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We're All Wonders by R. J. Palacio -- A. A. Knopf Books for Young Readers -- 9781524766498 – 424.99HC – Picture Book – 32 pages – March 2017 – Ages 4-8 Now younger readers can meet Auggie Pullman, an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face, and learn how he feels like any other kid, but he's not always seen that way. This may be Auggie's story, but it taps into every child's longing to belong. More kids interacting with their worlds: *Green Pants; Jabari Jumps; Sam Sorts; Secrets I Know; A Letter to My Teacher.*



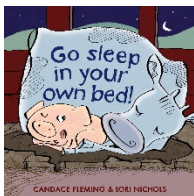
Hooray for Birds! by Lucy Cousins – Candlewick – 9780763692650 -- \$22.00HC – Picture Book – 40 pages – March 2017 – Ages 3-7 From the rooster's "cock-a-doodle-doo" at dawn to the owl's nighttime "tuwit, tuwoo," the cheeps and tweets of many bright and beautiful avian friends will have children eager to join in at storytime or bedtime.

More great readalouds featuring animals: *Dinosaur Pirates! A Greyhound, a Groundhog; Bunny's Book Club; Bear Likes Jam; Poor Louie; Carson Crosses Canada.*

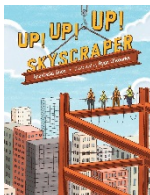


Triangle by Mac Barnett, illustrated by Jon Klassen – Candlewick – 9780763696050 - \$22.00HC – Picture Book – 48 pages – March 2017 – Ages 3-8 Meet Triangle. He is going to play a sneaky trick on his friend, Square. Or so Triangle thinks, in this first tale in a new trilogy. Looking for funny stories? *Our Kid; Runaway Egg; This Book Will Not Be*

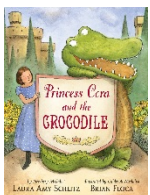
Fun.



Go Sleep in Your Own Bed by Candace Fleming, illustrated by Lori Nichols -- Schwartz & Wade – 9780375866487 -- \$23.99HC – Picture Book – 40 pages – May 2017 – Ages 2-5 When Pig plops into his sty at bedtime, he finds Cow fast asleep in his spot. "Go sleep in your own bed!" he squeals, and sends her packing. So begins a chain reaction of snoozing barnyard animals being awakened and sent off to their own beds. More sleep-themed tales: *I'm Awake!; Naptastrophe; There's a Walrus in My Bed.*



Up! Up! Up! Skyscraper by Anastasia Suen, illustrated by Ryan O'Rourke – Charlesbridge – 9781580897105 -- \$19.99HC – Picture Book -- 32 pages – May 2017 – Ages 4-8 Snappy rhymes invite young readers to watch workers dig, pour, pound, and bolt a skyscraper into existence. Simple yet satisfying sidebars provide further information about each step. More engaging nonfiction: *Whose Poop is That?; Around the World in a Bathtub; Wake Up!; Hidden Life of a Toad; Out of Wonder.*



Princess Cora and the Crocodile by Laura Amy Schlitz, illustrated by Brian Floca -- Candlewick – 9780763648220 -- \$16.99HC – Illustrated Chapter Book – 80 pages – March 2017 – Ages 6-9 Over scheduled Princess Cora is sick of boring lessons, running in circles around the dungeon gym and taking three baths a day. Help comes from a crocodile who enables her to go on a delightful adventure while her alter ego wreaks havoc at the castle. Next: *Wolfie and Fly; Super Narwhal and Jelly Jolt; The Tiny Hero of Ferny Creek Library; Lights, Camera, Middle School!*



Explorers #1: The Door in the Alley by Adrienne Kress – Delacorte BFYR – 9781101940051 -- \$22.99HC – Fiction – 320 pages – April 2017 – Ages 9-12 A very uninquisitive boy stumbles upon a very mysterious society. Next: a pig in a teeny hat, danger and adventure, missing persons, hired thugs, a hidden box, a lost map, famous explorers, and a girl looking for help. More lively adventures: *Eye of the North*; *Beach Party Surf Monkey*; *Knock About With the Fitzgerald-Trouts*; *Jake the Fake Keeps It Real*; *Stone Cold Age*; *5 Worlds, Book 1: The Sand Warrior*.



