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Graphic Novels

The Greatest in the World! (Tater Tales)
Ben Clanton • S&S Books for Young Readers
2022 • IL K-3
An epic contest to prove who is the greatest spud once and for all – Rot or his brother, Snot – judged by the only impartial party they can find – their small-fry little sister, Tot.
1909YXX $12.425 HRD

I Survived the Nazi Invasion, 1944 (I Survived Graphic Novel, Book 3)
Georgia Ball • Graphix • 2021 • IL 3-6
A beautifully rendered graphic novel adaptation of Lauren Tarshis’s best-selling I Survived the Nazi Invasion, 1944, with text adapted by Georgia Ball and art by Alvaro Sarraseca.
1898HC2 $22.81 HRD

The Land of the Blue Demons (Ralph Azham, Book 2)
Lewis Trondheim • Papercutz • 2022 • IL 5-8
Through heavily guarded castles, apocalyptic red skies, and deep mythos, protagonist Ralph Azham flees a puppet king and a sister with a vision that the siblings must fight to the death.
1788YV1 $12.25 HRD

The Legend of the Lost Boy (The Pathfinders Society, Book 3)
Francesco Sedita • Viking Books • 2022 • IL 3-6
Transported 50 years into the past, Kyle, Vic, Harry, Beth, and Nate desperately try to find a way back to their own time in this thrilling climax of the Pathfinders Society saga.
1633YX4 $17.53 HRD

Mapmakers and the Lost Magic (Mapmakers, Book 1)
Cameron Chittock • Random House Graphic
2022 • IL 3-6
A young girl finds herself faced with an impossible choice – run away from her beloved valley, or unleash a hidden magic and become a Mapmaker to save her home from its new overlords.
1884JU3 $19.29 HRD

My Aunt Is a Monster
Reimena Yee • Random House Graphic
2022 • IL 5-8
Curses! Adventures! And drama! Oh my! Safia might not be able to see the world, but that doesn’t mean she can’t experience it fully as she finds herself on her first adventure!
1719AZ8 $19.29 HRD
**Out of Range**  
Heidi Lang • Margaret K. McElderry Books  
2022 • IL 3-6  
*Hatchet* meets Raina Telgemeier’s *Sisters* in this adventurous and heartfelt middle grade tale of three warring sisters who find themselves lost in the wilderness and must learn to trust each other if they want to survive.  
1906JX1 $16.65 HRD

**Shark Princess (Book 1)**  
Nidhi Chanani • Viking Books • 2022 • IL K-3  
Kitana – a Shark Princess and the first of her kind – and her allergy-ridden best friend, Mack, explore the ocean and redefine who and what a princess can be.  
1890EYX $12.25 HRD

**Pirates Past Noon (Magic Tree House: The Graphic Novel, Book 4)**  
Mary Pope Osborne • Random House Books  
2022 • IL K-3  
Jack and Annie are captured by pirates, and the dreaded Cap’n Bones thinks they know where his buried treasure is. The #1 best-selling chapter-book series is now a graphic novel!  
1711RZ0 $15.77 HRD

**Speak Up!**  
Rebecca Burgess • Quill Tree Books • 2022 • IL 5-8  
This coming-of-age middle grade graphic novel follows an autistic girl who unexpectedly finds friendship and learns to express her true self in a world where everyone defines her by her differences.  
1797UZ4 $19.98 FBG

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The Subtle Knife: The Graphic Novel (His Dark Materials, Book 2)
Stephane Melchior • Alfred A. Knopf
2022 • IL 5-8
This graphic novel adaptation is a great entry point for readers new to the remarkable world of *His Dark Materials* and an exciting new look at the classic from Philip Pullman.

Super Family! (Simon and Chester, Book 3)
Cale Atkinson • Tundra Books • 2022 • IL K-3
Join Simon and Chester in their third adventure in this hilarious graphic novel series as they navigate family dynamics and a very important ghost conference!

The Tryout: A Graphic Novel
Christina Soontornvat • Graphix • 2022 • IL 3-6
A high-stakes, highly relatable graphic novel about courage and competition, friendship and belonging, and learning to feel comfortable in your own skin. Perfect for fans of *New Kid* and *Rollergirl*.

We the People! (Big Ideas That Changed the World, Book 4)
Don Brown • Abrams • 2022 • IL 3-6
In this graphic novel, acclaimed author-illustrator Don Brown explores the history of democracy – from civilization’s beginnings to the birth of monarchies, and from the earliest republics to our present-day government.
An Interview with Authors
Dan Abdo and Jason Patterson

For the past 10 years, award-winning duo Dan Abdo and Jason Patterson have developed numerous animated campaigns, network TV and web series, and critically acclaimed commercial work. Their extensive portfolio has garnered them industrywide recognition, while their humorous sensibility and diverse skill set have landed them jobs for top global brands. Their latest comic, *Barb and the Ghost Blade*, is a sidesplitting graphic novel about a young Berzerker who has to rescue her fellow warriors from the evil villain Witch Head before he destroys the world!

What has your process been like while working on *Barb the Last Berzerker* and this sequel, *Barb and the Ghost Blade*? How do you decide who works on what?

We tackle creating a comic using the ancient discipline of teamwork! There are three major steps. First, we throw ideas around in the beginning, coming up with fun story arcs, nefarious plot twists, and delicious banquette scenes! Once we have something solid, we jump into thumbs, super sketchy drawings that we do over and over, using the eraser as much as the pencil! Last, we move on to inking and coloring. Exhausting but super satisfying! At this stage, it turns into the book you see on shelves!
What is Barb's inspiration?
We wanted to create a hit animated TV show, but everyone kept telling us no. So, we created Barb who really doesn’t listen when people tell her she can’t do something. We decided to take Barb’s advice and make a whole awesome graphic novel about her!

Who is your favorite character, and why?
We love Barb and Porkchop! Can we pick two? No? Well, we don’t listen to "no" anymore! See the answer to the previous question. But seriously, we love the dynamic between Barb and Porkchop. Stories about great friendships are totally our jam.

Do you have any advice for young writers or artists who want to create their own stories?
Tell them! It’s easy to get discouraged and never write anything down. The world is full of people telling you that you can’t. But you have to listen to that voice inside you that knows you can! Some people call it a muse, others call it insomnia, we call it the Ghost Writer. Meh, that sounded cooler in our heads. Oh well! See – not everything you write is awesome. But write! Every day! It will be awesome. You have the power! You’ll see!

Barb the Last Berzerker (Book 1)
Dan Abdo and Jason Patterson
Simon & Schuster • 2021 • IL 3-6
Barb is a Berzerker, one of a group of warriors sworn to protect the land of Bailiwick from the scourge of monsters that plagues it. But the fearsome crew seem to have met their match in the nefarious Witch Head. Using power from his magical sword, he tricked the Zerks and took them captive. Only Barb was able to escape – and she took Witch Head’s Shadow Blade with her. But the power of the Shadow Blade has a mind of its own, and the deeper Barb gets into her quest, the harder it is to keep the blade’s awesome power under control.

Barb and the Ghost Blade (Barb and the Last Berzerker, Book 2)
Dan Abdo and Jason Patterson
Simon & Schuster • 2022 • IL 3-6
This ragtag gang must infiltrate Maug Horn, the monster capital where only monsters are allowed, and find Franny Fire Fingers, who they hope will lead them to the Wise Wizards and the power to fight Witch Head. But when even the powerful Shadow Blade sword is no match for the evil Barb encounters, she must learn that her true power comes from her own heart.

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Follett Picks: Graphic Novels

The Adventures of Robo-Kid
Diane deGroat • Neal Porter Books • 2022 • IL K-3
Follow two intersecting stories as a real-life kid finds the courage to cope with his anxiety with the help of Robo-Kid, a comic superhero with his own vulnerabilities.

1618HYX $17.53 HRD

The Flamingo
Guojing • Random House Studio • 2022 • IL K-3
From a highly acclaimed illustrator comes a stunning graphic novel filled with adventure and wonder about an imaginative girl and her obsession with flamingoes.

1719JZ3 $17.53 HRD

Lemon Bird Can Help!
Paulina Ganucheau • Random House Graphic 2022 • IL K-3
When a small lemon-shaped bird and her pumpkin dog friend are lost on their journey home, it doesn't stop them from reaching out and helping all the new friends they meet on their way!

