*Ada Twist, Scientist* by Andrea Beaty. Illus. by David Roberts
Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2016
A wonderful story told in rhyme, Ada asks questions and performs experiments to understand the world around her. Just like a scientist! ▲ Spanish.

*Detective Gordon: The First Case* by Ulf Nilsson. Illus. by Gitte Spee
Gecko Press, 2016
A chapter book mystery starring Detective Gordon, a toad searching for the thieves behind a stolen stash of nuts in a woodland setting. ▲ Spanish.

*Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures* by Kate DiCamillo. Illus. by K. G. Campbell
Candlewick Press, 2013
Flora rescues Ulysses from a vacuum cleaner and discovers he has incredible magical powers. He’s also a squirrel.

*National Geographic Book of Nature Poetry* by J. Patrick Lewis
National Geographic Kids, 2015
A broad variety of nature poetry paired with breathtaking photographs that celebrate how inspiring nature can be.

*Tobia* by Atinuke. Illus by Lauren Castillo
Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2014
A successful food truck cook's life story and fight for equal rights for all is the subject of this biographical picture book.

*One Proud Penny* by Randy Siegel. Illus. by Serge Bloch
Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press, 2017
The first Jewish woman penny travels from her birthplace in Philadelphia around the country, recounting her adventures.

*Echo Echo: Reverso Poems about Greek Myths* by Marilyn Singer. Illus. by José Masse
Mirror poems that are meant to be read backwards and forwards present two sides of classic Greek Myths.

*I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark* by Debbie Levy. Illus. by Elizabeth Baddeley
The first Jewish woman to sit on the United States Supreme Court, Ginsburg’s life story and fight for equal rights for all is the subject of this biographical picture book.

*Insect Superpowers* by Katie Messner. Illus. by Jillian Nickell
Chronicle Books, 2019

*The Stu* by Marion Dane Bauer. Illus. by LeUyen Pham
Candlewick Press, 2019
A 4th grade first time teacher is anxious to have the first day of school go smoothly in this graphic novel.

*Withywick* by Robin Preiss Glasser
Dial Books / Yearling, 2016
A lively step up from early chapter books, Not-So-Impossible Tales are packed with big adventure, quirky misfits, and two-color art on almost every page.

*Mr. Wolf’s Class* by Aron Steinke
Scholastic / Graphix, 2018
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*Pugs of the Frozen North* by Philip Reeve. Illus. by Sarah McIntyre
Random House Children’s Books / Yearling, 2016
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*The Roots of Rap: 16 Bars on the 4 Pillars of Hip-Hop* by Carole Boston Weatherford. Illus. by Frank Morrison
Little Bee Books, 2019
The history of hip-hop, including its roots in folktales, spirituals and poetry, and the art and dance that co-evolved with it.

*Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson’s Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions* by Chris Barton. Illus. by Don Tate
Charlesbridge, 2016
This biography of the NASA engineer who accidentally invented one of the best toys of all time is inspiring and engaging. ▲ Spanish.

*Do Not Lick This Book* by Randy Siegel. Illus. by Serge Bloch
Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press, 2018
Told from the point of view of Min the microbe, this is a perfect introduction to the microscopic world around us.

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*Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems* by Bob Raczka. Illus. by Theodore Taylor III
Concrete poetry is always popular because it is so visually pleasing. This book won’t disappoint.

*One Proud Penny* by Randy Siegel. Illus. by Serge Bloch
Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press, 2017
An interesting anthropomorphic penny travels from his birthplace in Philadelphia around the country, recounting his adventures.

*Snowman - Cold = Puddle* by Laura Purdie Salas. Illus by Micha Archer
Charlesbridge, 2019
A collection of seasonal poems that creatively incorporate math language and concepts.

*The Princess in Black and the Stolen Box of Nightmares* by Shannon and Dean Hale. Illus. by LeUyen Pham
Candlewick Press, 2019
A zany boy has one problem after another trying to convince his classmates that he isn’t a scaredy-cat.

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*Women of the Word: From the First Christian Women Preachers to the 21st Century* by Elizabeth Baddeley
Putnam’s Sons, 2014
The first Jewish woman in her way.

*The Day the Universe Exploded My Head: Poems to Take You into Space and Back Again* by Allan Wolf. Illus. by Anna Hibiscus
Kane Miller Books, 2010
The charming, fascinating stories about the spunky Anna detailing her urban, middle-class life in contemporary Africa, joyfully celebrate family and everyday life while gently exploring social justice issues in such a way as to captivate young readers.

*Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin and June Jo Lee. Illus by Man Todd
Readers to Eaters, 2017
A successful food truck cook’s life story and how he decided what he wanted to do with his life.

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*Weekends with Max and His Dad* by Linda Urban. Illus. by Katie Kath
HMH Books for Young Readers, 2018
Third-grader Max pursues neighborhood adventures with his dad as they both adjust to recent changes in their family.

*Anna Hibiscus* by Atinuke. Illus by Lauren Tobia
Kane Miller Books, 2010
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Amelia Lost : The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart
by Candace Fleming
Random House Children’s Books / Yearling, 2019
A riveting look at the life, disappearance, and search for legendary aviatrix Amelia Earhart.

Echo
by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Scholastic, 2015
In a story that blends folktales and realism, a harmonica connects three musically-talented children from different periods in history.

Genius: The Most Astonishing Inventions of All Time
by Deborah Kespert
Thames and Hudson, 2015
Young readers are introduced to the stories of the thinkers and inventors that helped shape our modern world, such as Archimedes, da Vinci, Gutenberg, James Watt, the Wright brothers, and Tim Berners-Lee.

The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian’s Art Changed Science
by Joyce Sidman
HMH Books for Young Readers, 2016
A biography of Maria Sibylla Merian, a pioneering 17th-century scientist and artist who documented the metamorphosis of butterflies.

Go for the Moon: A Rocket, a Boy, and the First Moon Landing
by Chris Gall
Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press, 2019
A boy creates his own adventures to accompany the Apollo 11 astronauts in this picture book filled with scientific details and fun facts.

Her Own Two Feet: A Rwandan Girl’s Brave Fight to Walk
by Meredith Davis & Rebeca Uwitonze
Scholastic / Focus, 2019
A Rwandan girl born with clubfoot moves to America and endures numerous surgeries in this story of faith and perseverance.

Migrations: Open Hearts, Open Borders
by ICPBS (various authors)
Illus. by Julia Kuo
Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing / Atheneum, 2019
Story illuminating the history of post-WWII Japan, told through a Japanese-American girl whose family was expatriated and had to join her grandparents on a farm outside Hiroshima.

Mountain Dog
by Margarita Engle. Illus. by Aleksey and Olga Ivanov
A novel in verse told from two points of view: Tony, whose mother is incarcerated, and Gabe, a search-and-rescue dog who helps Tony learn about life in the wilderness.

The One and Only Ivan
by Katherine Applegate. Illus. by Patricia Castelao
Inspired by the true story of a captive gorilla who spent 27 years in an enclosure in a shopping mall.

The Parker Inheritance
by Varian Johnson
Scholastic, 2018
A multigenerational family story set in South Carolina explores the history of racism in a mystery with elements of The Westing Game.

A Place to Belong
by Cynthia Kadohata. Illus. by Julia Kuo
Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing / Atheneum, 2019
Story illuminating the history of post-WWII Japan, told through a Japanese-American girl whose family was expatriated and had to join her grandparents on a farm outside Hiroshima.

The Poetry of Us
by J. Patrick Lewis
National Geographic Kids, 2018
A wide variety of old and new poems, poetic techniques, forms, and topics covering life in the United States, from large cities to rural areas.

Random Body Parts: Gross Anatomy Riddles in Verse
by Leslie Bulion. Illus. by Mike Lowery
Peachtree Publishing Company, 2015
Anatomy riddles with high-level vocabulary and a Shakespeare theme.

The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus
by Jen Bryant. Illus. by Melissa Sweet
Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2014
Roget is more than the creator of the thesaurus, this extensive biography shows many aspects of his life, from his list-loving childhood to his inventions. • Spanish.

*Science Comics: Trees: Kings of the Forest
by Andy Hirsch
Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group / First Second, 2018
A personified acorn (and its woodland friends) teach us about photosynthesis, the mycorrhizal network, and other science details behind the growth of a tree.

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*Why Do Elephants Know?
by Eric Dinerstein
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2016
A renowned scientist depicts the complexities of life in the Nepalese Borderlands during the 1970s and the delicate relationship between man and nature.

*The Serpent’s Secret
by Sayantani DasGupta
Scholastic Press, 2018
A New Jersey sixth grader discovers that she might be an Indian princess who must solve riddles and battle demons to save the world.

*Smile
by Raina Telgemeier
Scholastic / Graphix, 2010
Based on the author’s own experiences, this graphic memoir addresses the pain and embarrassment of years of orthodontia following an accident. • Spanish.

