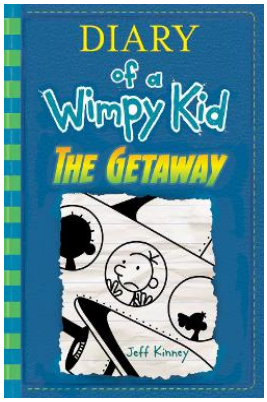
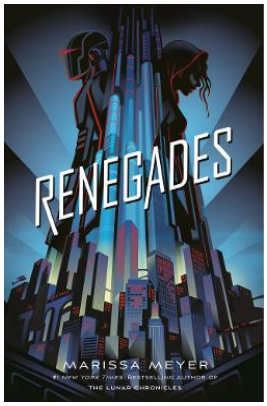
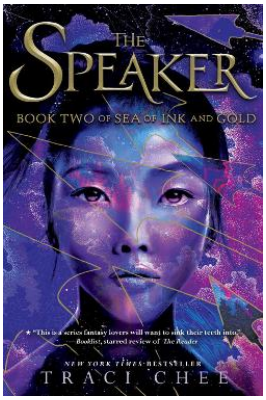
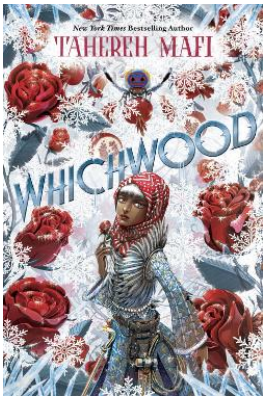
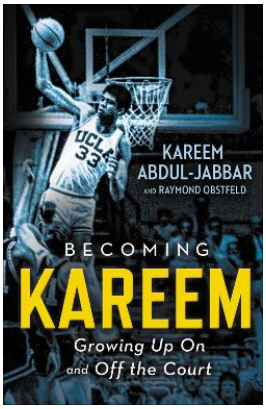
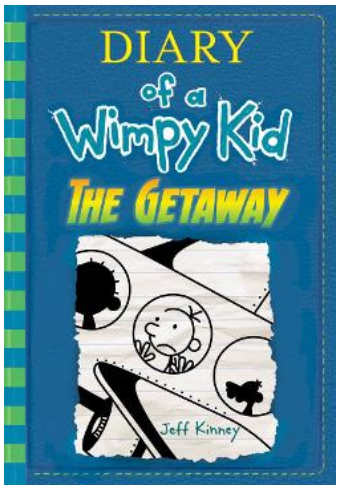
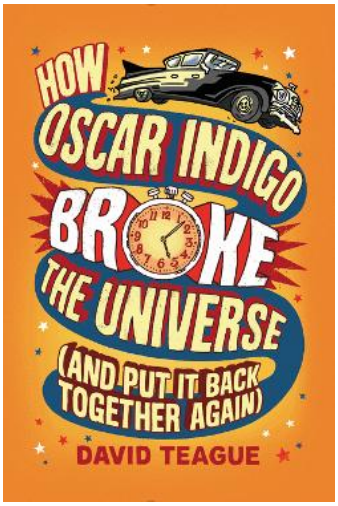
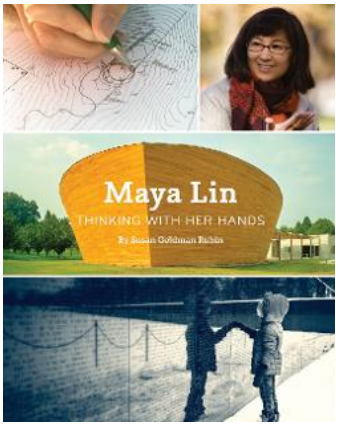
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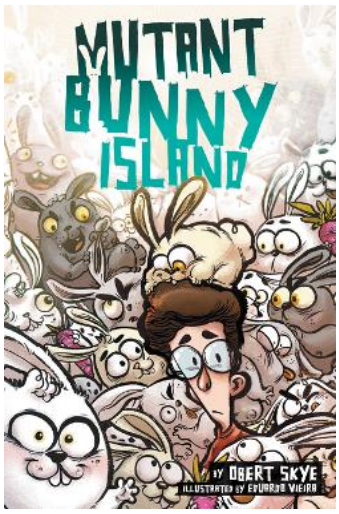
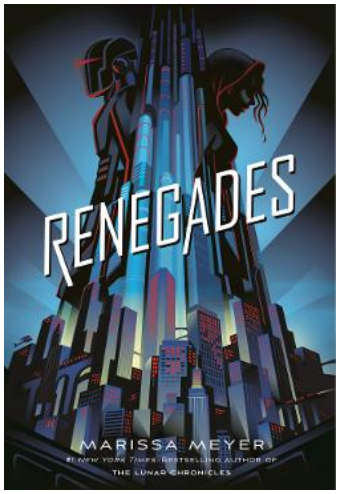
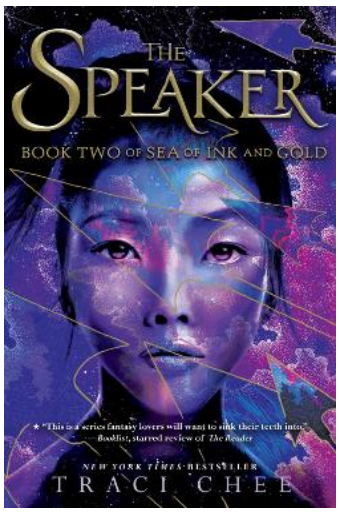
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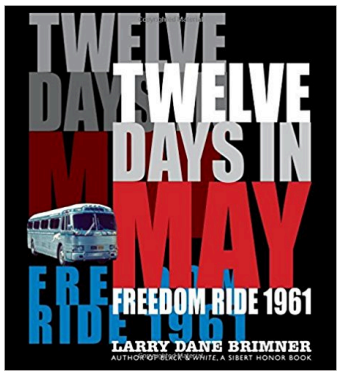
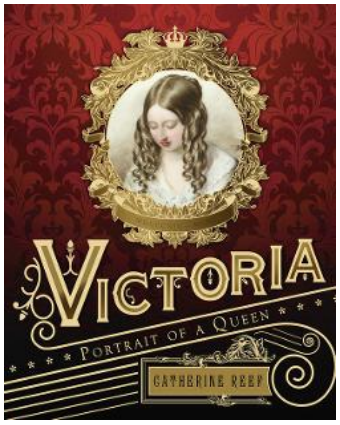
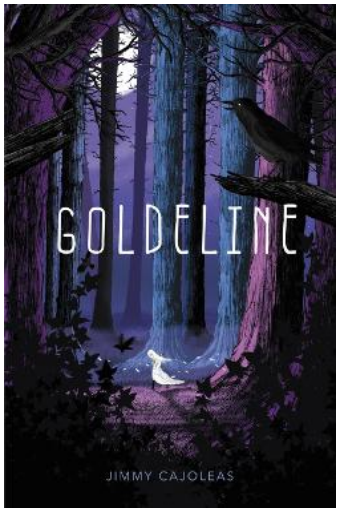
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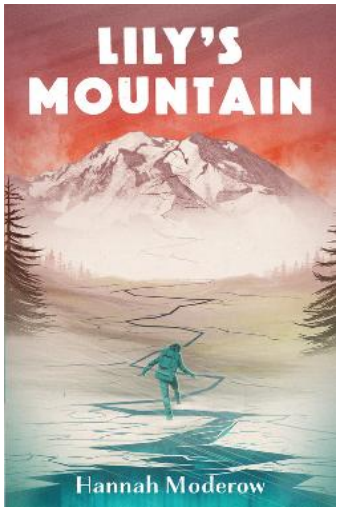
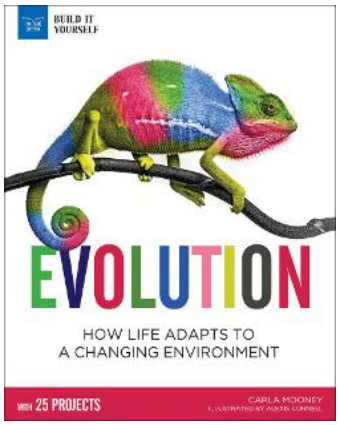
				
