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**For the Best in Middle-Grade Fiction,  
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# Coming to Scholastic Gold in 2023



## PLAYING THE CARDS YOU'RE DEALT

By Varian Johnson

PB: 9781338348569 • \$8.99 • On Sale 1/3/2023

Secrets are always a gamble. Literary powerhouse and award-winning author of *The Parker Inheritance* Varian Johnson explores themes of toxic masculinity and family legacy in this heartfelt, hopeful story of one boy discovering what it really means to be a man.

**Kirkus Reviews Best Books of the Year** ★ "A compelling story of cards, courage, and compassion."  
—Booklist, starred review

**Publishers Weekly Best Books of the Year**  
**Booklist Editors' Choice**

**Association for Library Services to Children (ALSC) Notable Children's Book List**

**Evanston Public Library 101 Great Books for Kids List**

**Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection**  
**Indie Next Selection**

"A necessary tale."

—Jason Reynolds, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Look Both Ways* and *Stamped*

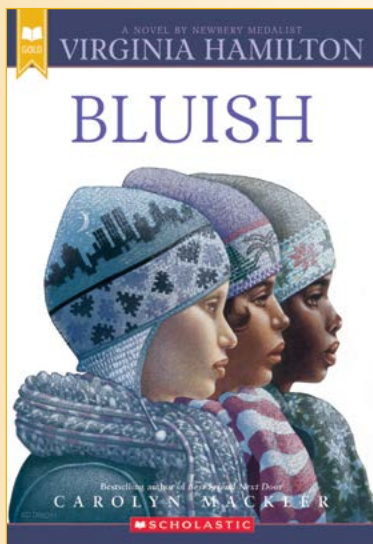
★ "A story about showing great courage and perseverance when life gets shuffled."  
—Kirkus Reviews, starred review

★ "Johnson addresses themes of toxic masculinity, family, and legacy in this vividly told novel."  
—Publishers Weekly, starred review

★ "A first-rate contemporary realistic fiction title that centers a Black boy and his community, and offers expansive notions of masculinity."  
—School Library Journal, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Q&A with Varian Johnson • Resource Section



## BLUISH

By Virginia Hamilton

PB: 9781338891775 • \$8.99 • On Sale 7/4/2023

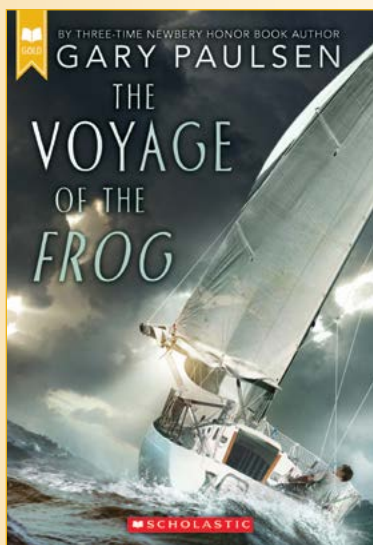
In this powerful novel researched in NYC schools, Newbery Medalist Virginia Hamilton documents the struggle young people face as they simultaneously assert their independence and yearn for guidance.

★ "Readers will come to cherish Dreenie's openheartedness."  
—Publishers Weekly, starred review

"This novel transcends genre labels with its honest and masterful depiction of the rewards and difficulties of friendship."  
—The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

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## THE VOYAGE OF THE FROG

By Gary Paulsen

PB: 9781338891768 • \$7.99 • On Sale 8/1/2023

Fourteen-year-old David intended only to fulfill his uncle's last wish when he set sail in the *Frog*, but when a savage storm slams the tiny sailboat, David is stranded. And the storm is just the first challenge David must face . . .

**ALA Best Book**

**ALA Notable Book for Children**

**ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers**

"An epic, often lyrical journey of self-discovery . . ."  
—Kirkus Reviews

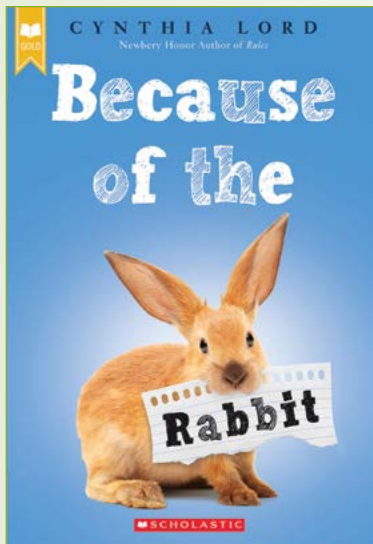
★ "Paulsen's admirers will be satisfied with his latest survival story, this time set in the open sea."  
—Publishers Weekly, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

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# Currently Available in Scholastic Gold!



## BECAUSE OF THE RABBIT

By Cynthia Lord

PB: 9780545914260 • \$7.99 • Available Now

A sensitive and accessible book about the challenges of fitting in when you know you're a little different.

### 2020 ALSC Notable Children's Book

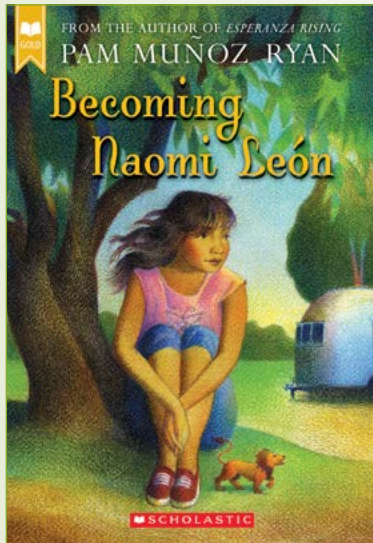
★ "Lord uses clear, straightforward sentences to relate experiences in ways that speak directly to children . . . A heartfelt chapter book with broad appeal."  
—Booklist, starred review

★ "Delightful."  
—Kirkus Reviews, starred review

★ "[An] insightful story—lucidly written from the heart."  
—Publishers Weekly, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Author's Note • Extended About the Author • Q&A with Cynthia Lord



## BECOMING NAOMI LEÓN

By Pam Muñoz Ryan

PB: 9780439269971 • \$8.99 • Available Now

Naomi's life with Gram is peaceful . . . until her mom reappears after a mysterious seven-year absence.

### Pura Belpré Honor Book

"Engrossing."  
—The New York Times

### Américas Award, Commended

### Schneider Family Book Award Winner

### Tomás Rivera Mexican American Children's Book Award Winner

### Book Sense Book of the Year Award Honor Book

### California Collections

★ "Ryan's sure-handed storytelling and affection for her characters convey a clear sense of Naomi's triumph."  
—Kirkus Reviews, starred review

★ "Ryan crystallizes the essence of settings and characters through potent, economic prose . . . a tender tale about family love and loyalty."  
—Publishers Weekly, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

About the Author • Q&A with Pam Muñoz Ryan  
Becoming an Artist: Tips from Pam Muñoz Ryan • Recipe and Activities



## CHASING VERMEER

By Blue Balliett, Illustrated by Brett Helquist

PB: 9780439372978 • \$7.99 • Available Now

When Petra and Calder end up in the middle of an international art scandal, the clever duo must track down a stolen Vermeer painting—and solve a case even the FBI can't crack.

**New York Times Bestseller**  
**New York Times Notable Book**  
**Edgar Award Winner**  
**Agatha Award Winner**

"Suspenseful, exciting, charming and even unexpectedly moving."  
—The New York Times Book Review

**Book Sense Book of the Year Award Winner**  
**Chicago Tribune Prize for Young Adult Fiction**  
**Booklist Editors' Choice**

"A Da Vinci Code for tweens."—Newsweek

**Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List**

**CHILD Magazine Best Children's Book Award**

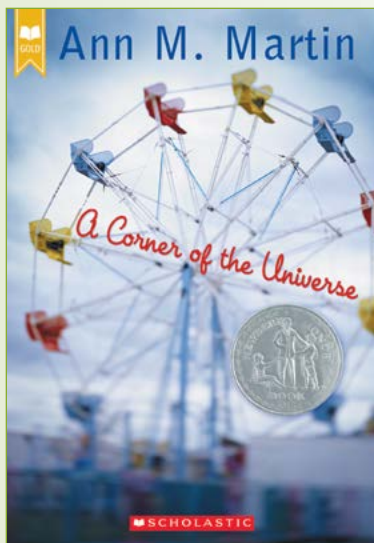
★ "This smart, playful story never stops challenging (and exhilarating) the audience."  
—Publishers Weekly, starred review

★ "A great read."—Kirkus Reviews, starred review

★ "Delightful."—Booklist, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author and Illustrator • Q&As with Blue Balliett and Brett Helquist  
Activities and Puzzles



## A CORNER OF THE UNIVERSE

By Ann M. Martin

PB: 9780439388818 • \$8.99 • Available Now

The summer Hattie turns twelve, her predictable small-town life is turned on end when her uncle Adam returns home for the first time in over ten years.

