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Adventure and Mystery**All the Greys on Greene Street**

by Laura Tucker, illustrated by Kelly Murphy
(Viking/Penguin YR/PRH, \$17.99) 978-0-451-47953-2
Twelve-year-old Olympia's father fled New York's Soho for France, and her mother won't leave her bed. Can artistic Olympia mend her world? Frequent pencil illustrations. (10-12)

Freya & Zoose

by Emily Butler, illustrated by Jennifer Thermes
(Crown BFYR/Random House/PRH, \$16.99)
978-1-5247-1771-1
A penguin and a mouse overcome negative first impressions to forge a friendship while facing struggles in the frozen Far North. Black-and-white illustrations. Historical note. (8-10)

**Island Book**

written and illustrated by Evan Dahm
(First Second/Roaring Brook Press/Holtzbrinck/Macmillan, \$22.99)
978-1-62672-950-6
In an allegory about finding truth, Sola, an outcast, ventures out to sea to find the "monster." Exciting graphic panels and questions to ponder. (8-10)

**Mr. Penguin and the Lost Treasure (Mr. Penguin series)**

written and illustrated by Alex T. Smith
(Peachtree, \$16.95) 978-1-68263-120-1
Can Mr. Penguin and his assistant, a spider who is a martial arts expert, discover the truth about a rumored museum treasure? Playful light-hearted illustrations. (10-12)

A Talent for Trouble

by Natasha Farrant
(Clarion Books/HMH, \$16.99) 978-1-328-58078-8
Three unlikely friends at a Scottish boarding school deviate from their school orienteering trip and learn truths about life and themselves. (10-12)

Animals**Banjo**

by Graham Salisbury
(Wendy Lamb Books/Random House/PRH, \$16.99)
978-0-375-84264-1
Faced with having to put down his beloved dog, who was accused of attacking a neighbor, Danny abandons him in a distant forest. What will happen to Banjo? (8-10)

Coming of Age***All of Me**

by Chris Baron
(Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, \$16.99)
978-1-250-30598-5
Ari, chronically overweight, journeys to define himself beyond his body image, discovering his true worth and that of his family and friends. Told in free verse. (10-13)

**Best Friends**

by Shannon Hale, illustrated by LeUyen Pham, color by Hilary Sycamore
(First Second/Roaring Brook Press/Holtzbrinck/Macmillan, P \$12.99)
978-1-250-31746-9
Sixth grader Shannon struggles to maintain her friendship with the popular girls, cope with anxiety, and develop her love of writing. Animated color graphic panels. (9-11)

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Coming of Age, continued***Beverly, Right Here**

by Kate DiCamillo

(Candlewick Press, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-9464-7

Following the death of her dog, Buddy, Beverly Tapinski, 14, decides it's time for her to leave home and make a new life for herself. (10-13)

 *The Bridge Home

by Padma Venkatraman

(Nancy Paulsen Books/Penguin YR/PRH, \$16.99)

978-1-5247-3811-2

After fleeing their abusive father, 11-year-old Viji and her sister 12-year-old sister, Rukku, form an unusual family with two homeless boys and a stray dog. (10-12)

 *Caterpillar Summer

by Gillian McDunn, illustrated by Alisa Coburn

(Bloomsbury Children's Books, \$16.99)

978-1-68119-743-2

After their father dies, Cat is responsible for her brother, Chicken, who is on the autism spectrum. Only when she meets their grandparents does she get to be a child again. Intermittent black-and-white illustrations. (10-12)

The Disaster Days

by Rebecca Behrens

(Sourcebooks Young Readers, \$16.99)

978-1-4926-7331-6

13-year-old Hannah's first real babysitting job turns into a nightmare when a major earthquake knocks out power and leaves her stranded with two children. (10-12)

 Dream within a Dream

by Patricia MacLachlan

(Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster, \$16.99) 978-1-5344-2959-8

When Louisiana and her younger brother Jake arrive to spend the summer with grandparents on Deer Island, they settle into loving small-town life and are reluctant to leave. (10-12)

 Each Tiny Spark

by Pablo Cartaya

(Kokila/Penguin Random House, \$16.99)

978-0-4514-7972-3

Neurodiverse Emilia Torres yearns for her deployed father, but his return does not bring the comfort she expected. (10-12)

 Emmy in the Key of Code

by Aimee Lucido

(Versify/HMH, \$16.99) 978-0-358-04082-8

Unlike her parents, Emmy, 12, has no musical talent. Then she takes a coding class and finds a different way to make music. Told in verse. Glossary included. (9-12)

Honeybees and Frenemies

by Kristi Wientge

(Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$16.99) 978-1-5344-3815-6

When Flor, 12, agrees to participate in the honey festival, she is paired with her nemesis. She helps an elderly beekeeper while worrying about her parents' marriage. (10-12)

 I Can Make This Promise

by Christine Day

(Harper/HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-287199-2

Edie discovers a box full of papers suggesting she has Native American relatives. Why did her parents keep this a secret? (9-12)

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Coming of Age, continued** *The Moon Within**

by Aida Salazar, illustrated by Joe Cepeda
(Arthur A. Levine Books/Scholastic, \$17.99)
978-1-338-28337-2

Celi, 11, ponders her changing body. Will she embrace her ancestral moon ceremony, marking her entrance into womanhood? Told in verse with spot black-and-white illustrations. (9-12)

One Speck of Truth

by Caela Carter
(Harper/HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-267266-7
12-year-old Alma wants answers about her father's death, but her adults won't tell her the truth. Will her searches of graveyards with her patient best friend yield answers? (9-12)

The Other, Better Me

by Antony John
(Harper/HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-283565-9
A school assignment moves Lola to search for her unknown father. (9-12)

 *Pie in the Sky

by Remy Lai
(Henry Holt and Co. BFYR/Macmillan, P \$12.99)
978-1-250-31409-3
Living in Australia is lonely for Jingwen, 12, because he doesn't know English and misses his deceased father. Can baking his father's cakes help? Simple spot graphics. (10-12)

The Size of the Truth (Sam Abernathy series)

by Andrew Smith
(Simon & Schuster, \$17.99) 978-1-5344-1955-1
Sam thought falling into a well when he was four was terrible, but skipping from sixth to eighth grade might be a whole new disaster. (10-12)

 Some Places More Than Others

by Renée Watson
(Bloomsbury Children's Books, \$16.99)
978-1-68119-108-9
All Amara wants for her twelfth birthday is to accompany her father to New York to get to know her family better. (9-12)

