

# BEST OF 2016-2017 GRADES 4 & 5

## AS BRAVE AS YOU

By Jason Reynolds

J FICTION REYNOLDS



After getting separated from his teacher and his classmates during an outing to the Empire State Building, Pablo, the new kid in school, learns to navigate the NYC subway system while dreading making new friends and living in a big city.

## SHORT

By Holly Goldberg Sloan

J FICTION SLOAN



Middle-schooler Julia is short for her age. When she is cast as a munchkin in the town's Wizard of Oz production, she meets many interesting and different people and grows in many more ways than height can measure.

## ALAMO ALL-STARS

By Nathan Hale

J GRAPHIC HALE



In the early 1800's, the land that is now Texas was sought after by settlers, Native Americans and the Mexican government. Facts, politics, military actions and prominent personalities of the "Texas Revolution" are shared in this graphic novel.

## GHOSTS!

By Raina Telgemeier

J GRAPHIC TELGEMEIER



Cat's family moves to the coast of California in order for her sister Maya to breath more easily. Cat is resistent to the transition, but Maya embraces it, hoping to meet the legendary ghosts that haunt the area.



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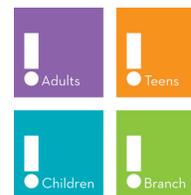
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## GREEN CITY

By Allon Drummond

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Greensburg, Kansas was destroyed by a tornado in 2007. This is the true account of how the people of the town didn't just rebuild, but rebuilt to survive any other possible disaster and for a sustainable future.

## THE MARVELOUS THING THAT CAME FROM A SPRING

By Gilbert Ford

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This informative book chronicles the invention of the famous slinky toy. Engineer Richard James became inspired to create a toy when a spring fell off his desk. Through trial and error he and his wife worked tirelessly to create their product.

## MANATEE RESCUE

By Nicola Davies

J CHAPTER DAVIES



Manuela thought killing a manatee would be like killing a big fish. When Manuela's father successfully harpoons a manatee, she struggles with the consequences that follow and how she feels about them.

## MS. BIXBY'S LAST DAY

By John David Anderson

J FICTION ANDERSON



Not all teachers are created equal some inspire and some disappoint. When a favorite teacher falls ill with cancer and has to leave before the end of the year, three best friends embark on a journey to honor her.

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### THE WAR THAT SAVED MY LIFE

By Kimberly Bradley

*J FICTION BRADLEY*



A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from war-torn London to the English countryside during World War II. Here they will try to find a better life away from their abusive mother.

### ALL RISE FOR THE HONORABLE PERRY T. COOK

By Leslie Connor

*J FICTION CONNOR*



Eleven-year-old Perry was born and raised by his mom in a correctional facility. The warden has made it possible for them to be together, until someone declares the situation inappropriate. Why is Perry's mother in jail anyway?

### RAYMIE NIGHTINGALE

By Kate DiCamillo

*J FICTION DICAMILLO*



10 year old Raymie needs a plan. Her father has left home to start a new life with his secretary. In an effort to get him to come back home, Raymie prepares to win the Little Miss Central Florida Tire crown.

### FULL OF BEANS

By Jennifer Holm

*J FICTION HOLM*



Depression-era Key West Florida provides the backdrop for Beans and his gang of enterprising friends. The boys find many creative ways to make money as Washington D.C. attempts to turn Key West into a tourist attraction.

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### RACE THE NIGHT

By Kirsten Hubbard

*J FICTION HUBBARD*



The world ended long ago, and Teacher says the only thing left is the desert ranch 12 year old Elder lives on with a small group of students. Elder still cannot help wondering what's beyond the fence and if her past memories are real.

### THE SIREN SISTERS

By Dana Langer

*J FICTION LANGER*



When her blind dog runs off, 12 year old Lily meets Salma, a young Hispanic girl whose migrant family are in Maine for the picking season. The Blueberry Queen pageant forces the 2 friends to face the prejudices that arise.

### ALL THE ANSWERS

By Kate Messner

*J FICTION MESSNER*



Twelve-year-old Ava finds an old pencil in her family's junk drawer and discovers, during a math test, that it will answer factual questions. Ava has a great time until the pencil reveals a truth about her family that she would rather not know.

### WORD OF MOUSE

By Grabenstein & Patterson

*J FICTION PATTERSON*



Isiah the mouse escapes from a laboratory, only to meet the dangers and challenges of the outside world. He befriends a human girl named Hailey and they take on the new obstacles this unusual friendship brings together.

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### THE BEST MAN

By Richard Peck

*J FICTION PECK*



The story begins with Asher's disastrous turn as a wedding's ring bearer in 1st grade and ends with a different and much better wedding event in 6th grade. In between, the male role models in Archer's life provide laughs and insight.

### PAX

By Sara Pennypacker

*J FICTION PENNYPACKER*



Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a kit. But one day, the unimaginable happens: Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild. Both embark on an adventure to be reunited.

### THE BIG DARK

By W. Rodman Philbrick

*J FICTION PHILBRICK*



What would you do if every spark of electricity suddenly vanished, as if somebody had flipped a switch on the entire planet? Charlie's town is caught in a struggle for leadership. Will the community band together or will only the strong survive?

### THREADS

By Ami Polonsky

*J FICTION POLONSKY*



Yuming, a child laborer in a factory in China slips a note into one of the handbags she makes in the hope it will land in the hands of someone who can help her. 12-year old Chloe finds it, but what can she do?