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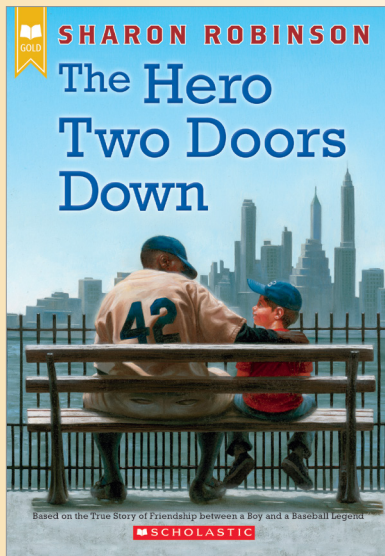
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THE HERO TWO DOORS DOWN

By Sharon Robinson

PB: 978-0-545-80452-3 • \$7.99 • On Sale 5/5/2020

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: 978-0-545-46560-1 • \$7.99 • On Sale 4/21/2020

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."

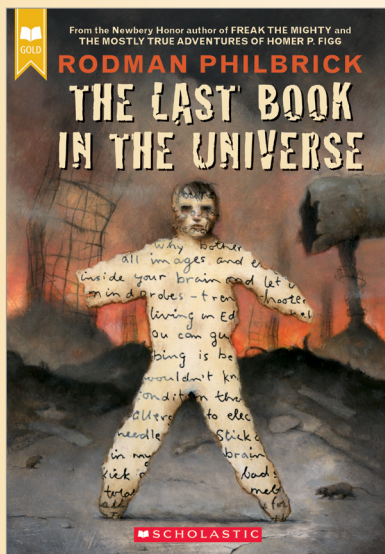
—Publishers Weekly

"A sweet affirmation of family and friendship."

—Horn Book Guide

BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Sarah Weeks



THE LAST BOOK IN THE UNIVERSE

By Rodman Philbrick

PB: 978-0-439-08759-9 • \$7.99 • On Sale 6/2/2020

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."

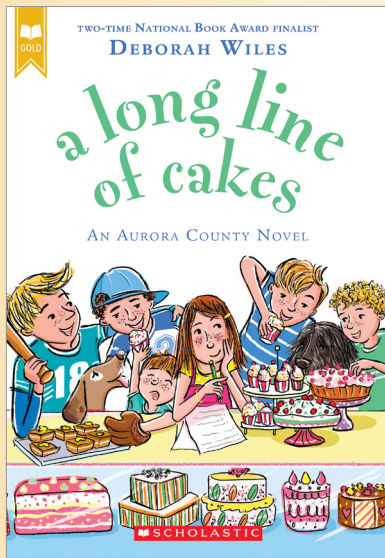
—Booklist

"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: 978-1-338-15051-3 • \$7.99 • On Sale 5/5/2020

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."

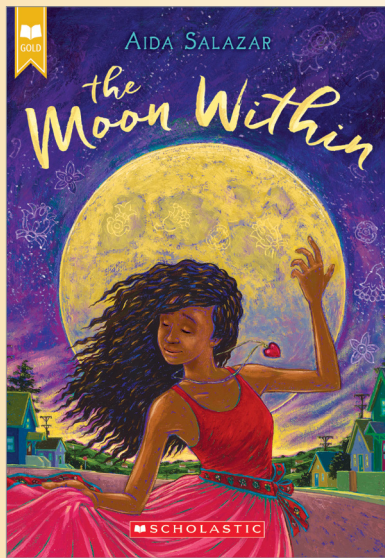
—Booklist

"[A] charming novel of belonging."

—School Library Journal

BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Deborah Wiles



THE MOON WITHIN

By Aida Salazar

PB: 978-1-338-28338-9 • \$7.99 • On Sale 5/5/2020

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.

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

—Kirkus Reviews, starred review

★ "Excellent."