 The Space We're In

by Katya Balen
(Margaret Ferguson Books/Holiday House, \$17.99)
978-0-8234-4289-8
Ten-year-old Frank struggles to accommodate the needs of his younger autistic brother. When tragedy strikes, he discovers ways to make the family whole again. (9-12)

Sweeping Up the Heart

by Kevin Henkes
(Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins, \$16.99)
978-0-06-285254-0
Artistic Amelia's boring spring vacation takes a turn when she meets Casey, also 12, and uncovers truths about her taciturn father. (10-12)

 To Night Owl from Dogfish

by Holly Goldberg Sloan and Meg Wolitzer
(Dial BFYR/Penguin YR/PRH, \$17.99) 978-0-5255-5323-6
When their dads fall in love, Bett from California and Avery from New York City, both 12, are sent to camp to get to know each other. How will that turn out? (10-12)

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Coming of Age, continued**The Year We Fell from Space**

by Amy Sarig King, illustrated by Nina Goffi
(Arthur A. Levine Books/Scholastic, \$16.99)
978-1-338-23636-1

In this poignant portrayal of a changing family, Liberty draws new constellations to help her cope with her father's depression and the separation of her parents. Occasional black-and-white illustrations. (9-12)

Fantasy**D Cape (The League of Secret Heroes series)**

by Kate Hannigan, illustrated by Patrick Spaziante
(Aladdin/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99) 978-1-5344-3911-5
All the great comic book superheroes disappear from Philadelphia until schoolgirls Josie, Mae, and Akiko meet. Sparks fly and so do they. Intermittent action-packed graphic illustrations. (9-12)

D The Ghost Collector

by Allison Mills
(Annick Press, P \$9.95) 978-1-77321-296-8
Shelly and her Cree grandma catch ghosts and help them pass over. But a family tragedy tests Shelly's willingness to let them go. (10-13)

**Good Dog, McTavish (McTavish Stories series)**

by Meg Rosoff, illustrated by Grace Easton
(Candlewick Press, \$15.99) 978-1-5362-0058-4
When Ma Peachy "resigns" from mothering, Pa Peachy and the teenage children are clueless. Luckily, eight-year-old Betty and her wise mutt are not! Grayscale illustrations. (9-11)

The Griffins of Castle Cary

by Heather Shumaker
(Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$17.99) 978-1-5344-3088-4
When their parents attend a geological conference, three children go to stay with their aunt, only to discover that there are some ghosts to contend with. (8-11)

The Hippo at the End of the Hall

by Helen Cooper
(Candlewick Press, \$17.99) 978-1-5362-0448-3
Ben receives a museum invitation delivered by bees. Ignoring his mother's advice, he bikes to a magical place and encounters talking animals and greedy rivals. Charming pencil illustrations. (8-10)

I, Cosmo

by Carlie Sorosiak
(Walker Books/Candlewick Press, \$16.99)
978-1-5362-0769-9
Cosmo, an aging Golden Retriever, tells his own story as he revels in family life, comforts those he loves, and prepares for a dance competition. (9-12)

D The Jumbie God's Revenge (The Jumbies Series)

by Tracey Baptiste
(Algonquin Young Readers/Workman Pub., \$16.95)
978-1-61620-891-2
Corinne must use her supernatural powers to battle the angry god bent on destroying her Caribbean home. (8-10)

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Fantasy, continued** *Lalani of the Distant Sea**

by Erin Entrada Kelly, illustrated by Lian Cho
(Greenwillow Books/HarperCollins, \$16.99)
978-0-06-274727-3

Feeling responsible for her island's catastrophes, Lalani, 12, sets off on an epic quest. Interspersed with her adventures are finely illustrated vignettes of fantastical creatures and plants she encounters. (9-12)

The Miraculous

by Jess Redman
(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$16.99)
978-0-374-30974-9

Wunder Ellis, 11, believes in miracles, until his newborn sister dies, shattering him and his parents. Befriended by an outspoken girl and an old woman, he plants a special tree as a road to healing. (9-11)

***Oh, Rats!**

by Tor Seidler, illustrated by Gabriel Evans
(A Caitlyn Dlouhy Book/Atheneum BFYR/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99) 978-1-5344-2684-9

Rescued by two wharf rats, Phoenix, a tree squirrel, becomes involved in saving their beloved pier from a New York developer. Classic black-and-white illustrations. (9-12)

Owl's Outstanding Donuts

by Robin Yardi
(Carolrhoda Books/Lerner, \$17.99) 978-1-5415-3305-9
When an owl warns 10-year-old Mattie that someone is polluting the water near her aunt's donut shop, she tries to figure out how to catch the perpetrators while overcoming fears she's had since her mother's death. (9-12)

The Root of Magic

by Kathleen Benner Duble
(Delacorte Press/Penguin Random House, \$16.99)
978-0-525-57850-5
Lost in a blizzard, Willow, her mother, and her sick brother find themselves in a town where everyone's helpfulness turns a bit spooky. (9-12)

** Sea Sirens (Trot & Cap'n Bill Adventure series)**

by Amu Chu, illustrated by Janet K. Lee, lettering by Jimmy Gownley
(Viking/Penguin YR/PRH, \$20.99) 978-0-451-48016-3
After a surfing accident, Trot and her cat discover an underwater kingdom where sirens battle serpents. Can they rescue Grandpa and return home? Fanciful color graphic panels. (8-11)

Tunnel of Bones

by Victoria Schwab
(Scholastic Press, \$17.99) 978-1-338-11104-0
Cassidy, 12, and her best friend, a ghost, navigate "the veil" between this world and the next. Can they free a menacing poltergeist in Paris? (10-12)

Voyage of the Frostheart

by Jamie Littler
(Viking/Penguin YR/PRH, \$15.99) 978-0-451-48134-4
In a frozen land, Ash, an outcast, travels the wild snow sea and faces many perils with a hearty crew of pathfinders. Lively black-and-white illustrations. (9-12)

Weird Little Robots

by Carolyn Crimi, illustrated by Corinna Luyken
(Candlewick Press, \$16.99) 978-0-7636-9493-7
Penny Rose, who is new in town, makes a friend, Lark, who also likes to create things. Then Penny Rose breaks Lark's confidences. Can their friendship survive? Expressive black-and-white illustrations. (8-11)

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Folklore and Fairy Tales**The Little Black Fish**

by Samad Behrangi, illustrated by Farshid Mesghali, translated from the Farsi by Azita Rassi (Tiny Owl, \$17.95) 978-1-910328-00-2
A fish risks relationships and safety to discover the world beyond his home stream. Bold, stamped mixed-media illustrations. (8-10)

