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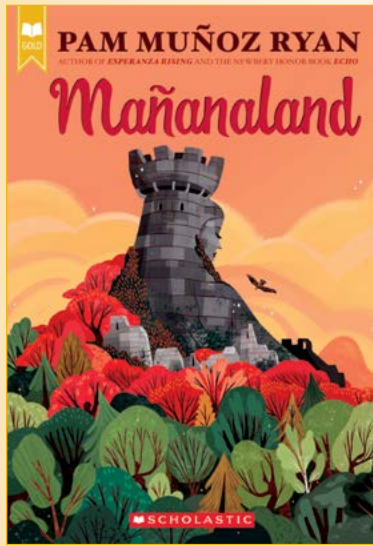
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**For the Best in Middle-Grade Fiction,
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Coming to Scholastic Gold in 2024



MAÑANALAND

By Pam Muñoz Ryan

PB: 9781338157871 • \$8.99 • On Sale 4/2/2024

Newbery Honoree Pam Muñoz Ryan weaves an entrancing tale of courage and self-discovery.

California Book Awards Finalist

Cybil Awards Nominee

Golden Kite Award Finalist

**International Latino Book Award
1st Place, Best Youth Chapter Fiction Book**

**Center for the Study of Multicultural
Children's Literature Best Books**

Kirkus Best Middle Grade Books

New York Times Notable Children's Books

Publishers Weekly Best Children's Books

Garden State Children's Book Award

Georgia Children's Book Award

Kentucky Bluegrass Award

Tejas Star Reading List, 2021–2022

★ "Another unforgettable work from a master storyteller."

—*Booklist*, starred review

★ "Ryan beautifully layers thought-provoking topics onto her narrative while keeping readers immersed in the story's world . . .

This tightly packed, powerful fantasy contains resonant truths."

—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★ "This richly tiered novel is, at its core, wrenchingly real . . . Newbery Honoree Ryan infuses the soccer-loving boy's story with mystery based on local myth, closely guarded secrets, and a missing birth certificate."

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



MILLICENT MIN, GIRL GENIUS

By Lisa Yee

PB: 9781339039541 • \$8.99 • On Sale 4/2/2024

From Newbery Honor Award–winning author Lisa Yee comes a charming and hilarious story about an eleven-year-old genius who wants nothing more than to make her first friend during her time in high school—even if her family has other plans.

Sid Fleischman Humor Award Winner

Best Children's Books of the Year, 2004

Garden State Children's Book Award

Georgia Children's Book Award

Lone Star Reading List

South Carolina Junior Book Award

Young Hoosier Book Award

★ "A heartfelt story full of wit."

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"Funny, charming, and heartwarming, with something to say about the virtues of trust and truth telling, this deserves an A."

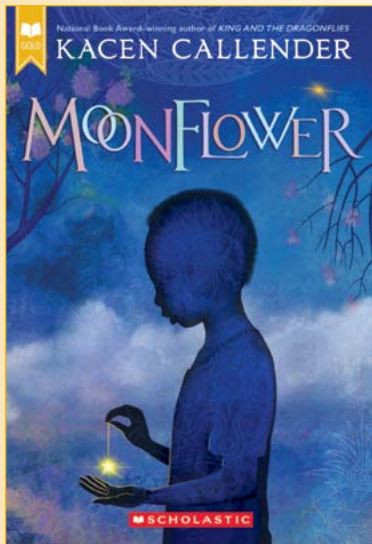
—*Kirkus Reviews*

"An utterly charming debut, as well as being the kind of tour de force that leaves one breathless. . . . Yee's mastery of the 'girl genius' voice is flawless, by turns hilarious and poignant."

—*Boston Globe*

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Lisa Yee • Puzzles • Glossary • A Sneak Peek at *Stanford Wong Flunks Big-Time*



MOONFLOWER

By Kacen Callender

PB: 9781338636604 • \$9.99 • On Sale 4/2/2024

Kacen Callender, National Book Award winner of *King and the Dragonflies*, delivers a stunning novel that invites readers into a child's struggles with mental health and their journey to wholeness.

Cybil Awards Nominee

School Library Journal Best Book of the Year

★ "Burrowing to the marrow of what it means to be marginalized and depressed, dreamlike first-person text adroitly juxtaposes Moon's feelings of unbelonging with an abundant possibility of love, both self-directed and external."
—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

★ "In a tale that is a nuanced blend of otherworldly fantasy with the realistic inner struggles of mental illness, *Moonflower's* sorrows and triumphs will have readers weeping and cheering along."
—*School Library Journal*, starred review

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

A Note from the Author • Extended About the Author • Discussion Questions • Q&A with Kacen Callender



HUMMINGBIRD

By Natalie Lloyd

PB: 9781338654592 • \$8.99 • On Sale 5/7/2024

From the bestselling author of *A Snicker of Magic* comes a heartfelt story about a girl who—armed with her trusty, snazzy wheelchair—refuses to let her brittle bone disease get in the way of adventure.

Schneider Family Book Award Honor

Cybil Awards Nominee

Kentucky Bluegrass Award

Keystone to Reading Book Award

Lone Star Reading List

Quahog Book Award

Sequoyah Book Award

Volunteer State Book Award

★ "A must-have for any elementary school or middle school library, this magical and heartening novel will keep readers engaged until the end. A perfect fit for fans of realistic fiction and fantasy alike."
—*School Library Journal*, starred review

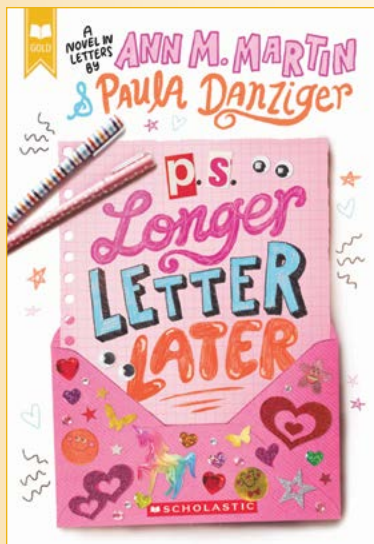
★ "Olive's sparkly personality roars to life through assured first-person narration, metaphors rooted in the natural world, and simple yet piercing free verse that distills her self-revelations."
—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

★ "With eccentric family members, a distinctive setting, and a supernatural element that is strangely believable within this otherwise realistic story, there's a lot to love here."
—*Booklist*, starred review

★ "With exceptional style and empathy, *Hummingbird* exquisitely addresses weighty themes in a jubilant yet realistic way. This is a novel as rare as the magical bird at its center."
—*BookPage*, starred review

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

A *Hummingbird* Deleted Scene • Q&A with Natalie Lloyd • A Sneak Peek at *The Whispering Wind*



P.S. LONGER LETTER LATER

By Ann M. Martin and Paula Danziger

PB: 9781546119128 • \$8.99 • On Sale 7/2/2024

Twelve-year-old best friends Elizabeth and Tara continue their friendship through letter-writing after Tara's family moves to another state, in a complex and emotionally rich novel about two friends coping with overwhelming change.

