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**An Acceptable Time** - Madeleine L'Engle  
2007-05

A quiet visit with her grandparents turns into a lesson in the fluidity of time for Polly O'Keefe when she meets several strangers from overlapping temporal planes and, with them, plays a key role in a prehistoric confrontation. Simultaneous.

Jinx - Sage Blackwood 2013

A boy abandoned in a dangerous forest by his evil step-father is taken in by a wizard to learn to be his apprentice.

Go Teen Writers - Stephanie Morrill 2020-12-03

You have a story to tell, don't you? Or maybe you simply want to try your hand at fiction writing. Perhaps you've given it your best effort, but simply didn't have enough tools in your tool box to finish that first draft. Wherever you're at with this novel-writing thing, popular bloggers Stephanie Morrill, Jill Williamson, and Shannon Dittmore totally understand. They know it's hard to finish a first draft. To stay motivated until the end. To feel like a "real" writer. They know because they've been there too. In *Go Teen Writers: Write Your Novel*, you'll learn: There is no such thing as one right way to write a novel. How to take an idea and give it a beginning, middle, and end. What story structure means and how it strengthens a book. Different approaches to plotting a novel. How to develop characters worth reading about. Strategies for creating memorable storyworlds and settings. What theme is and how to use it to enrich your story. What to do when your first draft is finished. There's no doubt about it. Learning to

write a novel from beginning to end is a challenge. But with this book as your guide, you'll see that when you're in possession of the right tools, you're capable of finishing what you start. You'll be empowered and encouraged-as if you had a writing coach (or three!) sitting alongside you.

**Oddity** - Sarah Cannon 2017-11-28

Eleven-year-old Ada and her friends face zombie rabbits, alien mobs, and Puppet Cartels as they explore their small New Mexico town seeking Ada's missing twin sister.

The Last Windwitch - Jennifer Adam 2021-04-13

Fans of Shannon Hale and Kelly Barnhill will delight in this charming and richly imagined middle grade fantasy debut, featuring a wicked queen, magical animals, a henchman with a golden heart, and a small girl with a great destiny. Many years ago, in the kingdom of Fenwood Reach, there was a powerful Windwitch who wove the seasons, keeping the land bountiful and the people happy. But then a dark magic drove her from the realm, and the world fell into chaos. Brida is content in her small village of Oak Hollow. There, she's plenty occupied trying to convince her fickle magic to actually do what it's meant to in her work as a hedgewitch's apprentice—until she accidentally catches the attention of the wicked queen. On the run from the queen's huntsman and her all-seeing Crow spies, Brida discovers the truth about her family, her magic, and who she is destined to be—and that she may hold the power to defeating the wicked queen and setting the kingdom right again.

**Beast & Crown** - Joel Ross 2017-08-22

"A wildly imaginative world and a plot full of unexpected twists and turns, not to mention plenty of witty banter." —Sarah Prineas, author of the Magic Thief series "Out-of-this world magic, laugh-out-loud humor, and a cast of lovable characters." —Sage Blackwood, author of the Jinx series "A solid fantasy adventure with several laugh-out-loud moments." —School Library Journal A thrilling new middle grade fantasy from Texas Bluebonnet Award winner Joel Ross. Packed with adventure and humor and filled with goblins, royals, and magic, this is a tale of unlikely heroes who embark on a daring quest. Boot boy Ji is tired of scrubbing soles and untangling shoelaces. He doesn't want to bow and scrape. All he wants is freedom—for himself and his friends. He decides to risk everything for a chance to accompany a young nobleman to the Diadem Rite, a magical ritual that chooses the heir to the Summer Crown. Ji doesn't care about crowns or ceremonies, but he vows that this trip will grant him and his friends new lives, far away from boots and bowing. What Ji doesn't know is that he and his friends have a dangerous part to play in the Diadem Rite. One that will change them forever.