**Newbery Honor Book**  
**ALA Notable Children's Book**  
**Kentucky Bluegrass Award Winner**

★ "An important story."  
 —*School Library Journal*, starred review

★ "A solid, affecting read."  
 —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

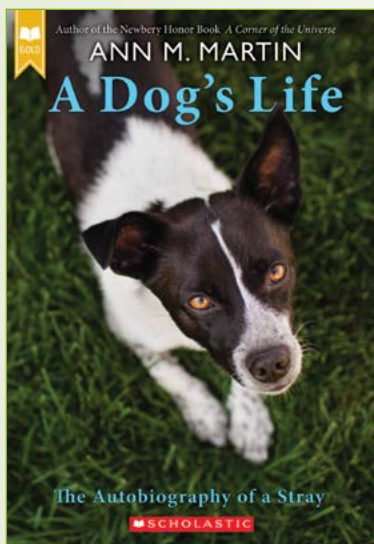
★ "Martin excels at evoking simply the intricacies of friendship, what it enables you to give to others, and what it teaches you about yourself."  
 —*Horn Book Magazine*, starred review

★ "A fully realized roller coaster of emotions, and readers take the ride right along with Hattie."  
 —*Booklist*, starred review

★ "Hearts will go out to both Hattie and Adam as they step outside the confines of their familiar world to meet some painful challenges."  
 —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

About the Author • Q&A with Ann M. Martin • Historical Context and Activities



## A DOG'S LIFE: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A STRAY

By Ann M. Martin

PB: 9780439717007 • \$7.99 • Available Now

In this poignant tale of survival and friendship by a Newbery Honor author, a stray dog separated from her mother and brother is forced to make her own way in the world.

**ASPCA Henry Bergh Children's Book Award Winner**  
**Kansas William Allen White Children's Book Award**  
**Pacific Northwest Library Association Young Reader's Choice Award**  
**New Mexico Land of Enchantment Book Award**  
**Colorado Children's Book Award**  
**Indiana Young Hoosier Book Award**  
**Arkansas Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award**  
**Tennessee Volunteer State Book Award**  
**Alabama Children's Choice Book Award**

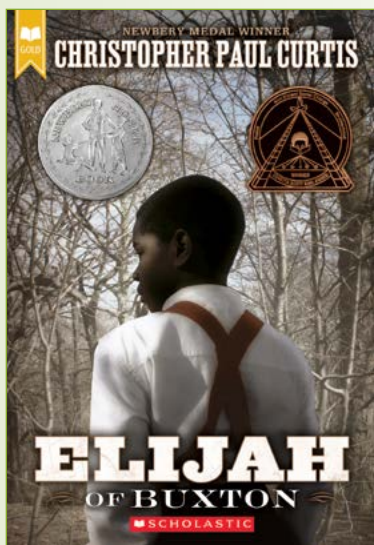
★ "Sure to melt the hearts of animal lovers."  
 —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

★ "Martin excels at evoking simply the intricacies of friendship."  
 —*Horn Book*, starred review

"Heart-wrenching as well as heartwarming."  
 —*Kirkus Reviews*

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Ann M. Martin • Ways to Get Involved



## ELIJAH OF BUXTON

By Christopher Paul Curtis

PB: 9780439023450 • \$7.99 • Available Now

A young boy born into freedom in a Canadian town of runaway slaves takes a dangerous journey to the United States and discovers firsthand the unimaginable horrors of slavery.

**Newbery Honor Book**  
**Coretta Scott King Author Award**  
**Scott O'Dell Award**  
**IRA Notable Book for a Global Society**  
**New York Public Library 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing**  
**Booklist Editors' Choice**  
**Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year**  
**Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year**  
**Jane Addams Children's Honor Book for Younger Children Category**

★ "Rich, masterful . . . Curtis's best novel yet."  
 —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★ "A fine, original novel."  
 —*Booklist*, starred review

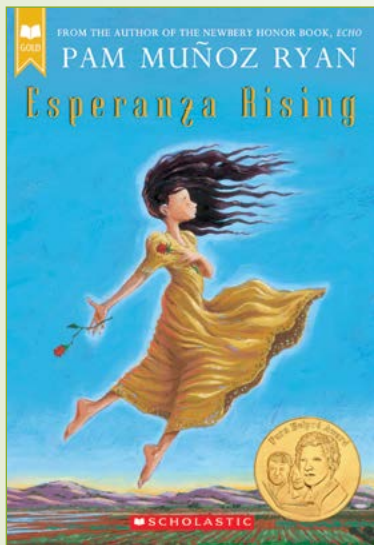
"This arresting, surprising novel of reluctant heroism is about nothing less than nobility."  
 —*Horn Book*

"Curtis's talent for dealing with painful periods of history with grace and sensitivity is as strong as ever."  
 —*School Library Journal*

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Christopher Paul Curtis • Historical Context





## ESPERANZA RISING

By Pam Muñoz Ryan

PB: 9780439120425 • \$7.99 • Available Now

After a sudden tragedy, a wealthy Mexican girl and her mother lose everything and are forced to flee to the United States, where they must work as migrant workers during the Great Depression.

**Pura Belpré Award**

**Jane Addams Children's Book Award**

**Willia Cather Award**

**ALA Top Ten Best Book for Young Adults**

**Américas Honor Book**

**California Young Reader Medal**

**Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year**

**Judy Goddard/Libraries Limited Arizona**

**Young Adult Author Award**

**Judy Lopez Memorial Award for Children's Literature**

**South Carolina Junior Book Award**

★ "Lyrical . . . Readers will be swept up."  
—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

★ "This well-written novel belongs  
in all collections."  
—*School Library Journal*, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Pam Muñoz Ryan • Activities • Echo Excerpt



## FLOODED: REQUIEM FOR JOHNSTOWN

By Ann E. Burg

PB: 9781338540994 • \$7.99 • Available Now

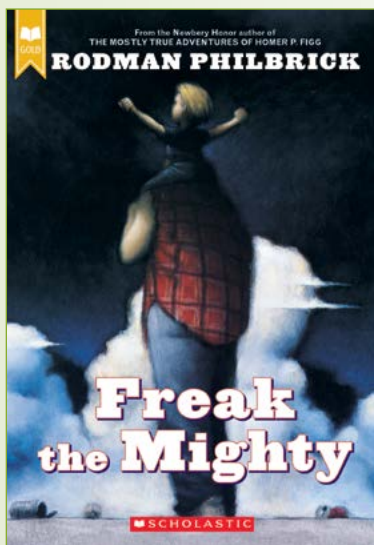
Johnstown, Pennsylvania, in 1889 was a lively, working-class factory city. Above the soot-soaked streets, an elite fishing and hunting club, built on a pristine man-made lake, drew America's wealthiest business barons. Though repeatedly urged to fix the deteriorating dam that held the lake, the club members disregarded the warnings. And when heavy rains came, the dam collapsed and plunged the city into chaos.

★ "Stunning, significant and sorrowful, Ann E. Burg's requiem  
melts history into prose . . . Highly recommended."  
—*School Library Journal*, starred review

"Chillingly effective."  
—*Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Ann E. Burg • Suggested Activities • Discussion Guide



## FREAK THE MIGHTY

By Rodman Philbrick

PB: 9780439286060 • \$8.99 • Available Now

A troubled, oversized teen and a tiny, physically challenged genius forge a unique friendship when they team up to create one formidable force.

**ALA Best Book for Young Adults**

**Judy Lopez Memorial Award Honor Book**

**California Young Reader Medal**

**ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers**

**New York State Reading Association  
Charlotte Award**

**Arizona Young Reader Award**

★ "Poignant . . . an intriguing  
and unusual story."  
—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★ "A wonderful story of triumph."  
—*School Library Journal*, starred review

"Compelling."  
—*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Rodman Philbrick  
Writing Tips, Fun Facts, and Activities • *Max the Mighty* Excerpt



## FRONT DESK

By Kelly Yang

PB: 9781338157826 • \$8.99 • Available Now

Mia dreams of being a writer. But first she has to sort out life at her family's motel, where it's her job to keep secrets.

**Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature Winner**

**Parents' Choice Gold Medal Fiction Award Winner**

**ALA Top Ten Debut Novel**

**Washington Post Best Book of the Year**

**NPR Best Book of the Year**

**Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year**

**Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year**

**School Library Journal Best Book of the Year**

**BookPage Best Book of the Year**

**New York Public Library Best Book of the Year**

**Chicago Public Library Best Book of the Year**

★ "Powerful and heart-wrenching."

—*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*, starred review

★ "Many readers will recognize themselves or their neighbors in these pages."

—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

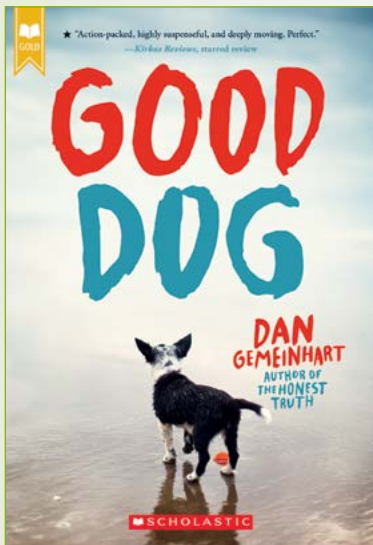
★ "This book will help foster empathy for the immigrant experience for young readers, while for immigrant children, it is a much-needed and validating mirror."—*Booklist*, starred review

★ "A swiftly moving plot and a winsome protagonist."

—*School Library Journal*, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Author's Note • Discussion Guide • Acknowledgments • About the Author



## GOOD DOG

By Dan Gemeinhart

PB: 9781338528756 • \$7.99 • Available Now

Brodie was a good dog. And good dogs go to heaven. Except Brodie can't move on yet. As wonderful as his glimpse of the afterlife is, he can't forget the boy he left behind. The boy who's still in danger.

★ "Action-packed, highly suspenseful, and deeply moving. Perfect."

—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

About the Author • Q&A with Dan Gemeinhart • Activity



## GREGOR THE OVERLANDER

By Suzanne Collins

PB: 9780439678131 • \$7.99 • Available Now

When Gregor falls through a grate in the laundry room of his apartment building, he hurtles into the Underland, where spiders, rats, and giant cockroaches coexist uneasily with humans.

**New York Times Bestseller**

**Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List**

**Parent's Guide to Children's Media Award**

**Illinois Bluestem Award**

**Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Award**

"Hard to put down."

—*The Boston Globe*

★ "A fascinating, vivid, highly original world."

—*Booklist*, starred review

★ "Fantastically engaging."

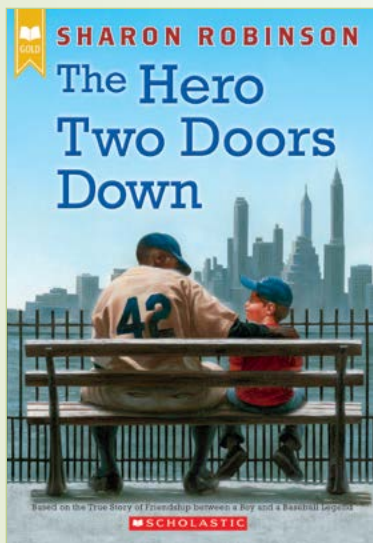
—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

★ "Luminous, supremely absorbing."

—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Suzanne Collins • Fun Facts and Activities  
*Gregor and the Prophecy of Bane: Book Two in the Underland Chronicles Excerpt*



## THE HERO TWO DOORS DOWN

By Sharon Robinson

PB: 9780545804523 • \$7.99 • Available Now

A poignant novel based on the true story of a boy in Brooklyn who became neighbors and friends with his hero, Jackie Robinson.

**NAACP Image Awards: Outstanding Literary Work—Youth/Teens Category**

**Nebraska Library Commission Best New Children's Books of 2016**

**Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Award Master List**

**Connecticut Intermediate Nutmeg Book Award**

**Triple Crown Book Award Master List**

**South Carolina Children's Book Award**

**Minnesota Maud Hart Lovelace Master List**

"Just as down-to-earth and remarkable as the actual baseball star."

—Kirkus Reviews

"This charming tale offers up good fodder for discussion about prejudice, discrimination, friendship, and family."

—Booklist

### **BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:**

Historical Context and Photos • *Child of the Dream* Excerpt



## HONEY

By Sarah Weeks

PB: 9780545465601 • \$7.99 • Available Now

Life gets a little sticky when Melody begins to uncover secrets about the mom she never knew, and it suddenly feels like everyone in Royal, Indiana, has something to hide.

**ILA-CBC Children's Choices List Young Readers (Grades 3–4, Ages 8–10)**

**Iowa Children's Choice Award Master List (Grades 3–6)**

**New Hampshire Great Stone Face Award Master List (Grades 4–6)**

"Emotionally credible and moving."

—Publishers Weekly

"A sweet affirmation of family and friendship."

—Horn Book Guide

### **BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:**

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Sarah Weeks



## HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS

By Thomas Rockwell

PB: 9781338565898 • \$6.99 • Available Now

People are always daring Billy to do zany things. But Billy may have bitten off more than he can chew when he takes his friend Alan's bet that Billy can't eat fifteen worms in fifteen days.

★ "The clear writing, clever illustrations, and revolting subject matter are sure to make a hit."

—School Library Journal, starred review

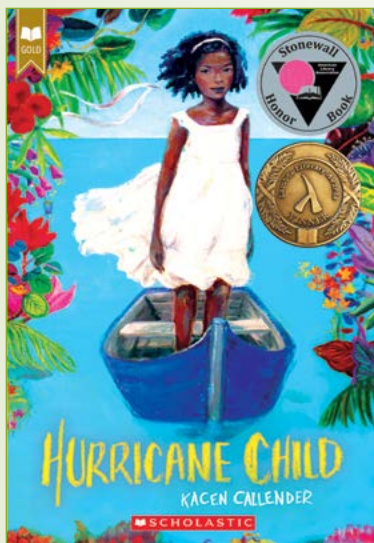
"A hilarious story that will revolt and delight . . . Colorful, original writing in a much-needed comic vein."

—Booklist

### **BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:**

On Writing *How to Eat Fried Worms* by Abigail Rockwell, the Author's Daughter  
Fun Facts and Activity





## HURRICANE CHILD

By Kacen Callender

PB: 9781338129311 • \$7.99 • Available Now

Caroline must face down bullies and ghosts, confront her feelings for a new friend, and search for her missing mother in this stormy novel set in the US Virgin Islands.

**Rainbow List Top Ten Title**

**ALA Stonewall Book Award Winner**

**School Library Journal Best Book of the Year**

**Malka Penn Award for Human Rights  
in Children's Literature—Honor**

**Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year**

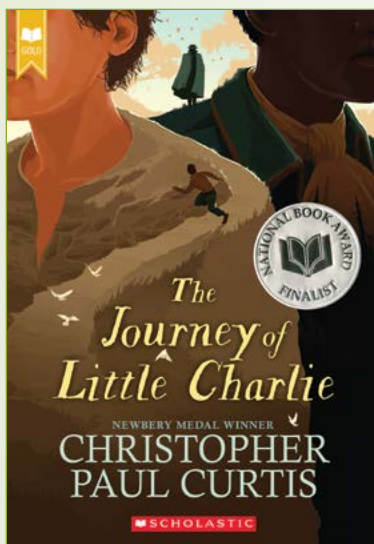
★ "Writing in Caroline's present-tense voice, Callender draws readers in and makes them identify with Caroline's angst and sorrow and joy and pain."  
—Kirkus Reviews, starred review

★ "An excellent and nuanced coming-of-age tale."  
—School Library Journal, starred review

★ "Visceral, pensive, and memorable."  
—Booklist, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Author's Note • About the Author • Q&A with Kacen Callender • *King and the Dragonflies* Excerpt



## THE JOURNEY OF LITTLE CHARLIE

By Christopher Paul Curtis

PB: 9780545156677 • \$8.99 • Available Now

The story of a boy struggling to do right in the face of history's cruelest evils.

**National Book Award Finalist**

"Curtis's books occupy that all too rare space in middle grade lit; they're school curriculum standbys that are also crowd pleasers . . .