1614KX8 $12.25 HRD

Mummies in the Morning (Magic Tree House: The Graphic Novel, Book 3)
Mary Pope Osborne • Random House Books 2022 • IL K-3
The magic tree house whisks Jack and Annie to ancient Egypt, where they find a long-dead queen who needs their help solving a centuries-old riddle. For the first time available in graphic novel!

1607HXX $15.77 HRD

Party Animals (Cranky Chicken, Book 2)
Katherine Battersby • Margaret K. McElderry Books 2022 • IL K-3
Cranky Chicken and Speedy the worm are back in another laugh-out-loud, brightly illustrated, and heartwarming chapter book as Speedy tries to plan a party for a hungry Chicken.

1911KX2 $12.25 HRD

Rover and Speck: This Planet Rocks!
Jonathan Roth • Kids Can Press • 2022 • IL K-3
Two mismatched rovers alone on a distant planet hardly seem destined to be teammates, but things change when they discover rock creatures are chasing them!

1896UY4 $14.01 HRD
Follett Picks: Graphic Novels

Frankie’s World: A Graphic Novel
Aoife Dooley • Graphix • 2022 • IL 3-6
A unique story told with a light touch and an abundance of warmth and wit, Frankie’s World is laugh-out-loud funny and a love letter to daring to be different.
1742WV7 $22.81 HRD

Invisible: A Graphic Novel
Christina Diaz Gonzalez • Graphix • 2022 • IL 3-6
A must-have graphic novel about five very different students who are forced together by their school to complete community service – and may just have more in common than they thought.
1742VVX $22.81 HRD

Star Knights
Kay Davault • Random House Graphic 2022 • IL 3-6
A simple frog who wants to become a legendary knight finds himself on a magical journey. A fantasy graphic novel from the comic artist behind Oddity Woods.
1614TX3 $19.29 HRD

Steve L. McEvil (Book 1)
Lucas Turnbloom • Crown Books • 2022 • IL 3-6
A middle school super villain (in training) must choose between saving his town and doing the most horrific thing of all – teaming up with the good guys.
1610QX6 $12.25 HRD

Terry’s Crew
Terry Crews • Little, Brown • 2022 • IL 3-6
Actor-author-athlete Terry Crews digs into his childhood in Detroit to tell a story of fitting in and finding your place in his showstopping debut middle grade graphic novel.
1822YZ8 $22.81 HRD

Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky: The Graphic Novel
Kwame Mbalia • Rick Riordan Presents 2022 • IL 3-6
The best-selling and awarding-winning novel about a Black boy who helps folk heroes and gods through storytelling is now a dynamic graphic novel!
1835GX5 $20.17 HRD
The Encounter (Animorphs, Book 3)
K.A. Applegate • Graphix • 2022 • IL 5-8
Trapped in the body of a hawk, Tobias must now contend not only with the Yeerks, but also a part of himself that’s wrestling for dominion – a part that isn’t human.
1760KX4 $22.81 HRD

Enemies (Berrybrook Middle School, Book 5)
Svetlana Chmakova • JY • 2022 • IL 5-8
When Felicity joins a contest to make a point to her sister, Letty, she struggles with what it means to be enemies, and who she really needs most on her side.
1823JZ5 $22.82 HRD

Growing Pangs
Kathryn Ormsbee • Random House • 2022 • IL 5-8
New grade. New friends. New worries? Introducing an irresistibly honest, relatable graphic novel about friendship, anxiety, and growing up – just right for fans of Real Friends and Guts!
1623CX9 $19.29 HRD

Into the Portal (Dungeon Crawlers Academy, Book 1)
J.P. Sullivan • Seven Seas • 2022 • IL 5-8
A dangerous encounter with a tiny dragon becomes Nathan’s ticket into the Academy, and now Nathan must struggle to learn how to use magic – and survive school!
1708HV4 $19.98 FBG

Loud and Clear (The Loud House, Book 16)
Loud House Creative Team • Papercutz 2022 • IL 5-8
Lola’s favorite color is pink, and Leni’s favorite color is zebra? All these groundbreaking revelations and side-splitting laughs and more are served up by Lincoln Loud and his 10 sisters.
1788TV5 $12.25 HRD

Ride On
Faith Erin Hicks • First Second • 2022 • IL 5-8
In this middle grade graphic novel, 12-year-old Victoria is burned out from the high-pressure world of riding competitions. Can she get back to basics and rekindle her love of horses?
1784ZV3 $21.16 HRD
**Booked**
*(Crossover: Graphic Novels, Book 2)*
Kwame Alexander • Etch/Clarion Books
2022 • IL 5-8
Twelve-year-old Nick learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.

1730VR9 $12.25 PAP

**Gold!**
David Shannon • Viking Books for Young Readers
2022 • IL K-3
A riotous retelling of the Midas myth by the Caldecott Honor-winning and New York Times best-selling author of *No, David!*

1892SY4 $17.53 HRD

**Lines of Courage**
Jennifer A. Nielsen • Scholastic Press
2022 • IL 5-8
Jennifer A. Nielsen artfully weaves together the stories of five kids living through World War I, each of whom holds the key to the others’ futures — if they can find each other.

1620DU2 $16.65 HRD

**Haven Jacobs Saves the Planet**
Barbara Dee • Aladdin • 2022 • IL 5-8
Twelve-year-old Haven Jacobs can’t stop thinking about the climate crisis. And when Haven and her classmates get to the river, there’s no sign of frogs or other wildlife — but there is ample evidence of pollution. The only thing that’s changed by the river is the opening of Gemba, the new factory where Haven’s dad works. It doesn’t take much investigation before Haven is convinced Gemba is behind the slow pollution of the river. She’s determined to expose Gemba and force them to clean up their act. But when it becomes clear taking action might put her dad’s job — and some friendships — in jeopardy, Haven must decide how far she’s willing to go. From critically acclaimed author Barbara Dee.

1872TY0 $16.65 HRD

“A powerful depiction of the impact of climate change on a young activist’s mental health.”
— Kirkus Reviews
Favorite Authors

**Oh, Sal**
Kevin Henkes • Greenwillow Books • 2022 • IL 3-6
A stand-alone companion to two-time Newbery Honor author Kevin Henkes’s award-winning, best-selling, and acclaimed *The Year of Billy Miller* about Billy’s younger sister, Sal.

1753BZ9 $15.77 HRD

**The Real Dada Mother Goose: A Treasury of Complete Nonsense**
Jon Scieszka • Candlewick • 2022 • IL 3-6
The classic nursery rhymes we know and love – upside-down, backward, in gibberish, and fresh out of bounds – as only Jon Scieszka could stage them.

1976QX0 $18.41 HRD

**Sal Boat (A Boat by Sal)**
Thyra Heder • Abrams • 2022 • IL K-3
A boy builds a unique boat of his own with some help from his community in this new picture book by the critically acclaimed author of *Sal Loves the Water*.

1623FZ7 $17.53 HRD

**Stinetinglers: All New Stories by the Master of Scary Tales (Book 1)**
R.L. Stine • Feiwel & Friends • 2022 • IL 3-6
From *New York Times* best-selling author R.L. Stine, the master of horror for young readers, comes 10 new stories that are sure to leave you shivering.

1868TZ1 $15.77 HRD

**The Three Billy Goats Gruff**
Mac Barnett • Orchard Books • 2022 • IL K-3
A brilliantly crafted, hilarious twist on this beloved classic from renowned, award-winning, and *New York Times* best-selling duo and picture book pioneers Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen!

1764PX6 $18.99 HRD

**Zara’s Rules for Record-Breaking Fun** *(Zara’s Rules, Book 1)*
Hena Khan • Salaam Reads • 2022 • IL 3-6
To retain her influence as “Queen of the Neighborhood,” 10-year-old Zara gets an idea from an old copy of the Guinness Book of World Records.

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Farmhouse
Sophie Blackall • Little, Brown • 2022 • IL K-3
Join the award-winning, best-selling Sophie Blackall as she takes readers on an enchanting visit to a farmhouse across time, to a place that echoes with stories.

A Gift for Nana
Lane Smith • Random House Studio • 2022 • IL K-3
Two-time Caldecott Honor author-illustrator Lane Smith tells a whimsical story about a little rabbit searching for the best gift for someone very special.

Little Houses
Kevin Henkes • Greenwillow Books • 2022 • IL K-3
From award-winning and best-selling author Kevin Henkes and the acclaimed painter Laura Dronzek, Little Houses is an unforgettable masterpiece about nature, family, wonder, and the ocean.