 Mulan:**The Legend of the Woman Warrior**

by Faye-Lynn Wu, illustrated by Joy Ang (Harper/HarperCollins, \$17.99) 978-0-06-280341-2
When her sick father is recruited for the army, Mulan disguises herself and serves honorably, even becoming a leader. Dramatic, deeply colored illustrations. (8-11)

Straw into Gold:**Fairy Tales Re-spun**

by Hilary McKay, illustrated by Sarah Gibb (Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99) 978-1-5344-3284-0
Traditional European stories are cleverly reimagined. Black-and-white silhouette illustrations. (9-12)

Vasilisa the Wise & Other Tales of Brave Young Women

retold by Kate Forsyth, illustrated by Lorena Carrington (Kane Miller/EDC, P \$9.99) 978-1-61067-852-0
Seven tales with feminist themes are accompanied by haunting black-and-white photo collages. Extensive author and illustrator notes and sources. (9-12)

Historical Fiction**Allies**

by Alan Gratz (Scholastic Press, \$17.99) 978-1-338-24572-1
What was D-Day really like? The invasion is seen through the eyes of an American soldier whose family fled Germany and of French citizens living through the invasion. Back matter. (9-12)

Goodbye, Mr. Spalding

by Jennifer Robin Barr (Calkins Creek/Highlights, \$18.95) 978-1-68437-178-5
When the owners of Shibe Park baseball stadium plan a high wall to obscure the neighbors' free views, 12-year-old besties, Jimmy and Lola, scheme to thwart the plan. (9-12)

 Hector:**A Boy, a Protest, and the Photograph that Changed Apartheid**

written and illustrated by Adrienne Wright, photo by Sam Nzima (Page Street Kids/Page Street Publishing, \$18.99) 978-1-62414-691-6
Hector Pieterse's story describes how a peaceful protest against inequality in the schools contributed to the end of South Africa's apartheid system. Pastel and collage illustrations. Biographical back matter. (10-13)

**Hi, I'm Norman:****The Story of American Illustrator Norman Rockwell**

by Robert Burleigh, illustrated by Wendell Minor (A Paula Wiseman Book/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99) 978-1-4424-9670-5
In a first-person narrative, Norman describes becoming an iconic artist. Realistic watercolor, gouache, and pencil illustrations include references to many of Rockwell's works. Extensive back matter. (8-10)

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Historical Fiction, continued** The Journey of York:****The Unsung Hero of the Lewis and Clark Expedition**

by Hasan Davis, illustrated by Alleanna Harris
(Capstone, \$17.95) 978-1-5435-1282-3

York, an enslaved man, tells about the pivotal role he played in the early 19th-century expedition to explore the western continent. Illustrations evoke the American frontier. (9-12)

 *The Long Ride

by Marina Budhos
(Wendy Lamb Books/Random House/PRH, \$16.99)
978-0-553-53422-1

In 1971, three mixed-race girls face new realities as they leave their Queens, NY, neighborhood for junior high school. Two of them are going to an experimental integration program, and one is entering a private school. (10-12)

 *Planet Earth Is Blue

by Nicole Panteleakos
(Wendy Lamb Books/Random House/PRH, \$16.99)
978-0-525-64657-0

Nova narrates what it's like to be severely autistic. She loves astronomy. Big sister Bridget promises that they will be together for the Challenger launch. Will they? (9-12)

Saving Hanno:**The Story of a Refugee Dog**

by Miriam Halahmy
(Holiday House, \$17.99) 978-0-8234-4165-5

At the start of World War II, Rudi, a Jewish German child sent to England, works to save his beloved dachshund from being euthanized. (9-11)

A Slip of a Girl

by Patricia Reilly Giff
(Holiday House, \$16.99) 978-0-8234-3955-3

Anna joins the struggle to end family farm evictions in Ireland. Told in verse. Based on the author's late-19th-century family history. (10-12)

 Stone River Crossing

by Tim Tingle
(Tu Books/Lee & Low, \$20.95) 978-1-62014-823-5
Friendship and cooperation across the creek border between a Mississippi plantation and a Choctaw settlement is forbidden, but potentially life saving. An exciting multigenerational story. (10-13)

The Story That Cannot Be Told

by J. Kasper Kramer
(Atheneum BFYR/ Simon & Schuster, \$17.99)
978-1-5344-3068-6

In 1989 Communist Romania, Ileana's parents send her to her grandparents' faraway mountain village to keep her safe from those who want to silence her storytelling. (10-12)

The True History of Lyndie B. Hawkins

by Gail Shepherd
(Kathy Dawson Books/PRH, \$16.99) 978-0-525-42845-9
Lyndie, a Civil War buff, is coping with difficult family members and a challenging southern parochial school. Two special friends and nurturing adults help. (10-13)

 *The Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA

by Brenda Woods
(Nancy Paulsen Books/Penguin YR/PRH, \$16.99)
978-1-5247-3709-2

As a Caucasian boy turns 12 in the summer of 1946, his friendship with an African American veteran leads him to confront the realities of racism in South Carolina. (10-12)

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Humor**Bernice Buttman, Model Citizen**

by Niki Lenz

(Random House BFYR/PRH, \$16.99) 978-1-5247-7041-9
Bernice stops being a bully when she is forced to live in a small town with her aunt, a nun. (9-11)

Chapter Two Is Missing

by Josh Lieb, illustrated by Kevin Cornell

(Razorbill/PRH, \$17.99) 978-1-9848-3548-2

A take-charge child narrator, goofy detective, and suspicious janitor are involved in an engaging mystery. Bold cartoon illustrations in orange, black, and white. (8-10)

 The Storyteller of Damascus

by Rafik Schami, illustrated by Peter Knorr

(Crocodile Books/Interlink, \$18.95) 978-1-62371-971-5

An old storyteller travels with his wonder chest of drawings and adventure stories for children. As time passes, his drawings and stories change. Amusing color illustrations. (8-10)

Magical Realism**A Box of Bones**

by Marina Cohen

(Roaring Brook Press/Holtzbrinck/Macmillan, \$16.99)

978-1-250-17221-1

When logic and magic collide, 12-year-old Kallie's obsession with order becomes problematic. It all starts when a faceless man hands her a fantastical box. (9-11)

Eventown

by Corey Ann Haydu

(Katherine Tegen Books/HarperCollins, \$16.99)

978-0-06-268980-1

Elodee and her family move to a perfect, nice town, but she misses irregularity, wildness, and difference, and tries to find out why they are absent. (9-12)

 The Forgotten Girl

by India Hill Brown

(Scholastic Press, \$16.99) 978-1-338-31724-4

Nightmares wake Iris as she works to cope with subtle racial injustices at school. The discovery of an abandoned Black cemetery and the ghost who haunts it changes everything. (9-11)