—School Library Journal, starred review

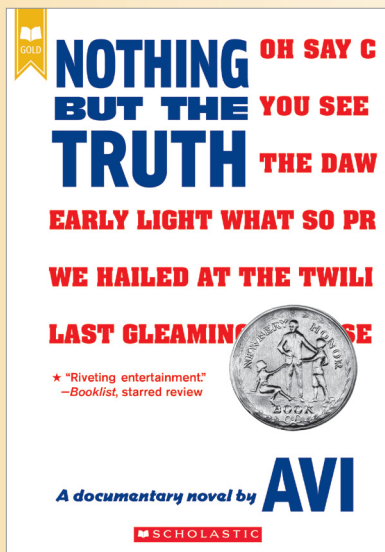
**International Latino Book Award Finalist
Spring 2019 Kids Indie Next List Selection**

★ "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



NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

By Avi

PB: 978-0-545-17415-2 • \$7.99 • On Sale 6/2/2020

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



PAINT THE WIND

By Pam Muñoz Ryan

PB: 978-0-545-10176-9 • \$7.99 • On Sale 4/21/2020

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."

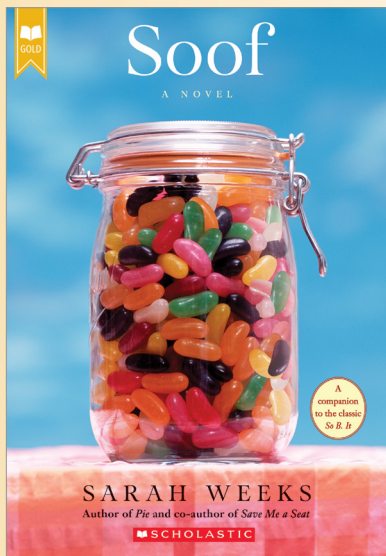
—Booklist

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

—Ann M. Martin

BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

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



SOOF

By Sarah Weeks

PB: 978-0-545-84666-0 • \$7.99 • On Sale 5/5/2020

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: 978-0-545-22770-4 • \$7.99 • On Sale 4/21/2020

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

"A radiant novel . . . splendid."

—*The New York Times Book Review*

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] fantasy/mystery/adventure, all rolled into one spellbinding story."

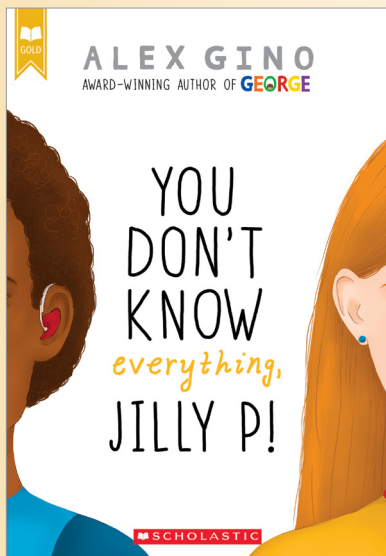
—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★ "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



YOU DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING, JILLY P!

By Alex Gino

PB: 978-0-545-95625-3 • \$7.99 • On Sale 5/5/2020

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
Maine Student Book Award Master List
Bank Street College of Education Best Children's Book of the Year

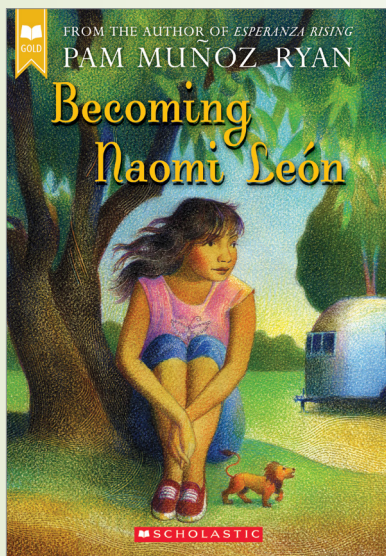
★ "A necessary and rewarding addition to any middle-grade collection."
 —Kirkus Reviews, starred review

