

The Season of Styx Malone
by Kekla Magoon

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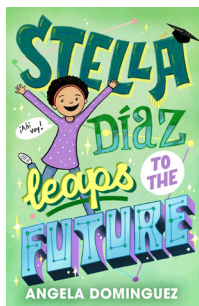
Caleb and his 11-year-old brother, Bobby Gene are looking forward to summertime adventures when they meet their new neighbor, 16-year-old Styx. He's super cool and has a trading scheme that could get the boys some fireworks, a lawn mower, a moped—and a lot of trouble.

Shirley & Jamila series
by Gillian Goerz

J GRAPHIC GOERZ

It's summer, and ten-year-old Jamila Waheed is dreading making friends in her new town. When mothers force a "friendship" between Jamila and Shirley Bones, things are definitely awkward until Shirley is

"hired" to solve the mystery of a missing lizard, creating excitement in the neighborhood.



Stella Diaz series
by Angela Dominguez

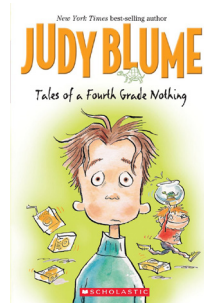
J DOMINGUEZ

As Mexican-American Stella Diaz navigates 3rd and 4th grades in her Chicago elementary school, she shows her passion for art and ocean conservation, but is shy when speaking up in Spanish and English. Stella's day-to-day life is upbeat and relatable, and features real-world cross-cultural experiences.

Swim Team
by Johnnie Christmas

J GRAPHIC CHRISTMAS

Meet middle-schooler Bree, who moves with her dad from Brooklyn to Florida. The big move becomes even more challenging when Bree learns that instead of taking a math class elective, her only option is Swim 101. (And Bree **doesn't** swim!)



Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
by Judy Blume

J BLUME

Peter's two-year-old brother, Fudge, is such a troublemaker that Peter feels like a fourth grade nothing, totally overlooked by his parents. Fudge's temper tantrums are over the top, messy, (and pretty

funny) but when Peter's pet turtle goes missing, Peter just can't take it anymore.



Unicorn Rescue Society series
by Adam Gidwitz

J GIDWITZ

This action-packed adventure series follows friends Elliot and Uchenna who are dedicated to saving mythical creatures around the world. Full of silly antics and quirky personalities, readers will laugh their way through these fun-filled fantasy stories.

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Click series
by Kayla Miller

J GRAPHIC MILLER

These graphic novels center on Olive, who is learning to develop her self-confidence and use her unique voice. Whether she's working on strengthening friendships, or navigating challenges in middle school or camp, Olive is a family-focused girl who is finding her own way.



Fart Quest series
by Aaron Reynolds

J REYNOLDS

This wacky fantasy series presents

three apprentices who must discover the quest they think they were destined for. These books are full of illustrations, potty humor, and magical friendships.



FunJungle series
by Stuart Gibbs

J GIBBS

The 8th book in the popular bestselling FunJungle mystery series features Teddy Fitzroy's trip to Malibu where a massive dead whale has washed up on the beach—and then explodes. Teddy and trusted partner, Summer, are on the case.

The Ickabog
by J.K. Rowling

J ROWLING

In the peaceful kingdom of Cornucopia, best friends Daisy and Bert try to overcome personal losses while the legendary Ickabog appears to threaten their community. This fantasy adventure presents a serious battle of good vs. evil, with strong friendships and inspiring family loyalty.



The Last Kids on Earth series
by Max Brallier

J BRALLIER

When Jack Sullivan's hometown is hit with a monster apocalypse, he can't survive on his own, and recruits a team of surviving friends and enemies to help fight the freaky Zombies and the Blarg. This illustrated novel is action-packed with lots of gross-out moments.



Link + Hud: Heroes by a Hair
by Jarrett & Jerome Pumphrey

J PUMPHREY

Young brothers Lincoln and Hudson Dupré have imaginations that take them to crazy places (even when they never leave their house). In this illustrated novel, readers will laugh at the antics, drawings, and ridiculousness of this adventurous and goofy duo.



The Lion of Mars
by Jennifer Holm

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11-year-old Bell has spent his whole life in the U.S. colony—

on Mars. His chores involve space dust, and his food is mostly algae-based, but Bell has lots of questions about why the adults in the space colony have certain rules, and some serious secrets.

Locker 37 series
by Aaron Starmer

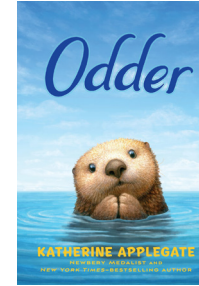
J STARMER

This page-turning illustrated school adventure series focuses on the 4th graders at Hopewell Elementary who have access to the problem-solving magic of Locker 37.

My Father's Dragon trilogy
by Ruth Stiles Gannett

J GANNETT

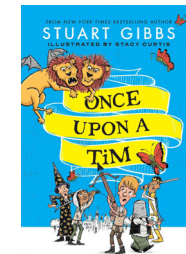
This classic trilogy follows the unexpected adventures of Elmer Elevator on Wild Island where dragons live and wild animals can talk.



Odder
by Katherine Applegate

J APPLGATE

Inspired by the stories of real sea otters rehabilitated at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, this emotional novel features a fearless otter who is curious to a fault and strives to survive California's coastal waters on her own.



Once Upon a Tim series
by Stuart Gibbs

J GIBBS

Set in medieval times, friends Tim and Belinda want to become knights (instead of being peasants) and volunteer to help a

prince and magician save a princess from a monster. With silly situations, potty humor, and bloodthirsty butterflies, readers are sure to enjoy this fast-moving adventure series.



Our Universe series
by Stacy McAnulty

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These humorous but very informative picture books are a great way to introduce readers to planetary science without overwhelming them. This popular series includes the titles *Mars!*, *Ocean!*, *Sun!*, *Moon!*, and *Earth!*

Planet Omar series
by Zanib Mian

J MIAN

10-year-old Omar is the middle child in his British Muslim family and

is nervous about his first day at a new school. With journal-like drawings that highlight Omar's imagination and humor, this series is full of Omar's energy and curiosity, giving readers a fast-paced story full of accessible cultural information.



Ryan Hart series
by Renee Watson

J WATSON

When 4th grader Ryan Hart's family moves to another neighborhood, times are tough, but Ryan's positive energy helps her renew friendships and bring sunshine to her new community. This heartwarming series is from an award-winning author.