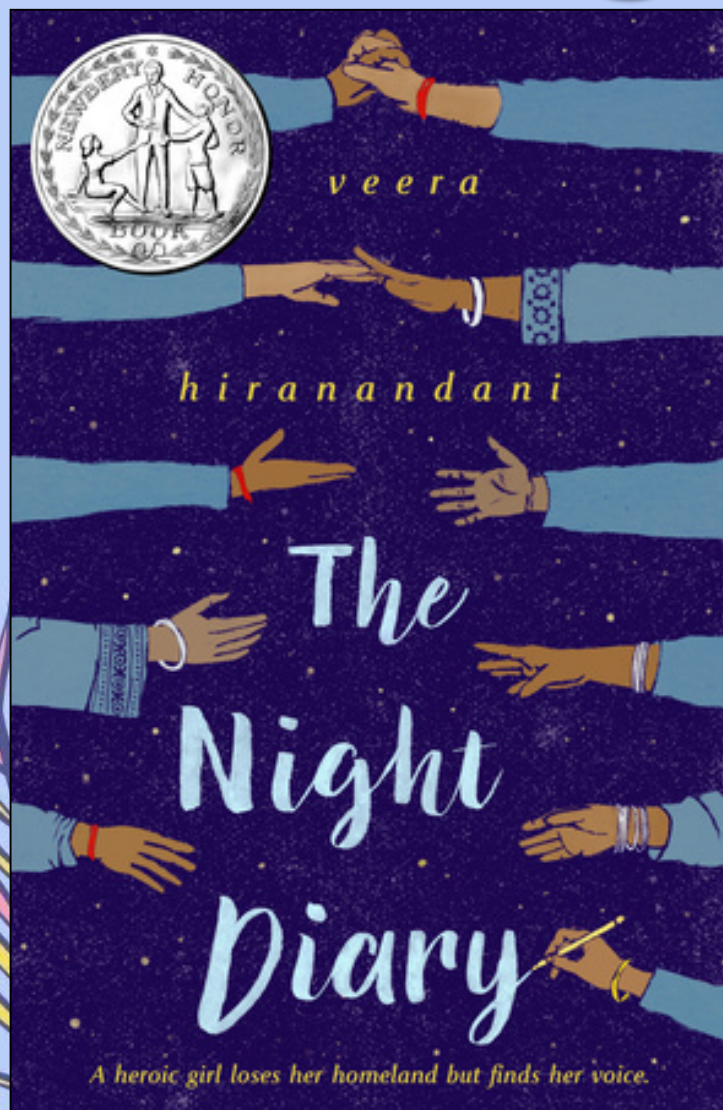
Nonfiction!

On 45 State Awards

2 Perspectives Contemporary & Historical



The Night Diary



In the vein of *Inside Out and Back Again* and *The War That Saved My Life* comes a poignant, personal, and hopeful tale of India's partition, and of one girl's journey to find a new home in a divided country.

It's 1947, and India, newly freed from British rule, has been separated into two countries: Pakistan and India. Many people are killed crossing borders as tensions among Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, and others flare. Nisha, who has always carried two parts in her: Muslim and Hindu, doesn't know which side she has to be on or why she must choose. Nisha has already lost her mother. She can't imagine losing her homeland, too. But Papa says it's too dangerous for them to stay in Pakistan. And so Nisha and her family become refugees and embark on a treacherous journey by train and by foot to reach their new home on the other side of the border. Told through letters Nisha writes to her mother in her journal, *The Night Diary* is a poignant story of the largest human migration in history and of one girl's search for home, her own identity, and a hopeful future.

Educator Guide Available!

Echo Mountain

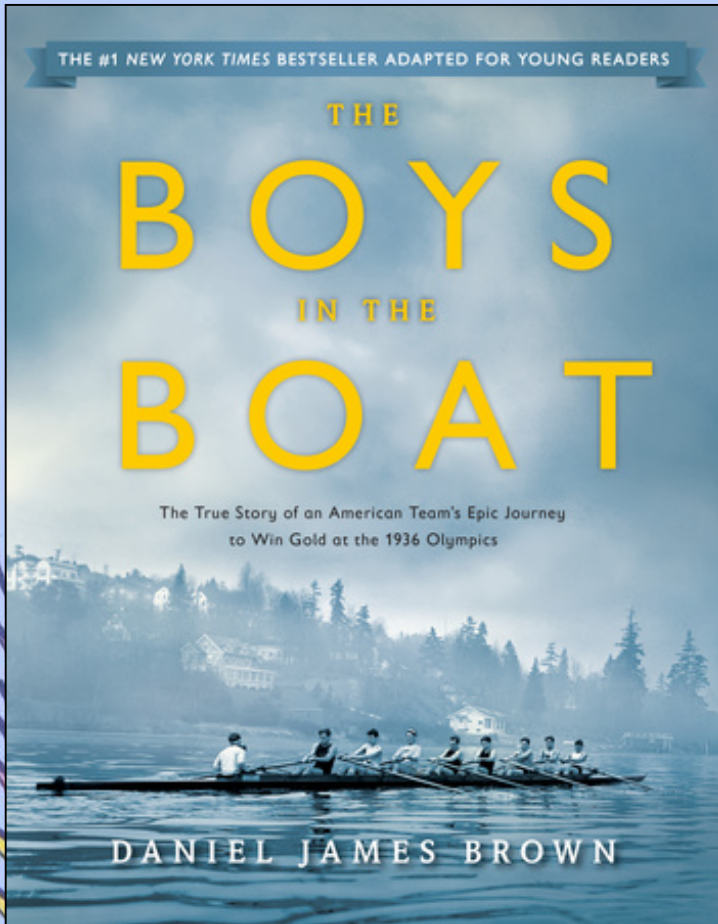


Newbery Honor- and Scott O'Dell Award-winning author Lauren Wolk returns with the story of an unforgettable young heroine in Depression-era Maine, navigating the rocky terrain of her new life on Echo Mountain.

When the Great Depression takes almost everything they own, Ellie's family is forced to leave their home in town and start over in the untamed forests of nearby Echo Mountain. Ellie has found a welcome freedom, and a love of the natural world, in her new life on the mountain. But there is little joy, even for Ellie, as her family struggles with the aftermath of an accident that has left her father in a coma. An accident unfairly blamed on Ellie. Determined to help her father, Ellie will make her way to the top of the mountain in search of the healing secrets of a woman known only as "the hag." But the hag, and the mountain, still have many untold stories left to reveal and, with them, a fresh chance at happiness. Echo Mountain is celebration of finding your own path and becoming your truest self.

Educator Guide Available!