Over and Under the Waves
Kate Messner • Chronicle Books • 2022 • IL K-3
Explore the wonders and beauties of the ocean’s rich, interconnected ecosystem in this latest addition to the acclaimed Over and Under series.

Palace of Books
Patricia Polacco • Paula Wiseman Books • 2022 • IL K-3
From beloved storyteller Patricia Polacco comes a picture book based on her childhood about how a very special librarian and town library made her life happier after moving to a new state.

The Tide Pool Waits
Candace Fleming • Holiday House • 2022 • IL K-3
Dive into the rich ecology of tide pools and watch a hidden world spring in this masterful nonfiction picture book for very young readers.
Follett Picks: Favorite Authors

**Grades 3-6**

**Merci Suárez Plays It Cool**  
*Merci Suárez, Book 3*  
Meg Medina • Candlewick • 2022 • IL 3-6  
In a satisfying finale to her trilogy, Newbery Medalist Meg Medina follows Merci Suárez into an eighth-grade year full of changes – evolving friendships, new responsibilities, and heartbreaking loss.  

1974YX6 $17.53 HRD

**My Life Begins!**  
Patricia MacLachlan • Katherine Tegen Books 2022 • IL 3-6  
*My Life Begins!* explores how life begins for Jacob when his triplet sisters are born, and how siblings get to know each other as time, and love, evolve.  

1783TXX $15.77 HRD

**The Secret Letters**  
*Mysteries of Trash and Treasure, Book 1*  
Margaret Peterson Haddix • Katherine Tegen Books 2022 • IL 3-6  
In this page-turning middle grade series, Colin and Nevaeh, whose parents own rival junk-removal businesses, uncover mysteries hidden in attics and basements and discover how trash can become treasure.  

1744TZ0 $16.65 HRD

**Two Degrees**  
Alan Gratz • Scholastic Press • 2022 • IL 3-6  
Best-selling author Alan Gratz takes readers on a nonstop adventure that will keep them turning the pages and making their own plans to better the world.  

1766GX3 $16.65 HRD

**We Own the Sky**  
Rodman Philbrick • Scholastic Press • 2022 • IL 3-6  
A thrilling historical adventure about the rise of the KKK in Maine by the master of adventure himself, Rodman Philbrick.  

1766PX9 $16.65 HRD

**What We Saw: A Thriller**  
Mary Downing Hahn • Clarion Books 2022 • IL 3-6  
A chilling murder mystery lies at the heart of this page-turning thriller about a missing teacher, small town secrets, and turbulent tween friendships from the master of middle grade horror.  

1753VZ4 $16.65 HRD
Follett Picks: Favorite Authors

**City of Magic**
Avi • Scholastic Press • 2022 • IL 5-8
Newbery Medalist Avi returns with a richly imagined, action-packed companion to his best-selling medieval mysteries *Midnight Magic* and *Murder at Midnight*.

1701KWX $16.65 HRD

**The Door of No Return**
Kwame Alexander • Little, Brown • 2022 • IL 5-8
When his village’s wrestling contest ends in a death, Kofi finds himself on a harrowing journey across land and sea, and away from everything he loves.

1823KZ2 $16.65 HRD

**The Fort**
Gordon Korman • Scholastic Press • 2022 • IL 5-8
Five middle school friends set up a hideout in an abandoned bomb shelter and discover that the only way to be true friends is to reveal their secrets and help each other.

1701LW7 $16.65 HRD

**My Own Lightning**
Lauren Wolk • Dutton Children’s Books 2022 • IL 5-8
Annabelle McBride, in the aftermath of events set in motion by bully Betty Glengarry, must re-examine deeply felt truths – about people, about justice – that had once seemed so uncomplicated.

1639AX8 $16.65 HRD

**Sparrows in the Wind**
Gail Carson Levine • Quill Tree Books • 2022 • IL 5-8
The latest novel from Newbery Honor author Gail Carson Levine about two princesses battling against their fates in the middle of the Trojan War.

1749YZ9 $16.65 HRD

**The Switch**
Roland Smith • Scholastic Press • 2022 • IL 5-8
What happens when the power goes out? And doesn’t come back for days, weeks, even longer? Master of middle grade suspense Roland Smith explores the possibilities in this action-packed novel.

1701VWX $16.65 HRD
Popular Fiction Genres

**The Bluest Sky**  
*Christina Diaz Gonzalez • Knopf Books*  
2022 • IL 5-8  
A boy and his family must decide whether to remain in Cuba under a repressive government or risk everything for the chance of a new beginning in this gripping story.  
1717WZ5 $16.65 HRD

**Children of Stardust**  
*Edudzi Adodo • Norton Young Readers*  
2022 • IL 3-6  
This exhilarating and playful middle grade adventure novel rockets through space on an epic quest to protect the galaxy.  
1990JZ9 $17.35 HRD

**Dinged (Game Changer)**  
*Tommy Greenwald • Abrams*  
2022 • IL 5-8  
A star football player watches his father deteriorate from injuries he suffered playing the very same sport and has to decide if he’ll continue playing, despite knowing how dangerous it can be.  
1617RZ4 $16.65 HRD

**Ghostlight**  
*Kenneth Oppel • Knopf Books for Young Readers*  
2022 • IL 5-8  
One teen’s summer job scaring tourists with ghost stories takes a terrifying turn when he accidentally summons the spirit of a dead girl – and she has demands.  
1718FZ8 $16.65 HRD

**Firesong: A Brightstorm Twins Adventure (Brightstorm, Book 3)**  
*Vashti Hardy • Norton Young Readers*  
2022 • IL 3-6  
In this spirited third *Brightstorm* adventure, the twins journey north to protect the legendary earth-bear and to discover their family’s hidden history.  
1895LX4 $17.50 HRD

**The Mapmakers (Hatmakers, Book 2)**  
*Tamzin Merchant • Norton Young Readers*  
2022 • IL 3-6  
Cordelia must convince the rival Maker families to work together for once – not only to bring her father home, but to save the very essence of magic itself.  
1895NX9 $17.50 HRD
Popular Fiction Genres

My Buddy, Killer Croc
Sara Farizan • DC Comics • 2022 • IL 5-8
My Buddy, Killer Croc is a charming tale of a boy in a new school, his new friends and enemies, and the super-villain who teaches him how to put the bullies in their place. Andy, like a lot of kids, feels a little lost and out of place when he moves to Gotham. He’s quiet and shy, and a little worried that the scar on his face makes him stick out. Then he meets his wrestling hero, Waylon Jones, now known as Killer Croc. How will Andy react when he finds out the truth about his idol?
1732WZ4 $9.61 PAP

A new book from award-winning and critically acclaimed author Sara Farizan.

Fancy Pants (Jo Jo Makoons)
Dawn Quigly • Heartdrum • 2022 • IL K-3
First grader Jo Jo Makoons knows how to do a lot of things, like how to play jump rope, how to hide her peas in her milk, and how to be helpful in her classroom. But there’s one thing Jo Jo doesn’t know how to do: be fancy. She has a lot to learn before her Aunt Annie’s wedding.
1850AX0 $14.89 HRD

Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun (Onyeka, Book 1)
Tolá Okogwu • Margaret K. McElderry Books 2022 • IL 3-6
An action-packed and empowering middle grade adventure about a British Nigerian girl who learns that her Afro hair has psychokinetic powers – perfect for fans of Amari and the Night Brothers!
1906NX0 $16.65 HRD

Prank-or-Treat (Twins vs. Triplets, Book 2)
Jennifer Torres • HarperCollins • 2022 • IL K-3
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An Interview with Author
Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich

Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich is the author of Operation Sisterhood, a joyful novel about family set against the bursting energy of a New York City summer. She’s also the co-author of Two Naomis, nominated for an NAACP Image award. Olugbemisola is a member of the Brown Bookshelf and a former board member of We Need Diverse Books. She lives with her family in New York City, where she writes, makes things, and needs to get more sleep. Discover more about Olugbemisola online at olugbemisolabooks.com.

What inspired you to write Operation Sisterhood?

I was inspired by childhood pretend play with my sister and friends, including many (many) shows that our moms suffered through, my “national cooking show,” and also my longtime request that my parents adopt two more sisters for my sister and me, one each of our respective ages. I was also inspired by the family stories I read and loved by Noel Streatfeild, Elizabeth Enright, Madeleine L’Engle, Sydney Taylor, and more. But I had to work hard to write myself and other Black and Brown people into those stories. I knew from the real world that we existed, but we were too often invisible on the pages of joyful family tales.

