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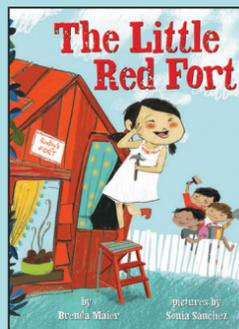
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The Little Red Fort

by Brenda Maier,
illustrated by Sonia Sánchez

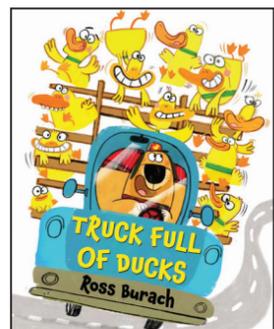
Ruby's mind is always full of ideas. When she finds some old wood boards, she wants to build something, but first she'd like some help drawing plans, gathering supplies, cutting boards, and hammering nails. She asks her three brothers, but they are not interested in the project at all. "We don't want to play anyway," the boys say. But when Ruby's brothers see the incredible results of her hard work, maybe they'll help her build the fort after all, or at least make a mailbox, plant flowers, and paint it fire-engine red.

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TRUCK FULL OF DUCKS

by Ross Burach

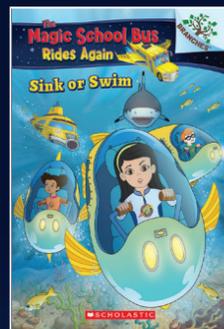
Someone just called Bernie's delivery service requesting a truck full of ducks, but one of the ducks eats the customer's directions! Bernie isn't worried though, and he assures the ducks that they will find the right customer in time, even if that means asking lots of questions and making lots of stops! They answer delivery calls for a dump truck, an ice cream truck, a truck full of crackers, a tow truck, and even a duck removal truck. When the truck full of ducks arrives at a fox's house, they hope he isn't the one who made the call. Or is he?

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The Magic School Bus: Rides Again: Sink or Swim

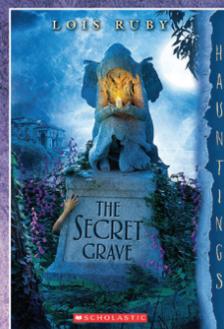
The Magic School Bus is back and ready to ride! With Professor Frizzle's kid sister Fiona Frizzle at the wheel, the students in Walkerville Elementary School are eager for new adventures. When their own frigid temperatures get them down, they decide to visit the sunny, warm tropics of Hawaii! They're ready for some rest, relaxation, and riding waves, but their plans are put on hold when Wendy tries to help a fish in need. Unfortunately, Wendy finds herself in a sea of trouble instead! Will Ms. Frizzle and her class be able to save Wendy before she becomes shark bait?

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THE SECRET GRAVE

by Lois Ruby

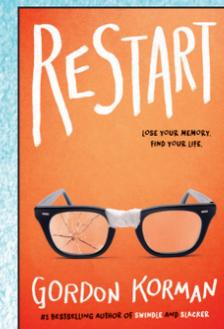
A sprawling 120-year-old mansion would be a great home for ghosts, right? That's exactly what 12-year-old Hannah Flynn is starting to think, especially when she finds an old trunk full of her great-grandparents' belongings in the creepy attic. Then Hannah meets Cady, a girl her age who has twigs in her hair and clothes from another century. Cady only appears when she wants to be seen, showing up without a sound and seemingly out of nowhere! Hannah wonders if she should tell her family about Cady, but when she finds the small graveyard in the woods, she's pretty sure she knows what to do.

