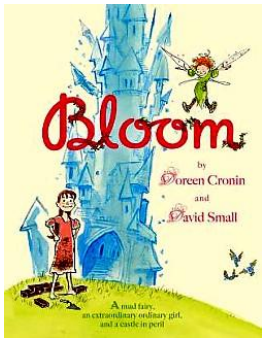
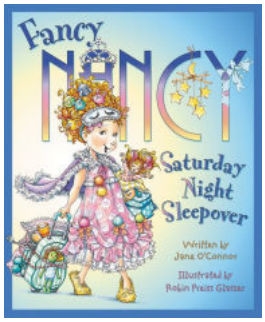
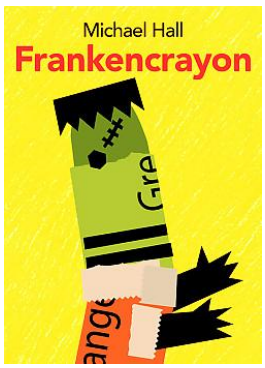
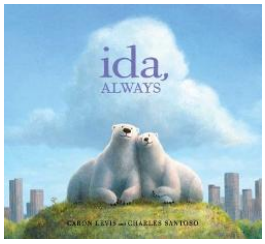
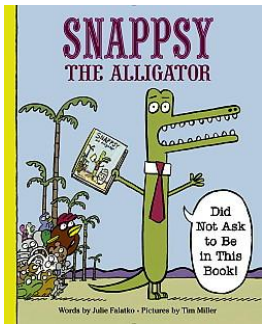
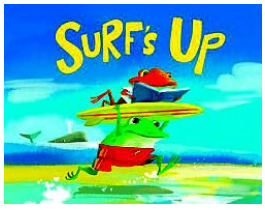
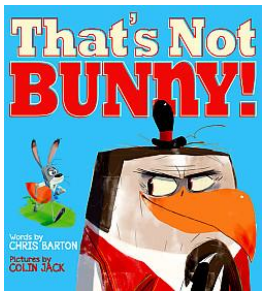
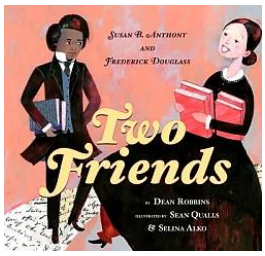
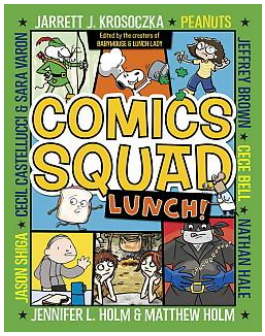
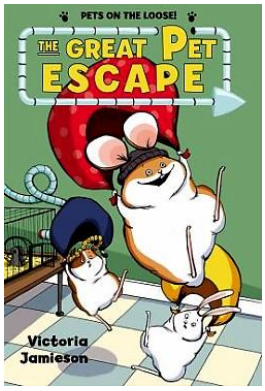
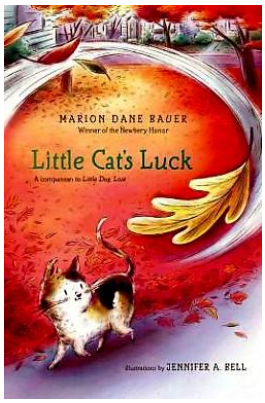
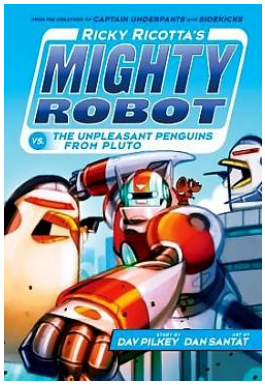
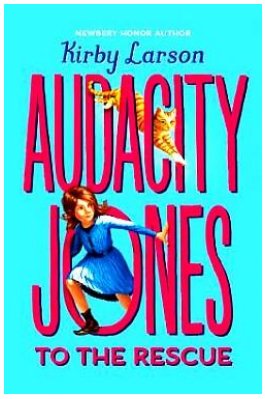
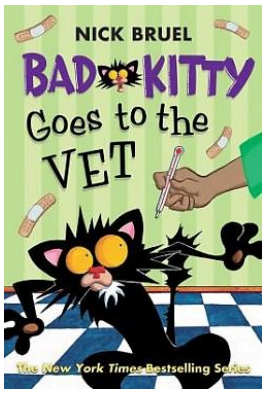
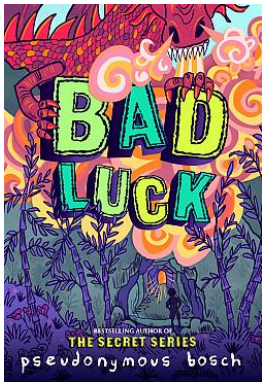
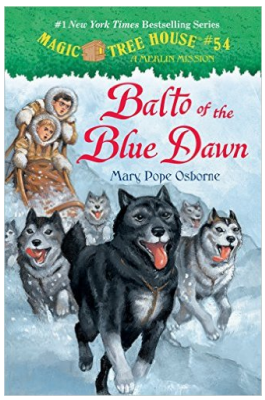
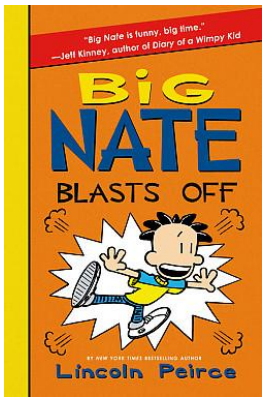
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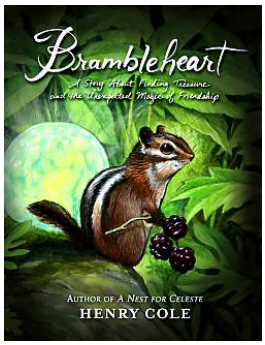
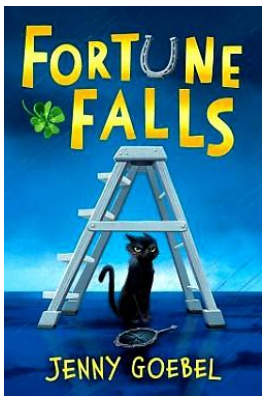
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Picture Books				
	*Ballet Cat Dance! Dance! Underpants!*	Bob Shea	2-2-2016	This second entry in the Ballet Cat series will have beginning readers rolling on the floor with laughter.
	*Bloom*	Doreen Cronin	2-9-2016	From #1 New York Times bestselling author Doreen Cronin and Caldecott Medal–winning illustrator David Small comes a picture book about how an extraordinary "ordinary" girl can save a kingdom with the help of a mud fairy.
	*Fancy Nancy : Saturday Night Sleepover*	Jane O'Connor	2-2-2016	When JoJo and Nancy plan to stay overnight with Mrs. Devine, Jojo is scared, but when the night actually comes along, it is Nancy who needs her little sister to calm her down.
	*Frankencrayon*	Michael Hall	1-26-2016	The crayons are ready to tell the thrilling tale of *Frankencrayon*. The costumes are made, the roles are cast, the pages are all set—but then disaster strikes. Someone has scribbled on the page! Hideous! Horrifying!