In Operation Sisterhood, the family “freeschools” because the parents want to raise the girls to be “free within themselves,” to paraphrase Langston Hughes – to love who they are, know they are loved as they are, and fully be who they can be. I attended many different types of schools, public and private, in different countries.

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My family, and many of the other Black families we knew, believed in schooling outside of the school building, the type that meant doing interpretive dances to “Young, Gifted, and Black” at annual Martin Luther King Jr. breakfasts, reciting the poems of Claude McKay at Thanksgiving, and memorizing the countries of the African continent with a puzzle.

I learned about Black history and culture in many ways, through various subjects and in everyday life, and my family made sure that it was grounded in an understanding that all Black children are capable, curious learners with a rich heritage to draw from.

I had the opportunity to live in a variety of cities, and my mom would always take us on “adventures” wherever we were. And whenever we lived in New York, there was so much to enjoy – for free! As I got older, I went on my own adventures, visiting some of the literary “landmarks” that I’d read about, trying the foods that my favorite characters ate. And as a mom raising a NYC kid, I’ve shared many of these joys with my own daughter (sometimes to her chagrin), including the National Cooking Show and cultivating an appreciation for this vibrant, community-minded, and incredible city.

I wasn’t allowed much television, so I started writing my versions of those family stories, influenced by my own life, very early on. Oh – and my sister and I, along with another pair of sisters, formed a band called GLOSS. But we never got past designing our very cool logo.

What was the most challenging part of writing the book? What part was the easiest?
I was working on this version of Operation Sisterhood during the horror of the previous Presidential administration, heightened racist violence, and a global pandemic. It was very difficult to write a joyful story when I was, to be quite honest, grieving deeply. To finish, I focused on what I wanted to give young readers who were also experiencing all of those things, particularly Black girls. I tried to tell them that I saw them, that they are loved, and that they and their stories are precious, just as they are.

The characters were so much fun. Creating characters is one of my favorite parts of the writing process (along with revision). They tend to be very vivid early on, and I walk with them, live with them, have internal conversations with them for a long time before I even start writing. And I felt freedom with this story and these characters because from the very first conversation that I had with my editor, Phoebe Yeh, about the story, I could see that she “got” it in a deep sense; she understood what I wanted to do and what was necessary for the story and for serving readers in the very best way.
What character or element of the story do you identify with the most and why?
Bo is figuring out when to take risks, to be flexible, and when to assert herself and set clear boundaries. I’m navigating that daily.

If you could put any character from another book into this story, who would it be and why?
Ryan Hart from Ways to Make Sunshine and Ways to Grow Love by Renée Watson, and Delphine from Rita Williams-Garcia’s Gaither Girls trilogy (so there’d be some time travel involved.) I think they’d all have a lot of fun being creative together. And they’d definitely put on a show.

What do you want kids today to take away from this story?
I hope each reader gets whatever they need from this story, and I believe that that’s something that can change over time, too, and that’s a beautiful thing. Reading is so much about the relationship – with the story, ourselves, and the world. I’m a big re-reader, and my favorite books have always fulfilled different emotional and intellectual needs at different moments in life. I often read to figure things out about myself and in my life, understand some of the questions that I have about our world, find answers, and ask more questions. I hope readers can feel its warmth, love, and respect for them and their worlds and sense (and maybe share) my love for New York City. And also for cake.

What are you currently reading?
I’m reading A Wish in the Dark by Christina Soontornvat, The Warden by Anthony Trollope, Michaela Coel’s Misfits, and Black Futures, edited by Kimberly Drew and Jenna Wortham. And I’ve got a re-read of Parable of the Sower on deck!
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Kat Zhang • Simon & Schuster Books
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1912MX3 $17.53 HRD

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2022 • IL K-3
Mixing humor with themes of self-awareness and responsible decision-making, author Janet Sumner Johnson shows the importance of thinking for yourself, being confident in your own beliefs, and accepting differences in others.
1683AZ3 $13.54 HRD

A Case of the Zaps
Alex Boniello • Abrams • 2022 • IL K-3
A charming and heartfelt picture book that’s a great way to start a conversation about anxiety and mental health with readers a few generations old or fresh off the assembly line!
1623CZ5 $17.53 HRD

Cece Rios and the King of Fears
Kaela Rivera • HarperCollins • 2022 • IL K-3
In this thrilling sequel to the middle grade fantasy adventure Cece Rios and the Desert of Souls, Cece and her sister Juana must journey into the stronghold of Devil’s Alley to challenge the criatura king El Cucuy.
1749WZ4 $15.77 HRD

Dad’s Girlfriend and Other Anxieties
Kellye Crocker • Albert Whitman & Company
2022 • IL 5-8
Anxiety has always made Ava avoid the slightest risk, but plunging headfirst into danger might be just what she needs.
1636ZZ7 $16.65 HRD
What motivated you to write *Brave Every Day*?

Many teachers, administrators, and school counselors have shared their growing concerns with the significant increase in anxiety among students as young as preschoolers. They consider it one of their top concerns, right up there with friendship and bullying issues! Elementary staff familiar with my work have expressed a need for children’s books that help generate more thoughtful discussions about anxiety in an age-appropriate way. Having personal and ongoing experience with anxiety struggles, I knew I could tap into my inner fearful child to write *Brave Every Day*.

There are other children’s books available for young readers that address anxiety. How do you approach this topic differently or uniquely?

With *Brave Every Day*, I show young readers who have varying degrees of anxiety that worriers are true warriors; they must go beyond their comfort zone every day to battle their own anxieties. The reality is that one cannot go through life without experiencing fears and worries to some degree, but we can learn to manage them better. *Brave Every Day* shows that bravery isn’t about no longer being afraid or anxious. Bravery is realizing that your heart is bigger than your fears. It’s about trying to do what needs to be done – despite your fears.

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Why do you think there’s such a significant increase in anxiety among children?

While one can easily attribute the COVID pandemic to the substantial rise of anxiety among youth, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that anxiety was already rising before the pandemic. The pandemic and its ongoing fallout have, unfortunately, turbo-boosted this upward trend. I think The Atlantic journalist Derek Thompson did a thoughtful job in his April 2022 article, “Why American Teens Are So Sad,” with his list of these contributing factors: social in-person interaction and activities have decreased; we’re all experiencing increased stress about the state of our world, with kids picking up on adults’ stress in addition to their own; there is 24/7 access to stressful news through the lens of journalism’s “bad news” bias; heavy use of social media during certain sensitive life periods can add fuel to the anxiety fire; and “accommodative” parenting strategies for the anxious child may overprotect the child in ways that don’t build the child’s emotional resiliency skills. (Refer to Yale Child Study Center’s SPACE program for more information.)

How do you see teachers using Brave Every Day as a classroom resource?

It’s hard for children to focus on learning if they’re plagued by worries and think they are the only ones experiencing them. Children need to know that fears and worries are normal and natural. Everyone has them. I’d like for teachers to use Brave Every Day and the free educator guide available from Random House Children’s Books to generate safe, productive discussions with students about what worries them, find the commonalities in their fears, discern the difference between realistic and unrealistic worries and concerns; and brainstorm with the students on mindful practices that will help them deal with stress and better regulate their emotions.

Brave Every Day

Trudy Ludwig • Knopf Books for Young Readers • 2022 • IL K-3

From social-emotional learning expert Trudy Ludwig and award-winning picture book illustrator Patrice Barton (co-creators of The Invisible Boy) comes a story about managing anxiety and finding the courage to stand up for yourself and others.

Most kids love hide-and-seek, but Camila just wants to hide. Hiding is what she does best when she worries, and she worries a LOT. What if … I can’t … I’m scared!

A class trip to the aquarium causes her worries to pile up like never before. But when an anxious classmate asks for help, Camila discovers that her heart is bigger than her fears.

1617YX9 $17.53 HRD
Social and Emotional Learning

Don’t Worry, Murray
David Ezra Stein • Balzer + Bray
2022 • IL K-3
From Caldecott Honor-winning artist David Ezra Stein comes a tender and reassuring story about facing our fears, whatever they may be.

1772SX0 $16.65 HRD

I Am Me: A Book of Authenticity
Susan Verde • Abrams • 2022 • IL K-3
For anyone who’s ever felt like too much or not enough, I Am Me is an affirming reminder that difference is what makes life – and each of us – beautiful.

1617MZ8 $14.89 HRD

The Katha Chest
Radhiah Chowdhury • Salaam Reads
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This beautifully woven tale about the bonds of love, culture, and memory follows a young girl learning about her family history through her grandmother's katha chest.