**Wingbearer** - Marjorie Liu 2022-03-01

A young girl must stop a threat to her magical world in this epic graphic novel from New York Times bestselling author Marjorie Liu and remarkable debut illustrator Teny Issakhanian. Zuli is extraordinary—she just doesn't realize it yet. Raised by mystical bird spirits in the branches of the Great Tree, she's never ventured beyond this safe haven. She's never had to. Until now. When a sinister force threatens the life-giving magic of the tree, Zuli, along with her guardian owl, Frowly, must get to the root of it. So begins an adventure bigger than anything Zuli could've ever imagined—one that will bring her, along with some newfound friends, face-to-face with an ancient dragon, the so-called Witch-Queen, and most surprisingly of all: her true identity. This captivating middle grade graphic novel, the first of a series, is perfect for fans of the Amulet books and the Wings of Fire series. A Junior Library Guild Selection

**Knights vs. Dinosaurs** - Matt Phelan  
2018-10-23

An ALA Notable Title "Absurdly entertaining.

Victorious on all fronts."—Booklist (starred review) Renowned for their courage, their chivalry, and their ability to fight mythical creatures, the Knights of the Round Table must face their most dangerous opponents yet—DINOSAURS! This heavily illustrated middle grade novel from award-winning author and artist Matt Phelan is a hilarious, rip-roaring tale of derring-do perfect for reluctant readers and fans of *How to Train Your Dragon* and *The Terrible Two*. Let me tell you a secret about the Knights of the Round Table: they don't have much to do. The realm is at peace and dragons are few and far between. So Merlin decides to send the knights out on a real adventure to a world filled with the most terrible lizards of all: DINOSAURS! *Knights vs. Dinosaurs* is a highly illustrated, fast-paced adventure full of uproarious knightly hijinks, surprising secrets, and terrifying dinosaurs. With art on nearly every page, including an epic fight scene depicted in several graphic-novel style spreads, this engaging story is Monty Python for young middle school readers. A great choice for reluctant readers, aspiring knights, and fans of Peter Brown's *The Wild Robot*. "This rollicking story is suspenseful and silly. An excellent choice for all readers."—School Library Journal (starred review)

**Jinx** - Sage Blackwood 2014-01-07

The highly acclaimed first book of a fantasy adventure series set in a mysterious forest, starring a daring new hero. "Readers will thrill to journey with Jinx" (SLJ, starred review), a wizard's apprentice, as he sets off on a quest through the dangerous Urwald, a magical forest full of wizards and were-creatures, and discovers that it is more complex than he could imagine, and that it needs him more than he could ever guess. This humorous and smart tween fantasy adventure is perfect for fans of *Septimus Heap*, *The Sisters Grimm*, and *Fablehaven*. Supports the Common Core State Standards

**Jinx's Magic** - Sage Blackwood 2014-01-07

*Jinx's Magic* is the second book in Sage Blackwood's highly acclaimed fantasy-adventure series, *Jinx*. This humorous and smart tween trilogy set in a magical forest is perfect for fans of Angie Sage's *Septimus Heap*, Michael Buckley's *The Sisters Grimm*, and Brandon Mull's *Fablehaven*. "Readers will thrill to journey with

Jinx" (Jinx, School Library Journal, starred review), a daring young wizard's apprentice, as he travels from his home in the Urwald to an unfamiliar desert land in search of ancient magic. He needs that magic badly—there are forces threatening the Urwald from all sides. The more he learns, however, the clearer it becomes that this quest will require more than the magic of a solitary wizard's apprentice, and soon he'll have to call upon all of the Urwald—witches, werewolves, wizards, and trees—for help.

Zac and the Dream Stealers - Ross MacKenzie 2012-09-01

It's up to one boy to take back the night! Zac can't sleep. And neither can anyone else. A bunch of bad dreams keeps robbing the whole wide-awake world of rest, and one night as the clock strikes twelve, Zac is torn from his own not-so-sweet slumber to be tossed-and-turned into a strange, surreal realm. Nocturne, this land is called, and its frightening nightmares are a sign that a nasty band of dream stealers is seizing control. Zac won't rest -- he CAN'T rest -- until he finds a way to stop these silver-skulled "insomaniacs" and take back the night! If he doesn't, you might never sleep again. A big idea made beautifully simple, about the purest, most universal form of magic: dreams.

Jinx - Sage Blackwood 2013-01-08

A young boy named Jinx encounters magic and danger as he grows up in the deep, dark forest known as the Urwald and discovers that the world beyond—and within—the Urwald is more complex than he could ever imagine. 40,000 first printing.

Seven Sorcerers - Caro King 2012-05

When eleven-year-old Nin Redfern wakes up one rainy Wednesday morning to discover that her younger brother has ceased to exist, she must venture into a magical land called the Drift where she grapples with bogeymen, tombfolk, mudmen, and the spirits of sorcerers to try and rescue him.