Hyacinth and the Secrets Beneath by Jacob Sager Weinstein – Random House BFYR – 9780399553172 -- \$22.99HC – Fiction – 304 pages – May 2017 – Ages 9-12 Shortly after Hyacinth Hayward moves to England, her mom is kidnapped. Soon, Hyacinth encounters London’s magical rivers, a giant pig in a bathing suit, a boy with amnesia, a sarcastic old lady, and a very sketchy unicorn, as she tries to save her mom without starting a second Great Fire of London.



The Many Worlds of Albie Bright by Christopher Edge – Delacorte BFYR – 9781524713577 -- \$22.99HC – Fiction – 176 pages – May 2017 – Ages 9-12 Stephen Albie Bright had a happy, normal life with his astrophysicist parents until his mother died. When his father explains that she might be alive in a parallel universe, Albie sets out to find her, armed with a box, a laptop, and a banana. More tales of loss: *Matylda*, *Bright and Tender*; *Lemons*; *The Warden’s Daughter*.



Goodbye Days by Jeff Zentner – Tundra Books – 9781770498860 --\$21.99HC – Fiction – 416 pages – March 2017 – Ages 14-up Carver Briggs had it all--three best friends, a supportive family, writing talent. Then it all crashed and burned, literally, because of an inane text. Carver blames himself for the crash; he’s not alone. Then his buddy’s grandmother asks him to spend a Goodbye Day with her so they can share memories and say a proper goodbye. More kids coping: *Heartbeats of Wing Jones*; *10 Things I Can See From Here*; *Optimists Die First*; *Dreaming the Bear*; *Grendel’s Guide to Love and War*; *Beck*.



Windfall by Jennifer E. Smith -- Delacorte Press – 9780399559372 --\$24.99HC – Fiction – 432 pages – May 2017 – Ages 12-up Alice doesn’t believe in luck, but she does believe in love. She’s been pining for her best friend, Teddy – then the lottery ticket she buys him for his 18th birthday wins \$140 million, and everything changes. More romance with substance: *Words in Deep Blue*; *What to Say Next*; *Kale, My Ex, and Other Things to Toss in the Blender*.

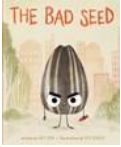


Antisocial by Jillian Blake -- Delacorte Press – 9781101938966 -- \$23.99HC – Fiction – 256 pages – May 2017 – Ages 14-up For Anna Soler, senior spring is going to be a lonely road. She's just been dumped by her star jock boyfriend, and her old friends are ignoring her. But Anna isn’t the only one whose life has been upended. One by one, student phones get hacked and personal messages and photos are leaked. Secrets are exposed, and lives are shattered. More high school turmoil: *Little Monsters*; *One of Us is Lying*; *The Whole Thing Together*.

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The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors by Drew Daywalt, Ilus. By Adam Rex- Balzer + Bray- 9780062438898- HC- \$21.99- Picture Book- 48 pp.- April 2017- Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3
You've played the game. Now read the legend of the three great warriors who started it all . . . ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS!



The Bad Seed Jory John, Pete Oswald- HarperCollins- 9780062467768- HC- \$23.99- Picture Book- 40 pp.- August 2017- Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3
He's a baaaaaaad seed. How bad? Do you really want to know? He lies about pointless stuff. He cuts in line. Every time. But what happens when a bad seed doesn't want to be bad anymore?



Heartwood Hotel Book 1: A True Home by Kallie George 🇨🇦 - HarperCollins Canada- 9781443443937- HC- \$16.99- Chapter Book-166 pp. - July 2017- Ages 7-10, Gr. 2-5
When Mona the mouse stumbles across the wondrous world of the Heartwood Hotel in the middle of a storm, she desperately hopes the staff will let her stay. As it turns out, Mona is precisely the maid they need at the grandest hotel in Fernwood Forest. Also available: **Heartwood Hotel Book 2: The Greatest Gift (9781443443968, HC, \$16.99, July 2017)**



Invisible Emmie by Terri Libenson- Balzer + Bray- 9780062484949- HC- \$28.50- Fiction/Comics- 192 pp.- May 2017- Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7 (Simult. PB: 9780062484932 \$13.50)
This is the story of two totally different middle school girls—quiet, shy, artistic Emmie popular, outgoing, athletic Katie —and how their lives unexpectedly intersect one day, when an embarrassing note falls into the wrong hands.



Orphan Island by Laurel Snyder- Walden Pond Press- 9780062443410- HC-\$21.99- Fiction/Fantasy- 288 pp. - May 2017- Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7
Nine on an island, orphans all. Any more, the sky might fall. On the island, everything is perfect. Only one thing ever changes—on that day, each year, when a boat appears from the mist upon the ocean carrying one young child to join them, and taking the eldest one away, never to return...