1869CV1 $16.65 HRD

Many Ways to Be a Friend (Sesame Street Celebrating You and Me)
Christy Peterson • Lerner Publications
2023 • IL K-3
Friends can like doing the same things or enjoy completely different activities. Join your favorite characters from Sesame Street as they celebrate the many ways to be a friend.

1979ZZ1 $21.04 HRD

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Carlie Sorosiak • David Fickling Books • 2022 • IL 3-6
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Lemon Bird and her new best friend, Pupkin, are lost! It will take some quick thinking and the help of those they meet on their journey to make it back home.

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June has a lot of anxieties and personal struggles in the novel, and they’re not all magically gone by the end of the book, despite her progress. Why was it important to you to show June’s struggle and process?

People often talk about “beating” anxiety or “overcoming” depression, but for many, me included, it’s more about understanding how your own mind works and developing coping skills to help you trust yourself. This is what June is learning, and it’s messy and full of loop-de-loops, but in all the dips she gets stronger. There is no perfect ending. To pretend there is would be a disservice to those who identify with June’s story. We learn. We grow. And hopefully, we become wiser and more empowered through our struggles.

Which was your favorite character to write?

I loved creating June’s therapist so much – her yacht rock, her farting rescue dog, her paint-swatch mood test! She really gets June, and most importantly, June trusts her and feels safe in her presence. She is exactly the kind of compassionate but firm adult figure I would want for anyone struggling to understand themselves.
All of your novels have been so different; what inspires your writing, and what comes first, plot or character?

Character comes first for me. I suppose that’s why I can’t stick to an outline no matter how hard I try! I typically have a general idea of where I’m heading in the story, but that is always based on the character’s inner journey and ultimately that’s what leads me forward. The character’s voice comes to me before anything. I hear it in my head before I can see the person in my mind. I do think the through line for all my stories, however, is that the main character feels like an outsider and learns to recognize the beauty in being different.

What do you most hope readers will take away from June’s story?

June is fierce and a fighter. But ultimately, she learns that it’s not about the fight, it’s about embracing how she was made and letting people in so that they can love her. I hope the reader walks away feeling brave enough to show weakness so they can be accepted as they are. It’s scary not always putting on a perfect front, but that’s when we draw our forever people to us – the ones who will be in our lives no matter what. I also hope it makes everyone take a trip to their local library because the library is magic!
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Abdul's Story
Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow • Salaam Reads 2022 • IL K-3
A little boy who loves storytelling but struggles with writing learns that it’s okay to make mistakes in this charming and encouraging picture book from the author of Mommy’s Khimar.

1868RV4 $16.65 HRD

Standing in the Need of Prayer: A Modern Retelling of the Classic Spiritual
Carole Boston Weatherford • Crown Books for Young Readers 2022 • IL K-3
This stunning and inspirational book encapsulates African American history and invites conversations at all levels. Carole Boston Weatherford’s riveting text and Frank Morrison’s evocative and detailed paintings are informative reminders of yesterday, hopeful images for today, and aspirational dreams of tomorrow serving as a testament to the human spirit’s ability to persevere in even the most hopeless of circumstances. Extensive back matter includes descriptions of the people, places, and events that are covered in the book, along with a note from the author.

1716MZ6 $17.53 HRD

Black Gold
Laura Obuobi • HarperCollins • 2022 • IL K-3
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The Boy Who Tried to Shrink His Name
Sandhya Parappukkaran • Abrams
2023 • IL K-3
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1624DZ9  $16.65  HRD

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Onjali Q. Raúf • Delacorte Press
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When I think about kids’ books, I always come back to two essential ingredients: empathy and hope. This is hardly a revelation; I expect if you asked 100 kids’ writers or editors what lies at the heart of the literature we love, many would come up with the same answer or words (like love or learning) that sit beside or within empathy and hope. The two are inextricably related – the only way I know to have hope and give hope is to believe in the power of empathy, the ability to feel for others as you feel for yourself.

When I think about attempts to censor LGBTQ+ and BIPOC kids’ books – as I also do often – I think of these attempts as a recognition of the power of the empathy and hope our books can bring to children. The best stories are ones through which we understand both ourselves more and other people more; those are often the ones that are targeted for censorship. Learning the importance of equality is often very scary to those who benefit from inequality. The argument against empathy and hope isn’t nearly as strong as the argument for empathy and hope, so censors try to remove them instead of engaging with our books. It doesn’t work.

When I started writing Answers in the Pages, I knew I wanted to write about what happens in a community when a book in a fifth-grade class is challenged for perceived “gay content.” It was important to me to show that there’s some nuance involved in such challenges and that many people challenging books are not doing so from a place of hate but a place of fear. The challenge in the book first comes from the mom of one of the narrators, Donovan, and I wanted to make sure that Donovan’s mom comes across as misguided, not malicious. She feels she needs to protect her son from something he doesn’t need any protection from, and it is up to him to show her that is the case, which he does.
I wrote the book in late 2020 and early 2021 during the heart of lockdown – when I wanted to escape into a story that gave me hope and that showed a lot of empathy when I felt my life (and our world) needed it more than ever. The story came to me based on nearly 20 years of being a writer of queer books for kids and teens, resulting in countless challenges, banned book panels, and far more messages about how much the books have meant to readers. Facing people who attack your books and, through your books, your identity is never easy – but it is certainly made easier when you know that your books have opened minds, opened hearts, and have opened up kids and teens to the possibilities of their own lives. The work we do is life-giving. In comparison, the censorship attacks are mosquito bites.

As often happens to authors, the world that the book is coming out into is different from the world the book was written within, even if only a year has gone by. It has been horrifying to see politicians cynically use the banning of BIPOC and LGBTQ+ kids’ books to advance their racist, homophobic agendas. Censorship is being sold as “pro-family” and “pro-parent,” but there is only one kind of family and one kind of parent that this effort is genuinely “pro.”

It would be easy to abandon hope here. It’s insidious that teachers, librarians, booksellers, and kids themselves must be in line with these attacks. It’s disheartening, almost despairing, to know that 20 years into my writing career, I still must defend LGBTQ+ stories’ right to be on the shelves and LGBTQ+ kids’ right to be in their communities. But whenever I start to lose heart, I take the reactions of the kids and teens themselves to heart. They’re not calling for books to be pulled or identities to be erased. No, kids and teens have proven to be among the fiercest defenders of the right to read. The response of the younger generation should give us all inspiration. They are ready for the world our books reflect and create. It’s the adults who are trying to turn back the tide.

The arc of history teaches us that censorship is a losing game. Books that were blocked, burned, and buried are now among the classics of our time. Empathy is a hard tide to turn. I don’t think it’s at all a spoiler to say that Answers in the Pages has a happy ending – an earned happy ending. The courage of the younger generation overcomes the fears of some (but far from all) members of the older generation. It’s an evergreen plot and one I’m happy to call realistic. The challenges to children’s literature can’t diminish the hope or empathy of those who write, support, or read it. If anything, they make the beacon brighter. That’s why we’re here.
When Donovan left his copy of *The Adventurers* on the kitchen counter, he didn’t think his mom would read it – much less have a problem with it. It’s just an adventure novel about two characters trying to stop an evil genius … right? But soon, the entire town is freaking out about whether the book’s main characters are gay, Donovan’s mom is trying to get the book removed from the school curriculum, and Donovan is caught in the middle. Donovan doesn’t know if the two boys fall in love in the end or not – but he does know this: even if they do, it shouldn’t matter. The book should not be banned from school.

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What inspired you to adapt *Magnolia Flower* for children?

First and foremost, it was the imagery and the vivid bringing to life of the characters of nature like the River, the Brook, and even the leaning Trees. I knew they could awaken the imagination of young children. Having that imagery combined with the story of an Afro-Indigenous girl with a vibrant spirit who longs to connect with others. In her quest to be free, Magnolia must make a choice and set off on a journey that will prove just how brave one can be when leading with one’s heart.

You've written many books for kids, but this is a new venture for you. What makes *Magnolia Flower* different from your previous works, and how is it similar? Did you take a different approach when adapting the work?

The children’s books I’ve written have all been nonfiction. So, this being based on a short story – a short fictional story by Zora – made it a completely different animal. As I adapted this fictional story, I was ensuring that I made it relevant to children but kept the essence of Zora’s genius. This balancing was the challenge but also, I think, the reward of doing it.

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Do you have any favorite lines or scenes from the work. If so, which one(s)?

