

## 2018 Birbery Titles

### **Beasley, Cassie – Tumble & Blue** (CD, Playaway, eBook [Overdrive], eAudio [Overdrive])

In order for Tumble Wilson and Blue Montgomery to fix their ancestors' mistakes and banish the bad luck that has followed them around for all of their lives, they must face Munch, the mysterious golden alligator who cast the curse centuries ago.

### **Bowling, Dusti – Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus** (eBook [Overdrive])

New friends and a mystery help Aven, thirteen, adjust to middle school and life at a dying western theme park in a new state, where her being born armless presents many challenges.

### **Cheng, Jack – See You in the Cosmos** (eBook [Overdrive], eAudio [Overdrive])

Eleven-year-old Alex Petroski, along with his dog, Carl Sagan, makes big discoveries about his family on a road trip and he records it all on a golden iPod he intends to launch into space.

### **Eggers, Dave – Her Right Foot** (eBook [Hoopla])

Presents facts about the Statue of Liberty, describing its creation in France, assembly in the United States in 1886, and the symbolism of its right foot, which appears to be breaking free from chains.

### **Emerson, Kevin – Last Day on Mars** (eBook [Overdrive])

While waiting to leave Mars before it burns up just like the Earth before it, Liam and his friend Phoebe discover some facts about time and space and realize that the human race is just one of many in the universe locked in a dangerous struggle for survival.

### **Gemeinhart, Dan – Scar Island** (Playaway, eBook [Overdrive], eAudio [Hoopla] )

Twelve-year-old Jonathan Grisby has been sent to the Slabhenge Reformatory School for Troubled Boys, which is currently run by a surly group of men who enjoy punishing the boys. But when a lightning strike kills all the adults the boys find themselves suddenly free--and trapped on Scar Island.

### **Gratz, Alan – Refugee** (Playaway, eBook [Overdrive], eAudio [Hoopla])

Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.

### **Jamieson, Victoria – All's Faire in Middle School** (eBook [Overdrive] )

After being homeschooled for years by Renaissance Fair enthusiasts, eleven-year-old Imogene has a hard time fitting in when her wish to enroll in public school is granted.

### **Standish, Ali – The Ethan I Was Before** (eBook [Overdrive], eAudio [Overdrive])

Moving from Boston to small-town Georgia after losing his best friend in a devastating accident, Ethan bonds with Coralee, a girl with an outsized personality whose inclination toward colorful stories may be putting both of them in danger.

### **Wolk, Lauren – Beyond the Bright Sea** (CD, eBook [Overdrive], eAudio [Overdrive])

Abandoned and set adrift in a small boat when she was just hours old, twelve-year-old Crow has lived her entire life on a remote island. After a mysterious fire appears across the water, she embarks on a quest to find the missing pieces of her history, leading down a path of discovery and danger.