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100 Things to Know About Art. Susie Hodge; illus. Ben Sanders. ISBN 9780711268203.
The Quarto Group / Happy Yak.

Abdul's Story. Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow; illus. Tiffany Rose. ISBN 9781534462984.
Simon & Schuster / Simon & Schuster BFYR.

Acorn Was a Little Wild. Jen Arena; illus. Jessica Gibson. ISBN 9781534483156.
Simon & Schuster / Simon & Schuster BFYR.

All Are Neighbors. Alexandra Penfold; illus. Suzanne Kaufman. ISBN 9780593429983.
Random House Children's Books / Alfred A. Knopf BFYR.

All Through the Night: Important Jobs That Get Done at Night. Polly Faber;
illus. Harriet Hobday. ISBN 9781536227512. Candlewick Press.

Armadillo Antics. Bill Martin Jr and Michael Sampson; illus. Nathalie Beauvois.
ISBN 9781612545479. Brown Books Publishing / Brown Books Kids.

Bathe the Cat. Alice B. McGinty; illus. David Roberts. ISBN 9781452142708. Chronicle Books.

A Bear, a Bee, and a Honey Tree. Daniel Bernstrom; illus. Brandon James Scott.
ISBN 9781662640087. Astra Books for Young Readers / minedition.

Berry Song. written and illustrated by Michaela Goade. ISBN 9780316494175.
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

Big and Small and In-Between. Carter Higgins; illus. Daniel Miyares.
ISBN 9781452166506. Chronicle Books.

Big Bold Beautiful Me: A Story That's Loud and Proud and Celebrates You.
Jane Yolen and Maddison Stemple- Piatt; illus. Chloe Burgett. ISBN 9781433838644.
American Psychological Association.

Black Boy, Black Boy. Ali Kamanda and Jorge Redmond; illus. Ken Daley.
ISBN 9781728250649. Sourcebooks / Sourcebooks Explore.

Blurp's Book of Manners. written and illustrated by Cindy Derby. ISBN 9781250810359.
Macmillan / Roaring Brook Press.

Books Aren't for Eating. Carlie Sorosiak; illus. Manu Montoya.
ISBN 9781536214963. Candlewick Press / Walker Books US.

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LIBRARIAN FAVORITES

Creepy Crayon! Aaron Reynolds; illus. Peter Brown. ISBN 9781534465886.
Simon & Schuster / Simon & Schuster BFYR.

Dodos Are NOT Extinct! written and illustrated Paddy Donnelly.
ISBN 9781953458209. Yeehoo Press.

Double Puppy Trouble. Danica McKellar; illus. Josée Masse. ISBN 9781101933862.
Random House Children's Books / Crown BFYR.

Endlessly Ever After: Pick YOUR Path to Countless Fairy Tale Endings! Laurel Snyder;
illus. Dan Santat. ISBN 9781452144825. Chronicle Books.

Farmhouse. written and illustrated by Sophie Blackall. ISBN 9780316528948.
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

Gigi and Ojiji. written and illustrated by Melissa Iwai. ISBN 9780063208063. HarperCollins.

Have You Eaten?: A Story of Food, Friendship, and Kindness. Su Youn Lee.
ISBN 9781250791146. Macmillan / Feiwel & Friends.

Hey, Bruce!: An Interactive Book. written and illustrated by Ryan T. Higgins.
ISBN 9781368084116. Disney Publishing Worldwide / Disney Hyperion.

Hurry, Little Tortoise, Time for School! Carrie Finison; illus. Erin Kraan. ISBN 9780593305669.
Random House Children's Books / Random House Studio.

I'm a Unicorn. written and illustrated by Helen Yoon. ISBN 9781536219760. Candlewick Press.

Kindest Red. Ibtihaj Muhammad and S. K. Ali; illus. Hatem Aly. ISBN 9780759555709.
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

Mermaid Dance. Matthew Van Fleet; illus. Mara Van Fleet. ISBN 9781665904919.
Simon & Schuster / Paula Wiseman Books.