My favorite scene from the book is when Magnolia decides that she’s going to defy her scary father, thus taking her partner and fleeing. Whether it’s the original story or our retelling, this moment shows her courage and her commitment to continuing her love story.

Magnolia's family experiences quite a bit over the course of the book. How do you think these experiences shape them and their outlook on life?

I think one of the messages of Magnolia Flower is precisely that the challenges of the Trail of Tears or slavery, or the challenges of reemergence of slavery by a different name, caused Magnolia as well as her family to have a deeper and more abiding connection to liberation and love.

What do you want young readers and families to take from Magnolia Flower?

Certainly, as somebody who tells stories from the past, I would like young readers to understand that there were people – these maroons – who fled harsh injustices and created their own free communities. I would also like for readers to see that despite violence and oppression, people still attempted to do what people are going to attempt to do for lifetimes to come: free themselves and build loving relationships.

Interview courtesy of

HarperCollins Children's Books

A stirring folktale brimming with poetic prose, culture, and history.

Magnolia Flower

Zora Neale Hurston, Adapted by Ibram X. Kendi
HarperCollins • 2022 • IL K-3

Born to parents who fled slavery and the Trail of Tears, Magnolia Flower is a girl with a vibrant spirit. Not to be deterred by the rigid ways of the world, she longs to connect with others who also long for freedom. She finds this in a young man of letters who her father disapproves of. In her quest to be free, Magnolia must make a choice and set off on a journey that will prove just how brave one can be when leading with one's heart.

Tenderly retold by #1 New York Times best-selling and National Book Award-winning author Ibram X. Kendi, Magnolia Flower is a story of a transformative and radical devotion between generations of Indigenous and Black people in America. With breathtaking illustrations by Loveis Wise, this picture book reminds us that there is no force strong enough to stop love.

1747YZ6 $18.41 HRD
Follett Picks: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Follett Picks: Books Our Team of Experts Is Excited About

**Basking in My Brown**  
Fatima Faisal • Modern Marigold Books  
2022 • IL K-3  
A young brown girl loves the feeling of sitting out in the sun, basking in her beautiful, brown skin. Her skin comes with a rich history and power that should be celebrated. It is strong, it is ambitious, it is bold, it is soft, it is sweet, it is fearless, and it is special.  
1989ZX0 $18.38 HRD

**Dadaji’s Paintbrush**  
Rashmi Sirdeshpande • Levine Querido  
2022 • IL K-3  
A lushly illustrated tale of a boy in India who must overcome his grief at the loss of his Dadaji – his grandfather – and learn to find joy in painting again.  
1776ZZ3 $17.53 HRD

**Lion Lights: My Invention That Made Peace with Lions**  
Richard Turere • Tilbury House Publishers  
2022 • IL K-3  
Richard Turere’s own story of protecting his family’s cattle from lions in Kenya. With $10 and ingenuity, he created an invention that is now used on three continents.  
1903SX8 $17.50 HRD

**Love Rules**  
Andrea Melvin • Feiwel & Friends  
2022 • IL K-3  
Based on the true story that captured the hearts of thousands, Michael, Andrea, and Dave share how they opened their hearts to one another in this touching story of adoption and love.  
1787FV7 $17.53 HRD

**Nana, Nenek & Nina**  
Liza Ferneyhough • Dial Books • 2022 • IL K-3  
Nina loves visiting her two faraway grandmas – one in Malaysia and one in England. Spot the differences between their homes in this beautiful picture book.  
1636EX8 $16.65 HRD

**Shoshi’s Shabbat**  
Caryn Yacowitz • Candlewick  
2022 • IL K-3  
The virtues of taking a break – and of being thankful – are extolled in the gentle story of a stubborn ox, an impatient farmer, and a day of rest.  
1977CX5 $17.53 HRD
Celebrate with Me! Recipes, Crafts, and Holiday Fun from Around the World
Laura Gladwin • Abrams • 2022 • IL 3-6
Curated from the kitchen tables of people around the world, a joy-filled collection of recipes and crafts that celebrates festivals and special holidays throughout the year.
1622GZ8 $21.05 HRD

Children of the Quicksands
Efua Traoré • Chicken House • 2022 • IL 3-6
This richly imagined magical adventure introduces readers to Yoruba myths and legends while showcasing the wealth of culture, traditions, adventure, joy, pride, and love found in Nigeria.
1743KV6 $16.65 HRD

Hatari! Danger! Life Among the Animals of Kenya’s Masai Mara
Mary Bowman Kruhm and Jackson Liaram
Reycraft Books • 2022 • IL 3-6
Kenya’s Masai Mara game reserve is full of breathtaking animals – and danger. Read stories about the animals, the Maasai people, and the encounters that leave safari guide Jackson thinking Hatari!
1636TY5 $16.95 HRD

Omega Morales and the Legend of La Lechuza
Laekan Zea Kemp • Little, Brown • 2022 • IL 3-6
A fantastical novel about a girl who must learn to trust her ancestral powers when she comes face to face with the Mexican legend La Lechuza.
1820CZ5 $15.77 HRD

Snow Foal
Susanna Bailey • Peachtree • 2022 • IL 3-6
A warm, evocative debut set in the natural world that’s sure to inspire readers who are eager for an adventure story about the healing bond between humans and their animal friends.
1751EYX $15.77 HRD

We Are Here: 30 Inspiring Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Who Have Shaped the United States
Naomi Hirahara • Running Press Kids
2022 • IL 3-6
A stunning anthology licensed in partnership with the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center, this title celebrates 30 of the most inspiring Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in US history.
1823DZ1 $16.65 HRD
Follett Picks: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

**Dragonfly Eyes**
Cao Wenxuan • Candlewick • 2022 • IL 5-8
This multigenerational saga by one of China's most esteemed children's authors takes the reader from 1920s France to a ravaged postwar Shanghai and through the convulsions of the Cultural Revolution.

1754ZU9 $18.41 HRD

**The Other Side of the River**
Alda P. Dobbs • Sourcebooks Young Readers 2022 • IL 5-8
From the award-winning author of *Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna*, Alda P. Dobbs, comes a compelling new novel about building a new life in America.

1764JZ9 $16.65 HRD

**A Seed in the Sun**
Aida Salazar • Dial Books • 2022 • IL 5-8
A farm-working girl with big dreams meets activist Dolores Huerta and joins the 1965 protest for migrant workers’ rights in this tenderhearted middle grade novel in verse.

1892NY8 $16.65 HRD

**Undercover Latina**
Aya de León • Candlewick • 2022 • IL 5-8
A Latina teen spy goes undercover as a white girl to stop a white supremacist terrorist plot in a fast-paced middle grade debut from a seasoned author of contemporary crime fiction.

1977JX6 $17.53 HRD

**The Wonders We Seek: Thirty Incredible Muslims Who Helped Shape the World**
Saadia Faruqi and Aneesa Mumtaz • Quill Tree Books • 2022 • IL 5-8
This biographical collection, with stunning portraits and illustrations, highlights some of the talented Muslim physicians, musicians, athletes, poets, and more who helped make the world we know today.

1784SX9 $17.53 HRD

**You Only Live Once, David Bravo**
Mark Oshiro • HarperCollins • 2022 • IL 5-8
From Mark Oshiro, award-winning author of *The Insiders*, this time-bending adventure is perfect for fans of *Sal and Gabi Break the Universe* and *When You Reach Me*.

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**Holler of the Fireflies**
*David Barclay Moore • Alfred A. Knopf Books • 2022 • IL 5-8*
A boy from the hood in Brooklyn travels to a STEM camp in an Appalachian holler for one epic, life-changing summer. Javari knew that West Virginia would be different, but his first day at STEM Camp in this little Appalachian town is still a shock. Though run-ins with the police are just the same here – not good. Javari will learn a lot about science, tech, engineering, and math at camp. And also about rich people, racism, and hidden agendas. But it’s Cricket, a local boy, budding activist, and occasional thief, who will show him a different side of the holler — and blow his mind wide open.

1839DY7 $16.65 HRD

**The Clackity**
*Lora Senf • Atheneum Books • 2022 • IL 5-8*
This eerie middle grade novel tells the story of a girl who must enter a world of ghosts, witches, and monsters to play a game with deadly consequences and rescue her aunt.

1909FX1 $16.65 HRD

**Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls: 100 Inspiring Young Changemakers**
*Rebel Girls • 2022 • IL 3-6*
The fifth volume of the best-selling *Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls* series shines a spotlight on extraordinary young women who are making their mark on the world today.

