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May to August 2021 Recommended Children's & Young Adult Reads



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On the Trapline by David A. Robertson, illustrated by Julie Flett | Tundra Books | 9780735266681 | 21.99 HC | Picture Book | 48 pages | May 2021 | Ages 4-8 A boy and his Moshom take a trip to visit places of great meaning to his grandfather. This story about memory, imagination and intergenerational connection captures a young child's wonder as he encounters places and stories of significance to his indigenous family. Also: Ride the Wind; Wild is the Wind; Constellation of the Deep.



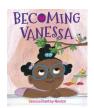
How to Apologize by David LaRochelle, illustrated by Mike Wohnoutka | Candlewick | 9781536209440 | \$22.99 HC | Picture Book | 32 pages | May 2021 | Ages 4-up A funny and handy guide that explains just how (and how not!) to say "I'm sorry." Even though apologizing can be hard, it doesn't have to be complicated. More feelings: Little Grump Truck; Phoebe Dupree is Coming to Tea!; Carol and the Pickle Toad.



l*I Out Into the Big Wide Lake by Paul Harbridge, illustrated by Josée Bisaillon | Tundra Books | 9780735265592 | \$22.99 HC | Picture Books | 48 pages | May 2021 | Ages 4-8 An empowering picture book about a young girl with Down syndrome who gains confidence and independence through a visit to her grandparents. Other differences celebrated: Different: A Great Thing to Be; Bird Boy; Isobel Adds It Up.



The Froggies Do NOT Want to Sleep by Adam Gustavson | Charlesbridge | 9781580895248 | \$19.99 HC | Picture Book | 40 pages | June 2021 | Ages 3-6 Why go to bed when you can play the accordion, dance underwater ballet, and hold burping contests with strange alien life forms? More animal antics: Cat Problems; Atticus Caticus; Whose Poo?; I Really, Really Need to Pee!; It Could Be Worse; The More the Merrier; Those Are Not My Underpants!; What Does Little Crocodile Say?; Dino-Gro.



Becoming Vanessa by Vanessa Brantley-Newton | **Alfred A. Knopf BFYR** | **9780525582120** | **\$23.99 HC** | **Picture Book** | **40 pages** | **June 2021** | **Ages 3-7** Vanessa wears her fanciest outfit on her first day of school so her new classmates will notice her. They do, but not in the right way. She is deflated, until her mother helps her regain her confidence. More learning: *I Don't Want to Go To School; How to Spot a Best Friend; The Worm Family Has Its Picture Taken; This is Ruby; Look, Grandma! N,i Elisi; Usha and the Big Digger; Etty Darwin and the Four Pebble Problem.*



Mimic Makers: Biomimicry Inventors Inspired by Nature by Kristen Nordstrom, illustrated by Paul Boston | Charlesbridge | 9781580899475 | \$21.99 HC | Picture Book Nonfiction | July 2021 | Ages 7-10 Ten scientists from around the world, including men and women of colour, imitate plants and animals to create amazing new technology: a train with a nose like a kingfisher's beak, a solar cell modelled on a leaf. More nonfiction: I Am the Shark; Summertime Sleepers; Eyeball Alphabet; If the World Were 100 People; Branches of Hope.



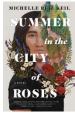
D-39: A Robodog's Journey by Irene Latham | Charlesbridge | 9781623541811 | \$21.99 HC | Middle Grade Fiction | 448 pages | May 2021 | Ages 10-up In the midst of civil war, 12-year-old Klynt Tovis spends her days restoring artifacts in her Museum of Fond Memories, including a D-39 robodog, then they are thrown into an epic journey in this dystopic novel-in-verse. More fantastic adventures: Escape to Witch City; Kingdom of Secrets; The Pack; I Speak Boy; Dog Squad; Ham Helsing #1: Vampire Hunter; Pacey Packer Unicorn Tracker #2: Horn Slayer; Cardboard Kingdom #2: Roar of the Beast.















What Comes Next by Rob Buyea | Delacorte BFYR | 9780525648024 | \$22.99 HC | Middle Grade Fiction | 192 pages | June 2021 | Ages 9-12 Twelve-year-old Thea and her family move to a new town for a fresh start after she loses her best friend, Charlie, in a tragic accident, leaving her mute. There, a rescue puppy bounds into her life. As she bonds with Jack-Jack, Thea opens up to the possibility of new friendships. More girls coping with challenges: Happily for Now; Say It Out Loud; Witches of Brooklyn #2: What the Hex?!.

Black Boy Joy: 17 Stories Celebrating Black Boyhood edited by Kwame Mbalia | Delacorte BFYR | 9780593379936 |\$22.99 HC | Middle Grade Fiction | 320 pages | August 2021 | Ages 9-12 From seventeen acclaimed Black male and non-binary authors comes a vibrant collection of stories, comics, and poems about the power of joy and the wonders of Black boyhood. More boyfocused stories: *Marcus Makes a Movie*; *Sunshine*; *Down to Earth*.

Elfie Unperfect by Kristin Mahoney | Alfred A. Knopf BFYR | 9780593175828 | \$22.99 HC | Middle Grade Fiction | 256 pages | August 2021 | Ages 8-12 Elfie Oster was sure that Hampshire Academy was going to be the perfect school for her. She was sure about it right up to the minute she got expelled. On her first day. Now Elfie has to go back to Cottonwood Elementary for fifth grade. Where she's never really fit in. Or had friends. It is not a perfect situation. More school stories: Harry Versus the First 100 Days; Welcome Back, Maple Mehta-Cohen; Dead Wednesday.

Off the Record by Camryn Garrett | Alfred A. Knopf BFYR | 9781984829993 | \$23.99 HC | Young Adult Fiction | 320 pages | May 2021 | Ages 14- When Josie Wright wins a contest to write a celebrity profile for *Deep Focus* magazine, she's both excited and scared. Soon Josie is off on a multi-city tour, even developing feelings for Marius, the subject of her profile. When a young actress lets her in on a terrible secret, Josie wants to expose the man responsible, but she's unsure if this is her story to tell. Other young women overcoming obstacles: *Lycanthropy and Other Chronic Illnesses*; *Fierce as the Wind; Silver Blonde*.