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RESTART

by Gordon Korman

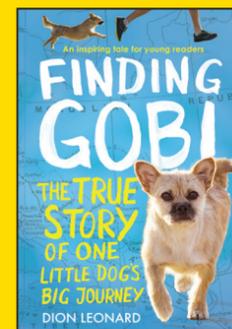
Chase Ambrose thinks the worst thing about falling off his roof is the loss of his memory. But it turns out that learning about the person he was before the fall is even worse! Chase finds out he was the school's star athlete and big man on campus — and he also finds out that he was a bully. He's even been sentenced to community service at the local senior center for a prank that literally blew up in his face. Now, Chase actually enjoys helping people and even befriends some of his former victims. He has the chance to hit the restart button on his life, but which version of Chase will he decide to be?

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FINDING GOBI

by Dion Leonard

Dion is a tall, slender athlete who is running a week-long race in China. When he finds a little stray dog, he wonders why she wants his attention. The small bundle of fur is always hungry and wants to be Dion's friend. She settles in with Dion and runs alongside him, staying with him throughout the entire race. Since they are running through the Gobi Desert, Dion decides to name his new friend Gobi. He wants to find a way to take her home with him, but rules about transporting animals are strict. Then, Gobi disappears in China! How can Dion find her?



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NOT IF I SAVE YOU FIRST

by Ally Carter

Maddie and Logan were best friends with a strong connection. At just 10 years old, they both knew what it was like to be different from other American kids. After all, Logan was the president's son, and Maddie's father was the head of the Secret Service. But an attack from a foreign enemy separates the two, and Maddie ends up living in a remote cabin in the Alaskan wilderness, while Logan continues to cause trouble at the White House. Six years later, Logan is sent to Alaska as punishment and the friends are reunited. Can Maddie and Logan save each other when enemies strike again?

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R.I.P. ELIZA HART

by Alyssa Sheinmel

Ellie thinks she should wear a sign that says, "Class freak!" After all, it's easy to get all A's when you have no friends at school. She also wonders how long she can keep her claustrophobia a secret. Then there's Eliza Hart, a rich princess who is popular, beautiful, and a model student. Ellie can't understand why Eliza Hart thinks she's a liar and a stalker—how could she hate her so much when they used to be best friends? When Eliza Hart's dead body is found, Ellie dreads talking to the police because she worries if lies can be a motive for murder! It's Ellie's word against the words from a dead princess, and secrets can be fatal!

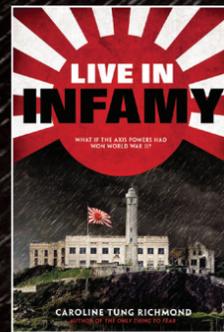
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LIVE IN INFAMY

by Caroline Tung Richmond

By the time he was 16, Chinese-American Ren Cabot had witnessed three executions. He knew that his family could be killed at any time, and he also knew that his father expected him to someday run the illegal anti-Imperial Japan newspaper that he and Ren's mother publish. Ren had never been ashamed of his identity, but he does get tired of enemy soldiers always asking, "What are you anyway?" Eighty years have passed since World War II ended, and the Second Revolutionary War has begun. If Ren decides to help overthrow the present government, it could lead to his death!

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GEEKERELLA

by Ashley Poston

Elle, a popular blogger, feels like she needs a ticket to another universe so she can truly be whoever she wants. Her stepmonster refuses to remember that Elle's father was once alive, and her stepsisters consider her a friendless little worm. Her dream is to attend the masquerade ball where she can meet Darien, the star of the upcoming *Starfield* movie and actor in her favorite show. But first she must enter the cosplay contest and dress up as a *Starfield* character for the chance to win tickets to the ball. If Elle can earn enough money from her job at the vegan food truck for a costume, then she might just have a chance. Can living in a fantasy land open up a better world for Elle?

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BEARS OF THE ICE

THE QUEST OF THE CUBS

by Kathryn Lasky

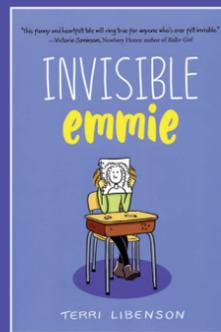
Two baby polar bears have one mission: save their mother! Taken prisoner by rogue bears, the cubs' mother surrendered herself to save them. Now, the cubs must fend for themselves and try to survive, learning to trust each other and hunt for food. On their trek across the ice to rescue their mother, the cubs find themselves in the middle of Ga'Hoole's most intense battle ever. Can two little cubs grow up fast enough to become heroes? The Northern Kingdom of polar bears is on the brink of collapse, and this brother-sister duo is more important than they could have imagined!