Curtis's ninth novel is among his most suspenseful . . . 'Little Charlie' is a keeper."  
—The New York Times Book Review

★ "A thought-provoking book from a master storyteller."  
—School Library Journal, starred review

★ "This is an old story demanding to be told a new way, and master storyteller Curtis proves just the one to do it."  
—The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books, starred review

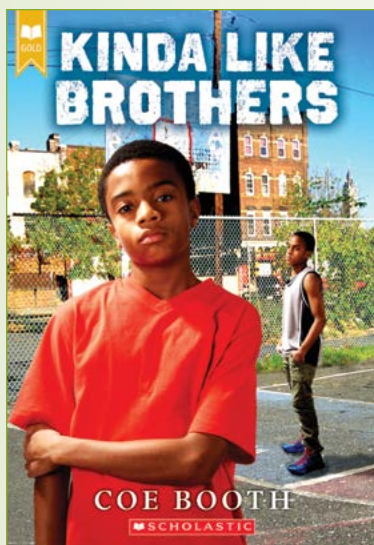
★ "Masterful."—Horn Book, starred review

★ "Lively and complex."—Kirkus Reviews, starred review

★ "Curtis's unsparing novel pulls no punches as it illuminates an ugly chapter of American history."  
—Publishers Weekly, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Christopher Paul Curtis • Discussion Questions  
*Dark Sky Rising* Excerpt



## KINDA LIKE BROTHERS

By Coe Booth

PB: 9781338359640 • \$7.99 • Available Now

It was one thing when Jarrett's mom took care of foster babies who needed help. But this time it's different. This time the baby who needs help has an older brother—a kid Jarrett's age named Kevon.

"Excellent." —Booklist

"Realistic and engaging . . . A solid story about dealing with problems that threaten to overwhelm and the importance putting one's own personal pain aside to understand the pain of another."  
—School Library Journal

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Coe Booth • Discussion Guide • *Caprice* Excerpt



## KING AND THE DRAGONFLIES

By Kacen Callender

PB: 9781338129342 • \$8.99 • Available Now

Twelve-year-old Kingston James is sure his brother, Khalid, has turned into a dragonfly. When Khalid unexpectedly passed away, he shed what was his first skin for another to live down by the bayou in their small Louisiana town. Khalid still visits in dreams, and King must keep these secrets to himself as he watches grief transform his family.

**A 2021 Coretta Scott King Honor Book**

**Winner of the 2020 National Book Award for Young People's Literature**

**Winner of the 2020 Boston Globe-Horn Book Award for Fiction and Poetry**

★ "[A] dynamic tale that will resonate with children struggling to reconcile who they are with what they think society wants them to be."  
—*Booklist*, starred review

★ "An intense, gripping tale of love, loss, and friendship featuring a black youth grappling with his dreams and his identity."  
—*School Library Journal*, starred review

★ "Callender masterfully balances resonant themes of grief, love, family, friendship, racism, sexuality, and coming-of-age . . . deeply affecting, memorable."  
—*The Horn Book*, starred review

★ "[A] powerful tale of grief, intersectional identity, and love."  
—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"From the opening sentence, *King and the Dragonflies* sings the complications of loving and caring for imperfect and wounded people."

—Alex Gino, the Stonewall and Lambda Literary Award-winning author of *Melissa*

"This sensitive and powerful story speaks to any reader trying to find the courage to be themselves in a complicated world."

—Veera Hiranandani, Newbery Honor Award-winning author of *The Night Diary*

"Young readers will find friends and allies aplenty in Kacen Callender's vital novel, *King and the Dragonflies*, which flutters with life, love, loss, and resilience, a story as iridescent and complex as a dragonfly's wings."

—Alex London, author of *Proxy* and *Black Wings Beating*

"*King and the Dragonflies* is a lyrical coming of age tale about grief, friendship, family, belonging, identity, and hope."

—Aisha Saeed, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Amal Unbound*

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Q&A with Kacen Callender • Discussion Guide • Essay by the Author • *Moonflower* Excerpt



## LAND OF THE CRANES

By Aida Salazar

PB: 9781338343861 • \$7.99 • Available Now

From the prolific author of *The Moon Within* comes the heart-wrenchingly beautiful story in verse of a young Latinx girl who learns to hold on to hope and love even in the darkest of places: a family detention center for migrants and refugees.

**2020 Américas Award Winner**

**Jane Addams Children's Book Award Honor Book**

**New York Public Library's Best Books of 2020**

**Northern California Book Award Finalist**

**California Library Association—Beatty Award Winner**

**Charlotte Huck Award Honor Book**

**Rise: A Feminist Book Project List**

★ "Powerful...lyrical...soaring."  
—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

"Some books are beautifully written. Others are vitally important. *Land of the Cranes* is both."  
—Linda Sue Park, Newbery Medalist and *New York Times* bestselling author of *A Single Shard*

"Aida Salazar is one of the most important new voices in children's literature. *Land of the Cranes* is a novel that uplifts, empowers, and soars. This book belongs in every classroom."

—Erin Entrada Kelly, Newbery Award-winning author of *Hello, Universe*

"In a time of chaos, *Land of the Cranes* rises above the clouds of confusion and sings a skillful, migratory song; its sorrowful lament, a tearful message—Awaken! Awaken! Let love lead to change."

—Guadalupe García McCall, Pura Belpré Award Winner of *Under the Mesquite*

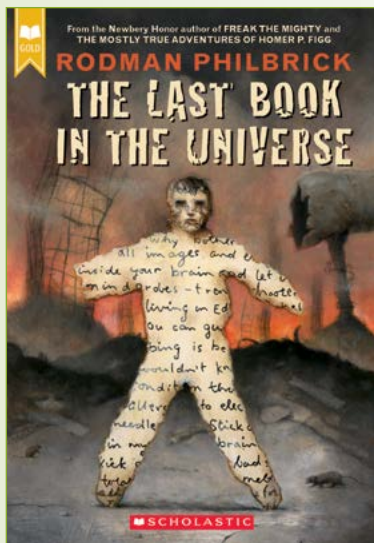
"Aida Salazar takes heartache and despair and is able to weave a lyrical narrative that confronts one of the greatest human rights violations on U.S. soil in recent memory."

—Isabel Quintero, author of *Pura Belpré* Illustrator Honor Book *My Papi Has a Motorcycle*

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Discussion Guide • *In the Spirit of a Dream* Excerpt





## THE LAST BOOK IN THE UNIVERSE

By Rodman Philbrick

PB: 9780439087599 • \$7.99 • Available Now

In this novel set in a future where the world has been nearly destroyed, a teenager with epilepsy begins the heroic fight to bring human intelligence back to the planet.

**ALA Best Book for Young Adults**

**Maine Lupine Award Honor Book**

“This fast-paced adventure . . . will leave readers musing over humanity’s future.”

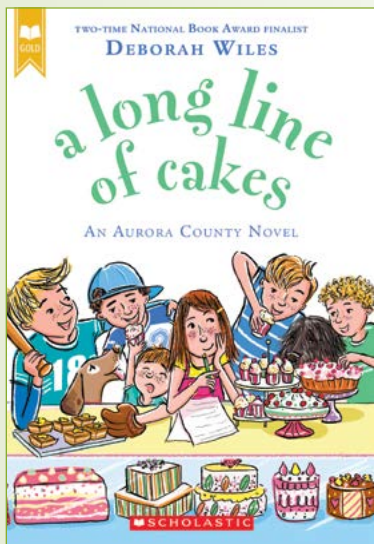
—Booklist

“Enthralling, thought-provoking, and unsettling.”

—Voice of Youth Advocates

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Rodman Philbrick  
The Last Book in the Universe Original Short Story



## A LONG LINE OF CAKES

By Deborah Wiles

PB: 9781338150513 • \$7.99 • Available Now

Emma Lane Cake’s family moves from place to place, setting up bakeries in communities that need them. But when they move to Aurora County, Emma vows that this time she is NOT going to get attached to ANYTHING or ANYONE. But fate has different plans . . .

**Georgia Author of the Year Nominee (Children’s)**

**Bank Street College of Education Best Children’s Book of the Year**

“The writing is precise, colorful, and attentive to the nuances of people’s longings and interactions.”

