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## **A Game of Fox & Squirrels** - Jenn Reese

2020-04-14

Andre Norton Award finalist Jenn Reese explores the often thin line between magic and reality, light and darkness in her enchanting middle grade standalone. "Brings to life, viscerally, what it is like to live in fear of abuse—even after

the abuse itself is over. But there is magic here too, and the promise of a better future that comes with learning to let people who care about you into your world." —Alan Gratz, New York Times-bestselling author of Refugee "A captivating and touching story... both whimsical and emotionally—sometimes

frighteningly—compelling.” —Ingrid Law, Newbery Honor-winning author of *Savvy*  
"Magically creative and deeply honest, *A Game of Fox & Squirrels* merges games and grimness in a fantasy tale that tells the truth." —Elana K. Arnold, Printz Honor-winning author of *Damsel* and *A Boy Called Bat*  
After an incident shatters their family, eleven-year old Samantha and her older sister Caitlin are sent to live in rural Oregon with an aunt they've never met. Sam wants nothing more than to go back to the way things were... before she spoke up about their father's anger. When Aunt Vicky gives Sam a mysterious card game called "A Game of Fox & Squirrels," Sam falls in love with the animal characters, especially the charming trickster fox, Ashander. Then one day Ashander shows up in Sam's room and offers her an adventure and a promise: find the Golden Acorn, and Sam can have anything she desires. But the fox is hiding rules that Sam isn't prepared for, and her new home feels more tempting than she'd ever

expected. As Sam is swept up in the dangerous quest, the line between magic and reality grows thin. If she makes the wrong move, she'll lose far more than just a game. Perfect for fans of Barbara O'Connor, Lauren Wolk, and Ali Benjamin, *A Game of Fox & Squirrels* is a stunning, heartbreaking novel about a girl who finds the light in the darkness... and ultimately discovers the true meaning of home.  
*There's a Hole in my Galaxy* - Ananya Dasgupta

*Kids Are Amazing!* - Annabel E. Lewis  
2020-10-30

KIDS ARE AMAZING! ♥♥ Short Stories for Children about Courage, Friendship and Confidence! (Present for Boys and Girls) Are you in search of a book that will teach your kids about the good values of life especially during this difficult time? Then, search no more, the book "KIDS ARE AMAZING! Short Stories for Children about Courage, Friendship and Confidence!" has been written with you in mind.

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This book is a collection of short stories written in plain and simple English easy enough to be understood by children of all levels. The stories are not only educational but interesting enough that will have your kids wanting for more. Here are some of the Story Titles to expect in this book: \* The Little Elephant That Was Scared of the Mouse \* The Lion Who Was Afraid of Trying \* Stranger Danger The above titles are just but a few that you should expect in the book. What makes this book special is that the stories are of different genres and origin, right from fiction, realistic occurrences, and life long experience. Watch out for the story of how rosemary tea was discovered in Africa.

**Inside Out & Back Again** - Thanhha Lai  
2013-03

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

[Arcady's Goal](#) - Eugene Yelchin 2014-10-14

From Newbery Honor-winning author Eugene Yelchin comes another glimpse into Soviet Russia. For twelve-year-old Arcady, soccer is more than just a game. Sent to live in a children's home after his parents are declared enemies of the state, it is a means of survival, securing extra rations, respect, and protection. Ultimately, it proves to be his chance to leave. But in Soviet Russia, second chances are few and far between. Will Arcady seize his opportunity and achieve his goal? Or will he miss his shot? This title has Common Core connections.

*Sophie the Hero* - Lara Bergen 2010  
When she saves a little girl from running out into the street in front of a car, Sophie changes her name to Sophie the Hero, but being a hero turns out to be harder than she imagined.