ABC Children's Booksellers Choices Award Winner

Story Book Parents' Choice Award

YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant
Young Adult Readers

Indian Paintbrush Book Award

Isinglass Teen Read Award

Land of Enchantment Book Award

Maryland Children's Book Award

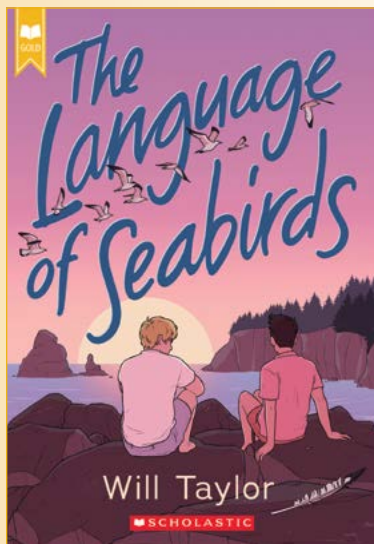
Prairie Pasque Award

Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award

★ "The venerable authors here do a splendid job of creating a story based on the letters exchanged between 12-year-old best friends, one of whom has just moved to another state. The authors' distinctive voices give the collaboration a rare spontaneity and realism."
—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

Extended About the Authors • Behind-the-Scenes



THE LANGUAGE OF SEABIRDS

By Will Taylor

PB: 9781338753745 • \$8.99 • On Sale 6/4/2024

A sweet, tender middle-grade story of two boys finding first love with each other over a seaside summer.

★ "Jeremy's entry into adolescence is warm and triumphant without offering pat solutions or platitudes. A wonderful, tender story about changing relationships."
—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

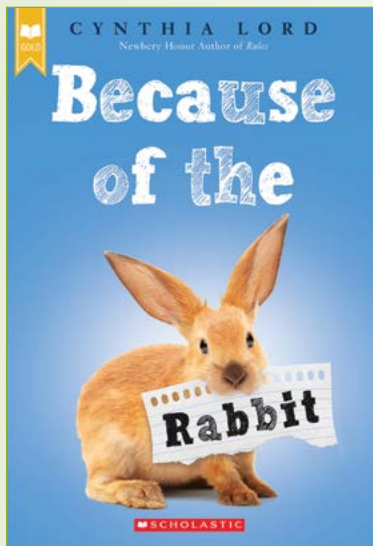
★ "A warm-hearted story that affirms and celebrates a tender relationship between two boys."
—*Horn Book*, starred review

★ "Via a leisurely third-person narration that effectively conjures the agony of first texts and the emotional awkwardness of adolescence, Taylor writes with vulnerability the conflict of being in-between."
—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

Glossary • A Note About the Birds • Q&A with Will Taylor

Currently Available in Scholastic Gold!



BECAUSE OF THE RABBIT

By Cynthia Lord

PB: 9780545914260 • \$8.99

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

★ "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

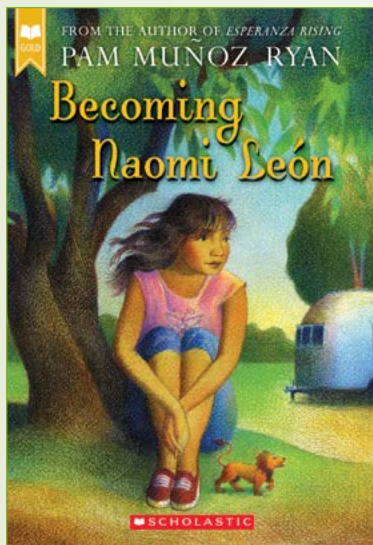
ALSC Notable Children's Book

★ "Delightful."
—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

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

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



BECOMING NAOMI LEÓN

By Pam Muñoz Ryan

PB: 9780439269971 • \$8.99

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

Pura Belpré Honor Book

"Engrossing."
—*New York Times Book Review*

Schneider Family Book Award Winner

Américas Award, Commended

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

Tomás Rivera Mexican American Children's Book Award Winner

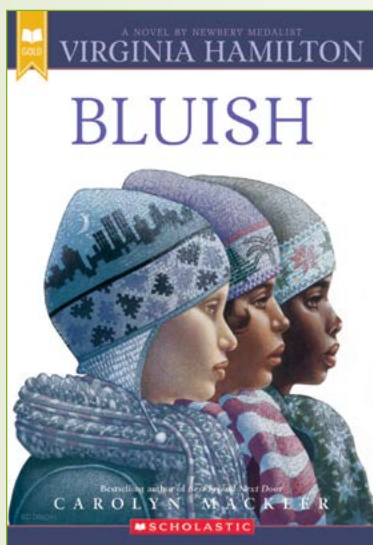
Book Sense Book of the Year Award Honor Book

California Collections

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

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



BLUISH

By Virginia Hamilton

PB: 9781338891775 • \$8.99

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

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

Extended About the Author



CHASING VERMEER

By Blue Balliett, Illustrated by Brett Helquist

PB: 9780439372978 • \$8.99

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
Book Sense Book of the Year Award Winner
Chicago Tribune Prize for Young Adult Fiction
Booklist Editors' Choice
Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List
CHILD Magazine Best Children's Book Award

