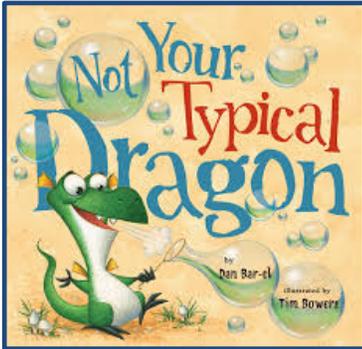


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Picture Book Nominations



Bar-el, Dan. Illustrated by Tim Bowers.

Not Your Typical Dragon. New York: Viking, 2013.

When Crispin Blaze turns seven, he's expected to breathe fire like all the other dragons. But instead of fire, he breathes a host of unusual things.

Topics: dragons; individuality; self-acceptance; self-esteem

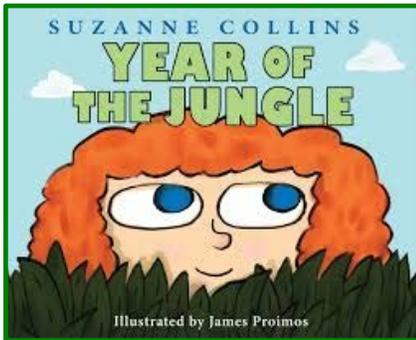
Bently, Peter. Illustrated by David Roberts.

Those Magnificent Sheep in Their Flying Machine.

Minneapolis, MN: Andersen Press, 2014.

Tired of standing still on their old hill, several sheep board an airplane for a round-the-world adventure.

Topics: adventure; airplanes; aviation; sheep; stories in rhyme



Collins, Suzanne. Illustrated by James Proimos.

Year of the Jungle. New York: Scholastic Press, 2013.

Suzy spends her year in first grade waiting for her father, who is serving in Vietnam, and when the postcards stop coming she worries that he will never make it home.

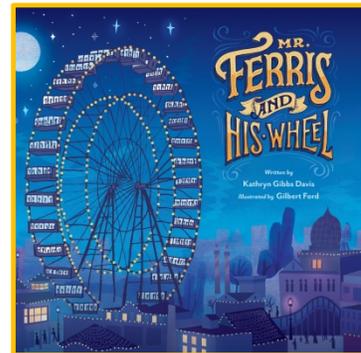
Topics: Vietnam War; soldiers historical fiction; fathers & daughters; separation (psychology); action & adventure

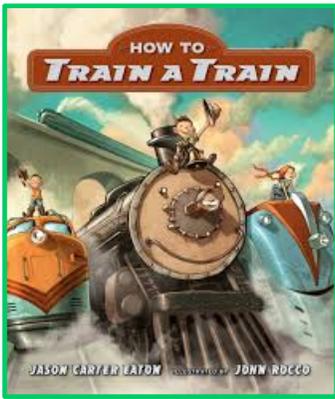
Davis, Kathryn Gibbs. Illustrated by Gilbert Ford.

Mr. Ferris and His Wheel. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014.

Examines how the engineer George Ferris invented and constructed the amusement park ride that bears his name for the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.

Topics: biography [Ferris, George Washington Gale, 1859-1896]; engineering; inventions; perseverance; Ferris wheels; science & technology





Eaton, Jason Carter. Illustrated by John Rocco.

How to Train a Train.

Somerville, Mass.: Candlewick Press, 2013.

A whimsical guide to training a "pet train" instructs young enthusiasts about important issues including where trains live, what they like to eat, and how to get them to perform the best train tricks.

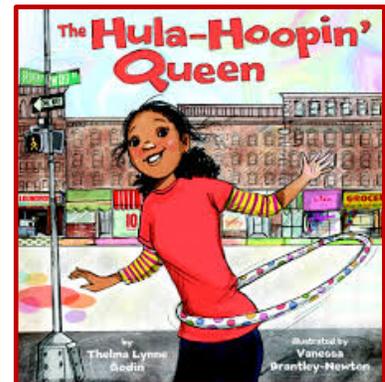
Topics: humorous fiction; pets; railroad trains & trains

Godin, Thelma Lynn. Illustrated by Vanessa Brantley Newton.