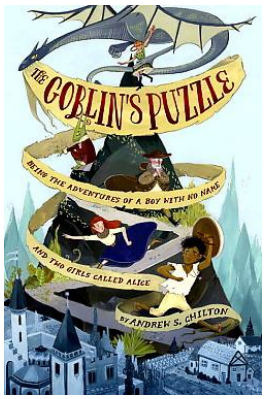
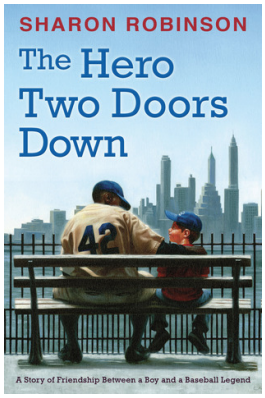
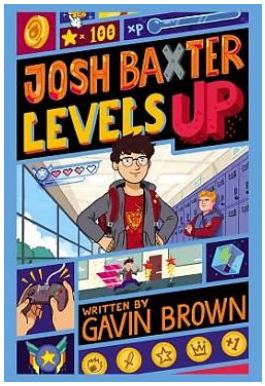
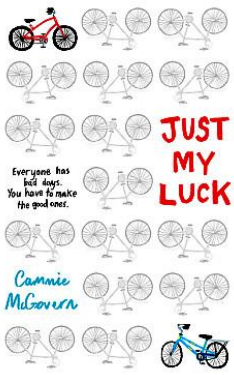
	*Ida Always*	Caron Levis	2-23-2016	A polar bear grieves over the loss of his companion, based on the real-life Gus and Ida of New York's Central Park Zoo.
	*Snappsy the Alligator (Did Not Ask to Be in This Book)*	Julie Falatko	2-2-2016	Snappsy the alligator is trying to go about his very ordinary day when a pesky narrator steps in to spice up the story with slanderous claims. Is Snappsy making crafty plans? Is he prowling for defenseless birds and soft, fuzzy bunnies? Is Snappsy a big, mean alligator who's obsessed with snack foods that start with the letter P?
	*Surf's Up*	Kwame Alexander	2-1-2016	Surf's up! Not yet, Dude! Books are boring! Not this one! Bro and Dude have very different ideas about how to spend the day at the beach. But as Bro continues to gasp and cheer as he reads his book (Moby Dick), Dude can't help but get curious.
	*That's Not Bunny!*	Chris Barton	2-2-2016	From high above on his perch, Hawk searches for his next meal. When he spots a bunny he swoops down and snatches-a carrot!? How can Hawk be a hawk, if he can't catch a single bunny? As he surveys the assortment of vegetables in his nest, he gets a great idea for baiting the bunny.
	*Two friends : Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass*	Dean Robbins	1-5-2016	This story imagines what it was like when Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass got together for a cup of tea and discussed their struggle for civil rights.
	*The Typewriter*	Bill Thomson	2-23-2016	Using just nine words, the award-winning creator of Chalk takes readers on another unforgettable journey.

