Amal Unbound / Aisha Saeed
J FICTION SAEED
Twelve-year-old Amal, who lives in a small village in Pakistan, dreams of becoming a teacher despite being forced into indentured servitude after inadvertently insulting a member of the village’s ruling family.

Okay for Now / Gary D. Schmidt
J FICTION SCHMIDT
With the help of his new friend, Doug finds the strength to endure an abusive father, the suspicions of a whole town, and the return of his oldest brother, forever scarred, from Vietnam.

Counting by 7s / Holly Goldberg Sloan
J FICTION SLOAN
Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.

The Warden’s Daughter / Jerry Spinelli
J FICTION SPINELLI
Cammie O’Reilly lives at the Hancock County Prison, not as a prisoner, she’s the warden’s daughter. She spends the mornings hanging out with shoplifters and reformed arsonists in the women’s exercise yard, which gives Cammie a certain cache with her friends.

Lockwood and Co.: The Screaming Staircase / Jonathan Stroud
J FICTION STRoud
When London is overrun by malevolent spirits, a talented group of young psychic detectives compete against other ghostbusting agencies in the debut of a new series that finds three intrepid colleagues investigating one of England’s most haunted houses.

The Menagerie / Tui Sutherland
J FICTION SUTHERLAND
When twelve-year-old Logan Wilde wakes up to discover a baby griffin hiding under his bed, he suddenly finds himself thrown into a mystery involving his classmate Zoe Kahn and a magical menagerie right in the middle of his sleepy Wyoming town.

Well, That Was Awkward / Rachel Vail
Y FICTION VAIL
Gracie has never felt like this before. One day, she suddenly can’t breathe, can’t walk, can’t anything—and the reason is standing there right in front of her-A.J. But it turns out A.J. likes Gracie’s best friend, Sienna.

Other Words for Home / Jasmine Warga
J FICTION WARGA
Sent with her mother to the safety of a relative’s home in Cincinnati when her Syrian community is overshadowed by violence, Jude worries for the beloved family members who were left behind and forges a new sense of identity shaped by friends and changing perspectives.

The Way to Bea / Kat Yeh
J FICTION YEH
Everything in Bea’s world has changed. She’s starting 7th grade newly friendless and facing big changes at home, where she is about to go from only child to big sister. Feeling alone and adrift, and like her words don’t deserve to be seen, Bea takes solace in writing haiku in invisible ink and hiding them in a secret spot.

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Books for 7th and 8th Graders
Artemis Fowl / Eoin Colfer
J FICTION COLFER
When twelve-year old evil genius Artemis Fowl tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.

The Great Greene Heist / Varian Johnson
Y FICTION JOHNSON
Jackson Greene is saving the school -- one con at a time.

A Night Divided / Jennifer A. Nielsen
J FICTION NIELSEN
With the rise of the Berlin Wall, 12-year-old Gerta finds her family divided overnight. One day, on her way to school, Gerta spots her father on a viewing platform then receives a mysterious drawing. Gerta concludes that her father wants Gerta to tunnel beneath the wall. Will Gerta and her family find their way to freedom?

The Explorers: The Door In the Alley / Adrienne Kress
J FICTION KRESS
A shy boy’s life is sent spiraling into adventure after a fateful day when he discovers a pig in a small hat and returns it home at they mysterious Explorers club.

The Flame of Olympus / Kate O’Hearn
J FICTION O’HEARN
Thirteen-year-old Emily’s life is transformed when Pegasus, the mythological winged horse, crashes onto the roof of her building during a New York City blackout and takes her to Olympus where she faces monsters, a corrupt governmental agency, and the quest to keep the Olympic flame burning.

The Night Diary / Veera Hiranandani
J FICTION HIRANANDANI
Shy twelve-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her deceased Muslim mother in the pages of her diary.

Sal & Gabi Break the Universe / Carlos Hernandez
J FICTION HERNANDEZ
In order to heal after his mother's death, Sal learned how to meditate. Turns out he can reach into time and space to retrieve things from other universes, even his mom!

The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate / Jacqueline Kelly
J FICTION KELLY
Eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, learns about love from the older three of her six brothers, and studies the natural world with her grandfather, the latter of which leads her to an important discovery.

Legend / Marie Lu
Y FICTION LU
From very different worlds, June and Day have no reason to cross paths - until the day June’s brother, Metias, is murdered and Day becomes the prime suspect.

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