*The Way Things Work
by David Macaulay
Scholastic / Graphix, 2015
Clever illustrations and text explain how the technological wonders of the past and present work.

*Wings of Fire: The Graphic Novel
by Tui Sutherland. Illus. by Mike Holmes
Scholastic / Graphix, 2013
Graphic novel adaptation of the popular fantasy series shows the world of warring dragons in full color.

What Elephants Know
by Eric Dinerstein
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2016
A renowned scientist depicts the complexities of life in the Nepalese Borderlands during the 1970s and the delicate relationship between man and nature.

Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World
by Rachel Ignotofsky
Ten Speed Press, 2016
Profiles of 50 women leaders in STEM, as well as an illustrated scientific glossary and supplemental information.

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The Best at It by Maulik Pancholy
HarperCollins Children’s Books / Balzer+Bray, 2019
An Indian American boy in Indiana, nervous about entering middle school, tries to follow his grandfather’s advice and become the best.

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Young Reader’s Edition by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer
The memoir of William Kamkwamba, who created a windmill to bring lighting to his family home in Malawi. A true story about ingenuity from a pioneering spirit. ▲ Spanish.

The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman
Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books, 2019
Four homeless children in India form a chosen family and support each other through difficult times in this debut novel.

*Front Desk* by Kelly Yang
Scholastic / Arthur A. Levine Books, 2018
A resourceful Chinese immigrant girl makes friends and solves mysteries while working at the front desk of the motel that her parents manage for an exploitive owner.

Girl Rising: Changing the World One Girl at a Time by Tanya Lee Stone
Random House Children’s Books / Wendy Lamb, 2017
A compelling collection of stories of girls around the world who managed to get an education despite efforts to keep them from attending school.

Gracefully Grayson by Ami Polonsky
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2014
Sixth-grader Grayson feels stuck in the wrong gender’s body but hopes to be cast as the female lead in the school play. An emotional and courageous journey of self-discovery to be one’s true self. ▲ Spanish.

Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson
Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books, 2018
Six sixth graders meet weekly to talk about personal and global issues, providing safe harbors for each other.

Hurricane Child by Kacen Callender
Scholastic Press, 2018
Set in the Caribbean (the U.S. Virgin Islands), this coming-of-age novel explores topics of loneliness, abandonment, friendship, and love.

Illegal by Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donkin. Illus. by Giovanni Rigano
Sourcebooks, 2018
A graphic novel exploring the plight of undocumented immigrants in which a Ghanian refugee child journeys to Europe to reunite with his siblings. ▲ Spanish.

The Inquisitor’s Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog by Adam Gidwitz. Illus. by Hatem Aly
Penguin Young Readers / Dutton, 2016
A medieval tale, told from multiple points of view, about three children with extraordinary gifts on an incredible journey.

Internment by Samira Ahmed
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2019
This cautionary tale takes place in an internment camp in California for Muslim Americans, with a teen leading a revolution against the camp’s director and guards. ▲ Spanish.

The Journey of Little Charlie by Christopher Paul Curtis
Scholastic Press, 2018
Set in 1858, a boy from South Carolina tries to settle a debt for his sharecropper family by accompanying a plantation owner on a journey to Canada to capture a fugitive slave. ▲ Spanish.

Lincoln’s Grave Robbers by Steve Sheinkin
Scholastic Press, 2013
A counterfeiting ring plotted to ransom Lincoln’s body to secure the release of their imprisoned ringleader. Then the Secret Service conducted a daring election night sting operation.

Moonbird: A Year on the Wind with the Great Survivor B95 by Phillip Hoose
Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2012
This book shows the obstacles that shorebirds called rufa red knots face as a worldwide team of scientists and conservationists try to save them before it’s too late.

Pathfinders: The Journeys of 16 Extraordinary Black Souls by Tonya Bolden
Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2017
A collection of sixteen mini-biographies of African-American trailblazers, brought to life with detailed histories and illustrations.

The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani
Penguin Young Readers / Kokila, 2018
In 1947, as India was divided into two countries—India (for Hindus) and Pakistan (for Muslims)—a half-Muslim, half-Hindu girl wonders where she will be safe.

Refugee by Alan Gratz
Scholastic Press, 2017

One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance by Nikki Grimes
Bloomsbury Children’s Books, 2017
Using the Golden Shovel poetic form, Nikki Grimes shares classic poetry and her own poems to bring the Harlem Renaissance to life for young readers.

We Will Not Be Silent by Russell Freedman
HMH Books for Young Readers / Clarion Books, 2016
The true story of the White Rose student resistance movement that defied Nazi Germany.

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