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Amina's Voice. By Hena Khan. Simon & Schuster/Salaam Reads (9781481492065).

A Pakistani American Muslim middle-school girl attempts to blend her family's traditions and her experience in school to be accepted.

Armstrong and Charlie. By Steven B. Frank. HMH (9780544826083).

A strong friendship develops between two boys from different economic and racial environments.

Ashes to Asheville. By Sarah Dooley. Putnam (9780399165047).

Two sisters set off without adults on an impromptu road trip to scatter their mother's ashes in this moving, sensitive novel.

Beyond the Bright Sea. By Lauren Wolk. Dutton (9781101994856).

In a stunningly beautiful novel, orphan Crow decides to investigate her own past and in doing so uncovers the complicated history of a nearby former leper colony.

Dazzle Ships: World War I and the Art of Confusion. By Chris Barton. Illus. by Victo Ngai. Lerner/Millbrook (9781512410143).

Stunning art nouveau–inspired illustrations showcase a little-known WWI British and U.S. military strategy of camouflaging ships with dazzling effect.

The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora. By Pablo Cartaya. Viking (9781101997239).

Arturo struggles to keep the family business, a Cuban restaurant, alive in the face of the gentrification of his Florida neighborhood in a fresh, often very funny novel. (Belpré Author Honor Book)

A Face Like Glass. By Frances Hardinge. Abrams/Amulet (9781419724848).

Restless, impulsive Neverfell, with no memory of her past, finds herself in the underground city of Caverna, where faces are expressionless and her life is in incredible danger.

Fault Lines in the Constitution: The Framers, Their Fights, and the Flaws that Affect Us Today. By Cynthia Levinson and Sanford Levinson. Illus. Peachtree (9781561459452).

This thought-provoking examination of the history of the U.S. Constitution gives careful consideration to how it functions today.

The First Rule of Punk. By Celia C. Pérez. Viking (9780425290408).

Malu and her "SuperMexican" mother move across the country, leaving behind the father who gets her punk identity. Through new friends and zines, she connects to her roots in an authentic way. (Belpré Author Honor Book)

Flying Lessons & Other Stories. Ed. by Ellen Oh. Crown (9781101934593).

Readers will recognize themselves in this varied collection of sometimes humorous, sometimes poignant stories.

Forever, or a Long, Long Time. By Caela Carter. Harper (9780062385680).

In a heartbreaking and lovely novel, foster-child Flora and her brother invent a past and struggle to trust their new family.

Hello, Universe. By Erin Entrada Kelly. Greenwillow (9780062414151).

In this story told from various viewpoints, including a bully, a deaf girl, a fortune-teller, and more, a rescue is performed, revealing bravery in the midst of fear. (Newbery Medal Book)

Isaac the Alchemist: Secrets of Isaac Newton, Reveal'd. By Mary Losure. Illus. Candlewick (9780763670634).

Discover the life and times of Isaac Newton, an alchemist who brilliantly transformed and advanced scientific understanding of chemistry.

Life on Surtsey: Iceland's Upstart Island. By Loree Griffin Burns. Illus. HMH (9780544687233).

Burns chronicles the fascinating birth and evolution of Surtsey, the youngest island on Earth, and one researcher's almost 50-year study of the environs.

The List. By Patricia Forde. Sourcebooks/Jabberwocky (9781492647966).

In this compelling and terrifying science fiction novel, Letta, the wordsmith of the city of Ark, learns of a horrific plan to control and censor the language of her people.

Long Way Down. By Jason Reynolds. Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy (9781481438254).

Will descends in an elevator carrying his murdered brother's gun. This novel in verse explores Will's struggle with avenging his brother's death. (Newbery Honor Book)

Louis Undercover. By Fanny Britt. Illus. by Isabelle Arsenault. Tr. by Christelle Morelli and Susan Ouriou. Groundwood (9781554988594).

In this poignant graphic novel, Louis struggles to make sense of his father's alcoholism and parents' separation while secretly pining for a beautiful girl at school.

Lucky Broken Girl. By Ruth Behar. Penguin/Nancy Paulsen (9780399546440).

In this emotionally charged tale, Ruthie is uprooted from Cuba to NYC. An unexpected accident traps her in a body cast, which leads her to find freedom through art. (Belpré Author Award Book)

Midnight without a Moon. By Linda Williams Jackson. HMH (9780544785106).

In the summer of 1955, Rose Lee Carter dreams of life beyond her Mississippi cotton fields. Emmett Till's murder places her on a new trajectory.

The Murderer's Ape. By Jakob Wegelius. Tr. by Peter Graves. Delacorte (9781101931752).

Determined to clear her friend, the Chief, of murder, remarkable ape Sally Jones sets off on an epic journey and meets a fascinating cast of characters. (Batchelder Award Book)

Orphan Island. By Laurel Snyder. HarperCollins/Walden Pond (9780062443410).

Jinny lives on an idyllic, secluded island with eight other children. The fundamental mystery of the island's rules is exposed amid distress and anxiety.

Patina. By Jason Reynolds. Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy (9781481450188).

Patty's triad of home, track, and school lives forces her to become reliant on others while altering her self-confidence and core values.

Piecing Me Together. By Renée Watson. Bloomsbury (9781681191058).