Summer in the City of Roses by Michelle Ruiz Keil | Soho Teen | 9781641291712 | \$21.99 HC | Young Adult Fiction | 336 pages | July 2021 | Ages 14-up | Seventeen-year-old Iph has always protected her sensitive younger brother, until their father sends fifteen-year-old Orr to a wilderness boot camp. Furious, Iph storms off and gets lost. After adventures with Shakespeare-quoting street kids, an introduction to sex work activism, and a powerhouse musical debut, Iph and Orr reunite, but a transformation has been set in motion. Also: Baby and Solo.

Radha & Jai's Recipe for Romance by Nisha Sharma | Crown BFYR | 9780553523294 | \$24.99 HC | Young Adult Fiction | 336 pages | July 2021 | Ages 14-up | After a family betrayal costs Radha the biggest kathak dance competition of her life, she decides to leave performing in her past and reinvent herself, until she meets Jai, captain of the Bollywood Beats dance team, first in his class, and reluctant to pursue his dream of medical school because of tight family finances. More summer-y stories: Sunkissed; Under a Dancing Star; Donuts and Other Proclamations of Love.

A Lesson in Vengeance by Victoria Lee | Delacorte Press | 9780593305829 | \$24.99 HC | Young Adult Fiction | 384 pages | August 2021 | Ages 14-up A dark, twisty, atmospheric thriller about a boarding school haunted by its history of witchcraft and two girls dangerously close to digging up the past. More thrills, some of them witchy: Small Favors; All Our Hidden Gifts; Bad Witch Burning; Mercury Boys; The Ivies; That Weekend; When All the Girls Are Sleeping.

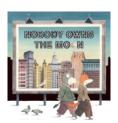
Summer 2021 Dewey Children's Picks - Margot Stokreef

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The Longer the Wait, the Bigger the Hug by Eoin McLaughlin, Illus. by Polly Dunbar - Faber & Faber - 9780571370382 - CL - \$25.50 - Juvenile Fic/Animals/General - 32 pp. - September 2021 - Ages 0-5

Everyone's favourite (socially distanced) characters return to help us through this challenging period. Hedgehog is waiting for his friend Tortoise to wake up. A charming and touching new tale from the creators of the bestselling While We Can't Hug!



Nobody Owns the Moon by Toby Riddle - Berbay Publishing - 9780994384195 - CL - \$25.50 - Juvenile Fic/Social/Homelessness & Poverty - 32 pp. - September 2021 - Ages 4-8

Clive Prendergast is a fox who lives successfully in the city, Humphrey is a donkey who works odd jobs and doesn't always have a fixed address. Nobody Owns the Moon is the story of their friendship, timeless in its message of belonging and community.



Goodbye, Old House by Margaret Wild, Illus. by Ann James - Blue Dot Kids Press - 9781736226452 - CL - \$25.50 - Juvenile Fic/Social/New Experience - 32 pp. - September 2021 - Ages 3-7

A joyful story about moving house and embracing change from a much-loved, award-winning team. A heartwarming story of letting go and starting anew, with a unique illustration style that allows room for the reader's imagination. Printed on FSC-certified paper with vegetable inks.



What Happened to You? By James Catchpole, Illus. by Karen George - Faber & Faber - 9780571358304 - CL - \$25.50 - Juvenile Fic/Action & Adventure/Pirates - March 2021 - Ages 0-5 The first ever picture book addressing how a disabled child might want to be spoken to. A ground-breaking, funny story to help children understand what it feels like to be seen as different.



I Went for Hajj by Na'ima B. Robert, Illus. by Paula Pang - Kube Publishing - 9780860377528 - CL - \$17.95 - Juvenile Fic/Religious/Muslim - 32 pp. - June 2021 - Ages 3-7

See, hear, smell and feel the wondrous Hajj pilgrimage with a young boy, who's returned from Makkah a Hajji. A rhyming book, perfect to read aloud, that gives children a taste of the sacred things pilgrims see and do on the most important trip for Muslims.



Lunch Every Day by Kathryn Otoshi - KO Kids Books - 9781734348200 - CL - \$24.95 - Juvenile Fic/Social Issues/Bullying - 40 pp. - September 2021 - Ages 4+

Every day Jimmy takes ""Skinny Kid's' lunch at school. No way will he be caught dead standing in that FREE LUNCH line. Until, a surprising act of kindness stops him in his tracks. For a split second a door cracks open into Jimmy's heart. Who knows? Maybe he'll just kick that door open.



Three Little Vikings by Bethan Woollvin - Pan Macmillan - 9781509889822 - CL - \$28.99 - Juvenile Fic/Action & Adventure - 32 pp. - September 2021 - Ages 3+

Three little Vikings fight off a fearsome troll in this funny, feminist adventure story for little rebels from award-winning and critically acclaimed creator Bethan Woollvin.



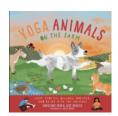
One Day by Lee Juck, Illus. by Kim Seung-youn - Enchanted Lion Books - 9781592703135 - CL - \$25.50 - Juvenile Fic/Social/Death & Dying - 48 pp. - August 2021 - Ages 6-8

A boy's grandfather goes away suddenly, never to return. This is a beautifully made book, in which the cosmic dimension of the story inhabits its very construction.



Almost Nothing, Yet Everything by Hiroshi Osada, Illus. by Ryoji Arai, Trans. by David Boyd - Enchanted Lion Books - 9781592703579 - CL - \$25.50 - Juvenile Fic/Nature/Environment - 44 pp. - September 2021 - Ages 6+

Artist Ryoji Arai and poet Hiroshi Osada, the Japanese team behind critically acclaimed Every Color of Light, offer up another meditation on the natural world in this ode to water.



Yoga Animals on the Farm by Christiane Kerr, Illus. by Julia Green - EDC Publishing - 9781684642397 - CL - \$18.95 - Juvenile Fic/Sports & Recreation/General - 32 pp. - June 2021 - Ages 3+

The setting of this brand-new Yoga Animals title is a wholesome, rustic farm. Dog has been having fun bounding around all day and doesn't want to go to bed! With the help of his farmyard friends Dog learns 13 bedtime yoga poses to help him settle down to sleep.



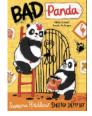
Anemone is not the Enemy by Anna McGregor - Scribe Publications - 9781950354511 - CL - \$24.95 - Juvenile Fic/Social/Friendship - 32 pp. - June 2021 - Ages 3-7

Anemone lives alone in the rock pool. The tide comes in and the tide goes out. All Anemone wants is a friend, but friends are hard to make when you accidentally sting everyone who comes close. A funny tale of mishap, misunderstanding, and the search for true friendship by the ocean.