Posted by John David Anderson- Walden Pond Press- 9780062338204- HC- \$21.00- Fiction- 384 pp. – May 2017- Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7
When cell phones are banned their school, Frost and his friends Deedee, Wolf, and Bench come up with a new way to communicate: leaving sticky notes for each other all around the school. It catches on, and soon all the kids in school are leaving notes—though for every kind and friendly one, there is a cutting and cruel one as well. Before long the sticky notes spiral out of control, starting a war of words and insults that threatens to tear friendships apart.



York: The Shadow Cipher by Laura Ruby- Walden Pond Press- 9780062306937- HC- \$21.99- Fiction/Action & Adventure- 496 pp.- May 2017- Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7
From award-winning author Laura Ruby comes the first book in an epic alternate-history series about three kids who try to solve the greatest mystery of the modern world: a puzzle and treasure hunt laid into the very streets and buildings of New York City



The Black Witch by Laurie Forest- Harlequin Teen- 9780373212316- HC- \$21.99- YA Fantasy- 608 pp.- May 2017- Ages 14 And Up

Carnissa Gardner, the last prophesied Black Witch, drove back the enemy forces and saved her people during the Realm War. Now a new evil is on the horizon, and her granddaughter, Elloren, is believed to be Carnissa's heir. Unfortunately, while she is the absolute image of her famous grandmother, Elloren is seemingly utterly devoid of power.



Eliza and Her Monsters by Francesca Zappia- Greenwillow Books- 9780062290137- HC- \$21.99- Fiction- 400 pp. – May 2017- Ages 14+

Eighteen-year-old Eliza Mirk is the anonymous creator of *Monstrous Sea*, a wildly popular webcomic, but when a new boy at school tempts her offline, everything she's worked for begins to crumble. Scott Westerfeld's *Afterworlds* meets *Nimona* in this novel about art, fandom, and learning to be yourself.



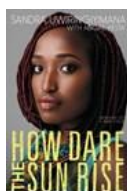
That Thing We Call a Heart by Sheba Karim- HarperTeen- 9780062445704 – HC- \$21.99- Fiction- 288 pp.- May 2017- Ages 13 And Up, Grades 8 And Up

In this irreverent, funny, accessible, and unique YA novel, a Pakistani-American teen girl comes of age in suburban New Jersey, dealing with friends and family, and falling in love.



Who's That Girl by Blair Thornburgh- HarperTeen- 9780062447777- HC- \$21.99- Young Adult Fiction- 400 pp. – July 2017- Ages 13+

Junior Nattie McCullough has always been that under-the-radar straight girl who hangs out in the cafeteria with her gay-straight alliance friends. She's never been the girl that gets the guy, let alone the girl that gets a hit song named after her. But when last summer's crush, smoking-hot musician Sebastian Delacroix—returns home to play a local show, that's just what she gets.



How Dare the Sun Rise: Memoirs of a War Child by Sandra Uwiringiyimana, Abigail Pesta-Katherine Tegen Books- 9780062470140- HC- \$24.99- Nonfiction/Memoir/Social Topics- 304 pp. - May 2017- Ages 13+

In this powerful memoir, Sandra Uwiringiyimana, a girl from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, tells the incredible true story of how she survived a massacre, immigrated to America, and overcame her trauma through art and activism.



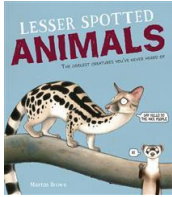
Queer, There, and Everywhere: 23 People Who Changed the World by Sarah Prager, Zoe More O'Ferrall- Harper Collins- 9780062474315- HC- \$21.99- YA Nonfiction / LGBTQ- 272 pp.- May 2017- Ages 13+

From debut author Sarah Prager comes the first-ever LGBTQ history book for teens, combining riveting facts with a pop-culture vibe to chronicle the lives of 23 influential queer figures from the Roman Empire through to the present.

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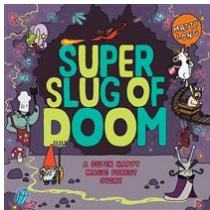
Lesser Spotted Animals by Martin Brown | 9781338089349 | HC | \$24.99 | Animals/General | 56 Pages | January 2017 | Ages 7 – 10

Find out all about the amazing animals you need to know but never get to see, from the numbat to the zorilla, and everything in between.