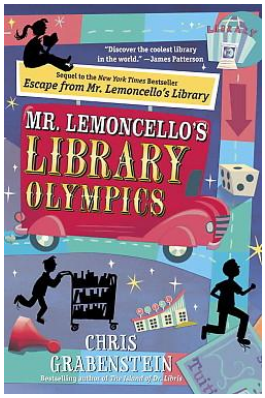
	*When Spring Comes*	Kevin Henkes	2-9-2016	Before spring comes, the trees are dark sticks, the grass is brown, and the ground is covered in snow. But if you wait, leaves unfurl and flowers blossom, the grass turns green, and the mounds of snow shrink and shrink. Spring brings baby birds, sprouting seeds, rain and mud, and puddles.
Graphic Novels				
	*Firelight (Amulet #7)*	Kazu Kibuishi	2-23-2016	Emily, Trellis, and Vigo visit Algos Island, where they can access and enter lost memories. They're hoping to uncover the events of Trellis's mysterious childhood -- knowledge they can use against the Elf King. What they discover is a dark secret that changes everything.
	*Comics Squad Lunch!*	various authors	1-26-2016	All your favorite comic characters are right here in one book, including the Peanuts gang, Babymouse, and Lunch Lady. This all-star tribute to classic Sunday comics includes eight sidesplitting, action-packed stories about every kid's favorite subject--LUNCH!
	*The Great Pet Escape*	Victoria Jamieson	2-16-2016	The class pets at Daisy P. Flugelhorn Elementary School want OUT . . . and GW (short for George Washington), the deceptively cute hamster in the second-grade classroom, is just the guy to lead the way. But when he finally escapes and goes to find his former partners in crime, Barry and Biter, he finds that they actually LIKE being class pets.

