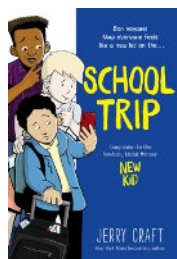




## Children's Booklist 2023: Realistic Fiction

### Fiction for Grades 4-5



#### School Trip

by Jerry Craft

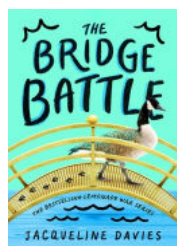
While on a school trip to Paris, Jordan, Drew and Liam find navigating a foreign city almost as tricky as navigating the same friendships, fears and differences they struggle with at home.



#### War and Millie McGonigle

by Karen Cushman

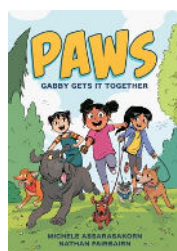
The Newbery Award-winning author traces the story of a girl from 1930s California who helps her family through the challenges of food rationing and caring for an ailing sister as America draws closer to World War II.



#### The Bridge Battle

by Jacqueline Davies

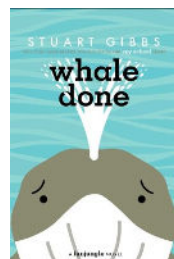
Unexpectedly cast as outsiders, siblings Jessie and Evan must learn to be true to themselves when they are faced with bullies and unexpected circumstances that cause them to act in ways they never have before. The latest in the *Lemonade Wars* series.



#### Gabby Gets It Together

by Nathan Fairbairn

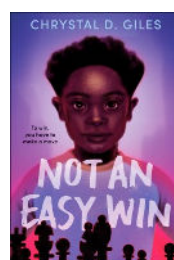
When three very different girls start a dog-walking business called PAWS, they soon argue about everything, but when their fighting leads to a canine crisis, they must get it together to save the day, their business and their friendship.



#### Whale Done : a FunJungle novel

by Stuart Gibbs

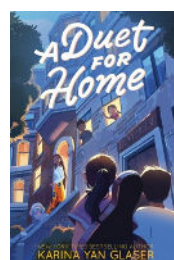
While in Malibu with his girlfriend Summer, Teddy Fitzroy helps the head vet from FunJungle investigate a blown-up whale and the theft of tons of beach sand, determined to uncover the truth in a glittering world where nothing is as it seems.



#### Not an Easy Win

by Chrystal D. Giles

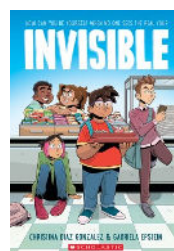
Expelled from school after one too many fights, Lawrence spends his days at the rec center where he learns how to play chess, making moves that change everything as he finds himself still in the game.



#### A Duet for Home

by Karina Yan Glaser

Two children living in a homeless shelter whose friendship grows over a shared love of classical music, June and Tyree join forces to confront a new housing policy that puts homeless families in danger.



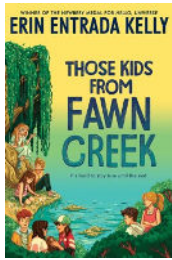
#### Invisible

by Christina Diaz Gonzalez

When five overlooked students are forced to complete their school's community service hours, they meet someone in need but must decide if they are each willing to expose their own secrets to help... or if remaining invisible is the only way to survive middle school.

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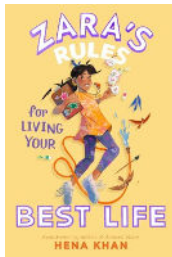
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### Those Kids from Fawn Creek

by Erin Entrada Kelly

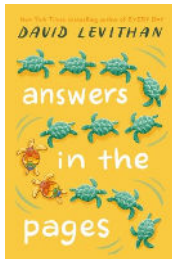
When Orchid Mason moves to their small factory town where everyone knows everything about everyone, the students of Fawn Creek Middle School don't know what to think of this newcomer who could change everything.



### Zara's Rules for Living Your Best Life

by Hena Khan

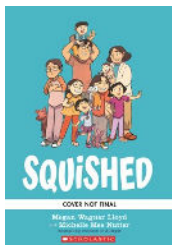
Sent to spend spring break with her grandparents, Zara concocts a plan that just might save her vacation and help her grandfather start living his best life after losing his zest.



### Answers in the Pages

by David Levithan

When his mother rallies other parents to pull the book he's reading from the district curriculum because it depicts a relationship between two boys, Donovan must speak up and stand out to stop this book from being banned.



### Squished

by Megan Wagner Lloyd

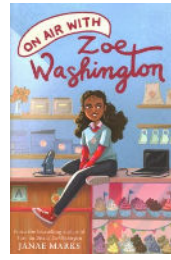
Tired of feeling squished by her six siblings, 11-year-old aspiring artist Avery Lee hatches a plan to finally get her own room until everything around her gets complicated, especially when she finds out her family might move across the country.



### 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.



### On Air with Zoe Washington

by Janae Marks

While building a relationship with her newly exonerated birth father, who is having a hard time re-entering society, Zoe starts a podcast to shed light on the struggles exonerates experience and fundraise for his lifelong dream of opening his own restaurant.

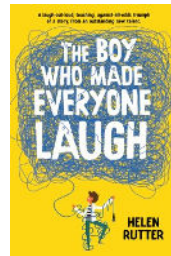


### Welcome Back, Maple Mehta-Cohen

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.

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### 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.



### 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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