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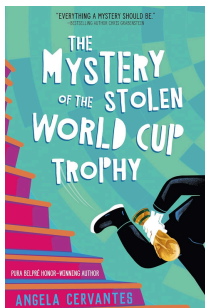
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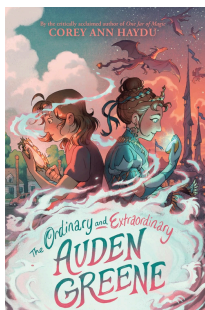
JF- Juvenile Fiction F- Fantasy



The Mystery of the Stolen World Cup Trophy by Angela Cervantes

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Diez Espada would rather be chasing clues than soccer balls. When the World Cup trophy disappears at a glitzy party in Miami, he's suddenly at the center of the most thrilling match of his life—a race to find the trophy before it's gone for good. Teaming up with his crush, Rio, and the world-famous Detective Enzo, Diez dives headfirst into a one-night whirlwind of secret tunnels and a squad of suspicious suspects: a spoiled son of a Miami tycoon, a famous sportscaster, and even Rio's two prankster younger brothers. Will Diez find the trophy in time for the World Cup championship match?



The Ordinary and Extraordinary Auden Greene by Corey Lynn Haydu

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Auden "Denny" Greene is happiest with her friend Runa, creating stories set in their imaginary land of Sorrowfeld. But now that they are turning twelve, Runa seems ready to give up on the magic of Sorrowfeld just when Denny needs it the most... Princess Auden is the last remaining princess of Sorrowfeld--and on her twelfth birthday, she will be expected to vanquish the dragons that took her family. But suddenly, Auden is in Denny's world. And Denny is in Auden's. The two Audens have switched places. No one but them has any idea. And now, each girl must come into her own power in order to fight the other's dragons.



The Genie Game by Jordan Ifueko

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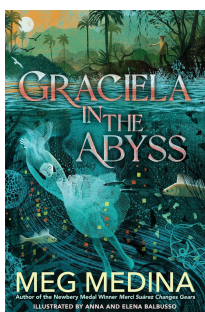
Valentine Adesanya is a genie. Of course that's short for General Employee Network of Immortal Engineers, an underground workforce run by creepy mega-corporations known as the Trio Trust. The Trio hosts a glamorous wish-granting competition, rewarding top players with fabulous prizes. The twist? The greedy Trio forbids genies from using magic. Genies must grant wishes using nothing but smarts, luck, and elbow grease. To escape the Genie Game, Valentine must score more wish-granting points than any other Genie. But how did the Trio Trust get so powerful in the first place? Any why are they afraid of a 13-year-old?



The Shark Prince by Malia Maunakea

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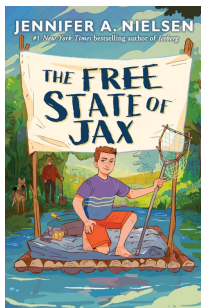
Nohea has a horrible secret: He's half-human and half-shark. After a devastating incident, Nohea is isolated with his mom and tūtū. Worse, when he eventually succumbs to his shark-like cravings, he'll be put to death, and his family will have to move to the continent. But when Nohea sees a flyer for a new surf competition, he realizes the prize money will help his family afford to stay in Hawaii. The catch? The competition is for school teams only. So Nohea joins the local public school and soon, Nohea realizes that one by one, his surfing friends are disappearing. Is Nohea killing his classmates without knowing it? Or is something even more dangerous afoot?



Graciela in the Abyss by Meg Medina

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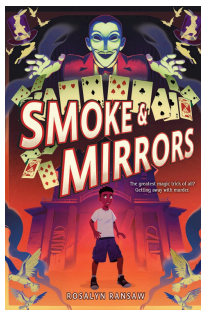
In the depths of the ocean, Graciela--once an ordinary girl--now makes sea glass welcomes newly awakened sea ghosts from their death sleep. Though Graciela's spirit is young, she has lived at the bottom of the ocean for more than a hundred years. Meanwhile, in the mortal world on land, twelve-year-old Jorge Leon works in his family's forge. When Jorge discovers a hand-wrought harpoon with the power to spear a sea ghost, he knows he must destroy it any way he can. When the harpoon is accidentally reunited with its vengeful creator, unlikely allies Graciela and Jorge have no choice but to work together to keep evil spirits from wreaking havoc on both the living and the dead.



The Free State of Jax by Jennifer A. Nielsen

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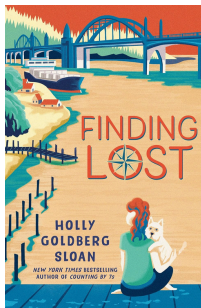
Jaxon has to live with his terrible bully cousins and his aunt and uncle who can barely remember his name. Which is why, in the dead of night, Jax sneaks over to the neighboring property, floats a raft out into the middle of the hot springs lake, and drops anchor. Jax is now the president and sole citizen of his own micronation, the Free State of Jax. Jax is quickly embroiled in the mystery of a long-ago missing man and a loss of the town's money. Investigating puts everything Jax has built at risk, and when long-buried family secrets are unearthed, he must find the courage to do what's right, even if it means losing his only chance at freedom.