Oshun's Book of Mirrors by Asia Rainey, Illus. by Cherie Mays - Chin Music Press - 9781634059794 - CL - \$29.50 - Juvenile Fic/Social/Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance - 64 pp. - June 2021 - Ages 6-9

Oshun's Book of Mirrors tells a profound and symbolic message about beauty, self-esteem, and perspective. In a forest devoid of light, where all the beauty of life has seemingly faded away, a young girl named Oshun sets out on a journey to discover herself.



Bad Panda by Swapna Haddow, Illus. by Sheena Dempsey - Faber & Faber - 9780571352418 - B-format PB - \$11.50 - Juvenile Fic/Humorous Stories - 192 pp. - August 2021 - Ages 7-9

A brand-new series about a panda who's fed up of being labelled as cute, from the duo that brought you Dave Pigeon . A guaranteed laugh on every page!



Indiana Bones by Harry Heape, Illus. by Rebecca Bagley - Faber & Faber - 9780571353507 - PB - \$13.50 - Juvenile Fic/Humorous Stories - 288 pp. - September 2021 - Ages 7-9

Indiana Bones is a shaggy dog with a difference. He's got superpowers and can sniff out criminals and with his young friend and owner Aisha - solve mysteries that would flummox the world's more expert detectives!



Matasha by Pamela Erens - IG Publishing - 9781632461254 - CL - \$27.50 - Juvenile Fic/Social/Adolescence - 296 pp. - July 2021 - Ages 10-14

A tale of growing up and growing apart, Matasha is a poignant look at resilience in the face of adolescent loneliness, divorce, bullying and slow development. Pamela Erens has crafted an intimate novel for readers who loved My Jasper June by Laurel Snyder, and The Line Tender by Kate Allen.



Anna Analyst by Patti Edgar - Great Plains Publications - 9781773370569 - PB - \$11.95 - Juvenile Fic/Mysteries & Detective Stories - 168 pp. - May 2021 - Ages 10+

On the last day of elementary school, eleven-year-old Anna finds a leather-bound book about handwriting analysis. Anna could use help deciphering people. But a mysterious note forces Anna to make a choice between her graphology and the people - and tortoises - she cares about the most.

Dewey Diva Picks- Summer 2021- HarperCollins Canada- Children's Books



What Will You Be? by Yamile Saied Méndez-HarperCollins- 9780062839954- HC- \$21.99-Picture Book- 40 pp.- May 2021- Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3

What will you be when you grow up? With her abuela's loving guidance, a young girl dreams about all the endless possibilities, sparking a sense of wonder, curiosity, and growth.



Jo Jo Makoons: The Used-to-Be Best Friend by Dawn Quigley, Tara Audibert (Illust)-Heartdrum- 9780063015371- HC- \$19.99 - Chapter Books- 80 pp.- May 2021-Ages 6-10, Gr 1-5 The first book in a chapter book series about a funny and proud young Ojibwe girl. Simultaneous PB (9780063015388, \$5.99)



Finding Junie Kim by Ellen Oh- HarperCollins- 9780062987983- HC- \$21.00- Fiction- 368 pp.-May 2021- Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7

A powerful novel about a girl's path to embracing herself and her Korean heritage, inspired by the author's family's experiences facing both modern-day racism and their experiences in the Korean War. Another title with similar themes: Unsettled by Reem Faruqi (9780063044708, May, \$21.00)



Ophie's Ghosts by Justina Ireland- Balzer + Bray- 9780062915894- HC- \$21.00- Fiction / Mysteries & Detective Stories- 336 pp.- May 2021- Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7

The New York Times bestselling author of Dread Nation makes her middle grade debut with a sweeping tale of the ghosts of our past that won't stay buried, starring an unforgettable girl named Ophie.



Healer of the Water Monster by Brian Young- Heartdrum- 9780062990402- HC-\$21.00-Fiction/ Legends, Myths, & Fables- 368 pp.- May 2021- Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7

Brian Young's debut, inspired by Navajo beliefs, features a seemingly ordinary boy who must save the life of a Water Monster—and help his uncle suffering from addiction—by discovering his own bravery. Also recommended Sisters of the Neversea by Cynthia L. Smith (9780062869975, HC, \$21.00, June 2021)



Both Can Be True by Jules Machias- Quill Tree Books 9780063053892- HC- \$21.00- Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes 368 pp.- June 2021- Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7

Debut author Jules Machias explores identity, gender fluidity, and the power of friendship and acceptance in this story about two kids who join forces to save a dog . . . but wind up saving each other.



Hollow Chest by Brita Sandstrom- Walden Pond Press- 9780062870742- HC- \$21.00- 352 pp.- May 2021- Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7

A stunning debut WWII-era fantasy about a young boy who braves the claws and teeth of monsters both real and fantastical in order to save his brother, his family, and himself.



Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year by Nina Hamza- Quill Tree Books- 9780063024892- HC- \$21.00- Juvenile Fiction / Social Themes- 320 pp. - June 2021- Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7

In this memorable debut, Ahmed, an inimitable protagonist, deals with bullies, makes new friends, and uncovers his family's past—all while finding himself in three good books.



Fashion Conscious by Sarah Klymkiw- Red Shed- 9781405295659- PB Original- \$13.50- Juvenile Nonfiction / Environmental Conservation & Protection – 160 pp.- August 2021- Ages 10+

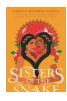
This practical, positive and empowering book will open eyes to the impact our clothing choices have on people and the planet and empower children to demand answers to questions and take action.

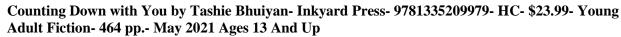












In this sparkling and romantic YA debut, a reserved Bangladeshi American teenager has 28 days to make the biggest decision of her life after agreeing to fake date her school's resident bad boy. Also recommended: Excuse Me While I Ugly Cry by Joya Goffney (9780063024793, HC, \$21.00, May)

Last Chance Books by Kelsey Rodkey- HarperTeen- 9780062994462- HC- \$21.99- Young Adult Fiction / Romance-368 pp.- May 2021- Ages 13 And Up, Grades 8 And Up

A girl determined to save her family's bookstore is waylaid by an unexpected romance in this *You've Got Mail* for the next generation, perfect for fans of Jenny Han and Morgan Matson.