The Hula-Hoopin' Queen. New York: Lee & Low Books Inc., 2014.

Kameeka yearns to continue her hula hooping competition with her rival, Jamara, rather than help prepare for Miz Adeline's birthday party, and "the itch" almost ruins the party before the girls learn who the real winner is.

Topics: African-Americans; birthdays; parties; competition (psychology); Harlem, New York; responsibility;



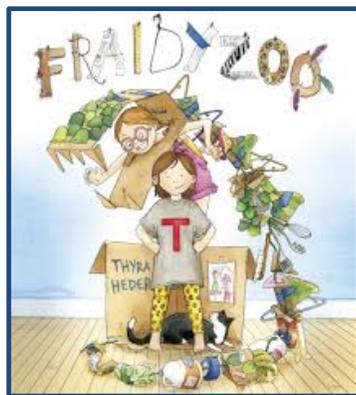
Heder, Thyra.

Fraidyzoos.

New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2013.

Little T remembers that she was frightened last time her family visited the zoo but not why, so her creative family helps by imitating animals from A to Z until she recalls exactly what caused her fear.

Topics: alphabet; family life; fear; zoos; action & adventure



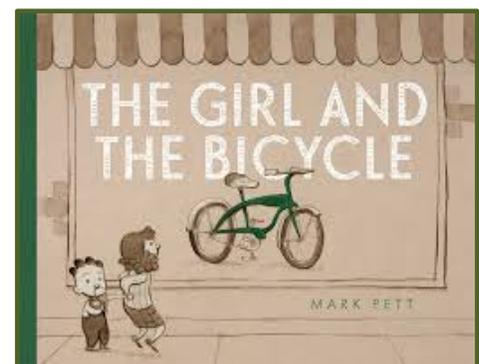
Pett, Mark.

The Girl and the Bicycle.

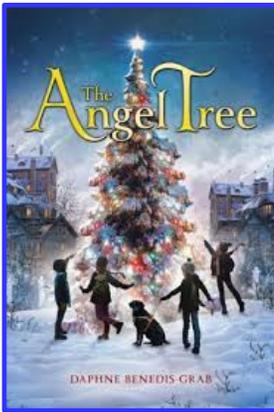
New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2014.

A **wordless** picture book in which a girl sees a bicycle she wants to buy, works hard for a kindly neighbor to earn the money for it, then gets a pleasant surprise.

Topics: perseverance; bicycles & bicycling; friendship; moneymaking projects; stories without words; business, careers, occupations



YOUNG READER



Benedis-Grab, Daphne. *The Angel Tree.*

New York: Scholastic Press, 2014.

Every Christmas in the small town of Pine River, a tree appears in the town square and people tie wishes to it, but nobody knows where the tree comes from--but this year four children are determined to solve the mystery of the Angel Tree.

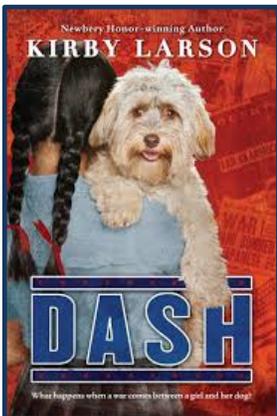
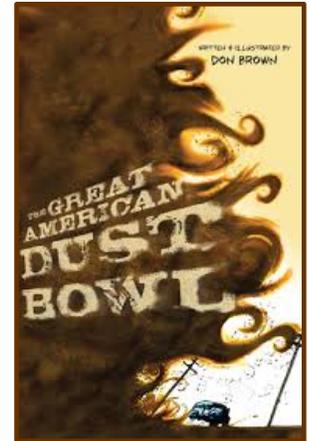
Topics: holidays & celebrations; mystery; benefactors; Christmas trees; wishes; nature

Brown, Don. *The Great American Dust Bowl.*

Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2013.

The causes and results of the Dust Bowl and how the lessons learned are still used today. Presented in comic book format.

