



Strange Birds: A Field Guide to Ruffling Feathers by Celia Perez
Ofelia, Aster, and Cat couldn't be more different, but they band together with Lane DiSanti to make changes in the traditions of the Floras, their local scout group. In an unforgettable summer, this disparate group finds something priceless – sisterhood.

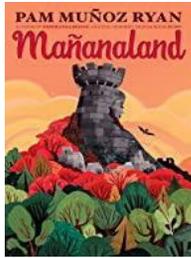
Finding Orion by John David Anderson

Rion Kwirk comes from an odd family. His dad makes funky flavored jelly beans for a living and don't even get him started about his sisters. His grandfather, Papa Kwirk, is the strangest of all. When the family goes to Papa Kwirk's funeral, they find out the old man was even more "kwirky" that they knew.



Mananaland by Pam Munoz Ryan

Maximiliano discovers that he is connected to an underground network of guardians who risk their lives guiding people fleeing oppression to a safer tomorrow. Max decides to seek his own answers about his missing mother. The legends told by his Buelo, a compass, and a mysterious stone will guide him on his perilous quest.



Hello From Renn Lake by Michelle Weber Herwitz

Analise's family owns rental cabins next to Renn Lake and Analise discovered very young that she could "hear" what the lake feels. But now, a small patch of algae threatens both the lake and her family's livelihood. Analise and her friends must do whatever they can to save the lake, her family, and their town.



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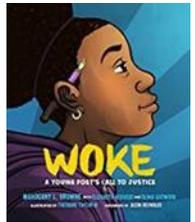


When Stars Are Scattered by Victoria Jameson and Omar Mohamed

Forced to leave their homeland and separated from their mother, Omar and his brother now live in a refugee camp in Kenya. If Omar can go to school it may mean a chance to for a better life. But what about his brother?



Woke: A Young Poet's Call to Justice. A heartfelt collection of poems by women of color, this book speaks of discrimination, equity, justice, and empathy. Words and pictures implore readers to speak up for a better world.



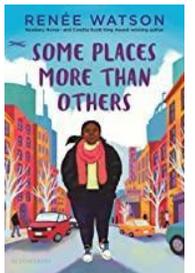
Lety Out Loud by Angela Cervantes

The animal shelter that quiet Lety works in needs a volunteer to write animal profiles to promote adoption and she is just the person to do it. Things get uncomfortable when classmate Hunter declares a competition to become the shelter scribe.

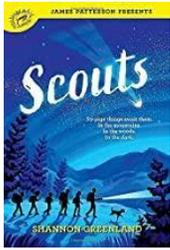


Some Places More Than Others by Renee Watson

For her birthday Amara gets a trip to Harlem where her father grew up. While there she explores the city, asks questions of family members, and patches the distance between her dad and his father, a relationship that has been frayed for a long time. Her trip helps her understand how places connect people.



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Scouts by Shannon Greenland and James Patterson
The Scouts are best friends who do everything together. The summer of 1985 has just begun and Annie, Beans, Rocky, and Finn spend the first night on top of a forbidden Silo watching a meteor shower. One meteor crashes nearby and the friends set out on an adventure to find it.

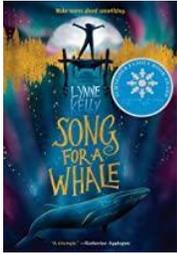
More to the Story by Hena Kahn

Jameela and her three sisters' life is turned upside down when their father must take a job far away for three months. They determine to make the best of it until one of the younger sisters gets seriously ill. This story of a Muslim-American family is inspired by Louisa May Alcott's Little Women.



Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly

Iris is a 12-year-old mechanical prodigy. She is also hearing impaired which makes people think that she is not very smart. Iris keeps busy fixing computers and old radios but when she discovers a whale that is separated from other whales who can't hear him, Iris finds something new to fix.



Guest: A Changeling Tale by Mary Downing Hahn
Mary's baby brother is perfectly lovely and Mary is tired of him. She speaks the words that will bring a changeling to replace him. She soon regrets the tiresome little thing and sets off on a quest to get her brother back and return the changeling to where he belongs.

A Wolf Called Wander by Roseanne Perry

Swift, a wolf cub, is separated from his family when a rival pack attacks. He travels thousands of miles across the Pacific Northwest to find a new home. His travels will be filled with forest fires, hunters and highways before he finds safety.



Once Upon an Eid: Stories of Hope and Joy by 15 Muslim Voices



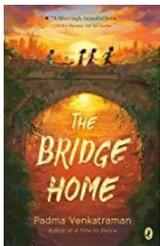
This collection of stories come from today's favorite Muslim writers for young people. Each tells stories of different Eid experiences, allowing readers to understand the holiday and Muslim traditions and family experiences.

Stay by Bobbie Pyron



Life is hard for Piper as her family moves into Hope House, a homeless shelter in a new city, while they get back on their feet. Piper hates having her new classmates know that she is a homeless girl. Things get better when she joins Firefly Girls Troop at the shelter and they work to help a sweet dog named Baby.

The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman Sisters



Viji and Ruku leave an increasingly home environment and find themselves on the harsh streets of Chennai, India. They find two homeless boys and form a family of sorts. However, when Viji gets sick they will have to seek help.

All the Impossible Things by Lindsay Lackey

Red got the ability to control weather from her mother who is currently in prison. When the foster system blows Red into the care of a quirky couple who run a petting zoo she might actually find happiness. But the rough winds return as her life is once again uprooted.



On Thin Ice by Michael Northrop

Ked Eakins is having a hard time. His mom moved away, he has a back condition that curves his spine, and his father has gambled away the rent money. But Ked has a plan. It will take courage and put him in the path of the meanest kid in school.



Pay Attention Carter Jones by Gary Schmidt



Carter Jones' family is kind of broken but things get interesting when an English butler shows up on their door step, bowler hat and all. Are British niceties and the game of Cricket enough to heal this family?