A Sitting in St. James by Rita Williams-Garcia- Quill Tree Books- 9780062367297- HC- \$21.99-Young Adult Fiction / Historical - 480 pp.- May 2021- Ages 16+

From three-time National Book Award finalist and Coretta Scott King Award—winning author Rita Williams-Garcia, the stories of one white family and the enslaved people who work for them.

The Darkness Outside Us by Eliot Schrefer- Katherine Tegen Books- 9780062888280- HC- \$21.99- Young Adult Fiction / Science Fiction- 416 pp.-June 2021- Ages 13+, Gr. 8 And Up They Both Die at the End meets The Loneliest Girl in the Universe in this mind-bending sci-fi mystery and tender love story about two boys aboard a spaceship sent on a rescue mission, from two-time National Book Award finalist Eliot Schrefer.

Sisters of the Snake by Sasha Nanua, Sarena Nanua HarperTeen- 9780062985590- HC- \$21.99- Young Adult Fiction / Family / Siblings- 512 pp.- June 2021- Ages 13+, Gr. 8+ Refreshingly light, unique, and immersive, this fantasy adventure following two twin sisters separated at birth—a street urchin and a princess—who must switch identities to prevent an upcoming war is perfect for fans of *We Hunt the Flame* and *The Wrath & the Dawn*.

Orca Dewey Diva Picks – May to August 2021 Contact me at janet@orcabook.com



My Heart Beats by Rina Singh | 9781459825680 | Board Book | \$10.95 | 22 Pages Social Themes/Emotions & Feelings | April | Ages 0-2

A beautiful photographic board book featuring babies from all over the world and the sounds their hearts make as they beat with love.



Leopold's Leotard by Rhiannon Wallace Illustrated by Risa Hugo | 9781459825963 Hardcover | \$19.95 | 32 Pages | Performing Arts/Dance | April | Ages 3-5

A delightful picture book about a young boy who finds himself feeling too restricted during his year-end dance recital.



Pride Puppy! by Robin Stevenson Illustrated by Julie McLaughlin | 9781459824843 Hardcover | \$19.95 | 32 Pages | LGBT | May | Ages 3-5

A rhyming alphabet book featuring a family that has lost its dog at a Pride parade.



Nye, Sand and Stones by Bree Galbraith Illustrated by Marion Arbona 9781459820326 | Hardcover | \$19.95 | 32 Pages | Girls & Women | April | Ages 3-5

A story about a young hero who lives on an island whose people build beautiful sandcastles. Sandcastles that get pummelled daily with stones from the neighboring island. When Nye asks why, she's told "that's just the way it is." But Nye is not one for complacency and she

takes matters into her own hands to end to the onslaught for good.



Every Home Needs an Elephant by Jane Heinrichs | 9781459824300 | Paperback | \$10.95 160 Pages | Animals/Elephants | May | Ages 6-8

In this illustrated chapter book, a lonely young girl convinces her parents to let her adopt an elephant.



Raymond the Buffalo by Lou Beauchesne Illustrated by Kate Chappell 9781459826175 | Hardcover | \$19.95 | 48 Pages | Social Themes/Friendship | May Ages 6-8

In this transitional picture book, a buffalo falls out of a child's favourite storybook and ends up living in the local library.



Beavers by Frances Backhouse | 9781459824690 | Hardcover | \$24.95 | 128 Pages Animals/Mammals| May | Ages 9-12

After nearly being hunted to extinction for their fur, beavers are returning to their place as North America's most influential ecosystem engineer. They are creating wetland homes for a multitude of plants and animals, and headaches for some of their human neighbors.



Growing Up Trans: In Our Own Words Edited by Dr. Lindsay Herriot and Kate Fry 9781459831377 | Paperback | \$24.95 | 176 Pages | LGBT | August | Ages 10 and up This illustrated nonfiction anthology is a collection of stories, essays, poetry and art by transgender youth.



How to Become an Accidental Activist by Elizabeth MacLeod and Frieda Wishinsky Illustrated by Jenn Playford | 9781459826113 | Hardcover | \$24.95 | 128 Pages Biography & Autobiography/Social Activists | April | Ages 9-12

The book shows how ordinary kids and adults have persevered to do extraordinary things to help themselves, others and the planet.



Shark Bait by Jeff Szpirglas, Danielle Sainte-Onge Illustrated by Dave Whamond 9781459823679 | Paperback | \$7.95 | 96 Pages | Animals/Marine Life | April | Ages 6-8 In this partially illustrated early chapter book, a young girl who is fascinated by sharks gets a chance to see one in real life while taking sailing lessons.



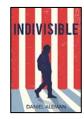
The Sun Will Come Out by Joanne Levy | 9781459825871 | Paperback | \$10.95 296 Pages | Social Themes/Self-Esteem & Self Relliance | April | Ages 8-12 In this novel for middle-grade readers, painfully shy Beatrice Gelman ends up at summer camp all by herself.



The Disability Experience by Hannalora Leavitt Illustrated by Belle Wuthrich 9781459819283 | Paperback | \$24.95 | 192 Pages | Disabilities & Special Needs | April Ages 12 and up

The Disability Experience examines the way people with disabilities (PWDs) have historically been ignored, reviled and marginalized. It also celebrates their triumphs and achievements and shares the powerful stories of PWDs who have fought for change.

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Indivisible by Daniel Aleman Little, Brown- 978-0-7595-5605-8- HC- \$23.99- Young Adult Fiction- 400 pp.- May 2021- Ages 14+

When Mateo returns from school one day to find that his parents have been taken by ICE, he realizes that his family's worst nightmare has become a reality. With his parents' fate and his own future hanging in the balance, Mateo must figure out who he is and what he is capable of, even as he's forced to question what it means to be an American.



Curse of the Specter Queen by Jenny Elder Moke- Disney-Hyperion- 978-1-368-06398-2-HC- \$22.99- Young Adult Fiction- 352 pp.- June 2021- Ages 12+

Samantha Knox put away her childish fantasies of archaeological adventure the day her father didn't return home from the Great War, retreating to the safety of the antique bookshop where she works. But when a mysterious package arrives with a damaged diary inside, Sam's peaceful life is obliterated.



Daughter of Sparta by Claire Andrews- Little, Brown- 978-0-316-54007-0- HC- \$23.99-Young Adult Fiction- 384 pp.- June 2021- Ages 14+

A reinterpretation of the classic Greek myth of Daphne and Apollo, *Daughter of Sparta* by debut author Claire Andrews turns the traditionally male-dominated mythology we know into a heart-pounding and empowering female-led adventure.



