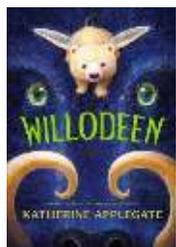




Children's Booklist 2022: Realistic Fiction

Fiction for Grades 4-5



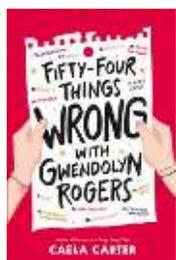
Willodeen

by Katherine Applegate
When the annual migration of hummingbirds, a source of local pride and income, dwindles and no one knows why, Willodeen, armed with a magical birthday gift, speaks up for the animals she loves and vows to uncover this mystery.



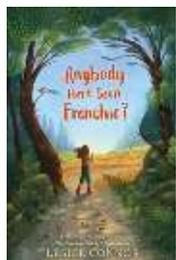
What Comes Next

by Rob Buyea
When she bonds with Jack-Jack, a rescue puppy who is no ordinary dog, Thea, who has not spoken since she lost her best friend in a tragic accident, opens up to the possibility of new friends and forgiveness, and comes to believe in what cannot be fully explained.



Fifty-four Things Wrong with Gwendolyn Rogers

by Caela Carter
When she discovers she has 54 things wrong with her after reading a confidential school report, Gwendolyn Rogers is determined to get these things under control so she can go to horse camp and gets some help from an unexpected source.



Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?

by Leslie Connor
When her best friend Frenchie, who is autistic and doesn't talk, disappears after they encounter a rare piebald deer in the woods, Aurora feels that she's to blame and does everything she can to find him.



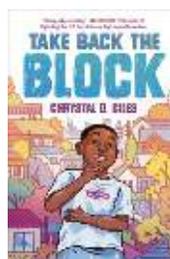
War and Millie McGonigle

by Karen Cushman
The Newbery Award-winning author traces the story of a girl from 1930s California who helps her family through the challenges of food rationing and caring for an ailing sister as America draws closer to World War II.



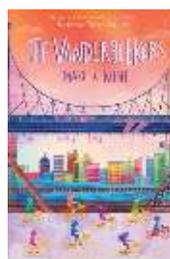
Out of My Heart

by Sharon M. Draper
In this sequel to *Out of My Mind*, Melody decides to sign up for a horseback riding summer camp in order to get over her fear of horses, but she wonders if the camp will welcome a kid with cerebral palsy.



Take Back the Block

by Chrystal D. Giles
Sixth-grader Wes Henderson sets out to save the Oaks, the neighborhood where he's lived his whole life, from being sold to a real estate developer.

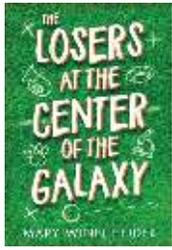


The Vanderbeekers Make a Wish

by Karina Yan Glaser
Excited for Papa's surprise 40th birthday party, the Vanderbeeker children learn more about their mysterious grandparents while waiting for the celebration to start.

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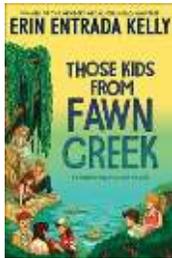
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The Losers at the Center of the Galaxy

by Mary Winn Heider

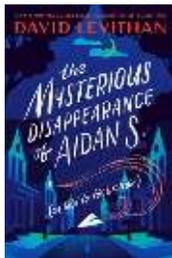
Two years after their father disappeared, Winston and Louise wrestle with their grief while investigating mysterious teachers, innovative science, and a captive bear.



Those Kids from Fawn Creek

by Erin Entrada Kelly

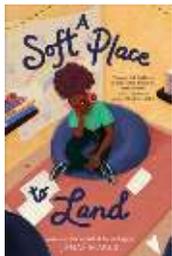
When Orchid Mason moves to their small factory town where everyone knows everything about everyone, the students of Fawn Creek Middle School don't know what to think of this newcomer who could change everything.



The Mysterious Disappearance of Aidan S. (as told to his brother)

by David Levithan

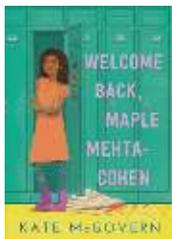
Lucas struggles to believe his brother's fantastical story explaining what happened to him during an agonizing six-day disappearance, an account that the other members of their community believe is made up.



A Soft Place to Land

by Janae Marks

After her father loses his job, Joy and her family move into an apartment building where she finds solace in a mystery letter from another kid in the building who is also struggling.



Welcome Back, Maple Mehta-Cohen

by Kate McGovern

When she has to repeat fifth grade due to her reading troubles, Maple Mehta-Cohen uses her storytelling skills to convince her classmates that she has been kept back as a special teacher's assistant until the lie

catches up to her.



A Kind of Spark

by Elle McNicoll

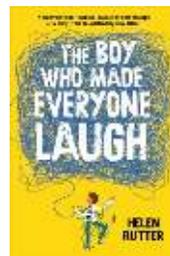
When she discovers that her small Scottish town used to burn witches simply because they were different, a neurodivergent girl who sees and hears things others cannot refuses to let them be forgotten.



Besties. Work It Out

by Kayla Miller

When best friends Beth and Chandra are asked to dogsit at Ms. Langford's luxurious house while she's away, they find their dream job turning into a nightmare after a prized possession is broken and they must somehow figure out how to pay for a replacement..



The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh

by Helen Rutter

Dreaming of being a comedian but feeling that his stutter stands in his way, Billy Plimpton shows everyone that nothing can hold him back as he makes his way to the spotlight!



My Own Lightning

by Lauren Wolk

A follow-up to *Wolf Hollow*, in which Annabelle McBride is still processing the grief and guilt of the previous year's events, when a bully's actions caused two tragedies in rural Pennsylvania in 1944.



Three Keys

by Kelly Yang

Mia Tang thinks she's going to have the best year ever. She and her parents are the proud owners of the Calivista Motel, Mia gets to run the front desk with her best friend, Lupe, and she's finally getting somewhere with her writing! But as it turns out, sixth grade is no picnic.



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