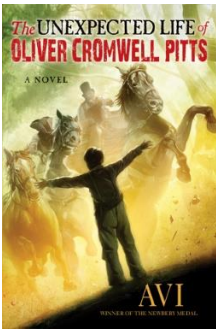




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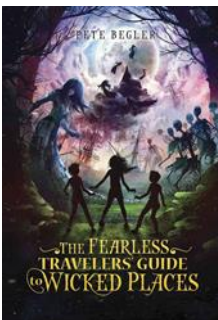
Adventure	AD	Humor	HU
Animals	AN	Mystery	MY
Fantasy	FA	Realistic	RE
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### *The Unexpected Life of Oliver Cromwell Pitts* by Avi J/Fic/Avi

AD

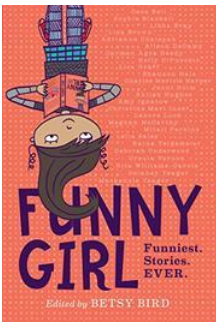
In the seaside town of Melcombe Regis, England, 1724, Oliver wakes to find his father missing and his house flooded. He's alone in his ruined home with no money and no food. Oliver's father has left behind a note: he's gone to London, where Oliver's sister, Charity, is in trouble. Oliver discovers a shipwreck on the beach, but removing anything from a wrecked ship is a hanging offense. Still, Oliver finds money that could save him, and he can't resist the temptation to take it. When his crime is discovered, Oliver flees, following the trail of his father and sister. The journey is full of thieves, adventurers, and treachery--and London might be the most dangerous place of all.



### *The Fearless Travelers' Guide to Wicked Places* by Pete Begler J/Fic/Begler

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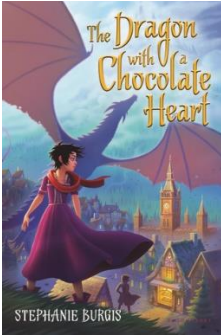
Nell Perkins knows there is magic at work that she can't yet understand. Her mother has been taken by witches and turned into a bird. Nell must journey to get her mother back, even if it takes her deep into the Wicked Places — the frightening realm where Nightmares resides. There she must break the spell and stop the witches from turning our world into a living nightmare.



### *Funny Girl* by Betsy Bird J/Fic/Fun

HU

With clever contributions from award-winning and bestselling authors including Cece Bell, Sophie Blackall, Libba Bray, Shannon Hale, Lisa Graff, and Raina Telgemeier, this anthology of funny girls will make you laugh until you cry. Or cry until you laugh. Or maybe you won't cry at all. Either way, you'll definitely laugh.



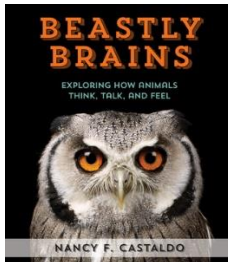
## ***The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart***

**by Stephanie Burgis**

**Y/Fic/Burgis**

**FA**

Aventurine is the fiercest dragon there is. And she's ready to prove it to her family by leaving the safety of their mountain cave and capturing the most dangerous prey of all: a human. But when the human she finds tricks her into drinking enchanted hot chocolate, Aventurine is transformed into a puny human girl. But she's still the fiercest creature in the mountains -- and now she's found her true passion: chocolate! All she has to do is get herself an apprenticeship (whatever that is) in a chocolate house (which sounds delicious), and she'll be conquering new territory in no time...won't she?



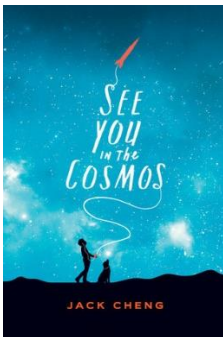
## ***Beastly Brains***

**by Nancy F. Castaldo**

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**AN**

In *Beastly Brains*, Castaldo delves into the minds of animals and explores animal empathy, communication, tool use, and social societies through interviews and stories. Humans are not alone in our ability to think about ourselves, make plans, help each other, or even participate in deception. You'll think differently about the animals on this planet—maybe it's their world and we're just living in it!