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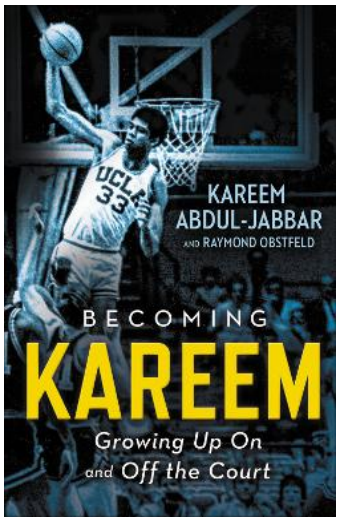
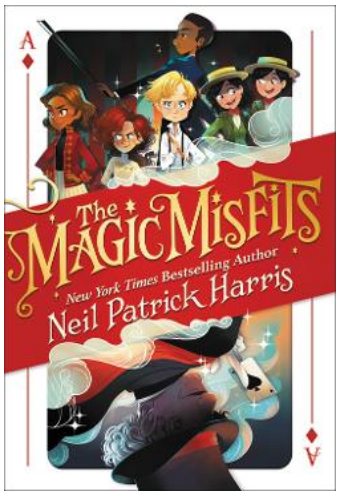
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 *978-1-41972-545-6*	***The Getaway (Diary of a Wimpy Kid #12)*** - Jeff Kinney **11-7-2017**	Humor Family vacations	With the cold weather and the stress of the approaching holiday season, the Heffleys decide to escape to a tropical island resort for some much-needed rest and relaxation. A few days in paradise should do wonders for Greg and his frazzled family. But the Heffleys soon discover that paradise isn't everything it's cracked up to be. Sun poisoning, stomach troubles, and venomous critters all threaten to ruin the family's vacation. Can their trip be saved, or will this island getaway end in disaster?

