

## KINDERGARTEN TO SECOND GRADE

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

**Beatrice Bly's Rules for Spies 2: Mystery Goo.** Sue Fliess; illus. Beth Mills.  
ISBN 9781645950615. Holiday House / Pixel+Ink.

**Beautiful You, Beautiful Me.** Tasha Spillett-Sumner; illus. Salini Perera.  
ISBN 9781771474528. Owlkids Books.

**Because Claudette.** Tracey Baptiste; illus. Tonya Engel. ISBN 9780593326404.  
Penguin Young Readers / Dial Books.

**Being Friends with Dragons.** Katherine Locke; illus. Diane Ewen. ISBN 9780762473243.  
Hachette / Running Press Kids.

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

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

**Brave Every Day.** Trudy Ludwig; illus. Patrice Barton. ISBN 9780593306376.  
Random House Children's Books / Alfred A. Knopf BFYR.

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

**Don't Hug the Quokka.** Daniel Errico; illus. Mia Powell. ISBN 9781433837067.  
American Psychological Association

**Fox: A Circle of Life Story.** Isabel Thomas; illus. Daniel Egnéus. ISBN 9781547606924.  
Bloomsbury / Bloomsbury Children's Books.

**Go Wild! Elephants.** Margie Markarian. ISBN 9781426372568. National Geographic Kids Books.

**The Good Egg and the Talent Show.** Jory John; illus. Pete Oswald.  
ISBN 9780062954596. HarperCollins.

**Gotcha!: A Funny Fairy Tale Hide-and-Seek.** written and illustrated by  
Clotilde Perrin. ISBN 9781776574698. Gecko Press.

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# TEACHER FAVORITES

**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.

**I Am Amazing!** Alissa Holder and Zulekha Holder-Young; illus. Nneka Myers. ISBN 9780593327326. Penguin Young Readers / Flamingo Books.

**I Hope / nipakosêyimon.** Monique Gray Smith, Translated by Delores Greyeyes Sand; illus. Gabrielle Grimard. ISBN 9781459833258. Orca Book Publishers.

**Like.** Annie Barrows; illus. Leo Espinosa. ISBN 9781452163376. Chronicle Books.

**Little Black Girl: Oh, the Things You Can Do!** Kirby Howell-Baptiste; illus. Paul Davey. ISBN 9780593406236. Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books.

**Little Homesteader: A Summer Treasury of Recipes, Crafts and Wisdom.** Angela Ferraro-Fanning; illus. AnneliesDraws. ISBN 9780711272873. The Quarto Group / Ivy Kids.

**Little Kids First Big Book of Baby Animals.** Maya Myers. ISBN 9781426371462. National Geographic Kids Books.

**Little Pine Cone: Wildfires and the Natural World.** Johanna Wagstaffe; illus. Julian McLaughlin. ISBN 9781459828308. Orca Book Publishers.

**Little Red Riding Hood and the Dragon.** Ying Chang Compestine; illus. Joy Ang. ISBN 9781419737282. Abrams Children's Books / Abrams Books for Young Readers.

**Nervous Nigel.** written and illustrated by Bethany Christou. ISBN 9781536223866. Candlewick Press / Templar Books.

**Never Teach a Stegosaurus to Do Sums.** Rashmi Sirdeshpande; illus. Diane Ewen. ISBN 9781684643424. Kane Miller, A Division of EDC Publishing.

**The Nocturnals Nighttime Animals: Awesome Features & Surprising Adaptations.** Tracey Hecht. ISBN 9781944020712. Fabled Films Press.

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

**Our World is a Family.** Miry Whitehill and Jennifer Jackson; illus. Nomar Perez. ISBN 9781728231839. Sourcebooks / Sourcebooks Explore.

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**Powwow Day.** Traci Sorell; illus. Madelyn Goodnight. ISBN 9781580899482. Charlesbridge.