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

"A 'Da Vinci Code' for tweens."—*Newsweek*

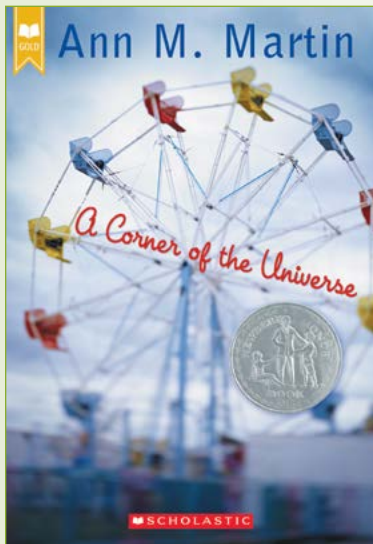
★ "This smart, playful story never stops challenging (and exhilarating) the audience."
 —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

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

★ "Delightful."—*Booklist*, starred review

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



A CORNER OF THE UNIVERSE

By Ann M. Martin

PB: 9780439388818 • \$8.99

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

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

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

ALA Notable Children's Book

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

A Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year

★ "A fully realized roller coaster of emotions."
 —*Booklist*, starred review

A Book Sense Top Ten Pick

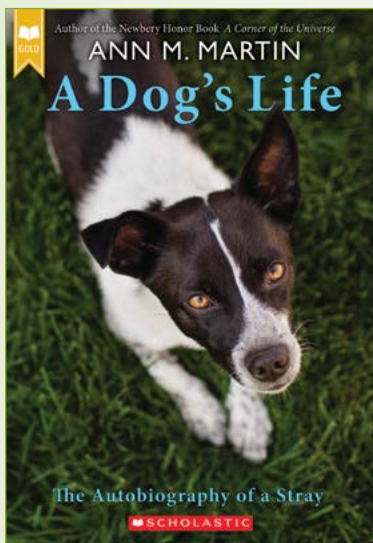
A Booklist Editors' Choice

★ "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

Kentucky Bluegrass Award Winner

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



A DOG'S LIFE: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A STRAY

By Ann M. Martin

PB: 9780439717007 • \$7.99

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

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

**Pacific Northwest Library Association
 Young Reader's Choice Award**

New Mexico Land of Enchantment Book Award

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

Colorado Children's Book Award

Indiana Young Hoosier Book Award

Arkansas Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award

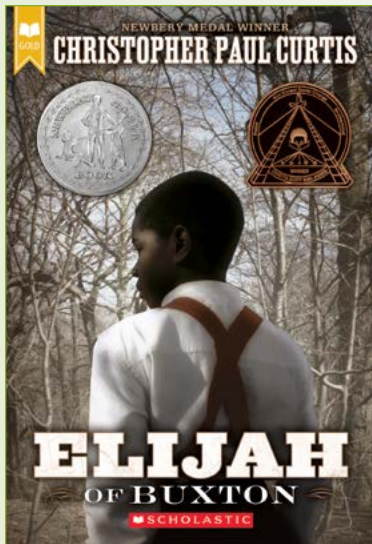
"Heart-wrenching as well as heartwarming."
 —*Kirkus Reviews*

Tennessee Volunteer State Book Award

Alabama Children's Choice Book Award

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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

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

★ "Rich, masterful storytelling . . . Curtis's best novel yet."

—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

Coretta Scott King Author Award

Scott O'Dell Award

★ "A fine, original novel."

—*Booklist*, starred review

IRA Notable Book for a Global Society

New York Public Library 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing

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

—*Horn Book*

Booklist Editors' Choice

Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year

Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year

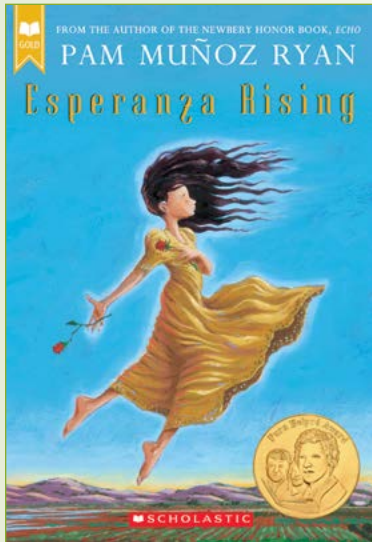
"Curtis's talent for dealing with painful periods of history with grace and sensitivity is as strong as ever."

—*School Library Journal*

Jane Addams Children's Honor Book

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



ESPERANZA RISING

By Pam Muñoz Ryan

PB: 9780439120425 • \$7.99

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

ALA Top Ten Best Book for Young Adults

Américas Honor Book

★ "Lyrical . . . Readers will be swept up."

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

California Young Reader Medal

Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year

★ "This well-written novel belongs in all collections."

—*School Library Journal*, starred review

Judy Goddard/Libraries Limited Arizona Young Adult Author Award

South Carolina Junior Book Award

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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

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."

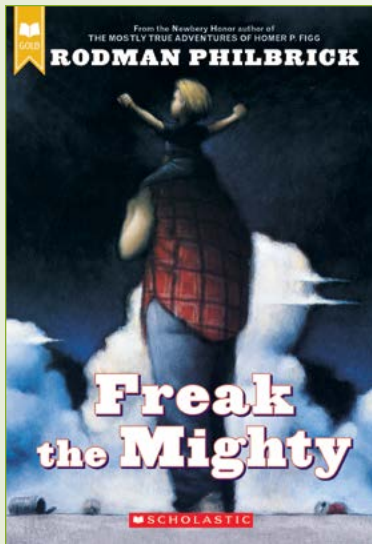
—*Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

"Moving, though more about the disaster itself than its human cost."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



FREAK THE MIGHTY

By Rodman Philbrick

PB: 9780439286060 • \$8.99

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

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



FRONT DESK

By Kelly Yang

PB: 9781338157826 • \$8.99

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

★ "Many readers will recognize themselves or their neighbors in these pages."
—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

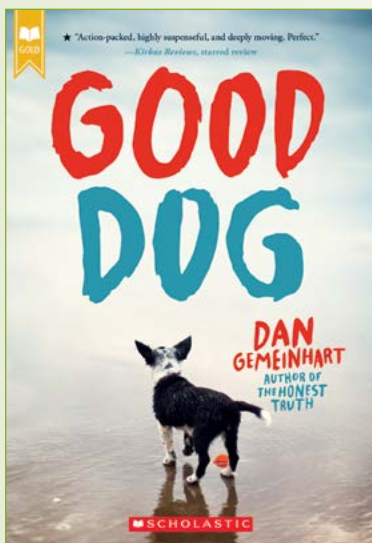
★ "Powerful and heart-wrenching."
—*Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*, starred review

★ "A swiftly moving plot and a winsome protagonist."
—*School Library Journal*, starred review

★ "This book will help foster empathy for the immigrant experience for young readers."
—*Booklist*, starred review

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

Author's Note • Discussion Guide • About the Author



GOOD DOG

By Dan Gemeinhart

PB: 9781338528756 • \$8.99

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.