[Short](#) - Holly Goldberg Sloan 2018-01-09  
In this heartwarming and funny middle-grade novel by the New York Times bestselling author of *Counting by 7s*, Julia grows into herself while

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playing a Munchkin in *The Wizard of Oz* Julia is very short for her age, but by the end of the summer run of *The Wizard of Oz*, she'll realize how big she is inside, where it counts. She hasn't ever thought of herself as a performer, but when the wonderful director of *Oz* casts her as a Munchkin, she begins to see herself in a new way. As Julia becomes friendly with the poised and wise Olive—one of the adults with dwarfism who've joined the production's motley crew of Munchkins—and with her deeply artistic neighbor, Mrs. Chang, Julia's own sense of self as an artist grows. Soon, she doesn't want to fade into the background—and it's a good thing, because her director has more big plans for Julia! Bubbling over with humor and tenderness, this is an irresistible story of self-discovery and of the role models who forever change us.

*Flying Lessons & Other Stories* - Ellen Oh

2018-08-14

Whether it is basketball dreams, family fiascos, first crushes, or new neighborhoods, this bold

short story collection—written by some of the best children's authors including Kwame Alexander, Meg Medina, Jacqueline Woodson, and many more and published in partnership with We Need Diverse Books—celebrates the uniqueness and universality in all of us. "Will resonate with any kid who's ever felt different—which is to say, every kid." —*Time*

Great stories take flight in this adventurous middle-grade anthology crafted by ten of the most recognizable and diverse authors writing today. Newbery Medalist Kwame Alexander delivers a story in-verse about a boy who just might have magical powers; National Book Award winner Jacqueline Woodson spins a tale of friendship against all odds; and Meg Medina uses wet paint to color in one girl's world with a short story that inspired her Newbery award-winner *Merci Suárez Changes Gear*. Plus, seven more bold voices that bring this collection to new heights with tales that challenge, inspire, and celebrate the unique talents within us all.

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AUTHORS INCLUDE: Kwame Alexander, Kelly J. Baptist, Soman Chainani, Matt de la Peña, Tim Federle, Grace Lin, Meg Medina, Walter Dean Myers, Tim Tingle, Jacqueline Woodson “There’s plenty of magic in this collection to go around.” —Booklist, Starred “A natural for middle school classrooms and libraries.” —Kirkus Reviews, Starred “Inclusive, authentic, and eminently readable.” —School Library Journal, Starred “Thought provoking and wide-ranging . . . should not be missed.” —Publishers Weekly, Starred “Read more books by these authors.” —The Bulletin, Starred

**Dipal's Diwali** - Twinkl Originals 2021-10-01  
It's Diwali, and Dipal is excited to share the festival of lights with his little brother. As they celebrate together, Mohan is amazed by all the colourful decorations, beautiful rangoli patterns and dazzling fireworks he sees. This beautiful picture book is designed to introduce ages 3-7 to the traditions and key features associated with Diwali, the Hindu festival of light. The book

introduces key learning points that you could explore further, such as the story of Rama and Sita, the meaning behind the diya lamps, what it's like inside a Hindu temple. and how Hindus carry out puja. Download the full eBook and explore supporting teaching materials at [www.twinkl.com/originals](http://www.twinkl.com/originals) Join Twinkl Book Club to receive printed story books every half-term at [www.twinkl.co.uk/book-club](http://www.twinkl.co.uk/book-club) (UK only).

Journal Buddies - Jill Schoenberg 2007-05-01  
Simple but powerful, Journal Buddies is no ordinary journal. It is an invitation to experience a journaling adventure and to expand creativity and express feelings. It is an opportunity to strengthen self-esteem, build healthy relationships and create a positive outlook on life. It is a unique journal created with the help of important people in life, such as friends, parents, teachers, family members, etc.

*Anna, Banana, and the Friendship Split* - Anica Mrose Rissi 2016-05-03

Anna and Sadie have always been best friends so

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when Sadie suddenly starts being mean, Anna is very sad and seeks support from her dog Banana and classmate Isabel, as well as advice from her brother Chuck and her parents.

