

Take Back The Block

J Fiction Giles

Exploring community, gentrification, justice, and friendship, Take Back the Block introduces an irresistible sixth-grader and asks what it means to belong—to a place and a movement—and to fight for what you believe in.

Ban This Book

J Fiction Gratz

When her favorite book in the school library is challenged by a well-meaning parent, Amy Anne and her friends start a secret banned books locker library, using ridiculous reasons to ban every book in the library to make a point.



Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year

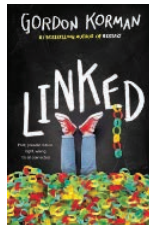
J Fiction Hamza

Moving from Hawaii to Minnesota, Ahmed Aziz is having the worst year until he deals with bullies, makes new friends and uncovers his family's past.

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J Fiction Korman

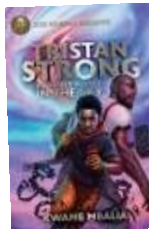
When swastikas begin appearing all over town, Link, Michael and Dana, the only Jewish girl in town, must face crimes both past and present to find the truth.



Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky

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Seventh-grader Tristan Strong tumbles into the MidPass and, with allies John Henry and Brer Rabbit, must entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding and seal the hole Tristan accidentally ripped in the sky.



What Lane?

J Fiction Maldonado

Biracial sixth-grader Stephen questions the limitations society puts on him after he notices the way strangers treat him when he hangs out with his white friends and learns about the Black Lives Matter movement.

Planet Earth Is Blue

J Fiction Panteleakos

Autistic and nearly nonverbal, twelve-year-old Nova is happy in her new foster home and school, but eagerly anticipates the 1986 Challenger launch, for which her sister, Bridget, promised to return.

Daughter of the Deep

J Fiction Riordan

In this story inspired by Jules Verne's "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," Ana Dakkar, makes astounding discoveries about her heritage and puts her leadership skills to the test against deadly enemies from a rival school.

Root Magic

J Fiction Royce

In 1963 in South Carolina, eleven-year-old twins Jez and Jay Turner begin lessons in rootwork, and their uncle's training offers them healing, protection, and a connection to their heritage.



Loteria

J Fiction Valenti

In Oaxaca City, Mexico, ancient friends Life and Death discuss free will while engaged in a game of chance, with eleven-year-old Clara as the protagonist of their theories and a pawn in their game, moving inevitably towards her ultimate fate.



Echo Mountain

J Fiction Wolk

When twelve-year-old Ellie and her family lose livelihood and move to a mountain cabin in 1934, she quickly learns to be an outdoors woman and, when needed, a healer.

Plagues and Pandemics

J Series History Smashers

With a mix of sidebars, illustrations, photos, and graphic panels, this book uncovers the hidden truths about history's pandemics, from the Black Death to COVID-19.



Donut the Destroyer

J Graphic Novels Graley

In a world where everyone is born with a special abilities, Donut, the super-strong daughter of infamous villain parents, surprises her family and scheming best friend by deciding to attend the Lionheart School for Heroes.



When Stars Are Scattered

J Graphic Novels Jamieson

A graphic-novel story of a young refugee who struggles with leaving behind his nonverbal brother when he has an opportunity to help his family by going to school.



Doodleville

J Graphic Novels Sell

Drew, whose animated doodles rarely stay on the page of her sketchbook, must rein them in while on a trip to the Art Institute of Chicago.



Miles Morales. Shock Waves : A Spider-man Graphic Novel

Graphic Novels Spider-man Miles

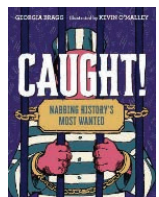
Miles Morales is a normal kid who happens to juggle school at Brooklyn Visions Academy while swinging through the streets of Brooklyn as Spider-Man.



Caught: Nabbing History's Most Wanted

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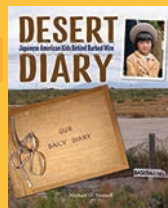
A humorous look at how famous people got caught.



Desert Diary: Japanese American Kids Behind Barbed Wire

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Diary entries written by Japanese American children imprisoned at Topaz Camp in Utah during World War II provide insight into a dark event in U.S. history.



Chunky

Middle School Graphic Novels Mercado

Hudi needs to lose weight, according to his doctors. Concerned about the serious medical issue Hudi had when he was younger, his parents push him to try out for sports. Hudi would rather do anything else, but then he meets Chunky, his imaginary friend and mascot.

While I Was Away

Middle School 305.8956 Bro

When twelve-year-old Waka's parents suspect she cannot understand the basic Japanese they speak to her, they make a drastic decision to send her to Tokyo to live for several months with her grandmother.



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The Blackbird Girls

J Fiction Blankman

Relocating to Leningrad in the wake of the Chernobyl disaster, neighbors Valentina and Oksana, who have been taught to hate each other because of religious differences, uncover painful family secrets while learning what it means to trust another person.



City of the Plague God

J Fiction Chadda

Thirteen-year-old Sikander Aziz has to team up with the hero Gilgamesh in order to stop Nergal, the ancient god of plagues, from wiping out the population of Manhattan in this adventure based on Mesopotamian mythology.



Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna

J Fiction Dobbs

Based on a true story, the tale of one girl's perilous journey to cross the U.S. border and lead her family to safety during the Mexican Revolution.