The Girl Who Sailed the Stars

by Matilda Woods, illustrated by Anuska Allepuz

(Philomel Books/Penguin Random House, \$16.99)

978-0-525-51524-1

Oona's sea-captain father was expecting a son, not a seventh daughter, but she defies his marriage plans for her by secretly joining the dangerous annual men-only whale hunt. Spot marine blue illustrations. (8-11)

**Lizzy Legend**

by Matthew Ross Smith

(Aladdin/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99) 978-1-5344-2024-3

Lizzy, 13, loves basketball. Among the phone calls from her dad's bill collectors comes one that propels her to the pros. Fantasy, humor, and realism combine. (9-12)

Tree of Dreams

by Laura Resau

(Scholastic Press, \$17.99) 978-0-545-80088-4

Thrust into the conflict between oil companies and the indigenous people in the Amazon, Coco, her mother, and her best friends fight for the forest's survival. (10-12)

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Science Fiction**AstroNuts Mission One:****The Plant Planet (AstroNuts series)**

by Jon Scieszka, illustrated by Steven Weinberg
(Chronicle Books, \$14.99) 978-1-4521-7119-7
Planet Earth is overheating, and humans need to find a new home. It's up to four superpowered animal astronauts to investigate. Vibrant collage illustrations, using museum engravings (8-11)

Friendroid

by M. M. Vaughan
(Margaret K. McElderry Books/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99) 978-1-4814-9065-8
An android and a human develop a friendship and learn to accept their differences and those in others. (9-12)

 We're Not from Here

by Geoff Rodkey
(Crown BFYR/Random House/PRH, \$16.99) 978-1-5247-7304-5
The human family that desperately tries to survive on Planet Choom encounters issues that are remarkably earthly. Funny, creative, and relevant (9-12)

Sports** Eight Times Up**

by John Corr
(Orca Book Publishers, P \$10.95) 978-1-4598-1861-3
Riley's dad registers him for aikido classes to help him control his anxiety. After his multiethnic classmates learn the aikido skills, they become close friends. (10-12)

Strike Zone

by Mike Lupica
(Philomel Books/Penguin Random House, \$17.99) 978-0-525-51488-6
Nick García, 12, star pitcher for his summer league team, wants to focus on his fastball but is deeply anxious that his undocumented Dominican-born parents may be deported. (10-12)

Today** Badir and the Beaver**

by Shannon Stewart, illustrated by Sabrina Gendron
(Orca Book Publishers, P \$6.95) 978-1-4598-1727-2
With the help of friends, Badir, a recent immigrant from Tunisia to Canada, saves a beaver in a Vancouver park. Humorous black-and-white illustrations. (8-10)

 Because of the Rabbit

by Cynthia Lord
(Scholastic Press, \$17.99) 978-0-545-91424-6
As a new fifth-grade student at a rural Maine public school, Emma connects with Jack, a student with special needs, over her rescue rabbit. (9-11)

 The Boy at the Back of the Class

by Onjali Q. Raúf, illustrated by Pippa Curnick
(Delacorte Press/Random House Children's Books/PRH, \$16.99) 978-1-9848-5078-2
Four British nine-year-olds plot to reunite their new classmate, a Syrian refugee, with his parents. Pencil sketches. Copious back matter on refugees and relief organizations. (9-12)

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by Frances O'Roark Dowell

(Atheneum BFYR/ Simon & Schuster, \$17.99)

978-1-4814-8179-3

Sixth graders recount their versions of friendships involving stealing, spying, and helping a fellow student in need. (10-12)

 Count Me In

by Varsha Bajaj

(Nancy Paulsen Books/Penguin YR/PRH, \$16.99)

978-0-525-51724-5

In alternating chapters, seventh graders Karina and Chris tell the story of an attack on Karina's grandfather, an Indian American in a Texas town. (9-12)

 The Distance between Me and the Cherry Tree

by Paola Peretti, illustrated by Carolina Rabei,

translated from the Italian by Denise Muir

(Atheneum BFYR/ Simon & Schuster, \$17.99)

978-1-5344-3962-7

In Italy, ten-year-old Mafalda struggles to live a normal life after she learns she is losing her eyesight from a genetic illness. Black-and-white illustrations. (9-12)

Far Away

by Lisa Graff

(Philomel Books/Penguin Random House, \$16.99)

978-1-524-73859-4

CJ, 12, tours with her psychic-medium Aunt Nic, who is paid to connect unhappy people of this world with Far Away. But what about CJ's own mother, who is presumed dead? (8-12)

 The Fresh New Face of Griselda

by Jennifer Torres

(Little, Brown and Company/Hachette, \$16.99)

978-0-316-45260-1

When her warm Latinx family faces life-changing financial difficulties, sixth grader "Geez" must develop entrepreneurial skills to do her share. (9-12)

Lexie's Little Lie

by Emma Shevah

(Sourcebooks Jabberwocky/Sourcebooks, \$16.99)

978-1-4926-8294-3

Lexie's large Greek family does everything together, until a lie about a family heirloom threatens to tear everyone apart. Black-and-white illustrations. Recipes. (9-12)


The Light in the Lake

by Sarah R. Baughman

(Little, Brown and Company/Hachette, \$16.99)

978-0-316-42242-0

The tragic loss of her twin brother prompts 12-year-old Addie to follow his pursuit of magic, while staying true to her own scientific beliefs. (9-11)

 More to the Story

by Hena Khan

(Salaam Reads/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99)

978-1-4814-9209-6

Jameela, 15, Muslim of Pakistani origins, develops her journalistic talents amid family problems and illness. (10-13)

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Today, continued***The Next Great Paulie Fink**

by Ali Benjam

(Little, Brown BFYR/Hachette, \$16.99)

978-0-316-38088-1

Everyone in the seventh grade (except Caitlyn, who's new) is grieving the inexplicable disappearance of former classmate, Paulie, who had achieved mythic status. Is he irreplaceable? (10-12)

D Nina Soni:**Former Best Friend**

by Kashmira Sheth, illustrated by Jenn Kocsmiersky

(Peachtree, \$15.95) 978-1-68263-057-0

Indian American Nina's relationship with her former best friend improves when they perform science magic at her younger sister's birthday party. Digital illustrations. (8-10)

D One-Third Nerd

by Gennifer Choldenko, illustrated by Églantine Ceulemans

(Wendy Lamb Books/Random House/PRH, \$16.99)

978-1-5247-1888-6

Liam's younger siblings are challenging in different ways, but it's their incontinent dog and their landlord who are the biggest sources of anxiety. Expressive black-and-white illustrations. (9-11)