Save Me a Seat (Scholastic Gold) - Sarah Weeks  
2016-05-10

A new friend could be sitting right next to you. Save Me a Seat joins the Scholastic Gold line, which features award-winning and beloved novels. Includes exclusive bonus content! Joe and Ravi might be from very different places, but they're both stuck in the same place:

SCHOOL. Joe's lived in the same town all his life, and was doing just fine until his best friends moved away and left him on his own. Ravi's family just moved to America from India, and he's finding it pretty hard to figure out where he fits in. Joe and Ravi don't think they have anything in common -- but soon enough they have a common enemy (the biggest bully in their class) and a common mission: to take control of their lives over the course of a single crazy

week.

**Stories for 3 Year Olds** - 2013-09-02

Get ready for a busy day in the garden, a pirate adventure and a trip to the top of a mountain - there's so much to discover! Filled with stories from a host of well-loved authors and illustrators, including Julia Hubery (A Little Fairy Magic, That's What Friends Are For) and Caroline Pedler (Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Bunny?, Super-Duper Dudley!). With beautifully illustrated stories and poems throughout, this charming anthology is the perfect gift for all three year olds. Includes: Little Bear's Big Jumper Pirate Piggy Wiggy The Busy, Busy Day It's My Turn! A Friend Like You By the Light of the Silvery Moon

*I Will Try* - Marilyn Janovitz 2013-08-22

Perseverance (and a little help from a friend) pay off for an aspiring young gymnast in this winning entry in the I Like to Read® series. Ella is in awe of Jan, the star of her gymnastics class. Jan can spin and leap on the balance beam. Can

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Ella? Her first attempt is a failure, and Ella is ready to give up. But Jan is a star at friendship too; and with her encouragement, Ella tries again--and succeeds! This is the perfect book for girls learning to read. The adorable, leotard-clad young gymnasts fill the pages with action; and the story offers valuable, age-appropriate lessons in kindness, sportsmanship, and how important it is to try, try again. An I Like to Read(R) book. Guided Reading Level D.

*Absolutely Almost* - Lisa Graff 2015-05-05

From the author of the National Book Award nominee A TANGLE OF KNOTS comes an inspiring novel about figuring out who you are and doing what you love. Albie has never been the smartest kid in his class. He has never been the tallest. Or the best at gym. Or the greatest artist. Or the most musical. In fact, Albie has a long list of the things he's not very good at. But then Albie gets a new babysitter, Calista, who helps him figure out all of the things he is good at and how he can take pride in himself. A

perfect companion to Lisa Graff's National Book Award-nominated A Tangle of Knots, this novel explores a similar theme in a realistic contemporary world where kids will easily be able to relate their own struggles to Albie's. Great for fans of Rebecca Stead's Liar and Spy, RJ Palacio's Wonder and Cynthia Lord's Rules. Praise for Lisa Graff's novels Tangle of Knots (nominated for a National Book Award) \*

"Combining the literary sensibility of E. B. White with the insouciance of Louis Sachar, Graff has written a tangle that should satisfy readers for years to come."--Booklist, starred review Double Dog Dare "Graff's...story is lighthearted and humorous, but honestly addresses the emotions associated with divorce. Her characters' voices, interactions, and hangups are relatable, as they battle each other and adjust to their families' reconfigurations."--Publishers Weekly

**Busy Spring** - Sean Taylor 2021-03-16

After a long sleepy winter, the trees, flowers, and animals are getting ready for a busy spring.

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Discover all the different ways nature wakes up when spring arrives in this fresh and fun story of a family exploring their garden. With further non-fiction information about animals and plants at the back, this picture book is the perfect introduction to the science behind spring.

**The Long, Long Ride** - Pam Holden 2020-12-07

In this story, poor Dad had two problems. First he made a mistake because he was thinking hard about his important work. Then a lot of noise stopped him from hearing an important message. He was very sorry.

**Let's Get Pizza** - Meg Greve 2012-08-01

When Dan And Dad Go Out For Pizza They Learn That Just Because It Smells So Good Doesn't Mean You Should Eat Too Much. It's Much Better If You Share. Teaching Focus, Words To Know Before You Read, Comprehension And Extension Activities. Inside Front And Back Cover Parent And Teacher Support.

**Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids** - Cynthia L. Smith 2021-02-09

Edited by award-winning and bestselling author Cynthia Leitich Smith, this collection of intersecting stories by both new and veteran Native writers bursts with hope, joy, resilience, the strength of community, and Native pride. Native families from Nations across the continent gather at the Dance for Mother Earth Powwow in Ann Arbor, Michigan. In a high school gym full of color and song, people dance, sell beadwork and books, and celebrate friendship and heritage. Young protagonists will meet relatives from faraway, mysterious strangers, and sometimes one another (plus one scrappy rez dog). They are the heroes of their own stories. Featuring stories and poems by: Joseph Bruchac Art Coulson Christine Day Eric Gansworth Carole Lindstrom Dawn Quigley Rebecca Roanhorse David A. Robertson Andrea L. Rogers Kim Rogers Cynthia Leitich Smith Monique Gray Smith Traci Sorell, Tim Tingle Erika T. Wurth Brian Young In partnership with We Need Diverse Books

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**Because of Winn-Dixie** - Kate DiCamillo

2009-09-08

A classic tale by Newbery Medalist Kate DiCamillo, America's beloved storyteller. One summer's day, ten-year-old India Opal Buloni goes down to the local supermarket for some groceries - and comes home with a dog. But Winn-Dixie is no ordinary dog. It's because of Winn-Dixie that Opal begins to make friends. And it's because of Winn-Dixie that she finally dares to ask her father about her mother, who left when Opal was three. In fact, as Opal admits, just about everything that happens that summer is because of Winn-Dixie. Featuring a new cover illustration by E. B. Lewis and an excerpt of Kate DiCamillo's newest novel, *Raymie Nightingale*.

Wonder - R. J. Palacio 2017-09-26

Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails

enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates.

*Soup Day: A Board Book* - Melissa Iwai

2017-10-31

Now in board book A young girl and her mother shop to buy ingredients for vegetable soup. At home, they work together--step by step--to prepare the meal. A little later, the family sits down to enjoy a special dinner. Melissa Iwai's *Soup Day* celebrates the importance of making a nutritious meal and sharing in the process as a family. A Christy Ottaviano Book

**Who Am I Without Him?** - Sharon Flake

2009-11-01

Guys and girls get together, get played, and get real. *Who Am I Without Him?* is a Booklist Top Ten Romance Novel for Teens and is "breaking new and necessary ground"\* in twelve short stories about guys and girls falling in and out of love and relationships, testing out ways to communicate with one another, respect each other-- and respect themselves. This is a complex, often humorous, and always on-point

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exploration of today's teens determined to find love and self-worth . . . any way they know how.

**Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch** - Eileen Spinelli 2021-12-07

An anonymous valentine changes the life of the unsociable Mr. Hatch, turning him into a laughing friend who helps and appreciates all his neighbors.

The Night Before First Grade - Natasha Wing  
2005-07-21

It's the night before the Big Day—first grade. Penny is excited to start the year with her best friend right beside her in the same classroom. This humorous take on Clement C. Moore's classic tale has a perfect twist ending that will surprise readers—as well as the “heroine” of the story—and help all about-to-be first-graders through their own back-to-school jitters.

*Sisters of the Neversea* - Cynthia L. Smith  
2021-06-01

Five starred reviews! In this beautifully reimagined story by NSK Neustadt Laureate and

New York Times bestselling author Cynthia Leitich Smith (Muscogee Creek), Native American Lily and English Wendy embark on a high-flying journey of magic, adventure, and courage to a fairy-tale island known as Neverland... Lily and Wendy have been best friends since they became stepsisters. But with their feuding parents planning to spend the summer apart, what will become of their family—and their friendship? Little do they know that a mysterious boy has been watching them from the oak tree outside their window. A boy who intends to take them away from home for good, to an island of wild animals, Merfolk, Fairies, and kidnapped children, to a sea of merfolk, pirates, and a giant crocodile. A boy who calls himself Peter Pan. In partnership with We Need Diverse Books

Bridge to Terabithia - Katherine Paterson  
2009-10-06

The 40th anniversary edition of the classic Newbery Medal-winning title by beloved author