★ "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

BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

Extended About the Author • Q&A with Alex Gino



BECOMING NAOMI LEÓN

By Pam Muñoz Ryan

PB: 978-0-439-26997-1 • \$7.99 • Available Now

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

Pura Belpré Honor Book
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

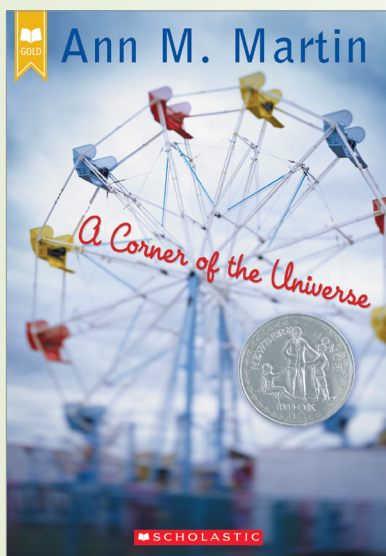
"Engrossing." —The New York Times

★ "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



A CORNER OF THE UNIVERSE

By Ann M. Martin

PB: 978-0-439-38881-8 • \$7.99 • 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



FRONT DESK

By Kelly Yang

PB: 978-1-338-15782-6 • \$7.99 • 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

★ "Powerful and heart-wrenching."

Parents' Choice Gold Medal Fiction Award Winner

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

ALA Top Ten Debut Novel

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

Washington Post Best Book of the Year

—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

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

★ "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

New York Public Library Best Book of the Year

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

Chicago Public Library Best Book of the Year

—*School Library Journal*, starred review

BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

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



GOOD DOG

By Dan Gemeinhart

PB: 978-1-338-52875-6 • \$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



HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS

By Thomas Rockwell

PB: 978-1-338-56589-8 • \$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."

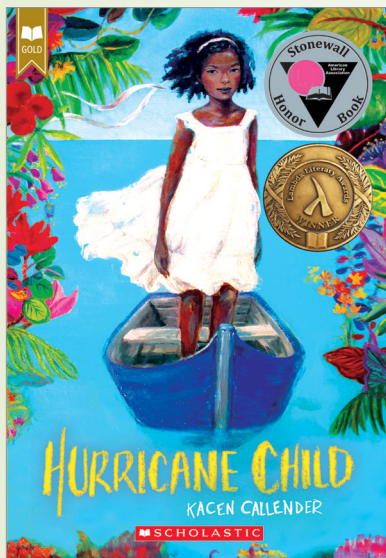
—*School Library Journal*, starred review

"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: 978-1-338-12931-1 • \$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

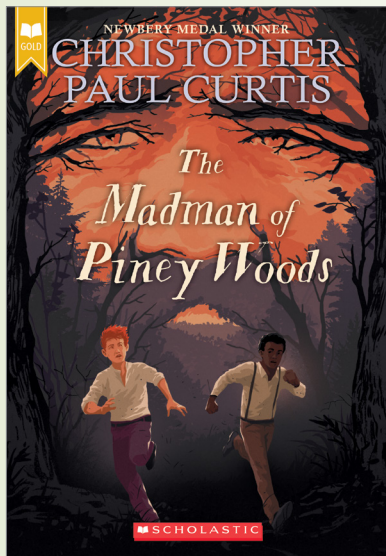
★ "Writing in Caroline's present-tense voice, Callender draws readers in and makes them identify with Caroline's angst and sorrow and joy and pain."
 —Kirkus Reviews, starred review

★ "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 MADMAN OF PINEY WOODS

By Christopher Paul Curtis

PB: 978-1-338-35965-7 • \$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: 978-0-545-87076-4 • \$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: 978-1-338-15932-5 • \$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



THE MOSTLY TRUE ADVENTURES OF HOMER P. FIGG

By Rodman Philbrick

PB: 978-0-439-66821-7 • \$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.”

