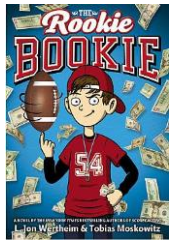


Gabriel Finley and the Raven's Riddle by George Hagen

Gabriel Finley knows that his house is not normal: there is a desk that dances to music and a painting that follows people as they walk by. His father has disappeared with his pet raven. Gabriel learns that he comes from a long line of people who form special bonds with ravens. His uncle turned himself into one and kidnapped Gabriel's father. Gabriel and his raven must find and rescue his father before Uncle Corax takes over. Riddles and Puns and a mysterious quest make this tale a page-turner.

A Million Ways Home by Dianna Dorisi-Winget

When her grandmother and guardian suffers a stroke, twelve-year-old Poppy Parker's life turns upside down. But when she witnesses a murder and has to go into witness protection with Detective Brannigan's mother it becomes hard to believe she will ever find a way home, let alone save Gunner, a beautiful German shepherd with an uncertain future.

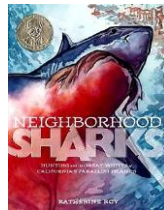


The Rookie Bookie by L. Jon Wertheim

New kid Mitch Sloan wants to fit in, but his nerdy love of statistics and making money isn't winning him any friends in his sports-loving town--until he finds the perfect way to attain instant popularity. But running a football betting ring at school eventually turns sour, and Mitch loses the only real friend he's made. He'll have to win her back by using his brainpower for good and helping the school football team achieve victory--if they'll listen to the advice of a former bookie!

Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands by Katherine Roy

A few miles from San Francisco lives a population of the ocean's most famous predators. Each fall the great white sharks return to California's Farallon Islands to dine on their favorite meal: the seals that live on the island's rocky coasts. Massive, fast, the great whites are among the planet's most fearsome, fascinating, and least understood animals.



Ranger in Time: Rescue on the Oregon Trail by Kate Messner

Ranger, a golden retriever, could have been a great search-and-rescue dog except for the squirrels, but one day he unearths a mysterious box and finds himself transported back to the year 1850, where his faithful service is really needed by a family traveling west along the Oregon Trail. Ranger is a time-traveling friend with a nose for trouble...but he always saves the day!.

Ship of Dolls by Shirley Parenteau

It's 1926, and eleven-year-old Lexie Lewis wants, more than anything, to leave Portland, where she is living with her strict grandparents, and rejoin her mother, a singer in San Francisco. Lexie's class has been raising money to ship a doll to the children of Japan in a friendship exchange, and when Lexie learns that the girl who writes the best letter to accompany the doll will be sent to the farewell ceremony in San Francisco, she knows she just has to be the winner.



Eddie Red Undercover: Mystery on Museum Mile by Marcia Wells

Edmund (codename Eddie Red) has a photographic memory and amazing art abilities. The police need his remarkable skills, after he witnesses crime. Eddie can draw the suspect from memory and he is eager to help, hoping to earn some needed money. Being a sixth-grade police asset leads to some problems: using an officer's Taser, just like in the movies, getting really bored during stakeouts, and getting tied by the bad guys. You are going to love Eddie Red.

The Iron Trial by Holly Black

Most kids would do anything to pass the Iron Trial. Not Callum Hunt. He wants to fail. All his life, Call has been warned by his father to stay away from magic. If he succeeds at the Iron Trial and is admitted into the Magisterium, he is sure it can only mean bad things for him. So he tries his best to do his worst - and fails at failing. Now the Magisterium awaits him. It's a place that's both sensational and sinister, with dark ties to his past and a twisty path to his future.

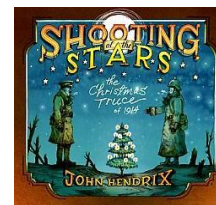


Eliza Bing is (not) a Big Fat Quitter by Carmella Van Vleet

Eleven-year-old aspiring baker Eliza Bing is excited to take a summer baking class with her pal Tony. But family financial challenges mean it's a no-go; worse, Tony is enrolling without her, and Eliza learns her parents believe that given her history of not finishing things, she'd likely quit anyway. Then her brother drops his tae kwon do class, and Eliza steps in, hoping that if she sees something through, her parents will let her take the baking class come fall.

El Deafo by Cece Bell

Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful--and very awkward--hearing aid. The Phonic Ear gives Cece the ability to hear--sometimes things she shouldn't--but also isolates her from her classmates



Shooting at the Stars: the Christmas Truce of 1914 by John Hendrix

Shooting at the Stars is the moving story of a young British soldier on the front lines during World War I who experiences an unforgettable Christmas Eve. In a letter home to his mother, he describes how, despite fierce fighting earlier from both sides, Allied and German soldiers ceased firing and came together on the battlefield to celebrate the holiday.