The Devil Makes Three by Tori Bovalino- Page Street- 978-1-6456-7235-7- HC- \$26.95-Young Adult Fiction- 368 pp.- August 2021- Ages 14+

When Tess and Eliot stumble upon an ancient book hidden in a secret tunnel beneath the school library, they accidentally release a devil from his book-bound prison, and he'll stop at nothing to stay free. Part mystery thriller and part gothic horror, this genre-blending debut is sure to keep readers on the edge of their seats.



Over the Top by Alison Hughes Running Press- 978-0-7624-7312-0- HC- \$22.99-Middle Grade Fiction- 192 pp.- August 2021- Ages 8-12

From award-winning author Alison Hughes comes a new funny, honest middle grade novel following Diva Cleopatra as she tries to adapt to her new home and school while coming face-to-face with the school's mean girls.



Brian has always been anxious, but after he and his brother are placed in foster care, Brian starts having panic attacks. Ezra wants to help, but he worries if he's too nice to Brian, his friends will realize that he has a crush on him. But when Brian and his brother run away, Ezra has no choice but to take the leap and reach out.



Hazel Bly and the Deep Blue Sea by Ashley Herring Blake- Little, Brown- 978-0-316-53545-8- HC- \$22.99- Middle Grade Fiction- 352 pp.- May 2021- Ages 8-12

For fans of Erin Entrada Kelly and Ali Benjamin comes a poignant yet hopeful novel about a girl navigating grief, trauma, and friendship, from award-winning author Ashley Herring Blake.



The Ship of Stolen Words by Fran Wilde- Amulet Books- 978-1-4197-4950-6- HC- \$22.99-Middle Grade Fiction- 400 pp.- June 2021- Ages 8-12

A group of goblins steal a boy's ability to apologize in this lively middle-grade fantasy from Nebula Award-winning author Fran Wilde.



Faraway Things by Dave Eggers & Kelly Murphy- Little, Brown- 978-0-316-49219-5- HC-\$23.99- Picture Book- 40 pp.- June 2021- Ages 4-8

From a bestselling author comes an evocative, classic-feeling adventure tale about a boy and his sword, and how giving away something precious leads to an even more important discovery.



Hidden Treasure by Elly MacKay Running Press- 978-0-7624-6301-5- HC- \$22.99-Picture Book- 32 pp.- June 2021- Ages 4-8

A young treasure hunter learns that some treasures have stories to tell and others are too precious to keep. It seems treasure is everywhere, but nothing could make her feel more like a queen than a perfect day at the beach with her grandfather and furry best friend.



The Boy and the Sea by Camille Andros & Amy June Bates – Abrams- 978-1-4197-4940-7-HC- \$22.99- Picture Book- 32 pp.- May 2021- Ages 4-8

In this lyrical picture book, readers follow one boy through his life as he returns to the seashore beside his home. The boy likes to think, and his thoughts turn into questions. He brings these questions to the sea. At times, he thinks he can hear the sea whisper to him: Dream. Love. Be



Arlo Draws an Octopus by Lori Mortensen & Rob Sayegh Jr.— Abrams- 978-1-4197-4201-9-HC- \$21.99- Picture Book- 40 pp.- May 2021- Ages 4-8

When Arlo decides to draw an octopus, he can't help but think that maybe he's just not an octopus drawer. But just as Arlo vows to never draw an octopus again, he makes a discovery that changes his perspective about his drawing . . . and much more.



Race Cars by Jenny Devenny & Charnaie Gordon – Frances Lincoln- 978-0-7112-6290-4-HC- \$23.99- Picture Book- 40 pp.- May 2021- Ages 6-9

Race Cars tells the story of two best friends, a white car and a black car, that have different experiences and face different rules while entering the same race.



Sloth and Squirrel in a Pickle by Cathy Ballou Mealey & Kelly Collier - Kids Can Press- 978-1-5253-0238-1- HC- \$19.99- Picture Book- 32 pp.- May 2021- Ages 3-7

A speedy squirrel and a sleepy sloth try to get the job done in this funny, heartwarming tale of two lovable, but unlikely, friends.



On the Day the Horse Got Out by Audrey Helen Weber- Little, Brown- 978-0-316-45984-6-HC- \$23.99- Picture Book- 40 pp.- June 2021- Ages 4-8

On the day the horse got out... the bells all rang, the birds flew south, the rabbit dug a bit too deep, and the beetle cried out in its sleep... But what happened to the horse? Did she find what she was looking for?

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Everybody Shines by Cassandra Newbould – Bloomsbury – 9781547606078 – HC - \$25.99 - YA FICTION / Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance – 416 pp. – May 2021

Fat girls and boys and nonbinary teens are: friends who lift each other up, heroes who rescue themselves, big bodies in space, intellects taking up space, and bodies looking and feeling beautiful. They express themselves through fashion, sports and other physical pursuits, through food, and music, and art. They are flirting and falling in love. They are loving to themselves and one another. With stories that feature fat main characters starring in a multitude of settings, and written by authors who live these lives too, this is truly a unique collection that shows fat young people the representation they deserve.



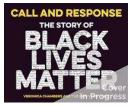
A Degree in a Book: Electrical and Mechanical Engineering by David Baker – Arcturus – 9781839406676 – PB - \$32.95 - TECH / Electrical – 256 pp. – June 2021

Covering Newtonian mechanics, nuclear engineering, artificial intelligence, 3D printing and more, this essential guide brings clarity to complex ideas. David Baker delves into the history and development of this far-reaching subject as well as the challenges of the future such as environmental responsibility.



Hurricane Summer by Asha Bromfield – St. Martin's – 9781250622235 – HC - \$25.99 - YA FICTION / Diversity & Multicultural – 400 pp. – May 2021

Tilla has spent her entire life trying to make her father love her. But every six months, he leaves their family and returns to his true home: the island of Jamaica. When Tilla's mother tells her she'll be spending the summer on the island, Tilla dreads the idea of seeing him again, but longs to discover what life in Jamaica has always held for him. In an unexpected turn of events, Tilla is forced to face the storm that unravels in her own life as she learns about the dark secrets that lie beyond the veil of paradise—all in the midst of an impending hurricane.



