

100+ GREAT READS



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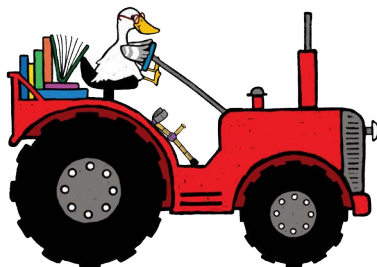
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These titles have recently been added to the library's collection.
Other thematic, classic, and seasonal booklists are also available.

PICTURE BOOKS

- JP ABE Abery, Julie. ***The Old Man and the Penguin***
In this beautiful story based on true events, a man discovers an oil-soaked penguin and cares for him until he is strong enough to return to the wild.
- JP BLA Blackall, Sophie. ***If You Come to Earth***
A boy writes a letter to an imagined alien, explaining all the things he will need to know about Earth and the people who live here.
- JP CAB Cabrera, Cozbi A. ***Me & Mama***
Rainy days and simple things become special when you spend them with someone you love. *Caldecott Honor Book*
- JP COL Cole, Henry. ***One Little Bag: An Amazing Journey***
In this wordless story, follow the journey of one brown bag, from a tree in the forest through the years it is used by three generations of a family.
- JP FER Ferry, Beth. ***Swashby and the Sea***
No-nonsense Captain Swashby is used to the sea meeting all of his needs, so when new neighbors disturb his solitary life, the sea helps in just the right way.
- JP FIN Finison, Carrie. ***Dozens of Doughnuts***
A bear on the brink of hibernation looks forward to eating the sweet doughnuts she baked all by herself, until numerous animals arrive at her door and she learns “sharing is caring.”
- JP FOG Fogliano, Julie. ***My Best Friend***
Did you ever meet someone and instantly click? That’s exactly what happens in this sweet story, brought to life with a limited palette of warm pinks and deep greens.
- JP GRA Grabenstein, Chris. ***No More Naps!***
When headstrong Annalise Devin McFleece won’t take a nap, an entire community helps out in a most unusual way— but will it work?

- JP Hale, Christy. ***Out the Door***
HAL This fun introduction to prepositions takes the reader on a journey with a young girl as she commutes to school through a busy city.
- JP Hische, Jessica. ***Tomorrow I'll be Kind***
HIS An uplifting story with endearing artwork and inspirational text encourages readers to use the opportunities of a new day to spread compassion, hope, and positivity.
- JP Lê, Minh. ***Lift***
LE A young child, who has always been designated the “button pusher” on an elevator, overcomes her jealousy in an imaginative way when a younger sibling decides to press the button.
- JP Lindstrom, Carole. ***We Are Water Protectors***
LIN Inspired by her ancestors and stirred by their warnings, one young water protector takes courage in standing up and speaking out for the health of our planet. *Caldecott Award Winner*
- JP Mann, Jennifer K. ***The Camping Trip***
MAN Ernestine's first camping trip brings a touch of homesickness, a bit of hesitation, and ultimately, a true appreciation for the many wonders of the great outdoors.
- JP Medina, Meg. ***Evelyn Del Rey Is Moving Away***
MED A special friendship between two girls, who know each other “by heart,” can endure, even when one of them moves away.
- JP Murray, Diana. ***Goodnight, Veggies***
MUR This gentle bedtime story set in a community garden, depicts a friendly earthworm who observes the nighttime rituals of tuckered-out tomatoes, cuddly cauliflowers, and sleepy-eyed potatoes.