The Boys in the Boat

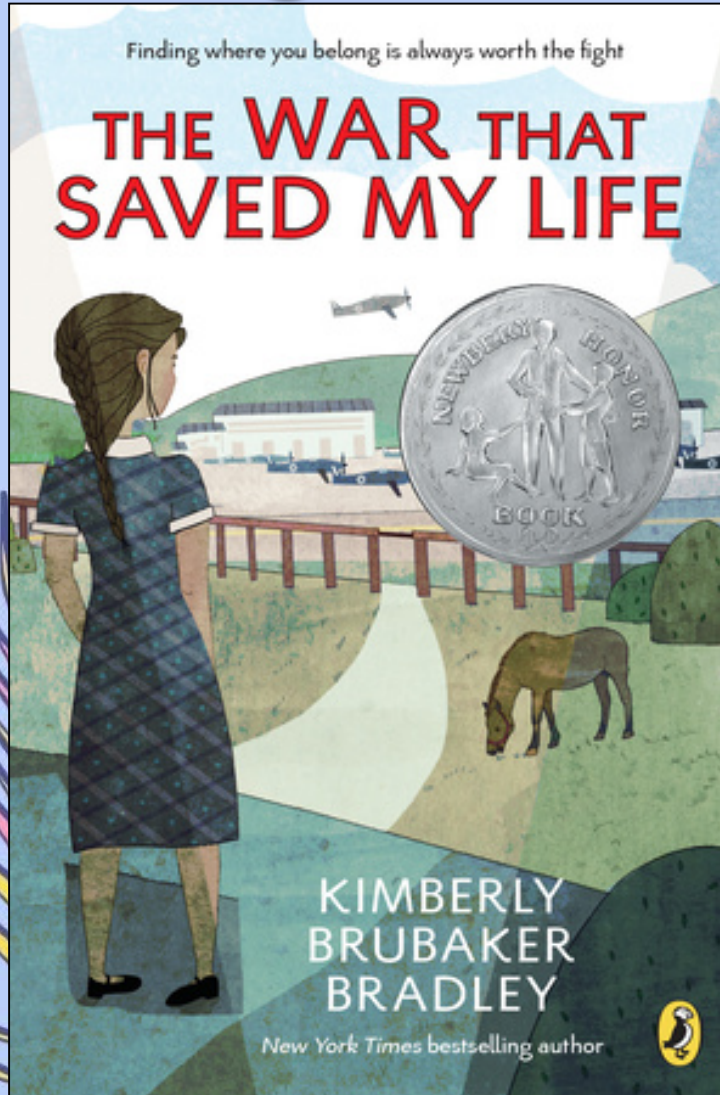


The *New York Times* bestselling young readers adaptation of *The Boys in the Boat*, now in paperback with bonus content!

Berlin, 1936. The Olympic finals of the eight-oared rowing race. Germany, Italy, USA. The American boat touches the finish line first, beating all odds and sending Hitler away in a silent rage. In the midst of the Great Depression, the nine rowers showed the world what true grit really meant. They were western, working-class boys who never expected to beat the elite teams of the East Coast and Great Britain, yet they did. At the center of the tale is Joe Rantz, whose personal struggle--and ultimate triumph--captures the spirit of his generation, the one that would prove in the coming years that the Nazis could not prevail over American determination and optimism.

Narrative Nonfiction!

The War That Saved My Life

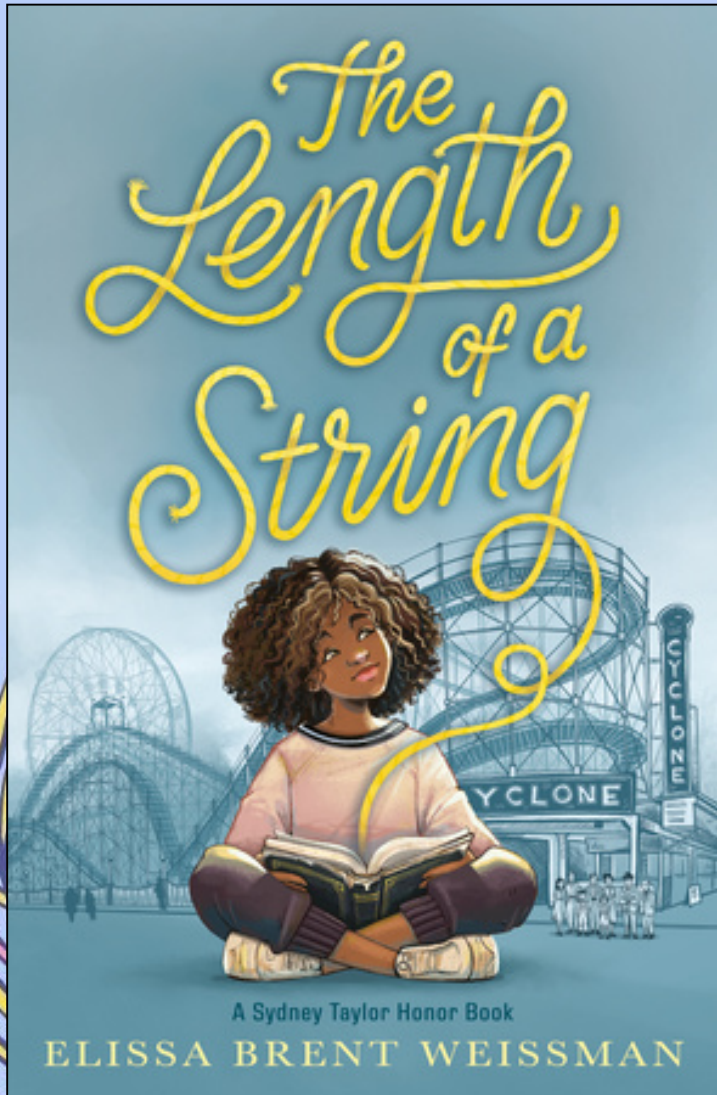


An exceptionally moving follow-up to the acclaimed *Jefferson's Sons*, set in World War II England.

Ada's mother is so ashamed of her daughter's club foot that she doesn't let nine-year-old Ada leave their apartment. Ada's only information about the world outside comes from her little brother, Jamie, and from tidbits overheard at the window, such as news of the approaching war. When London plans an evacuation of the city's children to safer spots in the country, Ada dares to escape her abusive mother and join Jamie on the train out. Then, they meet Susan Smith, a reclusive woman who takes them in. Little by little, Ada opens up and starts to trust people, and Susan learns to nurture the kids and to love again after years of loneliness.

Educator Guide Available!

The Length of a String



Imani is adopted, and she's ready to search for her birth parents. Anna has left behind her family to escape from Holocaust-era Europe to meet a new family--two journeys, one shared family history, and the bonds that make us who we are. Perfect for fans of *The Night Diary*.

Imani knows exactly what she wants as her big bat mitzvah gift: to find her birth parents. She loves her family and her Jewish community in Baltimore, but she has always wondered where she came from, especially since she's black and almost everyone she knows is white. Then her mom's grandmother--Imani's great-grandma Anna--passes away, and Imani discovers an old journal among her books. It's Anna's diary from 1941, the year she was twelve and fled Nazi-occupied Luxembourg alone, sent by her parents to seek refuge in Brooklyn, New York. Anna's diary records her journey to America and her new life with an adoptive family of her own. And as Imani reads the diary, she begins to see her family, and her place in it, in a whole new way.