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Katherine Paterson, with brand-new bonus materials including an author's note by Katherine herself and a foreword by New York Times bestselling author Kate DiCamillo. Jess Aarons has been practicing all summer so he can be the fastest runner in the fifth grade. And he almost is, until the new girl in school, Leslie Burke, outpaces him. The two become fast friends and spend most days in the woods behind Leslie's house, where they invent an enchanted land called Terabithia. One morning, Leslie goes to Terabithia without Jess and a tragedy occurs. It will take the love of his family and the strength that Leslie has given him for Jess to be able to deal with his grief. *Bridge to Terabithia* was also named an ALA Notable Children's Book and has become a touchstone of children's literature, as have many of Katherine Paterson's other novels, including *The Great Gilly Hopkins* and *Jacob Have I Loved*. *Graca's Dream* - Melissa Fagan  
The inspiring story of Graça Machel, and her

dream to instill a love for reading and learning in the children of Mozambique and the rest of Africa.

*Those Shoes* - Maribeth Boelts 2016-10-11  
But all the kids are wearing them! Any child who has ever craved something out of reach will relate to this warm, refreshingly realistic story. Features an audio read-along. "I have dreams about those shoes. Black high-tops. Two white stripes." All Jeremy wants is a pair of those shoes, the ones everyone at school seems to be wearing. But Jeremy's grandma tells him they don't have room for "want," just "need," and what Jeremy needs are new boots for winter. When Jeremy's shoes fall apart at school, and the guidance counselor gives him a hand-me-down pair, the boy is more determined than ever to have those shoes, even a thrift-shop pair that are much too small. But sore feet aren't much fun, and Jeremy comes to realize that the things he has -- warm boots, a loving grandma, and the chance to help a friend -- are worth more than

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the things he wants.

**The Paperboy** - Dav Pilkey 2016-02-23

Bestselling author Dav Pilkey's timeless Caldecott Honor book about a boy, his dog, and the solitude they share before the world wakes up, now in a vibrantly remastered jacketed hardcover edition. In the still before dawn, while the rest of the world is sleeping, a boy and his dog leave the comfort of their warm bed to deliver newspapers. As the boy pedals his bike along a route he knows by heart, his dog runs by his side, both enjoying a world that, before sunrise, belongs only to them. Acclaimed author and artist Dav Pilkey celebrates the beauty found in silence and the peace that comes from being with a beloved friend in this newly remastered edition of his timeless, Caldecott Honor-winning picture book.

**The Water Princess** - Susan Verde 2016-09-13

Based on supermodel Georgie Badiel's childhood, a young girl dreams of bringing clean drinking water to her African village. With its

wide sky and warm earth, Princess Gie Gie's kingdom is a beautiful land. But clean drinking water is scarce in her small African village. And try as she might, Gie Gie cannot bring the water closer; she cannot make it run clearer. Every morning, she rises before the sun to make the long journey to the well. Instead of a crown, she wears a heavy pot on her head to collect the water. After the voyage home, after boiling the water to drink and clean with, Gie Gie thinks of the trip that tomorrow will bring. And she dreams. She dreams of a day when her village will have cool, crystal-clear water of its own. Inspired by the childhood of African-born model Georgie Badiel, acclaimed author Susan Verde and award-winning author/illustrator Peter H. Reynolds have come together to tell this moving story. As a child in Burkina Faso, Georgie and the other girls in her village had to walk for miles each day to collect water. This vibrant, engaging picture book sheds light on this struggle that continues all over the world today,

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instilling hope for a future when all children will have access to clean drinking water.