**Pumpkin and Me.** Alicia Acosta; illus. Mercé Galí. ISBN 9788417673925. NubeOcho.

**Quacks Like a Duck.** Stephanie Campisi; illus. Maria Lebedeva. ISBN 9781641707299. Familius.

**The Secret Life of the Sea Otter.** Laurence Pringle; illus. Kate Garchinsky. ISBN 9781635923254. Astra Books for Young Readers / Astra Young Readers.

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

**Standing in the Need of Prayer: A Modern Retelling of the Classic Spiritual.** Carole Boston Weatherford; illus. Frank Morrison. ISBN 9780593306345. Random House Children's Books / Crown BFYR.

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

**Tiny Cedric.** Sally Lloyd-Jones; illus. Rowboat Watkins. ISBN 9781524770723. Random House Children's Books / Anne Schwartz Books.

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

**A Wee Boo.** Jessica Boyd; illus. Brooke Kerrigan 9781459827639 Orca Book Publishers

**Wondering Around.** Meg Fleming; illus. Richard Jones. ISBN 9781534449350. Simon & Schuster / Beach Lane Books.

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## THIRD TO FIFTH GRADE

**Africana: An Encyclopedia of an Amazing Continent.** Kim Chakanetsa; illus. Mayowa Alabi. ISBN 9780711269804. The Quarto Group / Wide Eyed Editions.

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

**Bake Infinite Pie with X + Y.** Eugenia Cheng; illus. Amber Ren. ISBN 9780759556867. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

**Because of You, John Lewis.** Andrea Davis Pinkney; illus. Keith Henry Brown. ISBN 9781338759082. Scholastic / Scholastic Press.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**The Day the Earth Rose Up.** written and illustrated by Alfreda Beartrack-Algeo. ISBN 9781939053398. 7th Generation / Native Voices Books.

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

**Dressing Up the Stars.** Jeanne W Harvey; illus. Diana Toledano. ISBN 9781534451056. Simon & Schuster / Beach Lane Books.

**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.

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# TEACHER FAVORITES

**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.

**How Was That Built?** Roma Agrawal; illus. Katie Hickey. ISBN 9781547609291. Bloomsbury / Bloomsbury Children's Books.

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

**It's So Difficult.** written and illustrated by Raúl Nieto Guridi. ISBN 9780802855848. Eerdmans / Eerdmans Books for Young Readers.

**A Land of Books: Dreams of Young Mexihcah Word Painters.** written and illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh. ISBN 9781419749421. Abrams Children's Books / Abrams Books for Young Readers.

**Let's Play Ddakji.** Im Seo-Ha; illus. Jang Joon-Young. ISBN 9781612545837. Brown Books Publishing / Brown Books Kids.

**A Life of Service: The Story of Senator Tammy Duckworth.** Christina Soontornvat; illus. Dow Phumiruk. ISBN 9781536222050. Candlewick Press.

**Literary Critters.** written and illustrated Sophie Corrigan. ISBN 9780310734093. HarperCollins Christian Publishing / Zonderkidz.

**Masato's Garden.** Jerry Ruff; illus. Maya Onodera. ISBN 9781605377117. Clavis.

**Mason Mooney: Doppelgänger Detective.** written and illustrated by Seaerra Miller. ISBN 9781838740030. Nobrow US Inc. / Flying Eye Books.

**The Mother of a Movement.** Rob Sanders; illus. Sam Kalda. ISBN 9781433840203. American Psychological Association.

**National Geographic Kids Dinosaur Atlas: When They Roamed, How They Lived, and Where We Find Their Fossils.** National Geographic Kids. ISBN 9781426372797. National Geographic Kids Books.

**One and Everything.** written and illustrated by Sam Winston. ISBN 9781536215663. Candlewick Press / Candlewick Studio.

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# TEACHER FAVORITES

**The Real Dada Mother Goose: A Treasury of Complete Nonsense.** Jon Scieszka; illus. Julia Rothman. ISBN 9780763694340. Candlewick Press.

**The Replay: 25 Greatest Moments in Sports.** Adam Skinner; illus. Mai Ly Degnan. ISBN 9781419760235. Abrams Children's Books / Magic Cat.

