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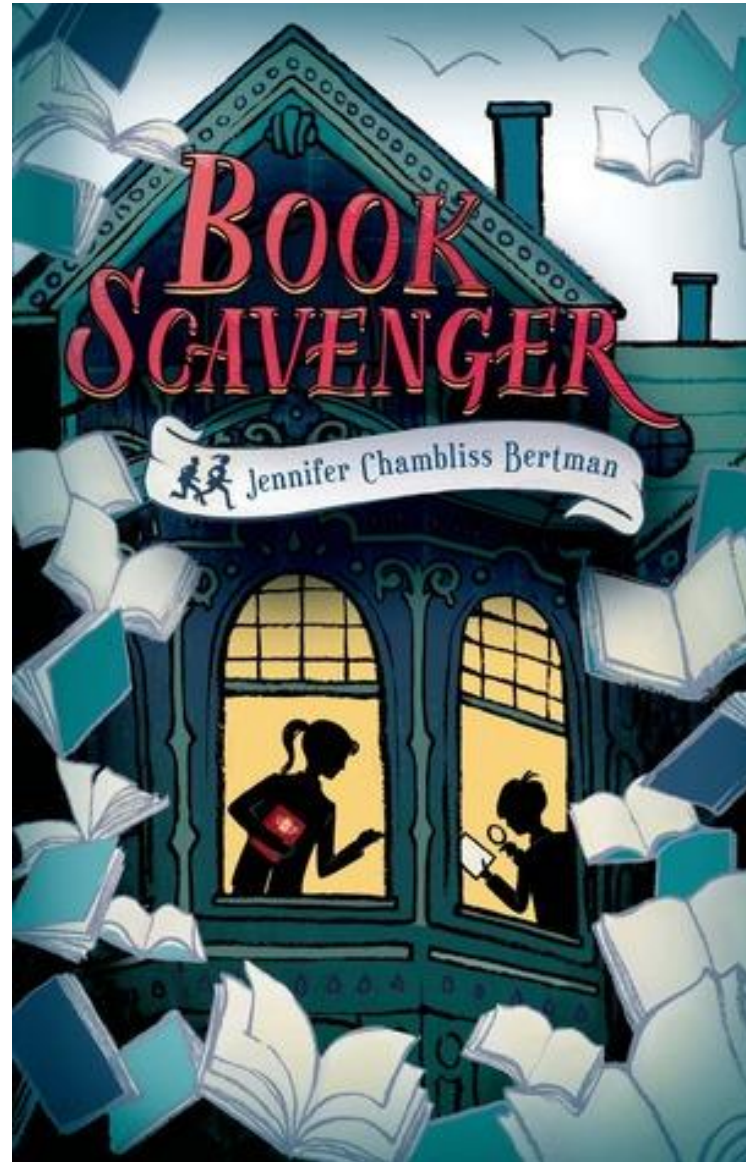
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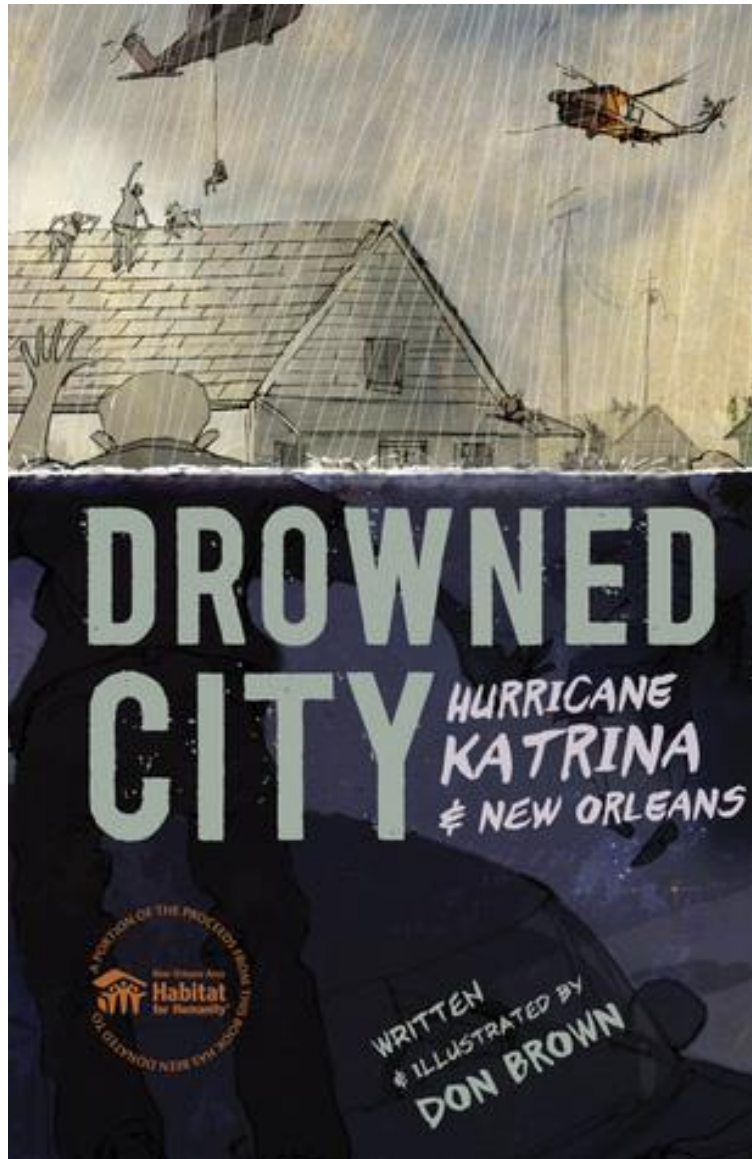
The Book Scavenger

Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

Just after twelve-year-old Emily and her family move to San Francisco, she teams up with new friend James to follow clues in an odd book they find, hoping to figure out its secrets before the men who attacked Emily's hero, publisher Garrison Griswold, solve the mystery or come after the friends.

