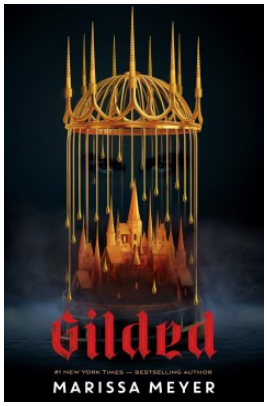
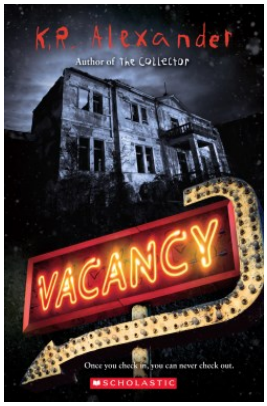
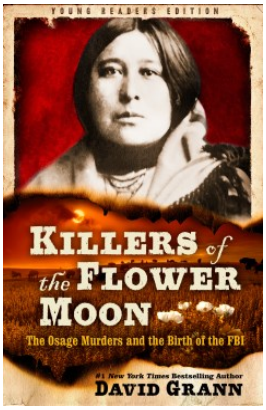
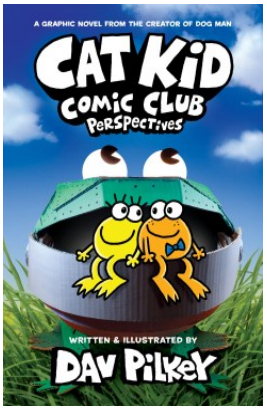
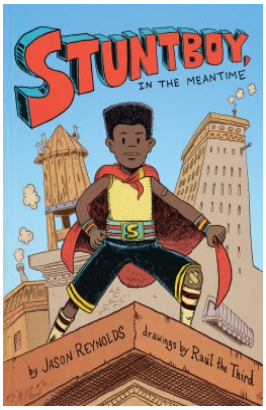
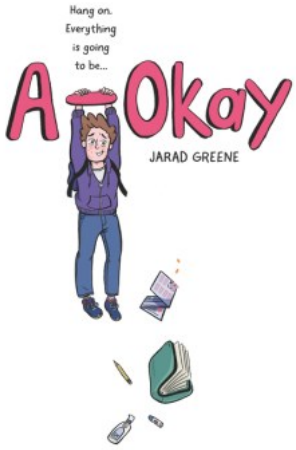
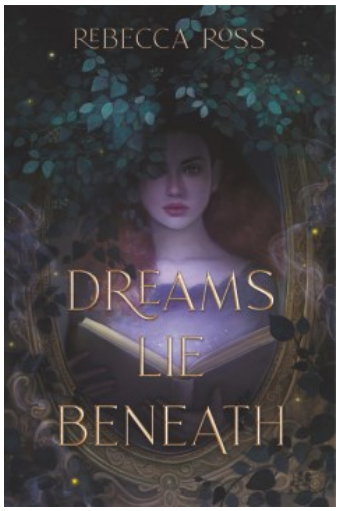
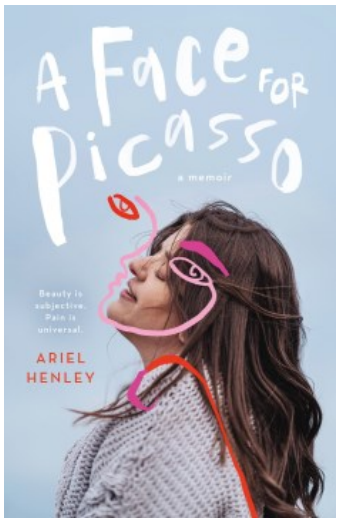
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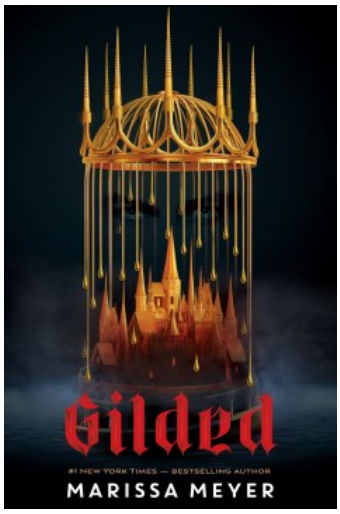
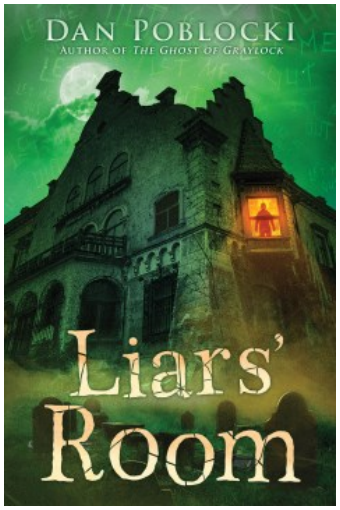
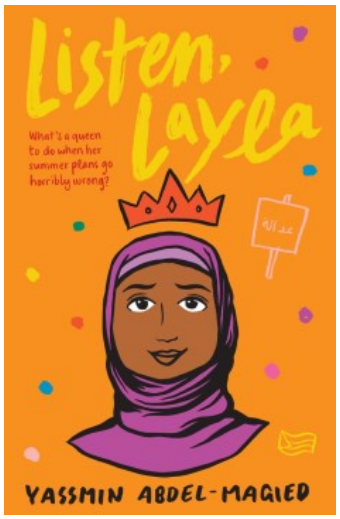
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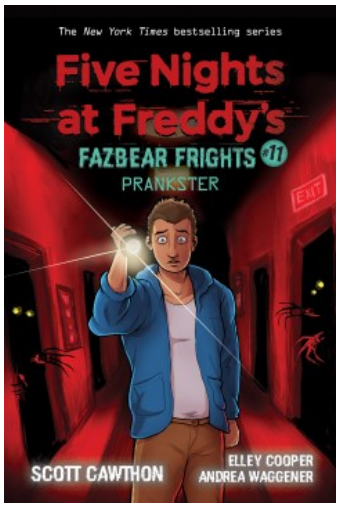
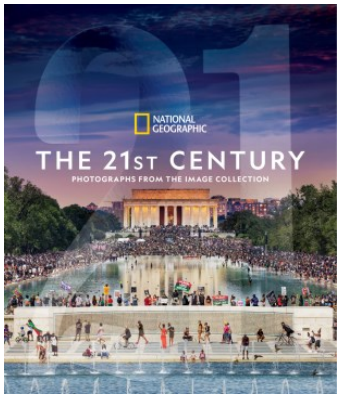
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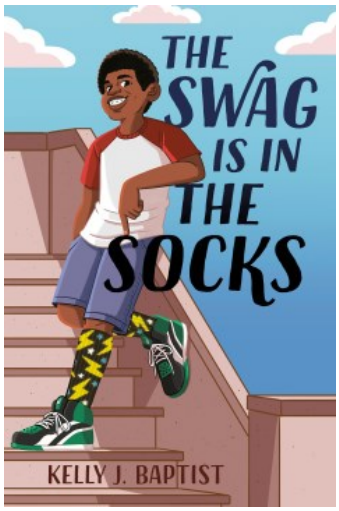
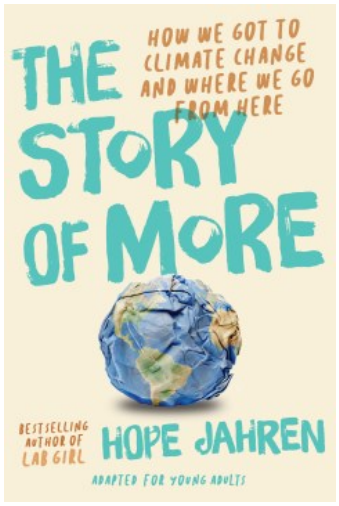
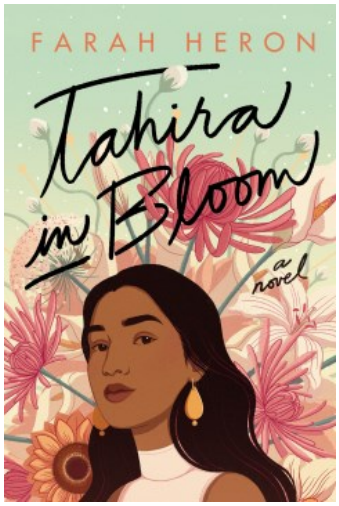
				