1990DZ5 $31.47 HRD

**How Do Meerkats Order Pizza?**
*Brooke Barker • S&S Books • 2022 • IL 3-6*
Packed with fascinating facts, this hilarious book reveals secrets like why roosters crow and how meerkats make decisions as a group.

1862WY7 $20.17 HRD
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A Land of Books: Dreams of Young Mexihcah Word Painters
Duncan Tonatiuh • Abrams • 2022 • IL K-3
A Land of Books pays tribute to Mesoamerican ingenuity and celebrates the universal power of the written word.
1622WZ4 $18.41 HRD

The Most Magnificent Idea
Ashley Spires • Kids Can Press 2022 • IL K-3
A girl who, with her dog at her side, loves to make things one day finds she can’t think of anything. What if she never has another idea again?
1897CYX $17.53 HRD

Shot Clock
Caron Butler and Justin A. Reynolds • Katherine Tegen Books 2022 • IL 5-8
Former NBA All-Star Caron Butler and acclaimed author Justin A. Reynolds tip off the first book in a new middle grade series. Tony loves basketball. But the game changed recently when his best friend, Dante, a hoops phenom, was killed by a police officer. Tony wants to carry on Dante's legacy by making the Sabres, the AAU basketball team Dante took to two national championships. Tony doesn’t make the team, but Coach James likes what he sees at tryouts and offers Tony another chance – join the team as the statistician. With his community reeling and the team just finding its footing on the court, can Tony find a path to healing while helping to bring the Sabres a championship?
1753NZ6 $15.77 HRD

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*Aaron Blabey • Scholastic Press • 2022 • IL K-3*  
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1612NZ3 $14.01 HRD

**Playing Through the Turnaround**  
*Mylisa Larsen • Clarion Books • 2022 • IL 5-8*  
In a timely, insightful story told with sparkling wit and heart, young musicians protesting plans for budget cuts navigate miscalculations, indifferent adults, and unexpected loss as they discover the power of speaking out and the value of listening.  
1967SY4 $15.77 HRD

**Race for the Escape**  
*Christopher Edge • Delacorte Press • 2022 • IL 5-8*  
Five kids. One ultimate escape room. Can they solve it – or will they die trying? From an award-winning author comes a brand-new adventure that will have you racing to finish.  
1623PX3 $15.77 HRD

**The Stars Did Wander Darkling**  
*Colin Meloy • Balzer + Bray • 2022 • IL 5-8*  
An ancient, long-buried evil has been unleashed upon the community, and it’s up to the kids to stop it before it’s too late in this suspenseful, atmospheric horror set in 1980s Oregon.  
1753UZ7 $16.65 HRD

**The School for Good and Evil: Movie Tie-In Edition (Book 1)**  
*Soman Chainani • HarperCollins • 2022 • IL 5-8*  
This paperback edition features cover artwork from Netflix’s *The School for Good and Evil* film and includes Soman Chainani’s on-set movie diary!  
1779DX6 $8.73 PAP

**Movie Tie-In**
Follett Picks: Don’t Miss

Follett Picks: Books Our Team of Experts Is Excited About

The Girl Who Built an Ocean: An Artist, an Argonaut, and the True Story of the World’s First Aquarium
Jess Keating • Knopf Books • 2022 • IL K-3
The inspiring tale of a seamstress-turned-scientist who invented the world’s first aquarium at a time when women in STEM were startlingly rare.

1717ZZ7 $17.53 HRD

Hiders Seekers Finders Keepers: How Animals Adapt in Winter
Jessica Kulekjian • Kids Can Press 2022 • IL K-3
Readers will be transported through the magic of the seasons alongside the animals in this beautiful exploration of how animals face the challenges of winter.

1896WY9 $18.41 HRD

Jo Bright and the Seven Bots
Deborah Underwood • Chronicle Books 2022 • IL K-3
A bot-building princess engineers her own happy ending in this futuristic fairytale, a follow-up to the acclaimed Interstellar Cinderella.

1776YZ6 $16.65 HRD

Little Owl’s Love
Divya Srinivasan • Viking Books for Young Readers 2022 • IL K-3
Gliding along on a quiet night, Little Owl looks for the things that make him happy – shimmering stars, winking fireflies, listening to the cricket song, and most of all, spending time with his good friends.

1892YY8 $17.53 HRD

The Lodge That Beaver Built
Randi Sonenshine • Candlewick • 2022 • IL K-3
A lush companion to The Nest That Wren Built brings to light the habits of a secretive creature with lifelike illustrations and a lyrical, informative text.

1975WX8 $17.53 HRD
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**The More You Give**
*Marcy Campbell • Knopf Books • 2022 • IL K-3*
A modern-day response to *The Giving Tree*, this lyrical picture book shows how a family passes down love from generation to generation, leaving a legacy of growing both trees and community.

1618UX6 $17.53 HRD

**Our Little Mushroom: A Story of Franz Schubert and His Friends**
*Emily Arnold McCully • Margaret K. McElderry Books • 2022 • IL K-3*
A charming picture book by a Caldecott Medal winner following the life of prolific composer and musician Franz Schubert through the eyes of the friends who helped him find success.

1912BX3 $17.53 HRD

**Ready for Spaghetti: Funny Poems for Funny Kids**
*Michael Rosen • Candlewick • 2022 • IL K-3*
Fizzing with rhythm, energy, and laughter, this perfect introduction to poetry celebrates the day-to-day routines of early childhood.

1976GX8 $17.53 HRD

**Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening**
*Robert Frost • Candlewick • 2022 • IL K-3*
Celebrated artist P.J. Lynch brings this classic to new life with exquisitely detailed illustrations, evoking its iconic moments and wintry setting on the outskirts of a small village.

1976GX8 $17.53 HRD

**Symphony for a Broken Orchestra: How Philadelphia Collected Sounds to Save Music**
*Amy Ignatow • Walker Books US 2022 • IL K-3*
What happens when musical instruments can’t make the sounds we expect them to make? Is music still possible? An uplifting picture book based on a true story.

1980CX6 $16.65 HRD

**When the Sky Glows**
*Nell Cross Beckerman • Beach Lane Books 2022 • IL K-3*
Uncover the science behind the beautiful and vast array of natural events that make the sky glow all over the world in this enlightening nonfiction picture book.

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| A Different Kind of Normal: My Real-Life Completely True Story About Being Unique | Abigail Balfe           | Crown Books for Young Readers | 2022 | 3-6| $21.05|
| In this joyfully illustrated memoir, author-illustrator Abigail Balfe recounts her journey growing up autistic and the challenges of navigating the “normal” world around her. |
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| The LEGO® Ideas Book                                                  | Simon Hugo              | DK Children                | 2022 | 3-6| $22.81|
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| 1673RY3                                                              | $22.81 HRD              |

| The Universe in You                                                   | Jason Chin              | Neal Porter Books          | 2022 | 3-6| $17.53|
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*Danielle Binks • Quill Tree Books • 2022 • IL 3-6*

If you asked 11-year-old Fred to draw a map of her family, it would be a bit confusing. Her birth father was never in the picture, her mom died years ago, and her stepfather, Luca, is now expecting a baby with his new girlfriend.

Soon after learning about the baby, Fred hears that the town will be taking in hundreds of refugees seeking safety from a war-torn Kosovo. Some people in town, like Luca, think it’s great and want to help. Others, however, feel differently, causing friction within the community.

Fred, who has been trying to navigate her own feelings of displacement, ends up befriending a few refugees. But what starts as a few friendly words in Albanian will soon change their lives forever, not to mention completely redrawing Fred’s personal map of friends, family, home, and community.

**Unlawful Orders: A Portrait of Dr. James B. Williams, Tuskegee Airman, Surgeon, and Activist**

*Barbara Binns • Scholastic Focus • 2022 • IL 3-6*

The story of one man's remarkable life, which explores the trials of the brave Black freedom fighters who defended the world against racism and bigotry, both on the front lines and at home.

1760AX1 $17.53 HRD

**What Is the Supreme Court? (What, Was...?)**

*Jill Abramson • Penguin Workshop • 2022 • IL 3-6*

Hear ye, hear ye! Get ready to learn all about the most powerful court in the United States – the Supreme Court.

1634QX2 $14.79 HRD

**Where We Live: Mapping Neighborhoods of Kids Around the Globe**

*Margriet Ruurs • Kids Can Press • 2022 • IL 3-6*

This unique illustrated map book explores the neighborhoods of 16 real children from around the world.