Secret Origins - James Riley 2017-01-17

Aided by old friends and new, Owen and Bethany try to bring the light back to Jupiter City, a comic book world where they discover a link between the Dark and Bethany's father.

**Miss Ellicott's School for the Magically Minded** - Sage Blackwood 2017-03-21

From the author of the acclaimed Jinx trilogy comes a spellbinding fantasy, perfect for fans of the School for Good and Evil series, about a young heroine fighting to save a world that would dare to tame her. Chantel would much rather focus on her magic than on curtsying, which is why she often finds herself in trouble at Miss Ellicott's School for Magical Maidens. But when Miss Ellicott mysteriously disappears along with all the other sorceresses in the city, Chantel's behavior becomes the least of her problems. Without any magic protecting the city, it is up to Chantel and her friends to save the Kingdom. On a dangerous mission, Chantel will discover a crossbow-wielding boy, a dragon, and a new, fiery magic that burns inside her—but can she find the sorceresses and transform Lightning Pass into the city it was meant to be?

The Adventures of Blue Ocean Bob - Brooks Olbrys 2013-02-01

Embark on an oceanic quest with Blue Ocean Bob, as he goes in search of his true purpose...and makes many new friends along the way. Despite his idyllic island life, young Bob yearns for a greater sense of fulfillment. With his guardian, Xena the hummingbird, at his side, Bob sets out to seek guidance from the wise and happy creatures of the sea. From the joyful secrets of Al the dolphin to the insightful advice of Doc the turtle, Earl the clam, and Wallace the walrus, Bob uncovers great wisdom. But to complete his journey, he'll need to overcome his fears and Xena's doubts and prove himself to Mary Marine, the Island of Roses's leading marine biologist. The Adventures of Blue Ocean Bob: A Journey Begins is the first episode of a colorful, early chapter book series that provides children with an introduction to timeless principles of achievement derived from the teachings of Bob Proctor, Earl Nightingale, Napoleon Hill, Wallace D. Wattles, and others. *The Talent Thief* - Alex Williams 2010-06-10 Adam's sister is a singing sensation and he is her biggest fan. Unlike his superstar sibling, this twelve-year-old boy excels at absolutely nothing?although his sister would argue that he's the master of getting on her nerves. But when a mysterious creature as old as time steals her talent, it's Adam who fearlessly leads the charge to retrieve it and stop the creature before it can take the talents of other children.

Brimming with colorful characters and dastardly villains, and recalling the best of Roald Dahl, Alex Williams presents a humorous adventure about where talent truly lies.

*Beast & Crown #2: The Ice Witch* - Joel Ross  
2018-08-21

From Texas Bluebonnet Award winner Joel Ross, author of *The Fog Diver*, comes the second book in his sweeping fantasy duology. Ji and his friends Roz, Sally, and Chibo have gone into hiding following the disastrous Diadem Rite, where they were transformed from humans into half-beasts. It's their hope that they will survive the epic journey to the Ice Witch to be restored to humans again before they run out of time. But they know the evil Summer Queen's soldiers are tracking them and fear that she is hot on their (at times abnormally large and fluffy) tails...

With the help of goblins, ogres, trolls, and a few mermaids along the way, Ji and his band of unlikely heroes must save their world from being eternally divided. Ross's smart and fast-paced writing, paired with an addictive, suspenseful, and funny storyline, will leave readers hanging on every word. Fans will cheer for this endearing crew of servants, led by the amazing and dynamic Ji, who are changed forever and must fight for their freedom.

**Moon Over Manifest** - Clare Vanderpool  
2011-12-27

Winner of the 2011 Newbery Award. The movement of the train rocked me like a lullaby. I closed my eyes to the dusty countryside and imagined the sign I'd seen only in Gideon's stories: Manifest—A Town with a rich past and a bright future. Abilene Tucker feels abandoned. Her father has put her on a train, sending her off to live with an old friend for the summer while he works a railroad job. Armed only with a few possessions and her list of universals, Abilene jumps off the train in Manifest, Kansas, aiming to learn about the boy her father once was.