Monsters in the Fog. written and illustrated by Ali Bahrapour. ISBN 9781419752452.
Abrams Children's Books / Abrams Books for Young Readers.

The Most Haunted House in America. Jarrett Dapier; illus. Lee Gatlin. ISBN 9781419752469.
Abrams Children's Books / Abrams Books for Young Readers.

My Love Will Never Leave You. written and illustrated by Stephen Hogtun.
ISBN 9781547608997. Bloomsbury / Bloomsbury Children's Books.

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LIBRARIAN FAVORITES

Noodle and the No Bones Day. Jonathan Graziano; illus. Dan Tavis. ISBN 9781665927109. Simon & Schuster / Margaret K. McElderry Books.

Not Enough Lollipops. Megan Maynor; illus. Micah Player. ISBN 9780593372562. Random House Children's Books / Alfred A. Knopf BFYR.

The Poem Forest: Poet W. S. Merwin and the Palm Tree Forest He Grew from Scratch. Carrie Fountain; illus. Chris Turnham. ISBN 9781536211269. Candlewick Press.

Puppy Bus. written and illustrated by Drew Brockington. ISBN 9781419751912. Abrams Children's Books / Abrams Books for Young Readers.

The Sour Grape. Jory John; illus. Pete Oswald. ISBN 9780063045415. HarperCollins.

A Spark in the Dark. written and illustrated by Pam Fong. ISBN 9780063136533. HarperCollins / Greenwillow Books.

Tell the Truth, Pangolin. Melinda Beatty; illus. Paola Escobar. ISBN 9780593180136. Random House Children's Books / Anne Schwartz Books.

The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Mac Barnett; illus. Jon Klassen. ISBN 9781338673845. Scholastic / Orchard Books

A Very Mercy Christmas. Kate DiCamillo; illus. Chris Van Dusen. ISBN 9781536213607. Candlewick Press.

Wolf Girl. written and illustrated by Jo Loring-Fisher. ISBN 9780711249578. The Quarto Group / Frances Lincoln Children's Books.

The World Belonged to Us. Jacqueline Woodson; illus. Leo Espinosa. ISBN 9780399545498. Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books.

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THIRD TO FIFTH GRADE

Animal BFFs. written and illustrated by Sophie Corrigan. ISBN 9780711260177.
The Quarto Group / Frances Lincoln Children's Books.

Artemis Fowl: The Eternity Code: The Graphic Novel. Eoin Colfer; illus. Stephen Gilpin.
ISBN 9781368065085. Disney Publishing Worldwide / Disney Hyperion.

Ballet Bunnies #6: Trixie Is Missing. Swapna Reddy; illus. Binny Talib. ISBN 9780593305782.
Random House Children's Books / Random House BFYR.

Blast Off!: How Mary Sherman Morgan Fueled America into Space. Suzanne Slade;
illus. Sally W. Comport. ISBN 9781684372416. Astra Books for Young Readers / Calkins Creek.

Blippo and Beep: I Feel Funny. Sarah Weeks; illus. Joey Ellis. ISBN 9780593226995.
Penguin Young Readers / Penguin Workshop.

Bodies, Brains and Boogers: All You Need to Know About the Gross, Glorious Human Body!
Paul Ian Cross; illus. Steve Brown. ISBN 9781783128969. Welbeck Publishing / Welbeck Children's.

Breaking Through the Clouds: The Sometimes Turbulent Life of Meteorologist Joanne Simpson. Sandra Nickel; illus. Helena Perez Garcia. ISBN 9781419749568.
Abrams Children's Books / Abrams Books for Young Readers.

Bristlecone: The Secret Life of the World's Oldest Tree. Alexandra Siy; illus. Marlo Garnsworthy.
ISBN 9781970039030. Web of Life Children's Books.