Interest Level: Grades 4-7





Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans

Don Brown

A graphic novel account of the Hurricane Katrina disaster in November of 2005, when the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, and surrounding areas were flooded and more than fourteen hundred people lost their lives.

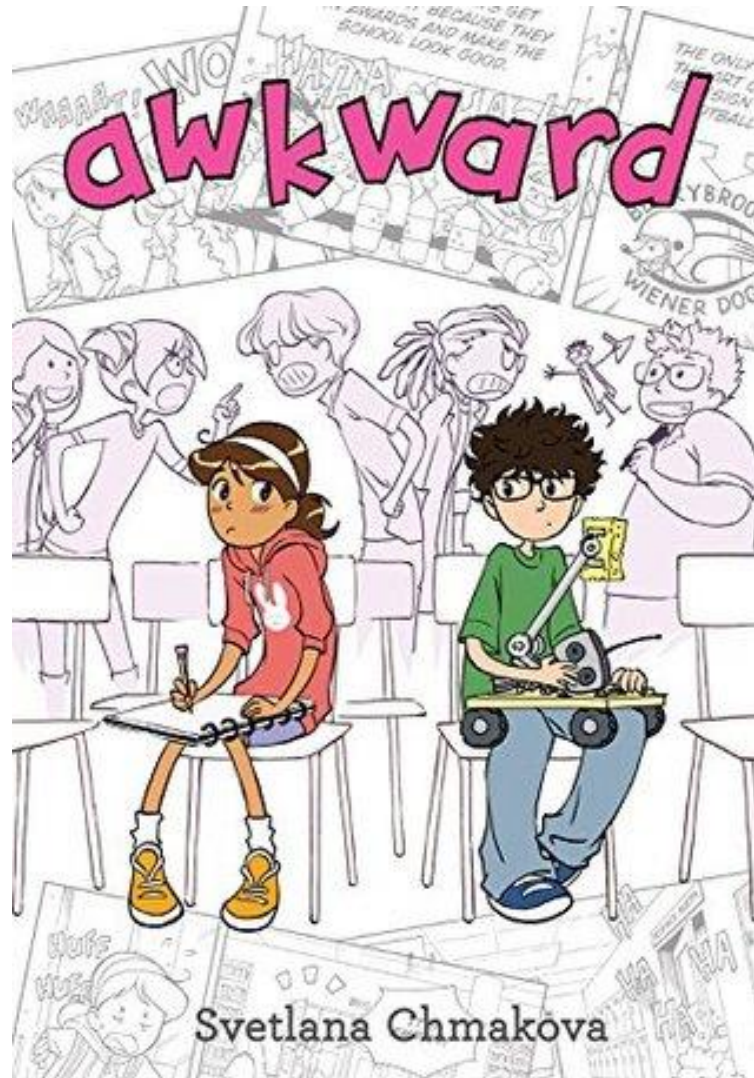
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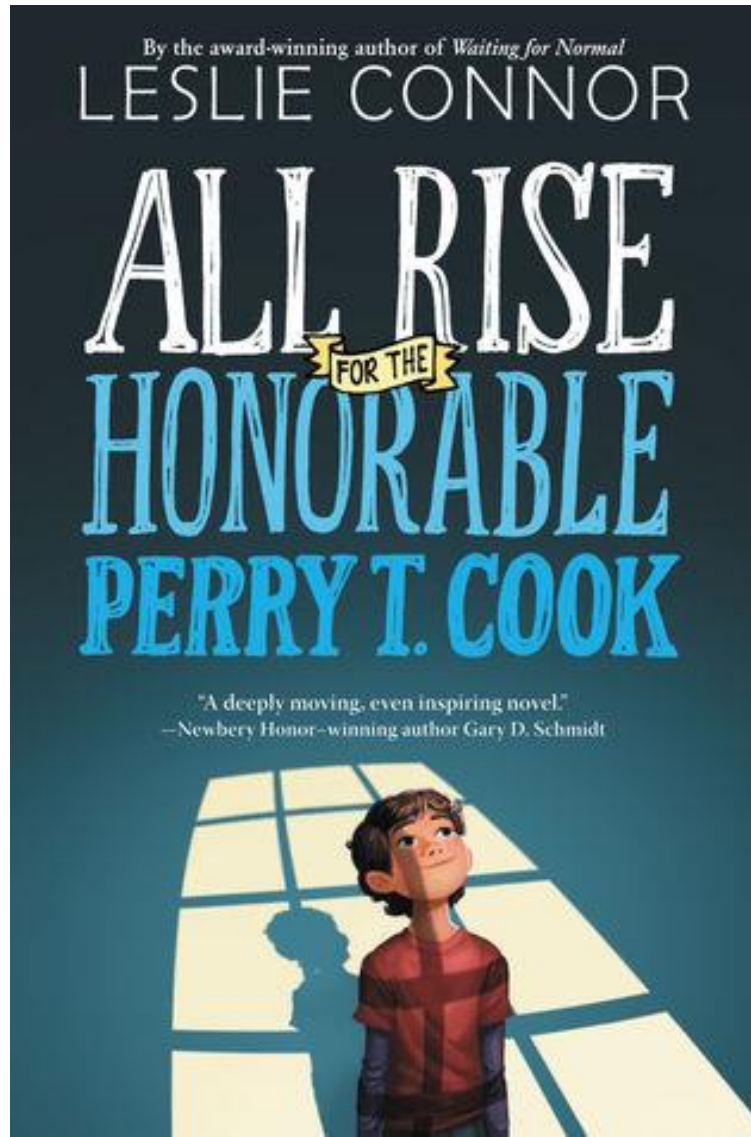
Awkward

Svetlana Chmakova

After shunning Jaime, the school nerd, on her first day at a new middle school, Penelope Torres tries to blend in with her new friends in the art club, until the art club goes to war with the science club, of which Jaime is a member.