A Sydney Taylor Honor Book

In Paperback Soon!

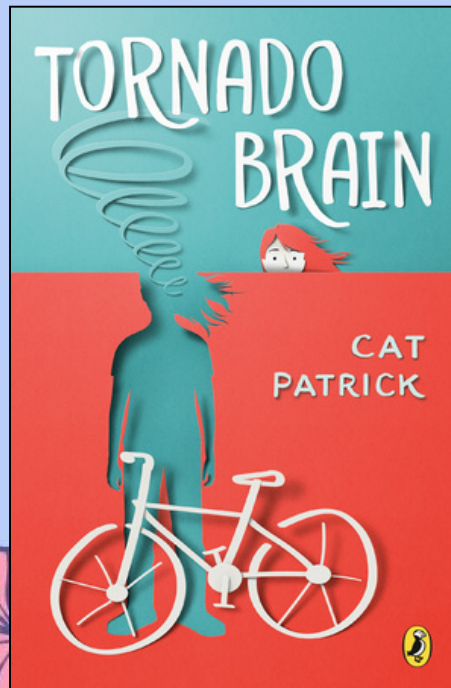
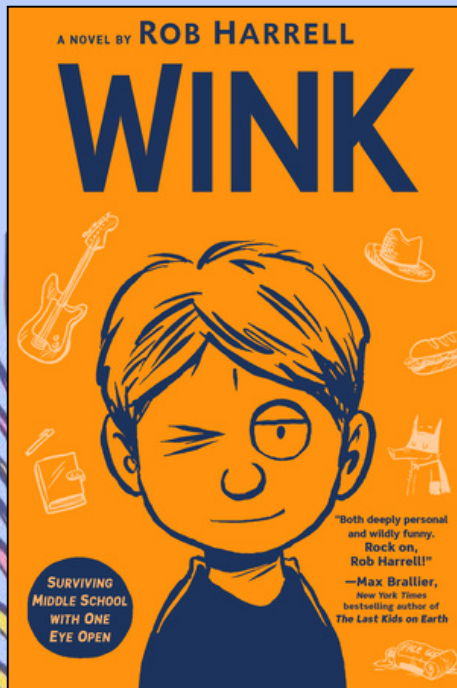
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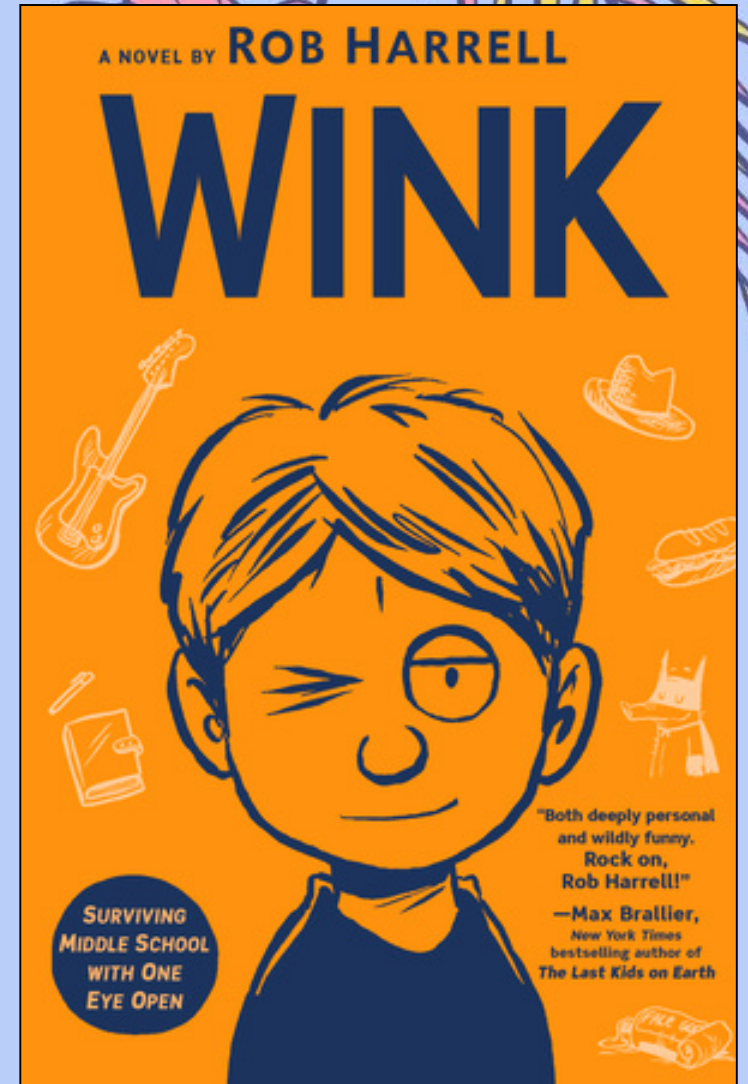
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Wink

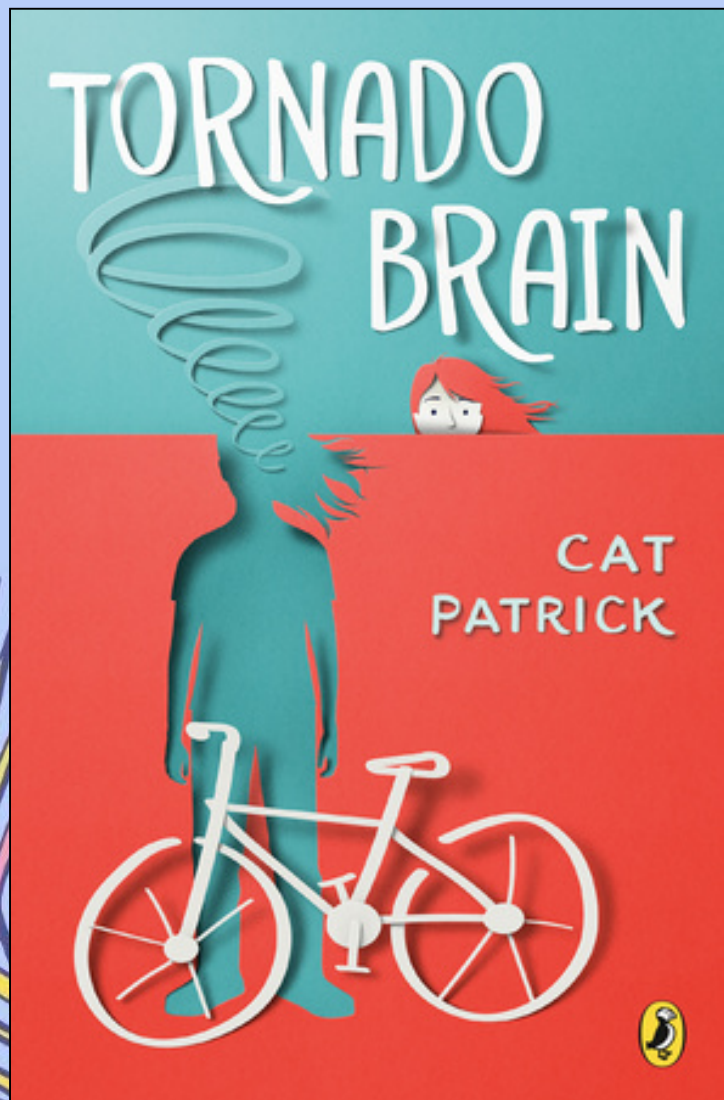
The unforgettable, highly acclaimed story about surviving middle school with an unthinkable cancer diagnosis--now in paperback