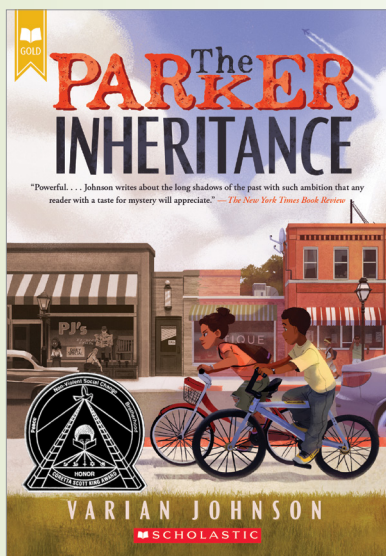
—*The Boston Globe*

★ “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



THE PARKER INHERITANCE

By Varian Johnson

PB: 978-0-545-95278-1 • \$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: 978-0-545-27012-0 • \$6.99 • Available Now

When Alice's Aunt Polly, the Pie Queen of Ipswich, passes away, she takes with her the secret to her world-famous pie-crust 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

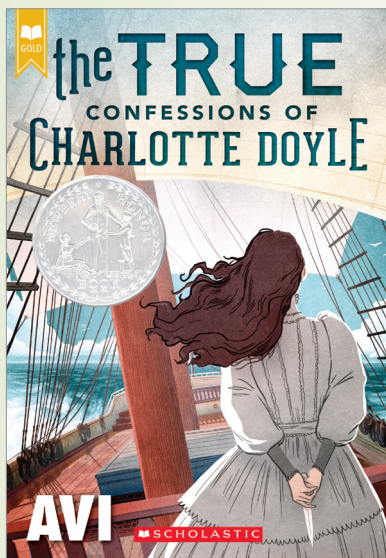
Florida Sunshine State Young Readers' Award Winner

★ "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



THE TRUE CONFESSIONS OF CHARLOTTE DOYLE

By Avi

PB: 978-0-545-47711-6 • \$6.99 • 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

Horn Book Fanfare Book

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

School Library Journal Best Book of the Year

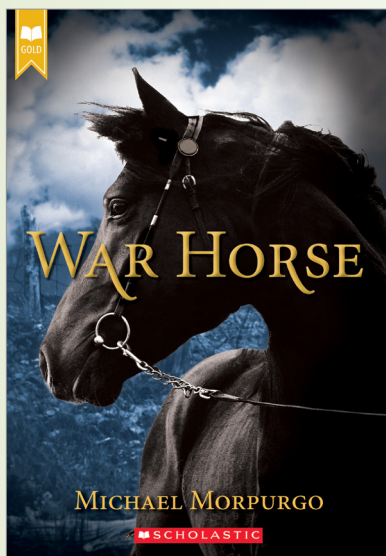
★ "A thrilling tale, tautly plotted, vividly narrated."
—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★ "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

By Michael Morpurgo

PB: 978-0-439-79664-4 • \$7.99 • Available Now

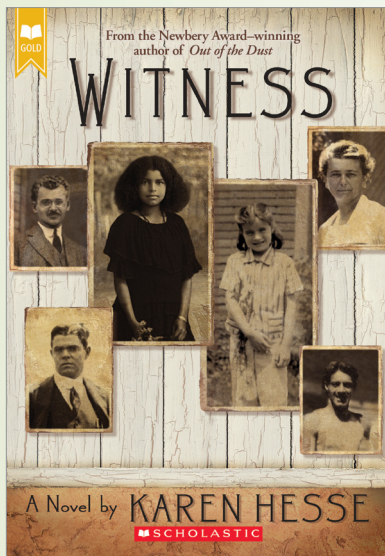
In 1914, Joey, a farm horse, is sold to the army and thrust into World War I. When Joey is dragged away, his heart aches for Albert, the farmer's son he's forced to leave behind. Will he ever find Albert again?