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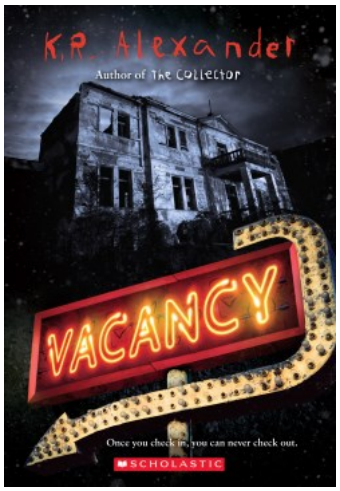
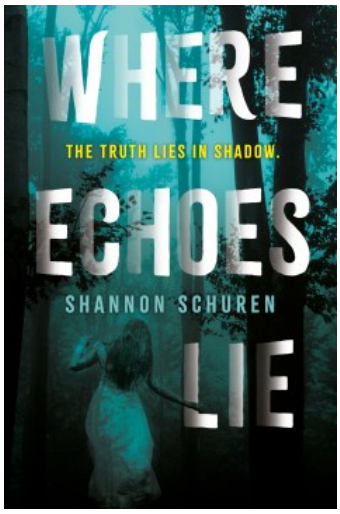
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 *978-0-06-303284-2*	***A-Okay*** - Jarad Greene **11-2-2021**	Graphic novel Memoir Middle School	School isn't going exactly as planned. All of Jay's friends are in different classes; he has no one to sit with at lunch; his best friend, Brace, is avoiding him; and--to top it off--Jay doesn't understand why he doesn't share the same feelings two of his fellow classmates, a boy named Mark and a girl named Amy, have for him. Eighth grade can be tough, but Jay has to believe everything's going to be a-okay...right?