- JP Rex, Adam. ***Unstoppable***
REX Teaming up with a crab friend after escaping from a cat, a bird is joined by other animals who lend their strengths and work together to help save the forest.
- JP Rhee, Helena Ku. ***The Paper Kingdom***
RHE Joining his parents for their night jobs as office cleaners, young Daniel reluctantly helps out, as they use their imaginations to transform the deserted building into a magnificent paper kingdom.
- JP Robinson, Christian. ***You Matter***
ROB A hopeful message conveys all that matters, from the microscopic to the cosmic, and reassures readers that they are loved.
- JP Roeder, Vanessa. ***The Box Turtle***
ROE Using a cardboard box as his home when he is born without a shell, Terrance the turtle enjoys his uniqueness until another turtle makes him question his differences.
- JP Saltzberg, Barney. ***One of These Is Not Like the Others***
SAL Diversity and collaboration are humorously celebrated in this concept book in which readers are challenged to spot the differences.
- JP Scott, Jordan. ***I Talk Like a River***
SCO When a boy who stutters feels isolated because he can't communicate the way he wants, a walk by the water with his father helps him find his voice.
- JP Snyder, Gabi. ***Two Dogs on a Trike***
SNY This whimsical adventure finds adorable puppies zipping through town using different modes of transportation, while inviting readers to practice counting to ten.
- JP Spencer, Sophia. ***The Bug Girl***
SPE Little Sophia Spencer's curiosity and love of insects connects her with leading scientists across the world and instills in her the self-confidence to be true to herself.

- JP Tabor, Corey R. ***Snail Crossing***
TAB A determined snail on a long, slow journey across the road for some tasty cabbage encounters speeding cars and hungry crows, and new friends.
- JP Underwood, Deborah. ***Outside In***
UND This colorful and easy-to-read book reveals the ways nature affects our everyday lives, providing food and clothing, and showing us when to sleep and when to wake. *Caldecott Honor Book*
- JP Venable, Colleen AF. ***The Oboe Goes Boom Boom Boom***
VEN The band is assembled and the director is ready to tell you about the instruments, but an enthusiastic drummer keeps interrupting.
- JP Walker, Tricia Elam. ***Nana Akua Goes to School***
WAL Zura's class marvels at the stories behind her grandmother's Ghanaian face markings.
- JP Wellins, Candy. ***Saturdays Are for Stella***
WEL This endearing story about the unique relationship between George and his grandmother will help children understand that love never dies.
- JP Wicker, Valeria. ***The Ugly Doodles***
WIC Inspired by a visit to an art museum, Raven sets out to create a masterpiece, but her discarded mistakes start stalking her, teaching her to accept her imperfections.

EARLY READERS

- JE Barnett, Mac. ***Too Many Jacks***
BAR Mischievous Jack is gifted a lab kit and creates copies of himself, but he may have made one Jack too many.
- JE Butler, Dori Hillestad. ***King & Kayla and the Case of the Unhappy Neighbor***
BUT Lovable dog King struggles to communicate with his human as they both try to clear little puppy Thor of wrongdoing.

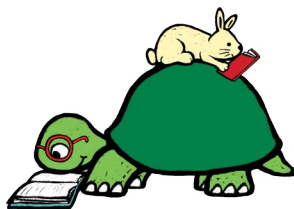
- JE Gehl, Laura. ***Cat Has a Plan***
GEH A prank war between a rival cat and dog escalates when they both devise plans to steal a toy from each other.
- JE Higgins, Ryan T. ***What About Worms!?***
WIL Tiger is big and brave, and not afraid of anything...except worms! However, Tiger's worries could be worse than the real thing. *Geisel Award Honor*
- JP Hunter, Anne. ***Where's Baby?***
HUN Try to spot Baby Fox on every page as Papa searches the forest for him, encountering other animals along the way. *Geisel Award Honor*
- JE LaRochelle, David. ***See the Cat: Three Stories About a Dog***
LAR Max is a dog, not a cat, so why does the book keep getting it wrong? Find out what happens in this amusing trio of stories. *Geisel Award Winner*
- JE Lyons, Kelly Starling. ***Ty's Travels: Zip, Zoom!***
LYO When Ty struggles with learning to ride his new scooter and wants to give up, a new friend encourages him to try again. *Geisel Award Honor*
- JE Milgrim, David. ***Come in, Zip!***
MIL Zip the alien likes to zap and play, but will he come in at the end of the day?
- J Pizzoli, Greg. ***Baloney and Friends***
GN Meet Baloney and his best buddies as they perform
PIZ questionable magic, brave the swimming pool, and get support from a friend.
- JE Seltzer, Eric. ***Roller Bears***
SEL Roller bears love to skate and glide. What else do they love? Find out in this bear-y silly story.
- J Shaskan, Stephen. ***Pizza and Taco: Who's the Best?***
GN Best friends Pizza and Taco engage in an entertaining
SHA campaign to prove which one of them is the best, inviting their buddies Hot Dog and Hamburger to help decide.

- JP Tatsukawa, Maya. ***The Bear in My Family***
TAT It is not easy living with a sister who acts like a bear, although, sometimes it does have its advantages. *Geisel Award Honor*
- JE Sharp, Jason. ***Bunny Will Not Be Quiet!***
THA Bunny likes to be loud, especially in places that he should not. Help Bunny make better choices in this interactive story.
- JE Trasler, Janee. ***Frog Meets Dog***
TRA Dog saves the day when he protects his new frog friends from a bear.
- JE Willems, Mo. ***I Want to Sleep Under the Stars!***
WIL The Squirrel pals get a bit overenthusiastic when trying to help Zoom Squirrel fulfill his dream of sleeping under the stars.
- JE Yolen, Jane. ***School of Fish: Crossing the Current***
YOL After a heroic deed, a young fish is rewarded by becoming an assistant crossing guard.

TRANSITIONAL

- J Adderson, Caroline. ***Izzy in the Doghouse***
ADD Outgoing Izzy, her mom, and live-in nanny have so much extra love to share, they decide to add a new, furry family member.
- J Auxier, Jonathan. ***The Fabled Stables: Willa the Wisp***
AUX Eight-year-old Auggie is the caretaker of rare creatures in Fabled Stables and must venture into the swamp to save the wisp.
- J Barnaby, Hannah Rodgers. ***Monster and Boy***
BAR A beautiful friendship begins when Boy encounters Monster under the bed.
- J Butler, Dori Hillestad. ***Dear Beast***
BUT Through a series of strongly worded letters, a grumpy and jealous cat informs the new dog that he must leave immediately.

- J591. Caruso, Nick. ***True or Poo? A Kid's Guide to Animal Facts & Fakes***
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 CAR Learn what is true and what is a big pile of poo in this hilariously helpful guide to the animal kingdom.
- J Castillo, Lauren. ***Our Friend Hedgehog: The Story of Us***
 CAS When a storm separates Hedgehog from her lifelong friend, Mutty, she bravely embarks on a quest to find him and makes some new friends along the journey.
- J572. Davies, Nicola. ***Grow: Secrets of Our DNA***
 86 Discover how life grows and changes, and how DNA makes
 DAV humans both unique and connected to all life on Earth.
- J551. Fishman, Seth. ***The Ocean in Your Bathtub***
 46 The Earth's five oceans are full of life and wonder, and its
 FIS water cycle connects all of us in important and unexpected ways.
- J Goodner, David. ***Kondo & Kezumi Visit Giant Island***
 GOO Two friends find a map washed ashore and decide to build a boat to explore the islands near them, setting out on a remarkable adventure.
- J Hale, Shannon. ***The Princess in Black and the Giant Problem***
 HAL When a giant appears during a playdate with the Goat Avenger and the Princess in Blankets, the friends must summon help using the Sparkle Signal.
- J590. Jenkins, Steve. ***What Do You Do If You Work at the Zoo?***
 73 Get a glimpse into the important work zookeepers do to
 JEN protect the incredible animals in their care, such as trimming elephant toenails and slathering sunscreen on an aardvark.
- J MacLachlan, Patricia. ***Wondrous Rex***
 MAC A magical dog named Rex arrives to help Aunt Lily and seven-year-old Grace work through their writers' block.

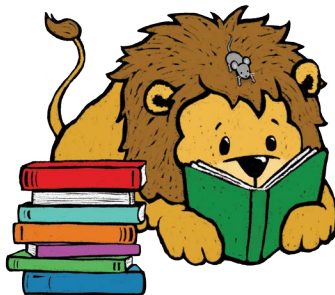


- J Smith, Brian. ***Pea, Bee & Jay: Stuck Together***
GN Pea rolls off the farm and gets lost in a storm. Can his new
SMI friends, Bee and Jay, help him find his way home?
- J Song, Mika. ***Donut Feed the Squirrels***
GN Norma and Belly smell something delicious and are
SON determined to get it for themselves, even if they have to outsmart
the food truck driver to do it.

INTERMEDIATE

- JB Alznauer, Amy. ***The Boy Who Dreamed of Infinity***
RAM Born in South India in 1887, Ramanujan discovers his passion
for numbers at a very young age, and searches his whole life for
someone to understand his genius.
- J Applegate, Katherine. ***The One and Only Bob***
APP After a hurricane ravages the animal sanctuary that his friends
Ivan and Ruby call home, scrappy mutt Bob sets out on a
dangerous journey to save his long-lost sister.
- J Barrows, Annie. ***The Best of Iggy***
BAR Iggy, a mischievous fourth grader, has done a few bad things
and lives by the motto, "It seemed like a good idea at the time."
- JB Brown, Monica. ***Sharuko: Peruvian Archaeologist Julio C.***
TEL ***Tello***
As a boy in Peru, Julio discovers skulls in the caves near his
home, fueling his desire to study the ancient culture of his country
in this bilingual book.
- J530. Chin, Jason. ***Your Place in the Universe***
8 This informational picture book explores the concepts of size
CHI and distance while opening our minds to the vastness of the
universe.
- J Chmakova, Svetlana. ***The Weirn Books: Be Wary of the Silent***
GN ***Woods***
CHM Friends Ailis and Na'ya are witches who must confront the
secrets of the forbidden mansion when Na'ya's brother
disappears.

- J Cline-Ransome, Lesa. ***Overground Railroad***
 PBOK A young girl tells the story of her family's train journey from
 CLI their sharecropping life in North Carolina to the freedom of New
 York City, as part of the Great Migration.
- J Farina, Katy. ***Song of the Court***
 GN Arietta discovers a new musical passion when Princess
 FAR Cassia asks for a song at her birthday party, but desire to
 impress the princess threatens her beloved flower business.
- J595. Fleming, Candace. ***Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera***
 799 This beautifully illustrated nonfiction picture book takes the
 FLE reader on a detailed journey through the life cycle of a honeybee.
- J Frost, Helen. ***Blue Daisy***
 FRO Friends Sam and Katie try to earn a stray dog's trust while
 bringing their neighbors closer together.
- J Gardner, P.J. ***Horace & Bunwinkle***
 GAR After moving from the city with his human, Horace the Boston
 Terrier is adjusting to life on the farm with his new pig sister as
 they work together to solve a local mystery.
- J Green, John. ***InvestiGATORS***
 GN Mango and Brash receive their first assignment which
 GRE requires them to go undercover at a bakery to find mustachioed
 Chef Gustavo and his top secret recipes.
- JB Hubbard, Rita L. ***The Oldest Student***
 WAL Freed from slavery at the age of 15, Mary Walker worked
 hard her entire life and finally learned to read at the age of 116.



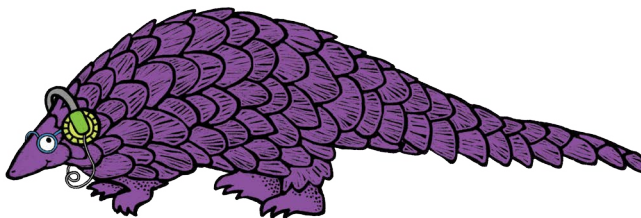
- J Knetzger, Laura. ***Bug Boys***
 GN Rhino-B and Stag-B are two beetle buddies who spend their
 KNE days exploring Bug Village and going on adventures in this
 thoughtful graphic novel.
- J Latham, Irene. ***The Cat Man of Aleppo***
 PBOK When war comes to his once-beautiful city, Mohammad Alaa
 LAT Aljaleel does not flee and becomes a refugee; he stays at home
 to care for his neighbors and the pets that were left behind.
Caldecott Honor Book
- J Lia, Simone. ***The Secret Time Machine and the Gherkin***
 LIA ***Switcheroo***
 In this zany adventure with two unlikely friends, Marcus, a
 worm, convinces his bird friend Laurence that his aunt has
 created a time machine and they can make one special trip.
- J973. Messner, Kate. ***The Next President***
 009 This unique exploration of the presidents' lives before they
 MES became presidents reveals that our future leaders could be
 anyone...even you!
- J Mian, Zanib. ***Accidental Trouble Magnet***
 MIA Imaginative Omar goes through the ups and downs of starting
 a new school and making friends with the help of his wonderfully
 silly Muslim family.
- J Ohlin, Nancy. ***Alicia Alonso Takes the Stage***
 OHL A young Cuban dancer named Alicia grows up to become a
 world-renowned prima ballerina, but her dreams are threatened
 when she starts to lose her sight.
- JB Pimentel, Annette Bay. ***All the Way to the Top***
 KEE Jennifer Keelan, born with cerebral palsy, never let her
 wheelchair slow her down. She played a very important role in the
 fight for the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- J Riess, Natalie. ***Dungeon Critters***
 GN In this fantasy adventure comic, a tight-knit squad of animal
 RIE companions investigates a sinister botanical conspiracy among
 the kingdom's furry nobility.