"Superb."
—*The New York Times Book Review*

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

BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

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



WITNESS

By Karen Hesse

PB: 978-1-338-35967-1 • \$7.99 • Available Now

A small Vermont town in 1924 turns against its own when the Ku Klux Klan moves in. No one is safe, especially the two youngest, twelve-year-old Leanora, an African American girl, and six-year-old Esther, who is Jewish.

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

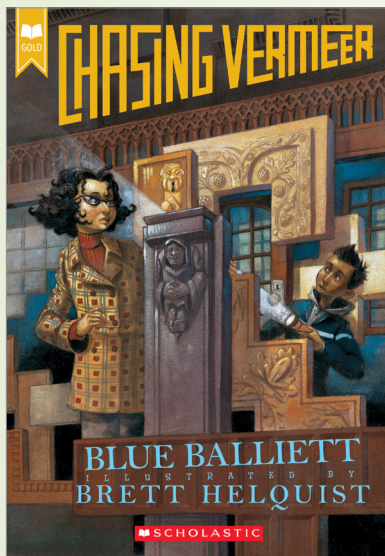
★ "This lyrical novel powerfully records waves of change and offers insightful glimpses into the hearts of victims, their friends and their enemies."
—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

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

BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

About the Author • Discussion Guide by Karen Hesse • Karen Hesse Answers Questions from Fans • Activities



CHASING VERMEER

By Blue Balliett, Illustrated by Brett Helquist

PB: 978-0-439-37297-8 • \$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

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."
—*The New York Times Book Review*

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

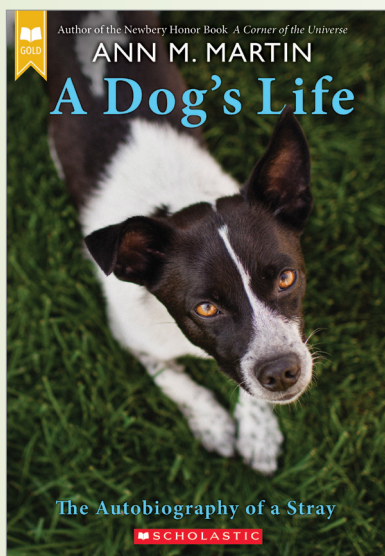
★ "This smart, playful story never stops challenging (and exhilarating) the audience."
—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

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

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

BONUS MATERIALS INCLUDE:

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



A DOG'S LIFE: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A STRAY

By Ann M. Martin

PB: 978-0-439-71700-7 • \$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

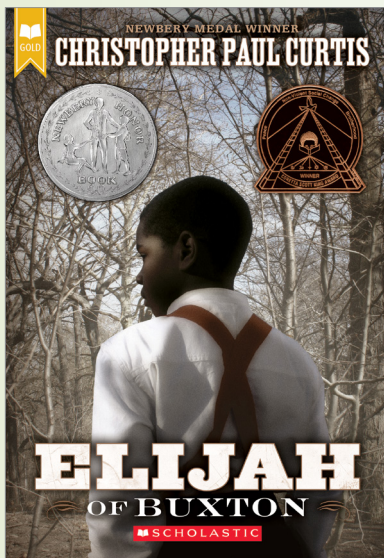
★ "Sure to melt the hearts of animal lovers."
—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

★ "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: 978-0-439-02345-0 • \$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."

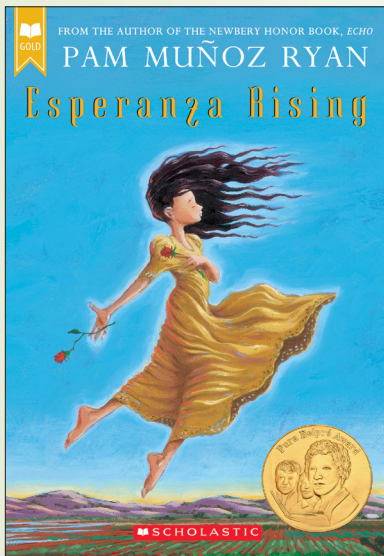
—Horn Book

"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: 978-0-439-12042-5 • \$6.99 • 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

Willa 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."