**The Secret Life of Birds.** Moira Butterfield; illus. Vivian Minekar. ISBN 9780711266216. The Quarto Group / Happy Yak.

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

**The Spoiled Boy With The Terribly Dry Throat (English-Ukrainian Edition).** Idries Shah; illus. Silvara Kossem. ISBN 9781953292681. Hoopoe Books.

**The Storyteller's Handbook.** written and illustrated by Elise Hurst. ISBN 9781970147766. Compendium.

**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.

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

**Want a Hug?** Christine Babinec; illus. Vivan Mineker. ISBN 9781641703062. Familius.

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

**Why? Animals: 99+ Awesome Answers for Curious Kids.** Julie Beer. ISBN 9781426372759. National Geographic Kids Books.

**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.

**Answers in the Pages.** David Levithan. ISBN 9780593484685.  
Random House Children's Books / Alfred A. Knopf BFYR.

**The Antiracist Kid.** Tiffany Jewell; illus. Nicole Miles. ISBN 9780358629399.  
HarperCollins / Versify.

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

**Coming Up Cuban.** Sonia Manzano. ISBN 9781338065152. Scholastic / Scholastic Press.

**Door of No Return.** Kwame Alexander. ISBN 9780316441865.  
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

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

**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.

**Fight Like a Girl.** Mike Lewis. ISBN 9781646030019. Regal House Publishing / Fitzroy Books.

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

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

**Ghosts Come Rising.** Adam Perry. ISBN 9781499813548. Little Bee Book / Yellow Jacket.

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

**How to Fight Racism YRE.** Jemar Tisby. ISBN 9780310751045.  
HarperCollins Christian Publishing / Zonderkidz.

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# TEACHER FAVORITES

**I Will Protect You: A True Story of Twins Who Survived Auschwitz.** Eva Mozes Kor with Danica Davidson. ISBN 9780316460637. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

**In the Beautiful Country.** Jane Kuo. ISBN 9780063118980. HarperCollins / Quill Tree Books.

**Iveliz Explains It All.** Andrea Beatriz Arango; illus. Alyssa Bemudez. ISBN 9780593563977. Random House Children's Books / Random House BFYR.

**Journey to the Last River.** written and illustrated by Teddy Keen. ISBN 9780711254497. The Quarto Group / Frances Lincoln Children's Books.

**Kelcie Murphy and the Academy for the Unbreakable Arts.** Erika Lewis. ISBN 9781250208262. Tor / Starscape.

**The Last Mapmaker.** Christina Soontornvat. ISBN 9781536204957. Candlewick Press.

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

**Me and White Supremacy: Young Reader's Edition.** Layla F Saad. ISBN 9781728259086. Sourcebooks / Sourcebooks Explore.

**Middle School—Safety Goggles Advised: Exploring the Weird Stuff from Gossip to Grades, Cliques to Crushes, and Popularity to Peer Pressure.** Jessica Speer; illus. Lesley Imgart. ISBN 9781641706636. Familius.

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

**Pride: An Inspirational History of the LGBTQ+ Movement.** Stella Caldwell. ISBN 9780593382943. Penguin Young Readers / Penguin Workshop.

**Professor Figgy's Weather and Climate Science Lab for Kids.** Jim Noonan and Martha Stewart. ISBN 9780760370858. The Quarto Group / Quarry Books.

**Realm of the Blue Mist: A Graphic Novel (The Rema Chronicles #1).** written and illustrated by Amy Kim Kibuishi. ISBN 9781338115130. Scholastic / Graphix.

**A Rover's Story.** Jasmine Warga. ISBN 9780063113923. HarperCollins / Balzer + Bray.

**Science Art and Drawing Games.** Karyn Tripp. ISBN 9780760372166. The Quarto Group / Quarry Books.

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**Serwa Boateng's Guide to Vampire Hunting.** Roseanne A. Brown. ISBN 9781368066365. Disney Publishing Worldwide / Disney Hyperion / Rick Riordan Presents.