Smoke and Mirrors by Rosalyn Ransaw

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Spending the summer with his aunt as the only Black kid in a small Midwestern town was bad enough, but now Andy Carter's summer has been effectively ruined. When an old barn burns down, he's stuck taking the blame. Andy is sentenced with helping the barn's owner, a cantankerous old man, renovate his crumbling mansion—a mansion that hides a mystery. It was once owned by the famous magician the Red Knave. In 1954, the Knave was a wanted suspect in the town's most infamous murder before disappearing without a trace. To solve the Knave's final vanishing act, Andy must team up with another boy he doesn't quite trust.



Finding Lost by Holly Goldberg Sloan

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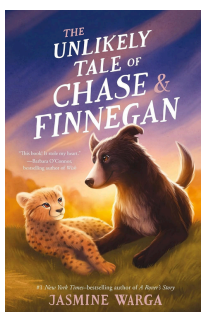
Cordy Jenkins is searching for something that will change her life, and for the safety that vanished when her father died. She is convinced that if she just tries hard enough, she will find part of what her family lost, which will stop her mom from wanting to leave the small town she and her little brother have always called home. What Cordy finds instead is a muddy, hungry little dog with bad breath. And he's the start of her family's new beginning.



Each and Every Spark by Claire Swinarski

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Paris, present day--Penny has never felt so alone. Forced to move to France for some fancy job her mom couldn't turn down, she's now miles away from her old life. Paris, 1943--When the German army seized power over France, Penny and her sister Heloise watched their father get taken away, leaving them on their own. Then Marie finds evidence that Heloise has secretly been working for the French Resistance—a group of rebels determined to take the Nazis down—and while it has danger written all over it, she's desperate to join. Penny and Marie's worlds collide when an old painting resurfaces in present-day Paris after decades of being hidden.



The Unlikely Tale of Chase and Finnegan by Jasmine Warga

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Finnegan is a rescue dog with a broken heart. Chase is a newly orphaned cheetah cub. The two animals couldn't be more different. But one day, they are brought together for the unlikelyst of reasons: Finnegan must help Chase gain the confidence she needs to perform as part of an educational program at a zoo. Finnegan and Chase have each suffered losses and have trouble trusting. Yet somehow, they are just what the other needs. But if Finnegan isn't able to help Chase overcome her fears, he won't just be letting Chase down—he could be risking his new home as well.

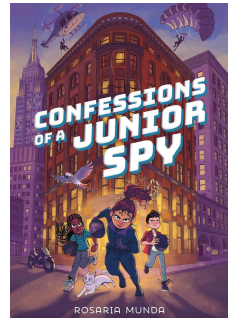
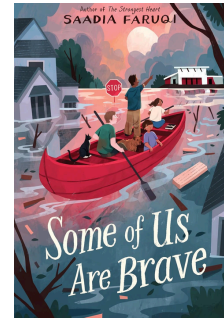
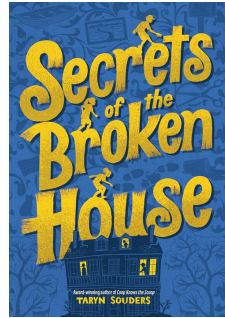
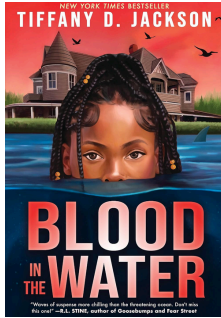
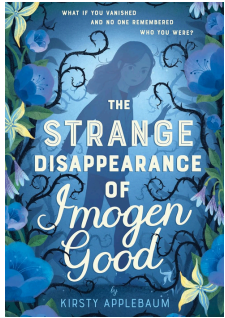
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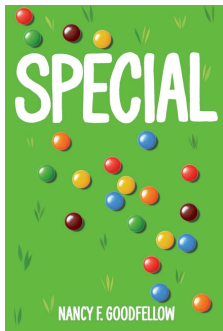
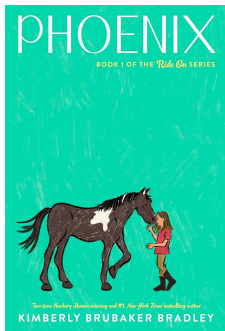
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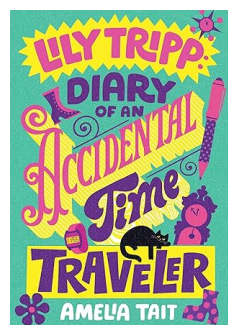
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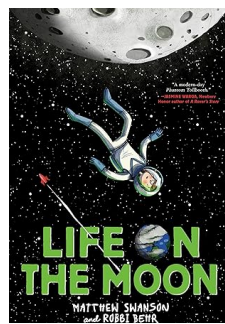
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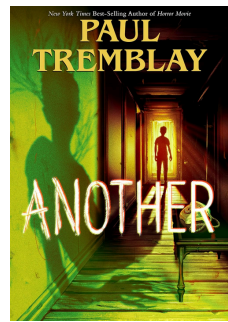
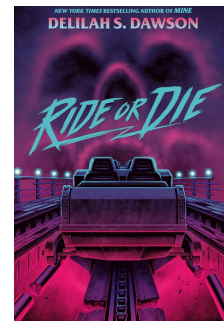
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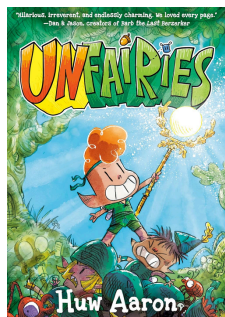
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