



- J/Fiction
Auxier ***Peter Nimble and His Fantastic Eyes: a Story*** by Jonathan Auxier 381 pages
Raised to be a thief, blind orphan Peter Nimble, age ten, steals from a mysterious stranger three pairs of magical eyes, that lead him to a hidden island where he must decide to become a hero or resume his life of crime.
- J/Fiction
Baskin ***Anything but Typical*** by Nora Raleigh Baskin 195 pages
Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.
- J/Fiction
Casanova ***McKenna*** by Mary Casanova 124 pages
Seattle fourth grader McKenna Brooks, who lives for gymnastics, struggles with school work until Josie, a tutor confined to a wheelchair, helps her with reading comprehension and much more.
- J/Fiction
Choldenko ***Al Capone Does My Shirts*** by Gennifer Choldenko 274 pages
A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.
- J/Fiction
Dear America
Bartoletti ***Down the Rabbit Hole: the Diary of Pringle Rose*** by Susan Campbell Bartoletti 245 pages
It is 1871 in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and fourteen-year-old Pringle Rose, still grieving from the death of her parents, takes her brother Gideon, who has Down Syndrome, and escapes from her aunt and uncle, taking a train to Chicago—but disaster seems to follow her there.
- J/Fiction
Draper ***Out of My Mind*** by Sharon M. Draper 295 pages
Fifth-grader Melody has cerebral palsy, a condition that affects her body but not her mind, and although she is unable to walk, talk, feed or care for herself, she can read, think, and feel and refuses to be defined by her condition.
- J/Fiction
Fussell ***Owl Ninja*** by Sandy Fussell 248 pages
Sensei Ki-yaga leads Niya and the other students of the Cockroach Ryu on a journey to beg the feudal Emperor to stop war from breaking out between the mountain ryus, putting to the test the firm friendship and unusual skills of these physically-disabled samurai-in-training.
- J/Fiction
Gutman ***The Million Dollar Putt*** by Dan Gutman 169 pages
Assisted by his neighbor Birdie, blind thirteen-year-old Ed "Bogie" Bogard will win one million dollars if he can sink a ten-foot putt in Hawaii's fifth annual Angus Killick Memorial Tournament.
- J/Fiction
Leal ***Also Known as Harper*** by Ann Haywood Leal 246 pages
Writing poetry helps fifth-grader Harper Lee Morgan cope with her father's absence, being evicted, and having to skip school to care of her brother while her mother works, and things look even brighter after she befriends a mute girl and a kindly disabled woman.

Uniquely Me

- J/Fiction
Lean ***A Dog Called Homeless*** by Sarah Lean 202 pages
Fifth-grader Cally Louise Fisher stops talking, partly because her father and brother never speak of her mother who died a year earlier, but visions of her mother, friendships with a homeless man and disabled boy, and a huge dog, ensure that she still communicates.
- J/Fiction
Lord ***Rules*** by Cynthia Lord 200 pages
Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.
- J/Fiction
Myers ***A Star is Born*** by Walter Dean Myers 160 pages
Zander's play, Act Six, brings DaVinci Academy into the spotlight, especially when LaShonda's costume designs win her an opportunity she can accept only if she is willing to leave her autistic brother and their group home behind.
- J/Fiction
Selznick ***Wonder Struck: a Novel in Words and Pictures*** by Brian Selznick 637 pages
Having lost his mother and his hearing in a short time, twelve-year-old Ben leaves his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he never knew in New York City, and meets Rose, who is also longing for something missing from her life. Ben's story is told in words; Rose's in pictures.
- J/Fiction
Tooke ***King of the Mound: My Summer with Satchel Paige*** by Wes Tooke 155 pages
Twelve-year-old Nick loves baseball so after a year in the hospital fighting polio and with a brace on one leg, Nick takes a job with the team for which his father is catcher and gets to see the great pitcher, Satchel Paige, play during the 1935 season.
- J/Graphic Novel
Sports Illustrated
Kids ***Skateboard Sonar*** by Eric Stevens 49 pages
Although blind, Matty is an excellent skateboarder, but when the former champion mocks him during the skating competition, Matty shows that seeing is not everything.
- Nonfiction:**
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Second-grader Cindy is assigned to spend part of each day in the class for students with special needs, where she finds out that even though some kids may learn differently or have different abilities, they are all "just kids."
- J/636.0886 Mar ***Helpers*** by Claudia Martin 64 pages
Describes animals that help people who are blind or deaf, or who have physical handicaps, and shows how very often people and animals form lifelong bonds.
- J-P/616.858832 Nie ***Understanding Sam and Asperger Syndrome*** by Clarabelle van Niekerk 49 pages
A young boy has difficulty at school and is moody at home. When Sam is diagnosed with a form of autism called Asperger syndrome, his family and teachers understand him better and learn how to help him succeed. Includes tips for parents, teachers, and children on how to interact with a child who has Asperger syndrome.