**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.

**Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky: The Graphic Novel.** Kwame Mbalia; illus. Olivia Stephens. ISBN 9781368075008. Disney Publishing Worldwide / Disney Hyperion / Rick Riordan Presents.

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

**Two Degrees.** Alan Gratz. ISBN 9781338735673. Scholastic / Scholastic Press.

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

**What Is Juneteenth?** Kirsti Jewel and Who HQ; illus. Manuel Gutierrez. ISBN 9780593384695. Penguin Young Readers / Penguin Workshop.

**The Witness Blanket: Truth, Art and Reconciliation.** Carey Newman and Kirstie Hudson. ISBN 9781459836129. Orca Book Publishers.

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## NINTH TO TWELFTH GRADE

**The 99 Boyfriends of Micah Summers.** Adam Sass. ISBN 9780593464786.  
Penguin Young Readers / Viking BFYR.

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

**African Town.** Charles Waters and Irene Latham. ISBN 9780593322888.  
Penguin Young Readers / G.P. Putnam's Sons BFYR.

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

**Akata Woman.** Nnedi Okorafor. ISBN 9780451480583. Penguin Young Readers / Viking BFYR.

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

**Always Jane.** Jenn Bennett. ISBN 9781534482326. Simon & Schuster / Simon & Schuster BFYR.

**American Murderer: The Parasite that Haunted the South.** Gail Jarrow. ISBN 9781684378159.  
Astra Books for Young Readers / Calkins Creek.

**And We Rise: The Civil Rights Movement in Poems.** Erica Martin. ISBN 9780593352526.  
Penguin Young Readers / Viking BFYR.

**Anne of Greenville.** Mariko Tamaki. ISBN 9781368078405. Disney Publishing Worldwide /  
Disney Hyperion / Melissa de la Cruz Studio.

**Augusta Savage: The Shape of a Sculptor's Life.** Marilyn Nelson. ISBN 9780316298025.  
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers / Christy Ottaviano Books.

**Bad Things Happen Here.** Rebecca Barrow. ISBN 9781534497436.  
Simon & Schuster / Margaret K. McElderry Books.

**Ballad & Dagger.** Daniel José Older. ISBN 9781368070829.  
Disney Publishing Worldwide / Disney Hyperion / Rick Riordan Presents.

**Blood Scion.** Deborah Falaye. ISBN 9780062954046. HarperCollins / HarperTeen.

**Bone Weaver.** Aden Polydoros. ISBN 9781335915825. Harlequin / Inkyard Press.

**Crimson Reign.** Amélie Wen Zhao. ISBN 9780525707875.  
Random House Children's Books / Delacorte Press.

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**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 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.

**Gone Dark.** Amanda Panitch. ISBN 9781534466319.  
Simon & Schuster / Margaret K. McElderry Books.

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

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

**Hollow Fires.** Samira Ahmed. ISBN 9780316282642. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

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

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

**The Killing Code.** Ellie Marney. ISBN 9780316339582. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

**Medusa: The Girl Behind the Myth.** Jessie Burton; illus. Olivia Lomenech Gill.  
ISBN 9781547607594. Bloomsbury / Bloomsbury YA.

**Mirror Girls.** Kelly McWilliams. ISBN 9780759553873. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

**Murder for the Modern Girl.** Kendall Kulper. ISBN 9780823449729. Holiday House.

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

**Nothing More to Tell.** Karen M. McManus. ISBN 9780593175903.  
Random House Children's Books / Delacorte Press.

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**Rust in the Root.** Justina Ireland. ISBN 9780063038226. HarperCollins / Balzer + Bray.

**The Turning Pointe.** Vanessa L. Torres. ISBN 9780593426135.  
Random House Children's Books / Alfred A. Knopf BFYR.

**Unequal: A Story of America.** Michael Eric Dyson and Marc Fav. ISBN 9780759557017.  
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

**We Weren't Looking to Be Found.** Stephanie Kuehn. ISBN 9781368064101.  
Disney Publishing Worldwide / Disney Hyperion.

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

**What's Coming to Me.** Francesca Padilla. ISBN 9781641293358. Soho Teen.

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

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