This Was Our Pact
by Ryan Andrews
J/Graphic/Andrews

It’s the night of the annual Autumn Equinox Festival, when the town gathers to float paper lanterns down the river. Legend has it that after drifting out of sight, they’ll soar off to the Milky Way and turn into brilliant stars, but could that actually be true? This year, Ben and his classmates are determined to find out where those lanterns really go.

Mother Steals a Bicycle and Other Stories
by Shruti Buddhavarapu
J/Fic/Buddhavarapu

Imagine yourself in this fantastic world of midnight feasts, roving hyenas, shrieking peacocks, buzzing insects and stolen bicycles... does it sound unbelievable? And yet... could it all be true?

Dough Boys
by Paula Chase
J/Fic/Chase

Roland “Rollie” Matthews used to love playing basketball. He loved the rhythm of the game, how he came up with his best drumbeats after running up and down the court. But playing with the elite team comes with extra, illegal responsibilities, and Rollie isn't sure he's down for that life. The new talented-and-gifted program, where Rollie has a chance to audition for a real band, seems like the perfect excuse to stop being a dough boy. But how can he abandon his best friend?

Lupin Leaps In
by Georgia Dunn
J/Graphic/Dunn

Elvis, Puck, and Lupin are reporting on the breaking news that matters to cats. Together, they're back to break headlines on mysterious man "tails," all things holiday-related, new cat friends, and all the daily happenings in and outside their home.
The Young Adventurer’s Guide to (Almost) Everything
by Ben Hewett
J/796/HEWI

The Young Adventurer’s Guide will teach kids everything from how to walk like a fox and see like an owl to use the stars as their own personal GPS and even how to build the world’s coolest fort out of foraged sticks. This handbook for curious kids will empower them to explore the natural world and even the comfort of their own backyard through a whole new set of skills.

Secret Soldiers
by Keely Hutton
J/Fic/Hutton

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.

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**The Last 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.

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**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.

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**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!

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**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  
J/333.72/Sylv  
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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