Having heard stories about Manifest, Abilene is disappointed to find that it's just a dried-up, worn-out old town. But her disappointment quickly turns to excitement when she discovers a hidden cigar box full of mementos, including some old letters that mention a spy known as the Rattler. These mysterious letters send Abilene and her new friends, Lettie and Ruthanne, on an honest-to-goodness spy hunt, even though they

are warned to "Leave Well Enough Alone." Abilene throws all caution aside when she heads down the mysterious Path to Perdition to pay a debt to the reclusive Miss Sadie, a diviner who only tells stories from the past. It seems that Manifest's history is full of colorful and shadowy characters—and long-held secrets. The more Abilene hears, the more determined she is to learn just what role her father played in that history. And as Manifest's secrets are laid bare one by one, Abilene begins to weave her own story into the fabric of the town. Powerful in its simplicity and rich in historical detail, Clare Vanderpool's debut is a gripping story of loss and redemption.

**Twist** - Sarah Cannon 2020-02-11

A group of gifted kids must band together to save their town and a fantasy world from horror-story monsters come to life in Sarah Cannon's imaginative middle-grade novel, *Twist*... Eli has a dream. He's going to be the next Stephen King, and he's just created his best monster yet! Neha has a secret. Her notebook is filled with drawings of a fantasy world called Forest Creeks, and it's become inhabited by wonderful imaginary creatures. But her new friends are in danger . . . Court has a gift, both for finding trouble and for stopping it. And when she accidentally ends up with one of Neha's drawings, she quickly realizes that the monsters raiding Forest Creeks are coming from Eli's stories. When these three creative kids come together, they accidentally create a doorway from Forest Creeks into the real world, and now every monster that Eli ever imagined has been unleashed upon their town! Praise for Sarah Cannon's *Oddity*: "This book grabbed me from page one. Wild, whacky, and yet utterly believable." —Sage Blackwood, author of *Jinx* "Readers will be hooked from the first page. . . . Featuring a diverse cast of characters, this fantasy is chock-full of adventure and agency, making it a must-buy and a must-read for most middle graders." —School Library Journal

**Jinx's Magic** - Sage Blackwood 2014

Jinx can do brilliant magic and he is becoming better than his wizard master, Simon. But someone or something is slowly killing the deep forest that Jinx loves, and destroying his people as well. It's up to Jinx to save them, but he is still struggling to understand his gifts, and his

powers come from the very forest that is being destroyed. Before long, Jinx realizes that the terrifying Bonemaster, with his equally brilliant magic, is involved. When the Bonemaster captures Simon, Jinx sets off on an adventure through the forest to protect all he holds dear, and to try to hold on to his own precious magic.

[The Storm Before Atlanta](#) - Karen Schwabach  
2011-12-13

At a time when most people have grown weary of the war between the states, two young children are desperate to find their way to the battlefields. Jeremy DeGroot wants nothing more than to join a troop as a drummer boy. For Dulcie, a runaway slave, freedom means she must head directly toward the fighting in the hopes that she'll become "contraband," that is, property of the Union troops. Both Jeremy and Dulcie find a place with the 107th New York Volunteer Regiment and even start to forge a friendship. But all that is threatened when they cross paths with the mysterious Charlie, a young Confederate soldier, who may look like the enemy but feels more like a friend. Young readers who like their fiction filled with exciting historical details, rich characters, and action-packed adventures will be drawn to *The Storm Before Atlanta*.

**A Great and Terrible Beauty** - Libba Bray  
2009-07-01

It's 1895, and after the death of her mother, 16-year-old Gemma Doyle is shipped off from the life she knows in India to Spence, a proper boarding school in England. Lonely, guilt-ridden, and prone to visions of the future that have an uncomfortable habit of coming true, Gemma's reception there is a chilly one. To make things worse, she's being followed by a mysterious young Indian man, a man sent to watch her. But why? What is her destiny? And what will her entanglement with Spence's most powerful girls - and their foray into the spiritual world - lead to?

*Haunters* - Thomas Taylor 2013-05-28

Does history have a ghost of a chance? Eddie, Adam, David. Three boys, three generations, one gift: the ability to travel through time. Through a portal of dreams, they can appear as ghosts, wherever and whenever they want. The first boy, Eddie, is the genius who has sworn to protect the past and carry on the dreamwalker's code.