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INVISIBLE emmie

by Terri Libenson

Seventh grade can be rough, especially when you are painfully shy like Emmie. Her only friend is her best friend Brianna, who's gifted, which means they never have classes together. Then there's Katie — the total opposite of Emmie — athletic, outgoing, and super-popular. She's also a really nice person. When a poem about her crush falls out of Emmie's notebook and winds up in the wrong hands, she doesn't know if she'll ever be able to show her face in school again. Now, Emmie's and Katie's worlds collide with unexpected results.

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THE SERPENT'S SECRET

by Sayantani DasGupta

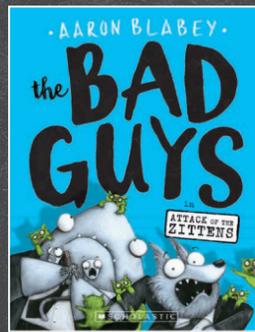
Most of us look forward to our birthdays, but when Kiranmala returns home from school on her 12th birthday, she is more than surprised at what is waiting for her. First, her parents are nowhere to be found. Then, a massive, drooling demon is tearing apart their kitchen, one appliance at a time. When two princes arrive at her door on horseback, she thinks she must be dreaming! But then, the princes tell her the story her parents have been telling her for as long as she can remember. Turns out, Kiranmala is a real princess! Now, she must return to the magical realm and become who she really is in order to save her parents.

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the BAD GUYS

in ATTACK of the ZITTENS #4

by Aaron Blabey

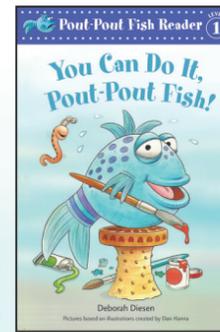
The evil Dr. Marmalade has unleashed an army of "zittens," which are zombie kittens. It is up to the Bad Guys to save the world from these furry, adorable, flesh-eating monsters! With the help of Agent Fox, they locate Granny Gumbo, the toothy, peculiar, and feisty alligator who has an insatiable appetite for all things slithery. Granny Gumbo's zombie kitten antidote may be just what they need to save the world from the zitten apocalypse. But will the Bad Guys be able to stop Dr. Marmalade in time before he unleashes his master plan?

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You Can Do It, Pout-Pout Fish!

by Deborah Diesen, illustrated by Dan Hanna

Instead of pouting, Mr. Fish has a big idea. It is so big and so much fun that Mr. Fish wants to do it all on his own. When Ms. Clam asks if she can help, Mr. Fish replies, "No." Then, Mr. Eight asks if he can help, and again, Mr. Fish replies, "No!" Finally, Mr. Squid swims up and asks to lend a tentacle and is met with a resounding "NO!" Mr. Fish works and works and works, but he soon realizes this big fun idea might never be accomplished. Will Mr. Fish pout and quit, or will he happily say "yes" to the help of his friends?

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THE MAGICIAN'S HAT

by Malcolm Mitchell, illustrated by Joanne Lew-Vriethoff

Nothing could be as special as the library's Family Fun Day! The games were fun, but when a magician shows up, everything changes. After performing tricks, he takes off his special hat, promising the kids in his audience they can find whatever they want to be inside his hat. One boy wants to be a football player, and when he reaches in the hat, he pulls out a football book that will teach him the skills he needs to fulfill his dream. Another boy doesn't believe the hat is special, so his dream didn't come true. But when the hat shows the boy's real desire, magic truly does happen, proving that magic is always inside a book!

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