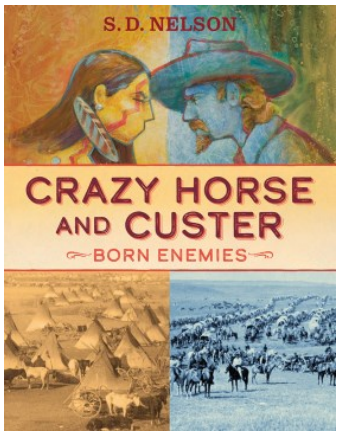
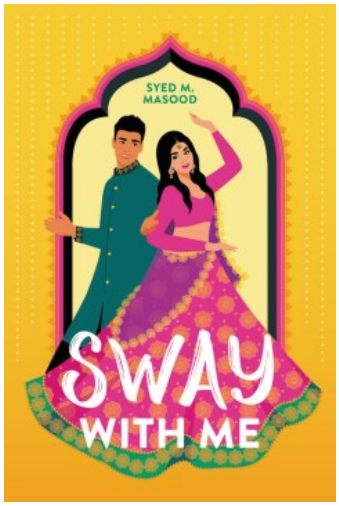
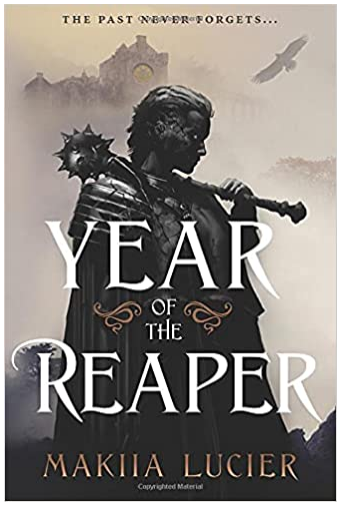
 *978-0-06-301592-0*	***Dreams Lie Beneath*** - Rebecca Ross **11-2-2021**	Fantasy Magic Romance	Clementine Madigan is ready to take over as the warden of her small town, but when two magicians arrive to challenge her, she is unknowingly drawn into a century-old conflict. She seeks revenge, but as she gets closer to Phelan, one of the handsome young magicians, secrets—as well as romance—begins to rise.
 *978-0-374-31407-1*	***A Face for Picasso: Coming of Age with Crouzon Syndrome*** - Ariel Henley **11-2-2021**	Nonfiction Memoir	At only eight months old, identical twin sisters Ariel and Zan were diagnosed with Crouzon syndrome -- a rare condition where the bones in the head fuse prematurely. They were the first twins known to survive it. Ariel explores beauty and identity in her young-adult memoir about resilience, sisterhood, and the strength it takes to put your life, and yourself, back together time and time again.
 *978-0-06-289968-2*	***Faith: Greater Heights*** - Julie Murphy **11-2-2021**	Action adventure Superheroes	Faith Herbert can finally admit that she's not a regular teen—and take advantage of her new flying superpowers. After the chaos of her first semester, Faith just wants to end her senior year in a normal way—enjoying all the hallmarks of graduating high school, like prom, with her best friends Matt and Ches.

