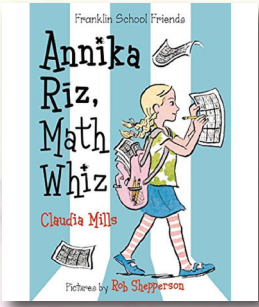
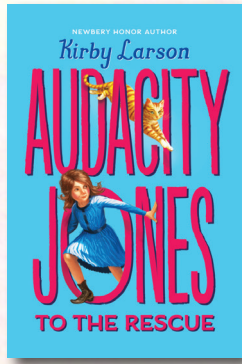


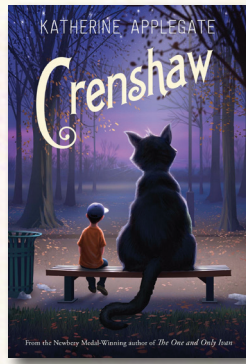
# Iowa Children's Choice Award 2017-2018



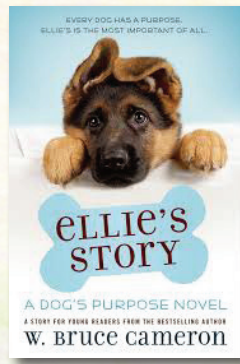
Annika hopes to change her best friends' hatred of math by winning a Sudoku contest, but she does not realize how important their lack of mathematical ability is until they make a mistake at the school carnival.



In 1910, Audacity Jones is an eleven-year-old orphan living a monotonous life at Miss Maisie's School for Wayward Girls and wondering why nothing exciting ever happens. But when the mysterious Commodore Crutchfield whisks her away to Washington, D.C., she finds herself involved in a sinister and dangerous plot against the President of the United States.



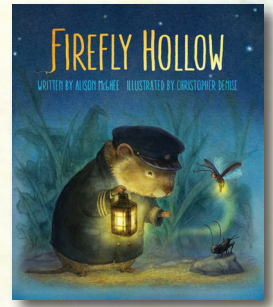
Jackson and his family have fallen on hard times, and they may yet again have to live out of their minivan until things get better. Back into Jackson's head comes Crenshaw, the large, outspoken, imaginary cat, who helps him through the hard times. This time, however an imaginary friend might not be enough.



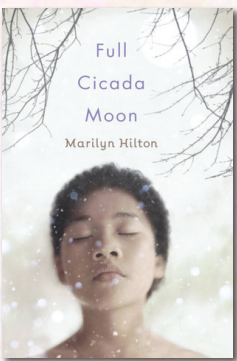
Ellie has been trained since the time she was a puppy to be a search-and-rescue dog, but her greatest task may be to help her handlers—widowed Jakob and lonely Maya—find comfort and love.



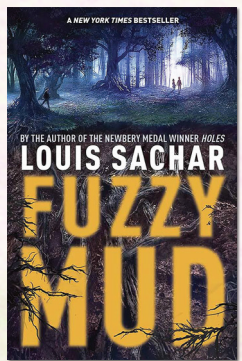
Angry with her mother and waiting for her father to return from his tour of duty in Afghanistan, twelve-year-old Ren runs away to an unusual boardinghouse in a nearby ghost town, Fortune, where she learns of a forgotten treasure from when the town was famous for buttons made of Mississippi River shells.



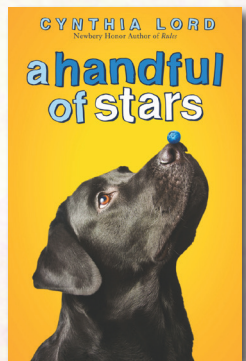
Because their dreams of daring adventures go against the cautious teachings of their nations, Firefly and Cricket set out on their own, find a home with kindly Vole, and together help a grieving "miniature giant" named Peter.



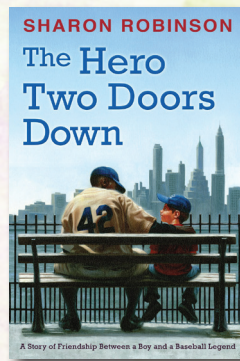
As the Apollo 11 mission goes to the moon, Mimi Yoshiko Oliver moves to Vermont, a mostly Caucasian state, a place to feel out of place for a half-black, half-Asian girl like her. Mimi does her best to follow her dreams, taking shop class instead of home ec in school, entering science competitions, and ultimately to become an astronaut.



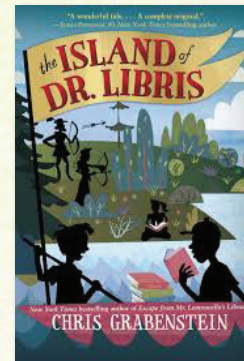
To avoid a bully, Marshall Walsh and Tamaya Dhillwaddi, a boy and girl who have walked to school and back together since they were little, take a shortcut through the off-limits woods. They soon wish they hadn't as they stumble upon big trouble. Soon the authorities and even the U.S. Senate are getting involved, and the whole world may be affected.



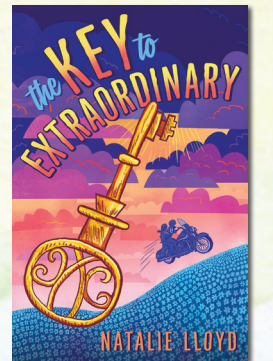
In rural Maine, twelve-year-old Lily begins a friendship with Salma, the daughter of migrant blueberry pickers, but their friendship is put to the test when both girls decide to compete in a local Blueberry Queen pageant.