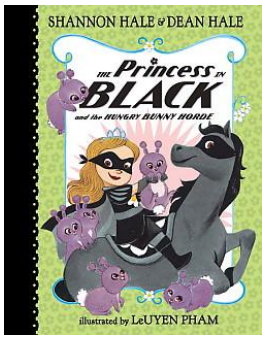
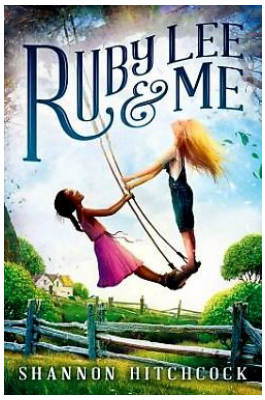
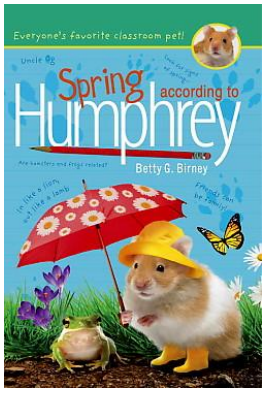
	*Little Cat's Luck*	Marion Dane Bauer	2-9-2016	A little cat named Patches manages to push out a window screen and leave her house, chasing a falling leaf, and sets out to find a special place to call her own in this novel in verse.
	*Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot vs. The Naughty Nightcrawlers From Neptune* *Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot #8*	Dav Pilkey	1-26-2016	Ricky Ricotta and his Mighty Robot build a cool fort, but they are in for a sticky, slimy surprise. Things completely fall apart when Nimrod Nightcrawler, a wicked worm from the planet Neptune, digs a tunnel under Ricky's fort, trapping the Mighty Robot.
	*Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot vs. the Unpleasant Penguins from Pluto* *Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot #9*	Dav Pilkey	2-23-16	Ricky and his Mighty Robot have made a mess. They've been mean to Cousin Lucy, and now they must make it up to her. But their surprise present for Lucy turns into a trap when President Penguin from Pluto plots to take over Earth. Can Ricky, Lucy, and their friends defeat this tiny terror and keep Squeakyville safe?
Chapter Books				
	*Audacity Jones to the Rescue*	Kirby Lawson	1-26-2016	Audacity Jones is an eleven-year-old orphan who aches for adventure, a challenge to break up the monotony of her life at Miss Maisie's School for Wayward Girls. Life as a wayward girl isn't so bad; Audie has the best of friends, a clever cat companion, and plenty of books to read.

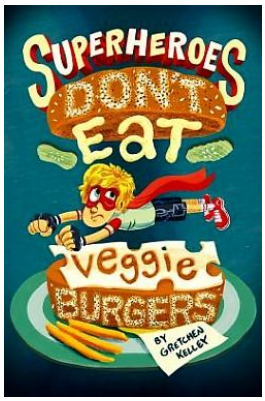
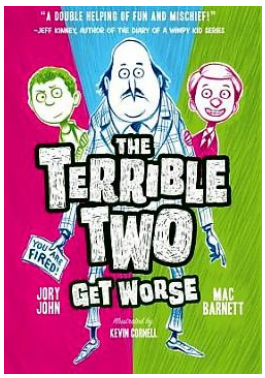
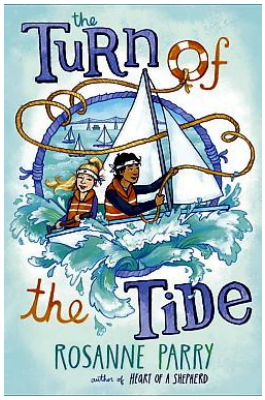
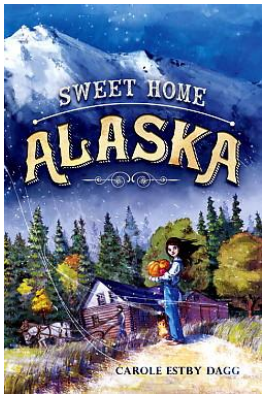
	*Bad Kitty Goes to the Vet*	Nick Bruel	1-5-2016	When Kitty is happy and healthy, everything is perfect. She jumps around, eats everything in sight, and has the energy to keep slobbering puppies in their place. But when she's sick, all she can do is lie in her bed. Looks like it's time for this sick kitty to go... to the vet.
	*Bad Luck* *The Secret Series* ; 2	Pseudonymous Bosch	2-9-2016	At Earth Ranch, things can get a little magical (some might say strange). Intrepid readers will discover a runaway boy, fishy cruise ship, strange cave paintings, dragon-like footprints, and other mysteries that Clay and his friends need to solve.
	*Balto of the Blue Dawn* *Magic Tree House #54*	Mary Pope Osborne	2-16-2016	The magic tree house has returned and it's taking Jack and Annie back in time to Alaska, 1925.
	Big Nate Blasts Off	Lincoln Peirce		For fans of the hilarious Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, here comes the eighth novel in the *New York Times* bestselling series Big Nate.

