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Bird, B.  Funny girl: funniest. stories. ever.  Funny short stories, poems, and comic strips from today’s top female authors
Blume, J.  Blubber  Be a bystander, be a bully or be a target—Jill has to choose
Cao, W.  Bronze and Sunflower  Sunflower is adopted by a poor but loving family in a village in China
Clements, A.  Loser’s Club  Alex starts an afterschool book club in order to be left alone to read
Codell, E.  Sahara Special  What’s so special about Sahara? Maybe her second time in 5th grade will be different
Curtis, C.  Bud, Not Buddy  It’s 1936 and Bud hits the road to find his missing father, who might be a jazz musician
Draper, S.  Out of My Mind  Melody won’t be defined by cerebral palsy and finding her voice, nothing can stop her
Erdrich, L.  The Birch bark House  The joys of summer and the perils of winter with Omakayas’s Ojibwa family, 1847
Fairlie, E.  The Lost Treasure of Tuckernuck  Can they solve an 80 year old mystery before their school is demolished?
French, S.  Operation Redwood  Julian Carter-Li fights to save an old-growth grove of trees from being cut down
Gantos, J.  The Key That Swallowed Joey Pigza  Joey has a new baby brother, a mom in trouble, and a missing dad
George, J.  My Side of the Mountain  Leave your family in the cramped apartment behind. Live in a tree with your falcon
Giff, P.  Eleven  In a locked box in grandfather’s attic lies the key to who Sam’s identity
Gutman, D.  The Titanic Mission [Flashback Four]  Four kids are sent back in time to take a photo of the Titanic as it sinks
Harrell, R.  Trouble with Weasels [Life of Zarf]  Middle school is hard enough but what if you are a troll?
Holm, J.  The Fourteenth Goldfish  Ellie’s grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging and has turned into a teenager
Jones, K.  Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer  Sophie’s uncle leaves her the most unusual chickens
Kelly, E.  Hello Universe  A bully’s prank lands Virgil at the bottom of a well, intertwining the lives of four kids
L’Engle, M.  A Wrinkle in Time  Mrs. Who, Mrs. Whatsit, and Mrs. Which are there to help
Lin, G.  Starry River of the Sky  The moon is missing but only Rendi notices
Lowry, L.  Number the Stars  In 1943 Denmark, Annemarie helps hide her Jewish friend from the Nazis
Meriano, A.  A Dash of Trouble [Love Sugar Magic]  Leonora discovers she can add magic to her family’s bakery goods
Messner, K.  All the Answers  Ava’s magic pencil promises to answer math test questions and more
Mlynowski, S.  Upside Down Magic  Nory’s wonky magic lands her in Dunwiddle Magic School
Palacio, R.  Wonder  Augie, an ordinary kid with an extraordinary face, is the new student at school
Park, L.  A Single Shard  An orphaned boy in medieval Korea longs to learn how to make fine ceramics
Patron, S.  The Higher Power of Lucky  Lucky Trimble runs away while seeking the Higher Power that will bring her stability
Pennypacker, R.  Pax  After being forced to give up his pet fox Pax, a boy struggles to get his best friend back
Perkins, M.  Tiger Boy  Neel’s in a race to find the escaped tiger cub before poachers get ahold of her
Raskin, E.  The Westing Game  A millionaire dies mysteriously but who will inherit the money?
Riordan, R.  The Sword of Summer  Chase Magnus has always been trouble — maybe it’s because he is the son a Norse god
Rocklin, J.  Five Lives of Our Cat Zook  Oona’s cat is critically ill but he still has lives yet to live, just as Oona herself does
Ryan, P.  Becoming Naomi Leon  The mother who abandoned her returns, but Naomi tries to find her father in Mexico
Sachar, L.  Fuzzy Mud  A shortcut through the woods leads to disaster and possibly the end of the world
Senzai, N.  Shooting Kabul  Would you go from Afghanistan to San Francisco and back again to find your sister?
Shovan, L.  The Last Fifth Grade of Emerson Elementary  Can the kids save their school? 18 different voices have their say
Sloan, H.  Short  Short for her age, Julia grows into her sense of self in a production of The Wizard of Oz
Stevenson, R.  Treasure Island  The classic pirate tale begins with the discovery of a dead man’s map
Sutherland, T.  The Dragonet Prophesies [Wings of Fire]  The Talons of Peace try to end a long war among the seven dragon tribes
Van Draanen, J.  Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief  Astrologer robbed! Sammy’s on the case
Van Eekhout, J.  The Boy at the End of the World  Fisher knows just a few things like he must avoid the robot that knows his name
Vernon, U.  Castle Hangnail  It was a marvelously dark and dour hour at the castle when the new mistress arrived
Weeks, S.  Save Me a Seat  Ravi and Joe may be different, but they unite against a common classroom enemy
Williams-Garcia, K.  One Crazy Summer  Oakland, 1968 Delphine and her sisters come to meet their mother after years apart
Woods, B.  The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond  A biracial girl meets the African American side of her family
GRAPHIC NOVELS  (Fiction)
Camper, C.  Lowriders in Space  Three friends customize their car to win the Universal Car Competition
Hale, N.  One Trick Pony  Strata and a robotic horse must avoid the aliens destroying all technology
Hatke, B.  Mighty Jack  Jack trades his mom’s car for a box of mysterious seeds
Jamieson, V.  Roller Girl  Roller derby can help mend a broken heart
Shiga, J.  Meanwhile  The flavor of ice cream you chose could mean the destruction of life as we know it
Simpson, D.  Phoebe and Her Unicorn  Phoebe wishes Marigold would become her best friend
Telgemeier  Sisters  Three weeks, two sisters, one car—true story
Yang, G.  Secret Coders  Hopper and her friend, Eni use coding to uncover the secret of Stately Academy!
Boothby, I.  Sparks!  Can two heroic cats in a robotic dog suit save the world from the evil baby?

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811 Si64e  Echo echo : reverso poems about Greek myths / Singer, M.
808.1 Alexander  Out of wonder : poems celebrating poets / Alexander, K.

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