Interest Level: Grades 5-8





All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook

Leslie Connor

Eleven-year-old Perry was born and raised by his mom at the Blue River Co-ed Correctional Facility in tiny Surprise, Nebraska. His mom is a resident on Cell Block C, and so far Warden Daugherty has made it possible for them to be together. That is, until a new district attorney discovers the truth--and Perry is removed from the facility and forced into a foster home.

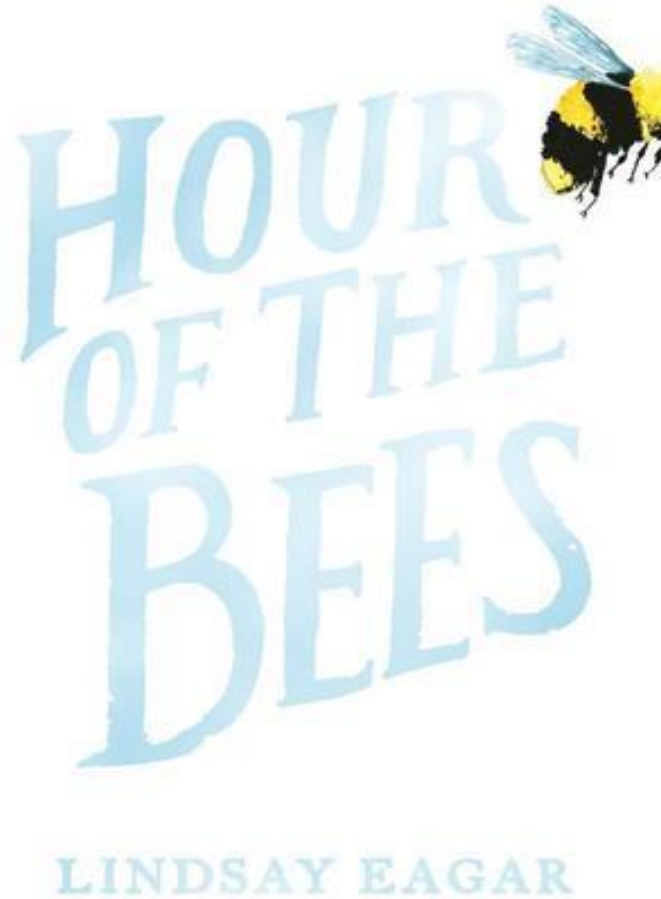
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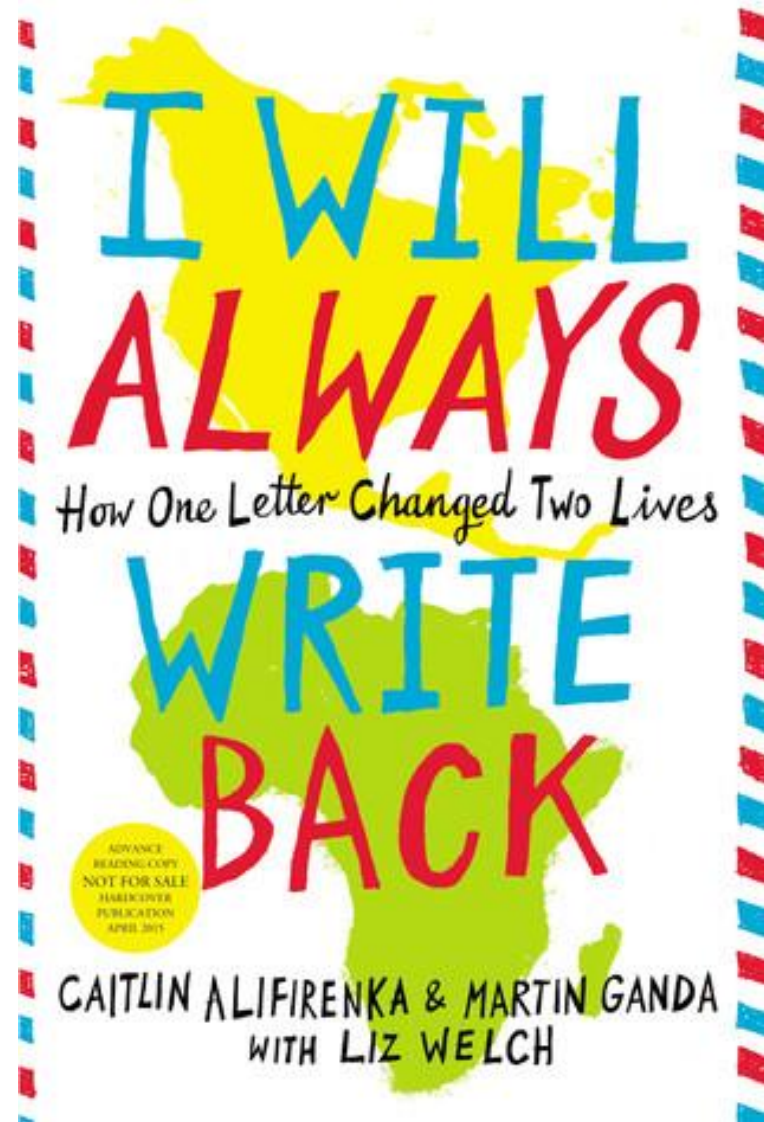
Hour of the Bees

Lindsay Eagar

At first, twelve-year-old Carol is not happy to be spending the summer helping her parents move her grandfather to an assisted living home, but as the summer wears on, she finds herself drawn to him, fascinated by his amazing stories.