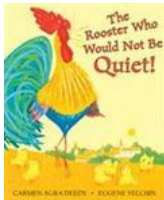
Out by Angela May George | 9781443157308 | HC | \$14.99 | Social Themes/Emigration & Immigration | 32 Pages | January 2017 | Ages 4 – 8

Timely, powerful and moving, *Out* celebrates the resilience of the human spirit in the darkest times, and the many paths people take to build a new life.



Super Slug of Doom by Matty Long | 9781338054354 | HC | \$23.00 | Humorous Stories | 32 Pages | June 2017 | Ages 4 – 8

A delightful, riotous, laugh-out-loud follow-up to *Super Happy Magic Forest* that lovers of silliness, fantasy, and lots and lots of slime won't get enough of!



The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet! by Carmen Agra Deedy Illustrated by Eugene Yelchin | 9780545722889 | HC | \$23.99 | Social Themes/Values & Virtues | 48 Pages | February 2017 | Ages 4 – 8

La Paz is a happy, but noisy village. A little peace and quiet would make it just right. So the villagers elect the bossy Don Pepe as their mayor.



Beanstalker and Other Hilarious Scarytales by Kiersten White | 9780545940603 | HC | \$22.99 | Fairytales & Folklore | 256 Pages | July 2017 | Ages 8 – 12

What about if once upon a time, a bunch of fairy tales got twisted around to be completely hilarious, a tiny bit icky, and delightfully spooky scarytales?



Me and Marvin Gardens by Amy Sarig King | 9780545870740 | HC | \$22.99 | Nature & the Natural World | 256 Pages | February 2017 | Ages 9 – 12

". A finely wrought, magical coming-of-age tale with a convincing message." – *Kirkus*



The Adventures of John Blake: Mystery of the Ghost Ship by Philip Pullman Illustrated by Fred Fordham | 9781338149128 | HC | \$26.99 | Comics & Graphic Novels | 160 Pages | May 2017 | Ages 8 = 12

Trapped in the mists of time by a terrible research experiment gone wrong, John Blake and his mysterious ship are doomed to sail between the centuries, searching for a way home.



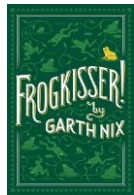
The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson | 9781338053920 | HC | \$22.99 | Mysteries & Detective Stories | March 2017 | 320 Pages | Ages 8 – 12

Lisa Thompson's debut novel is a page-turning mystery with an emotionally-driven, complex character study at its core -- like *Rear Window* meets *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*.



The Impossible Clue by Sarah Rubin | 9780545940252 | HC | \$23.99 | Mysteries & Detective Stories | 304 Pages | January 2017 | Ages 8 – 12

Math whiz Alice Jones is smart and she's fearless, so who else would her classmates turn to? Alice won't stop until she knows the truth . . . *The Impossible Clue* is a middle-grade story whose appeal is no mystery, with a protagonist whose charm needs no magnifying glass to detect.



Frogkisser! by Garth Nix | 9781338052084 | HC | \$24.99 | Fantasy & Magic | 384 Pages | March 2017 | Ages 12 and Up

With *FROGKISSER!*, acclaimed bestselling author Garth Nix has conjured a fantastical tale for all ages, full of laughs and danger, surprises and delights, and an immense population of frogs.



No Good Deed by Goldy Moldavsky | 9780545867511|HC|\$22.99|Humorous Stories|352 Pages|May 2017|Ages 14 and Up

Saving the planet has never been so tough when good intentions get twisted in Goldy Moldavsky's hilarious follow-up to *Kill the Boy Band!*



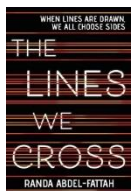
Night Witches: A Novel of World War II by Kathryn Lasky | 9780545682985 | HC | \$23.99 | Action & Adventure | 224 Pages | March 2017 | Ages 14 and Up

Historical fiction master Lasky sheds light on the war's unsung heroes-daredevil girls who took to the skies to fight for their country-in an action-packed thrill ride that'll leave you electrified and breathless.



Overturned by Lamar Giles | 9780545812504 | HC | \$23.99 | Action & Adventure | 353 Pages | April 2017 | Ages 12 and Up

Nikki Tate's dad is sitting on death row, convicted of killing his best friend in a gambling dispute turned ugly. When her dad's murder conviction is overturned, Nikki's life becomes a mess. Because the dad who comes home is not the dad she remembers. And he's desperately obsessed with finding out who framed him-and why.