1896YY3 $18.41 HRD

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1752SZ6 $15.77 HRD
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**Ali Cross: The Secret Detective**  
*Ali Cross, Book 3*  
James Patterson • Jimmy Patterson • 2022 • IL 5-8  
When kid detective Ali witnesses something horrible, he has to grapple with tough questions about what it means to be a detective, and a detective’s son.  
1609JW9 $15.77 HRD

**Charlie Thorne and the Curse of Cleopatra**  
*Charlie Thorne, Book 3*  
Stuart Gibbs • S&S Books for Young Readers 2022 • IL 5-8  
In this third book in the Charlie Thorne series from best-selling author Stuart Gibbs, Charlie tracks down Cleopatra’s greatest treasure in Egypt.  
1909DX7 $16.65 HRD

**Diper Överlöde**  
*Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Book 17*  
Jeff Kinney • Abrams • 2022 • IL 5-8  
Middle-schooler Greg Heffley charts the rise of his teenage brother’s band, Löded Diper. But things could get messy for Greg and Rodrick when the Diper hits the road.  
1617YZ5 $14.01 HRD

**Island of Spies**  
Sheila Turnage • Dial Books • 2022 • IL 5-8  
From the Newbery Honor-winning author of *Three Times Lucky* comes a middle grade World War II spy mystery with as much humor and heart as high stakes.  
1893HY0 $17.53 HRD

**A Million Views**  
Aaron Starmer • Penguin Workshop • 2022 • IL 5-8  
Brewster Gaines just wanted to make a video and get a million views – he didn’t count on needing friends to get there. From the author of *Spontaneous* and the *Locker 37* series comes a heartfelt story of friendship, family, and filmmaking.  
1892ZY5 $16.65 HRD

**My Nest of Silence**  
Matt Faulkner • Atheneum Books for Young Readers 2022 • IL 5-8  
Told in a brilliant blend of prose and graphic novel, this middle grade story about a Japanese American family during World War II is written and illustrated by award-winning author Matt Faulkner.  
1872CY7 $17.53 HRD
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Operation Final Notice
Matthew Landis • Dial Books • 2022 • IL 5-8
Told in alternating points of view, this middle grade novel, following best friends Ronny and Jo, is about anxiety, being in over your head, and learning to accept help – even if you don’t know how to ask.
1891AY7 $16.65 HRD

The Astonishing Chronicles of Oscar from Elsewhere
Jaclyn Moriarty • Levine Querido • 2022 • IL 5-8
During a sleepover, a letter comes to five children begging for urgent assistance – arrive before 10am on Monday to save an entire town of elves trapped under layers of silver.
1776QZ8 $17.53 HRD

The Science of Being Angry
Nicole Melleby • Algonquin Young Readers
2022 • IL 5-8
A heartwarming story about what makes a family and what makes us who we are, from the acclaimed author of Hurricane Season.
1966EV1 $15.74 HRD

Sweet and Sour
Debbi Michiko Florence • Scholastic Press 2022 • IL 5-8
A heartfelt middle grade novel about ex-best friends, betrayals, and revenge that is best served sour.
1701NW1 $16.65 HRD

We Were the Fire: Birmingham 1963
Shelia P. Moses • Nancy Paulsen Books 2022 • IL 5-8
The powerful story of an 11-year-old Black boy determined to stand up for his rights who’s pulled into the action of the 1963 civil rights demonstrations in Birmingham, Alabama.
1888PY5 $16.65 HRD

Winterkill
Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch • Scholastic Press
2022 • IL 5-8
Ukrainian Canadian author Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch tells a gripping story of how the Soviet Union starved the Ukrainian people in the 1930s – and of their determination to overcome.
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* Brenna Maloney • Henry Holt and Co. 2022 • IL 5-8
Brenna Maloney tackles both the wacky and weird, as well as threats to insects and their habitats, their possible extinction, and ways that everyday people, like you, can prevent their decline.

1783UV0 $18.41 HRD

**Deep Dive into Deep Sea: Exploring the Most Mysterious Levels of the Ocean**
* Tim Flannery • Norton Young Readers 2022 • IL 3-6
Internationally renowned author and scientist Tim Flannery explores the most remote and mysterious levels of Earth’s oceans.

1895PX3 $16.62 HRD

**Detector Dogs, Dynamite Dolphins, and More Animals with Super Sensory Powers**
* Cara Giaimo • MIT Kids Press • 2022 • IL 5-8
Meet incredible animals with all kinds of highly developed senses and learn about the jobs they do in this book full of amazing facts, cool science, and activities.

1978UX2 $22.81 HRD

**Going Places: Victor Hugo Green and His Glorious Book**
* Tonya Bolden • Quill Tree Books • 2022 • IL K-3
Award-winning author Tonya Bolden and acclaimed illustrator Eric Velasquez shine a light on this lesser-known history of Victor Hugo Green. As a mail carrier, Victor traveled across New Jersey every day. But with Jim Crow laws enforcing segregation, traveling as a Black person in the US could be stressful, even dangerous. So he created a guide, the Green Book, to help Black travelers know where to go and what places to avoid in order to have a pleasant and safe time. Over the years it became an invaluable resource for Black people throughout the country – all in the hopes that one day it would no longer be needed.

1755BZ1 $16.65 HRD

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Don’t miss this inspiring biography that will support STEM and US History.

**Hero for the Hungry:**
*The Life and Work of Norman Borlaug*
*Peggy Thomas • Feeding Minds • 2022 • IL K-3*

A moving and informative middle grade biography of Nobel Peace Prize winner Norman Borlaug, the farm kid who became the “Father of the Green Revolution,” and whose 20th-century agricultural science innovations with crops saved more than a billion people from starvation. With engaging full-color illustrations starting each chapter, STEM and history text features throughout, back matter including a time line and call to action to use science to solve problems, and ideas to help with food waste, *Hero for the Hungry* will inspire readers with Norman’s commitment to science that can change the world.

1888MX5 $21.58 FBS

**Fighting for Yes! The Story of Disability Rights Activist Judith Heumann**
*Maryann Cocca-Leffler • Abrams • 2022 • IL 3-6*

A picture book biography celebrating the life and work of disability-rights activist and icon Judith Heumann, highlighting one of her landmark achievements – leading the historic 504 Sit-in in 1977.

1622JZX $18.41 HRD

**Growing an Artist: The Story of a Landscaper and His Son**
*John Parra • Paula Wiseman Books 2022 • IL K-3*

A touching and deceptively simple picture book based on John Parra’s childhood experience about the bond between a father and son, hard work, and the links between nature, art, and creativity.

1911JX5 $17.53 HRD

**Investigating Plastic Pollution**
*Laura Perdew • The Child’s World, Inc. 2022 • IL 3-6*

Introduces readers to what plastic pollution is, the consequences of this type of pollution, and what people are doing to help.

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Tell us a little bit about What the Fact?! and the story of how you came to write this timely and informative book focused on media literacy.

What the Fact?! is a map for navigating the murky worlds of misinformation and disinformation and a how-to guide for protecting yourself against lies and myths. It includes evidence-backed ways to effectively debunk those annoying and sometimes dangerous myths and conspiracy theories that friends and family can fall for. The book came to be because of the glaring need for a fun and easy-to-read guide that empowers readers by showing them that while we’re all vulnerable to believing falsehoods, we can all learn how to separate fact from fiction. In fact, false information doesn’t have to go viral – it can stop with us.
You study the spread of falsehoods about health and science and are considered an expert in misinformation and disinformation. Was there anything that surprised you during the research phase of writing *What the Fact?!*

Even though I’ve been deep in this world for over a decade, I still get shocked by some of the myths and hoaxes that spread! “Covid-19 vaccines give you magnetic superpowers” was one lie that stopped me in my tracks for a second because it was wild; another was the record number of cellphone towers that were set on fire in Europe during the pandemic because people believed the coronavirus was spread via 5G waves.

You explain in the book how false information travels faster and farther than the truth. Why is that?

False information – particularly in the case of disinformation – is often engineered to go viral. It’s packaged in a way that exploits the vulnerabilities of the human brain. For example, it can make grandiose claims about “cures” or “100% effectiveness”; it’s designed to come across as novel and trigger emotions, and it’s often wrapped around a kernel of truth, which makes it difficult to separate the fact from the fiction.

The problem of false information going viral seems overwhelming and impossible to get a handle on, and that makes some people doubtful of absolutely everything. Is skepticism a helpful approach?

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