Interest Level: Grades 6-8





I Will Always Write Back

Martin Ganda & Caitlin Alifirenka

It started as an assignment. Everyone in Caitlin's class wrote to an unknown student somewhere in a distant place. Martin was lucky to even receive a pen pal letter. There were only ten letters, and forty kids in his class. But he was the top student, so he got the first one. That letter was the beginning of a correspondence that spanned six years and changed two lives.

Interest Level: Grades 5-8

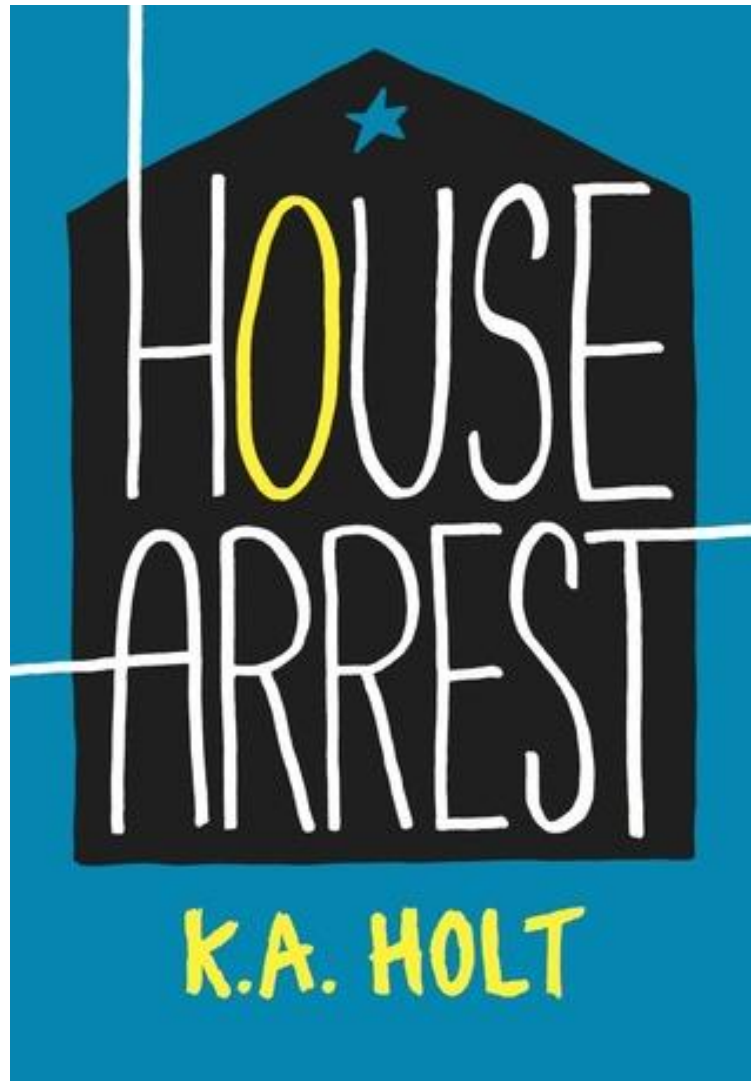
Full Cicada Moon

Marilyn Hilton

In 1969 twelve-year-old Mimi and her family move to an all-white town in Vermont, where Mimi's mixed-race background and interest in "boyish" topics like astronomy make her feel like an outsider.

Interest Level: Grades 5-8





House Arrest

K.A. Holt

Young Timothy is sentenced to house arrest after impulsively stealing a wallet, and he is forced to keep a journal into which he pours all his thoughts, fears, and frustrations.

Interest Level: Grades 5-8

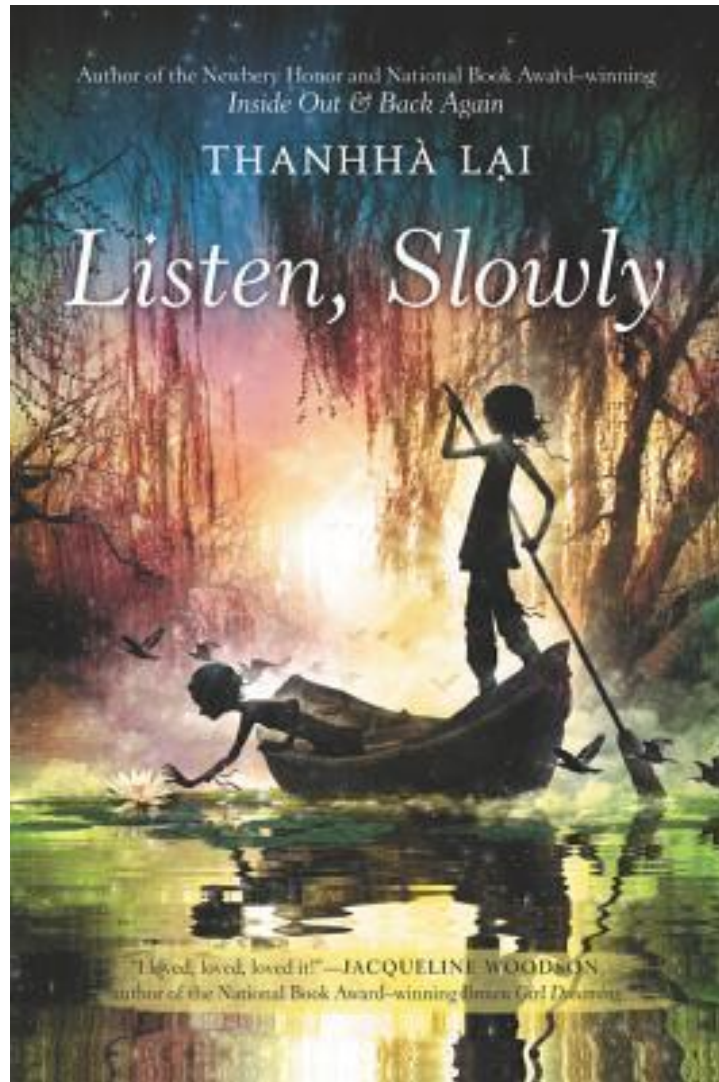
Roller Girl

Victoria Jamieson

A graphic novel adventure about a girl who discovers roller derby right as she and her best friend are growing apart



Interest Level: Grades 4-8



Listen, Slowly

Thanhha Lai

Assisting her grandmother's investigation of her grandfather's fate during the Vietnam War, Mai struggles to adapt to an unfamiliar culture while redefining her sense of family.

