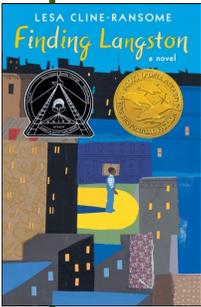


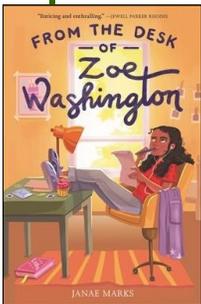
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Finding Langston

by Lesa Cline-Ransome

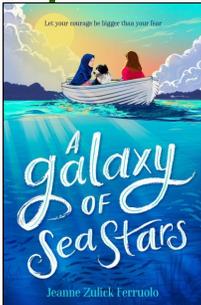
Langston's life has been upended. His mother died and his father moved them from rural Alabama to the city streets of Chicago. Bullied at school, Langston finds solace in the integrated public library where he discovers the poetry of his mother's favorite poet, Langston Hughes.



From the Desk of Zoe Washington

by Janae Marks

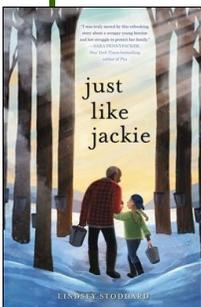
Zoe dreams of becoming a baking star, but her dreams take second place when she receives a letter from her imprisoned father, a man she has never met. The letter sets in motion her quest to find the truth and prove her father's innocence, while trying to create an original cupcake recipe.



A Galaxy of Sea Stars

by Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo

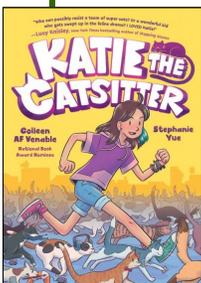
Izzy wishes things could go back to normal: her mom would come home, her dad wouldn't invite refugees from Afghanistan to live with them, and her best friends would never change. It turns out change can be a good thing and new friendships can be found in the most unlikely places!



Just Like Jackie

by Lindsey Stoddard

Robinson Hart tries to be like the man she is named after, Jackie Robinson, but it is almost impossible to keep it together at home and school. Caring for her Grandpa is becoming more difficult as his memory fades, and now she is stuck with her nemesis in group guidance.



Katie the Catsitter

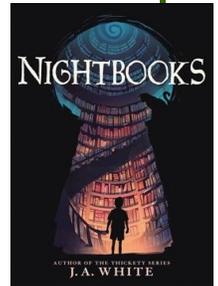
by Colleen AF Venable,
illustrated by Stephanie Yue

What was looking to be a boring summer turns into anything but when Katie takes on a job caring for her mysterious neighbor's cats. Shouldn't be that hard, right? But, it turns out there are 217 of them—and these are no ordinary cats!

Nightbooks

by J. A. White

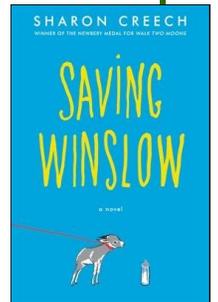
Alex is obsessed with anything scary. Then he gets trapped in a witch's world and must entertain her with a scary story every night. Working with another trapped child, they devise a plan to escape, but the house holds many of its own scary secrets.



Saving Winslow

by Sharon Creech

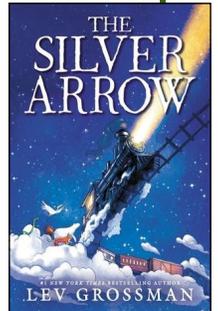
Louie's dad brings home an ailing baby donkey and he is determined to save him. Taking care of Winslow keeps his mind off of his brother Gus in the Army. Louie is determined to make sure this little donkey survives.



The Silver Arrow

by Lev Grossman

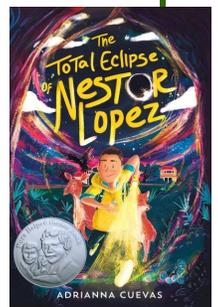
When Katie is surprised on her birthday with a real steam locomotive from her mysterious uncle, she has no idea of the adventures awaiting her and her brother. On a magical journey along with some talking animals, their resourcefulness helps them reach their destination, and might even help save the world!



The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez

by Adrianna Cuevas

Nestor Lopez is a Cuban-American boy who can talk to animals. With his dad overseas, Nestor and his mom move in with his grandma. Animals start disappearing and his grandma is unfairly accused of being a tula vieja -- a witch! Nestor will have to use his powers and stop the real tula vieja before the solar eclipse.



When Stars Are Scattered

by Victoria Jamieson &
Omar Mohamed

Omar and Hassan live in a refugee camp. Hassan is nonverbal and relies on Omar for everything. When Omar has the chance to attend school, he knows that it will change both of their lives. But to do this, Omar has to leave Hassan, his only remaining family, every day.