D The Paris Project

by Donna Gephart

(Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$17.99) 978-1-5344-4086-9

Seventh grader Cleveland has always wanted to move to Paris, but when her father's gambling leads to his incarceration, she must reevaluate her goals and friendships. (9-12)

D Penguin Days

by Sara Leach, illustrated by Rebecca Bender

(Pajama Press, \$15.95) 978-1-77278-053-6

When Lauren and her family drive to North Dakota to be in a family wedding, she must cope with special challenges due to her autism spectrum disorder. Black-and-white illustrations. (8-11)

D Roll with It

by Jamie Sumner

(Atheneum BFYR/ Simon & Schuster, \$17.99)

978-1-5344-4255-9

Disabled by cerebral palsy since birth, 12-year-old wheelchair-reliant Ellie struggles with the challenges of her surroundings while developing her gifts. (10-13)

Ruby in the Sky

by Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo

(Farrar Straus Giroux BFYR/Macmillan, \$16.99)

978-0-374-30905-3

When 12-year-old Ruby Moon arrives in Vermont, she and her mother hope to hide their questionable past, but a reclusive animal-loving neighbor, a Syrian classmate, school bullies, and a sympathetic teacher stir things up. (10-13)

The Runaways

by Ulf Stark, illustrated by Kitty Crowther

(Gecko Press, \$17.99) 978-1-776572-33-5

Grandpa and grandson Gottfried share a temperament that's skipped a generation. To enliven Grandpa's last days, Gottfried engineers his escape from the hospital. Colored pencil illustrations. (9-12)

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Today, continued

POETRY

Shouting at the Rain

by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

(Nancy Paulsen Books/Penguin YR/PRH, \$16.99)

978-0-399-17515-2

After being rejected by her summer pal, Delsie finds someone new. As they traipse around the Cape, they uncover neighborhood secrets, including the disappearance of Delsie's mother. (9-12)

 Silver Meadows Summer

by Emma Otheguy

(Alfred A. Knopf BFYR/Random House/PRH, \$16.99)

978-1-5247-7323-6

Changing family circumstances force 11-year-old artist Carolina to move from Puerto Rico to upstate New York. Friendship and a backwoods discovery provide hope. (9-12)

  Stargazing

written and illustrated by Jen Wang

(First Second/Roaring Brook

Press/Holtzbrinck/Macmillan, P \$12.99)

978-1-250-18388-0

Christine and Moon are best friends but couldn't be more different. Their friendship becomes strained when Moon reveals a deep secret. Pencil, ink, and digital colorful illustrations. (9-12)

 Strange Birds:**A Field Guide to Ruffling Feathers**

by Celia C. Pérez

(Kokila/Penguin Random House, \$16.99)

978-0-425-29043-9

Four seventh-grade strangers meet, find a mission, and change a boring summer into one filled with adventure, purpose, and friendship. (9-12)

 *Birth of the Cool:**How Jazz Great Miles Davis Found His Sound**

by Kathleen Cornell Berman, illustrated by Keith Henry Brown

(Page Street Kids/Page Street Publishing, \$17.99)

978-1-62414-690-9

The combination of free verse and pastel illustrations depicts young Davis, his later association with other jazz greats, and the emergence of his own unique musical sound. (8-11)

Boom! Bellow! Bleat!:**Animal Poems for Two or More Voices**

by Georgia Heard, illustrated by Aaron DeWitt

(WordSong/Highlights, \$17.95) 978-1-62091-520-2

Poems encourage play with words and sounds while providing opportunities to gather information. Digital illustrations are equally playful. Back matter provides interesting facts. (7-10)

 *I Remember:**Poems and Pictures of Heritage**

compiled by Lee Bennett Hopkins

(Lee & Low Books, \$19.95) 978-1-62014-311-7

Fifteen poets and 14 illustrators of diverse backgrounds reflect on their childhood memories and traditions. Rich variety of art techniques and media. Short biographies of each poet and illustrator. (8-11)

**The Shortest Day**

by Susan Cooper, illustrated by Carson Ellis

(Candlewick Press, \$17.99) 978-0-7636-8698-7

Together, the Newbery Medal-winning poet and Caldecott Honor painter celebrate the return of seasonal light. Evocative gouache illustrations. Author's note. (8-11)

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POETRY, continued** *The Undefeated**

by Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Kadir Nelson
(Versify/HMH, \$17.99) 978-1-328-78096-6
Poetic text and powerful oil-on-board portraits
celebrate African Americans who “hurdled history and
opened a world of possible.” (9-12)

 *The Women Who Caught the Babies:

A Story of African American Midwives
by Eloise Greenfield, illustrated by Daniel Minter
(Alazar Press, \$17.95) 978-0-9977720-7-4
Poems capturing the work, the pain, and the joy of
African American midwives illustrate their importance
to families and communities. Powerful illustrations and
photographs. (9-11)

INFORMATION BOOKS**Activities**** The Complete Baking Book for Young Chefs**

by America's Test Kitchen
(Sourcebooks Explore, \$19.99) 978-1-4926-7769-7
Young aspiring chefs will find many interesting recipes
and additional information. Colorful photographs,
charts, and cooking tips. (9-12)

Arts**Comics: Easy as ABC!:****The Essential Guide to Comics for Kids**

written and illustrated by Ivan Brunetti, introduction by
Françoise Mouly
(Toon Graphics/Toon Books, \$16.95) 978-1-943145-44-7
Useful illustrations are combined with instructions on
drawing cartoons. Resources, bibliography. (8-11)

**Degas, Painter of Ballerinas**

by Susan Goldman Rubin, illustrated with reproductions
from paintings in the Metropolitan Museum of Art
(Abrams BFYR, \$19.99) 978-1-4197-2843-3
Working behind the scenes at the opera, Degas
observed young dancers and created a series of
Impressionist paintings. Photographs with descriptive
captions. Back matter. (8-10)

Playing with Collage

written and illustrated by Jeannie Baker
(Candlewick Studio/Candlewick Press, \$16.00)
978-1-5362-0539-8
Baker, a wonderful Australian artist, provides intriguing
ideas for creating collages with natural materials.
Beautiful color photos. (10-12)

 The Roots of Rap:**16 Bars on the 4 Pillars of Hip-Hop**

by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Frank
Morrison
(Little Bee Books/Bonnier Pub., \$18.99)
978-1-4998-0411-9
Powerful, rhythmic text and dynamic paintings put
graffiti, break dancing, rapping, MCing, and deejaying in
historical context. Author/illustrator notes and glossary.
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Arts, continued** Sonny's Bridge:****Jazz Legend Sonny Rollins Finds His Groove**

by Barry Wittenstein, illustrated by Keith Mallett

(Charlesbridge, \$17.99) 978-1-58089-881-2

Was Sonny's career over when he left fame behind?