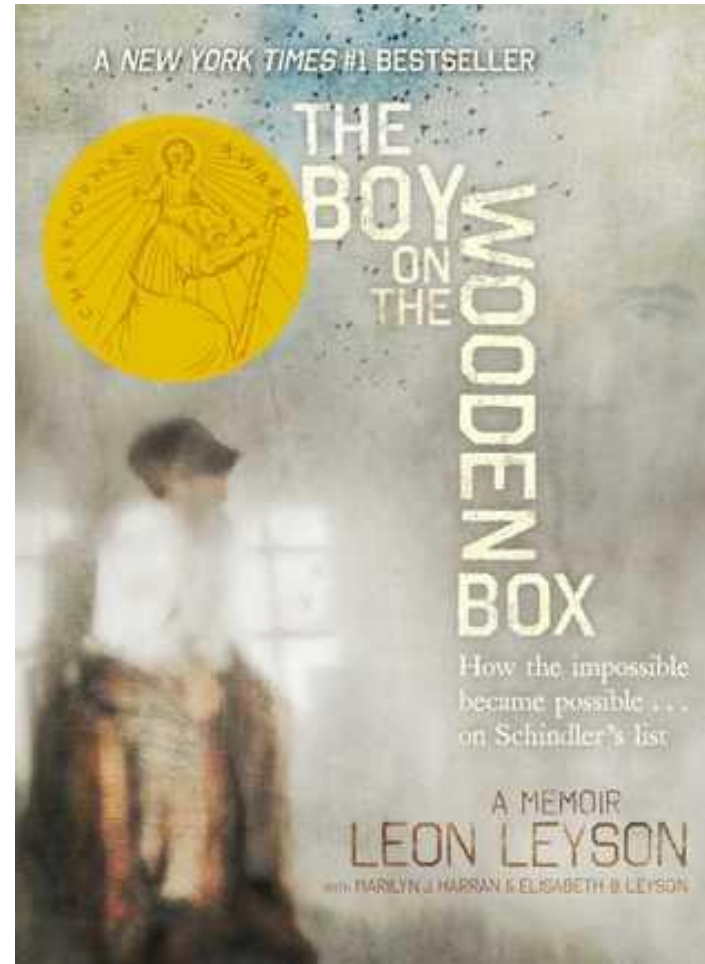
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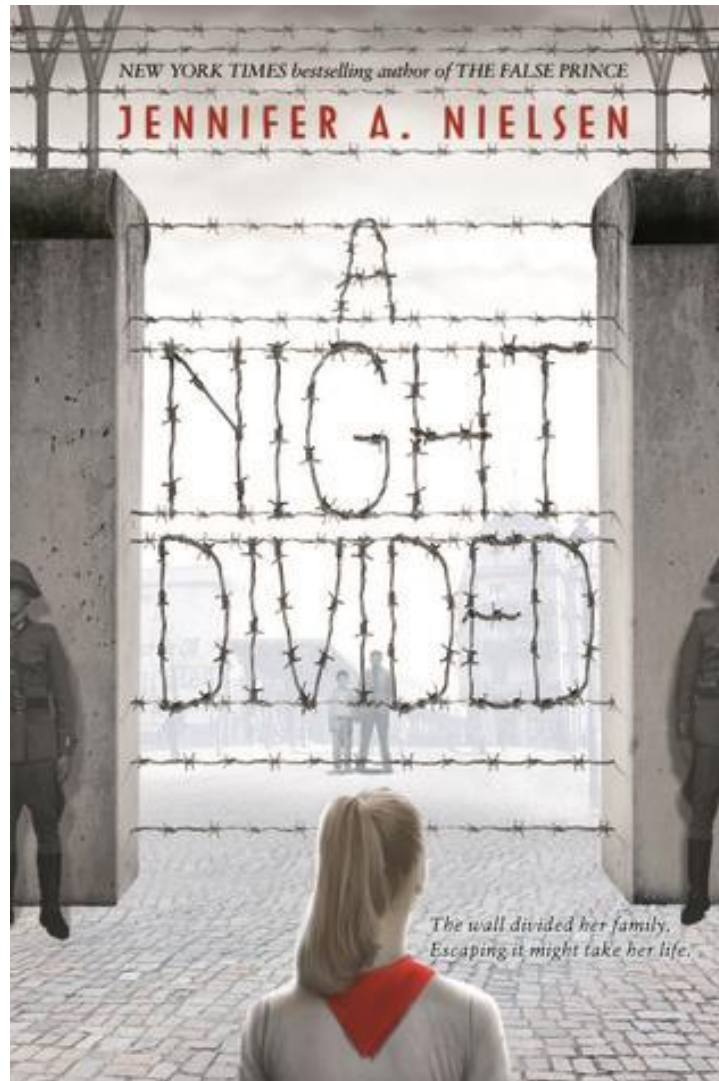
The Boy on the Wooden Box

Leon Leyson

Powerful biography of Leon Leyson, the only memoir published by a former Schindler's List child.

Interest Level: Grades 5-8





A Night Divided

Jennifer A. Nielsen

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 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.