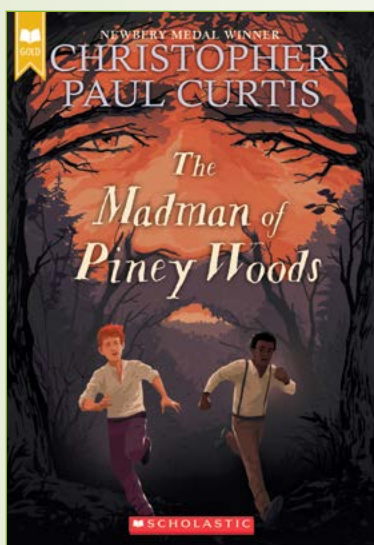
—Booklist

“[A] charming novel of belonging.”

—School Library Journal

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Deborah Wiles



## THE MADMAN OF PINEY WOODS

By Christopher Paul Curtis

PB: 9781338359657 • \$8.99 • Available Now

A dark mystery in the woods outside their town leads Benji and Red on a dangerous journey that makes them wonder: Can the Madman of Piney Woods be real?

**Judy Lopez Memorial Award  
Honor Book**

**NCSS-CBC Notable Social Studies  
Trade Book for Young People**

**NCTE Charlotte Huck Award  
Recommended Book**

**Vermont Dorothy Canfield Fisher  
Children’s Book Award Nomination**

“Curtis deftly makes what might have been simply heart-rending hopeful and redeeming instead . . . a pleasure to read.”—*The New York Times Book Review*

★ “A delight . . . sure to please.”—*Booklist*, starred review

★ “A journey of revelation and insight . . . profoundly moving yet also at times very funny.”—*Horn Book*, starred review

★ “Poignant . . . Beautiful storytelling.”  
—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★ “Thought-provoking . . . a page-turner.”  
—*The Bulletin of the Center for Children’s Books*, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

About the Author • Q&A with Christopher Paul Curtis • Discussion Questions • Historical Context  
The Journey of Little Charlie Excerpt





## ME AND MARVIN GARDENS

By Amy Sarig King

PB: 9780545870764 • \$7.99 • Available Now

In this first middle-grade novel from an acclaimed YA author, Obe discovers a strange creature that eats only plastic. Can he keep his new animal friend safe?

**Washington Post Best Book of the Year**

**Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Award Master List**

**Capitol Choices Noteworthy Title for Children and Teens**

**Maryland Black-Eyed Susan Book Award Master List**

**Bank Street College of Education Best Children's Book of the Year**

★ "A provocative exploration of human action and interaction . . . King's novel will leave readers pondering how we treat each other and the planet."  
—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

★ "A smart, environmentally conscious underdog story with a lot of heart."  
—*Horn Book*, starred review

★ "An emotionally rich read."  
—*School Library Journal*, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

About the Author • Q&A with Amy Sarig King • Resources to Learn More about the Environment



## ME, FRIDA, AND THE SECRET OF THE PEACOCK RING

By Angela Cervantes

PB: 9781338159325 • \$7.99 • Available Now

On a trip to Mexico City to unlock memories of her late father, Paloma becomes caught in a mystery involving a valuable ring said to have belonged to artist Frida Kahlo.

**International Latino Book Award Finalist**

**TLA Spirit of Texas Reading Middle School List**

**Tejas Reading Star List**

**Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List**

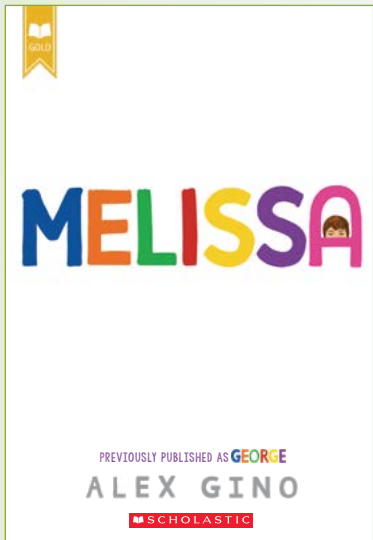
"A perfect introduction to the mystery genre, with Cervantes deftly fitting pieces of the puzzle together to move the story along without divulging too much."  
—*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

"A well-paced mystery plot and a rich exploration of the art of Frida Kahlo."  
—*School Library Journal*

"A fun read for any sleuths-in-training."  
—*Kirkus Reviews*

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Author's Note • About the Author • Q&A with Angela Cervantes • Historical Context



## MELISSA

By Alex Gino

PB: 9781338843415 • \$7.99 • Available Now

People look at Melissa and think they see a boy named George, but she knows she's a girl. When she's told she can't play Charlotte the spider in the class play, she and her best friend come up with a plan to show everyone who she is, once and for all.

**Stonewall Book Award**

**Lambda Literary Award**

**E. B. White Honor Book**

**CBC Children's Choice Book Award for Debut Author of the Year**

**Kansas William Allen White Children's Book Award**

**National Parenting Publications Awards Silver Award**

**ALA Rainbow List**

**NCTE Charlotte Huck Award Recommended Book**

**Vermont Dorothy Canfield Fisher Children's Book Award**

**Oregon Reader's Choice Award**

**ILA Notable Book for a Global Society**

"Timely, touching."

—*The New York Times Book Review*

★ "Warm, funny, and inspiring."  
—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★ "Profound, moving, and radiant."  
—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

★ "Remarkable . . . A required purchase for any collection that serves a middle grade population."  
—*School Library Journal*, starred review

★ "Sensitive, insightful."  
—*Booklist*, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Frequently Asked Questions (And Other Things Alex Wants to Say)



## MIDNIGHT MAGIC

By Avi

PB: 9781338804386 • \$7.99 • Available Now

On a stormy night in the Kingdom of Pergamontio, an insistent knocking brings Fabrizio, the servant boy, to the door. Outside stands a solidier summoning Fabrizio's master, Mangus the Magician, to the king's castle. Because Mangus has been under house arrest for confessing to be a magician, he cannot imagine why the king is calling for him.

★ "Taut and suspenseful, this vivid mystery is vintage Avi."

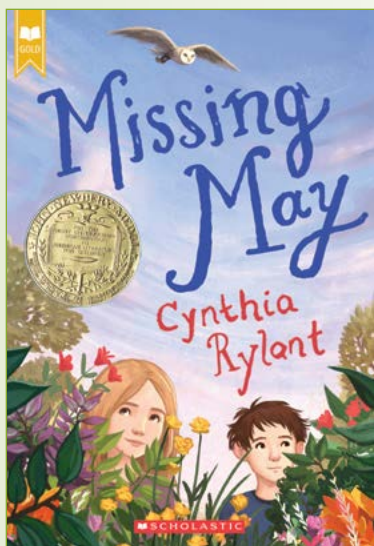
—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"The pages fly with intrigue and action."

—*Horn Book*

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Avi • Historical Context Activities • *City of Magic* Excerpt



## MISSING MAY

By Cynthia Rylant

PB: 9780439613835 • \$6.99 • Available Now

In this story about loss and healing, Summer struggles to deal with the death of her beloved Aunt May—and to help her Uncle Ob find a reason to go on living.

### Newbery Medal

**Boston Globe-Horn Book Award**

**ALA Notable Children's Book**

**ALA Best Book for Young Adults**

**Booklist Editors' Choice**

**BCCB Blue Ribbon Book**

**Horn Book Fanfare Book**

**NCTE Notable Children's Book in the Language Arts**

**Parents' Choice Award**

**School Library Journal Best Book of the Year**

"Complex and rewarding."

—*The New York Times Book Review*

★ "A beautifully written, life-affirming book."

—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★ "There is much to ponder here, from the meaning of life and death to the power of love. That it all succeeds is a tribute to a fine writer."

—*School Library Journal*, starred review

★ "Triumphant."—*Horn Book*, starred review

★ "Rylant makes us aware of the possibilities of life, even in the midst of tragedy."

—*Booklist*, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Fun Facts, Crafts, and Activities  
Cynthia Rylant's Newbery Medal Acceptance Speech



## THE MOON WITHIN

By Aida Salazar

PB: 9781338283389 • \$7.99 • Available Now

In this dazzling story told in verse, Celi Rivera navigates friendship, family, growing up, and finding the power within herself to take a stand for who she wants to be. *The Moon Within* is an *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret* for the modern day.

**International Latino Book Award Finalist**

**Spring 2019 Kids Indie Next List Selection**

★ "An authentically middle school voice and diverse Latinx cast make this book a standout."

—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★ "Excellent."—*School Library Journal*, starred review

★ "An important coming-of-age tale . . . Salazar's use of verse in this story adds a layer of raw emotion and honesty that makes the reading experience all the more poignant."