Build a House. Rhiannon Giddens; illus. Monica Mikai. ISBN 9781536222524. Candlewick Press.

Building an Orchestra of Hope: How Favio Chavez Taught Children to Make Music from Trash. Carmen Oliver; illus. Luisa Uribe. ISBN 9780802854674.
Eerdmans / Eerdmans Books for Young Readers.

Bunnacula: The Graphic Novel. James Howe and Andrew Donkin; illus. Stephen Gilpin.
ISBN 9781534421615. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum BFYR.

Can't Get Enough Shark Stuff: Fun Facts, Awesome Info, Cool Games, Silly Jokes, and More!
Andrea Silen and Kelly Hargrave. ISBN 9781426372582. National Geographic Kids Books.

Can't Get Enough Space Stuff: Fun Facts, Awesome Info, Cool Games, Silly Jokes, and More! Stephanie Warren Drimmer and Julie Beer. ISBN 9781426372803.
National Geographic Kids Books.

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LIBRARIAN FAVORITES

Cat & Cat Adventures: The Goblet of Infinity. written and illustrated by Susie Yi. ISBN 9780063083844. HarperCollins / HarperAlley.

Crab and Snail: The Tidal Pool of Cool. Beth Ferry; illus. Jared Chapman. ISBN 9780062962164. HarperCollins / HarperAlley.

Dazzlin' Dolly: The Songwriting, Hit-Singing, Guitar-Picking Dolly Parton. Suzanne Slade; illus. Edwin Fotheringham. ISBN 9781635928419. Astra Books for Young Readers / Calkins Creek.

The Flower Garden. written and illustrated by Renée Kurilla. ISBN 9781419750205. Abrams Children's Books / Amulet.

The Gardener of Alcatraz. Emma Bland Smith; illus. Jenn Ely. ISBN 9781623541606. Charlesbridge.

H Is for Harlem. Dinah Johnson; illus. April Harrison. ISBN 9780316322379. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers / Christy Ottaviano Books.

Her Name Was Mary Katharine: The Only Woman Whose Name Is on the Declaration of Independence. Ella Schwartz; illus. Dow Phumiruk. ISBN 9780316298322. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers / Christy Ottaviano Books.

Hispanic Star: Celia Cruz. Claudia Romo Edelman and William Alexander. ISBN 9781250828132. Macmillan / Roaring Brook Press.

Honestly Elliott. Gillian McDunn. ISBN 9781547606252. Bloomsbury / Bloomsbury Children's Books.

InvestiGators: Heist and Seek. John Patrick Green. ISBN 9781250849885. Macmillan / First Second.

Jordan and Max, Field Trip! Suzanne Sutherland; illus. Michelle Simpson. ISBN 9781459831995. Orca Book Publishers.

Kaleidoscope of Dinosaurs and Prehistoric Life. written and illustrated by Greer Stothers. ISBN 9780711266919. The Quarto Group / Wide Eyed Editions.

Miss Quinces: A Graphic Novel. written and illustrated by Kat Fajardo. ISBN 9781338535594. Scholastic / Graphix.

Noah and His Wagon. Jerry Ruff; illus. Katrijn Jacobs. ISBN 9781605377100. Clavis.

Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun. Tolá Okogwu. ISBN 9781665912617. Simon & Schuster / Margaret K. McElderry Books.

LIBRARIAN FAVORITES

Out of This World: Star-Studded Haiku. Sally M. Walker; illus. Matthew Trueman. ISBN 9781536203561. Candlewick Press.

Penguins: A Compare and Contrast Book. Cher Vatalaro. ISBN 9781643519876. Arbordale Publishing.

Rocket: The Miniature Morgan Horse. Ellen F. Feld; illus. Heidi Osgood-Metcalf. ISBN 9781733767453. Willow Bend Publishing.