Cybils Awards Nominee

Magnolia Award

★ "Action-packed, highly suspenseful, and deeply moving. Perfect."
—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

"Animal lovers will embrace this tale of canine dedication with a twist . . ."
—*Publishers Weekly*

"Written with compassion and humor, suspense and poignancy, the novel's unique perspective will resonate with readers who love a good tale of loyalty and undying friendship."
—*Booklist*

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



GREGOR THE OVERLANDER

By Suzanne Collins

PB: 9780439678131 • \$8.99

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."
—*Boston Globe*

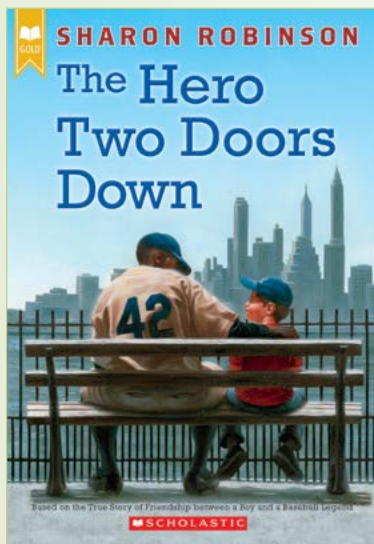
★ "A fascinating, vivid, highly original world."
—*Booklist*, starred review

★ "Fantastically engaging."
—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

★ "Luminous, supremely absorbing."
—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Suzanne Collins • Fun Facts • Activities • *Gregor and the Prophecy of Bane* Excerpt



THE HERO TWO DOORS DOWN

By Sharon Robinson

PB: 9780545804523 • \$7.99

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 Award

Nebraska Library Commission Best New Children's Books

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

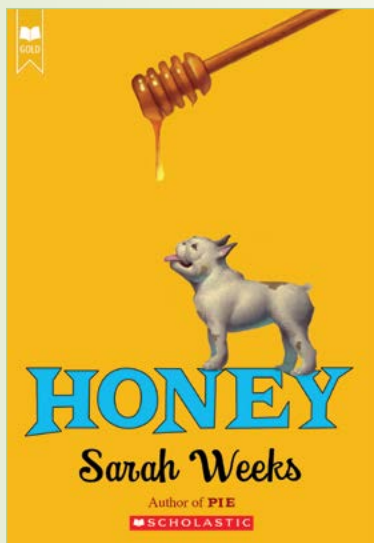
Minnesota Maud Hart Lovelace Master List

"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*

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



HONEY

By Sarah Weeks

PB: 9780545465601 • \$8.99

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

Iowa Children's Choice Award Master List

New Hampshire Great Stone Face Award Master List

"Emotionally credible and moving."
—*Publishers Weekly*

"A sweet affirmation of family and friendship."
—*Horn Book*

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Sarah Weeks



HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS

By Thomas Rockwell

PB: 9781338565898 • \$6.99

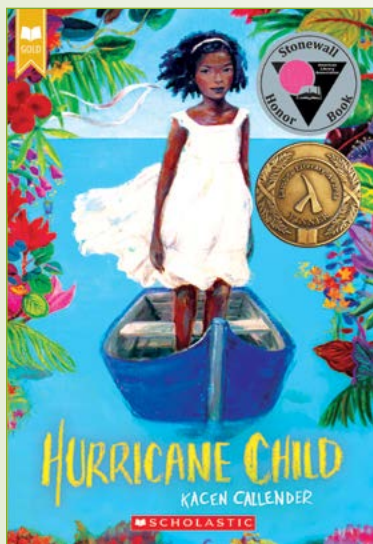
People are always daring Billy to do zany things. But Billy may have bitten off more than he can chew when he takes his friend Alan's bet that Billy can't eat fifteen worms in fifteen days.

★“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*

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

On Writing *How to Eat Fried Worms* • Fun Facts • Activities



HURRICANE CHILD

By Kacen Callender

PB: 9781338129311 • \$8.99

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

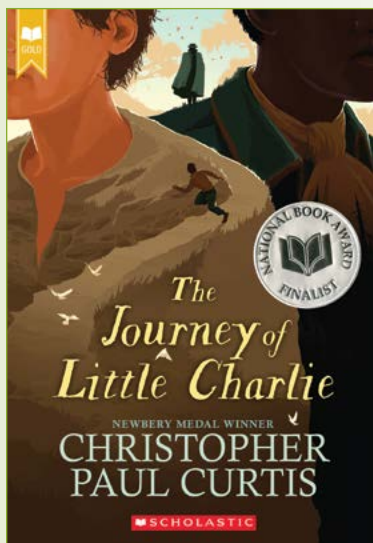
★“Writing in Caroline's present-tense voice, Callender draws readers in and makes them identify with Caroline's angst and sorrow and joy and pain.”
—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

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

★“Visceral, pensive, and memorable.”
—*Booklist*, starred review

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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

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

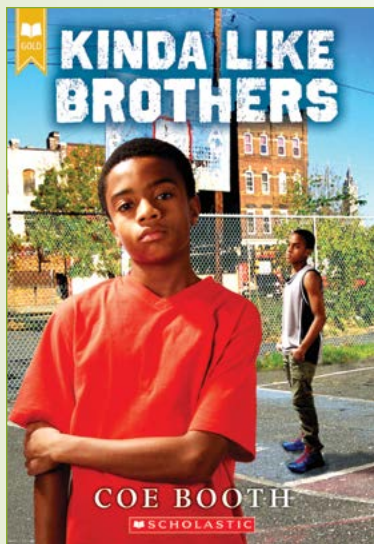
★“Masterful.”—*Horn Book*, starred review

★“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

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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

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.