Lost in the Sun - Lisa Graff 2016-04-26

From the author of *A Tangle of Knots* and *Absolutely Almost*, a touching story about a boy who won't let one tragic accident define him. Everyone says that middle school is awful, but Trent knows nothing could be worse than the year he had in fifth grade, when a freak accident on Cedar Lake left one kid dead, and Trent with a brain full of terrible thoughts he can't get rid of. Trent's pretty positive the entire disaster was his fault, so for him middle school feels like a fresh start, a chance to prove to everyone that he's not the horrible screw-up they seem to think he is. If only Trent could make that fresh start happen. It isn't until Trent gets caught up in the whirlwind that is Fallon Little—the girl with the mysterious scar across her face—that things begin to change. Because fresh starts aren't always easy. Even in baseball, when a fly ball gets lost in the sun, you have to remember to

shift your position to find it. Praise for *Lost in the Sun*: A Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year! \* "Graff writes with stunning insight [and] consistently demonstrates why character-driven novels can live from generation to generation."--Kirkus Reviews \*STARRED\* \* "Graff creates layered, vulnerable characters that are worth getting to know."--Booklist \*STARRED\* \* "[A]n ambitious and gracefully executed story."--Publishers Weekly \*STARRED\* \* "Weighty matters deftly handled with humor and grace will give this book wide appeal."--School Library Journal \*STARRED\* \* "Characterization is thoughtful."--BCCB \*STARRED\* "In *Lost in the Sun*, Trent decides that he will speak the truth: that pain and anger and loss are not the final words, that goodness can find us after all—even when we hide from it. This is a novel that speaks powerfully, honestly, almost shockingly about our human pain and our human redemption. This book will change you."—Gary Schmidt, two-time Newbery Honor-winning author of *The*

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Wednesday Wars and Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy “Lisa Graff crafts a compelling story about a boy touched with tragedy and the world of people he cares about. And like all the best stories, it ends at a new beginning.”—Richard Peck, Newbery Award-winning author of A Year Down Yonder and A Long Way From Chicago Lisa Graff's Awards and Reviews: Lisa Graff's books have been named to 30 state award lists, and A Tangle of Knots was long-listed for the National Book Award.  
I Write Short Stories by Kids for Kids - Melissa M. Williams 2013-12-01

*The Love Hypothesis* - Ali Hazelwood 2021-09-14  
The Instant New York Times Bestseller and TikTok Sensation! As seen on THE VIEW! A BuzzFeed Best Summer Read of 2021 When a fake relationship between scientists meets the irresistible force of attraction, it throws one woman's carefully calculated theories on love into chaos. As a third-year Ph.D. candidate, Olive

Smith doesn't believe in lasting romantic relationships--but her best friend does, and that's what got her into this situation. Convincing Anh that Olive is dating and well on her way to a happily ever after was always going to take more than hand-wavy Jedi mind tricks: Scientists require proof. So, like any self-respecting biologist, Olive panics and kisses the first man she sees. That man is none other than Adam Carlsen, a young hotshot professor--and well-known ass. Which is why Olive is positively floored when Stanford's reigning lab tyrant agrees to keep her charade a secret and be her fake boyfriend. But when a big science conference goes haywire, putting Olive's career on the Bunsen burner, Adam surprises her again with his unyielding support and even more unyielding...six-pack abs. Suddenly their little experiment feels dangerously close to combustion. And Olive discovers that the only thing more complicated than a hypothesis on love is putting her own heart under the

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**41 Stories** - O. Henry 2007-07-03

The Master of Irony Readers the world over recognize O. Henry as the best short story writer of the early twentieth century. Widely known as a master of irony, O. Henry also displays here dazzling wordplay and a wry combination of pathos and humor.

**The Year of Miss Agnes** - Kirkpatrick Hill  
2020-08-04

A Smithsonian Notable Book for Children A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year “Genius.” —The New York Times Book Review A beautiful repackaging marking the twentieth anniversary of the beloved, award-winning novel that celebrates teachers and learning. Ten-year-old Frederika (Fred for short) doesn't have much faith that the new teacher in town will last very long. After all, they never do. Most teachers who come to their one-room schoolhouse in remote Alaska leave at the first smell of fish, claiming that life there is just too hard. But Miss Agnes is

different: she doesn't get frustrated with her students, and finds new ways to teach them to read and write. She even takes a special interest in Fred's sister, Bokko, who has never come to school before because she is deaf. For the first time, Fred, Bokko, and their classmates begin to enjoy their lessons—but will Miss Agnes be like all the rest and leave as quickly as she came?