Playing his saxophone on the Williamsburg Bridge led to

self-discovery and a new musical sound. Digital artwork.

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Biography and Memoir**Becoming RBG:****Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Journey to Justice**

by Debbie Levy, illustrated by Whitney Gardner

(Simon & Schuster BFYR, \$19.99) 978-1-5344-2456-2

Life experiences shaped this feminist icon's legal

perspective and ascent to the Supreme Court.

Endnotes. Monochromatic digitally rendered

illustrations. (10-12)

The Book Rescuer:**How a Mensch from Massachusetts Saved Yiddish Literature for Generations to Come**

by Sue Macy, illustrated by Stacy Innerst

(Paula Wiseman Books/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99)

978-1-4814-7220-3

Slowly building an entire library, Aaron Lansky saved

Yiddish literature and thus a history and culture. Acrylic

and gouache artwork. (8-11)

 Born Just Right

by Jordan Reeves and Jen Lee Reeves

(Jeter Children's/Aladdin/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99)

978-1-5344-2838-6

Jordan, 14, was born without a lower arm or hand. She

creates a glitter-shooting arm prosthesis, advocates for

the disabled, and writes her own story. Photographs

and back matter. (10-12)

The Brave Cyclist:**The True Story of a Holocaust Hero**

by Amalia Hoffman, illustrated by Chiara Fedele

(Capstone Editions/Capstone, \$17.95)

978-1-68446-063-2

During World War II, cycling champion Gino Bartali used

his biking speed and strength to deliver documents for

Jews escaping Fascist Italy. Colorful, detailed

illustrations. Back matter. (9-12)

 Dear America:**The Story of an Undocumented Citizen**

by Jose Antonio Vargas

(Harper/HarperCollins, \$16.99) 978-0-06-291459-0

Sent to the United States from the Philippines when he

was 12, the author recounts his success in school,

citizenship problems, and life as a journalist. Young

readers edition. (9-12)

***Elvis Is King!**

by Jonah Winter, illustrated by Red Nose Studio

(Schwartz & Wade Books/Random House/PRH, \$17.99)

978-0-399-55470-4

In this lyrical and riveting narrative, Elvis's life is

captured brilliantly and evocatively via photos of

handcrafted diorama-like sets. Detailed author's note.

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Biography and Memoir, continued**Gloria Takes a Stand:****How Gloria Steinem Listened, Wrote, and Changed the World**

by Jessica M. Rinker, illustrated by Daria Peoples-Riley
(Bloomsbury Children's Books, \$17.99)
978-1-68119-676-3

This substantive picture book biography presents an important figure in the women's movement who was the founder of *Ms.* magazine. Mixed-media and digital illustrations. Back matter. (8-11)

**Guts**

written and illustrated by Raina Telgemeier
(Graphix/Scholastic, \$24.99) 978-0-545-85251-7
When Raina's fear of vomiting begins to affect her social and academic life, she sees a therapist to learn to cope with her overwhelming anxieties. Colorful graphic panels. (10-12)

**Her Own Two Feet:****A Rwandan Girl's Brave Fight to Walk**

by Meredith Davis, and Rebeka Uwitonze
(Scholastic Focus, \$17.99) 978-1-338-35637-3
Nine-year-old Rebeka makes the courageous journey from Rwanda to the U.S. for life-changing surgery. (9-12)

**Let 'Er Buck!:****George Fletcher, the People's Champion**

by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson, illustrated by Gordon C. James
(Carolrhoda Books/Lerner, \$18.99) 978-1-5124-9808-0
When judges deprive African American cowboy George Fletcher of a rodeo victory, the spectators support him. Rhythmic prose, dynamic oil illustrations, and extensive back matter. (8-10)

Monument Maker:**Daniel Chester French and the Lincoln Memorial**

by Linda Booth Sweeney, illustrated by Shawn Fields
(Tilbury House Publishers, \$19.95) 978-0-88448-643-5
French's journey, from a young sculptor helped by Louisa May Alcott's sister to the creator of the statue of Lincoln, is told with pen and ink crosshatched drawings. Sources and time line. (8-11)

Polar Explorer

by Jade Hameister
(Feiwel and Friends/Macmillan, \$17.99)
978-1-250-31768-1

Jade Hameister recounts her journey at age 14 as the youngest person to ski to both Poles. Includes information about the equipment needed for the expeditions. Color photographs. (9-12)

***Rise!:****From Caged Bird to Poet of the People, Maya Angelou**

by Bethany Hegedus, illustrated by Tonya Engel
(Lee & Low Books, \$20.95) 978-1-62014-587-6
This powerful biography in free verse illustrated with oil paintings shows how Angelou transformed the trauma of her childhood into political action and poetry. (8-11)
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***Spotted Tail**

by David Heska Wanbli Weiden, illustrated by Jim Yellowhawk and Pat Kinsella
(Reycraft Books, \$18.95) 978-1-4788-6788-3
Lakota leader Spotted Tail led his people in battle but really desired peace and was always willing to negotiate with the US government. Boldly colored, imaginative illustrations. (8-10)

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Biography and Memoir, continued

D **The Story of Olympic Swimmer Duke Kahanamoku**
by Ellie Crowe, illustrated by Richard Waldrep
(Lee & Low Books, P \$8.95) 978-1-62014-852-5
Born in 1890 in Hawaii, this word-famous surfer and swimmer won Olympic gold medals and broke world records while facing discrimination. Realistic black-and-white illustrations. Time line, bibliography, sources. (9-12)

D **The Unstoppable Garrett Morgan:
Inventor, Entrepreneur, Hero**
by Joan DiCicco, illustrated by Ebony Glenn
(Lee & Low Books, \$19.95) 978-1-62014-564-7
The son of formerly enslaved parents, Morgan loved finding a better way to do things. Noticing that firefighters were not sufficiently protected from the flames, he invented a safety hood. Smoky watercolors. Time line and bibliography. (8-10)

Ecology

**Look Again:
Secrets of Animal Camouflage**
written and illustrated by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt BFYR, \$17.99)
978-1-328-85094-2
Animal survival through camouflage is eloquently explained and shown via brilliant torn paper collage and digitally created illustrations. Extensive back matter. (8-10)