Trying to be a normal seventh grader is hard enough, but now Ross Maloy has to deal with losing his hair and wearing a weird hat and friends who are disappearing because they don't know what to say to "the cancer kid." This novel, based on Rob Harrell's own experience with cancer as an adult and interspersed with comic panels of Batpig, is the hilarious and poignant story about finding music, magic, and laughter, even in difficult times. This paperback edition includes an exclusive sneak peek to Rob Harrell's next book, *Batpig: This Little Piggy Wears a Cape!*



In Paperback Now!

Tornado Brain



In this heartfelt and powerfully affecting coming of age story, a neurodivergent 7th grader is determined to find her missing best friend before it's too late. Now in paperback.

Things never seem to go as easily for thirteen-year-old Frankie as they do for her sister, Tess. Unlike Tess, Frankie is neurodivergent. In her case, that means she can't stand to be touched, loud noises bother her, she's easily distracted, she hates changes in her routine, and she has to go see a therapist while other kids get to hang out at the beach. It also means Frankie has trouble making friends. She did have one--Colette--but they're not friends anymore. It's complicated. Then, just weeks before the end of seventh grade, Colette unexpectedly shows up at Frankie's door. The next morning, Colette vanishes. Now, after losing Colette yet again, Frankie's convinced that her former best friend left clues behind that only she can decipher, so she persuades her reluctant sister to help her unravel the mystery of Colette's disappearance before it's too late.

In Paperback: 4/13/2021



Get a Grip, Vivvy Cohen



In this perfectly pitched novel-in-letters, autistic eleven-year-old Vivvy Cohen won't let anything stop her from playing baseball--not when she has a major-league star as her pen pal.

Vivvy Cohen is determined. She's had enough of playing catch in the park. She's ready to pitch for a real baseball team. But Vivvy's mom is worried about Vivvy being the only girl on the team, and the only autistic kid. She wants Vivvy to forget about pitching, but Vivvy won't give up. When her social skills teacher makes her write a letter to someone, Vivvy knows exactly whom to choose: her hero, major-league pitcher VJ Capello. Then two amazing things happen: A coach sees Vivvy's knuckleball and invites her to join his team. And VJ starts writing back! Now Vivvy is a full-fledged pitcher, with a catcher as a new best friend and a steady stream of advice from VJ. But when a big accident puts her back on the bench, Vivvy has to fight to stay on the team.

In Paperback: 6/8/2021

What Lane?



"If you are wondering how to begin confronting Anti-Black racism in your classroom, start with What Lane?"--*School Library Journal: The Classroom Bookshelf*

"STAY IN YOUR LANE." Stephen doesn't want to hear that--he wants to have no lane. Anything his friends can do, Stephen should be able to do too, right? So when they dare each other to sneak into an abandoned building, he doesn't think it's his lane, but he goes. Here's the thing, though: Can he do everything his friends can? Lately, he's not so sure. As a mixed kid, he feels like he's living in two worlds with different rules--and he's been noticing that strangers treat him differently than his white friends . . . So what'll he do? Hold on tight as Stephen swerves in and out of lanes to find out which are his--and who should be with him. Torrey Maldonado, author of the highly acclaimed *Tight*, does a masterful job showing a young boy coming of age in a racially split world, trying to blaze a way to be his best self.

In Paperback: 5/11/2021
Educator Guide Available!

Stand Up, Yumi Chung!



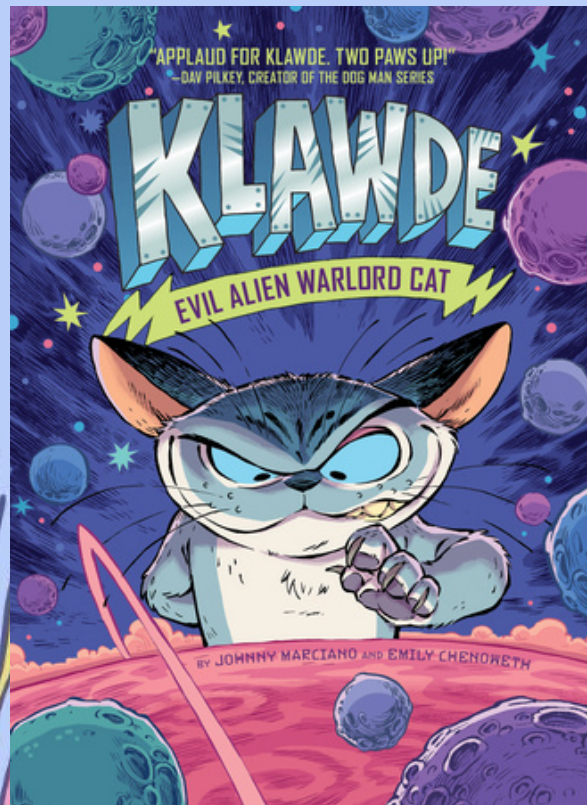
One lie snowballs into a full-blown double life in this irresistible story about an aspiring stand-up comedian.

On the outside, Yumi Chung suffers from #shygirlproblems, a perm-gone-wrong, and kids calling her "Yu-MEAT" because she smells like her family's Korean barbecue restaurant. On the inside, Yumi is ready for her Netflix stand-up special. Her notebook is filled with mortifying memories that she's reworked into comedy gold. All she needs is a stage and courage. Instead of spending the summer studying her favorite YouTube comedians, Yumi is enrolled in test-prep tutoring to qualify for a private school scholarship, which will help in a time of hardship at the restaurant. One day after class, Yumi stumbles on an opportunity that will change her life: a comedy camp for kids taught by one of her favorite YouTube stars. The only problem is that the instructor and all the students think she's a girl named Kay Nakamura--and Yumi doesn't correct them. As this case of mistaken identity unravels, Yumi must decide to stand up and reveal the truth or risk losing her dreams and disappointing everyone she cares about.

In Paperback: 3/16/2021
Discussion Guide Available!

Bingeable Series!