## ***See You in the Cosmos***

**by Jack Cheng**

**J/Fic/Cheng**

**RE**

Alex Petroski loves space and rockets, his mom, his brother, and his dog Carl Sagan—named for his hero, the real-life astronomer. All he wants is to launch his golden iPod into space the way Carl Sagan (the man, not the dog) launched his Golden Record on the Voyager spacecraft in 1977. From Colorado to New Mexico, Las Vegas to L.A., Alex records a journey on his iPod to show other lifeforms what life on earth, his earth, is like. But his destination keeps changing.



## ***Last Day on Mars***

**by Kevin Emerson**

**J/Fic/Emerson**

**SF**

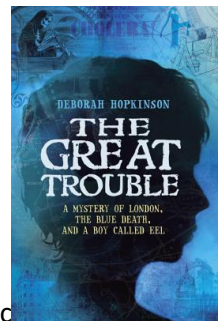
It is Earth year 2213—but, of course, there is no Earth anymore. Not since it was burned to a cinder by the sun, which has mysteriously begun the process of going supernova. The human race has fled to Mars, but this was only a temporary solution while we prepare for a second trip: a one-hundred-fifty-year journey to a distant star, our best guess at where we might find a new home. Liam Saunders-Chang is one of the last humans left on Mars. The son of two scientists who have been racing against time to create technology vital to humanity's survival, Liam, along with his friend Phoebe, will be on the very last starliner to depart before Mars, like Earth before it, is destroyed. Or so he thinks. Because before this day is over, Liam and Phoebe will make a series of profound discoveries about the nature of time and space, and find out that the human race is just one of many in our universe locked in a desperate struggle for survival.



***My Future Ex-Girlfriend***  
by Jake Gerhardt  
Y/Fic/Gerhardt

HU

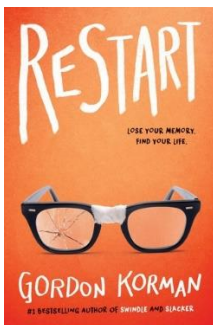
Follow eighth graders Sam (the class clown), Duke (the intellectual), and Chollie (the athlete) as they fumble their way through boyfriend territory for the very first time. With so much to worry about as the school year ends—finals, commencement speeches, the baseball championship, the graduation party—the guys feel ill-equipped to handle the stress of their new relationships. But if they're dumped before the last day of middle school school, they'll start high school as losers. The. Pressure. Is. On.



***The Great Trouble***  
by Deborah Hopkinson  
J/Fic/Hopkinson

HF

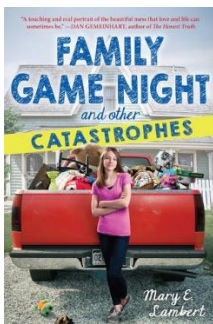
Eel has troubles of his own: As an orphan and a “mudlark,” he spends his days in the filthy River Thames, searching for bits of things to sell. He’s being hunted by Fisheye Bill Tyler, and a nastier man never walked the streets of London. And he’s got a secret that costs him four precious shillings a week to keep safe. But even for Eel, things aren’t so bad until that fateful August day in 1854—the day the deadly cholera (“blue death”) comes to Broad Street. Everyone believes that cholera is spread through poisonous air. But one man, Dr. John Snow, has a different theory. As the epidemic surges, it’s up to Eel and his best friend, Florrie, to gather evidence to prove Dr. Snow’s theory—before the entire neighborhood is wiped out.



***Restart***  
by Gordon Korman  
Y/Fic/Korman

RE

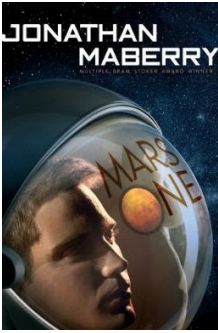
Chase doesn't remember falling off the roof. He doesn't remember hitting his head. He doesn't, in fact, remember anything. He wakes up in a hospital room and suddenly has to learn his whole life all over again...starting with his own name. But who is Chase? Some kids treat him like a hero. Some kids are clearly afraid of him. One girl in particular is so angry with him that she pours her frozen yogurt on his head. Pretty soon, it's not only a question of who Chase is—it's a question of who he was...and who he's going to be.