Call and Response by Veronica Chambers – HMH – 9780358573418 – HC -\$31.99 - JUVENILE NONFICTION / Social Activism & Volunteering – 160 pp. – August 2021

In this essential history, New York Times editor Veronica Chambers, Jennifer Harlan, and the staff of The New York Times explore Black Lives Matter through striking photographs, in-depth reporting, stunning visual timelines and graphics, and compelling quotes.



Clash by Kayla Miller – HMH – 9780358242208 – HC - \$35.99 – JUVENILE FICTION / Comics & Graphic Novels / Humorous – 224 pp. – July 2021

There's a new kid in town! From the moment Natasha sets foot in class, it's clear she's one of the coolest kids in sixth grade. Everyone wants to be her friend, including Olive . . . but things might not be so easy. Olive tries her best to befriend Nat, but it seems like the only thing they have in common is that theyboth want to hang out withOlive's friends! Watching as Natasha gets closer with some of her best buds, Olive can't help but worry that they're starting to like Nat more than they like her . . . and who could blame them? Nat is justthat cool . . . and Olive is, well, just Olive.



Pawcasso by Remy Lai – Henry Holt & Co. – 9781250774484 – HC - \$29.99 - JUVENILE FICTION / Comics & Graphic Novels / Animals – 240 pp. – May 2021

Every Saturday, Pawcasso trots into town with a basket, a shopping list, and cash in paw to buy groceries for his family. One day, he passes eleven-year-old Jo, peering out the window of her house, bored and lonely. Astonished by the sight of an adorable basket-toting dog on his own, Jo follows Pawcasso, and when she's seen alongside him by a group of kids from her school, they mistake her for Pawcasso's owner.

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ParaNorthern by Stephanie Cooke – HMH – 9780358168997 – HC - \$35.99 - JUVENILE FICTION / Comics & Graphic Novels / Fantasy – 240 pp. – July 2021

It's fall break in the supernatural town of North Haven, and young witch Abby's plans include pitching in at her mom's magical coffee shop, practicing her potion making, and playing board games with her best friends—a pumpkinhead, a wolf-girl, and a ghost. But when Abby finds her younger sister being picked on by some speed demons, she lets out a burst of magic so strong, it opens a portal to a realm of chaos bunnies. And while these bunnies may lookcute, they're about to bring the a-hop-ocalypse (and get Abby in a cauldronful of trouble) unless she figures out a way to reverse the powerful magic.



Dear Librarian by Lydia M. Sigwarth – FSG – 9780374313906 – HC - \$25.99 - JUVENILE NONFICTION / Books & Libraries – 40 pp. – June 2021

When Lydia was five years old, she and her family had to leave their home. They hopped from Grandma's house to Aunt Linda's house to Cousin Alice's house, but no place was permanent. Then one day, everything changed. Lydia's mom took her to a new place — not a house, but a big building with stone columns, and tall, tall steps. In the library, Lydia found her special spot across from the sunny window, at a round desk. For behind that desk was her new friend, the librarian. Together, Lydia and the librarian discovered a world beyond their walls, one that sparkled with spectacular joy.



There is a Rainbow by Theresa Trinder – Chronicle Books – 9781797211664 – HC - \$22.99 - JUVENILE FICTION / Social Themes / Emotions & Feelings – 52 pp. – January 2021

Even though the world is full of barriers that can make us feel alone, we are all just on one end of a rainbow—connected by all that color and light, there is always something, or someone, waiting for us on the other side! Inspired by the multitude of rainbows found in the windows of homes around the world following the coronavirus lockdown, this uplifting picture book shares a message of hope and resilience that is truly timeless.



He's My Mom! by Sarah Savage – Jessica Kingsley – 9781787755741 – PB - \$22.95 – JUVENILE FICTION / Family / Parents – 36 pp. - July 2021

When Benjamin's uncle accidently misgenders his dad David, Benjamin explains why misgendering is hurtful and why we need to treat trans people with respect. Benjamin speaks with confidence about transitioning and gender identity, and helps to educate and empower others with trans relatives or friends.



Best Day Ever! By Marilyn Singer – HMH – 9781328987839 – HC - \$24.99 - JUVENILE FICTION / Animals / Dogs – 32 pp. – June 2021

This playful puppy thinks she's having the best day ever! She's so happy to be out with her friend, she doesn't even realize that she's being a little naughty. But then he scolds her, and suddenly—Worst. Day. Ever. Will puppy be able to make amends and turn their day back around?



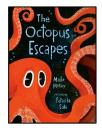
Time for School, Little Blue Truck by Alice Schertle – HMH – 9780358412243 – HC - \$24.99 - JUVENILE FICTION / Transportation / Cars & Trucks – 32 pp. – June 2021

Little Blue Truck and his friend Toad are excited to meet a bright yellow school bus on the road. They see all the little animals lined up in the school bus's many windows, and Blue wishes he could be a school bus too. What a fun job—but much too big for a little pickup like Blue. Or is it? When somebody misses the bus, it's up to Blue to get his friend to school on time. Beep! Beep! Vroom!

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book by its cover--or a sea slug by its slime.



The Octopus Escapes by Maile Meloy – 9781984812698 - G.P. Putnam's Sons - \$23.99 – Hardcover – 40 pages - Juvenile Fiction - Animals - Marine Life – Ages 3-7 years - Debut Picture - May 11, 2021 From the bestselling author of The Apothecary series comes a poignant, lyrical tale about nature's great escape artist. The octopus is happy in his undersea cave until one day, a diver captures him and takes him to live in an aquarium. But every day is the same, and the octopus soon tires of captive life. And so, under the cover of darkness, he makes his daring escape...



The Mysterious Sea Bunny by Peter Raymundo – 9780593325148 – Dial - \$23.99 – Hardcover – 32 pages - Juvenile Fiction - Animals - Marine Life – Ages 3-5 years - June 22, 2021

Shh, we are about to observe the one-inch-long sea bunny as it journeys sloooooowly across the ocean floor! Along the way, we'll learn some interesting facts. Young readers will float away with loads of new knowledge about this fascinating sea slug species, and they'll be reminded to never judge a



Ship in a Bottle by Andrew Prahin – 9781984815811 - Putnam - \$23.99 - Hardcover – 32 pages - Juvenile Fiction - Animals - Mice, Hamsters, Guinea Pigs – Ages 3-7 years - June 1, 2021 A valiant mouse sets sail in her ship in a bottle to seek a better life in this gentle allegory about refugees and immigration. All Mouse wants to do is eat gingersnaps, lie in the sun, and enjoy her ship in a bottle. All Cat wants to do is eat Mouse. This is a problem.