**5 Books
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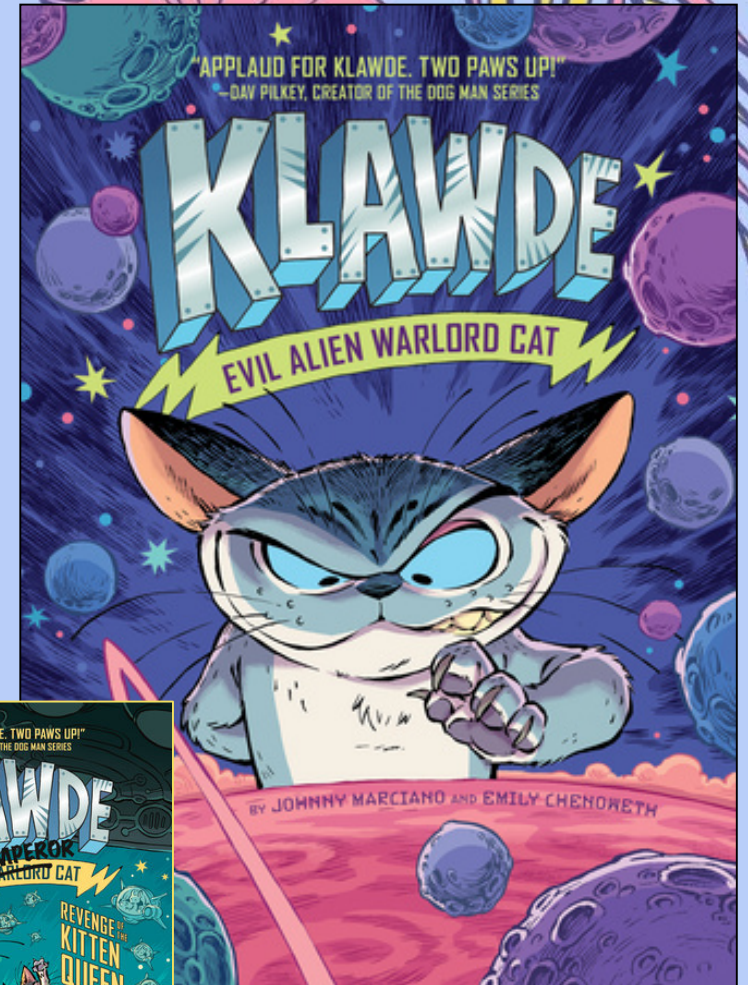


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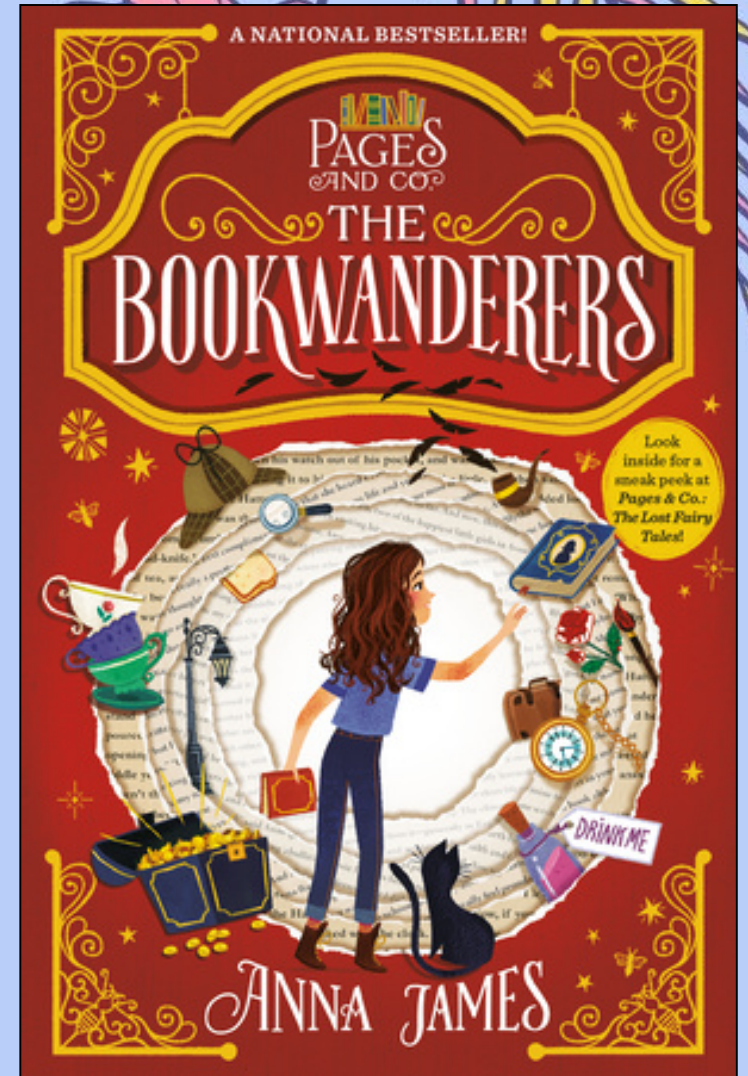
Klawde: Evil Alien Warlord Cat

Klawde is not your basic cat. He's an emperor from another planet, exiled to Earth. He's cruel. He's cunning. He's brilliant... and he's also Raj Banerjee's best friend.



Pages & Co.

An enchanting story about the magic of books and the power of imagination from debut author Anna James. Perfect for fans of *Inkheart*, *The Land of Stories*, and *Story Thieves*.



The Last Kids on Earth

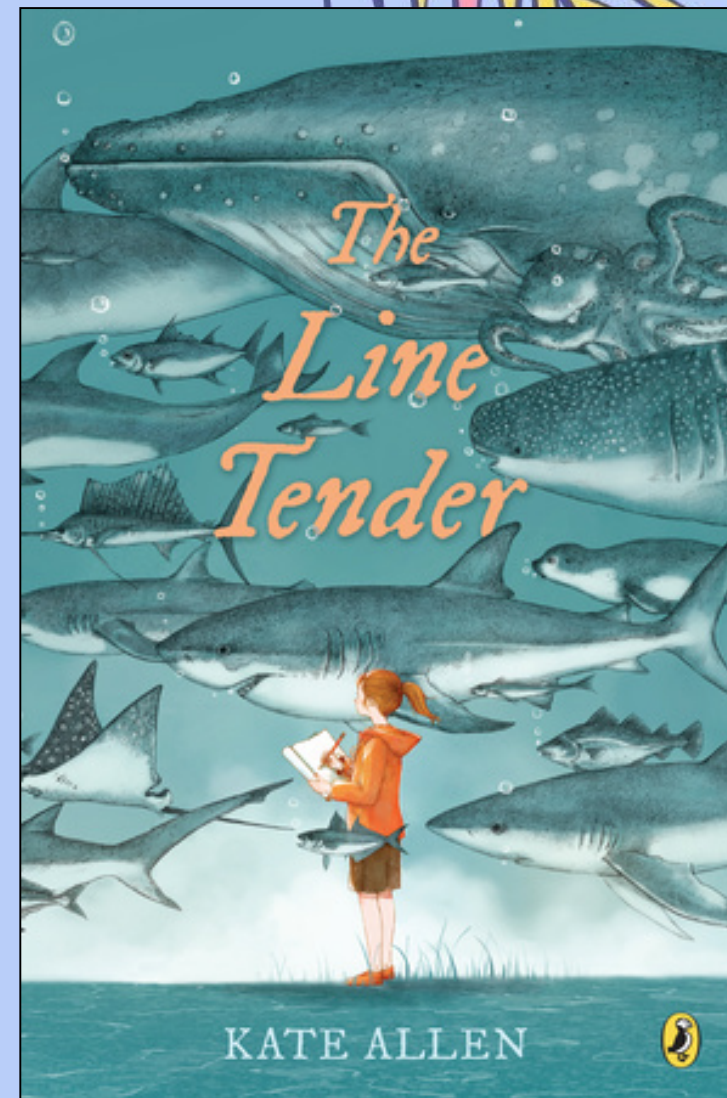
Diary of a Wimpy Kid meets *The Walking Dead* in this graphic novel series, in which a band of suburban middle schoolers play video games, gorge themselves on candy, and battle zombies in the aftermath of the monster apocalypse.