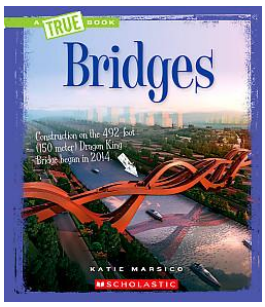
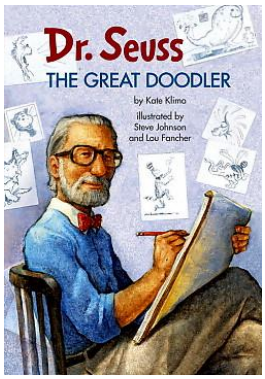
	*Brambleheart*	Henry Cole	2-9-16	In the Hill, animals work as Weavers, Smelters, and Carvers—but Twig doesn't know who he wants to be. He tries very hard in all his classes, but his imagination wanders. After Twig makes a big mistake in front of everyone, he sets out on a secret journey. But as he wanders deeper into the Yard, Twig finds a curious colored globe. A dragon's egg—which hatches in front of his eyes.
	*Escaping Peril* *Wings of Fire, Book 8*	Tui Sutherland	1-5-2016	Peril is possibly the most dangerous dragon in Pyrrhia, because she has firescales that can kill an opponent with a touch, but now she has a mission--find her former queen, Scarlet, who is threatening the Jade Mountain Academy, and then stop her, and she is not sure if the persistent SeaWing, Turtle, who is accompanying her, will be a help or a hindrance.
	*Fortune Falls*	Jenny Goebel	1-5-2016	In Fortune Falls, a magical town where superstitions are real, and all children must pass regular "luck tests" to see if they are worthy, ill-fortuned Sadie has always been deemed as unlucky, and shunted aside for her luckier younger brother--but when she finds an unusually intelligent black cat named Jinx, her fortunes begin to change for the better.
	*Friday Barnes, Girl Detective*	R.A. Spratt	1-19-2016	Imagine if Sherlock Holmes was an eleven-year-old girl! When Friday Barnes, girl genius, solves a bank robbery, she uses the reward money to send herself to Highcrest Academy, the most exclusive boarding school in the country--and discovers it's a hotbed of crime!

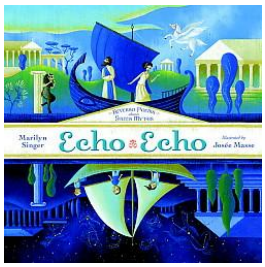
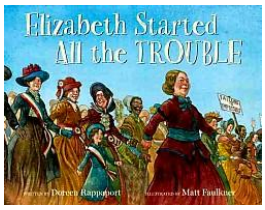
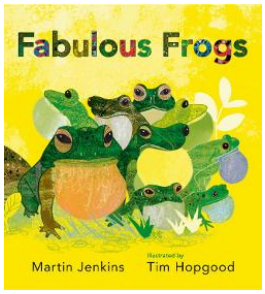
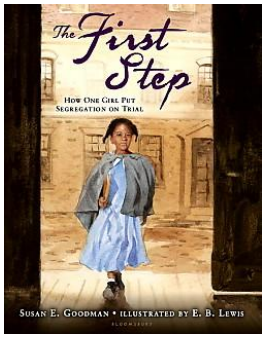
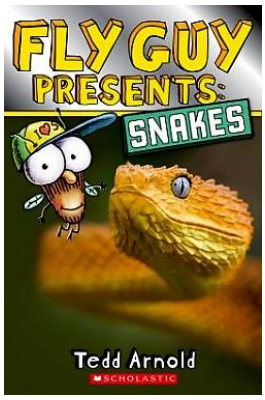
	*The Goblin's Puzzle Being the Adventures of a Boy with No Name and Two Girls Called Alice*	Andrew Chilton	2-19-2016	Brimming with dragons, goblins, and logic puzzles, this middle-grade fantasy adventure is perfect for readers who enjoyed The Princess Bride or Rump.
	*The Hero Two Doors Down: Based on the True Story of Friendship Between a Boy and a Baseball Legend*	Sharon Robinson	1-26-2016	Eight-year-old Steve Satlow is thrilled when Jackie Robinson moves into his Jewish neighborhood in Brooklyn in 1948, although many of his neighbors are not, and when Steve actually meets his hero he is even more excited--and worried that a misunderstanding over a Christmas tree could damage his new friendship.
	*Josh Baxter Levels Up*	Gavin Brown	2-26-2016	From School Library Journal: “Replete with gaming metaphors, the otherwise typical plot of a boy grappling with challenges at home and at school is given fresh appeal. “
	*Just My Luck*	Cammie McGovern	2-23-2016	Fourth grade is not going at all how Benny Barrows hoped. He hasn't found a new best friend. He's still not a great bike rider—even though his brother George, who's autistic, can do tricks. And worst of all, he worries his dad's recent accident might be all his fault. Benny doesn't know how he and his family will overcome all the bad luck that life seems to have thrown their way.