I'm Getting a Shark! By Brady Smith - 9780593111123 - Nancy Paulsen Books - \$23.99 - Hardcover - 32 pages - Juvenile Fiction - Animals - Marine Life - Ages 3-7 years - May 18, 2021

Meet a little girl who is the biggest shark superfan around! And when she overhears her parents utter the word "shark" while discussing her birthday, her imagination is off and running! She can't wait to be surprised by the pet shark she just KNOWS is coming her way . . . but what kind will it be? As she lists all the possibilities, her disbelieving pooch, Ralphie, tries to set her straight. But she's not paying attention--instead, she is getting more and more excited by the beauty and variety of these awesome creatures.



Alice Fleck's Recipes for Disaster by Rachelle Delaney 9780735269279 - Puffin Canada - \$21.99 — Hardcover — 256 pages - Juvenile Fiction - Cooking & Food — Ages 10-14 years - May 11, 2021 When Alice agreed to appear in a reality cooking show with her father, she had no idea she'd find herself in the middle of a mystery! Will Alice and her new friends be able to save the show? A light-hearted and funny middle grade novel for fans of Rebecca Stead and Linda Mulally Hunt.



The Hidden Knife by Melissa Marr – 9780525518525 - Nancy Paulsen Books - \$23.99 - Hardcover – 256 pages - Juvenile Fiction - Fantasy & Magic – Ages 10 and up - June 1, 2021

NY Times bestselling author Melissa Marr invites readers into a magical world where stone gargoyles live among humans, ferocious water horses infiltrate the sea, and school hallways are riddled with magic wards--and where a group of young heroes seeking justice discovers those very creatures are the best of allies.



The Renegade Reporters by Elissa Weissman – 9780593323038 – Dial - \$22.99 – Hardcover – 288 pages - Juvenile Fiction - Computers & Digital Media – Ages 8-12 years – Diversity - August 10, 2021 When Ash gets kicked off her school's news show, she becomes a renegade reporter--and makes a big discovery about technology and her fellow students' privacy.

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Hush-a-Bye by Jody Lee Mott – 9780593206782 - Viking Books - \$22.99 – Hardcover – 256 pages - Juvenile Fiction – Horror – Ages 8-12 years – Debut Author - August 24, 2021

A delightfully creepy story perfect for the middle school set! Hush-a-Bye is an old, broken doll found by Lucy and her sister in the woods. It seems to possess extraordinary powers, but will it use them for good or evil?



Tell Me When You Feel Something by Vicki Grant 9780735270091 - Penguin Teen - \$21.99 - Hardcover - 272 pages - Young Adult Fiction - Thrillers & Suspense - Ages 14 and up - June 15, 2021 The perfect after-school job turns deadly for teens working as simulated patients at the local med school. Everyone has something to hide and no one is safe in this contemporary YA thriller that exposes the dark reality of #MeToo in the world of medicine, for fans of Karen McManus and Holly Jackson.



Eat Your Heart Out by Kelly Devos – 9780593204825 – Razorbill - \$23.99 - Hardcover – 352 pages - Young Adult Fiction – Zombies – Ages 12 and up - June 29, 2021

Shaun of the Dead meets Dumplin' in this bitingly funny YA thriller about a kickass group of teens battling a ravenous group of zombies. In the next few hours, one of three things will happen. 1--We'll be rescued (unlikely) 2--We'll freeze to death (maybe) 3--We'll be eaten by thin and athletic zombies (odds: excellent)



Heartbreakers and Fakers by Cameron Lund – 9780593114940 – Razorbill - \$24.99 – Hardcover – 352 pages - Young Adult Fiction - Romance – Contemporary – Ages 14 and up - June 8, 2021

Penny Harris just ruined her life. She kissed Kai Tanaka. Jordan breaks up with her, her best friend Olivia hates her and breaks up with Kai, so when Kai comes up with the idea to convince their friends that they really do have feelings for each other, she says yes. Maybe seeing Penny and Kai together will make Jordan and Olivia change their minds. But, soon Penny starts to question whether she's truly faking it with Kai.



From Little Tokyo, With Love by Sarah Kuhn – 9780593327487 - Viking Books - \$24.99 - Hardcover – 400 pages - Young Adult Fiction - Romance – Contemporary – Ages 14 and up – Diversity - May 11, 2021 Celebrated author Sarah Kuhn reinvents the modern fairy tale in this intensely personal yet hilarious novel of a girl whose search for a storybook ending takes her to unexpected places in both her beloved LA neighborhood and her own guarded heart.



Some Girls Do by Jennifer Dugan - 9780593112533 - Putnam - \$23.99 - Hardcover - 336 pages - Young Adult Fiction - Romance - LGBT - Ages 12 and up - #ownvoices - May 18, 2021

In this YA contemporary queer romance from the author of Hot Dog Girl, an openly gay track star falls for a closeted, bisexual teen beauty queen with a penchant for fixing up old cars.



The Taking of Jake Livingston by Ryan Douglass – 9781984812537 – Putnam - \$23.99 – Hardcover – 308 pages - Young Adult Fiction - People & Places - African American – Ages 12 and up – Debut Author - LGBTQ+ - Diversity - July 13, 2021

16-year-old Jake Livingston sees dead people everywhere. But, he can't decide what's worse: being a medium forced to watch the dead play out their last moments on a loop or being at the mercy of racist teachers as one of the few Black students at St. Clair Prep. Unfortunately, life as a medium is getting worse. In life, Sawyer was a troubled teen who shot and killed six kids at a local high school before taking his own life. Now he's a powerful, vengeful ghost and he has plans for Jake. High school soon becomes a different kind of survival game--one Jake is not sure he can win.

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I Really Want to Win by Simon Philip, Illus. by Lucia Gaggiotti – Scholastic Inc. – 9781338680515 – HC – \$23.99 – Picture Book / Sports & Recreation – 40 pp. – May 2021 – Ages 3-5

Perfect for fans of mischievous storytime favourites like *Pig the Pug*, *The Bad Seed*, and *Eloise* comes a winning story about a spunky heroine and her sidekick pup who are ready to WIN! Playfully tackling themes of competition, good sportsmanship, and being a fair loser (and winner!), *I Really Want to Win* joyfully reminds readers that, sometimes, winning isn't everything.