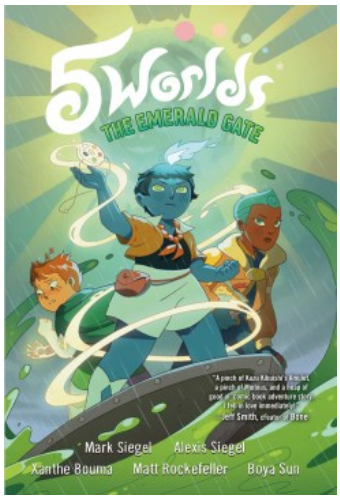
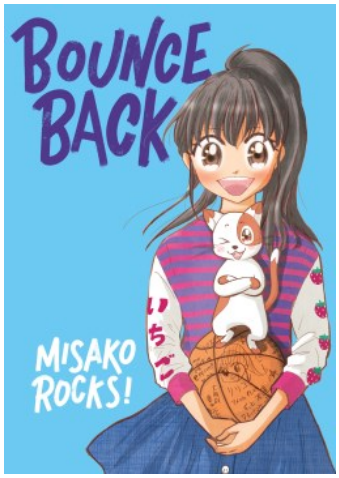
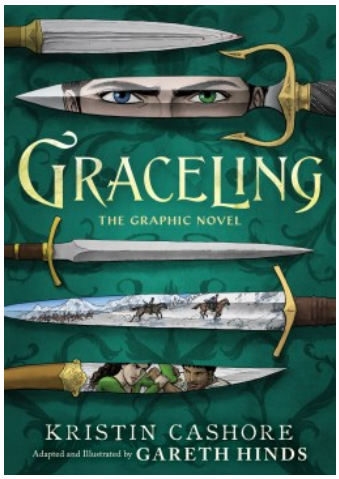
 *978-1-25061-884-9*	***Gilded*** - Marissa Meyer **11-2-2021**	Fantasy Classic retelling	Long ago cursed by the god of lies, a poor miller's daughter has developed a talent for spinning stories that are fantastical and spellbinding and entirely untrue. When one of Serilda's outlandish tales draws the attention of the sinister Erlking and his undead hunters, she finds herself swept away into a grim world where ghouls and phantoms prowl the earth and hollow-eyed ravens track her every move.
 *978-0-545-83007-2*	***Liars' Room*** - Dan Poblocki **11-2-2021**	Horror	Simon is a liar. Stella and Alex know this about their new stepbrother, so they aren't bothered by his stories about their new house. Wildwyck, a former schoolhouse for misbehaved boys, might have plenty of creaks and shadows, but the twins know that ghosts aren't real. But Simon is getting harder and harder to ignore, as his cries for attention become increasingly dangerous and difficult to explain.
 *978-1-76089-606-5*	***Listen, Layla*** - Yassmin Abdel-Magied **11-2-2021**	Realistic fiction Family	Layla's plans are interrupted when her grandmother in Sudan falls ill and the family rushes to be with her. The last time Layla went to Sudan she was only a young child. Now she feels torn between her Sudanese and Australian identities. As political tensions in Sudan erupt, so too do tensions between Layla and her family. Layla is determined not to lose her place in the invention team, but will she go against her parents' wishes? What would a Kandaka do?

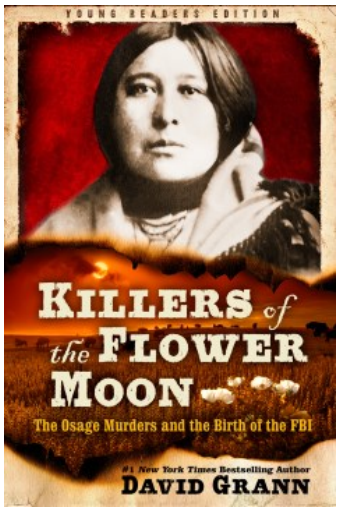
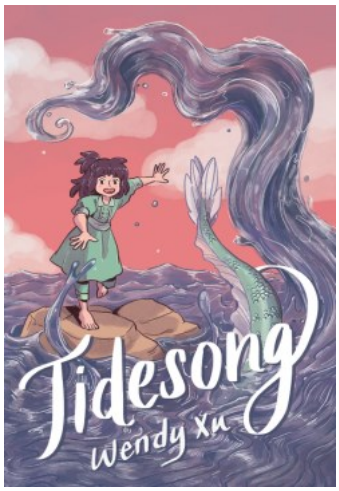
 *978-1-33874-120-9*	***Prankster*** *(Five Nights at Freddy's: Fazbear Frights #11)* - Scott Cawthon **11-2-2021**	Horror	Presents three novella-length tales of horror set in the world of *Five nights at Freddy's*. Prankster / Elley Cooper -- Kids at play / Andrea Waggener -- Find player two! / Andrea Waggener.
 *978-1-42622-237-5*	***National Geographic The 21st Century: Photographs From the Image Collection*** - National Geographic **11-2-2021**	Nonfiction	The best photographs of the first 21 years of the 21st century take center stage in this incredible volume of National Geographic's world-famous imagery.
 *978-0-316-45900-6*	***Passport*** - Sophia Glock **11-2-2021**	Graphic novel Nonfiction Memoir	An unforgettable graphic memoir by debut talent Sophia Glock reveals her discovery as a teenager that her parents are agents working for the CIA.