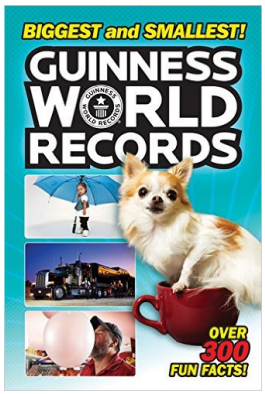
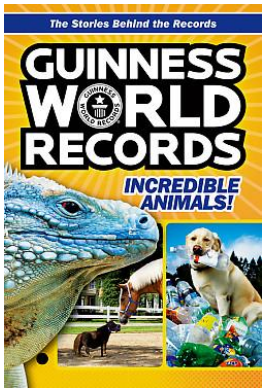
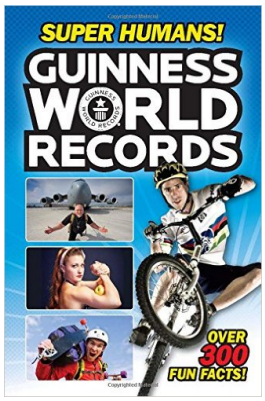
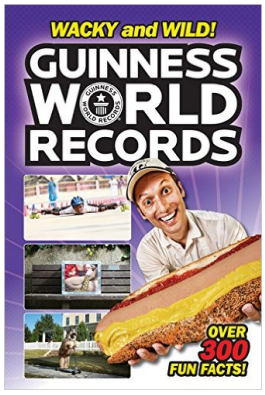
	*The Lincoln Project* *Flashback Four* ; 1	Dan Gutman	2-23-2016	In *New York Times* bestselling author Dan Gutman's all-new series, which blends fascinating real history with an action-packed and hilarious adventure, four very different kids are picked by a mysterious billionaire to travel through time and photograph some of history's most important events.
	*Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics*	Chris Grabenstein	1-5-2016	This time Mr. Lemoncello has invited teams from all across America to compete in the first ever LIBRARY OLYMPICS. Will it be fun? But something suspicious is going on . . . books are missing from Mr. Lemoncello's library. Is someone trying to CENSOR what the kids are reading?! In between figuring out mind-boggling challenges, the kids will have to band together to get to the bottom of this mystery.
	Lucky	Chris Hill	2-23-2016	Lucky is a young red squirrel who was rescued from a hawk, and now must somehow make his home among the Cloudfoot clan of the larger, gray squirrels who live in the city park--and trouble is brewing for the rival gray squirrels known as the Northenders are planning an invasion.
	Paper Wishes	Lois Sepahban	1-5-2016	Ten-year-old Manami did not realize how peaceful her family's life on Bainbridge Island was until the day it all changed. It's 1942, after the attack on Pearl Harbor, and Manami and her family are Japanese American, which means that the government says they must leave their home by the sea and join other Japanese Americans at a prison camp in the desert.