The second, Adam, is a haunter, a dream-terrorist, dead-set on changing history for his own nefarious ends. The third, David, is the neophyte who must fight for the future by keeping the other two apart! Can he surf the time warps, back and forth between 1940s London and today, to save the present from oblivion?

**Jinx: The Wizard's Apprentice** - Sage Blackwood 2013-06-06

It's not every day that your evil stepdad abandons you in the deep, dark forest of the Urwald. And it's not every day that a wizard rescues you from the clutches of gnarly trolls. But for Jinx, this isn't turning out to be a very normal sort of day... The bubbling cauldrons and coloured potions of the wizard's house are a world away from the life Jinx has left behind. Even the walls are soaked in magic, and it's not long before Jinx begins to unlock his own rare powers. But Simon Magus is no ordinary wizard. He seems to need something from Jinx - something dark. And Jinx begins to wonder: can he trust Simon... at all?

**Fintan Fedora: The World's Worst Explorer** - Clive Goddard 2014-08-07

Bursting with energy and exuberance, *FINTAN FEDORA* is a delightfully silly page-turner. In the deepest, darkest jungle grows something of such immense value that men will do ANYTHING to get their hands on it: the elusive and delicious chocoplum! Can Fintan Fedora, the world's worst explorer

[The Vengekeep Prophecies](#) - Brian Farrey  
2012-10-23

Forget what you know about prophecies—this epic middle-grade fantasy about a clumsy boy born into a family of thieves is fresh, fun, and anything but predictable! The first in an unforgettable trilogy, this Kirkus Reviews Best Children's Book of the Year takes everything you thought you knew about fantasy and spins it into pure magic. Jaxter Grimjinx is a born thief. At least, he's supposed to be. For generations, the Grimjinx clan has produced the swiftest, cleverest thieves in Vengekeep. The problem is, Jaxter is clumsy. So clumsy that in his first solo heist, he sets the Castellan's house on fire and lands his family in prison. Even Jaxter's talent for breaking magical locks can't get them out of this bind. Then a suspiciously convenient

prophecy emerges, naming the Grimjinx clan as the soon-to-be heroes of Vengekeep. It's good enough to get his family out of jail, but when the doomsday prophecy starts to come true, Jaxter is pretty sure a life behind bars would be a better fate. Now, with the help of his new friend, Callie, Jaxter will have to face down flaming monsters, a bazaar of thieves, and a renegade sorcerer to become the hero he was truly born to be. Full of twists and turns, friendship and adventure, *The Vengekeep Prophecies* is a "rich fantasy that hits the ground running and never lets up" (Publishers Weekly, starred review).

**The Voyage to Magical North** - Claire Fayers  
2016-07-05

Twelve-year-old Brine Seaborne is a girl with a past--if only she could remember what it is. Found alone in a rowboat as a child, clutching a shard of the rare starshell needed for spell-casting, she's spent the past years keeping house for an irritable magician and his obnoxious apprentice, Peter. When Brine and Peter get themselves into a load of trouble and flee, they blunder into the path of the legendary pirate ship the Onion. Before you can say "pieces of eight," they're up to their necks in the pirates' quest to find Magical North, a place so shrouded in secrets and myth that most people don't even think it exists. If Brine is lucky, she'll find her place in the world. And if she's unlucky, everyone on the ship will be eaten by sea monsters. It could really go either way.

**The Quest of the Warrior Sheep** - Christopher Russell  
2011-02-01

"I loved this book from the first chapter to the last." -John Lloyd, *The Bookbag* "Hilarious crime caper involving a gang of sheep and a mobile phone...what more could you ask for?" -Books Monthly "...The most unlikely of all epic adventure novels you will ever come across." -James, *Kid's Compass* OH MY GRASS! When Sal the sheep is bonked on the head by an unidentified falling object, it can only mean one thing: Lord Aries, the Sheep of all Sheepdom is in trouble, and the sheep posse must save him. Little do the sheep know that the mysterious object is actually a cell phone dropped by a couple of baaaaad bank robbers who will do anything to get it back. And a couple of woolbags aren't going to stand in their way! And so the quest of the Warrior Sheep begins. The

bravest sheep in the universe are in for a wild ride!

*This Side of Home* - Renée Watson 2015-02-03  
Twins Nikki and Maya Younger always agreed on most things, but as they head into their senior year they react differently to the gentrification of their Portland, Oregon, neighborhood and the new--white--family that moves in after their best friend and her mother are evicted.