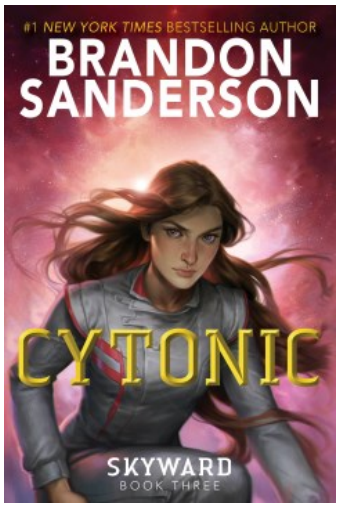
 *978-0-593-38086-4*	***The Swag Is in the Socks*** - Kelly J. Baptist **11-2-2021**	Realistic fiction Friendship	Xavier Moon is stepping out of the shadows when his great-uncle gives him some outlandish socks and some even stranger requests. A story about heart, confidence, and standing on your own two feet.
 *978-0-593-38112-0*	***The Story of More: Adapted for Young Adults*** - Hope Jahren **11-2-2021**	Nonfiction Environment Climate change	Details the science behind key inventions, clarifying how electricity, large-scale farming, and automobiles have both helped and harmed our world. The author explains the consequences of unchecked global warming resulting from the amounts of greenhouse gases being released into our atmosphere. The links between human consumption habits and our endangered existence are very real, with consequences leading to a crossroads of survival and extinction.
 *978-1-54203-037-3*	***Tahira in Bloom: A Novel*** - Farah Heron **11-2-2021**	Romance Fashion	When aspiring designer Tahira's coveted fashion internship falls through, her parents have a Plan B. Tahira will work in her aunt's boutique in the small town of Bakewell. But she just can't deal with Rowan Johnston, the rude, totally obsessive garden-nerd next door with frayed cutoffs and terrible shoes. But Rowan is also just the plant-boy Tahira needs to help win the Bakewell flower-arranging contest.

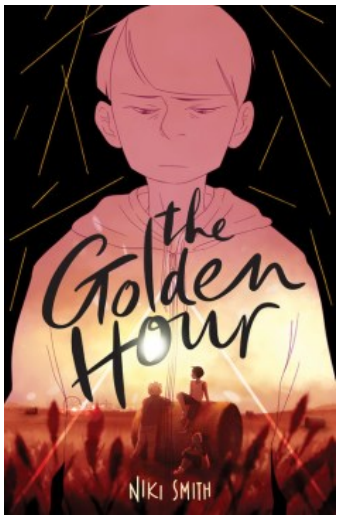
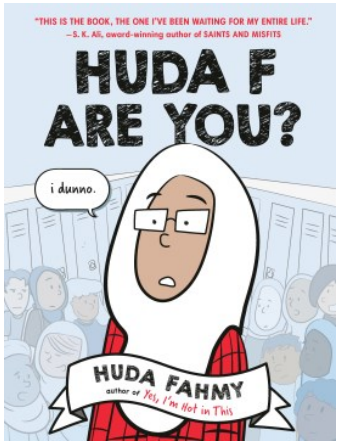
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 *978-0-525-51657-6*	***Where Echoes Lie*** - Shannon Schuren **11-2-2021**	Mystery Ghosts	A teenage girl must solve the mystery of the ghost bride to save her own future from the curse.
 *978-1-52472-088-9*	***Aurora's End*** *(Aurora Cycle #3)* - Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff **11-9-2021**	Science fiction Adventure Romance	When we last saw Squad 312, they were working together seamlessly (aka, freaking out) as an intergalactic battle raged and an ancient superweapon threatened to obliterate Earth. Everything went horribly wrong, naturally. But as it turns out, not all endings are endings, and the team has one last chance to rewrite theirs. Maybe two. It's complicated.

