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Author / Illustrator	Title	Publisher
Ashman, Linda; Aparna Varma, illustrator	<i>Champion Chompers, Super Stinkers and Other Poems by Extraordinary Animals</i>	Kids Can Press
Balouch, Kristen	<i>One Million Trees: A True Story</i>	Holiday House
Barrows, Annie; Sophie Blackall, illustrator	<i>Stella & Marigold</i>	Chronicle Books
Herman, Debbie; Sheila Bailey, illustrator	<i>Carla's Glasses</i>	Flashlight Press
Kulekjian, Jessica; Zoe Si, illustrator	<i>Kaboom! : A Volcano Erupts</i>	Kids Can Press
Lanan, Jessica	<i>Jumper: A Day in the Life of a Backyard Jumping Spider</i>	Roaring Brook Press, an imprint of Macmillan
LaRochelle, David; Mike Wohnoutka, illustrator	<i>Mr. Fox's Game of "No!"</i>	Candlewick Press
Matheson, Christie	<i>A Mischief of Mice</i>	Sourcebooks Jabberwocky
Oliveira, Jen de	<i>Reggie: Kid Penguin</i>	LB Ink, an imprint of Little, Brown Books for young Readers, a division of Hachette Publishing
Rajan, Rekha S.; Courtney Lovett, illustrator	<i>Wildfire Rescue (Disaster Squad)</i>	Scholastic
Spires, Ashley	<i>The Most Magnificent Maker's A to Z</i>	Kids Can Press
Spires, Ashley	<i>Burt the Beetle Lives Here!</i>	Kids Can Press
Unger, David; Marta Álvarez Miguéns, illustrator	<i>José Feeds the World: How a Famous Chef Feeds Millions of People in Need Around the World</i>	Duopress, an imprint of Sourcebooks
Wicker, Valeria	<i>The Knight Snacker</i>	Little, Brown and Company
Zier-Vogel, Lindsay; Caroline Bonne Müller, illustrator	<i>Dear Street</i>	Kids Can Press



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Applegate, Katherine	<i>Odder</i>	Feiweil and Friends, an imprint of Macmillan Books
Axelrod-Contrada, Joan and Ann Malaspina	<i>Zeke the Weather Geek: There's a Lizard in My Blizzard!</i>	Kids Can Press
Bertman, Jennifer Chambliss	<i>Sisterhood of Sleuths</i>	Christy Ottaviano Books, Little, Brown and Company, a division of Hachette Books
Boxer, Elisa	<i>Hidden Hope: How a Toy and a Hero Saved Lives During the Holocaust</i>	Abrams Books for Young Readers
Brunelle, Lynn	<i>Haiku, Ew! : Celebrating the Disgusting Side of Nature</i>	Millbrook Press, an imprint of Lerner Publishing Group
Connor, Leslie	<i>Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?</i>	Katherine Tegen Books, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers
Derr, Aaron	<i>Baseball Buddies: Building a Team</i>	Red Chair Press
Hopkinson, Deborah	<i>Evidence! : How Dr. John Snow Solved the Mystery of Cholera</i>	Alfred A. Knopf, an imprint of Penguin Random House
Lapati, JoAnna	<i>Guts for Glory: The Story of Civil War Soldier Rosetta Wakeman</i>	Eerdmans Books for Young Readers
Miller, Chanel	<i>Magnolia Wu Unfolds It All</i>	Philomel, an imprint of Penguin Books USA
Shepard, Sara	<i>Penny Draws a Best Friend</i>	G.P. Putnam's Sons, an imprint of Penguin Random House
Skye, Evelyn	<i>Princess Private Eye</i>	Disney, Hyperion
Van Draanen, Wendelin	<i>Mr. Whiskers and the Shenanigan Sisters</i>	Alfred A. Knopf, an imprint of Penguin Random House
Walsh, Jenni L.	<i>Operation: Happy</i>	Zonderkidz, an imprint of HarperCollins
Winter, Jonah	<i>It Happened in Salem</i>	Creative Editions, an imprint of the Creative Company



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Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker	<i>The Night War</i>	Dial Books, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers
Day, Nicholas	<i>The Mona Lisa Vanishes: A Legendary Painter, a Shocking Heist, and the Birth of a Global Celebrity</i>	Random House Studio
Fipps, Lisa	<i>And Then, Boom!</i>	Nancy Paulsen Books, an imprint of Penguin Young Readers
Gerber, Alyson	<i>The Liars Society</i>	Scholastic Press
Kelly, Erin Entrada	<i>The First State of Being</i>	Greenwillow Books, an imprint of Harper Collins
Lackey, Lindsay	<i>Farther Than the Moon</i>	Roaring Brook Press, an imprint of Macmillan Books
Marsh, Katherine	<i>The Lost Year</i>	Roaring Brook Press, an imprint of Macmillan Books
Millington, Allie	<i>Olivetti</i>	Feiwel & Friends, an imprint of Macmillan Books
Schmidt, Gary D.	<i>The Labors of Hercules Beal</i>	Clarion Books, an imprint of HarperCollins
Shang, Wendy Wan-Long	<i>The Secret Battle of Evan Pao</i>	Scholastic Press
Stone, Nic	<i>Fast Pitch</i>	Crown Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Penguin Random House
Tang, Betty C.	<i>Parachute Kids</i>	Graphix, an imprint of Scholastic
Thomas, Angie	<i>Nic Blake and the Remarkables: The Manifestor Prophecy</i>	Balzer + Bray, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers
Warga, Jasmine	<i>A Rover's Story</i>	Balzer + Bray, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers
Zarr, Sara	<i>Kyra, Just for Today</i>	Balzer + Bray, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers



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Cobell, K. A.	<i>Looking for Smoke</i>	Heartdrum, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers
Deuker, Carl	<i>Shadowed</i>	Clarion Books , an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers
Follmuth, Alexene Farol	<i>Twelfth Knight</i>	Tor Publishing Group , an imprint of Macmillan Publishing Group
Lyle, Jennifer D.	<i>Swarm</i>	SourceBooks Fire
Mann, J. Albert	<i>Shift Happens: The History of Labor in the United States</i>	Harper , an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers
McCauley, Kyrie	<i>Bad Graces</i>	Katherine Tegen Books , an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers
McDowell, Kara	<i>The Prince & the Apocalypse: A Novel</i>	Wednesday Books , an imprint of St. Martin's Publishing Group, an imprint of Macmillan Publishing Group
McManus, Karen M.	<i>Such Charming Liars</i>	Delacorte Press, an imprint of Penguin Random House
Nelson, Jandy	<i>When the World Tips Over</i>	Dial Books , an imprint of Penguin Random House
Reynolds, Jason	<i>Twenty-Four Seconds from Now...: A Love Story</i>	Atheneum , an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Division
Ross, Rebecca	<i>Divine Rivals: A Novel</i>	Wednesday Books , an imprint of St. Martin's Publishing Group, an imprint of Macmillan Publishing Group
Sepetys, Ruta and Steve Sheinkin	<i>The Bletchley Riddle</i>	Viking , an imprint of Penguin Random House
Yang, Gene Luen and LeUyen Pham	<i>Lunar New Year Love Story</i>	First Second , an imprint of Roaring Brook Press, an imprint of Macmillan Publishing Group
Yoo, Paula	<i>Rising from the Ashes: Los Angeles, 1992. Edward Jae Song Lee, Latasha Harlins, Rodney King, and a City on Fire</i>	Norton Young Readers , an imprint of W.W. Norton & Company
Zentner, Jeff and Brittany Cavallaro	<i>Sunrise Nights</i>	Quill Tree Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers