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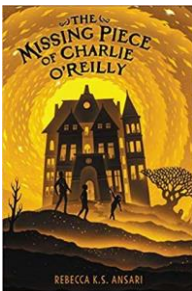
5TH-6TH GRADE READS



The Library of Ever

by Zeno Alexander
J/Fic/Alexander

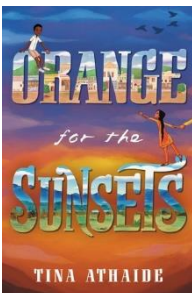
With her parents off traveling the globe, Lenora is bored, bored, bored—until she discovers a secret doorway into the ultimate library. Mazelike and reality-bending, the library contains all the universe's wisdom. Every book ever written, and every fact ever known. And Lenora becomes its new Fourth Assistant Apprentice Librarian.



The Missing Piece of Charlie O'Reilly

by Rebecca Ansari
J/Fic/Ansari

When he keeps insisting that his little brother is missing even though no one else can remember that Liam ever existed, Charlie and his best friend Ana are determined to follow the instructions on a note that may help them find out what happened to Liam.



Orange for the Sunsets

by Tina Athaide
J/Fic/Athaide

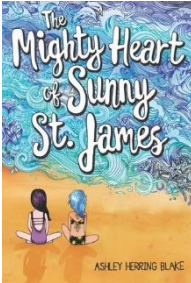
In alternating voices, friends Asha and Yesofu, one Indian and one African, find their world turned upside-down when Idi Amin decides to expel Asian Indians from Uganda in 1972.



Another D for DeeDee

by Bibi Belford
J/Fic/Belford

DeeDee's life is full of D's. Missing her dad, who's disappeared. Distracted by her sister's quinceañera and her brother dropping out of high school. Disappointing her family by struggling in her new school. Being diagnosed with diabetes. So many D's she worries she'll never fit in, and worse, never find the best friend she's always wanted.

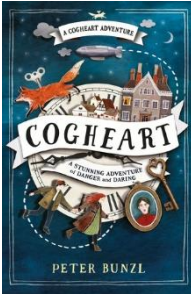


The Mighty Heart of Sunny St. James

by Ashley Herring Blake

J/Fic/Blake

When Sunny St. James receives a new heart, she decides to set off on a "New Life Plan": 1) do awesome amazing things she could never do before; 2) find a new best friend; and 3) kiss a boy for the first time. Her "New Life Plan" seems to be racing forward, but when she meets her new best friend Quinn, Sunny questions whether she really wants to kiss a boy at all.



Cogheart

by Peter Bunzl

J/Fic/Bunzl

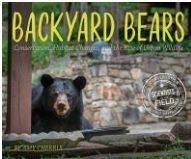
Lily's life is in mortal peril. Her father is missing and now silver-eyed men stalk her through the shadows. What could they want from her? With her friends—Robert, the clockmaker's son, and Malkin, her mechanical fox—Lily is plunged into a murky and menacing world. Too soon Lily realizes that those she holds dear may be the very ones to break her heart.

Backyard Bears:

Conservation, Habitat Changes, and the Rise of Urban Wildlife

by Amy Cherrix

J/599.785/Cher



What happens when conservation efforts for a species are so successful that there's a boom in the population? Part field science, part conservation science, Backyard Bears looks at black bears—and other animals around the globe—who are rapidly becoming our neighbors in urban and suburban areas.



Start Now!: You Can Make a Difference

by Chelsea Clinton

J/303.484/Clin

What can I do to help save endangered animals? How can I eat healthy? What do I do if I'm being bullied? With information on problems both large and small, learn about the concepts of health, hunger, climate change, endangered species and bullying, so that you can understand the world around them, and how you can make a difference.

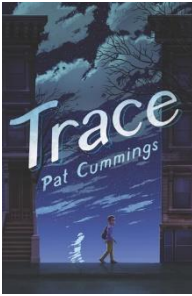


The Ghost Road

by Charis Cotter

J/Fic/Cotter

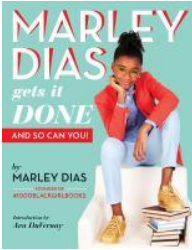
When they find ominous information on some tombstones in the local cemetery, Ruth and Ruby start investigating their family's past and discover that twin girls are born in every generation, and every set of twins dies young, leaving their children without mothers. What's more, one of the twins always has The Sight and can see the Ghost Road that leads to the mysterious lost settlement of Slippers Cove.



Trace

by Pat Cummings
J/Fic/Cummings

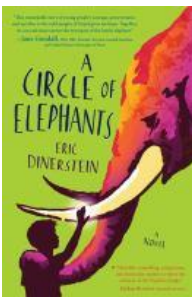
Trace Carter doesn't know how to feel at ease in his new life in New York. Haunted by flashbacks of the accident that killed his parents, the best he can do is try to distract himself. But when Trace takes a wrong turn in the New York Public Library, he finds someone else lost with him. And though at first he can't quite believe he's seen a ghost, Trace soon discovers that he himself may be the key to setting the dead to rest.



Marley Dias Gets it Done: And So Can You!

by Marley Dias
J/305.23/Dias

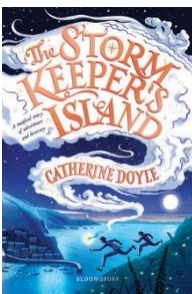
Drawing from her experience, Marley shows kids how they can galvanize their strengths to make positive changes in their communities, while getting support from parents, teachers, and friends to turn dreams into reality.



A Circle of Elephants

by Eric Dinerstein
J/Fic/Dinerstein

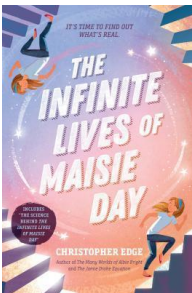
Thirteen-year-old Nanda Singh, the youngest elephant driver in Nepal, enjoys a very special relationship with his tusker, Hira Prashad, through which he grows in understanding and compassion with all animals, including humans.



The Storm Keeper's Island

by Catherine Doyle
J/Fic/Doyle

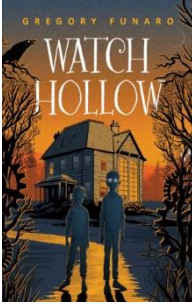
Once in a generation, Arranmore Island chooses a new Storm Keeper to wield its power and keep its magic safe from enemies. The time has come for Fionn's grandfather, a secretive and eccentric old man, to step down. Soon, a new Keeper will rise. But, deep underground, someone has been waiting for Fionn. As the battle to become the island's next champion rages, a more sinister magic is waking up, intent on rekindling an ancient war.



The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day

by Christopher Edge
J/Fic/Edge

It's the morning of Maisie's tenth birthday, and she can't wait to open her presents. Maisie is not a typical kid. What she wants most for her birthday are the things she needs to build her own nuclear reactor. But she wakes to an empty house, and outside the front door is nothing but an unsettling, all-consuming blackness—a shifted reality. Even for super-smart Maisie, these puzzling circumstances seem out of her control... or are they?

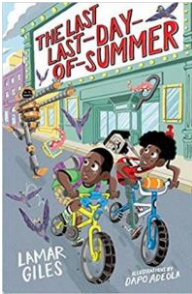


Watch Hollow

by Gregory Funaro

J/Fic/Funaro

When Lucy and Oliver Tinker arrive in Watch Hollow, they have no idea that anything is wrong. A mysterious stranger has made their father an offer that's too good for him to refuse. All Mr. Tinker needs to do is fix the clock at Blackford House and fistfuls of gold coins are his to keep. It doesn't take long, however, for the children to realize that there is more to Blackford House than meets the eye.

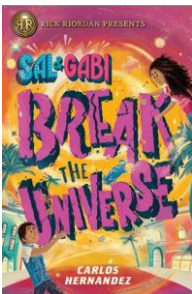


The Last Day of Summer

by Lamar Giles

J/Fic/Giles

Otto and Sheed are the local sleuths in their town, masters of unraveling mischief using their powers of deduction. And as the summer winds down and the first day of school looms, the boys are craving just a little bit more time for fun. That is, until a mysterious man appears with a camera that literally freezes time. Now, Otto and Sheed will have to put aside their differences to save their town before time stops for good.

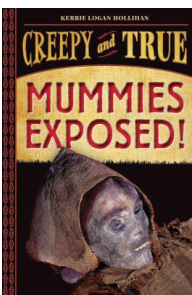


Sal and Gabi Break the Universe

By Carlos Hernandez

J/Fic/Hernandez

When Sal meets Gabi for the first time, Sal is in the principal's office for the third time in three days, and it's still the first week of school. Gabi is determined to prove that somehow, Sal planted a raw chicken in Yasmany's locker, even though nobody saw him do it. Sal prides himself on being an excellent magician, but for this sleight of hand, he relied on a talent no one would guess—manipulation of time and space.



Creepy and True: Mummies Exposed!

by Kerrie Logan Hollihan

J/393.3/Holl

There are many books about Egyptian mummies, but *Mummies Exposed!* goes beyond what you expect and uncovers both old favorites and recent discoveries; among them a Moche princess in Peru, the bog people of England and Ireland, and a Buddhist monk discovered within a sculpture!



Tin

by Pádraig Kenny

J/Fic/Kenny

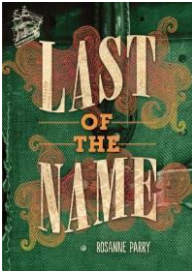
Christopher is 'Proper': a real boy with a real soul, orphaned in a fire. He works for an engineer, a maker of the eccentric, loyal and totally individual mechanicals who are Christopher's best friends. But after a devastating accident, a secret is revealed and Christopher's world is changed forever. What follows is a remarkable adventure, as Christopher discovers who he really is, and what it means to be human.



Hurricane Season

by Nicole Melleby
J/Fic/Melleby

Fig wants more than anything to see the world as her father does. The pianist who hasn't composed a song in years and has unpredictable good and bad days is something of a mystery to Fig. Though she's a science nerd, she tries taking an art class just to be closer to him. But then Fig's dad shows up at school. Not only has the class not brought Fig closer to understanding him, it has brought social services to their door.



Last of the Name

by Rosanne Parry
J/Fic/Parry

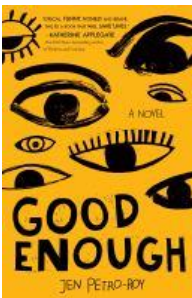
Danny and Kathleen arrive in New York City in 1863. Kathleen refuses to be parted from her brother, so she finds jobs as maids for herself and her younger "sister." Danny reluctantly pretends to be a girl to avoid being sent to the workhouse. Sometimes, he sneaks off to spend a few hours as a boy and share his talent for Irish dancing. But with the Civil War escalating, how can Danny find a safe place to call home?



The Strangers

by Margaret Peterson Haddix
J/Fic/Haddix

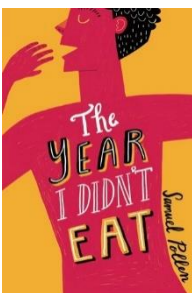
Everything changes for the Greystone kids when reports of three kidnapped children—who share the same first and middle names, ages, and exact birth dates as theirs—reach the Greystone family. This bizarre coincidence makes them wonder: Who exactly are these strangers? Puzzling clues left behind lead to complex codes, hidden rooms, and a dangerous secret that will turn their world upside down.



Good Enough

by Jen Petro-Roy
J/Fic/Petro-Roy

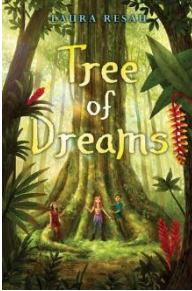
In the hospital where she is receiving treatment for anorexia, twelve-year-old Riley records her days in her journal—going to therapy, rediscovering her love of art, dealing with her rule-breaking roommate, and worrying about relapse once she returns home.



The Year I Didn't Eat

by Samuel Pollen
Y/Fic/Pollen

Max is 14, and anorexic. His eating disorder has pretty much taken over his whole life. In the midst of a family crisis, Max's eating disorder quickly deteriorates. Anorexia pulls him further and further away from his family and friends, until he feels totally alone. Can anyone help him find a way out?



Tree of Dreams

by Laura Resau
J/Fic/Resau

Prepare for a journey into a world filled with what so many crave—the sweet savoring of a chocolate drop. A drop that can melt even the most troubled realities. But before good can emerge, there is destruction, the bombarding of a people, their culture, heritage, sacred beliefs, and the very soul that drives their traditions.



The Moon Within

by Aida Salazar
J/Fic/Salazar

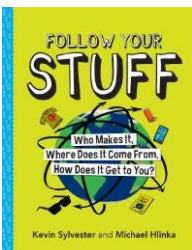
Celi Rivera's life swirls with questions. About her changing body. Her first attraction to a boy. And her best friend's exploration of what it means to be genderfluid. But most of all, her mother's insistence she have a moon ceremony when her first period arrives. It's an ancestral Mexica ritual that Mima and her community have reclaimed, but Celi promises she will NOT be participating. Can she find the power within herself to take a stand for who she wants to be?



Lizzie Flying Solo

by Gill Lewis
J/Fic/Lewis

Lizzie St. Claire wants to be invisible. Forced to move out of her home, she and her mom now live in a transitional housing shelter, Good Hope, until they can get back on their feet. Lizzie just wants to keep her head down at Good Hope and her new school, so she doesn't have to admit the real reason she and her mom lost everything.

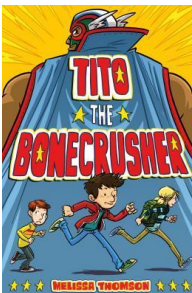


Follow Your Stuff:

Who Makes it, Where Does it Come From, How Does it Get to You?

by Kevin Sylvester
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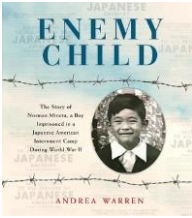
Get ready to go global! Our cellphones, our clothes, our food: all are everyday things we consider essential, but we seldom think of what and who is involved in making them and getting them into our hands. In this book, examine the often-complex journey of ordinary goods from production right to our doorsteps.



Tito the Bonecrusher

by Melissa Thomson
J/Fic/Thomson

Oliver "Spaghetti-O" Jones's dad is about to be jailed for a crime he didn't commit, and together with his best friend, Brianna (a.k.a. "Brain"), and their new ally Paul "Popcorn" Robards, Oliver devises a plan to spring his dad from a Florida correctional facility.

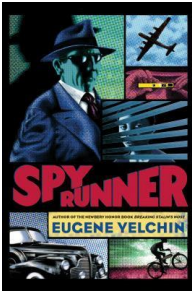


Enemy Child

by Katherine Marsh

J/Fic/Marsh

It's 1941 and ten-year-old Norman Mineta is a carefree fourth grader in San Jose, California, who loves baseball, hot dogs, and Cub Scouts. But when Japanese forces attack Pearl Harbor, Norm's world is turned upside down. At the Heart Mountain internment camp in Wyoming, Norm and his family live in one room in a tar paper barracks with no running water. There are lines for the communal bathroom, lines for the mess hall, and they live behind barbed wire and under the scrutiny of armed guards in watchtowers.



Spy Runner

by Eugene Yelchin

J/Fic/Martin

It's 1953, the Cold War's in full swing, and kids are learning anti-Communist sentiments on the news, at school, and even in their comic books. Like his classmates, 12-year-old Jake McCauley is dedicated to American values, but he also has a secret mission: to find his father, who went MIA during WWII. Jake's two causes become intertwined when his mom rents their spare room to a Russian man named Shubin. Convinced Shubin is a Communist spy, Jake decides to expose the man for what he is.

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