 *978-0-06-232470-2*	***Here We Are Now*** - Jasmine Warga **11-7-2017**	Realistic fiction Grief and loss	Taliah Sahar Abdallat lives and breathes music. Songs have always helped Tal ease the pain of never having known her father. Her mother, born in Jordan and very secretive about her past, won't say a word about who her dad really was. But when Tal finds a shoebox full of old letters from Julian Oliver--yes, the indie rock star Julian Oliver--she begins to piece the story together.
 *978-0-06-237749-4*	***How Oscar Indigo Broke the Universe (And Put It Back Together Again)*** - David Teague **11-7-2017**	Action adventure Baseball	Oscar Indigo has never been good at baseball, so naturally he's nervous when he has to fill in for his team's injured All-Star, Lourdes. Luckily, Oscar has a mysterious gold watch that can stop time, which he uses to fake a game-winning home run. Now Oscar's the underdog hero of his town and even Lourdes wants to be his friend. But the universe is a precarious place, and you can't just steal time without any consequences. If Oscar doesn't find a way to return the time he stole, the universe will unwind completely.
 *978-1-45210-837-7*	***Maya Lin: Thinking with Her Hands*** - Susan Goldman Rubin **11-7-2017**	Nonfiction Biography Artists	The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., is one of the most famous pieces of civic architecture in the world. But most people are not as familiar with the reserved college student who entered and won the design competition to build it. This accessible biography tells the story of Maya Lin, from her struggle to stick with her vision of the memorial to the wide variety of works she has created since then.

 *978-0-06-239912-0*	***Mutant Bunny Island*** - Obert Skye **11-7-2017**	Humor Mystery	Perry Owens has learned everything he needs to know from comic books. So when Perry receives a troubling message from his favorite uncle, Zeke, he knows exactly what's wrong. Obviously, evil newts wearing trench coats must have kidnapped Zeke. Now they're holding him hostage somewhere on Bunny Island, the remote vacation destination that Zeke calls home.
 *978-1-25004-466-2*	***Renegades [The Gatlon School for Vigilantes]*** - Marissa Meyer **11-7-2017**	Fantasy Science fiction	The Renegades are a syndicate of prodigies--humans with extraordinary abilities--who emerged from the ruins of a crumbled society and established peace and order where chaos reigned. Nova has a reason to hate the Renegades, and she is on a mission for vengeance. As she gets closer to her target, she meets Adrian, a Renegade boy who believes in justice--and in Nova. But Nova's allegiance is to the villains who have the power to end them both.
 *978-0-399-17678-4*	***The Speaker (Sea of Ink and Gold #2)*** - Traci Chee **11-7-2017**	Fantasy Action adventure	Having barely escaped the clutches of the Guard, Sefia and Archer are back on the run, slipping into the safety of the forest to tend to their wounds and plan their next move. Haunted by painful memories, Archer struggles to overcome the trauma of his past with the impressors, whose cruelty plagues him whenever he closes his eyes. But when Sefia and Archer happen upon a crew of impressors in the wilderness, Archer finally finds a way to combat his nightmares: by hunting impressors and freeing the boys they hold captive.

