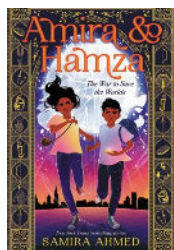




Children's Booklist 2023: Upstairs, Downstairs

Tween Reads in Children's



Amira & Hamza : The War to Save the Worlds

by Samira Ahmed

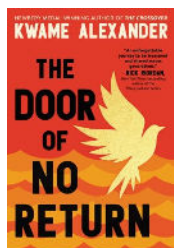
When her little brother Hamza opens the forbidden Box of the Moon, 12-year-old Amira must journey to a mystical land to prevent the moon, the barrier between realms, from unleashing a nightmare.



Dream, Annie, Dream

by Waka T. Brown

When she lands a big role in the production of *The King and I*, Japanese-American seventh grader Annie, belittled by her mostly white classmates, must rise above racism while chasing her dreams.



The Door of No Return

by Kwame Alexander

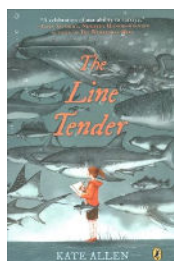
When his brother represents Upper Kwanta in a wrestling contest, resulting in the unthinkable, 11-year-old Kofi finds himself fighting for his life, which sends him on a dangerous journey across land and sea, and away from everything he loves.



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.



The Line Tender

by Kate Allen

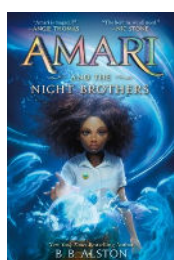
A twelve-year-old girl must pick up the work of her late marine-biologist mother when a tragedy strikes her sleepy Rockport community.



Dear Friends

by Lisa Greenwald

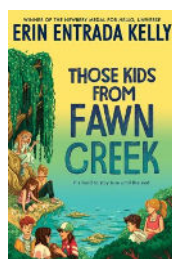
Dumped by her BFF from kindergarten, Eleni revisits her top five friendship fallouts to find out what went wrong and how to be a better friend—all before she has to choose a roommate for an overnight class trip.



Amari and the Night Brothers (Series)

by B. B. Alston

Discovering that she has a supernaturally enhanced talent, Amari Peters enters a summer tryout at the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, where she is considered the enemy, in order to find her missing brother.



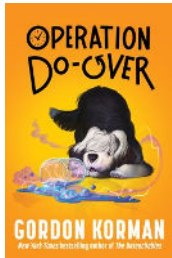
Those Kids from Fawn Creek

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.

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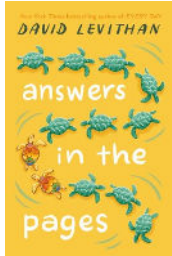
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Operation Do-Over

by Gordon Korman

When he is magically transported back to the seventh grade before he and his best friend had a falling out, science nerd Mason gets a chance to stop the chain of events that made his previous life implode.



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.



A Darkening of Dragons

by S. A. Patrick

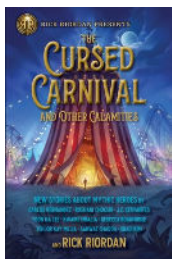
In jail for playing a forbidden spell, 13-year-old Piper discovers a deadly truth and must stop the evil Piper of Hamelyn with the help of a girl cursed to live as a rat and a fire-breathing dracogriff.



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.



The Cursed Carnival and Other Calamities : New Stories About Mythic Heroes

by Rick Riordan

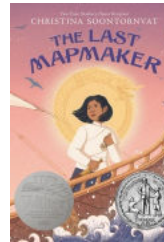
Featuring contributions from some of the best middle grade authors today, this collection of 10 new stories represents many cultures while detailing the challenges faced by young heroes.



Omar Rising

by Aisha Saeed

While attending an elite boarding school on scholarship, Omar, the son of a servant, discovers the school makes it nearly impossible for scholarship students to graduate and sets out to do the impossible—change a rigged system.



The Last Mapmaker

by Christina Soontornvat

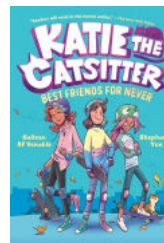
Joining an expedition to chart the southern seas, 12-year-old mapmaker's assistant Sai, posing as a well-bred young lady with a glittering future, realizes she's not the only one on board harboring secrets when she discovers the ship's true destination.



Dead Wednesday

by Jerry Spinelli

When the school assigns each eighth-grader the name of a teenager who died in the past year as a lesson in mortality, Worm Tarnauer, who thrives on being invisible, doesn't count on Becca Finch, the 17-year-old car crash victim who changes everything.



Katie the Catsitter: Best Friends for Never

by Colleen A. F. Venable

Back-to-school time for Katie the Catsitter finds the Mousetress getting blamed for things she didn't do, among other problems, challenging Katie and 217 out-of-the-ordinary cats to uncover the real supervillain to clear the Mousetress's name.



Play Like a Girl : a Graphic Memoir

by Misty Wilson

In this inspiring graphic memoir about teamwork, friendship, crushes and touchdowns, the author shares her experiences on the boys' football team as she shows everyone what it means to play like a girl.



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