

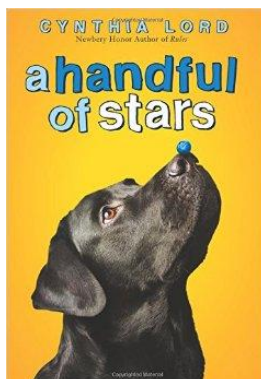
*Ruby on the Outside*  
by Nora Raleigh Baskin

Ruby tries to cope with her mother living apart from her...in prison.



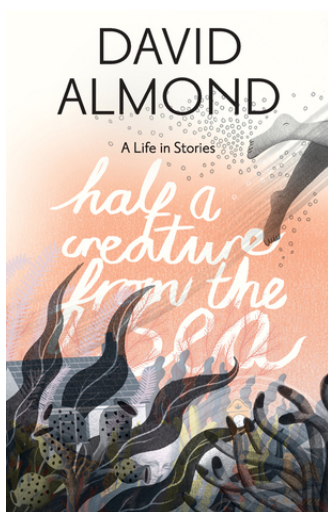
*Bayou Magic* by Jewell Parker Rhodes

It's Maddy's turn to spend her summer in the Louisiana Bayou with her weird Grandma. Bugs, gators, and a stinky outhouse await her--and so do a new friend, magic, and mermaids...



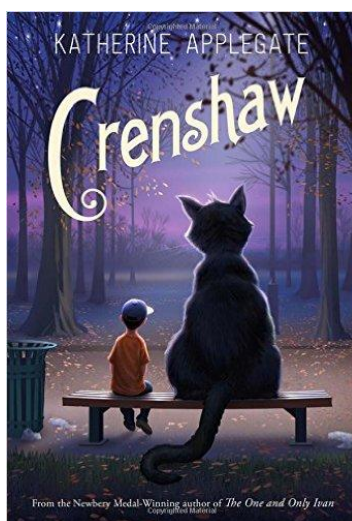
*A Handful of Stars* by Cynthia Lord

Two girls from different backgrounds build a lasting friendship on the coast of Maine.



*Half a Creature from the Sea*  
by David Almond

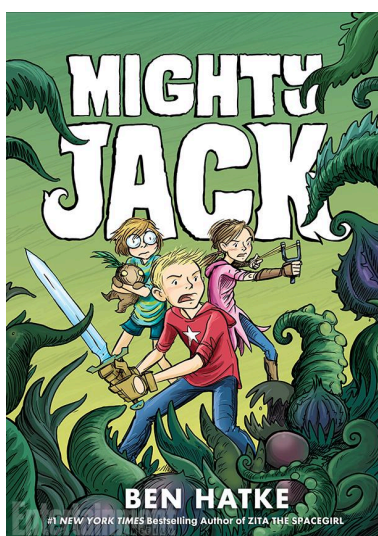
David Almond tells short stories inspired by his growing up in a small town in England. Before every story he gives a little memory of his own life that sparked the story.



Jackson noticed several odd things about the surfing cat. Wait! What?

Jackson's imaginary friend from the past returns for a visit.

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*Mighty Jack* by Ben Hatke  
Graphic Novel

Jack's mom works really hard. Too hard. He wants to find a job to help the family, but is unsure what to do. Then, a strange man at a flea market gives him something that will change his life forever--a magic bean.