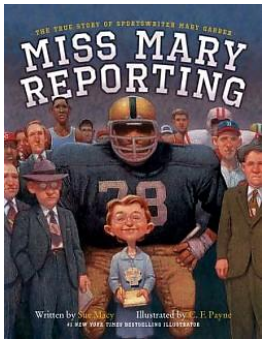
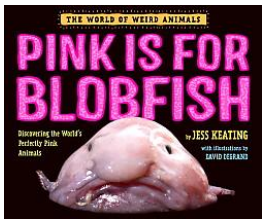
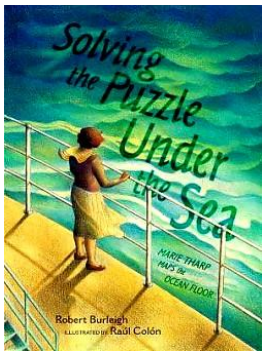
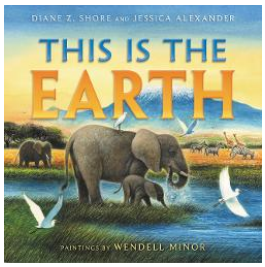
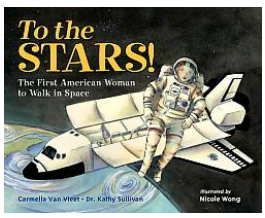
	The Princess in Black and the Hungry Bunny Horde	Shannon Hale	2-9-2016	It's a case of monstrous cuteness as the Princess in Black encounters her biggest challenge yet: a field overrun by adorable bunnies
	Ruby Lee & Me	Shannon Hitchcock	1-5-2016	It's 1969, and while black folks and white folks are cordial, having a black teacher at an all-white school is a strange new happening. For Sarah Beth, there are so many unanswered questions. What is all this talk about Freedom Riders and school integration?
	*Spring According to Humphrey*	Betty G. Birney		To Humphrey and the students at Longfellow School, spring seems impossibly late this year. Fortunately, planning a school Family Fun Night keeps the students (and classroom pets) busy as they look for signs of the changing seasons"--Provided by publisher
	Soar	Joan Bauer	1-5-2016	Jeremiah is the world's biggest baseball fan. He really loves baseball and he knows just about everything there is to know about his favorite sport. So when he's told he can't play baseball following an operation on his heart, Jeremiah decides he'll do the next best thing and become a coach.

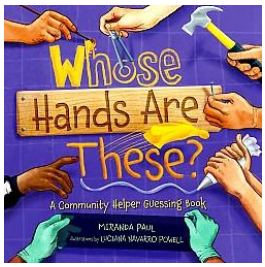
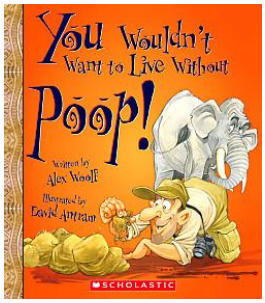
	Superheroes Don't Eat Veggie Burgers	Gretchen Kelley	1-5-2016	A sixth-grade boy's stories about superhero Dude Explodius start changing reality.
	The Terrible Two Get Worse	Mac Barnett	1-12-2016	On their own, pranksters Miles and Niles were pretty devious. Now that they've formed a pranking duo, they're terrible! But their powers will be tested when their favorite nemesis, Principal Barkin, is replaced by his stern and cunning father, Former Principal Barkin.
	The Turn of the Tide	Rosanne Parry	1-12-2016	In Japan, you're always prepared for an earthquake. That's why Kai knows just what to do when the first rumbles shake the earth. And then he does the exact opposite of what you're supposed to do: He runs. And then the tsunami hits. Meanwhile, on the other side of the Pacific, Kai's cousin Jet sets sail off the coast of Astoria, Oregon. She knows she should have checked the tide--she always checks the tide. Except this time she didn't.
	*Sweet Home Alaska*	Carole Estby Dagg	2-2-2016	This exciting pioneering story, based on actual events, introduces readers to a fascinating chapter in American history, when FDR set up a New Deal colony in Alaska to give loans and land to families struggling during the Great Depression.

	*Under Their Skin*	Margaret Peterson Haddix	1-5-2016	From New York Times bestselling author Margaret Peterson Haddix comes the first book in a brand-new thrilling series about twins who are on a quest to discover the secrets being kept by their new family.
	*When Mischief Came to Town*	Katrina Nannestad	1-5-2016	In 1911, when orphaned ten-year-old Inge comes to live with her stern grandmother in a remote island village in Bornholm, Denmark, she ends up changing the climate of the town, bringing joy and laughter to her grandmother's life and finding a new family for herself to help assuage her grief over losing her mother.
Nonfiction				
	*Bridges*	Katie Marsico	2-1-2016	Readers will trace the history of bridges from their invention in ancient times to the construction of today's engineering wonders. They will learn why different bridge shapes are suited to different purposes, how engineers choose which materials to use in bridge construction, and much more.
	*Dr. Seuss: the Great Doodler*	Kate Klimo	1-26-2016	A Biography about Theodor Geisel and his transformation from a doodler into the beloved Dr. Seuss.