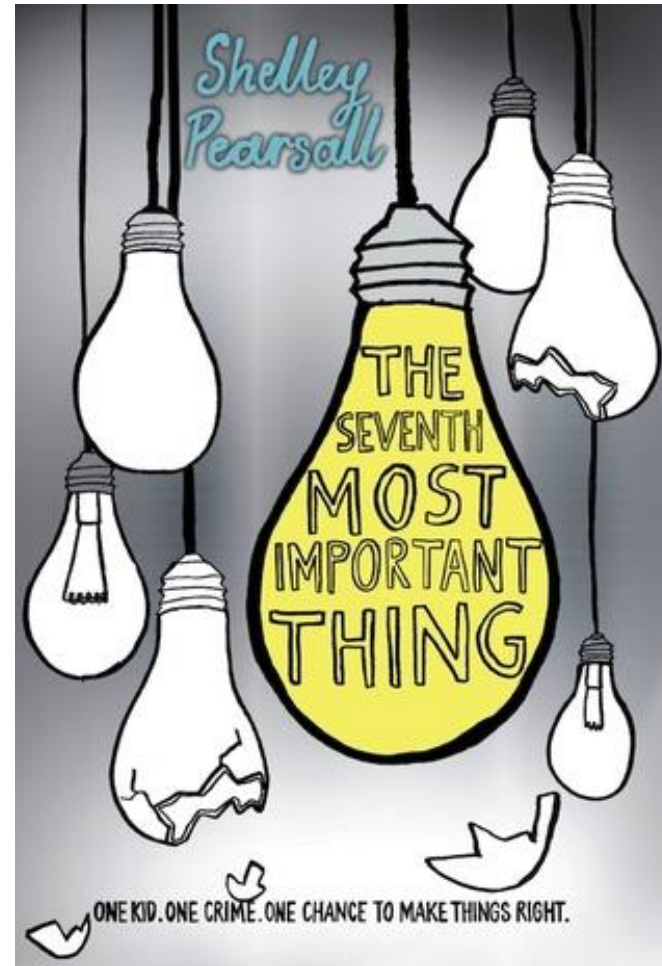
Interest Level: Grades 5-8

The Seventh Most Important Thing

Shelley Pearsall

In 1963, thirteen-year-old Arthur is sentenced to community service helping the neighborhood Junk Man after he throws a brick at the old man's head in a moment of rage, but the junk he collects might be more important than he suspects. Inspired by the work of American folk artist James Hampton.

Interest Level: Grades 5-8





I am Princess X

Cherie Priest

Years after writing stories about a superheroine character she created with a best friend who died in a tragic car accident, sixteen-year-old May is shocked to see stickers, patches, and graffiti images of the Princess X appearing around Seattle.

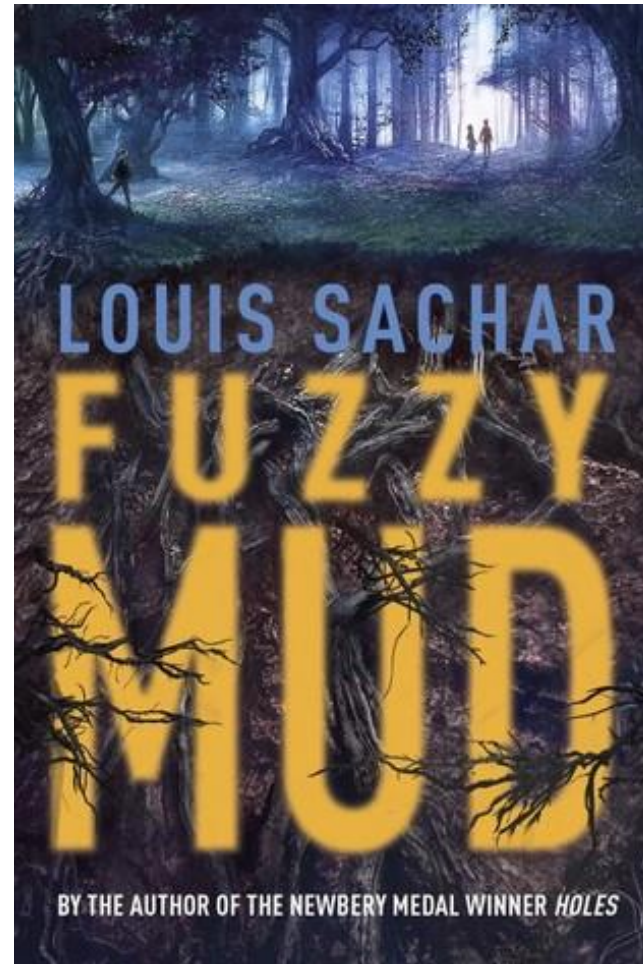
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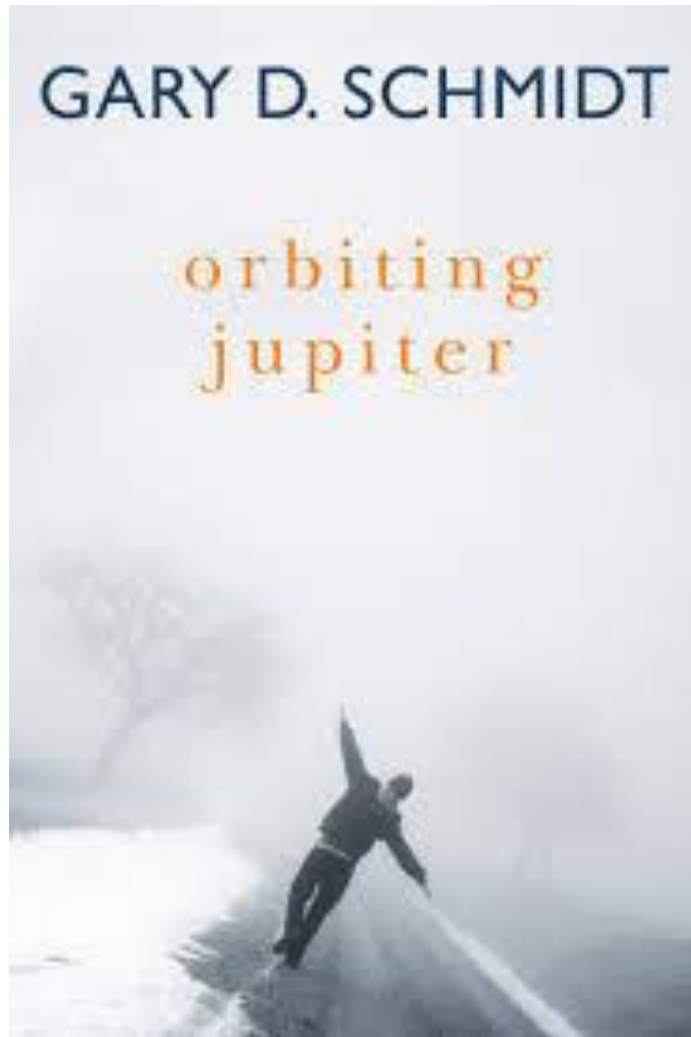
Fuzzy Mud

