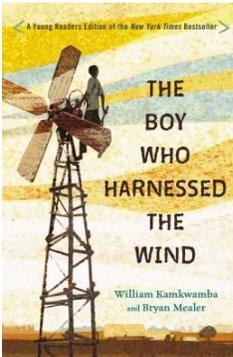
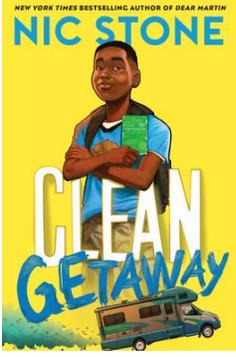
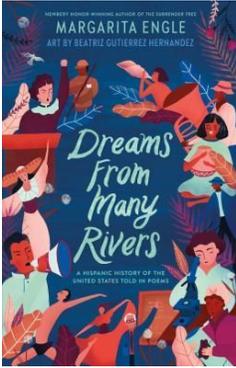


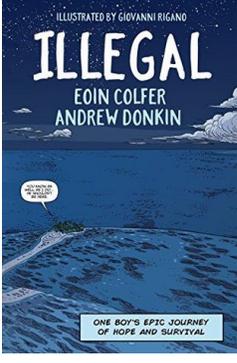
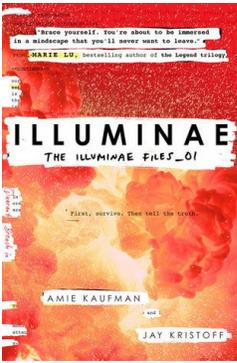
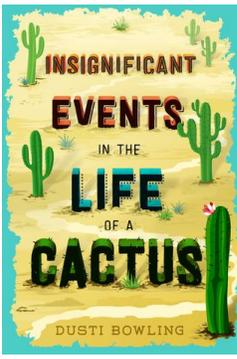
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	<p><b>Amina's Voice</b></p> <p><i>By Hena Khan</i></p> <p>Amina, a shy, middle schooler, is happiest when hanging out with her best friend, Soojin. Together, they listened to their classmates tease them about being different, but things are different now that Soojin made friends with the “popular” crowd. She’s even talking about changing her name! How can Amina stay true to her family, fix her friendship, and fit in with her classmates all at the same time?</p>
	<p><b>Brave</b></p> <p><i>By Svetlana Chmakova</i></p> <p>In this graphic novel, Jensen is the type of guy who always gets picked last. But in his dreams, he’s the hero, saving the world and saving his friends. When things get rough at his middle school, will those dreams help to save his friends? Or will he be left behind once again?</p>
	<p><b>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, Young Readers Edition</b></p> <p><i>By William Kamkwamba</i></p> <p>In Malawi, water is difficult to come by and electricity is a luxury that only a few could afford. One boy set out to figure out how he could help his family during the 2002 famine. Through countless obstacles, William Kamkwamba succeeded and inspired the world.</p>

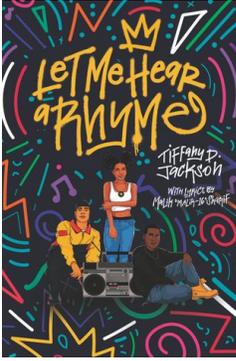
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	<p><b>Clean Getaway</b></p> <p><i>By Nic Stone</i></p> <p>William “Scoob” Lamar is going on a road trip. With his grandma. What starts off as <i>maybe</i> not a great way to run away from his problems, turns into a trip down memory lane as grandma starts telling stories of how her life was like being a white woman married to an African American man. The more he learns about her past, the more he learns about the problems he faces and perhaps even how he can overcome them.</p>
	<p><b>Diana Princess of the Amazons</b></p> <p><i>By Shannon Hale</i></p> <p>When Wonder Woman was a child, she was Diana, Princess of Themyscira. She was loved by her mother and all her aunties, but was still lonely as the only child on the island. When she gets in trouble, she really needs someone who would understand, but where can she find her confidante?</p>
	<p><b>Dragon Pearl</b></p> <p><i>By Yoon Ha Lee</i></p> <p>Min, a teenaged fox spirit, is in hiding. Her mother always told her to never show her magic and to appear as human as they can. When Min's older brother Jun disappears, the Space Forces assume the worst, so Min embarks on an adventure to find him and clear his name with a little help from the magic that has been forbidden to her.</p>
	<p><b>Dreams from Many Rivers</b></p> <p><i>By Margarita Engle</i></p> <p><i>Dreams from Many Rivers</i> is a collection of poetry from voices belonging to many different backgrounds. Read about the extraordinary and everyday experiences of these people who comment on events throughout the history of America.</p>

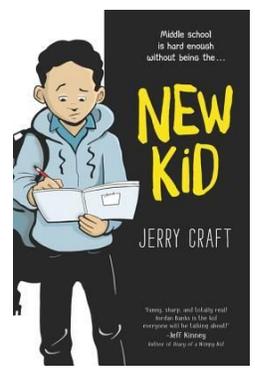
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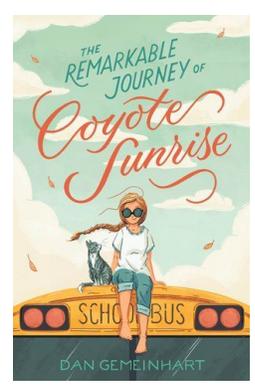
	<p><b>Illegal</b></p> <p><i>By Eoin Colfer</i></p> <p>After Ebo's brother Kwame leaves Ghana, Ebo decides that he must leave to find his brother, even though he doesn't want to. This book tells about his long and dangerous journey across the Sahara Desert, streets of Tripoli, and across the sea. Despite the danger, Ebo never gives up hope for a reunion with his brother.</p>
	<p><b>Illuminae</b></p> <p><i>By Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff</i></p> <p>When a planet is invaded by a company called BioTech, the people from the planet are rescued by a spaceship with an artificial intelligence that assumes all of the people that it has just rescued have a contagion and now wants to kill them. This book is not your ordinary novel-it is a case file made up of chat sessions, video surveillance, notes, and anything that can be used to bring justice upon Biotech.</p>
	<p><b>Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus</b></p> <p><i>By Dusti Bowling</i></p> <p>Aven Green doesn't have arms. "Why?" You may ask. Why, in an alligator wrestling match, of course! Nah, the truth is, she was born without arms. So how is an arm-less girl going to solve the biggest mystery of her life?</p>