Sheet Pan Science. Liz Lee Heinecke. ISBN 9780760375679. The Quarto Group / Quarry Books.

The Sweetest Scoop: Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Revolution. Lisa Robinson; illus. Stacy Innerst. ISBN 9781419748035. Abrams Children's Books / Abrams Books for Young Readers.

Sylvie. Jean Reidy; illus. Lucy Cummins. ISBN 9781534463486. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum BFYR.

The Good Guys Agency: Kind Like Fred Rogers. Nick Esposito; illus. Ricardo Tokumoto. ISBN 9781638190790. Bushel & Peck Books.

Totality!: An Eclipse Guide in Rhyme and Science. Jeffrey Bennett. ISBN 9781937548865. Big Kid Science.

When the Sky Glows. Nell C. Beckerman; illus. David Litchfield. ISBN 9781534450394. Simon & Schuster / Beach Lane Books.

Winnie Zeng Unleashes a Legend. Katie Zhao. ISBN 9780593426579. Random House Children's Books / Random House BFYR.

Wonderful Hair: The Beauty of Annie Malone. Eve Nadel Catarevas; illus. Felicia Marshall. ISBN 9781954354104. Creston Books.

The Yippee Stick. written and illustrated by Roel Seidell. ISBN 9781605377902. Clavis.

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SIXTH TO EIGHTH GRADE

Alice Austen Lived Here. Alex Gino. ISBN 9781338733891. Scholastic / Scholastic Press.

Aliens: Join the Scientists Searching Space for Extraterrestrial Life. Joalda Morancy and Amy Grimes; illus. Amy Grimes. ISBN 9781684492534. Macmillan / Neon Squid.

Amari and the Great Game. B. B. Alston. ISBN 9780062975195. HarperCollins / Balzer + Bray.

Attack of the Black Rectangles. A. S. King. ISBN 9781338680522. Scholastic / Scholastic Press.

Black Bird, Blue Road. Sofiya Pasternack. ISBN 9780358572039. HarperCollins / Versify.

Caprice. Coe Booth. ISBN 9780545933346. Scholastic / Scholastic Inc.

Different Kinds of Fruit. Kyle Lukoff. ISBN 9780593111185. Penguin Young Readers / Dial Books.

A Duet for Home. Karina Yan Glaser. ISBN 9780544876408. HarperCollins / Clarion Books.

The Elephant Girl. James Patterson, Ellen Banda-Aaku, and Sophia Krevoy. ISBN 9780316316927. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Puberty—and Shouldn't Learn on TikTok: For Curious Girls. Gemma Hong and Sophie Young; illus. Amelia Pinney. ISBN 9781950587360. Downtown Bookworks.

Falling Short. Ernesto Cisneros. ISBN 9780062881724. HarperCollins / Quill Tree Books.

Freewater. Amina Luqman-Dawson. ISBN 9780316056618. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

Front Country. Sara St. Antoine. ISBN 9781797215631. Chronicle Books.

Garvey in the Dark. Nikki Grimes. ISBN 9781635925265. Astra Books for Young Readers / Wordsong.

Hardcourt. Fred Bowen; illus. James E. Ransome. ISBN 9781534460430. Simon & Schuster / Margaret K. McElderry Books.

Hummingbird. Natalie Lloyd. ISBN 9781338654585. Scholastic / Scholastic Press.

Isla to Island. written and illustrated by Alexis Castellanos. ISBN 9781534469242. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum BFYR.

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LIBRARIAN FAVORITES

Island of Spies. Sheila Turnage. ISBN 9780735231252. Penguin Young Readers / Dial Books.

Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone. Tae Keller. ISBN 9780593310526.
Random House Children's Books / Random House BFYR.

Karthik Delivers. Sheela Chari. ISBN 9781419755224.
Abrams Children's Books / Amulet Books.

Maizy Chen's Last Chance. Lisa Yee. ISBN 9781984830258.
Random House Children's Books / Random House BFYR.