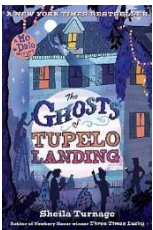
Masterminds by Gordon Korman

Eli has never left Serenity . . . why would he ever want to? Then one day, he bikes to the edge of the city limits and something so crazy and unexpected happens, it changes everything. Eli convinces his friends to help him investigate further, and soon it becomes clear that nothing is as it seems in Serenity. The clues mount to reveal a shocking discovery, connecting their ideal community to some of the greatest criminal masterminds ever known. The kids realize they can trust no one—least of all their own parents.!



Ghosts of Tupelo Landing by Sheila Turnage

Who was the girl whose ghost haunts the Old Tupelo Inn? How did she die? Who killed her? When a sixth-grade history project sends Mo LoBeau and her best friend Dale out to interview elderly residents, they decide this is the perfect case. The intrepid Mo, who narrates the story, gives full credit to her best buddy, the occasionally trepid Dale, and slowly warms up to Harm, an initially cocky newcomer whose family history is intertwined with the mystery. As Mo and Dale's Desperado Detective Agency discover the truth about the ghost they learn about a great many other people, too.



Pack of Dorks by Beth Vrabel

Lucy knows that kissing Tom Lemmings behind the ball shed will make her a legend. But she doesn't count on that bad decision propelling her from coolest to lamest fourth grader overnight. Suddenly Lucy finds herself trapped in Dorkdom, where the boy you kiss hates you three days later, where your best friend laughs as you cry, where parents seem to stop liking you, and where baby sisters are born different. Lucy must create a new life as a dork.

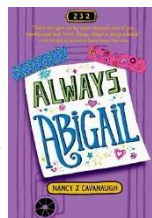


Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper

It is 1932 in Bumblebee, North Carolina and the South is segregated. Stella can go into some stores but not others. Some folks are pleasant other, not so. Stella figures it all evens out. However, one sleepless night she sees the Klan burning a cross in the night. Stella's community is upended and people must courageously choose sides. Tensions run high for everyone involved in the depression-era historical fiction tale.

Always Abigail by Nancy J. Cavanaugh

Abigail loves to order her world via lists. Her lists tell us that she has 3 big Dilemmas: 1. She is in a different homeroom than her besties. 2. She is paired with the school's biggest loser, Gabby, for a school project. 3. Her dreams of being a pom-pom girl are not going according to plan. When at last her popularity seems to be sealed, she finds out that things don't always turn out the way you want and that appearances can be deceiving, and true friends might be the ones who are there for you no matter what. Could Gabby be that friend?



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Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin

Rose Howard is obsessed with homonyms. Not everyone understands Rose's obsessions, not her teachers, not other kids, and not her single father. Her dog Rain understands but when a storm hits their rural town Rain goes missing. Rose's father shouldn't have let Rain out. Now Rose has to find her dog, no matter what it takes. Hearts will break and spirits will soar for this powerful story, brilliantly told from Rose's point of view.!

Anybody Shining by Francies O'Roark Dowell

One true friend. Someone shining. That's all twelve-year-old Arie Mae wants. But shining true friends are hard to come by deep in the mountains of western North Carolina, so she sets her sights on a cousin unseen, someone who lives all the way away in the big city of Baltimore. Ari's life is about to become more exciting than she expected when visitors come. Among them is one shining boy who could be the one she wanted. What about her cousin who doesn't answer?



Saving Kabul Corner by N.H. Senzai

Twelve-year-old Ariana couldn't be more different from her cousin Laila, who just arrived from Afghanistan with her family. Laila is a proper, ladylike Afghan girl and Ariana hates her. Laila invades Ariana's bedroom and is trying to steal Ariana's best friend. Then a rival Afghan grocery store opens near Ariana's family store. The cousins, must ban together to help the families find a lasting peace before it destroys both businesses and everything their parents have worked for.



The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer L. Holm

Eleven-year-old Ellie has never liked change. She misses fifth grade. She misses her old best friend. She even misses her dearly departed goldfish. Then one day a strange, cranky, bossy boy shows up. And weirdly enough... he looks a lot like Ellie's grandfather, a scientist who's always been slightly obsessed with immortality. Could this pimply boy really be Grandpa Melvin? Has he finally found the secret to eternal youth?



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