Lace up your shoes and get ready for race day with Canada's 2019 Athlete of the Year, Andre De Grasse! Find out what it was like for him as an underdog, and how he motivates himself to face every challenge, in this inspiring celebration of sport. Filled with full-colour photos and illustrations, this book covers themes of reflection, mindfulness and gratitude sure to motivate all kinds of readers. Click to read the Digital F&G.



A gentle friendship story that celebrates small acts of kindness! Lyrical text is infused with Ruth Ohi's signature energy, humour, and depth. This touching story of friendship is a great reminder of the power of kindness and empathy in building community. Click to read the <u>Digital F&G</u>.



Wishes by Muon Thi Van, Illus. by Victo Ngai – Scholastic Inc. – 9781338305890 – HC – \$24.99 – Picture Book / People & Places – 40 pp. – May 2021 – Ages 4-8

An arresting, poetic journey and a moving reflection on immigration, family, and home, from an acclaimed creative team. With themes of kindness, bravery, hope, and love running throughout, *Wishes* is a must-have book for every child's bookshelf.



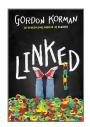
Last Gate of the Emperor by Kwame Mbalia & Prince Joel Makonnen – Scholastic Inc. – 9781338665857 – HC – \$23.99 – Juvenile Fiction / Science Fiction – 304 pp. – May 2021 – Ages 8-12

From Kwame Mbalia and Prince Joel Makonnen comes an Afrofuturist adventure about a mythical Ethiopian empire, combining sci-fi and fantasy in an epic journey to the stars. Yared is a star player of the underground augmented reality game *The Hunt for Kaleb's Obelisk*. But when a change in the game's rules prompts Yared to log in under his real name, it triggers an attack that rocks his city. Together with his bionic lioness pet Besa and the Ibis – a game rival turned reluctant ally – Yared must search for his missing uncle... and answers to his place in a forgotten, galaxy-spanning war.



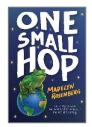
Force of Fire (A Kingdom Beyond Novel) by Sayantani DasGupta – Scholastic Inc. – 9781338636642 – HC – \$23.99 – Juvenile Fiction / Fantasy & Magic – 368 pp. – May 2021 – Ages 8-12

Pinki hails from a long line of rakkhosh resisters, demons who have spent years building interspecies relationships, working together to achieve their goal of overthrowing the snakey oppressors and taking back their rights. But Pinki is more concerned with maintaining her social status as the fiercest rakkosh in her class than engaging in a revolution. Then Prince Sesha, the charming son of the Serpentine Governor, calls on Pinki for help in defeating the resistance, promising to give her what she most desires in return -- the ability to control her fire.



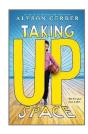
Linked by Gordon Korman — Scholastic Inc. – 9781338629118 – HC – \$23.99 – Juvenile Fiction / Prejudice & Racism – 256 pp. – July 2021 – Ages 8-12

Link, Michael, and Dana live in a quiet town. But it's woken up very quickly when someone sneaks into school and vandalizes it with a swastika. Nobody can believe it. How could such a symbol of hate end up in the middle of their school? Who would do such a thing? With *Linked*, Gordon Korman, the author of the acclaimed novel Restart, poses a mystery for all readers where the *who did it*? isn't nearly as important as the *why*?



One Small Hop by Madelyn Rosenberg – Scholastic Inc. – 9781338565614 – HC – \$23.99 – Juvenile Fiction / Science & Nature – 256 pp. – May 2021 – Ages 8-12

When Ahab and his friends find a bullfrog in their town – possibly the last bullfrog in North America – they have several options: **A**. Report it to the Environmental Police Force. **B**. Leave it be. **C.** Find another real, live bullfrog on the black market. Convince their parents to let them bike to Canada. Introduce the two frogs. Save all of frogkind. Ahab convinces the rest of the group that C is their only real option. Because if they don't save this frog, who will?



Taking Up Space by Alyson Gerber – Scholastic Inc. – 9781338186000 – HC – \$23.99 – Juvenile Fiction / Self-Esteem & Self-Reliance – 272 pp. – May 2021 – Ages 8-12 Sarah loves basketball more than anything. Crushing it on the court makes her feel like she matters. And it's the only thing that helps her ignore how much it hurts when her mom forgets to feed her. But lately Sarah can't even play basketball right. She's worried that changing herself back to how she used to be is the only way she can take control over what's happening. *Taking Up Space* promises to be a realistic and compelling story about struggling with body image and learning that true self-esteem comes from within.



Simone Breaks All the Rules by Debbie Rigaud – Scholastic Inc. – 9781338681727 – HC – \$24.99 – Young Adult Fiction / Family – 320 pp. – June 2021 – Age 12+

It's senior year, and Simone Thibodeaux is ready to shake things up. Until now, her life has been sealed in a boy-proof container, thanks to her strict Haitian immigrant parents. So Simone and her fellow late-bloomer friends make a Senior Year Bucket List of all the things they haven't had a chance to do. But as the list takes on a life of its own, things get much more complicated than Simone expected. She'll have to discover which rules are worth breaking, and which might save her from heartbreak.



The Ghosts We Keep by Mason Deaver – Scholastic Inc. – 9781338593341 – HC – \$24.99 – Young Adult Fiction / Death, Grief, Bereavement – 336 pp. – June 2021 – Ages 14+

Everything happens for a reason. At least that's what everyone keeps telling Liam Cooper after his older brother Ethan is killed suddenly in a hit-and-run. Liam finds themself spending time with Ethan's best friend, Marcus, who might just be the only person that seems to know exactly what they're going through—for better and for worse. The Ghosts We Keep is an achingly honest portrayal of grief, but it is also about why we live.



The Girl from the Sea by Molly Knox Ostertag – Scholastic Inc. – 9781338540574 – PB – \$19.99 – Young Adult Fiction / Graphic Novel / Fantasy – 256 pp. – June 2021 – Ages 12+ Fifteen-year-old Morgan has a secret: she's desperate to finish high school and escape her small Nova Scotian town, her volatile little brother, and worst of all, her great group of friends...who don't understand Morgan at all. Then one night, Morgan is saved from drowning by a mysterious girl named Keltie. And as the girls start to fall in love, everything they're each trying to hide will find its way to the surface...whether Morgan is ready or not. Simultaneous HC (9781338540581, \$34.99)

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