**Too Small Tola** - Atinuke 2021-03-09

Three delightful tales from a renowned Nigerian storyteller introduce a chapter-book heroine who is every bit as mighty as she is small. In a trio of droll stories, award-winning author and storyteller Atinuke debuts an endearing and enduring character with plenty to prove. Tola lives in an apartment in the busy city of Lagos, Nigeria, with her sister, Moji, who is very clever; her brother, Dapo, who is very fast; and Grandmommy, who is very bossy. Tola may be small, but she's strong enough to carry a basket brimming with groceries home from the market, and she's clever enough to count out

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Grandmommy's change. When the faucets in the apartment break, it's Tola who brings water from the well. And when Mr. Abdul, the tailor, has an accident and needs help taking his customers' measurements, only Tola can save the day. Atinuke's trademark wit and charm are on full display, accompanied by delightful illustrations by Onyinye Iwu. *Too Small Tola* evokes the urban bustle and rich blending of cultures in Lagos through the eyes of a little girl with an outsize will—and an even bigger heart.

*Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things* - Lenore Look 2008-07-08

The first book in a hilarious chapter book series that tackles anxiety in a fun, kid-friendly way. Perfect for both beginning and reluctant readers, and fans of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*! A humorous and touching series about facing your fears and embracing new experiences—with a truly unforgettable character—from author Lenore Look and New York Times bestselling and Caldecott Honor winning illustrator LeUyen

Pham. Alvin, an Asian American second grader, is afraid of everything—elevators, tunnels, girls, and, most of all, school. He's so afraid of school that, while he's there, he never, ever, says a word. But at home, Alvin is a very loud superhero named Firecracker Man, a brother to Calvin and Anibelly, and a gentleman-in-training, just like his dad. With the help of his family, can Alvin take on the outside world without letting his fears get the best of him? "Alvin's a winner."  
—New York Post

Samira Surfs - Rukhsanna Guidroz 2021-06-29  
A middle grade novel in verse about Samira, an eleven-year-old Rohingya refugee living in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, who finds strength and sisterhood in a local surf club for girls. Samira thinks of her life as before and after: before the burning and violence in her village in Burma, when she and her best friend would play in the fields, and after, when her family was forced to flee. There's before the uncertain journey to Bangladesh by river, and after, when the river

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swallowed her nana and nani whole. And now, months after rebuilding a life in Bangladesh with her mama, baba, and brother, there's before Samira saw the Bengali surfer girls of Cox's Bazar, and after, when she decides she'll become one. *Samira Surfs*, written by Rukhsanna Guidroz with illustrations by Fahmida Azim, is a tender novel in verse about a young Rohingya girl's journey from isolation and persecution to sisterhood, and from fear to power.

**The Measure** - Nikki Erlick 2022-06-28

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characters display: how all moments, big and

small, can measure a life. If you want joy, love,

romance, and hope—read with us." —Jenna Bush

Hager A luminous, spirit-lifting blockbuster for

readers of *The Midnight Library*. Eight ordinary

people. One extraordinary choice. It seems like

any other day. You wake up, pour a cup of

coffee, and head out. But today, when you open

your front door, waiting for you is a small wooden box. This box holds your fate inside: the answer to the exact number of years you will live. From suburban doorsteps to desert tents, every person on every continent receives the same box. In an instant, the world is thrust into a collective frenzy. Where did these boxes come from? What do they mean? Is there truth to what they promise? As society comes together and pulls apart, everyone faces the same shocking choice: Do they wish to know how long they'll live? And, if so, what will they do with that knowledge? *The Measure* charts the dawn of this new world through an unforgettable cast of characters whose decisions and fates interweave with one another: best friends whose dreams are forever entwined, pen pals finding refuge in the unknown, a couple who thought they didn't have to rush, a doctor who cannot save himself, and a politician whose box becomes the powder keg that ultimately changes everything. Enchanting and deeply uplifting, *The Measure* is a sweeping,

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