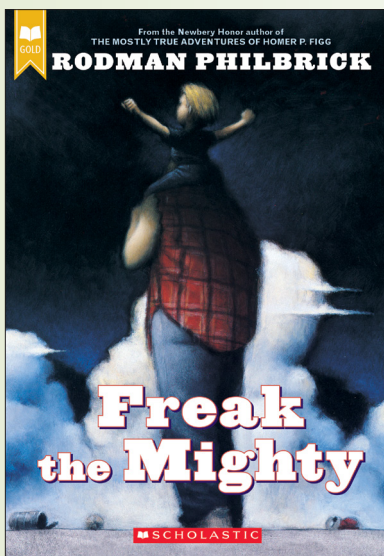
—Publishers Weekly, starred review

★ "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



FREAK THE MIGHTY

By Rodman Philbrick

PB: 978-0-439-28606-0 • \$6.99 • 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's Award

★ "Poignant . . . an intriguing and unusual story."

—Kirkus Reviews, starred review

★ "A wonderful story of triumph."

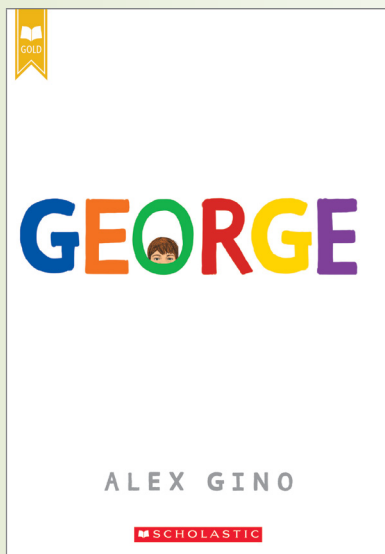
—School Library Journal, starred review

"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



GEORGE

By Alex Gino

PB: 978-0-545-81257-3 • \$6.99 • 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)



GREGOR THE OVERLANDER

By Suzanne Collins

PB: 978-0-439-67813-1 • \$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*

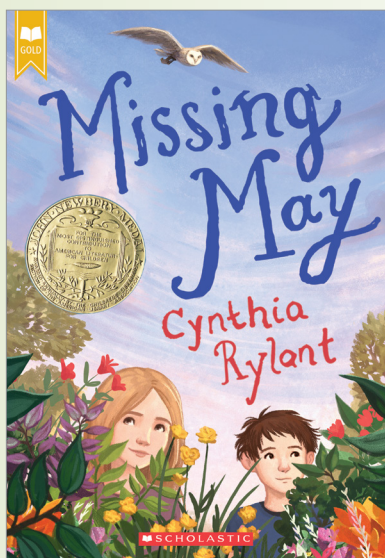
★ "A fascinating, vivid, highly original world."
 —*Booklist*, starred review

★ "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



MISSING MAY

By Cynthia Rylant

PB: 978-0-439-61383-5 • \$5.99 • 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

The 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

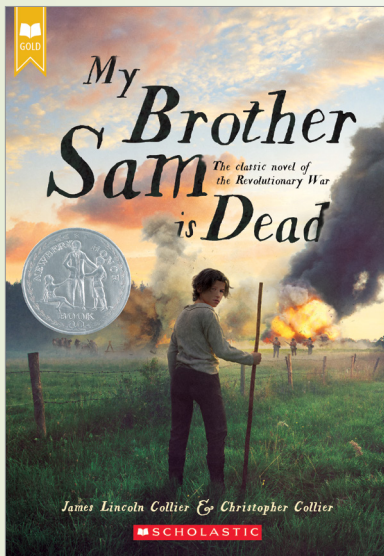
★ "There is much to ponder here, from the meaning of life and death to the power of love. That it all succeeds is a tribute to a fine writer."
 —*School Library Journal*, starred review