Read On Wisconsin

Rhode Island Children's Book Award

Volunteer State Book Award

Sasquatch Reading Award

NPR's Book Concierge

NYC Reads 365

Grand Canyon Reader Award

Nutmeg Book Award

"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*

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



KING AND THE DRAGONFLIES

By Kacen Callender

PB: 9781338129342 • \$8.99

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 Coretta Scott King Honor Book

National Book Award Winner

Boston Globe-Horn Book Award Winner

★ "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

★ "[A] powerful tale of grief, intersectional identity, and love."

—*Publishers Weekly*, 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."

—*Horn Book*, starred review

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



LAND OF THE CRANES

By Aida Salazar

PB: 9781338343861 • \$8.99

A 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.

Américas Award Winner

Jane Addams Children's Book Award Honor Book

New York Public Library's Best Book

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."

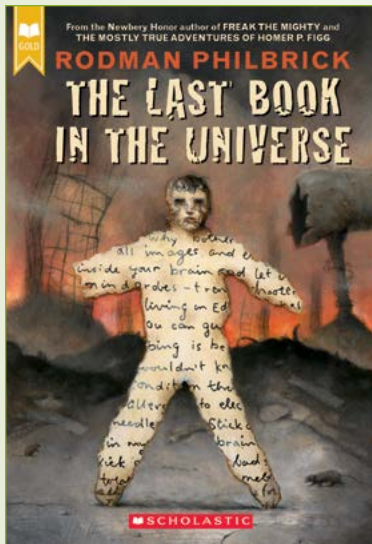
—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★ "Salazar's lyrical verse fashions empowerment out of indignity and suffering, creating a stirring and accessible, all-too-timely story."

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



THE LAST BOOK IN THE UNIVERSE

By Rodman Philbrick

PB: 9780439087599 • \$8.99

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."

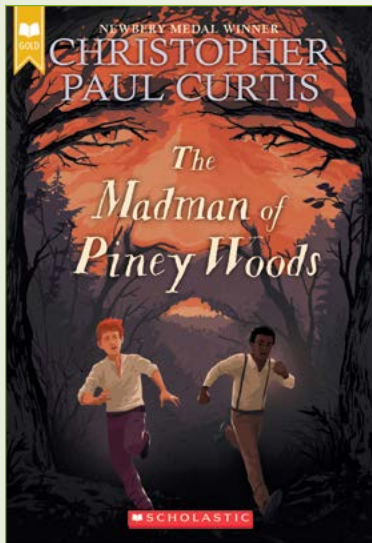
—Booklist

"Enthralling, thought-provoking, and unsettling."

—Voice of Youth Advocates

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



THE MADMAN OF PINEY WOODS

By Christopher Paul Curtis

PB: 9781338359657 • \$8.99

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."

—New York Times Book Review

★ "A delight . . . sure to please . . ."—Booklist, starred review

★ "Profoundly moving yet also at times very funny."

—Horn Book, starred review

★ "Poignant . . . Beautiful storytelling."

—Kirkus Reviews, starred review

★ "Thought-provoking . . . a page-turner . . ."

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

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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 • \$8.99

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

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

About the Author • Q&A with Amy Sarig King • Environmental Resources



ME, FRIDA, AND THE SECRET OF THE PEACOCK RING

By Angela Cervantes

PB: 9781338159325 • \$7.99

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."

—*Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

"A well-paced mystery plot and a rich exploration of the art of Frida Kahlo."

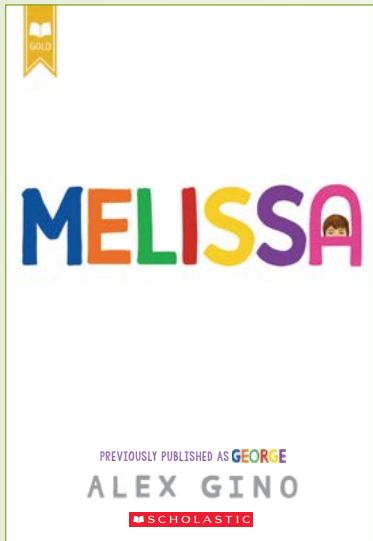
—*School Library Journal*

"A fun read for any sleuths-in-training."

—*Kirkus Reviews*

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



MELISSA

By Alex Gino

PB: 9781338843415 • \$8.99

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

ILA Notable Book for a Global Society

"Timely, touching."

—*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 . . ."

—*School Library Journal*, starred review

★ "Sensitive, insightful."

—*Booklist*, starred review

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Alex Gino



MIDNIGHT MAGIC

By Avi

PB: 9781338804386 • \$7.99

Street-smart servant boy Fabrizio must solve a ghostly mystery in this page-turning, magical adventure.

Notable Children's Books in the Language Arts

YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers

Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award

Lone Star Reading List

Sequoyah Book Award

South Carolina Junior Book Award

Sunshine State Young Reader's Award

West Virginia Children's Book Award

Young Hoosier Book Award

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

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

"The pages fly with intrigue and action."

—*Horn Book*

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



MISSING MAY

By Cynthia Rylant

PB: 9780439613835 • \$6.99

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."
—*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

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



THE MOON WITHIN

By Aida Salazar

PB: 9781338283389 • \$7.99

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.

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

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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 • \$8.99

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

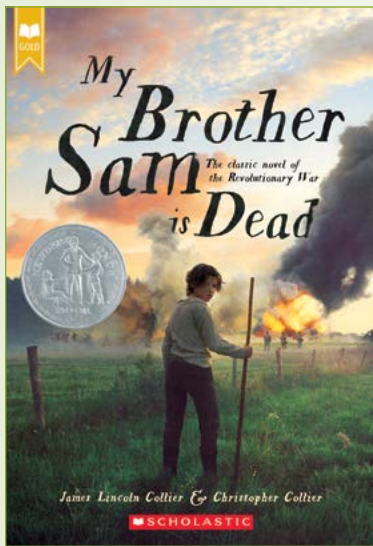
Maine Lupine Award

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

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



MY BROTHER SAM IS DEAD

By James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier

PB: 9780439783606 • \$8.99

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."

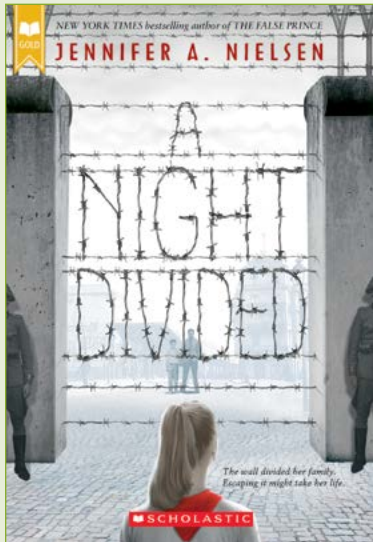
—Booklist, starred review

"This stirring and authoritative novel earns a place beside our best historical fiction . . . A memorable piece of writing."