—*BookPage*, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Aida Salazar • Resources • *Land of the Cranes* Excerpt





## THE MOSTLY TRUE ADVENTURES OF HOMER P. FIGG

By Rodman Philbrick

PB: 9780439668217 • \$7.99 • Available Now

Twelve-year-old orphan Homer runs away from Pine Swamp, Maine, to find his older brother, Harold, who has been sold into the Union Army. Will he find his brother?

**Newbery Honor Book**

**NCSS-CBC Notable Social Studies  
Trade Book for Young People**

**ALA Notable Children's Book**

**Capitol Choices Noteworthy Title for  
Children and Teens**

**Michigan Mitten Award Winner**

**Maine Lupine Award (Juvenile/Young Adult)**

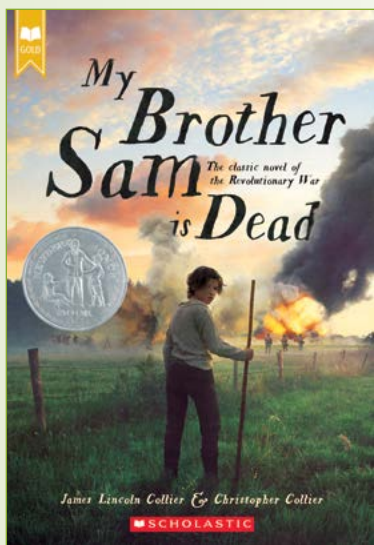
"Philbrick weaves a good amount of history into a page-turning plot."  
—*The Boston Globe*

★ "The book wouldn't be nearly as much fun without Homer's tall tales, but there are serious moments, too, and the horror of war and injustice of slavery ring clearly above the din of playful exaggerations."

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

About the Author • Q&A with Rodman Philbrick • *Wildfire* Excerpt



## MY BROTHER SAM IS DEAD

By James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier

PB: 9780439783606 • \$7.99 • Available Now

When the American Revolution divides his family, Tim is forced to make a difficult choice—between the Patriots and the Redcoats . . . and between his brother and his father.

**Newbery Honor Book**

**ALA Notable Children's Book**

**Jane Addams Children's Honor Book**

**Phoenix Award Honor**

★ "Wrenching."

—*Booklist*, starred review

"This stirring and authoritative novel earns a place beside our best historical fiction . . .

A memorable piece of writing."

—*Horn Book*

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Authors • Q&A with Christopher Collier  
Historical Context • Revolutionary Games



## A NIGHT DIVIDED

By Jennifer A. Nielsen

PB: 9780545682442 • \$8.99 • Available Now

A young girl must escape to freedom with her brother after the Berlin Wall divides her family between east and west.

**ILA-CBC Children's Choices List Selection**

**Texas Lone Star Reading List**

**Vermont Dorothy Canfield Fisher  
Children's Book Award**

"Absorbing and deeply suspenseful."  
—*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

"Will keep readers engrossed and holding their breath until the last page."

—*School Library Journal*

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Jennifer A. Nielsen  
Historical Context • *Resistance* Excerpt





## NOT IF I CAN HELP IT

By Carolyn Mackler

PB: 9780545709514 • \$7.99 • Available Now

Willa, who has been living with Sensory Processing Disorder, is thrown for a BIG loop when her dad announces he's dating Willa's best friend's mom.

★ "[Mackler] writes convincingly and compassionately . . . Willa's experience will be a revelation to kids who didn't know about the disorder and a comfort to those who share her condition."

—*The New York Times Book Review*

★ "A quality, truthful portrayal of the general challenges that come with different experiences of the world."

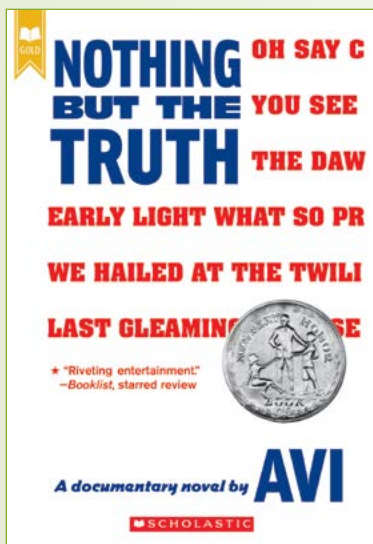
—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★ "Loving and hopeful, this is a recommended first purchase."

—*School Library Journal*, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Carolyn Mackler



## NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

By Avi

PB: 9780545174152 • \$7.99 • Available Now

Ninth-grader Philip Malloy's casual prank during the national anthem spirals out of control and into a vicious national controversy.

**Newbery Honor Book**

**Boston Globe-Horn Book Award Honor Book**

**ALA Notable Children's Book**

**ALA Best Book for Young Adults**

"The story of Philip Malloy, his family, friends, teachers and school, shouts to be shared."

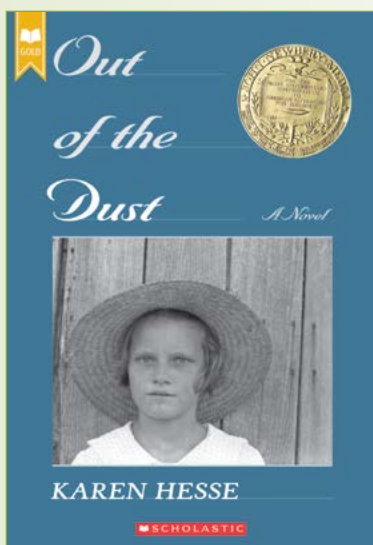
—*The New York Times*

"With frankness and remarkable insight, he conveys the flaws of the system while creating a story that is both entertaining and profound."

—*Publishers Weekly*

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Avi • Activities • *Midnight Magic* Excerpt



## OUT OF THE DUST

By Karen Hesse

PB: 9780590371254 • \$8.99 • Available Now

In a series of compelling free-verse poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo tells the gripping tale of her family's struggle to survive during the dust bowl years of the Great Depression.

**Newbery Medal**

**Scott O'Dell Award**

**ALA Notable Children's Book**

**ALA Best Book for Young Adults**

**School Library Journal Best Book of the Year**

**Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year**

**New York Public Library 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing**

★ "Poetically conveys the heat, dust and wind of Oklahoma . . . Hesse paints a vivid picture."

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

★ "Grounded in harsh reality, yet . . . decidedly poetic."

—*School Library Journal*, starred review

★ "A powerfully compelling tale."

—*Booklist*, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Karen Hesse • Historical Context Excerpts from Karen Hesse's Newbery Medal Acceptance Speech



## OVER THE MOON

By Natalie Lloyd

PB: 9781338118513 • \$7.99 • Available Now

Mallie thinks her dream has come true when she is chosen to train flying horses . . . until a sinister mystery unfolds.

**Newbery Honor Book**

**ALA/YALSA Best Book for Young Adults**

**ALA Notable Book for Children**

**Judy Lopez Memorial Award for Children's Literature**

★ "Strong themes of friendship and loyalty drive Lloyd's story, which soars under Mallie's heroic lead [whose] physical disability never holds her back. Rather, she bravely proves that questions have power and one's story can be reshaped."

—*Booklist*, starred review

"A bleak portrait of a fantasy-world mining community that faces similar challenges to the ones in our own real world, but Mallie's story is essentially one of daring journeys and heroic adventure."

—*Horn Book*

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Natalie Lloyd



## PAINT THE WIND

By Pam Muñoz Ryan

PB: 9780545101769 • \$7.99 • Available Now

Maya discovers that her whole life has been a lie, but now she has a chance to start over with the help of a rugged new family, and a wild mustang she's determined to ride.

**WILLA Literary Award Finalist**

"Readers will learn much about horses, and even those who know nothing about them will cheer."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

"Lots of adventure here . . . and the pace never lags for an instant."

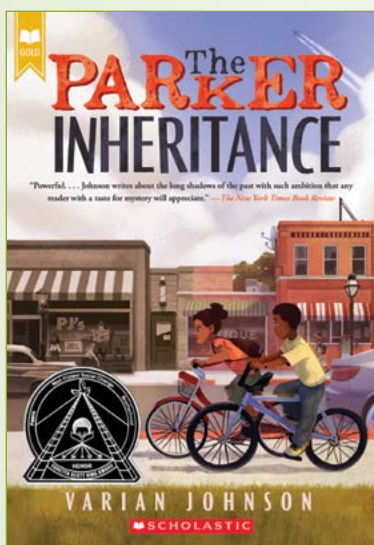
—*Booklist*

"A breathtaking horse story in the enduring tradition of Marguerite Henry."