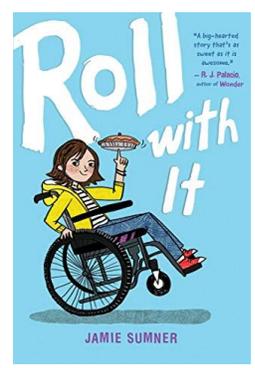
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	<p><b>Last Pick</b></p> <p><i>By Jason Walz</i></p> <p>In this future dystopia, aliens have invaded the Earth and taken anyone who they classify as able bodied and of working age. Children and the elderly are left behind. Twins, Sam and Wyatt, are on a mission to keep themselves and their community safe while trying to find a way to bring their parents back.</p>
	<p><b>Let Me Hear a Rhyme</b></p> <p><i>By Tiffany Jackson</i></p> <p>Steph is gone, but his music is still here. Along with his younger sister, Jasmine, Steph's friends Quadir and Jarrell are on a mission to make sure that Steph's music lives on. But when a music label starts showing interest, these three have a difficult time convincing him that Steph lives on.</p>
	<p><b>Look Both Ways</b></p> <p><i>By Jason Reynolds</i></p> <p>What happens when school's over? Jason Reynolds takes us on a journey of ten kids' walk home, weaving them into a larger story that explains how ten students were just too busy to notice a school bus falling from the sky.</p>
	<p><b>Merci Suarez Changes Gears</b></p> <p><i>By Meg Medina</i></p> <p>Merci Suarez is part of a very tight-knit family. When her grandfather's alzheimers takes a turn for the worse, she must learn to deal with all of her family's changes.</p>

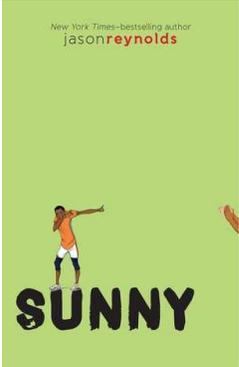
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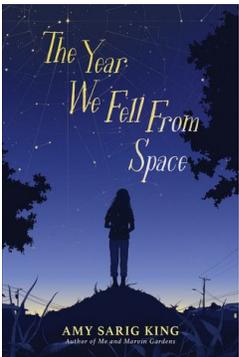
	<p><b>New Kid</b></p> <p><i>By Jerry Craft</i></p> <p>Jerry Craft's graphic novel tells the story of Jordan, a boy who loves drawing cartoons about his life. He has his eye on attending an amazing art school, but his parents put him into a prestigious private school instead, where he's not only the new kid, but one of the few kids of color. Every day he makes the trip from his family's apartment to his fancy school and sees how these two worlds collide. How can he navigate his new school while keeping true to his old neighborhood?</p>
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	<p><b>The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise</b></p> <p><i>By Dan Gemeinhart</i></p> <p>Five years ago, Coyote lost her mom and sisters in a terrible accident. Now she lives on the road in a school bus with her dad as they venture on a never-ending road trip. But when Coyote hears that the park where her and her family buried a treasure box is being demolished, she comes up with a plan to get her dad to drive back home.</p>
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	<p><b>Roll With It</b></p> <p><i>By Jamie Sumner</i></p> <p>A fun story about a girl in a wheelchair who moves to Louisiana and must start in a new school. She is used to being looked at and picked on for her disability, but she must face a new challenge-being the new kid who is living in a place that she is made fun of for. A lovely story of friendship and persistence.</p>
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	<p><b>Sunny</b></p> <p><i>By Jason Reynolds</i></p> <p>In this third installment of the series <i>Track</i>, Sunny is a fun kid and one of the newbies on the track team. But his life is not all sun and smiles. At home, his dad - sorry - “Darryl”, largely ignores him since Sunny’s mom died giving birth to him, except for when Sunny wins track medals like his mom used to. When Sunny makes a decision that changes his relationship with his dad even further, he discovers a new way to put his feelings into movement.</p>
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	<p><b>The Year We Fell From Space</b></p> <p><i>By A.S. King</i></p> <p>“We co-own a divorce. Split four ways.” Since he left, Liberty’s dad doesn’t talk to her anymore and her sister refuses to leave the house. Only her mom seems normal, but even that is weird since she seems happier than before dad left. Everything is so wrong, so how can Liberty make it right?</p>
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	<p><b>Tristan Strong Punches A Hole in the Sky</b></p> <p><i>By Kwame Mbalia</i></p> <p>Fans of Percy Jackson will LOVE this new story by Kwame Mbalia. Tristan Strong just lost his best friend and all Tristan has left of him is his journal. When Tristan goes to his grandma’s to recover from the tragedy, a little creature tries to steal the journal, throwing Tristan into a world of West African gods and African American heroes.</p>
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