The Line Tender

Heartbreaking but also filled with wit and hope, *The Line Tender* is the story of Lucy, the daughter of a marine biologist and a rescue diver, and the summer that changes her life. If she ever wants to lift the cloud of grief over her family and community, she must complete the research her late mother began. She must follow the sharks.

Wherever the sharks led, Lucy Everhart's marine-biologist mother was sure to follow. But since she died, Lucy and her father have kept their heads above water--thanks in large part to a few close friends and neighbors. But June of her twelfth summer brings more than the end of school and a heat wave to sleepy Rockport. On one steamy day, the tide brings a great white--and then another tragedy, cutting short a friendship everyone insists was "meaningful" but no one can tell Lucy what it all meant.

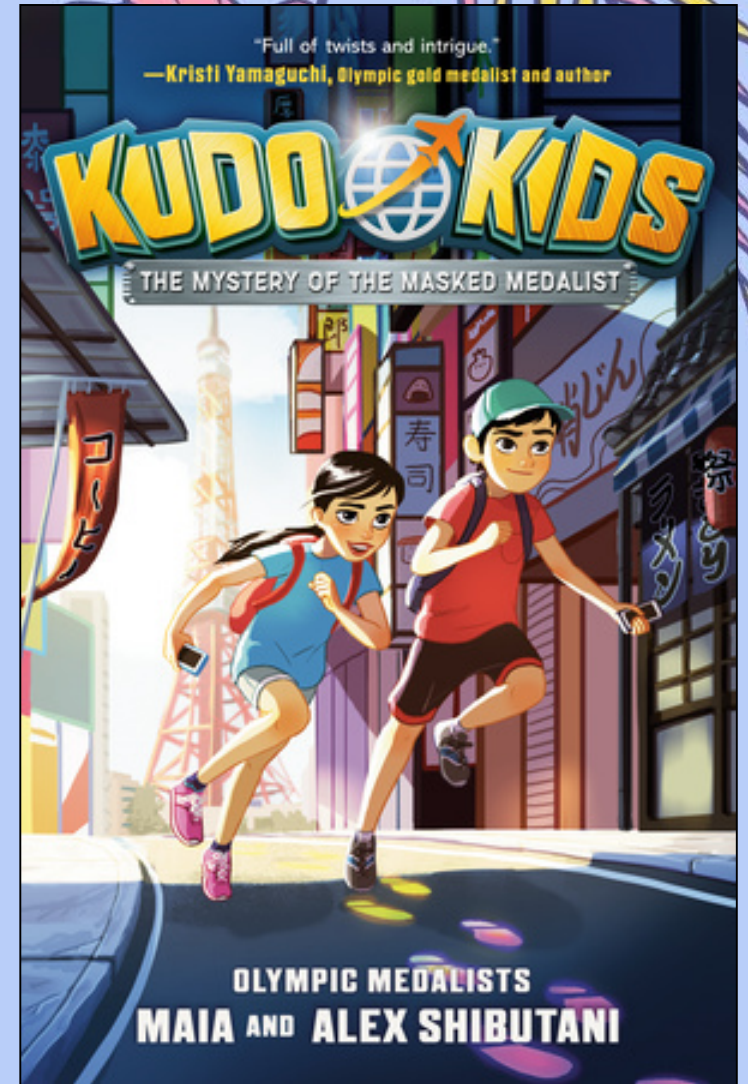


In Paperback Now!

Kudo Kids: The Mystery of the Masked Medalist

From two-time Olympic bronze medalists Maia and Alex Shibutani comes a fun-filled, fast-paced middle-grade mystery set at the Tokyo Olympics.

Andy and Mika are going to Tokyo! The siblings plan to eat tons of delicious Japanese food, watch every event they can, and win a super-popular new game called OlympiFan. Developed by a mysterious former medalist, OlympiFan brings players together from all over the world to search Tokyo for virtual medals and clues to the creator's identity. Andy loves puzzles, and he's determined to crack this one, especially since the winning team will get to be beta testers for the Masked Medalist's future games! Mika wants to find as many clues as she can, but she also has a secret goal of her own--one that could get her into big trouble.



girl stuff.

Bestselling author of *The Clique* returns with a funny, heartfelt series where girls help each other tackle issues of friendship, crushes, and new experiences. Perfect for fans of *The Baby-Sitters Club*, *Real Friends*, and *Invisible Emmie*--it's all about being true to yourself!

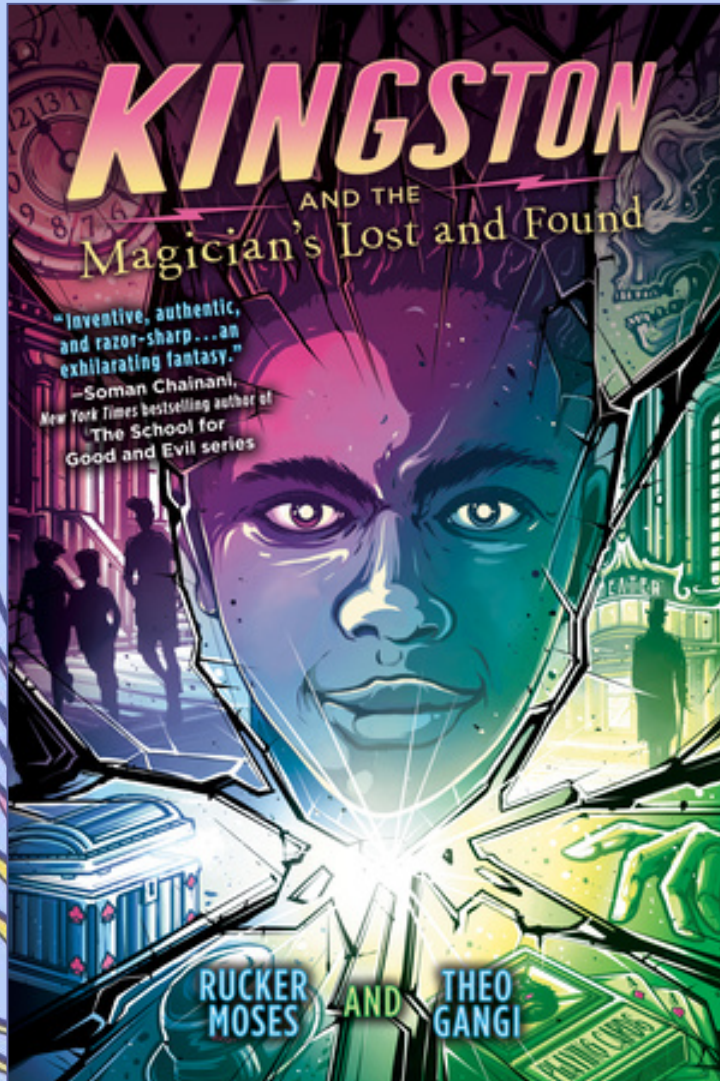
Fonda, Drew, and Ruthie have been besties forever, but seventh grade is going to be their year! Look out, Poplar Middle School, here comes the coolest clique around. The three girls can't wait to do everything together and have an amazing time doing it. But you know what they say about the best laid plans...

