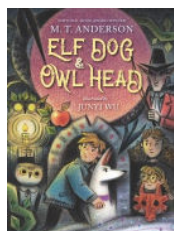




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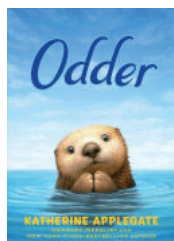
Grades 4-5



Elf Dog & Owl Head

by M. T. Anderson

Quarantined with his family as a global plague ravages the world, Clay retreats to the woods where he meets a special little dog who leads him on surreal adventures where choosing the wrong path could cause them both to lose their way forever.

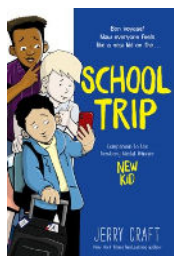


Odder

by Katherine Applegate

Odder spends her days off the coast of central California, practicing her underwater acrobatics and spinning the quirky stories for which she's known. But when she comes face-to-face with a hungry great white shark, her life takes a dramatic turn, one that will challenge everything she believes about

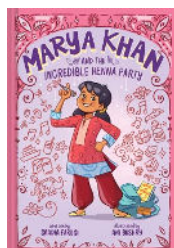
herself--and about the humans who hope to save her.



School Trip

by Jerry Craft

While on a school trip to Paris, Jordan, Drew and Liam find navigating a foreign city almost as tricky as navigating the same friendships, fears and differences they struggle with at home.



Marya Khan and the Incredible Henna Party

by Saadia Faruqi

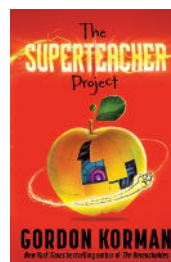
When she claims she's having the most epic henna party ever to compete with her rich neighbor, third grader Marya is still determined to make turning 8 great with a little help from her family.



Mr. Lemoncello's Very First Game

by Chris Grabenstein

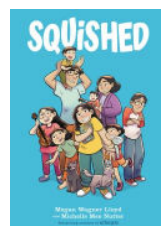
Everybody starts somewhere, and once upon a time Luigi Lemoncello was a thirteen-year-old boy in a large family who dreamed of being a showman; he gets his first chance working for a famous barker at a summer carnival where a mysterious puzzle leads him and his friends on a treasure hunt.



The Superteacher Project

by Gordon Korman

Determined to teach their new teacher who's boss, Oliver Zhan and his best friend Nathan realize that Mr. Aidact is not what they expected and, suspecting something is fishy, must get to the bottom of the mystery.



Squished

by Megan Wagner Lloyd

Tired of feeling squished by her six siblings, 11-year-old aspiring artist Avery Lee hatches a plan to finally get her own room until everything around her gets complicated, especially when she finds out her family might move across the country.



Hummingbird

by Natalie Lloyd

Twelve-year-old Olive, who is seen as "fragile" due to brittle bone disease, searches for a magical, wish-granting hummingbird that could possibly make her most desperate, secret wish come true.

Best Books 2021-2022

Grades 4-5



Home away from Home

by Cynthia Lord

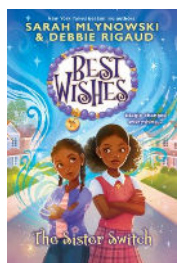
While visiting her Grandma in Maine, Mia sets out to identify an unusual white bird of prey in an effort to prove herself to Cayman, her Grandma's know-it-all neighbor, and in the process, Mia makes a decision that will change things for the town, the bird, Cayman and herself.



The Firefly Summer

by Morgan Matson

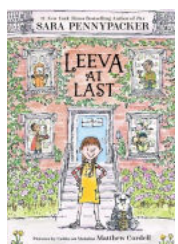
When her estranged grandparents invite her to stay with them in the Poconos for the summer, Ryanna meets so many relatives on her late mom's side of the family and discovers a whole new side of herself and a place where she really belongs.



The Sister Switch

by Sarah Mlynowski

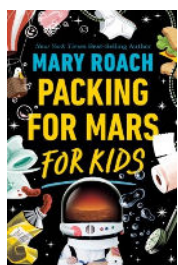
When she receives a magical bracelet, Addie wishes to be Sophie, her big sister, but with friendships and grades on the line, and a stranger determined to get her hands on the bracelet, Addie must find a way to switch back before it's too late.



Leeva at Last

by Sara Pennypacker

Determined to answer the burning question that asks what people are for, Leeva Spayce Thornblossom, with the help of an orphaned badger, a risk-averse boy in a hazmat suit and the town's librarians, sets off a chain of events that will change Nutsmore forever.



Packing for Mars for Kids

by Mary Roach

In this young readers adaptation of the best-selling Packing for Mars, the author guides readers through the strange, sometimes gross and always awe-inspiring, world of space travel and life without gravity.



Bomb, a graphic novel : the Race to Build--and Steal--the World's Most Dangerous Weapon

by Steve Sheinkin

This thrilling graphic novel adaptation of the award-winning nonfiction book takes readers back to 1938 where they will witness the creation of the atomic bomb--a story of plotting, risk-taking, deceit and genius that created the world's most formidable weapon.



The Last Mapmaker

by Christina Soontornvat

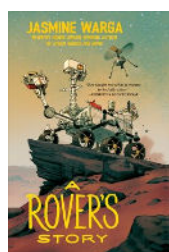
Joining an expedition to chart the southern seas, 12-year-old mapmaker's assistant Sai, posing as a well-bred young lady with a glittering future, realizes she's not the only one on board harboring secrets when she discovers the ship's true destination.



Parachute Kids

by Betty C. Tang

When their parents return to Taiwan, leaving her and her two older siblings in California on their own, Feng-Li must keep her family together as they all get tangled in a web of bad choices while navigating this strange new world.



A Rover's Story

by Jasmine Warga

Built to explore Mars, Resilience begins to develop human-like feelings as he learns from the NASA scientists who assembled him, and as he blasts off and explores Mars, Resilience must overcome different obstacles as he explores the red planet



Finally Seen

by Kelly Yang

Arriving in America to live with her parents and sister after five years apart, 10-year-old Lina Gao struggles to fit in with her family and at her new school until she learns about the power of friendship, family and being finally seen.



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