Louis Sachar

Two middle-grade kids take a shortcut home from school and discover what looks like fuzzy mud but is actually a substance with the potential to wreak havoc on the entire world.

Interest Level: Grades 4-7





Orbiting Jupiter

Gary D. Schmidt

Jack, 12, tells the gripping story of Joseph, 14, who joins his family as a foster child. Damaged in prison, Joseph wants nothing more than to find his baby daughter, Jupiter, whom he has never seen. When Joseph has begun to believe he'll have a future, he is confronted by demons from his past that force a tragic sacrifice.

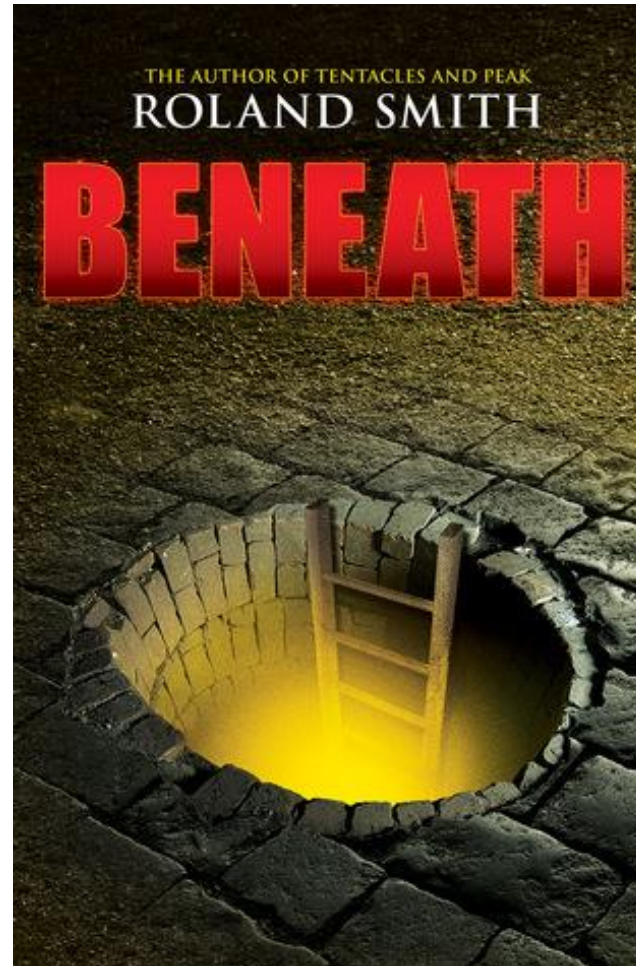
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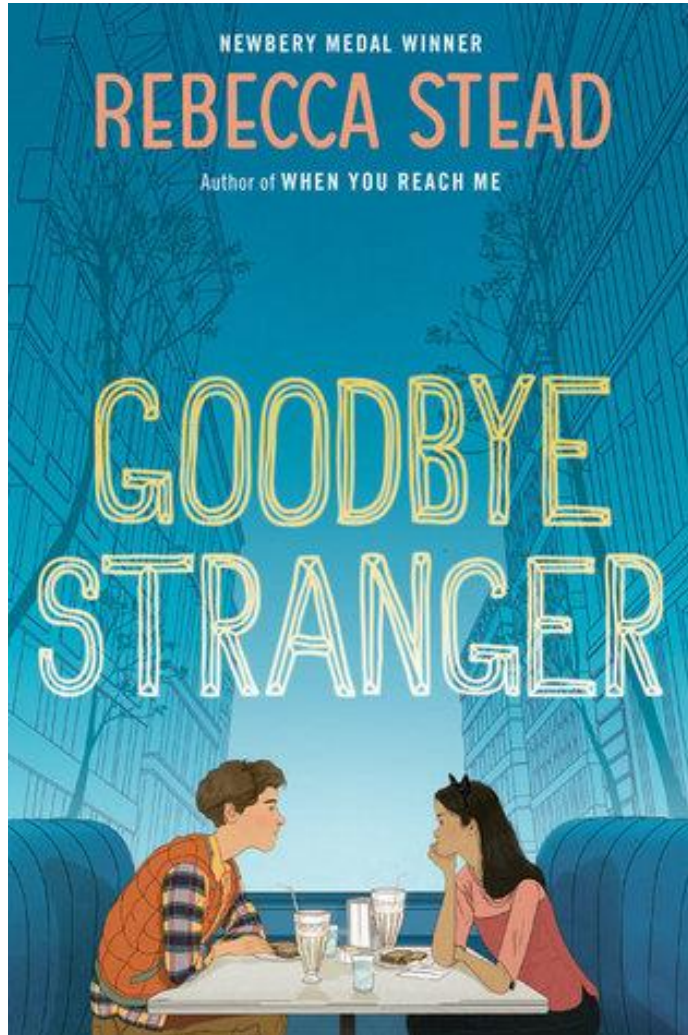
Beneath

Roland Smith

Pat O'Toole has always idolized his older brother, Coop, right up until the day Coop ran away from their home just outside Washington, D.C. Now a year later, he has received a package containing a digital voice recorder and a cryptic message from his brother which will lead Pat on a strange and dangerous journey to the mysterious Community living beneath the streets of New York.