*The Summer Prince* - Alaya Dawn Johnson  
2013-03-01

A heart-stopping story of love, death, technology, and art set amid the tropics of a futuristic Brazil. The lush city of Palmares Tres shimmers with tech and tradition, with screaming gossip casters and practiced politicians. In the midst of this vibrant metropolis, June Costa creates art that's sure to make her legendary. But her dreams of fame become something more when she meets Enki, the bold new Summer King. The whole city falls in love with him (including June's best friend, Gil). But June sees more to Enki than amber eyes and a lethal samba. She sees a fellow artist.

*Ms. Bixby's Last Day* - John David Anderson  
2016-06-21

New York Times Book Review Editor's Choice A funny, heartwarming, and heartbreaking contemporary story about three boys, one teacher, and a day none of them will ever forget. "Kids won't just love this book. They need it." —Soman Chainani, New York Times bestselling author of *The School for Good and Evil* "Each page crackles as we embark on the greatest adventure of all." —Gary D. Schmidt, Newbery Honor winner and author of *Okay for Now* Everyone knows there are different kinds of teachers. The boring ones, the mean ones, the ones who try too hard, the ones who stopped trying long ago. The ones you'll never remember, and the ones you want to forget. Ms. Bixby is none of these. She's the sort of teacher who makes you feel like school is somehow worthwhile. Who recognizes something in you that sometimes you don't even see in yourself. Who you never want to disappoint. What Ms. Bixby is, is one of a kind. Topher, Brand, and Steve know this better than anyone. And so when Ms. Bixby unexpectedly announces that she won't be able to finish the school year, they

come up with a risky plan—more of a quest, really—to give Ms. Bixby the last day she deserves. Through the three very different stories they tell, we begin to understand what Ms. Bixby means to each of them—and what the three of them mean to each other. John David Anderson is the author of *Sidekicked* and *The Dungeoneers*, proven winners with middle grade readers, and *Ms. Bixby's Day* is no exception.

Wildwood - Colin Meloy 2011-08-30

For fans of the *Chronicles of Narnia* comes the first book in the *Wildwood Chronicles*, the New York Times bestselling fantasy adventure series by Colin Meloy, lead singer of the Decemberists, and Carson Ellis, acclaimed illustrator of *The Mysterious Benedict Society*. *Wildwood* captivates readers with the wonder and thrill of a secret world within the landscape of a modern city. It feels at once firmly steeped in the classics of children's literature and completely fresh. The story is told from multiple points of view, and the book features more than eighty illustrations, including six full-color plates, making this an absolutely gorgeous object. In *Wildwood*, Prue and her friend Curtis uncover a secret world in the midst of violent upheaval—a world full of warring creatures, peaceable mystics, and powerful figures with the darkest intentions. And what begins as a rescue mission becomes something much greater as the two friends find themselves entwined in a struggle for the very freedom of this wilderness. A wilderness the locals call *Wildwood*. The bestselling trilogy from Colin Meloy and Carson Ellis consists of *Wildwood*, *Under Wildwood*, and *Wildwood Imperium*.

**An Army of Frogs** - Trevor Pryce 2013-05-07

It's frogs versus scorpions in this new series by professional football player Trevor Pryce. For years, the frogs of the Amphibilands have lived in safety—protected by an elite group of poisonous frogs named the Kulipari and by the dreamcasting spell of the turtle king that cloaks their lands in mystery. Now the spell is threatened by the Spider Queen, a talented spellcaster, and Lord Marmoo, leader of the scorpions. With the Kulipari off training in secret, the Amphibilands have never been so vulnerable. Enter Darel, a young frog who dreams of joining the Kulipari, despite his utter lack of poison and limited fighting skills. With

the help of a motley crew of friends, Darel has the chance to become the warrior of his dreams. Cool animals, thrilling action, and a bit of natural science—this novel, illustrated in full color by acclaimed comics artist Sanford Greene, is sure to be a major hit with boys. Praise for *An Army of Frogs* "This little frog should find fans among readers of the *Warriors* and *Redwall* sagas." —Kirkus Reviews "Pryce builds tension as the frogs figure out how to deploy their varied skills and reach the ancient turtle king who long ago placed a protective spell over their land. The violent but not overly graphic action is well matched by Greene's dynamic and plentiful full-color illustrations." —Booklist "In this fast-paced tale, Pryce finds just the right balance between brutality and bravery, friendship and betrayal, and loss and discovery. A must-have, winning adventure that is nearly impossible to put down." —School Library Journal "Greene's color full-page illustrations have the richly saturated look of Marvel comic books, and there's a superhero feel to the various fighting poses Darel and his pals take." —The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books "This clever fantasy series featuring frogs versus scorpions, set in Australia, makes for pleasant reading." —Library Media Connection