—Ann M. Martin

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Pam Muñoz Ryan • Fun Facts and Activities



## THE PARKER INHERITANCE

By Varian Johnson

PB: 9780545952781 • \$7.99 • Available Now

An old letter unravels a mystery as Candice and Brandon discover the truth about their families and their town.

**Coretta Scott King Author Honor**

**Boston Globe-Horn Book Award Honor**

**North Carolina Children's Book Award Nominee**

"Powerful . . . Johnson writes about the long shadows of the past with such ambition that any reader with a taste for mystery will appreciate the puzzle Candice and Brandon must solve."

—*The New York Times Book Review*

★ "Holds racism firmly in the light . . . A candid and powerful reckoning of history."

—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★ "A must-purchase . . . Excellent."

—*School Library Journal*, starred review

★ "Johnson's *Westing Game*-inspired tale is a tangled historical mystery, a satisfying multigenerational family story, and an exploration of twentieth-century (and contemporary) race and racism."

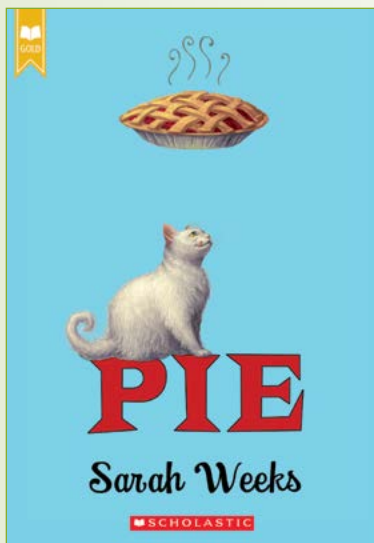
—*Horn Book*, starred review

★ "A compelling mystery and a powerful commentary on identity, passing, and sacrifice."

—*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Author's Note • Acknowledgments • About the Author  
The Balance of Place, Plot, and Protagonist: The Evolution of the First Chapter of *The Parker Inheritance*



## PIE

By Sarah Weeks

PB: 9780545270120 • \$7.99 • Available Now

When Alice's Aunt Polly, the Pie Queen of Ipswich, passes away, she takes with her the secret to her world-famous piecrust recipe. Or does she?

**Arizona Grand Canyon Reader Award (Tween)**

**Children's Crown Award-Honor Book**

**Illinois Bluestem Award**

**Mississippi Magnolia Award**

**Nebraska Golden Sower Award**

**South Carolina Junior Book Award**

**Connecticut Intermediate Nutmeg Book Award Nomination**

**Iowa Children's Choice Award Nomination**

**Florida Sunshine State Young Readers' Award Winner**

★ "Weeks deftly leavens moments of hilarity with the process of grieving in this sweet coming-of-age story."  
—*School Library Journal*, starred review

★ "[An] irresistible confection . . . Warm, delicious and filling."  
—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Pie Credits • Q&A with Sarah Weeks • Acknowledgments



## RESISTANCE

By Jennifer A. Nielsen

PB: 9781338148503 • \$8.99 • Available Now

The extraordinary story of a Jewish girl's courageous efforts to resist the Nazis.

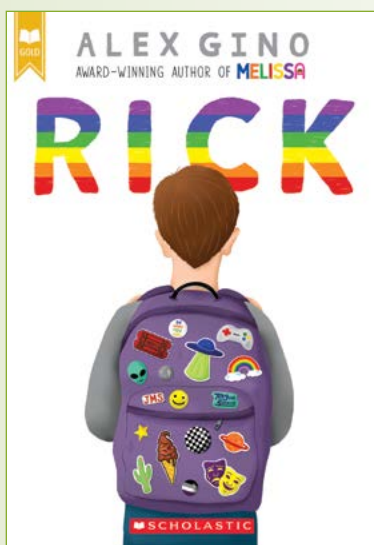
**Sydney Taylor Notable Book**

"Inspiring."  
—*Publishers Weekly*

"Historical fiction at its finest, this informs, enlightens, and engages young readers."  
—*School Library Journal*

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Jennifer A. Nielsen • Historical Photos • Rescue Excerpt



## RICK

By Alex Gino

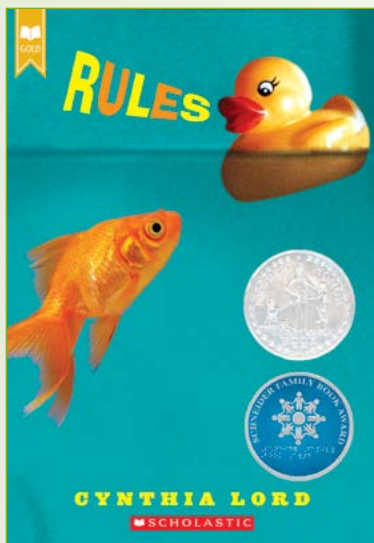
PB: 9781338048117 • \$7.99 • Available Now

Rick's never questioned much. He's gone along with his best friend, Jeff, even when Jeff's acted like a bully and a jerk. He's let his father joke with him about which hot girls he might want to date even though that kind of talk always makes him uncomfortable. And he hasn't given his own identity much thought, because everyone else around him seemed to have figured it out. But now Rick's gotten to middle school, and new doors are opening.

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Author's Note • Extended About the Author • Q&A with Alex Gino • *Alice Austen Lived Here* Excerpt





## RULES

By Cynthia Lord

PB: 9780439443838 • \$8.99 • Available Now

Catherine longs for a normal life, but her brother's autism makes that seem impossible—until some new friends turn Catherine's life upside down and force her to wonder: What is normal?

**Newbery Honor Book**

**New York Times Bestseller**

**Schneider Family Book Award**

**ALA Notable Children's Book**

**Bank Street College of Education Best Children's Book of the Year**

**NCTE Notable Children's Book in the Language Arts**

**Michigan Mitten Award Winner**

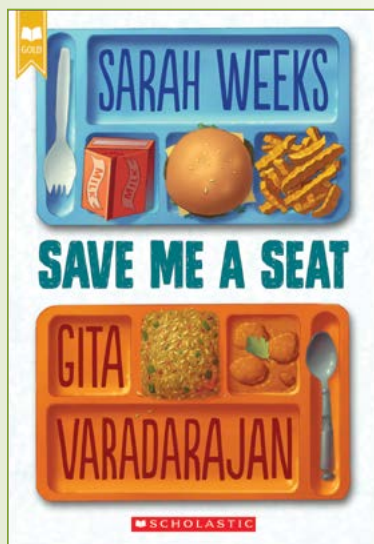
"Heartwarming."  
—Booklist

"A lovely, warm read, and a great discussion starter."  
—School Library Journal

"Rewarding."  
—Publishers Weekly

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Cynthia Lord • Activities and Puzzles



## SAVE ME A SEAT

By Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan

PB: 9780545846615 • \$8.99 • Available Now

Joe and Ravi—one born in America, one born in India—might seem very different, but they have a common enemy (the middle school's biggest bully) and a common mission: to take control of their lives.

**National Parenting Publications Award (NAPPA)**

**Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year**

**CBC Reading Beyond Master List**

**Maryland Black-Eyed Susan Book Award Master List**

**Vermont Dorothy Canfield Fisher Children's Book Award Master List**

**Virginia Readers' Choice Award Master List**

**Pennsylvania Keystone Reading Award Master List**

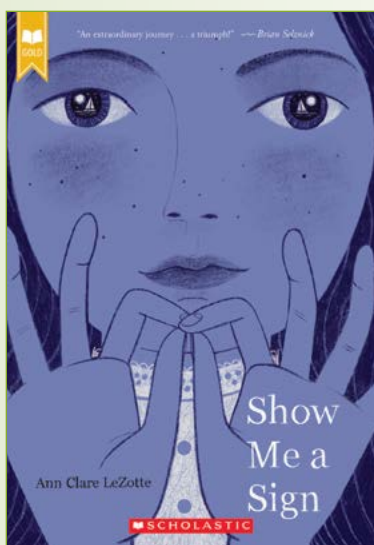
**Illinois Bluestem Award Master List**

★ "Crackle[s] with emotion and humor. A novel treatment of a familiar situation delivered with fizz and aplomb."  
—Kirkus Reviews, starred review

"Engrossing and poignant."  
—Publishers Weekly

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Authors • Glossaries • Recipes



## SHOW ME A SIGN

By Ann Clare LeZotte

PB: 9781338255829 • \$8.99 • Available Now

Deaf author Ann Clare LeZotte weaves a riveting story inspired by the true history of a thriving deaf community on Martha's Vineyard in the early 19th century.

