



## Children's Booklist 2023: Robes and Robots

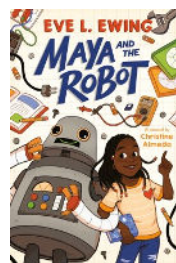
Sci-Fi and Fantasy for Grades 4 & 5



### The Only

by Katherine Applegate

The third book in the *Endling* series finds Byx and her friends discovering that the same extinction facing the dairnes is threatening all living species, prompting the team to recruit creatures throughout the world into their revolution.



### Maya and the Robot

by Eve L. Ewing

In desperate need of a friend—and a science project—Maya finds a robot named Ralph in Mr. Mac's convenience store, and once she gets him up and running, a new world of connection opens up.



### Maya and the Return of the Godlings

by Rena Barron

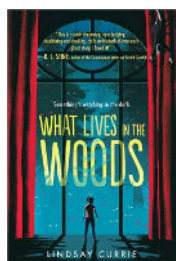
After bringing her father back into the human world, 12-year-old Maya, a guardian-in-training, is forced to return to The Dark and regain the one thing keeping the veil between worlds from crumbling: her father's soul.



### The Lion of Mars

by Jennifer L. Holm

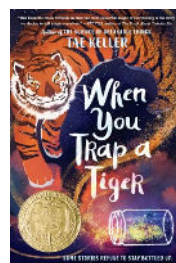
Bell has spent his whole life on Mars, but he is still just a regular kid. When a virus breaks out and the grown-ups all fall ill, Bell and the other children are the only ones who can help. It is up to Bell to uncover the truth and save his family and unite an entire planet.



### What Lives in the Woods

by Lindsay Currie

Ginny's father is restoring a 1930s mansion in Michigan, but there are rumors about Woodmoor and its forest: rumors about strange mutant creatures. Ginny wonders if the rumors are true and she plans to investigate with the help of Will, the boy who lives nearby.



### When You Trap a Tiger

by Tae Keller

Moving with her parents into the home of her sick grandmother, young Lily forges a complicated pact with a magical tiger, in a story inspired by Korean folktales. By the author of *The Science of Unbreakable Things*.



### Witches of Brooklyn

by Sophie Escabasse

Moving to Brooklyn to live with two eccentric aunts she has never met after the tragic loss of her mother, Effie forges bonds with loyal new friends while making the amazing discovery that magic runs in her family.



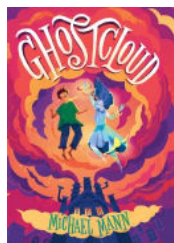
### Winston Chu vs. the Whimsies

by Stacey Lee

After inadvertently stopping a robbery at an oddities shop in Chinatown, 12-year-old Winston Chu is gifted a broom and dustpan that somehow take his most beloved possessions and decides it's time to fight magic with magic to sweep away evil.

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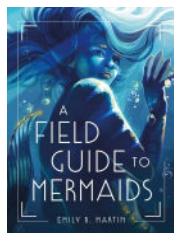
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### Ghostcloud

by Michael Mann

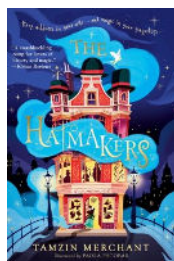
Forced to shovel coal underground in a half-bombed power station, 12-year-old Luke Smith-Sharma discovers his own innate powers with the help of a ghostly girl and is determined to save himself and his friends from a cruel and sinister scheme orchestrated by an evil woman.



### A Field Guide to Mermaids

by Emily B. Martin

Based on real ecological facts with a strong environmental focus, this beautifully illustrated field guide follows a brave explorer as they catalog and study the many species of mermaids that may swim among us.



### The Hatmakers

by Tamzin Merchant

The most important rule to follow when you hunt for hat ingredients is this: keep wildness in your wits and magic in your fingertips. In Cordelia's London, magic is real and is woven into objects created by the five Maker families. Cordelia must uncover the truth about a rash of thefts if she is to save

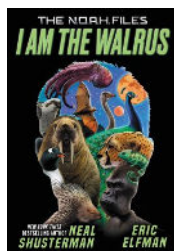
the Makers and find out what really happened to her father.



### Dragonboy

by Megan Reyes

Bound by the threads of fate, Blue, River, Wren and Shenli leave behind the lives and homes they know to unravel the lies they've been taught to believe in order to restore the balance between humans, dragons and magic.



### I Am the Walrus

by Neal Shusterman

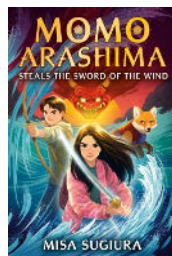
When strange things start happening to him, 14-year-old Noah discovers there are mysterious people who want him dead and only his friend Ogden, whose ideas are way out there, can help him.



### 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.



### Momo Arashima Steals the Sword of the Wind

by Misa Sugiura

All Momo wants for her twelfth birthday is an ordinary life, but instead she finds out she is half human, half goddess and must unlock her divine powers to save her mother's life and keep countless evil spirits from escaping Yomi, the land of the dead.



### The Flames of Hope

by Tui Sutherland

On a rescue mission to save all dragon- and humankind, Luna must uncover a long-buried secret and unite her friends, her enemies and her own powers to change the world—or say goodbye to it forever. Part of the *Wings of Fire* series.



### The Talent Thief

by Mike Thayer

When she is given the ability to steal people's talents for a day, Tiffany Tudwell, who prefers to stay hidden in the shadows, uses this chance to save her dad's failing planetarium and finally step into the spotlight.



### Hilo : Gina and the Last City on Earth

by Judd Winick

In this epic time-turning adventure, Gina, D.J. and Hilo get ready to save the world once and for all as they face more monsters and more shocking surprises than ever before.



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