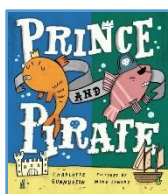
The Lines We Cross by Randa Abdel-Fattah |9781338118667|HC|\$24.99|Social Themes Prejudice & Racism|400 Pages|May 2017|Ages 12 and Up

From one of the most important voices in contemporary Muslim literature comes a remarkable story about the power of choosing tolerance.

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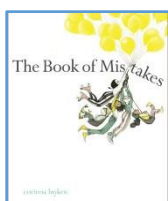
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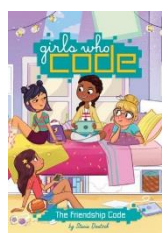
Prince and Pirate by Charlotte Gunnufson – Putnam – 978-0-399-17604-3 – Hardcover - \$22.99 – Picture Book – 32 pages - May 2017 – Ages 5 to 8 years

When two little fish with big personalities have to share the same tank, there are rough seas ahead! Prince and Pirate are proud masters of their very own fishbowls, and life goes along swimmingly—until they're scooped up and plopped into shared waters. Prince is horrified to find this cheeky cod trespassing in his kingdom. Pirate is sure this scurvy sea slug has come to plunder his treasure.



The Book of Mistakes by Corinna Luyken – Dial Books – 978-0-7352-2792-7– Hardcover - \$23.99 – Picture Book - - Imagination & Play – 56 pages – May 2017 – Ages 4 to 8 years

As one artist incorporates accidental splotches, spots, and misshapen things into her art, she transforms her piece in quirky and unexpected ways, taking readers on a journey through her process. Told in minimal, playful text, this story shows readers that even the biggest “mistakes” can be the source of the brightest ideas—and that, at the end of the day, we are all works in progress, too.



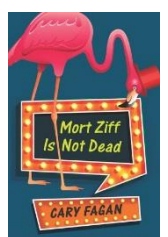
Girls Who Code #1 The Friendship Code by Stacia Deutsch – Grosset & Dunlap – 978-0-399-54251-0 - Hardcover - \$17.99 – Fiction - Computers & Digital Media – 144 pages – August 2017 – Ages 8 – 12 years

Loops, variables, input/output – Lucy can't wait to get started with the new coding club at school. Finally, an after school activity that she's really interested in. But Lucy's excitement turns to disappointment when she's put into a work group with girls she barely knows. All she wanted to do was make an app that she believes will help someone very special to her. Suddenly, Lucy begins to get cryptic coding messages and needs some help translating them. She soon discovers that coding – and friendship – takes time, dedication, and some laughs!



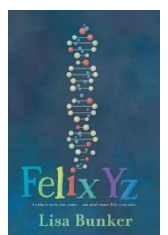
Chase by Linwood Barclay - Puffin Canada – 978-0-14-319875-8 – Hardcover - \$18.99 – Juvenile Fiction - Action & Adventure – 224 pages – July 2017 – Ages 8-12 years

Chipper is part of an experiment at The Institute. Twelve-year-old Jeff Conroy lives with his aunt at a lakeside cabin-rental operation. Jeff desperately misses his parents, who were killed in a plane crash a year earlier. But at least he's made one friend: Emily, a computer whiz, has the coolest fort ever: a trackless, abandoned train station in the middle of the forest. After Chipper escapes, he tries to find Jeff, and when Jeff takes Chipper to the train station, he and Emily discover a computer port in Chipper's collar, and once Emily hooks her laptop to it, she and Jeff discovers that Chipper's arrival is not random. He has been looking for Jeff -- and now so is Daggert.



Mort Ziff Is Not Dead by Cary Fagan - Puffin Canada – 978-0-14-319847-5 - - Hardcover - \$18.99 - Juvenile Fiction - Social Themes – Friendship – 176 pages – August 2017 – Ages 8-12 years

A humorous coming-of-age middle-grade novel set in 1960s Florida. Battling obnoxious siblings, sunburns, and a corporate millionaire, Norman is determined to help an old comedian save his career.



