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Grades 3-5 Titles for 2024-25



Circus Mirandus by Cassie Beasley



When he realizes that his grandfather's stories of an enchanted circus are true, Micah Tuttle sets out to find the mysterious Circus Mirandus and to use its magic to save his grandfather's life. FANTA

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Before the Ever After by Jacqueline Woodson



In this award winning novel in verse, ZJ's friends Ollie, Darry and Daniel help him cope when his father, a beloved professional football player, suffers severe headaches and memory loss that spell the end of his career.

Fifty-Four Things Wrong with Gwendolyn Rogers by Caela

Carter



No one can figure what's wrong with Gwendolyn, not her mom, or her teachers, or any of her therapists. But she knows she doesn't have just one thing wrong with her; she has fifty-four.

Frizzy by Claribel A. Ortega and Rose Bousamra



Tired of going to the salon to have her curls straightened every weekend, Marlene slowly learns to embrace her natural curly hair with the help of her best friend and favorite aunt. Graphic novel.

J.D. and the Great Barber Battle by J. Dillard



Eight-year-old J.D. turns a tragic home haircut into a thriving barber business in this hilarious new illustrated chapter book series

Just Jerry: How Drawing Shaped My Life by Jerry Pinkney



In this illustrated memoir, Pinkney tells the story of his childhood and how he developed his artistic talent.

> A U T O B I O G R A P H Y

Leonard (My Life as a Cat) by Carlie Sorosiak



The cat that Olive rescues from a flood has a secret: he's not really a cat at all, but an alien who crashed to Earth. The cat, whom Olive names Leonard, was prepared to visit the planet as a human; but something went wrong.

> SCIENCE FICTION

Marshmallow & Jordan by Alina Chau

& JORDAN

In this graphic novel, Jordan's days as star player for her school's basketball team ended when an accident left her paralyzed. Now, she's still the team captain, but her competition days seem to be behind her...until an encounter with a mysterious elephant, who she names Marshmallow, helps Jordan discover a brand new sport.

FANTASY

The Mystwick School of Musicraft by Jessica Khoury



Twelve-year-old Amelia gets the opportunity to attend a boarding school and learn how to use music to create magic, hoping to become a Maestro like her deceased mother.

FANTASY

The Name of This Book Is Secret by Pseudonymous Bosch



When Cass and Max-Ernest find a mysterious case containing vials of liquid labeled The Symphony of Smells with an encoded message asking for help, the two friendless eleven-year olds decide to investigate.

MYSTERY

Sam Makes a Splash by Nicole Melleby

R E A LISTIC FICTION



If you want to get to know eleven-year-old Samantha Ali-O'Connor, you need to know three things:

One, she isn't the only one of her siblings who is adopted, but she is the only one whose name isn't inspired by the ocean.

Two, she and Harbor always compete with each other to be the best Oldest Sibling—and just about everything else.

And three, she is determined to prove she's a real Ali-O'Connor by taking over the family business, repairing and chartering boats.

Solimar: The Sword of the Monarchs by Pam Muñoz Ryan



On the brink of her quinceanera, and her official coronation, Princess Solimar is given a magical gift that sets her life on a new path.

FANTASY

A Time Traveler's Theory of Relativity by Nicole Valentine.



A few days before his birthday, Finn learns that the women of his family are time travelers and they expect him to help locate his missing mother.

> SCIENCE FICTION

Thirst by Varsha Bajaj



Minni lives in the poorest part of Mumbai, where access to water is limited to a few hours a day, and the communal taps have long lines. Even that access is threatened by shortages and thieves who are stealing this precious commodity an act that Minni accidentally witnesses one night.

Twins by Varian Johnson and Shannon Wright



Maureen and Francine Carter are twins and best friends. But as they start sixth grade, Maureen and Francine are growing apart and there's nothing Maureen can do to stop it. Are sisters really forever? Or will middle school change things for good? Graphic novel.

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown



Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there. Her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants. Illustrated novel.

SCIENCE FICTION