***Family Game Night and Other Catastrophes***  
by Mary E. Lambert  
J/Fic/Lambert

RE

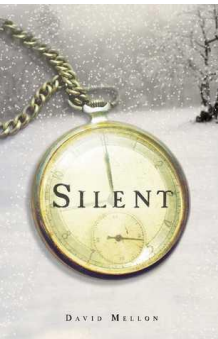
Annabelle Balog’s life is a mess. Literally. Her mother refuses to throw anything away. Life gets even more complicated when Grandma Nora decides to clean house against the wishes of Annabelle’s mother. Now Annabelle, who can usually be found trying to sneak her mother’s collections to the nearest dumpster, must decide if some things are worth saving.



***Mars One***  
by Mary Jonathan Maberry  
Y/Fic/Maberry

SF

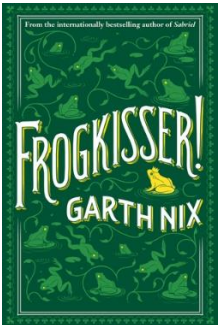
Tristan has known that he and his family were going to be on the first mission to colonize Mars since he was twelve years old, and he has been training ever since. However, knowing that he would be leaving for Mars with no plan to return didn't stop him from falling in love with Izzy. But now, at sixteen, it's time to leave Earth, and he's forced to face what he must leave behind in exchange for an uncertain future. When the news hits that another ship is already headed to colonize Mars, and the NeoLuddite terrorist group begins threatening the Mars One project, the mission's purpose is called into question. Is this all worth it?



***Silent***  
by David Mellon  
Y/Fic/Mellon

AD

Adi is an outrider, rejected by both her British father's and Indian mother's cultures, so she is no stranger to trouble. But when a mysterious agitator called "Coal" kidnaps Adi's twin brothers, Adi has to rely on herself to find them. With strength and cunning as fierce as any boy's, she decides to cut her hair and put on a military uniform to slip unnoticed through the chaos of the early days of World War I. When Adi finds a pocket watch that could be the clue to her lost brothers, she must figure out a way to decode it—before time runs out.



***Frogkisser***  
by Garth Nix  
Y/Fic/Nix

FA

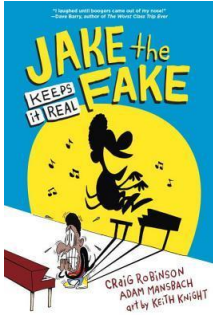
Poor Princess Anya. Forced to live with her evil stepmother's new husband, her evil stepstepfather. Plagued with an unfortunate ability to break curses with a magic-assisted kiss. And forced to go on the run when her stepstepfather decides to make the kingdom entirely his own. Aided by a loyal talking dog, a boy thief trapped in the body of a newt, and some extraordinarily mischievous wizards, Anya sets off on a Quest that, if she plays it right, will ultimately free her land—and teach her a thing or two about the use of power, the effectiveness of a well-placed pucker, and the finding of friends in places both high and low.



***Ghost (Track #1)***  
by Jason Reynolds  
J/Fic/Reynolds

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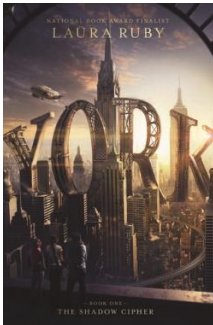
Running. That's all that Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But never for a track team. Nope, his game has always been ball. But when Ghost impulsively challenges an elite sprinter to a race—and wins—the Olympic medalist track coach sees he has something: crazy natural talent. Thing is, Ghost has something else: a lot of anger, and a past that he is trying to outrun. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed and meld with the team, or will his past finally catch up to him?



***Jake the Fake Keeps it Real***  
by Craig Robinson, Adam Mansbach  
J/Fic/Robinson

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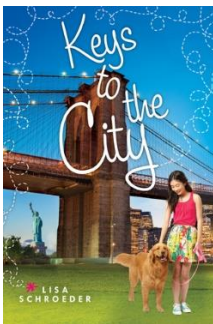
Jake can barely play an instrument, not even a kazoo. And his art? It's better suited for Pictionary than Picasso. Which is a real problem because Jake just faked his way into the Music and Art Academy for the gifted and talented (and Jake is pretty sure he is neither). More jokester than composer, Jake will have to think of something quick before the last laugh is on him.