Topics: Agriculture Great Plains History; Dust Bowl Era, 1931-1939, Farmers (social conditions); farm & ranch life



Larson, Kirby. *Dash.*

New York: Scholastic Press, 2014.

When her family is forced into an internment camp, Mitsi Kashino is separated from her home, her classmates, and her beloved dog Dash; and as her family begins to come apart around her, Mitsi clings to her one connection to the outer world--the letters from the kindly neighbor who is caring for Dash.

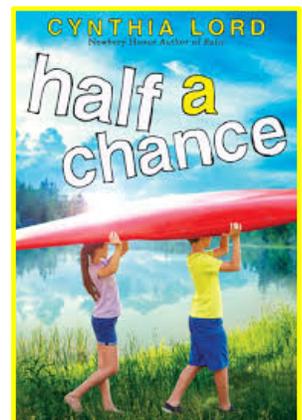
Topics: English springer spaniels; historical fiction; Mayflower (ship); Pilgrims (New Plymouth Colony); Plymouth (Mass.) History, 17th century; Colonial & Revolutionary Periods; Thanksgiving

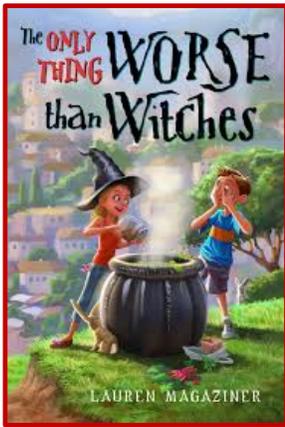
Lord, Cynthia. *Half a Chance.*

New York: Scholastic Press, 2015.

Lucy, with her mother and her photographer father, has just moved to a small rural community in New Hampshire, and with her new friend Nate she plans to spend the summer taking photos for a contest, but pictures sometimes reveal more than people are willing to see.

Topics: realistic fiction; fathers & daughters; friendship; New Hampshire; photography; art & architecture





Magaziner, Lauren. *The Only Thing Worse Than Witches.*

New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2014

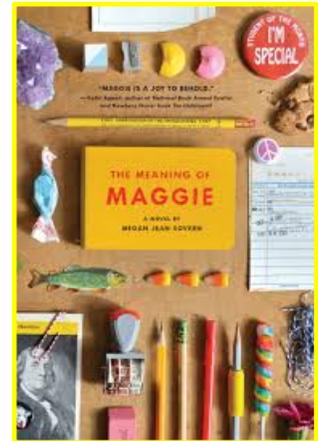
Eleven-year-old Rupert cannot resist applying to an advertisement to be a witch's apprentice, but quickly finds himself over his head with the young witch-in-training who desperately needs his help.

Topics: friendship; apprentices; best friends; magic; mothers & sons; witchcraft; business, careers, occupations; fantasy & magic;

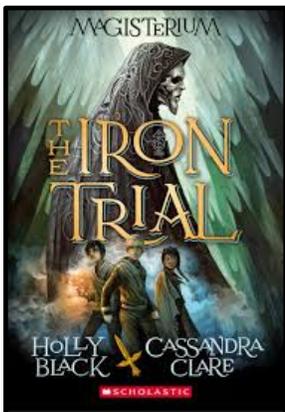
Sovern, Megan Jean. *Meaning of Maggie.* San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 2014.

Eleven-year-old Maggie Mayfield is an A-plus student with big plans for herself, but at this moment she is also facing a lot of problems--like starting middle school and figuring out how to help her father who is out of work and in a wheelchair.

Topics: coming of age; diseases & illnesses; fathers & daughters; family; historical fiction; Bildungsromans; middle schools; multiple sclerosis; depression & mental illness; special needs



INTERMEDIATE



Black, Holly and Cassandra Clare. . **Illustrated by Scott Fischer.**

The Iron Trial. New York: Scholastic Press, 2014.

Warned away from magic all of his life, Callum endeavors to fail the trials that would admit him to the Magisterium only to be drawn into its ranks against his will and forced to confront dark elements from his past.