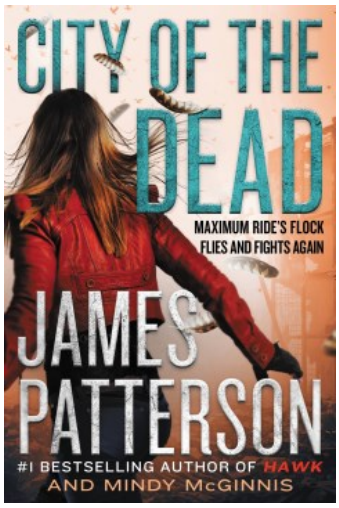
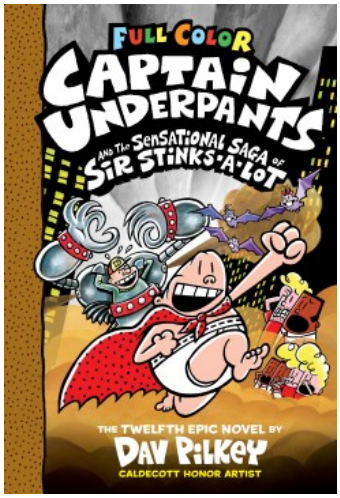
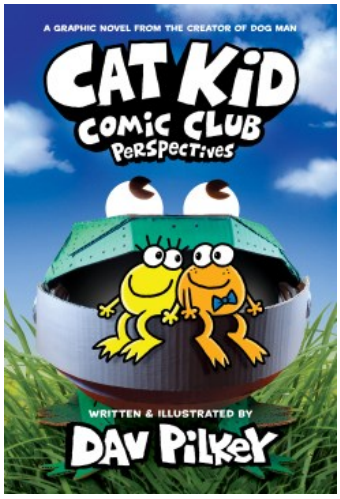
 *978-1-41973-193-8*	***Crazy Horse and Custer: Born Enemies*** - S.D. Nelson **11-9-2021**	Nonfiction Biography	In this action-packed double biography, S. D. Nelson draws fascinating parallels between Crazy Horse and Custer, whose lives were intertwined. These warriors were alike in many ways, yet they often collided in deadly rivalry. Witness reports and reflections by their peers and enemies accompany side-by-side storytelling that offers very different perspectives on the same historical events.
 *978-0-316-49241-6*	***Sway with Me*** - Syed M. Masood **11-9-2021**	Romance	When his Nana dies, Arsalan will be completely alone in the world, except for his estranged and abusive father. So he turns to Beenish, the step-daughter of a prominent matchmaker, to find him a future life partner. Beenish's request in return? That Arsalan help her ruin her older sister's wedding with a spectacular dance she's been forbidden to perform.
 *978-0-358-27209-0*	***Year of the Reaper*** - Makiia Lucier **11-9-2021**	Fantasy Adventure Historical fiction Mystery	Cas wants only to return to his home in the mountains and forget past horrors. But home is not what he remembers. His castle has become a refuge for the royal court. And they have brought their enemies with them. When an assassin targets those closest to the queen, Cas is drawn into a search for a killer...one that leads him to form an unexpected bond with a brilliant young historian named Lena.

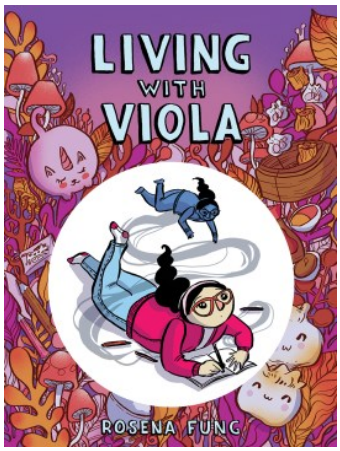
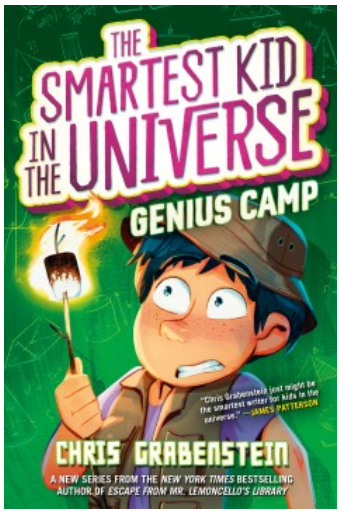
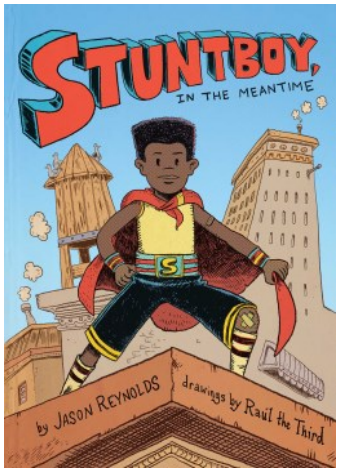
 *978-0-593-12060-6*	***5 Worlds: The Emerald Gate*** - Mark Siegel and Alexis Siegel, illus. by Xanthe Bouma, Matt Rockefeller, and Boya Sun **11-16-2021**	Graphic novel Science fiction Adventure	In the epic conclusion to the *5 Worlds* series, the final battle looms as Oona, Jax, and An Tzu travel to the treacherous world of Grimbo (E)! There, Oona must light the last beacon to save the 5 Worlds, but first she has to find it! When Jax saves an old friend, Oona is given a clue to the green beacon's location.
 *978-1-25080-629-1*	***Bounce Back*** - Misako Rocks! ***11-16-2021***	Graphic novel	Lilico, with the help of her cat, must learn to adjust to a new country, a new school, and new pressures in this middle grade graphic novel about finding your team and finding yourself.
 *978-0-358-25047-0*	***Graceling: Graphic Novel*** - Kristin Cashore; illustrated by Gareth Hinds **11-16-2021**	Graphic novel Fantasy	Katsa is a Graceling, and as niece of the king, she lived a life of privilege until the day her ability to kill a man with her bare hands revealed itself. Now she acts as her uncle's enforcer, traveling the kingdom and threatening those who dare oppose him. But everything changes when she meets Po, a foreign prince Graced with combat skills who is searching for the truth about his grandfather's disappearance. When Katsa agrees to help him, she never expects to learn a new truth about her own Grace—or about a terrible secret that could destroy them all.