 *978-1-62979-586-7*	***Twelve Days in May: Freedom Ride 1961*** - Larry Dane Brimner **11-7-2017**	Nonfiction Civil Rights Movement	On May 4, 1961, a group of thirteen black and white civil rights activists launched the Freedom Ride, aiming to challenge the practice of segregation on buses and at bus terminal facilities in the South. The Ride would last twelve days. The thirteen Freedom Riders intended to test the laws and draw attention to the lack of enforcement with their peaceful protest. As the Riders traveled deeper into the South, they encountered increasing violence and opposition.
 *978-0-544-71614-8*	***Victoria: Portrait of a Queen*** - Catherine Reef **11-7-2017**	Nonfiction Biography Royalty	Victoria woke one morning at the age of eighteen to discover that her uncle had died and she was now queen. She went on to rule for sixty-three years, with an influence so far-reaching that the decades of her reign now bear her name--the Victorian period. Victoria is filled with the exciting comings and goings of royal life: intrigue and innuendo, scheming advisors, and assassination attempts, not to mention plenty of passion and discord.
 *978-0-06-249875-5*	**Goldeline** - Jimmy Cajoleas **11-14-2017**	Fantasy Classic retellings Action adventure	In the wild, free woods of the Hinterlands, where magic is as real as stories are, Goldeline travels from camp to camp with Gruff and his bandits, getting by on the things they steal from carriages that pass through the woods. But someone is after Goldeline. Now Goldeline must summon all the courage and magic she got from her momma to escape her pursuers, save her friends, and maybe even find a place to call home.

 *978-0-544-97800-3*	***Lily's Mountain*** - Hannah Moderow **11-14-2017**	Action adventure Survival Mountain climbing	Lily refuses to believe what everyone else accepts to be true: that her father has died while climbing Denali, the highest mountain in North America. Lily has grown up hiking in the Alaskan wilderness with her dad. He's an expert climber. There's no way he would let something like this happen. So instead of grieving, Lily decides to rescue him. Her plan takes her to Denali and on a journey that tests her physically and emotionally.
 *978-1-10199-479-5*	***Whichwood (Furthermore #2)*** - Tahreh Mafi **11-14-2017**	Fantasy Adventure	Laylee can barely remember the happier times before her beloved mother died. Before her father, driven by grief, lost his wits (and his way) and she was left as the sole remaining mordeshoor in the village of Whichwood, destined to spend her days scrubbing the skins and souls of the dead in preparation for the afterlife. But soon, a pair of familiar strangers appear, and Laylee's world is turned upside down as she rediscovers color, magic, and the healing power of friendship.
 *978-1-61930-597-7*	***Evolution: How Life Adapts to a Changing Environment With 25 Projects*** - Carla Mooney **11-15-2017**	Nonfiction Science	Why do humans walk on two legs? Why do fish have gills? This book explores the theory of evolution, its history, how we think it works, examples of creatures who have evolved in response to specific circumstances, and what this might mean for the future of our planet.

 *978-0-316-55538-8*	***Becoming Kareem*** - Kareem Abdul Jabbar **11-21-2017**	Nonfiction Autobiography Basketball	At one time, Lew Alcindor was just another kid from New York City with all the usual problems: He struggled with fitting in, with pleasing a strict father, and with overcoming shyness that made him feel socially awkward. But with a talent for basketball, and an unmatched team of supporters, Lew Alcindor was able to transform and to become Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.
 *978-0-316-43984-8*	***The Magic Misfits*** - Neil Patrick Harris **11-21-2017**	Fantasy Magic Humor Codes & ciphers	When street magician Carter runs away, he never expects to find friends and magic in a sleepy New England town. But like any good trick, things change instantly as greedy B.B. Bosso and his crew of crooked carnies arrive to steal anything and everything they can get their sticky fingers on. After a fateful encounter with the local purveyor of illusion, Dante Vernon, Carter teams up with five other like-minded illusionists. Together, using both teamwork and magic, they'll set out to save the town of Mineral Wells from Bosso's villainous clutches.

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