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THIRST BY VARSHA BAJAJ

Minni's poor village in Mumbai, India has little water, yet in the high-rise building where she works there is plenty. She fights for her belief that water should be for everyone. How did something as simple as access to water get so complicated?

BLUE SKIES BY ANNE BUSTARD

France sends the Merci Train to the United States to thank America for helping France during and after WWII, and one of the train stops will be the small town of Gladiola, Texas, where ten-year-old Glory Bea hopes for the greatest miracle--that her missing-in-action father will be on the train.

FINALLY, SOMETHING MYSTERIOUS BY DOUG CORNETT

Shanks, Paul, and Peephole are best friends who solve mysteries in their small town as the One and Onlys. They investigate when hundreds of rubber duckies show up in a neighbor's backyard.

LITTLE ANIMAL RESCUE: LITTLE OWL RESCUE BY RACHEL DELAHAYE

What starts out as a day at a carnival and a ride on the flying swings for Callie and her friend Gabriel ends up becoming an adventure for Callie when she is magically whisked away to Texas, where she finds an abandoned barn owl.

A TASTE OF MAGIC BY J. ELLE

Twelve-year-old Kyana has just found out the family secret - she's the first witch in her family for generations! Which means mandatory lessons every Saturday at Park Row Magic Academy, a learning center hidden in the back of the local beauty shop.

THINGS IN THE BASEMENT BY BEN HATKE

Milo's basement is enormous and when he travels ever deeper into the Basement World, he meets the many Things that live in the shadows and gloom... and he learns that to face his fears he must approach even the strangest creatures with kindness.

THE LION OF MARS BY JENNIFER L. HOLM

Bell has spent his whole life - all eleven years of it - on Mars. When a virus breaks out and the grown-ups all fall ill, Bell and the other children are the only ones who can help.

THOSE KIDS FROM FAWN CREEK BY ERIN ENTRADA KELLY

The twelve kids in the seventh grade at Fawn Creek K-12 have been together all their lives, so when graceful Orchid Mason arrives, with exotic clothes and glorious hair, the other seventh graders do not know what to think.

THE UNTEACHABLES BY GORDON KORMAN

'The Unteachables' never thought they'd find a teacher who had a worse attitude than they did. And Mr. Kermit never thought he would actually care about teaching again. Over the course of a school year, though, room 117 will experience mayhem, destruction - and maybe even a shot at redemption.

GEEGER THE ROBOT GOES TO SCHOOL BY JARRETT LERNER

Geeger the robot is going to school. But not robot school... a school with kids, the human kind! Will a bot made of wires, nuts, and bolts fit in with a classroom of kids?

A SECRET SHARED BY PATRICIA MACLACHLAN

Birdy is seemingly not related to Nora and Ben's parents. But if she is adopted, how could that have happened without the children knowing?

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THE SEASON OF STYX MALONE BY KEKLA MAGOON

Caleb and Bobby Gene meet new neighbor Styx Malone. Styx is sixteen and oozes cool. Styx promises the brothers that together, the three of them can pull off the Great Escalator Trade - exchanging one small thing for something better until they achieve their wildest dream. But as the trades get bigger, the brothers soon find themselves in over their heads.

WIND RIDERS: RESCUE ON TURTLE BEACH BY JEN MARLIN

After discovering Wind Rider, an abandoned magical sailboat, Max and Sofia arrive on a beach in Hawaii where, with new friend Laila, they rescue newly-hatched sea turtles.

ATLANTIS: THE ACCIDENTAL INVASION BY GREGORY MONE

Fourteen-year-old Kaya, of the undersea, high-tech world of Atlantis, and twelve-year-old Lewis, of the climate-threatened world above water, embark on a dangerous adventure when he enters her realm. They each believed the other world was just a legend yet now they want to seek the truth.

THE ALIEN NEXT DOOR: THE NEW KID BY A. I. NEWTON

An alien boy named Zeke tries to fit in and adjust to life on Earth, while a classmate, Harris, suspects that Zeke might not be quite what he claims to be.

HOW TO WIN A SLIME WAR BY MAE RESPICIO

After moving to Sacramento to take over his grandparent's Filipino market, sixth-grader Alex seeks popularity by selling homemade slime at school, while his father insists he join a soccer team.

LEGENDS OF LOTUS ISLAND: THE GUARDIAN TEST BY CHRISTINA SOONTORNVAT

Young Plum has been accepted to the Guardian Academy on Lotus Island, an elite school where kids learn how to transform into Guardians, magical creatures who are sworn to protect the natural world. Yet she's struggling at school while her classmates all succeed.

THE 500 MILLION DOLLAR HEIST: ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER AND THIRTEEN MISSING MASTERPIECES BY TOM SULLIVAN

Two thieves posing as Boston Police officers gain entry to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. Once inside, they steal thirteen pieces of art, the largest private property theft in history - yet the case remains unsolved to this day.

HOOPS BY MATT TAVARES

Inspired by a true story, this graphic novel about the ongoing battle of women striving for equality in sports follows the Wilkins Regional High School girls' basketball team in 1975 Indiana.

SKUNK AND BADGER BY AMY TIMBERLAKE

The last thing Badger wants is a roommate, and certainly not Skunk, but since the house does not belong to him he does not have a choice; and soon everything in Badger's quiet and ordered life studying rocks is turned upside down.