—Horn Book

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



A NIGHT DIVIDED

By Jennifer A. Nielsen

PB: 9780545682442 • \$8.99

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."

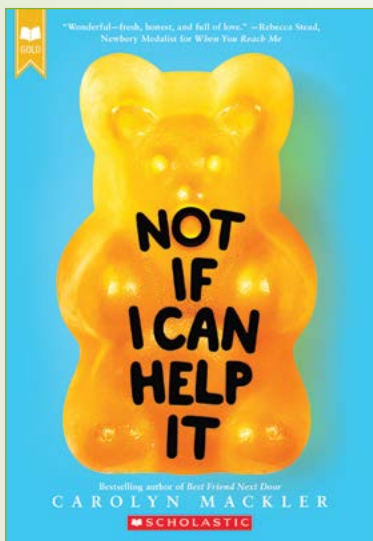
—Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

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

—School Library Journal

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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 • \$8.99

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."

—New York Times Book Review

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

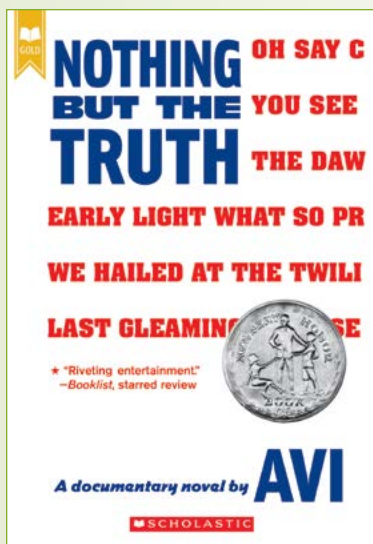
—Kirkus Reviews, starred review

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

—School Library Journal, starred review

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Carolyn Mackler



NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

By Avi

PB: 9780545174152 • \$9.99

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."

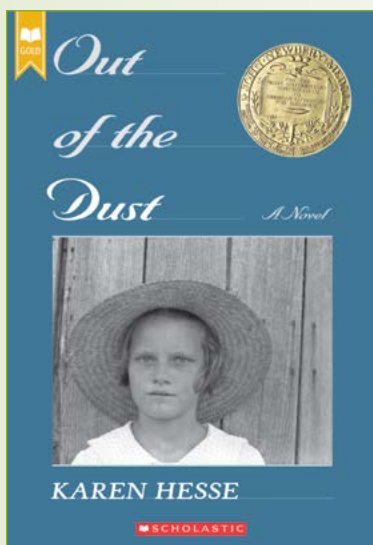
—*New York Times Book Review*

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

—*Publishers Weekly*

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



OUT OF THE DUST

By Karen Hesse

PB: 9780590371254 • \$8.99

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

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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 • \$8.99

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*

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Natalie Lloyd



PAINT THE WIND

By Pam Muñoz Ryan

PB: 9780545101769 • \$8.99

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.

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

—Kirkus Reviews

WILLA Literary Award Finalist

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

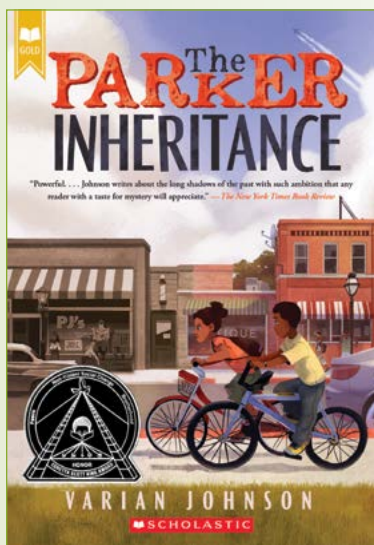
—Booklist

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

—Ann M. Martin

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



THE PARKER INHERITANCE

By Varian Johnson

PB: 9780545952781 • \$8.99

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."

—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

★ "A tangled historical mystery, a satisfying multigenerational family story, and an exploration of twentieth-century (and contemporary) race and racism."

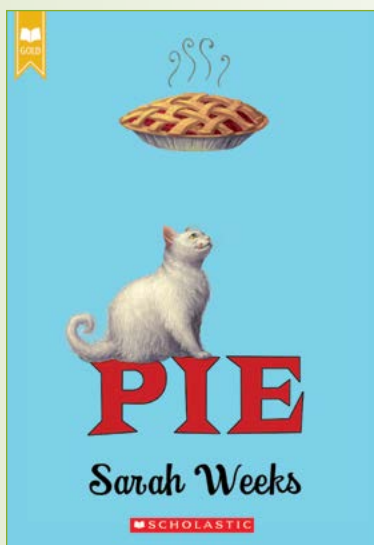
—Horn Book, starred review

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

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

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

Author's Note • About the Author • Varian Johnson on Writing the First Chapter



PIE

By Sarah Weeks

PB: 9780545270120 • \$7.99

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

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."

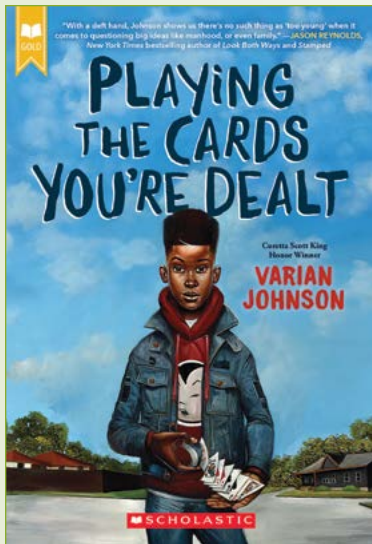
—School Library Journal, starred review

★ "[An] irresistible confection . . . Warm, delicious and filling."

—Kirkus Reviews, starred review

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

Pie Credits • Q&A with Sarah Weeks



PLAYING THE CARDS YOU'RE DEALT

By Varian Johnson

PB: 9781338348569 • \$8.99

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

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

Booklist Editors' Choice

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

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

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

★ "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

Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection

Indie Next Selection

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

Q&A with Varian Johnson • Resources for Readers • About the Author



RESISTANCE

By Jennifer A. Nielsen

PB: 9781338148503 • \$8.99

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

"Inspirating."