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RIN Rinker, Sherri Duskey. ***Revver the Speedway Squirrel***
Revver the squirrel dreams of becoming a member of the pit crew at the nearby racetrack, but can he convince them he has the skills to be part of their team?
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SCH Schrefer, Eliot. ***The Popper Penguin Rescue***
Inspired by the classic *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, join Nina and Joel Popper as they head off on a grand adventure after finding two mysterious eggs in the basement of their new home.
- JB
BRO Slade, Suzanne. ***Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks***
This picture book biography introduces the life and work of Gwendolyn Brooks, from her early love of poetry as a girl in Chicago to winning the Pulitzer Prize.
- J
STR Strong, Jeremy. ***Armadillo and Hare***
This lighthearted collection of stories introduces readers to Armadillo and Hare, two good friends who don't always love the same things, but still love each other.
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TIM Timberlake, Amy. ***Skunk and Badger***
Badger is getting a new roommate and his quiet, tidy life of working on his rock collection is about to be turned upside down.
- J
WAT Watson, Renée. ***Ways to Make Sunshine***
Fourth-grader Ryan navigates the challenges of school life, her bossy brother Ray, and moving into a new house, while still trying to spread her warmth to family and friends.

OLDER READERS

- J
AVI Avi. ***Gold Rush Girl***
Independent and adventurous Tory is ready to take on the California Gold Rush to find a better life for herself and her family.
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BAP Baptist, Kelly J. ***Isaiah Dunn Is My Hero***
After losing his father, Isaiah finds himself filling that role for his family, gaining strength and hope from his best friend and his father's journal, which depicts him as a superhero.

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CAM Cameron, Josephine. ***A Dog-Friendly Town***
Epic McDade investigates the disappearance of a famous dog's \$500,000 collar when it goes missing in Carmelito, CA, known as "America's #1 Dog-Friendly Town."
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JAM Jamieson, Victoria and Omar Mohamed. ***When Stars Are Scattered***
Heartbreak, hope, and humor come together in this graphic novel based on the author's childhood in a Kenyan refugee camp.
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JOH Johnson, Varian. ***Twins***
Maureen and Francine are twins who are inseparable, but in sixth grade Francine decides she wants to stand apart. Will their relationship survive?
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KAD Kadohata, Cynthia. ***Saucy***
Quadruplet Becca sometimes struggles to feel special compared to her brothers, but all that changes when she rescues a rambunctious, yet lovable, baby pig.
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KEL Keller, Tae. ***When You Trap a Tiger***
After moving in with her sick grandmother, Lily is approached by a magical tiger who strikes a deal to save her Halmoni.
Newbery Award Winner
- J
LAI Lai, Remy. ***Fly on the Wall***
When he finds out his family's trip to visit his father is cancelled, Henry sets out on a forbidden adventure from Australia to Singapore.
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LEZ LeZotte, Ann Clare. ***Show Me a Sign***
Mary's safety is threatened when an aspiring scientist comes to study her unique Deaf community and tries to take her as a "live specimen" in this historical novel.