★ "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



MY BROTHER SAM IS DEAD

By James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier
PB: 978-0-439-78360-6 • \$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

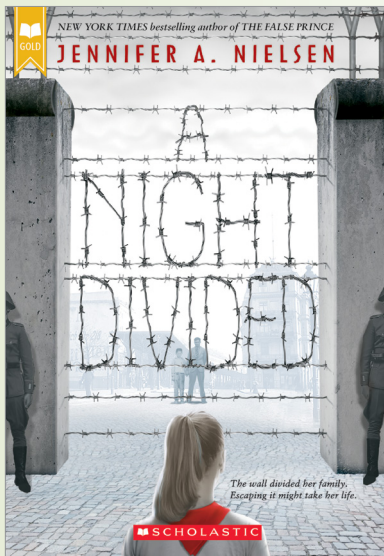
"This stirring and authoritative novel earns a place beside our best historical fiction . . .

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: 978-0-545-68244-2 • \$7.99 • 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."

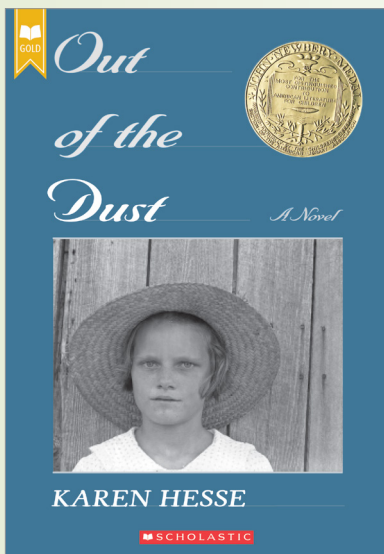
—*The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*

"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



OUT OF THE DUST

By Karen Hesse
PB: 978-0-590-37125-4 • \$7.99 • 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."

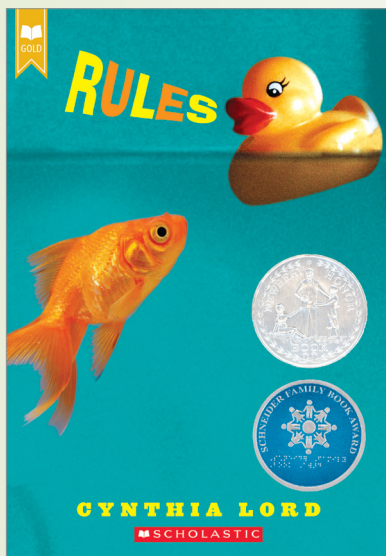
—*School Library Journal*, starred review

★ "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



RULES

By Cynthia Lord

PB: 978-0-439-44383-8 • \$7.99 • 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

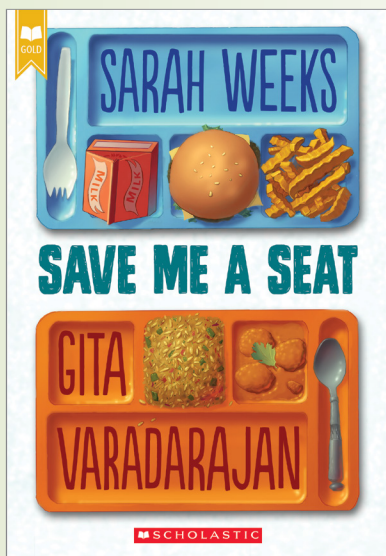
"Heartwarming."
—Booklist

"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: 978-0-545-84661-5 • \$7.99 • 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



A SNICKER OF MAGIC

By Natalie Lloyd

PB: 978-0-545-55273-8 • \$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