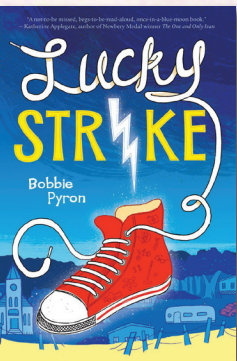
Written by the daughter of famed baseball player Jackie Robinson and based on a true story, this novel follows eight-year-old Steve Sattow. In 1948, he lives in the Jewish neighborhood of Flatbush in Brooklyn, New York. He and his father love the Dodgers. Imagine his surprise when he learns his hero, Jackie Robinson, who broke the color barrier in baseball, is moving in just two houses away. The gracious quiet man invites Steve into his home often and the boy learns many hard lessons from the baseball star—about the sport and about self-esteem, bigotry, and tolerance.



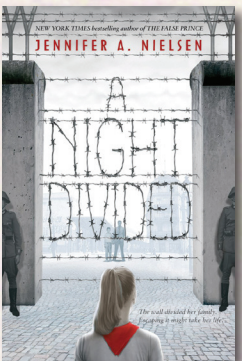
Twelve-year-old Billy embarks on an adventure after discovering a library full of books on a remote island where fictional characters come to life.



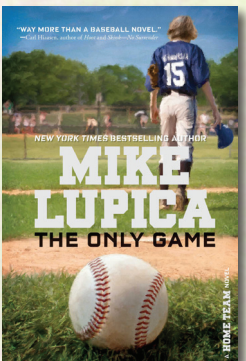
Twelve-year-old Emma Casey lives by a haunted graveyard where she gives tours, helps her brother and Granny Blue with the family bakery, and waits for her destiny dream to come from her ancestors. But when it finally does come, it shows her only a key, and she finds that she must solve a ghostly mystery that has haunted her town for generations.



Nate Harlow has never been lucky—he has never won a prize, never gotten picked first for games, and never even called a coin toss right. Everything changes for him on his eleventh birthday when, on a mini-golf course, he is struck by lightning and survives. Ever since then Nate's luck has turned good, but now that Nate's popular, his best friend, Genesis "Gen" Beam, worries he has no time for her anymore.



When the Berlin Wall went up, Gerta, her mother, and her brother Fritz are trapped on the eastern side where they were living, while her father and her other brother Dominic are in the West. Four years later, now twelve, Gerta sees her father on a viewing platform on the western side and realizes he wants her to risk her life trying to tunnel to freedom.



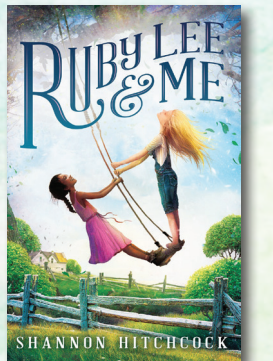
Sixth grade is supposed to be the year that Jack Callahan would lead his team to the Little League World Series, but after the death of his brother, he loses interest in baseball and only Cassie, the star of the girls' softball team, seems to understand.



After the death of their mother, nineteen-year-old Gage and his younger sister eleven-year-old Ari struggle to keep their promise to their mother that they will stay together, but when Gage is unable to find a home for the two of them, Ari is forced to make a difficult decision.



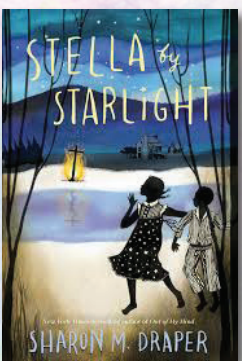
Peter rescued Pax when the fox was just a kit. When Peter is forced to abandoned Pax after his father is called to fight in the war and Peter is sent to live with his grandmother, both Peter and Pax are heartbroken. When Peter arrives at his grandmother's home, he sets out under the cover of night to travel the 300 miles back to his home, hoping to find Pax. Meanwhile, Pax has set out on his own journey to find the boy he loves amidst the dangers of the war that rages around him and the wildness of nature he's never known.



After a family accident, everything changes for Sarah Beth Willis. There is a new teacher at her formerly all-white school in Shady Creek—Mrs. Smyre, the school's first African American educator—which is causing quite a stir. There is also Ruby, an African American girl with whom Sarah is becoming friends, but such a friendship may harm Sarah just as much as Ruby. Then the Freedom Riders arrive in town and things really become hectic.



In a poor village outside of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Serafina works hard to help her family, but dreams of going to school and becoming a doctor. Then the earthquake hits and Serafina must summon all her courage to find her father and still get medicine for her sick baby brother as she promised.

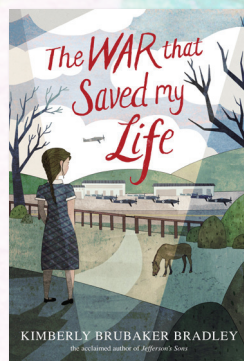


When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change in her segregated town.

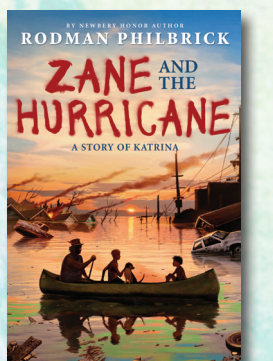
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In World War II London, nine-year-old Ada, who has a disabled foot, suffers from the neglect and abuse of her cruel mother. So when her little brother Jamie is evacuated to escape the bombings, Ada sneaks out to join him. Susan Smith takes the kids in, and Ada enjoys a caring provider, reading, and riding a pony. However, what will happen when Ada and Jamie are forced to return to their cruel mother?



A twelve-year-old boy and his dog become trapped in New Orleans during the horrors of Hurricane Katrina.