***The Shadow Cipher (York #1)***  
by Laura Ruby  
Y/Fic/Ruby

AD

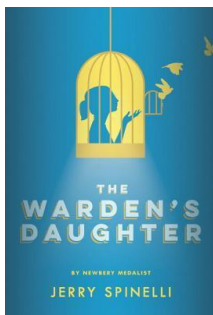
It was 1798 when the Morningstarr twins arrived in New York. Fifty-seven years later, the enigmatic architects disappeared, leaving behind the Old York Cipher—a puzzle laid into the shining city they constructed, at the end of which was promised a treasure beyond all imagining. By the present day, the puzzle has never been solved. Tess and Theo live in a Morningstarr apartment house—until the city agrees to sell the five remaining Morningstarr buildings. Their destruction means the end of a dream long-held by the people of New York. And if Tess and Theo want to save their home, they have to prove that the Old York Cipher is real. Which means they have to solve it.



***Keys to the City***  
by Lisa Schroeder  
J/Fic/Schroeder

AN

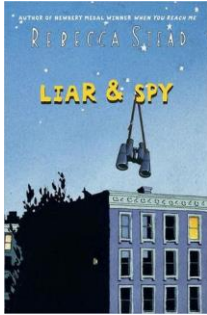
Lindy is not enthused about her summer homework (she has to find something she's passionate about and good at). Her friends already have their things: music, dance, stuff like that. But Lindy loves books and emojis and that's not exactly a career in the making. She has the summer to find what she excels at...except she has no idea how to even start. Luckily, Lindy has the help of a new friend, a happy dog, and a special journal, as she hits the streets of New York City to unlock her secret talents!



***The Warden's Daughter***  
by Jerry Spinelli  
J/Fic/Spinelli

HF

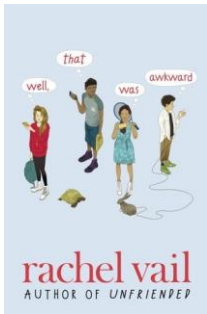
Cammie O'Reilly lives at the Hancock County Prison—not as a prisoner, she's the warden's daughter. She spends the mornings hanging out with shoplifters and reformed arsonists in the women's exercise yard, which gives Cammie a certain cache with her school friends. But even though Cammie's free to leave the prison, she's still stuck. And sad, and really mad. Her mother died saving her from harm when she was just a baby. You wouldn't think you could miss something you never had, but on the eve of her thirteenth birthday, the thing Cammie most wants is a mom. A prison might not be the best place to search for a mother, but Cammie is determined and she's willing to work with what she's got.



***Liar & Spy***  
by Rebecca Stead  
J/Fic/Stead

MY

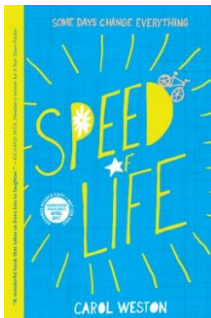
The first day Georges (the S is silent) moves into a new Brooklyn apartment, he sees a sign taped to a door in the basement: SPY CLUB MEETING—TODAY! That's how he meets his twelve-year-old neighbor Safer. He and Georges quickly become allies—and fellow spies. Their assignment? Tracking the mysterious Mr. X, who lives in the apartment upstairs. But as Safer's requests become more and more demanding, Georges starts to wonder: how far is too far to go for your only friend?



***Well, That Was Awkward***  
by Rachel Vail  
J/Fic/Vail

RE

Gracie has never felt like this before. One day, she suddenly can't breathe, can't walk, can't anything and the reason is standing right there in front of her, all tall and weirdly good-looking: A.J. It turns out A.J. likes not Gracie but Gracie's beautiful best friend, Sienna. Obviously Gracie is happy for Sienna. Super happy! She helps Sienna compose the best texts, responding to A.J.'s surprisingly funny and appealing texts, just as if she were Sienna. Because Gracie is fine. Always! She's had lots of practice being the sidekick, second-best. It's all good. Well, almost all. She's trying.



***Speed of Life***  
by Carol Weston  
Y/Fic/Weston

RE

Sofia wonders if 14 might be the worst possible age to lose your mom. Talking with her dad is super-awkward. And when she wants to talk about her mom, her friends don't know what to say and her dad gets sad. When Sofia discovers Dear Kate, an advice columnist from Fifteen magazine, she's grateful to have someone to confide in about everything from crushes to mourning—someone who is completely, wonderfully anonymous. It feels ideal—until Sofia's dad introduces her to his new girlfriend, Katherine Baird, a.k.a., Dear Kate.

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