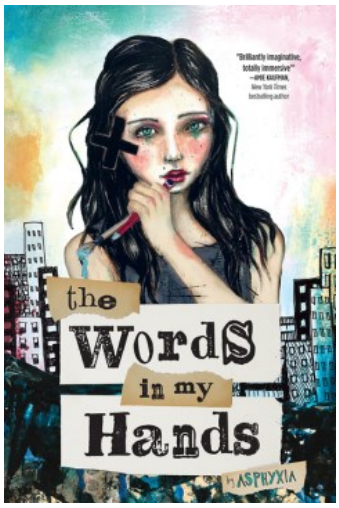
 *978-0-593-37734-5*	***Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI: Adapted for Young Readers*** - David Grann **11-16-2021**	Narrative nonfiction US History Human rights Prejudice	In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma, thanks to the oil that was discovered beneath their land. Then, one by one, the Osage began to die under mysterious circumstances, and anyone who tried to investigate met the same end. As the death toll surpassed more than twenty-four Osage, the newly created Bureau of Investigation, which became the FBI, took up the case, one of the organization's first major homicide investigations.
 *978-0-06-295579-1*	***Tidesong*** - Wendy Xu **11-16-2021**	Graphic novel Magic Fairy tales	Sophie is a young witch whose mother and grandmother pressure her to attend the Royal Magic Academy even though her magic is shaky at best. To train for her entrance exams, Sophie is sent to relatives she's never met. Cousin Sage and Great-Aunt Lan seem more interested in giving Sophie chores than in teaching her magic. Frustrated, Sophie attempts magic on her own, but the spell goes wrong, and she accidentally entangles her magic with the magic of a young water dragon named Lir.
 *978-1-62010-939-7*	***Weeaboo*** - Alissa M. Sallah **11-16-2021**	Graphic novel High school	It's their senior year of high school and three friends are preparing for the big anime convention happening after graduation Even though they've known each other for years, they're finding out that reality isn't like a cartoon, and that people grow up and sometimes apart. This is a story about appropriation, identity, and what it means to change.

 *978-0-593-11828-3*	***The Year I Stopped Trying*** - Katie Heaney **11-16-2021**	Realistic fiction Humor	Mary is having an existential crisis. She's a good student, she never gets in trouble, and she is searching for the meaning of life. She always thought she'd find it in a perfect score on the SATs. The first time, it's an accident. She forgets to do a history assignment. She even crosses 'history essay' off in her pristine planner. And then: Nothing happens. She doesn't burst into flames, the world doesn't end, the teacher doesn't even pull her aside after class. So she asks herself: Why am I trying so hard? What if I stop?
 *978-0-399-55585-5*	***Cytonic*** *(Skyward #3)* - Brandon Sanderson **11-23-2021**	Science fiction Adventure	The Superiority has started a galaxy-wide war. And Spensa's seen the weapons they plan to use to end it: the Delvers. Spensa knows that no matter how many pilots the DDF has, there is no defeating this predator. Except that Spensa is Cytonic. She faced down a Delver and saw something eerily familiar about it. And maybe, if she's able to figure out what she is, she could be more than just another pilot in this unfolding war. She could save the galaxy.
 *978-1-36807-567-1*	***The Fowl Twins Get What They Deserve*** *(A Fowl Twins Novel, Book 3)* - Eoin Colfer **11-23-2021**	Fantasy Adventure	For almost two years, Lord Teddy Bleedham-Drye, the Duke of Scilly, has been plotting revenge against the Fowl Twins. Teddy plans to give them exactly what they deserve: permanent death. He threatens Myles with his weaponized jet and Beckett and Specialist Lazuli succeed in disarming the aircraft and causing an accident that kills the duke. But does it really?