The Fog Diver - Joel Ross 2015-05-26

Joel Ross debuts a thrilling adventure series in which living in the sky is the new reality and a few determined slum kids just might become heroes. This Texas Bluebonnet selection—a fantasy filled with daring and hope and a wonderfully imaginative world—is perfect for fans of Rick Riordan and Brandon Mull. Once the Fog started rising, the earth was covered with a deadly white mist until nothing remained but the mountaintops. Now humanity clings to its highest peaks, called the Rooftop, where the wealthy Five Families rule over the lower slopes and floating junkyards. Thirteen-year-old Chess and his friends Hazel, Bea, and Swedish sail their rickety air raft over the deadly Fog, scavenging the ruins for anything they can sell to survive. But now survival isn't enough. They must risk everything to get to the miraculous city of Port Oro, the only place where their beloved Mrs. E can be cured of fogsickness. Yet the ruthless Lord Kodoc is hot on their trail, for Chess has a precious secret, one that Kodoc is

desperate to use against him. Now Chess will face any danger to protect his friends, even if it means confronting what he fears the most.

*Jinxed* - Amy McCulloch 2020-01-07

The Golden Compass meets the digital age!

When a coding star enters an elite technology academy, she discovers a world of competition, intrigue, and family secrets—plus a robotic companion that isn't what it seems. Lacey Chu is a girl who codes. She has always dreamed of working as an engineer for MONCHA, the biggest tech firm in the world and the company behind the "baku"—a customizable "pet" with all the capabilities of a smartphone. But when Lacey is rejected by the elite academy that promises that future, she's crushed. One night, Lacey comes across the broken form of a highly advanced baku. After she repairs it, the cat-shaped baku she calls Jinx opens its eyes and somehow gets her into her dream school. But Jinx is different than any other baku she's ever seen...He seems real. As Lacey settles into life at school, competing with the best students in a battle of the bakus that tests her abilities, she learns that Jinx is part of a dangerous secret.

Can Lacey hold on to Jinx and her dreams for the future? *Jinxed* is the perfect... middle grade book for girls who are passionate about coding summer reading chapter book for kids 9-12 science fiction book for kids 9-12 engineer academy book robot book for kids "With a sharp eye toward the rising awareness of device addiction and a keen sense of wonder,

McCulloch's tale is a feast for the imagination that celebrates women in STEM

fields."—Publisher's Weekly, STARRED review "I raced through this book...a little bit Golden Compass and all adventure."—Amie Kaufman, New York Times bestselling author

**Survivors #1: The Empty City** - Erin Hunter 2013-05-07

From the author of the bestselling *Warriors* and *Seekers* books comes a thrilling new animal fantasy series. In *Survivors*, Erin Hunter shows readers the world through the eyes of dogs, as she did with cats and bears in her earlier series. *The Empty City* begins with the Big Growl, a devastating earthquake that changes Lucky's world forever. Lucky has always been a Lone Dog, but now he needs a Pack in order to stay alive, so he teams up with a group of Leashed

Dogs who have been separated from their owners. Lucky's vivid point of view and the pulse-pounding action make for the start of an addictive series. The time has come for dogs to rule the wild! Supports the Common Core State Standards

*Jinx's Fire* - Sage Blackwood 2015-03-24

The young wizard Jinx concludes his suspenseful and dryly humorous adventures in the magical forest of the Urwald with this third installment in the series that ALA Booklist says "deserves a permanent place in the children's fantasy pantheon, with Narnia and Earthsea" (*Jinx's Magic*, starred review). This action-packed conclusion is perfect for readers of fantasy adventure series such as *Septimus Heap*, the *Sisters Grimm*, and *Fablehaven*. The forest is under attack and its magic is fading. Can Jinx summon enough of his magic—the bright fire within him—to rescue Simon, defeat the Bonemaster, unite the Urwald, and fight off the invaders? He is the Urwald's only hope. . . .