Moonflower. Kacen Callender. ISBN 9781338636598. Scholastic / Scholastic Inc.

My Own Lightning. Lauren Wolk. ISBN 9780525555599.
Penguin Young Readers / Dutton BFYR.

Operation Sisterhood. Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich. ISBN 9780593379899.
Random House Children's Books / Crown BFYR.

The Road to After. Rebekah Lowell. ISBN 9780593109618.
Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books.

Sardines. Sashi Kaufman. ISBN 9780062995612. HarperCollins / Quill Tree Books.

Sharks Forever: The Mystery and History of the Planet's Perfect Predator. Mark Leiren-Young.
ISBN 9781459827561. Orca Book Publishers.

Singing with Elephants. Margarita Engle. ISBN 9780593206690.
Penguin Young Readers / Viking BFYR.

Star Child: A Biographical Constellation of Octavia Estelle Butler. Ibi Zoboi.
ISBN 9780399187384. Penguin Young Readers / Dutton BFYR.

Swim Team. written and illustrated by Johnnie Christmas. ISBN 9780063056770.
HarperCollins / HarperAlley

Team Chu and the Battle for Blackwood Arena. Julie Dao. ISBN 9780374388751.
Macmillan / FSG BYR.

Thirst. Varsha Bajaj. ISBN 9780593354391. Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books.

Trouble at Turtle Pond. Diana Renn. ISBN 9781646032273.
Regal House Publishing / Fitzroy Books.

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LIBRARIAN FAVORITES

True History: A New History of Immigration. Jaclyn Backhaus. ISBN 9780593386125.
Penguin Young Readers / Penguin Workshop.

True History: Indigenous America. Liam McDonald. ISBN 9780593386088.
Penguin Young Readers / Penguin Workshop.

Tumble. Celia C. Pérez. ISBN 9780593325179. Penguin Young Readers / Kokila.

Unlawful Orders: A Portrait of Dr. James B. Williams, Tuskegee Airman, Surgeon, and Activist (Scholastic Focus). Barbara Binns. ISBN 9781338754261. Scholastic / Scholastic Focus.

The Visitors. Greg Howard. ISBN 9780593111888.
Penguin Young Readers / G.P. Putnam's Sons BFYR.

Wait Till Helen Comes Graphic Novel. Mary Downing Hahn; illus. Meredith Laxton.
ISBN 9780358536901. HarperCollins / Clarion Books.

Yonder. Ali Standish. ISBN 9780062985682. HarperCollins.

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NINTH TO TWELFTH GRADE

Aces Wild: A Heist. Amanda DeWitt. ISBN 9781682634660. Holiday House / Peachtree Teen.

Ain't Burned All the Bright. Jason Reynolds; illus. Jason Griffin. ISBN 9781534439467. Simon & Schuster / Caitlyn Dlouhy Books / Atheneum BFYR.

All My Rage. Sabaa Tahir. ISBN 9780593202340. Penguin Young Readers / Razorbill.

All of Our Demise. Amanda Foody and C.L. Herman. ISBN 9781250789341. Tor / Tor Teen.

As Fast As Her. Kendall Coyne. ISBN 9780310771135. HarperCollins Christian Publishing / Zondervan YA.

At the End of Everything. Marieke Nijkamp. ISBN 9781492673156. Sourcebooks / Sourcebooks Fire.

Bravely. Maggie Steifvater. ISBN 9781368071345. Disney Publishing Worldwide / Disney Press.

Curse of the Chosen Vol. 1: A Matter of Life and Death & A Game Without Rules. written and illustrated by Alexis Deacon. ISBN 9781910620830. Nobrow US Inc. / Flying Eye Books.

Drizzle, Dreams, and Lovestruck Things. Maya Prasad. ISBN 9781368075800. Disney Publishing Worldwide / Disney Hyperion.

Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands. written and illustrated by Kate Beaton. ISBN 9781770462892. Drawn & Quarterly.

Gallant. V. E. Schwab. ISBN 9780062835772. HarperCollins / Greenwillow Books.

The Getaway. Lamar Giles. ISBN 9781338752014. Scholastic / Scholastic Press.

The Ghosts of Rose Hill. R.M. Romero. ISBN 9781682633380. Holiday House / Peachtree Teen.

The Gifts That Bind Us. Caroline O'Donoghue. ISBN 9781536222227. Candlewick Press / Walker Books US.

The Gilded Ones #2: The Merciless Ones. Namina Forna. ISBN 9781984848727. Random House Children's Books / Delacorte Press.

Girl on Fire. Alicia Keys; illus. Brittney Williams. ISBN 9780063029569. HarperCollins / HarperAlley.

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LIBRARIAN FAVORITES

A Girl's Guide to Love & Magic. Debbie Rigaud. ISBN 9781338681741.
Scholastic / Scholastic Press.

Girls Who Green the World: Thirty-Four Rebel Women Out to Save Our Planet. Diana Kapp; illus. Ana Jarén. ISBN 9780593428054. Random House Children's Books / Delacorte Press.

Gleanings. Neal Shusterman. ISBN 9781534499973. Simon & Schuster / Simon & Schuster BFYR.

Golden Boys. Phil Stamper. ISBN 9781547607372. Bloomsbury / Bloomsbury YA.

The Greatest Thing. Sarah Winifred Searle. ISBN 9781250297235. Macmillan / First Second.

Harley Quinn: Reckoning. Rachael Allen. ISBN 9780593429860.
Random House Children's Books / Random House BFYR.

Hell Followed With Us. Andrew Joseph White. ISBN 9781682633243.
Holiday House / Peachtree Teen.

The Honeys. Ryan La Sala. ISBN 9781338745313. Scholastic / PUSH.

I Must Betray You. Ruta Sepetys. ISBN 9781984836038.
Penguin Young Readers / Philomel Books.

If Anything Happens I Love You. Will McCormack and Michael Govier. Youngran Nho.
ISBN 9781524871253. Andrews McMeel Publishing.

Legendborn. Tracy Deonn. ISBN 9781534441613.
Simon & Schuster / Margaret K. McElderry Books.

The Luminaries. Susan Dennard. ISBN 9781250194046. Tor / Tor Teen.

Monsters Born and Made. Tanvi Berwah. ISBN 9781728247625.
Sourcebooks / Sourcebooks Fire.

My Mechanical Romance. Alexene Farol Follmuth. ISBN 9780823450107. Holiday House.

My Name Is Jason. Mine Too. Jason Reynolds and Jason Griffin. ISBN 9781534478220.
Simon & Schuster / Caitlyn Dlouhy Books / Atheneum BFYR.

Nowhere Girl. Magali Le Huche. ISBN 9781913123192. Nobrow US Inc. / Nobrow.

Seoulmates. Susan Lee. ISBN 9781335915788. Harlequin / Inkyard Press.

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LIBRARIAN FAVORITES

The Weight of Blood. Tiffany D. Jackson. ISBN 9780063029149.
HarperCollins / Katherine Tegen Books.

Welcome to St. Hell: My Trans Teen Misadventure: A Graphic Novel. Lewis Hancox.
ISBN 9781338824438. Scholastic / Graphix.

When You Call My Name. Tucker Shaw. ISBN 9781250624864. Macmillan / Henry Holt BYR.

Wolves Are Waiting. Natasha Friend. ISBN 9780316045315.
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

You Truly Assumed. Laila Sabreen. ISBN 9781335418654. Harlequin / Inkyard Press.

Youngblood. Sasha Laurens. ISBN 9780593353202. Penguin Young Readers / Razorbill.

Zyla & Kai. Kristina Forest. ISBN 9780593407240. Penguin Young Readers / Kokila.

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