Topics: action & adventure; fantasy; good & evil; magic; wizards; school & education

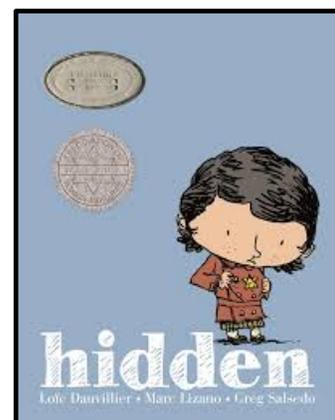
Dauvillier, Loic. **Illustrated by Marc Lizano.**

Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust.

New York: First Second, 2014.

A grandmother shares the story of her experiences in WWII with her grandchild in this graphic novel for young readers. Originally published in 2012 by Le Lombard under the title *L'Enfant Cache*.

Topics: Holocaust; historical fiction; grandparent & child; graphic novel



INTERMEDIATE CONTINUED



Ellis, Ann Dee. *The End or Something like That.*

New York: Dial Books, an imprint of Penguin Group, 2014.

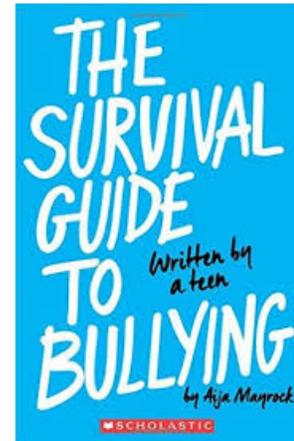
As the first anniversary of her best friend Kim's death nears, fourteen-year-old Emmy tries to fulfill her promise to make contact with Kim's spirit, but she gains new perspective from unexpected connections.

Topics: death & dying; grief & loss; friendship; best friends; family life in Las Vegas, Nevada; self-esteem; schools & education

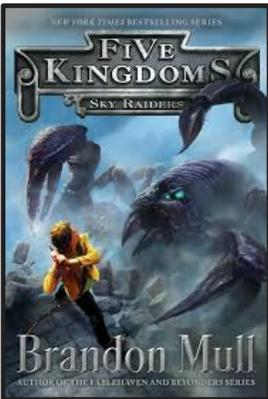
Mayrock, Aija. *The Survival Guide to Bullying: Written by a teen.*

New York: Scholastic Inc., 2015.

Written by a teenager who was bullied throughout middle school and high school, this kid-friendly book offers a fresh and relatable perspective on bullying. Along the way, the author offers guidance as well as different strategies that helped her get through even the toughest of days. The Survival Guide to Bullying covers everything from cyber bullying to how to deal with fear and how to create the life you dream of having. From inspiring "roems" (rap poems), survival tips, personal stories, and quick quizzes, this book will light the way to a brighter future.



Topics: bullying



Mull, Brandon. *Sky Raiders: Five Kingdoms, Book #1.*

New York: Aladdin, 2014.

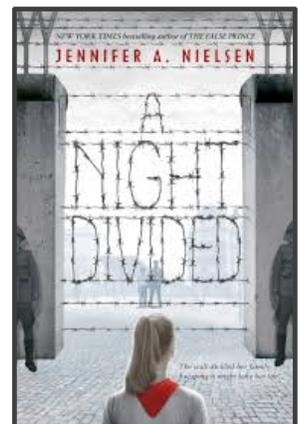
Whisked through a portal to The Outskirts, an in-between world, sixth-grader Cole must rescue his friends and find his way back home--before his existence is forgotten.

Topics: adventure & adventurers; fantasy fiction; imaginary places; magic

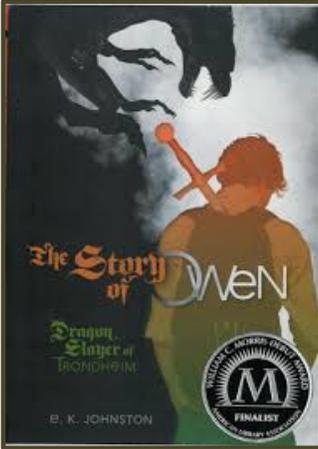
Nielsen, Jennifer A. *A Night Divided.* New York: Scholastic Press, 2015.