Health

**Under Pressure:
The Science of Stress**
by Tanya Lloyd Kyi, illustrated by Marie-Ève Tremblay
(Kids Can Press, \$16.99) 978-1-5253-0007-3
What happens to our bodies under stress, situations when stress can be helpful, and “stress busters” are explained simply. Humorous digital art. Sources, index. (10-13)

History

***A Green Place to Be:
The Creation of Central Park**
written and illustrated by Ashley Benham Yazdani
(Candlewick Press, \$17.99) 978-0-7636-9695-5
The creation of New York's Central Park is depicted in beautiful watercolors. Extensive back matter. (8-10)

**Liberty Arrives!:
How America's Grandest Statue Found Her Home**
written and illustrated by Robert Byrd
(Dial BFYR/Penguin YR/PRH, \$17.99) 978-0-7352-3082-8
It took 21 years, a sculptor, an engineer, an architect, journalists, schoolchildren, and many others to create Lady Liberty, transport her to America, and raise her up in New York Harbor. Detailed illustrations. (11-13)

**Stonewall:**

A Building. An Uprising. A Revolution.
by Rob Sanders, illustrated by Jamey Christoph
(Random House BFYR/PRH, \$17.99) 978-1-5247-1952-4
Engaging illustrations accompany the compelling history of the iconic Stonewall Inn in New York City's Greenwich Village and its role in the LGBTQ civil rights movement. Extensive back matter with archival photographs. (8-10)

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History, continued**Survivors of the Holocaust:****True Stories of Six Extraordinary Children**

edited by Kath Shackleton, illustrated by Zane Whittingham

(Sourcebooks Young Readers, \$19.99)

978-1-4926-8892-1

Adapted from a BBC animation series, these are the true stories of six Jewish youngsters who survived the Nazi occupation of Europe. Intense, stark illustrations. Extensive back matter. (10-12)

D***Todos iguales/All Equal:****Un corrido de Lemon Grove/A Ballad of Lemon Grove**

written and illustrated by Christy Hale

(Children's Book Press/Lee & Low, \$19.95)

978-0-89239-427-2

In the 1930s, Mexican Americans fought for their right to attend an integrated elementary school in Lemon Grove, California. Illustrations in gouache and relief ink printing. In English and in Spanish. Back matter. (8-10)

Religion**I Am Hermes!:****Mischief-Making Messenger of the Gods**

written and illustrated by Mordicai Gerstein

(Holiday House, \$18.99) 978-0-8234-3942-3

Meet the impish, ingenious Greek god who invented the first musical instrument and gave Aesop the gift of storytelling. Vivid cartoon panels. (8-10)

Sports**Billie Jean!:****How Tennis Star Billie Jean King Changed Women's Sports**

by Mara Rockliff, illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley

(G.P. Putnam's Sons BFYR/PRH, \$17.99)

978-0-525-51779-5

An outstanding tennis player fights for equal rights for female athletes. Illustrations in ink, watercolor, acrylic, and digital media. (8-10)

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)**All in a Drop:****How Antony van Leeuwenhoek Discovered an Invisible World**

by Lori Alexander, illustrated by Vivien Mildenerger (Houghton Mifflin/HMH, \$17.99) 978-1-328-88420-6

In 17th-century Netherlands, a young cloth dealer discovers a world invisible to the naked eye. Notes, glossary, sources, time line. Pastel, colored pencil, and watercolor illustrations. (9-12)

Beyond Words:*What Elephants and Whales Think and Feel**

by Carl Safina

(Roaring Brook Press/Macmillan, \$17.99)

978-1-250-14463-8

The behavior and family structure of the largest mammals on land and in the ocean have been studied in depth by observers who discuss similarities with human behavior. Photographs, back matter. Young readers edition. (10-13)

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STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), continued***A Book about Whales**

written and illustrated by Andrea Antinori (Abrams BFYR, \$16.99) 978-1-4197-3502-8
Clear, detailed writing and whimsical black-and-white drawings bring the underwater world of Earth's marvelous mammals to life. Bibliography, index. (9-12)

 The Boy Who Touched the Stars/El niño que alcanzó las estrellas

by José M. Hernández, illustrated by Steven James Petruccio (Piñata Books/Arte Público, \$17.95) 978-1-55885-882-4
The son of migrant Mexican farm workers realizes his lifelong goal to become a U.S. astronaut. Realistic illustrations. In English and Spanish. (8-11)

Can You Crack the Code?:**A Fascinating History of Ciphers and Cryptography**

by Ella Schwartz, illustrated by Lily Williams (Bloomsbury Children's Books, \$21.99) 978-1-68119-514-8
Learn about different codes and ciphers used from antiquity to the present. Interactive examples. Black-and-white cartoon illustrations. Back matter. (10-13)

Can You Hear the Trees Talking?:**Discovering the Hidden Life of the Forest**

by Peter Wohlleben, adapted by Jane Billinghamurst, translated from the German by Shelley Tanaka, illustrated by Belle Wuthrich (Greystone Books, \$17.95) 978-1-77164-434-1
How trees communicate with one another, breathe, drink, procreate, and more are explained by a lifelong forester. Quizzes and activities. Excellent color photos, sketches. Back matter. Young readers edition of *The Hidden Life of Trees*. (9-12)

Charles Darwin's *On the Origin of Species*

adapted and illustrated by Sabina Radeva (Crown BFYR/Random House/PRH, \$18.99) 978-1-9848-9491-5
Complex concepts such as variation and natural selection are introduced through accessible text and quotes, supported by stylized but accurate depictions of species. Author's note, bibliography, glossary. (9-11)

Crossing on Time:**Steam Engines, Fast Ships, and a Journey to the New World**

written and illustrated by David Macaulay (Roaring Brook Press/Holtzbrinck/Macmillan, \$24.99) 978-1-59643-477-6
Full-page illustrations, diagrams, and cutaway views detail the history of the construction of the SS *United States*, the steamship on which the author-artist emigrated in 1957. (10-13)

Dolphins! (Strange and Wonderful series)

by Laurence Pringle, illustrated by Meryl Henderson (Boyd's Mills Press/Highlights, \$17.95) 978-1-62979-680-2
Learn how all kinds of dolphins live and communicate. Clear pencil and watercolor illustrations. Back matter and resources. (8-11)

Even More Lesser Spotted Animals:*More Brilliant Beasts You Never Knew You Needed to Know About**

written and illustrated by Martin Brown (David Fickling Books/Scholastic, \$18.99) 978-1-338-34961-0
Humorous text and illustrations present lesser-known animals, such as the dingiso and tamandua. Maps and glossary. (8-11)