Shouldering her mother's expectations, Jade enters a mentor program with an inconsistent mentor. The unfulfillment she feels galvanizes her to follow her own artistic path. (Newbery Honor Book)

Posted. By John David Anderson. HarperCollins/Walden Pond (9780062338204).

When their school bans cell phones, Frost and his friends communicate through Post-its instead. But when their idea catches on, a sticky-note war begins.

Quicksand Pond. By Janet Taylor Lisle. Atheneum (9781481472227).

In this thought-provoking, eerie story, two girls from disparate backgrounds build a raft where two murders occurred nearly 80 years prior.

Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library. By Carole Boston Weatherford. Illus. by Eric Velasquez. Candlewick (9780763680466).

The handsome biography of Afro-Puerto Rican Schomburg introduces his efforts to collect and correct the history of the contributions of "Africa's sons and daughters."

Sidetracked. By Diana Harmon Asher. Abrams/Amulet (9781419726019).

Despite learning disabilities, Joseph joins his school's track team and discovers the value of achieving a personal best, both on and off the cross-country course.

Silent Days, Silent Dreams. By Allen Say. Illus. by the author. Scholastic/Arthur A. Levine (9780545927611).

The fictionalized biography of self-taught artist James Castle, who grew up deaf, mute, and autistic, and used art to express himself, is as beautiful as it is affecting.

The Stars beneath Our Feet. By David Barclay Moore. Knopf (9781524701246).

Lolly deals with the grief of losing his older brother by escaping into the world of LEGOs in this thought-provoking coming-of-age story set in Harlem.

Strange Fruit: Billie Holiday and the Power of a Protest Song. By Gary Golio. Illus. by Charlotte Riley-Webb. Lerner/Millbrook (9781467751230).

Art and text combine to re-create the discomfort and power of Billie Holiday and her iconic song "Strange Fruit."

Thornhill. By Pam Smy. Illus. by the author. Roaring Brook (9781626726543).

In this cinematic, heavily illustrated novel, two stories, decades apart, come together as Ella is drawn into the dark and tragic mystery of Thornhill Hall.

Twelve Days in May: Freedom Ride 1961. By Larry Dane Brimner. Illus. Boyds Mills/Calkins Creek (9781629795867).

This riveting account of the 1961 Freedom Rides, when 13 civil rights activists rode buses to challenge Jim Crow practices, has visual and emotional impact. (Sibert Medal Book)

Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team. By Steve Sheinkin. Illus. Roaring Brook (9781596439542).

This compelling account of Native American athlete Jim Thorpe focuses on his impact on football and how his team transformed the game despite tremendous racism.

The War I Finally Won. By Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. Dial (9780525429203).

As WWII continues, Ada discovers that her disability doesn't define her and that family takes many shapes in this stunning sequel.

The Whiz Mob and the Grenadine Kid. By Colin Meloy. Illus. by Carson Ellis. HarperCollins/Balzer + Bray (9780062342454).

Loner Charlie Fisher finds himself lured into the exciting underworld of Marseille pickpockets where he finds unlikely friendships in this rollicking tale.

The Whydah: A Pirate Ship Feared, Wrecked & Found. By Martin W. Sandler. Illus. Candlewick (9780763680336).

The story of an eighteenth-century slave ship, its capture by pirates, sinking, and eventual discovery off Cape Cod make for a fresh and thrilling adventure.

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Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut. By Derrick Barnes. Illus. by Gordon C. James. Agate (9781572842243).

In a vibrant, joyful tribute to the barbershop experience, a young black boy relishes in the majesty of a fresh new cut. (Newbery Honor Book & Caldecott Honor Book)

Grand Canyon. By Jason Chin. Illus. by the author. Roaring Brook/Neal Porter (9781596439504).

Concise explanations of natural history run in tandem with a visual story of a girl and her father hiking in this stunning depiction of the Grand Canyon. (Caldecott Honor Book & Sibert Honor Book)

Her Right Foot. By Dave Eggers. Illus. by Shawn Harris. Chronicle (9781452162812).

Part history and part call to action, this nonfiction picture book reminds readers of the genesis of the Statue of Liberty and its relevance today.

I'm Just No Good at Rhyming and Other Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-Ups. By Chris Harris. Illus. by Lane Smith. Little, Brown (9780316266574).

Hilarity and nonsense characterize this illustrated poetry collection, which engages the reader in a lively conversation between the writer and illustrator.

Not So Different: What You Really Want to Ask about Having a Disability. By Shane Burcaw. Illus. by Matt Carr. Roaring Brook (9781626727717).

Candidly addressing questions about his disability and its impact on his life, Burcaw offers readers an opportunity to develop empathy for what it means to be "different." (Sibert Honor Book)

Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets. By Kwame Alexander with Chris Colderley and Marjory Wentworth. Illus. by Ekoa Holmes. Candlewick (9780763680947).

In this bold homage, the authors emulate the style of their favorite poets. Stunning collages illuminate this joyful celebration of poetry.

The Street beneath My Feet. By Charlotte Guillain. Illus. by Yuval Zommer. Quarto/words & pictures (9781682971369).

This beautiful, sturdy foldout book digs right down to the center of the Earth.

2018 Notable Children's Books Committee

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