Get ready for the most meaningful, most fun stuff of all: girl stuff!



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Kingston & the Magician's Lost & Found



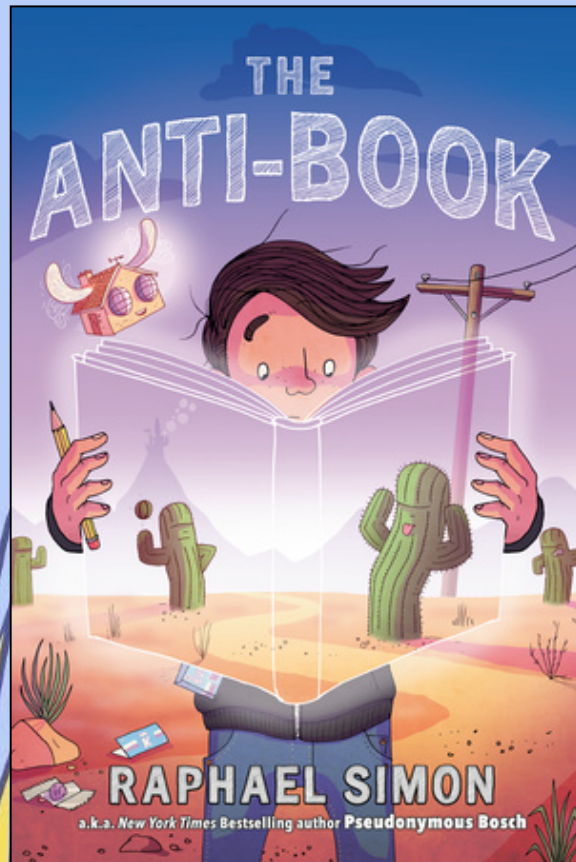
Magic has all but disappeared in Brooklyn, but one tenacious young magician is determined to bring it back in this exciting middle grade mystery.

Kingston has just moved from the suburbs back to Echo City, Brooklyn--the last place his father was seen alive. Kingston's father was King Preston, one of the world's greatest magicians. Until one trick went wrong and he disappeared. Now that Kingston is back in Echo City, he's determined to find his father. Somehow, though, when his father disappeared, he took all of Echo City's magic with him. Now Echo City--a ghost of its past--is living up to its name. With no magic left, the magicians have packed up and left town and those who've stayed behind don't look too kindly on any who reminds them of what they once had. When Kingston finds a magic box his father left behind as a clue, Kingston knows there's more to his father's disappearance than meets the eye.

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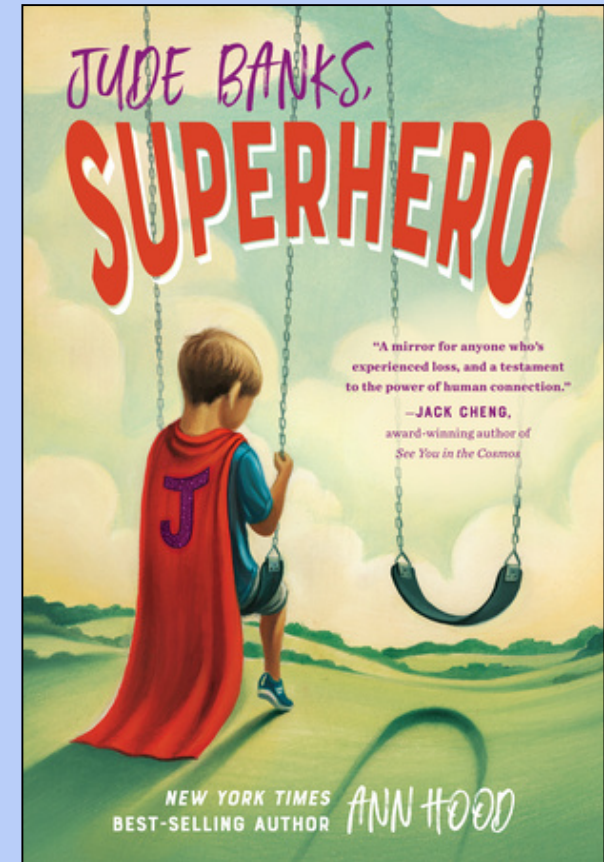
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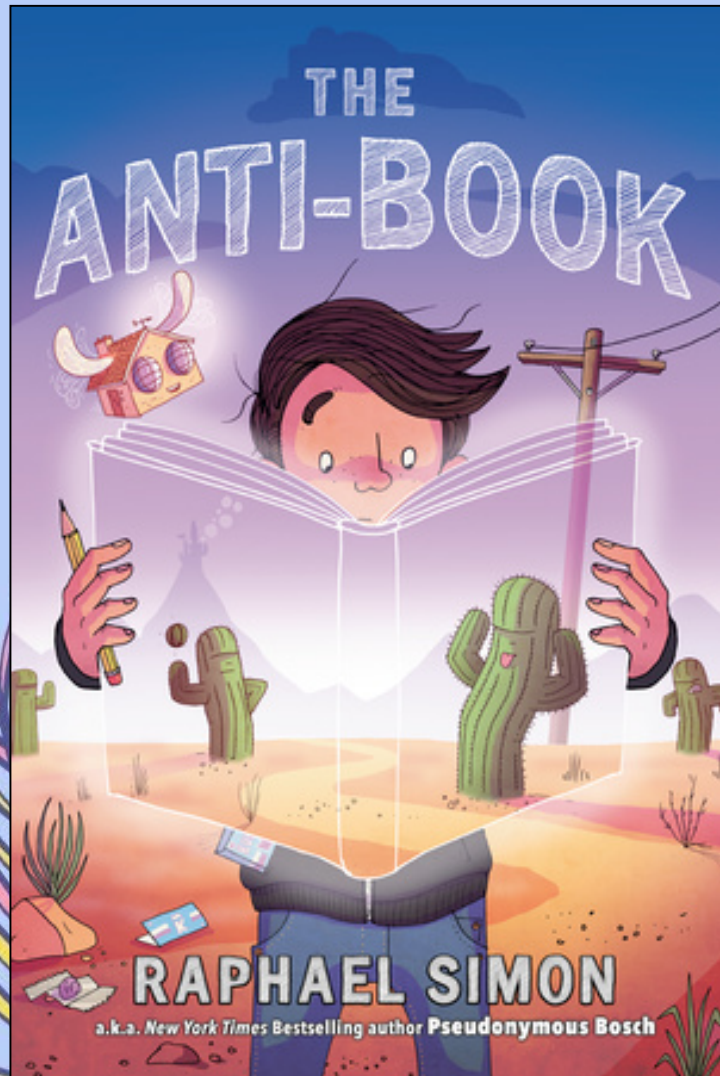
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The Anti-Book



With nods to *The Phantom Tollbooth* and *Coraline*, this darkly funny fantasy is a classic-in-the-making--the story of a boy who wants the world to disappear . . . and what happens when it does.