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STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), continued**From an Idea to Google:****How Innovation at Google Changed the World**

by Lowey Bundy Sichol, illustrated by C. S. Jennings (Houghton Mifflin/HMH, \$15.99) 978-1-328-95491-6
An accessible account of the large tech company and the two men who started it includes an explanation of how Google works. Spot black-and-white illustrations. (9-12)

Growing Up Gorilla:**How a Zoo Baby Brought Her Family Together**

by Clare Hodgson Meeker (Millbrook Press/Lerner, \$31.99) 978-1-5415-4240-2
Seattle's Woodland Park Zoo staff assists a mother gorilla to bond with her baby. Appealing photographs and extensive back matter. (8-11)

**Hawks Kettle, Puffins Wheel:****And Other Poems of Birds in Flight**

by Susan Vande Griek, illustrated by Mark Hoffman (Kids Can Press, \$16.99) 978-1-77138-995-2
Poetic descriptions of birds in flight—gliding, diving, and hovering—are paired with gouache and digital-media illustrations. Back matter includes glossary and notes on each bird. (8-11)

**How to Become an Accidental Genius**

by Elizabeth MacLeod and Frieda Wishinsky, illustrated by Jenn Playford (Orca Book Publishers, \$24.95) 978-1-4598-1676-3
This discussion of how women, men, and children chanced upon inventions great and small is enhanced by copious illustrations and archival photographs. (10-13)

***Mario and the Hole in the Sky:****How a Chemist Saved Our Planet**

by Elizabeth Rusch, illustrated by Teresa Martínez (Charlesbridge, \$16.99) 978-1-58089-581-1
A Mexican-born scientist helps solve the ozone crisis in the 1980s and gives hope in the fight against climate change. Mixed-media illustrations. Source notes, bibliography, time line, and more. Also available in Spanish. (8-10)

Migration:**Incredible Animal Journeys**

by Mike Unwin, illustrated by Jenni Desmond (Bloomsbury Children's Books, \$18.99) 978-1-5476-0097-7
The seasonal epic journey of 21 species—from dragonflies to whales—to survive their unaccommodating environments is vivified by exquisite mixed-media illustrations. Includes map. (9-12)

Nature's Ninja:**Animals with Spectacular Skills**

by Rebecca L. Johnson (Millbrook Press/Lerner, \$31.99) 978-1-5415-4241-9
Fascinating explanations compare the ancient Japanese ninja with animals that exhibit similar techniques. Outstanding photographs. Back matter. (10-13)

Nose Knows:*Wild Ways Animals Smell the World**

by Emmanuelle Figueras, illustrated by Claire de Gastold (What on Earth Books, \$21.99) 978-1-912920-07-5
Learn how the nose and scent play a crucial role in animals' survival and behavior. Oversized realistic illustrations, interactive format. Index. (8-11)

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STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), continued**The Poison Eaters:****Fighting Danger and Fraud in Our Food and Drugs**

by Gail Jarow

(Calkins Creek/Boyd's Mills & Kane, \$18.99)

978-1-62979-438-9

Dr. Harvey Wiley fought hard to see passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act, which ultimately led to the creation of the Food and Drug Administration. Photographs.

Back matter includes time line, notes, and bibliography. (10-13)

A Ray of Light:**A Book of Science and Wonder**

written and photographed by Walter Wick

(Scholastic Press, \$17.99) 978-0-439-16587-7

A noted photographer carefully explores the complex subject of light through the meticulously planned experiments he photographs. (9-12)

Rising Water:*The Story of the Thai Cave Rescue**

by Marc Aronson, map and diagrams by Rick Britton

(Atheneum BFYR/ Simon & Schuster, \$17.99)

978-1-5344-4413-3

A Thai boys soccer team's field trip quickly became life-threatening when rains flooded their only exit. This is the story of their astonishing rescue. Color photographs and black-and-white illustrations. (10-13)

**Rocket to the Moon! (Big Ideas that Changed the World series)**

written and illustrated by Don Brown

(Amulet Books/Abrams, \$13.99) 978-1-4197-3404-5

Humor combines with facts to describe scientific, political, and social factors involved in the history of space travel. Color graphic panels. Back matter. (9-12)

Rotten!:**Vultures, Beetles, Slime, and Nature's Other Decomposers**

by Anita Sanchez, illustrated by Gilbert Ford

(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$16.99) 978-1-328-84165-0

This discussion of scavengers emphasizes the value of decomposition, nature's fascinating process that gives life to other creatures. Colorful illustrations depict the actions of animals. (8-11)

Saving the Tasmanian Devil:**How Science Is Helping the World's Largest Marsupial Carnivore Survive (Scientists in the Field series)**

by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent

(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt BFYR, \$18.99)

978-0-544-99148-4

Follow an exciting journey with geneticists, ecologists, and genomic experts as they grapple with a disease of a dying species. Captivating photographs. Update, glossary, sources. (9-12)

The Tornado Scientist:**Seeing Inside Severe Storms (Scientists in the Field series)**

by Mary Kay Carson, photographed by Tom Uhlman

(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt BFYR, \$18.99)

978-0-544-96582-9

Research meteorologist Robin Tanamachi studies tornadoes and Dixie Alley. Includes sources, glossary, and breathtaking photographs. (10-13)

Unseen Worlds:**Real-Life Microscopic Creatures Hiding All around Us**

by Hélène Rajcak, illustrated by Damien Laverdunt

(What on Earth Books, \$21.99) 978-1-9999680-1-4

Colorful, detailed, double-page spreads with fold-outs identify magnified microscopic creatures in their environments, including the beach, ocean, forest, beds, and skin. (9-12)

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STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), continued**The Woolly Monkey Mysteries:****The Quest to Save a Rain Forest Species**

by Sandra Markle

(Millbrook Press/Lerner, \$31.99) 978-1-5124-5868-8

Both photos and format complement a scientific study in a Peruvian reserve of an endangered species critical to the survival of the rainforest. (8-11)

***Your Amazing Digestion from Mouth through Intestine**

by Joanne Settel, illustrated by Steve Björkman

(Atheneum BFYR/Simon & Schuster, \$18.99)

978-1-4814-8688-0

Catchy rhymes follow pizza from mouth to anus and explain the digestive system. Quirky pen, ink, and watercolor illustrations. Back matter includes extensive glossary. (10-13)

World** Sharing Our Truths: Tapwe**

by Henry Beaver and Mindy Willett, with Eileen Beaver, photographed by Tessa Macintosh

(Fifth House Publishers/Fitzhenry & Whiteside, \$19.95)

978-1-9270-8352-9

A family visits their grandparents in the Northwest Territories of Canada to learn about their Cree culture. Color photographs and back matter. (8-11)