	*Echo Echo*	Marilyn Singer	2-16-2016	A new book of unique reversible poems based on Greek myths from the creator of *Mirror Mirror*.
	*Elizabeth Started All the Trouble*	Doreen Rappaport	2-23-2016	A picture book that celebrates female social reformers, including Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, and Sojourner Truth.
	*Fabulous Frogs*	Martin Jenkins	2-23-2016	Looks at all kinds of frogs, from exotic species to the common greenish-brown specimens found in backyards, discussing their characteristics, life cycles, and habitats.
	*The first step : how one girl put segregation on trial*	Susan E. Goodman	1-5-2016	Looks at how in 1847, a young African American girl named Sarah Roberts made history with her case of Roberts versus the City of Boston to outlaw segregated schools.
	*Fly Guy Presents: Snakes*	Tedd Arnold	1-5-2016	Fly Guy and Buzz are going to the zoo to learn all about snakes. With straightforward text, humorous asides, and kid-friendly full-bleed photographs throughout, young readers will love learning about these slithery creature.

	*Guinness World Records: Biggest and Smallest*	Christy Webster	2-2-2016	*Biggest and Smallest!* explores the biggest and smallest records on the planet, from huge hounds and dinky donkeys to supersized snacks and micromachines.
	*Guinness World Records: Incredible Animals*	Christa Roberts	2-2-2016	Features a collection of interesting animal records as recorded by Guinness.
	*Guinness World Records: Super Humans*	Donald Lemke	2-2-2016	*Super Humans! is all about the incredible people who push it to the physical limit.*
	*Guinness World Records: Wacky and Wild*	Calliope Glass	2-2-2016	*Wacky and Wild!* is packed with mind-boggling feats. You'll meet a dog who likes to ride a scooter, an orchestra that plays with vegetable instruments, plus a man who owns more than 1,500 pairs of Converse shoes.

	*Miss Mary reporting -- the true story of sportswriter Mary Garber*	Sue Macy	2-16-2016	Mary Garber was a pioneering sports journalist in a time where women were rarely a part of the newspaper business. Women weren't even allowed to sit in the press boxes at sporting events, so Mary was forced to sit with the coaches' wives. But that didn't stop her.
	*Olinguito, de la A a la Z! = Olinguito, from A to Z! / (Bilingual Spanish-English)*	Lulu Delacre	1-14-2016	With lyrical text in both Spanish and English, we travel to the magical world of a cloud forest in the Andes of Ecuador.
	*Pink is for Blobfish: Discovering the World's Perfectly Pink Animals*	Jess Keating	2-2-16	An informative introduction to the weirdest, wildest, pinkest creatures in the animal kingdom.
	*Solving the Puzzle under the Sea -- Marie Tharp Maps the Ocean Floor / illustrated by Raul Colon*	Robert Burleigh	1-5-2016	Filled with gorgeous illustrations by acclaimed artist Raúl Colón, this illustrated biography shares the story of female scientist, Marie Tharp, a pioneering woman scientist and the first person to ever successfully map the ocean floor.
	*This is the Earth*	Diane ZuHone Shore	2-23-2016	Rhyming text describes how human beings have affected the the environment and shows ways in which we can care for the planet.
	*To the stars! : first American woman to walk in space*	Carmella Van Vleet	1-12-2016	A picture book biography of astronaut Kathryn Sullivan, the first American woman to walk in space.

	*Whose Hands Are These?*	Miranda Pau	1-1-2016	From *Booklist:* This picture book takes a close look at community helpers, inviting readers to identify what profession a helper holds based on what that person does with his or her hands
	*You wouldn't want to live without poop!*	Alex Woolf	2-1-16	Learn why and how animals and people produce poop, and about the many marvellous uses for this misunderstood substance.

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