**Earwig and the Witch** - Diana Wynne Jones 2012-01-31

"I would like to declare Diana Wynne Jones an international treasure," proclaimed Neil Gaiman, Newbery Medalist and best-selling author. In this enchanting introduction to Diana Wynne Jones's magical and funny work, *Earwig* is a fearless young orphan. When she finds herself in a house of dark magic, she does whatever she can to adapt—especially if it means that she'll learn a little magic herself! A young middle grade novel by World Fantasy Award for Lifetime Achievement–winner Diana Wynne Jones, beautifully illustrated in black and white by Caldecott Medalist Paul O. Zelinsky. Not every orphan would love living at St. Morwald's Home for Children, but *Earwig* does. She gets whatever she wants, whenever she wants it, and it's been that way since she was dropped on the orphanage doorstep as a baby. But all that changes the day Bella Yaga and the Mandrake come to St. Morwald's, disguised as foster parents. *Earwig* is whisked off to their mysterious house full of invisible rooms, potions, and spell books, with magic around every corner. Most children would run in terror from a house like that . . . but not *Earwig*. Using her own cleverness—with a lot of help from a talking cat—she decides to show the witch who's boss.

An Uninterrupted View of the Sky - Melanie Crowder 2019-04-30

Modern history unearthed as a boy becomes an innocent victim of corruption in Bolivia's crime world, where the power of family is both a prison and a means of survival. It's 1999 in Bolivia and Francisco's life consists of school, soccer, and trying to find space for himself in his family's cramped yet boisterous home. But when his father is arrested on false charges and sent to prison by a corrupt system that targets the uneducated, the poor, and the indigenous majority, Francisco and his sister are left with no choice: They must move into prison with their father. There, they find a world unlike anything they've ever known, where everything—a door, a mattress, protection from other inmates—has its price. Prison life is dirty, dire, and dehumanizing. With their lives upended, Francisco faces an impossible decision: Break up the family and take his sister to their grandparents in the Andean highlands, fleeing the city and the future within his grasp, or remain together in the increasingly dangerous prison. Pulled between two undesirable options, Francisco must confront everything he once believed about the world and his place within it. In this heart-wrenching novel, Melanie Crowder sheds light on a little-known era of modern South American history—where injustice still looms large—and proves that hope can be found, even in the most desperate places. Perfect for fans of Ruta Sepetys, Matt de la Pena, and Jacqueline Woodson. Praise for *An Uninterrupted View of the Sky*: □ "Crowder delivers a disturbing portrait of innocent families trapped in corrupt systems, as well as a testament to the strength of enduring cultural traditions and the possibility of finding family in

the unlikeliest places."—Publishers Weekly, starred review □ "Readers will feel utterly invested in Francisco's various challenges...A riveting, Dickensian tale."—Kirkus, starred review □ "Themes of poverty, social injustice...violence toward women, coming-of-age, romantic love, and a sliver of precarious hope are woven into the plot...[An] important addition to libraries."—School Library Journal, starred review "[A] trenchant novel...This hard-hitting, ultimately hopeful story will open readers' eyes to a lesser-known historical moment and the far-reaching implications of U.S. policy."—Booklist "[This novel] is raw, gripping, poetic and bold....Crowder takes you on an emotional pilgrimage that you won't want to end."—RT Book Reviews, five-starred review Praise for *Audacity*: 2015 National Jewish Book Award finalist Washington Post Best Children's Poetry Book New York Public Library Best Book for Teens ILA Notable Book for a Global Society ALA Top 10 Best Fiction for Young Adults Pick ALSC Notable Children's Book nominee □ "Crowder breathes life into a world long past...Compelling, powerful and unforgettable."—Kirkus Reviews, starred review □ "[An] impactful addition to any historical fiction collection."—School Library Journal, starred review □ "With a thorough historical note, glossary of terms, and bibliography, this will make an excellent complement to units on women's rights and the labor movement, but it will also satisfy readers in search of a well-told tale of a fierce heroine."—BCCB, starred review □ "This is an excellent title that can open discussions in U.S. history and economics courses about women's rights, labor unions, and the immigrant experience."—School Library Connection, starred review