Interest Level: Grades 4-8





Goodbye Stranger

Rebecca Stead

As Bridge makes her way through seventh grade on Manhattan's Upper West Side with her best friends, curvaceous Em and crusader Tab, and a curious new friend, she finds the answers she has been seeking.

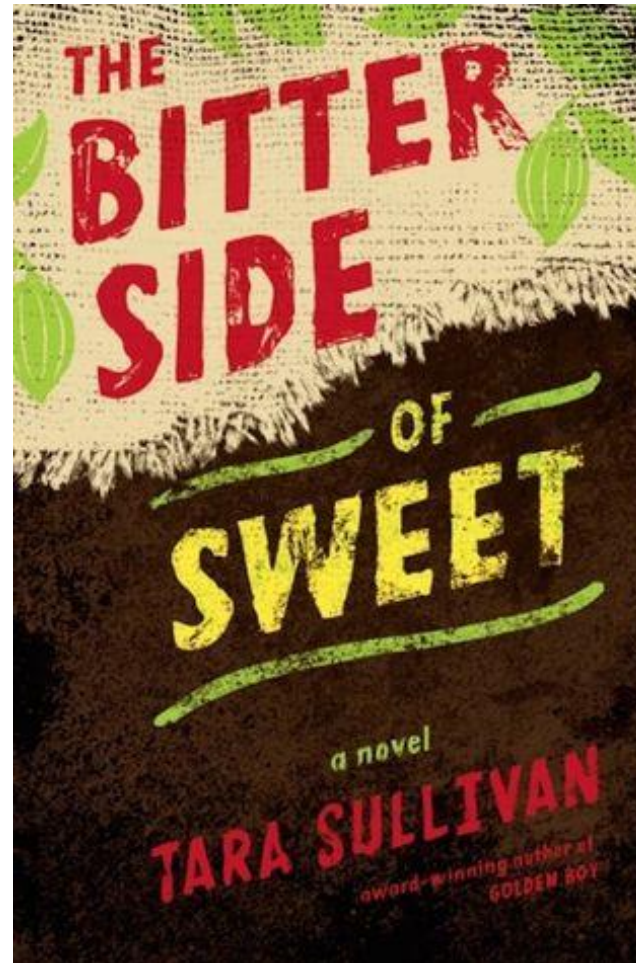
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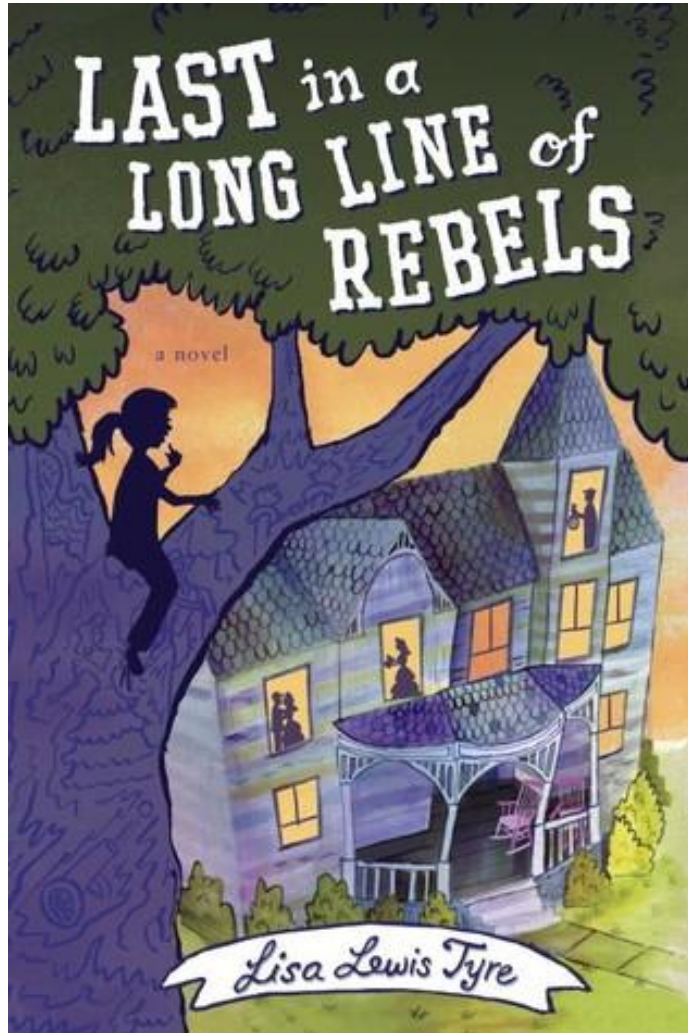
The Bitter Side of Sweet

Tara Sullivan

Kept as forced labor on a chocolate plantation in the Ivory Coast, Amadou and his younger brother Seydou had given up hope, until a young girl arrives at the camp who rekindles the urge to escape.

Interest Level: Grades 7-8





Last in a Long Line of Rebels

Lisa Lewis Tyre

When the city of Zollicoffer, Tennessee announces plans to seize her family's one hundred seventy-five year old house through eminent domain, twelve-year-old Louise Mayhew needs to come up with a way to save it. Her ancestor's Civil War diary linking the house to the Underground Railroad, as well as a hidden treasure, seem to offer her family the best chance of succeeding.

Interest Level: Grades 4-6