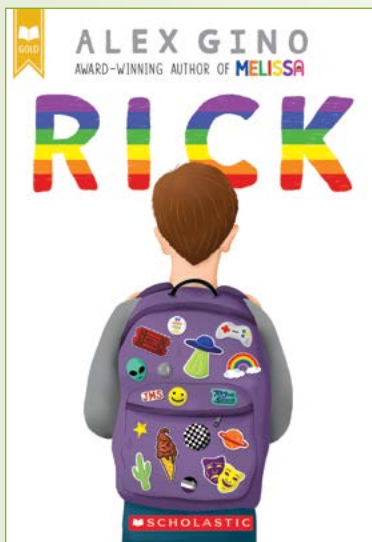
—Publishers Weekly

Sydney Taylor Notable Book

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

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



RICK

By Alex Gino

PB: 9781338048117 • \$7.99

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.

Cybils Awards Nominee

Jane Addams Children's Book Award, Short List

★ "11-year-old Rick grapples with his identity while navigating shifting relationships and learning about allyship."
—Publishers Weekly, starred review

Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year

Maine Student Book Award

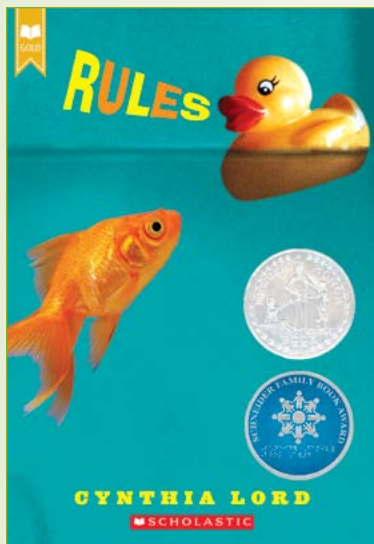
★ "This is an important, innovative, well-plotted book."
—Booklist, starred review

★ "An enlightening and important novel about a young person's experience with asexuality. A required purchase for middle grade collections."
—School Library Journal, starred review

★ "A game-changing ace."
—Kirkus Reviews, starred review

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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

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."

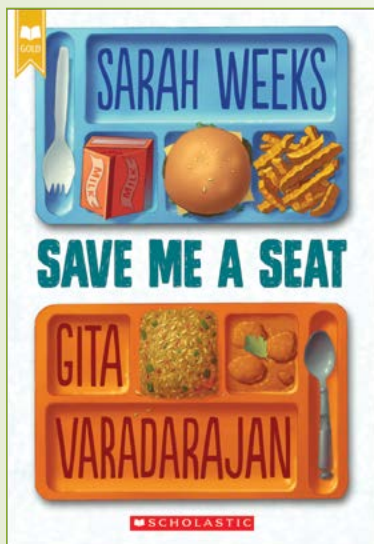
—School Library Journal

"Rewarding."

—Publishers Weekly

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



SAVE ME A SEAT

By Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan

PB: 9780545846615 • \$8.99

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

★ "Crackles 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

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

Extended About the Authors • Glossary • Recipes



SET ME FREE

By Ann Clare LeZotte

PB: 9781339023823 • \$8.99

A riveting standalone companion to the Schneider Family Book Award winner *Show Me a Sign* by Deaf author and librarian Ann Clare LeZotte.

★ "This historical novel will serve as a helpful window book for non-Deaf readers, but also a much-needed mirror book for those who are Deaf."

—School Library Journal, starred review

"Instantly captivating . . . will keep readers hooked until the very end . . . A simultaneously touching and gripping adventure."

—Kirkus Reviews

"Full of adventure and twists . . . a gripping tale of historical fiction."

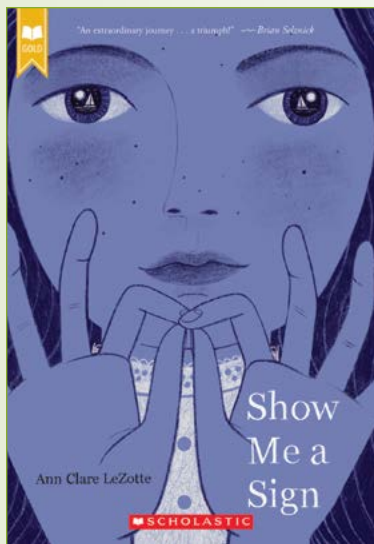
—Booklist

"Mary seems set to become a true hero-adventurer, an almost larger-than-life sleuth, teacher, and woman of action; and while the story's subject matter is serious in its engagement with history's ills, LeZotte conveys a sense of real enjoyment in having Mary disrupt . . . the prejudices and expectations of the status quo."

—Horn Book

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

About the Author • Q&A with Ann Clare LeZotte • Mrs. Pye's Three Guiding Principles • Activities • Sign Language Diagrams • A Sneak Peek at *Sail Me Away*



SHOW ME A SIGN

By Ann Clare LeZotte

PB: 9781338255829 • \$8.99

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 Book of the Year

School Library Journal Best Book of the Year

★ "A must-read."

—Kirkus Reviews, starred review

★ "Will enthral readers, but her internal journey . . . profound."

—Horn Book, starred review

★ "Engrossing."

—Publishers Weekly, starred review

★ "Expertly crafted . . . exceptionally written."

—School Library Journal, starred review

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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

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!"

—New York Times Book Review

★ "Delightful and inspiring."

—School Library Journal, starred review

★ "Fine storytelling."

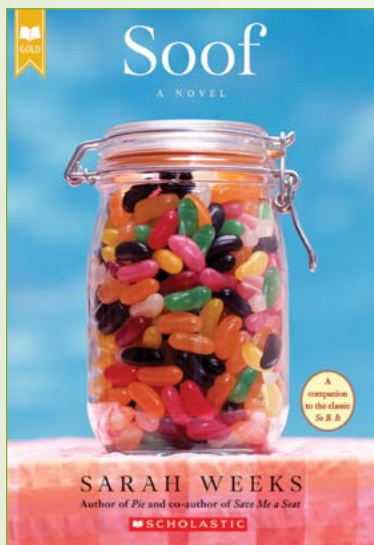
—Kirkus Reviews, starred review

★ "Sparkles and radiates warmth."