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MCK McKay, Hilary. ***The Time of Green Magic***
Abi, her father, and new stepfamily move into an eerie, old house where strange, magical things begin to happen, including the unexpected appearance of a bizarre feline-like creature.
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NEL Nelson, Colleen. ***Harvey Comes Home***
A curious, runaway dog named Harvey ends up at a retirement home, where he quickly inspires resident Mr. Pickering to tell his childhood stories, despite his memory loss.
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OLI Oliver, Lauren. ***The Magnificent Monsters of Cedar Street***
Cordelia's father has disappeared, along with the monsters they capture and take care of for a living, sending her and her friends on a journey to rescue them.
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RES Respicio, Mae. ***Any Day with You***
Kaia will do anything to keep her beloved great-grandpa, Tatang, from moving back to the Philippines, but sometimes love means letting go and enjoying life's surprises as they come.
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ROC Rocco, John. ***How We Got to the Moon***
Discover the stories, contributions, and technological breakthroughs of many unsung heroes that led NASA to the moon landing in this illustrated book.
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RYA Ryan, Pam Muñoz. ***Mañanaland***
Max braves a dangerous journey to seek answers about the mother he has never known after uncovering a buried family secret.
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SOO Soontornvat, Christina. ***A Wish in the Dark***
Pong escapes prison only to realize life isn't any better on the outside. Meanwhile, the warden's daughter sets out to find him, uncovering secrets along the way. *Newbery Honor Book*
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STE Stead, Rebecca. ***The List of Things That Will Not Change***
As her father's wedding to his boyfriend approaches, Bea learns that her blended family's unconditional love for each other is a constant in her ever-changing world.

- J Stone, Nic. ***Clean Getaway***
STO William "Scoob" Lamar learns about G'ma's role in the civil rights movement when they take an impromptu road trip without his father's knowledge.
- J Woodson, Jacqueline. ***Before the Ever After***
WOO ZJ and his mother begin to wonder if his father's professional football career is to blame for his sudden health problems, in this poignant story told in verse.

TWEEN

- J Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. ***Fighting Words***
BRA In this intense story about sisters enduring and overcoming abuse, Suki is always there for Della, especially once mom goes to prison, leaving her boyfriend in charge. *Newbery Honor Book*
- J Costner, Arianne. ***My Life as a Potato***
COS After an unfortunate incident at school, Ben, who believes he is cursed by potatoes, must face his fears and become the school mascot, Steve the Spud.
- J Craft, Jerry. ***Class Act***
GN Drew Ellis works harder than most and realizes he is not
CRA given the same opportunities as his privileged classmates, causing a divide that may break friendships.
- J Grabenstein, Chris. ***The Smartest Kid in the Universe***
GRA When seventh-grader Jake mistakes the world's first ingestible knowledge pills for jelly beans, he suddenly becomes a genius, but can he find a way to stop his school from shutting down?
- J Kelly, Erin Entrada. ***We Dream of Space***
KEL Siblings Cash, Fitch, and Bird each exist in their own orbits, circling a tense and unpredictable household, but the launch of the *Challenger* space shuttle brings them together in unexpected ways. *Newbery Honor Book*

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MAR Marks, Janae. ***From the Desk of Zoe Washington***
During the summer of her 12th birthday, avid baker Zoe interns at a family friend's bakery and starts up a correspondence with her biological father, who is in prison.
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MCA McAnulty, Stacy. ***Millionaires for the Month***
After Benji and Felix return a lost wallet belonging to tech billionaire Laura Friendly, she rewards them with a challenge to spend five million dollars in one month.
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PAR Park, Linda Sue. ***Prairie Lotus***
In this compelling historical novel, Hanna, who is half-Chinese, and her white father try to make a home in the Dakota Territory in the face of racism and resistance.
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525
SOO Soontornvat, Christina. ***All Thirteen***
An amazing survival and rescue story of twelve boys who became trapped deep in a cave in northern Thailand for more than two weeks after, rising floodwaters blocked their path out.
Newbery Honor Book
- J
WOL Wolk, Lauren. ***Echo Mountain***
After a terrible accident leaves her father in a coma, Ellie finds her strength as she travels to the top of Echo Mountain in search of a cure.



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