Mickey is angry all the time: at his divorced parents, at his sister, and at his two new stepmoms, both named Charlie. And so he can't resist the ad inside his pack of gum: "Do you ever wish everyone would go away? Buy The Anti-Book! Satisfaction guaranteed." He orders the book, but when it arrives, it's blank--except for one line of instruction: To erase it, write it. He fills the pages with all the things and people he dislikes . . . Next thing he knows, he's wandering an anti-world, one in which everything and everyone familiar is gone. Or are they? His sister soon reappears--but she's only four inches tall. A tiny talking house with wings looks strangely familiar, as does the mysterious half-invisible boy who seems to think that he and Mickey are best buds. The boy persuades Mickey to go find the Bubble Gum King--the king, who resides at the top of a mountain, is the only one who might be able help Mickey fix the mess he's made. Full of humor and surprise, and slyly meaningful, this is a Wizard of Oz for today's generation--a fantastical quest for comfort and belonging that will resonate with many, many readers.

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Flight of the Puffin



The author of *The Benefits of Being an Octopus* delivers a stirring novel in which one small act of kindness ripples out to connect four kids in need of support.

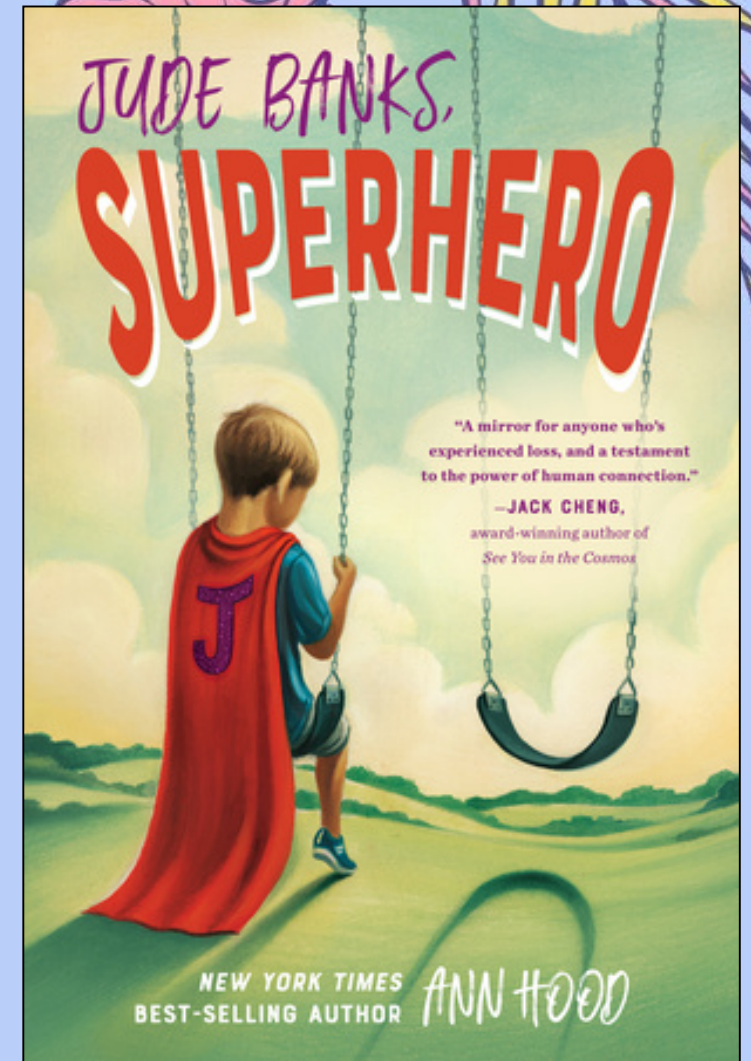
Libby comes from a long line of bullies. To cope, she leaves motivational postcards around town for others who might feel as belittled as she does. When she hears about a kid on the other side of the country who's getting the bully treatment, she mails him a postcard saying: "You're amazing." That kid is Vincent. His plan to stop the bullying backfired in a big way, so he's stopped going to school. But when he gets Libby's note, he's so moved by her gesture that he wants to help someone, too. He starts bringing food to T, who's homeless and living on a sidewalk. T doesn't identify as male or female, and ran away from home because their family wouldn't accept them. As T and Vincent get to know each other, T helps build Vincent's confidence, and inspires him to write to a kid he saw in the newspaper recently. That kid is Jack. He's been petitioning to keep his small school open; it might lose funding if it doesn't make some changes. One of them is to add a gender-neutral bathroom--making transgender students a hot-button issue at the school board meeting. Jack gets misquoted in a newspaper that Vincent reads, and Vincent sends him a letter explaining how we all need to listen better and let people be who they are. Vincent's letter helps Jack start thinking more deeply, as does meeting Libby, who is astounded at how much change her small act of hopefulness has wrought . . . and will continue to ripple out.

Out: 5/4/2021

Jude Banks, Superhero

New York Times best-selling author Ann Hood pens a poignant story of grief and resilience, perfect for readers of *The Line Tender* and *The Thing About Jellyfish*.

Katie was Jude's favorite person in the world. And not many brothers say that about their sister and mean it. But to Jude, Katie was everything--the person who made him learn how to say "I love you" in every language, who performed dramatic readings of Romeo and Juliet, who obsessed over every item on the diner menu looking for the most authentic diner meal. The one who called him "Jude Banks, Superhero," because to her, Jude was the best. She was also the person who died. Out of nowhere, and without a goodbye. And Jude believes he was the one who killed her. Now, twelve-year-old Jude must figure out what life looks like without his favorite person. With Mom checked out, and Dad just trying to do his best, Jude enters a world of grief youth groups and dropped-off lasagnas. It's only when he meets a girl named Clementine, who also lost a sibling, that he begins to imagine a world where maybe things might be okay. But Clementine is nursing a terrible guilt, and even though Katie called Jude a "superhero," he isn't sure he can save her. In her signature prose, Hood crafts an extraordinary story of grief and resilience, asking the important question: How does a family begin to heal?



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