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 other 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.

Topics: Cold War (1945-1989); Berlin Wall (1961-1989); Family life (East Germany); action & adventure



YOUNG ADULT



Johnston, E.K. *Story of Owen: Dragon Slayer of Trondheim.*

Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Lab, 2014.

In an alternate world where industrialization has caused many species of carbon-eating dragons to thrive, Owen, a slayer being trained by his famous father and aunt, and Siobahn, his bard, face a dragon infestation near their small town in Canada.

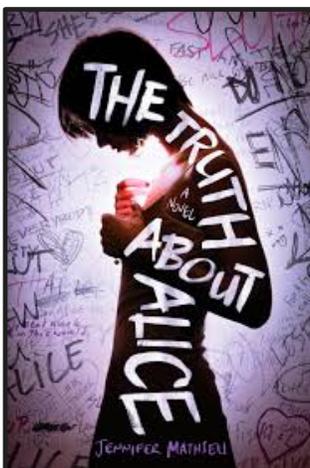
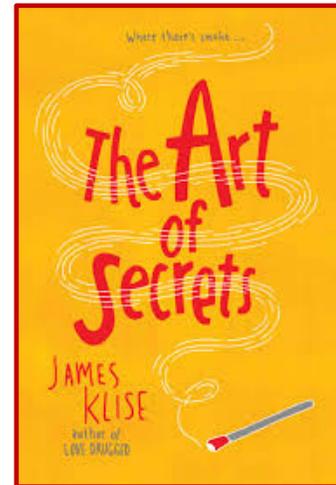
Topics: action & adventure; bards & bardism; Canada; dragons; fame; family life; high schools

Klise, James. *Art of Secrets.*

Chapel Hill, NC: Algonquin, 2014.

When some quirky art donated to a school fundraising effort to help a Pakistani American family, victims of a possible hate crime, is revealed to be an unknown work by a famous outsider artist, worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, adults and teenagers alike debate who should get the money and begin to question each other's motivations.

Topics: mystery; Chicago, IL; fund-raising; outsider art; Pakistani Americans



Mathieu, Jennifer. *The Truth about Alice.*

New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2014.

When ugly rumors and lies about Alice Franklin start after one of the guys she allegedly slept with at a party dies in a car accident, questions about truth arise in her small town.

Topics: dating & sex; multiple points of view; bullies; rumor; truth



Ness, Patrick. *More than This.*

Somerville, Mass.: Candlewick Press, 2103.

This young adult novel follows a teenage boy named Seth who, after drowning in the ocean, wakes up alone on a desolate suburban English street in what he believes to be hell.

Topics: death & dying; dystopian; England; teenage boys; survival stories

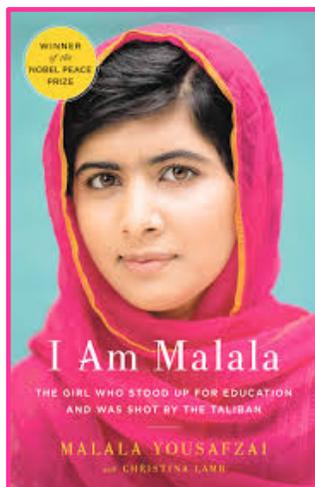
Sanderson, Brandon.

Steelheart.

New York: Delacorte Press, 2013.

At age eight, David watched as his father was killed by an Epic, a human with superhuman powers, and now, ten years later, he joins the Reckoners--the only people who are trying to kill the Epics and end their tyranny.

Topics: fantasy; guerrilla warfare; science fiction; supervillains; action & adventure; military & wars



Yousafzai, Malala.

I Am Malala: the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban.

New York: Little, Brown, & Company, 2013.

Malala Yousafzai's describes her fight for education for girls under Taliban rule, the support she received from her parents to pursue an education, and how the Taliban retaliated against her by trying to kill her.

Topics: human rights; memoir; children's rights; young women (Pakistan); biography; Central Asia (history); education; sociology; women's studies