Nonfiction

Aronson, Marc  YA 363.1196 Aro
Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 Feet Below the Chilean Desert

Bix, Cynthia  YA 973.91 Bix
Fad Mania! A History of American Crazes

Gownley, Jimmy  YA 741.5 Gow
The Dumbest Idea Ever!

Montgomery, Sy  YA 599.759 Mon
Chasing Cheetahs: The Race to Save Africa’s Fastest Cats

Patent, Dorothy  YA 636.7088 Pat
Super Sniffers: Dog Detectives on the Job

Scandiffio, Laura  YA 364.3 Sca
Outlaws, Spies, and Gangsters: Chasing Notorious Criminals

Sheinkin, Steve  YA 623.4511 She
Bomb: the Race to Build—and Steal—the World’s Most Dangerous Weapon

Turner, Pamela  YA 599.533 Tur
The Dolphins of Shark Bay

Warren, Andrea  YA 823.8 War
Charles Dickens and the Street Children of London

Fiction

Amato, Mary  YA F Amato
Get Happy
All Minerva wants for her sixteenth birthday is a ukulele. Instead, she receives an ugly cardigan sweater from her mom—and an unexpected package from the father she hasn’t seen in fourteen years.

Brown, Skila  YA F Brown S
Caminar
Guatemala, 1981. Carlos is out gathering mushrooms when the army attacks his village. Now he is alone in the jungle. Novel in verse.

Dowd, Siobhan  YA F Dowd
The London Eye Mystery
When Salim disappears from a sealed pod on the London Eye, the police are stumped. Can Ted and his sister patch together enough clues to find their cousin?

Edwardson, Debby  YA F Edwardson
My Name Is Not Easy
In 1960, Luke and his brothers are sent to boarding school far from their village in the Alaskan Arctic. Can they survive in a world so different from their own?

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for Sixth Graders

**Erskine, Kathryn** YA F Erskine

*The Absolute Value of Mike*

Can Mike help a town raise $40,000 in three weeks? Poppy is supposed to carve boxes to sell, but he hasn’t left his chair since his son died. Moo is busy feeding her cat-shaped clock. Maybe Gladys? She’s the most gorgeous punk rocker ever, but she can’t get over stage fright.

**Farrey, Brian** YA F Farrey

*The Vengekeep Prophecies*

The Grimjinx clan has always produced the best thieves in Vengekeep, but Jaxter is a dreadful one. And now a suspicious prophecy names the Grimjinx family as the heroes who will save the kingdom from fires, floods, and skeletal beasts. Can Jaxter possibly help?

**Hiaasen, Carl** YA F Hiaasen

*Scat*

The meanest teacher at school disappears after a field trip to Black Vine Swamp. Nick and Marta don’t believe she’s away for a “family emergency.” Maybe that kid Smoke has something to do with it.

**Holm, Jennifer** YA F Holm

*The Fourteenth Goldfish*

Starting middle school alone is bad enough, but now Ellie’s grandfather goes to school with her. He’s an eccentric scientist who has found a way to become a teenager again.

**Jinks, Catherine** YA F Jinks

*How to Catch a Bogle*

In 19th century London, Birdie is happy to be apprenticed to a Bogler, a monster killer. She’s used as bogle bait, but it’s a better job than most orphans have. Then orphans start to disappear, and she could be next.

**Rallison, Janette** YA F Rallison

*My Fair Godmother*

When Savannah wishes for a true prince to take her to prom, she doesn’t expect to be stranded in the Middle Ages by a mediocre teenage fairy godmother.

**Sheth, Kashmira** YA F Sheth

*Boys Without Names*

New to Mumbai, Gopal is tricked into working in a sweatshop along side five other boys. The Boss keeps them hungry and locked inside. With no trust among the boys, escape seems impossible.

**Smith, Roland** YA F Smith R

*I, Q: Independence Hall*

Q and his new step-sister Angela are caught in the middle of an international terrorist hunt. Angela isn’t the only one with secrets.

**Stead, Rebecca** YA F Stead

*First Light*

Thea’s ancestors built a community under the Arctic ice to escape the dangers of the old world, but she wishes she could explore the surface. Far away in New York, Peter’s family prepares for a research trip to Greenland. Oddly, these two kids have something in common.

**Voorhoeve, Anne** YA F Voorhoeve

*My Family for the War*

Frances is smuggled out of Germany on the kindertransport after her father is arrested by the Nazis. She has a single suitcase and the name of the English family that has agreed to shelter her.

**Watson, Jude** YA F Watson J

*Loot*

After his dad—an expert thief—falls from a roof and dies, March winds up at a terrible orphanage along with a twin sister he never knew he had. Luckily the siblings have inherited some of their father’s skills. They plan to escape—and to gain a fortune.