Felix Yz by Lisa Bunker - Viking - 978-0-425-28850-4 – Hardcover - \$22.99 - Juvenile Fiction - People & Places - United States - Hispanic & Latino – 288 pages – June 2017 – Ages 10 and up

When Felix Yz was three years old, a hyperintelligent fourth-dimensional being became fused inside him after one of his father's science experiments went terribly wrong. The creature is friendly, but Felix—now thirteen—won't be able to grow to adulthood while they're still melded together. So a risky Procedure is planned to separate them . . . but it may end up killing them both instead. This book is Felix's secret blog, a chronicle of the days leading up to the Procedure. Some days it's business as usual—time with his close-knit family, run-ins with a bully at school, anxiety about his crush. But life becomes more out of the ordinary with the arrival of an Estonian chess Grandmaster, the revelation of family secrets, and a train-hopping journey. When it all might be over in a few days, what matters most?

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Walking with Miss Millie by Tamara Bundy - Nancy Paulsen Books – 978-0-399-54456-9 – Hardcover - \$22.99 - Juvenile Fiction - Social Themes - Prejudice & Racism – 240 pages – July 2017 – Ages 10 and up

A poignant middle grade debut about the friendship between a white girl and an elderly black woman in the 1960s South. Alice is angry at having to move to Rainbow, Georgia. Then she gets put in charge of walking Clarence. But, the dog won't budge without Miss Millie, so they walk him together. As the two become confidantes, Alice is finally able to express her heartache over her father's desertion; and when Miss Millie tells her family story, Alice begins to understand the shameful history of Segregation, and recognize the racism they need to fight against. Navigating the neighborhood with Miss Millie gives Alice new perspective, the wisdom to move on from her anger, and even enables her to laugh again..



A Million Junes by Emily Henry – Razorbill – 978-0-448-49396-1 – Hardcover - \$23.99 - Young Adult Fiction - Romance – 400 pages – May 2017 – Ages 12 and up

Romeo and Juliet meets One Hundred Years of Solitude in Emily Henry's brilliant follow-up to *The Love That Split the World*, about the daughter and son of two long-feuding families who fall in love while trying to uncover the truth about the strange magic and harrowing curse that has plagued their bloodlines for generations.



Juniper Lemon's Happiness Index by Julie Israel - Kathy Dawson Books – 978-0-7352-2817-7 – Hardcover - \$23.99 - Young Adult Fiction - Social Themes - Death & Dying – 352 pages – June 2017 – Ages 12 and up

Sixty-five days after the death of her older sister, sixteen-year-old Juniper Lemon discovers the break-up letter addressed to “You” Camilla wrote the day she died. Juni is shocked—she knew nothing of this You, and now the gaping hole in her life that was her sister feels that much bigger. She's determined to uncover the identity of You and deliver the letter. Maybe that would help fill the hole, even if only a bit.



Perfect Ten by L. Philips – Viking – 978-0-425-28811-5 – Hardcover - \$23.99 - Young Adult Fiction – LGBT – 352 pages – June 2017 - Ages 14 and up

It's been two years since Sam broke up with the only other eligible gay guy in his high school, so to say he's been going through a romantic drought is the understatement of the decade. When Meg, his ex-Catholic-turned-Wiccan best friend, suggests performing a love spell, Sam is just desperate enough to try. He crafts a list of ten traits he wants in a boyfriend and burns it in a cemetery at midnight on Friday the thirteenth. But does a Perfect Ten even exist? Find out in this delectable coming-of-age romcom with just a touch of magic.



The Girl in Between by Sarah Carroll - Kathy Dawson Books – 978-0-7352-2860-3 – Hardcover - \$22.99 - Young Adult Fiction - Social Themes - Homelessness & Poverty - 208 pages – June 2017 - Ages 12 and up

Told in the naïve voice of a homeless girl sheltered by her mother from the world. *The Girl in Between* is a compelling, witty, and at times heartbreaking novel that explores themes of loneliness and grief with effortless warmth and an unforgettable voice that will stick with you long after you've finished.



And We're Off by Dana Schwartz – Razorbill – 978-0-448-49381-7 – Hardcover - \$23.99 - Young Adult Fiction - Family – Parents – 272 pages – May 2017 – Ages 12 and up

17-year-old Nora Holmes is an artist. She inherited the skill from her grandfather, Robert. Still, Nora is shocked and elated when Robert offers her a gift: an all-expenses-paid summer trip to Europe to immerse herself in the craft and to study history's most famous artists. The only catch? Nora has to create an original piece of artwork at every stop and send it back to her grandfather. Unfortunately, Nora's mother, Alice, is less than thrilled about the trip. Nora couldn't feel more unsupported by her mother, but seconds after saying goodbye to Alice at the airport terminal, Nora hears a voice call out: "Wait! Stop! I'm coming with you!" And . . . they're off.

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