 *978-0-316-54033-9*	***The Golden Hour*** - Niki Smith **11-23-2021**	Graphic novel Farm life Mental illness Friendship	Struggling with anxiety after witnessing a harrowing instance of gun violence, Manuel Soto copes through photography. His days are a lonely, latchkey monotony until he's teamed with his classmates, Sebastian and Caysha, for a group project. As he aids his new friends in their preparations for the local 4-H fair, Manuel learns to open up to his friends and family, confronts his deepest fears, and even finds first love.
 *978-0-593-32431-8*	***Huda F Are You*** - Huda Fahmy **11-23-2021**	Graphic novel Identity	Huda and her family just moved to Dearborn, Michigan, a small town with a big Muslim population. In her old town, Huda knew exactly who she was: She was the hijabi girl. But in Dearborn, everyone is the hijabi girl. Huda is lost in a sea of hijabis, and she can't rely on her hijab to define her anymore. She has to define herself.
 *978-1-64614-092-3*	***A Snake Falls to Earth*** - Darcie Little Badger **11-23-2021** ***National Book Award Longlist 2021**	Fantasy Magic Monsters	Nina is a Lipan girl in our world. She still believes in the old stories. Oli is a cottonmouth kid, from the land of spirits and monsters. Like all cottonmouths, he's been cast from home. He's found a new one on the banks of the bottomless lake. Nina and Oli have no idea the other exists. But a catastrophic event on Earth, and a strange sickness that befalls Oli's best friend, will drive their worlds together in ways they haven't been in centuries. And there are some who will kill to keep them apart.

 *978-0-316-50015-9*	***City of the Dead*** *(Maximum Ride: Hawk, 2)* - James Patterson and Mindy McGinnis **11-29-2021**	Action adventure	For Hawk, being a hero weighs heavily on her wings. In the City of the Dead, life happens in the shadows. That's why a war is brewing against an enemy no one can see. Hawk and Maximum Ride never back down from a conflict, or from each other, and they argue more than they agree. But as the dead begin to outnumber the living, a mother's experience and a daughter's instinct can make one powerful arsenal.
 *978-1-33834-725-8*	***Captain Underpants and the Sensational Saga of Sir Stinks-A-Lot*** *(Captain Underpants #12)* - Dav Pilkey **11-30-2021**	Graphic novel Humor	Yesterday George and Yesterday Harold, have a good thing going. Two of them go to school, while the other two hide in the tree house and play video games all day -- then they switch! But it turns out there's something rotten in the state of Ohio, and it's smellier than a pile of putrid gym socks. The boys' malicious gym teacher, Mr. Meaner, has created a method of mind control that transforms their fellow students into attentive, obedient, perfect children.
 *978-1-33878-485-5*	***Cat Kid Comic Club #2: Perspectives*** - Dav Pilkey **11-30-2021**	Graphic novel Humor	Flippy, Molly, Li'l Petey, and twenty-one baby frogs each have something to say. Naomi and Melvin don't see eye to eye and Poppy perceives the world differently than her siblings. Will the baby frogs figure out how to work together and appreciate one another's point of view -- both inside and outside the classroom?

 *978-1-77321-549-5*	***Living With Viola*** - Rosena Fung **11-30-2021**	Graphic novel Mental health	Livy is already having trouble fitting in as the new girl at school—and then there's Viola. Viola is Livy's anxiety brought to life, a shadowy twin that only Livy can see or hear. Livy tries to push back against Viola's relentless judgment, but nothing seems to work until she strikes up new friendships at school. Livy hopes that Viola's days are numbered. But when tensions arise both at home and at school, Viola rears her head stronger than ever. Only when Livy learns how to ask for help and face her anxiety does she finally figure out living with Viola.
 *978-0-593-30177-7*	***The Smartest Kid in the Universe Book 2: Genius Camp*** - Chris Grabenstein **11-30-2021**	Humor	Genius Camp is not like regular camp. There are limo buses, robot polar bears, and high-tech cabins with high-tech toilets! But it isn't all fun and brain games at camp, especially when Jake goes up against the artificially intelligent Virtuoso quantum computer--the smartest machine in the universe--which also happens to be Zinkle's latest genius creation! It's boy versus bot in this epic showdown packed with s'mores, puzzles, action, adventure, and hilarious, jelly bean-fueled fun!
 *978-1-53441-816-5*	***Stuntboy, in the Meantime*** - Jason Reynolds; illustrated by Raúl the Third **11-30-2021**	Action adventure Humor	No one in Portico Reeves's civilian life knows he's actually...Stuntboy! But Portico's other secret is that his parents are fighting all the time. They're trying to hide it by repeatedly telling Portico to go check on a neighbor "in the meantime." But Portico knows "meantime" means his parents are heading into the Mean Time which means they're about to get into it, and well, Portico's superhero responsibility is to save them, too--as soon as he figures out how.

 *978-1-77321-528-0*	***The Words in My Hands*** - Asphyxia **11-30-2021**	Science fiction Diverse abilities	Set in an ominously prescient near future, Piper: sixteen, smart, artistic, and rebellious, is struggling to conform to what her mom wants—for her to be 'normal,' to pass as hearing, and get a good job. But in a time of food scarcity, environmental collapse, and political corruption, Piper has other things on her mind—like survival.

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