—Publishers Weekly, starred review

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

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



SOOF

By Sarah Weeks

PB: 9780545846660 • \$7.99

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.

Cybil Awards Nominee

"Poignant and well-crafted."

—School Library Journal

"Lyrical."

—Booklist

"A sweet story that shows all you need is soof."

—Kirkus Reviews

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Sarah Weeks



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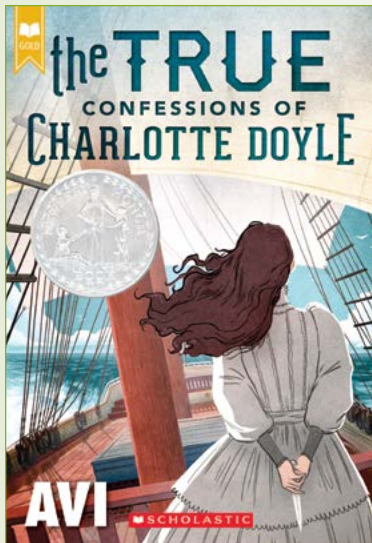
"A radiant novel . . . splendid."
—*New York Times Book Review*

★ "[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

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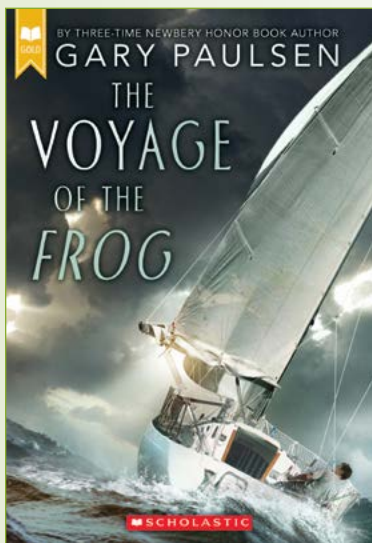
★ "A thrilling tale, tautly plotted, vividly narrated."
—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

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

★ "A breathtaking seafaring adventure."
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—*Kirkus Reviews*

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Doncaster Book Award Winner

Kate Greenaway Medal, Long List

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Bluestem Award

Doncaster Book Award

Indian Paintbrush Book Award

"Superb."

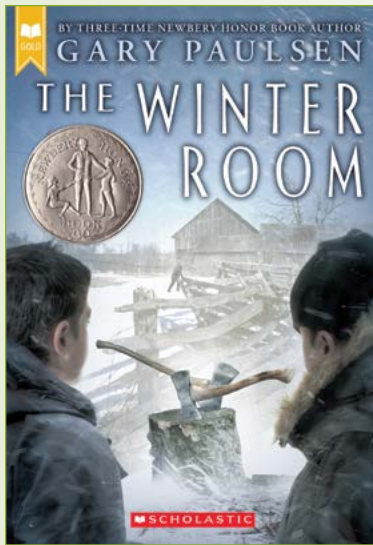
—*New York Times Book Review*

"The novel [has an] antiwar message, and the terse details speak eloquently about peace."

—*Booklist*

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Michael Morpurgo on Writing *War Horse* • Q&A with Michael Morpurgo



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Newbery Honor Book

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"[Paulsen] has penned a mood poem in prose."

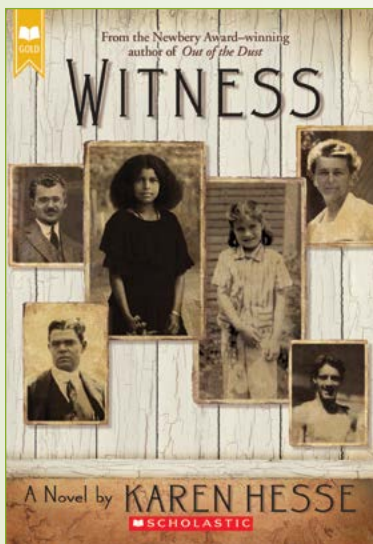
—*Kirkus Reviews*

"Newbery Honor-winner Paulsen never disappoints, and proves his talent again in this remarkably good tale."

—*Publishers Weekly*

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Extended About the Author • Q&A with Gary Paulsen • Historical Context • *The Voyage of the Frog* Excerpt



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Christopher Medal

Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year

School Library Journal Best Book of the Year

NCTE Notable Children's Book in the Language Arts

ALA Notable Children's Book

Parent's Guide to Children's Media Award

CBC Choices

New York Public Library 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing

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—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

★ "Remarkable and powerful . . . a thoughtful look at people and their capacity for love and hate."
—*School Library Journal*, starred review

★ "What Copland created with music, and Hopper created with paint, Hesse deftly and unerringly creates with words."
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Cybil Awards Nominee

Mind the Gap Award Winner

Horn Book Fanfare

★ "Refreshing . . . her anger and her sadness are thoughtfully explored."

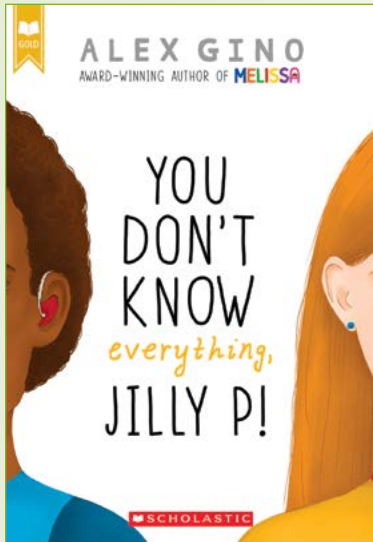
—*Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*, starred review

★ "A deeply emotional book . . . capturing the grief, longing, and loss of divorce."

—*Booklist*, starred review

BACK MATTER INCLUDES:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Amy Sarig King



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By Alex Gino

PB: 9780545956253 • \$7.99

Jilly thinks she's figured out how life works. But when her sister, Emma, is born Deaf, she realizes how much she still has to learn.

Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year

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

★ "A necessary and rewarding addition to any middle-grade collection."

—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★ "A novel that carries a strong social message."

—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

★ "A heartfelt and needed story about white privilege, intent vs. impact, and respecting cultural differences."

—*School Library Journal*, starred review

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