**2021 Schneider Family Book Award Winner**  
**NPR Best Books of 2020**

**New York Public Library Best Books of 2020**

**Kirkus Reviews Best Books of 2020**

**School Library Journal Best Books of 2020**

★ "A must-read."—Kirkus Reviews, starred review

★ "Will enthral readers, but her internal journey . . . profound."—Horn Book, starred review

★ "Expertly crafted . . . exceptionally written."  
—School Library Journal, starred review

★ "Engrossing."—Publishers Weekly, starred review

"More than just a page-turner. Well researched and spare . . . sensitive . . . relevant."  
—Newbery Medalist Meg Medina for the New York Times

"A triumph."  
—Brian Selznick, creator of *Wonderstruck* and the Caldecott Award winner *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*

"This book blew me away."  
—Alex Gino, Stonewall Award-winning author of *Melissa*

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Ann Clare LeZotte • Sign Language Diagrams  
Context about the Chappaquiddick Wampanoag People • *Set Me Free* Excerpt



## A SNICKER OF MAGIC

By Natalie Lloyd

PB: 9780545552738 • \$7.99 • Available Now

Felicity finally thinks she's found a home in Midnight Gulch. But first she'll have to break a curse, bring back the town's magic—and convince her mom to finally settle down.

**ALA Notable Children's Book**  
**New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice**  
**Parents Magazine Best Children's Book**  
**SIBA Okra Pick**  
**Kids' Indie Next Top Ten Pick**  
**Georgia Children's Book Award**  
**NCTE Notable Children's Book in the English Language Arts**  
**CBC Reading Beyond Master List**

"Young spelling enthusiasts, Scrabble lovers, Boggle big leaguers and word people of the world—hang on for the ride!"  
 —*The New York Times Book Review*

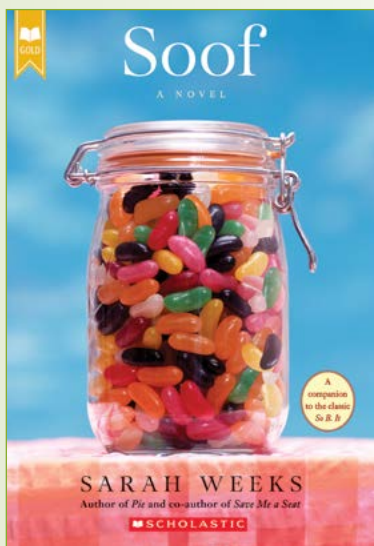
★ "Delightful and inspiring."  
 —*School Library Journal*, starred review

★ "Fine storytelling."  
 —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★ "Sparkles and radiates warmth."  
 —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Natalie Lloyd • Activity • *The Key to Extraordinary* Excerpt



## SOOF

By Sarah Weeks

PB: 9780545846660 • \$7.99 • Available Now

In this stand-alone follow-up to *So B. It*, a girl who the world might see as weird finds her footing and stands her ground.

"Poignant and well-crafted."—*School Library Journal*

"Lyrical."—*Booklist*

"A sweet story that shows all you need is soof."—*Kirkus Reviews*

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Sarah Weeks



## THE THIEF LORD

By Cornelia Funke

PB: 9780545227704 • \$7.99 • Available Now

The secret underworld of Venice comes alive in this story filled with friendship, betrayal, and magic.

**Mildred L. Batchelder Award**  
**ALA Notable Children's Book**  
**ALA YALSA Teens Top Ten**  
**Garden State Children's Book Award**  
**Great Lakes Great Books Award (Grades 6–8)**  
**Massachusetts Children's Book Award**

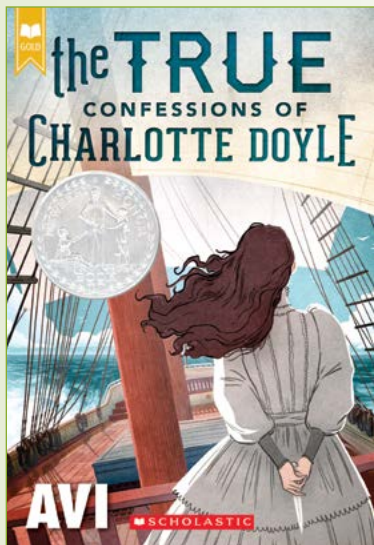
"A radiant novel . . . splendid."  
 —*The New York Times Book Review*

★ "[A] fantasy/mystery/adventure, all rolled into one spellbinding story."  
 —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★ "A compelling tale, rich in ingenious twists, with a setting and cast that will linger in readers' memories."  
 —*School Library Journal*, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Q&A with Cornelia Funke • Glossary • The Story Behind *The Thief Lord* • Facts and Quizzes



## THE TRUE CONFESSIONS OF CHARLOTTE DOYLE

By Avi

PB: 9780545477116 • \$7.99 • Available Now

Thirteen-year-old Charlotte Doyle is excited to return home from her school in England to her family in Rhode Island in the summer of 1832.

**Newbery Honor Book**

**Boston Globe-Horn Book Award**

**ALA Notable Children's Book**

**ALA Best Book for Young Adults**

**Booklist Editors' Choice**

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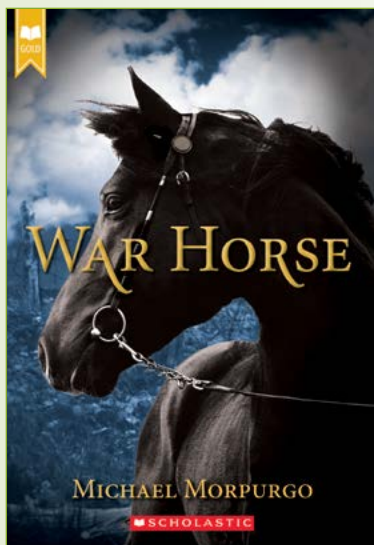
★ "A thrilling tale, tautly plotted, vividly narrated."  
—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★ "Riveting. Nonstop action. A story hard to forget."  
—*Booklist*, starred review

★ "A breathtaking seafaring adventure."  
—*School Library Journal*, starred review

### BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

About the Author • Q&A with Avi • Activities



## WAR HORSE

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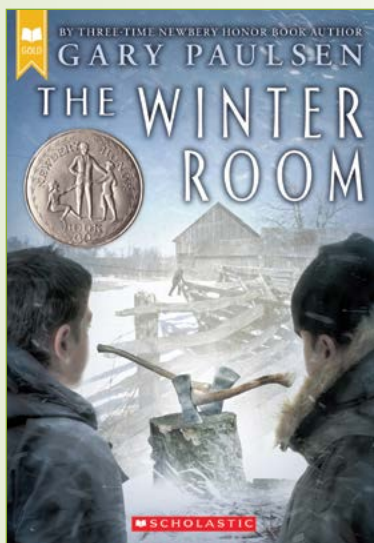
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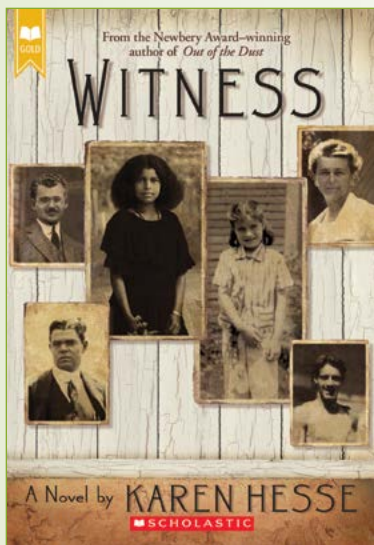
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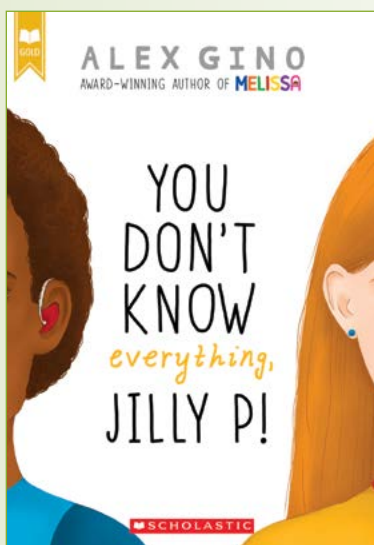
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