*Better with Butter*

by Victoria Piontek

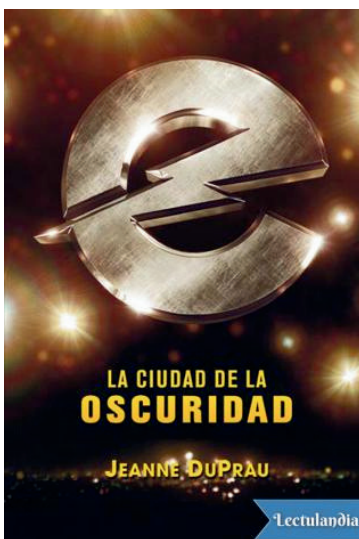
Marvel is afraid of absolutely everything. But when she stumbles upon kids teasing a baby fainting goat, she momentarily forgets her anxieties. Relating to how Butter feels, the two help ease each other's worries and are soon inseparable. Marvel even starts to imagine a life in which she doesn't have to be so scared...until she's told she might have to give up Butter forever.

*The City of Ember*

by Jeanne DuPrau

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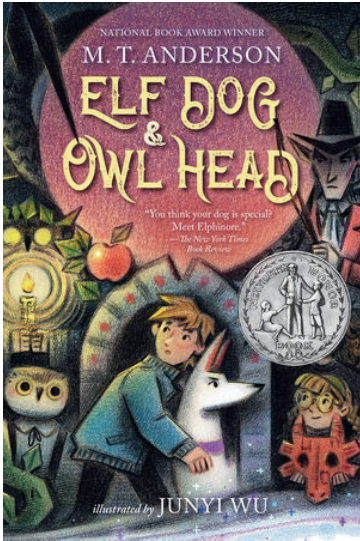
Lina doesn't want to believe that her city is failing. But lately there have been more and more blackouts that cast Ember into impenetrable darkness. Is there hope beyond the city's limits? No one knows—but maybe an old note holds the key to the future for the people of Ember. Once pieced together, Lina is inspired to risk everything she's ever known for the sake of everyone's survival.

*La ciudad de la oscuridad*
de Jeanne DuPrau

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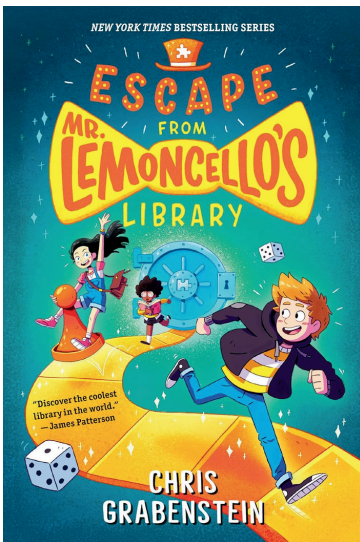
Lina no quiere creer que su ciudad está decayendo. Pero últimamente se han producido cada vez más apagones que sumergen a Ember en una oscuridad impenetrable. ¿Hay esperanza más allá de los límites de la ciudad? Nadie lo sabe, pero tal vez una vieja nota contenga la clave del futuro para los habitantes de Ember. Una vez reconstruida, Lina se siente inspirada a arriesgar todo lo que conoce por el bien de la supervivencia de todos.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

*Elf Dog and Owl Head*

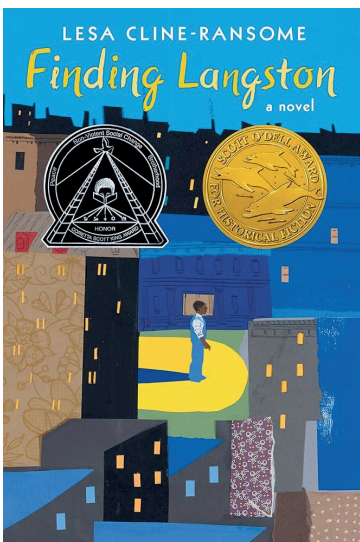
by M. T. Anderson

Quarantined with his family as a global plague ravages the world, Clay retreats to the woods where he meets a special little dog named Elphinore who leads him on surreal adventures into unknown worlds within the forest. But there are traps and terrors abound, and if Clay isn't careful, he might stray off the path and lose his way (and Elphinore) forever.

*Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*

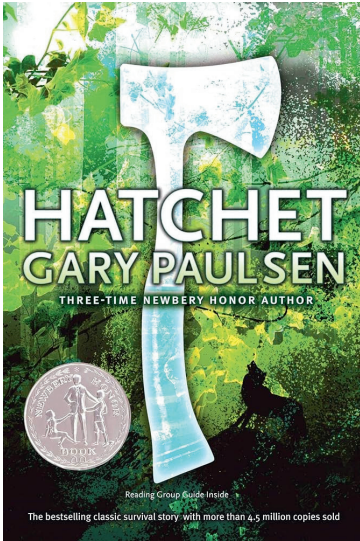
by Chris Grabenstein

Twelve-year-old Kyle wins a coveted spot to be one of 12 children chosen to stay in the new town library—designed by his hero, the famous game maker Luigi Lemoncello—for an overnight of fun, food, and games. But when morning comes, the kids find all the doors still locked, and they must work together to solve secret puzzles in order to discover the hidden escape route.

*Finding Langston*

by Lesa Cline-Ransome

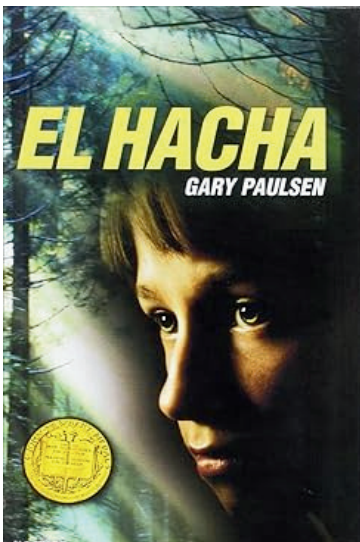
In the late 1940s, Langston who has recently moved is having a hard time with the transition. Still grieving the death of his mother and suffering from bullying at school, Langston finds a library full of people that look like him, despite growing up with the belief that libraries are only for white people. There, he's drawn to the work of a Black poet who has the same name as he does: Langston.

*Hatchet*

by Gary Paulsen

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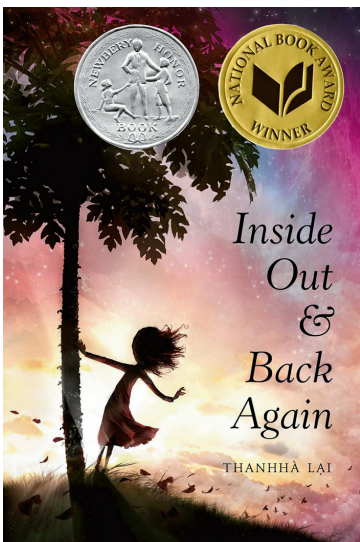
While on a flight to visit his dad, the plane crashes killing the pilot and leaving thirteen-year-old Brian to fend for himself in the wilderness for fifty-four days. Learning to survive armed with only one tool—a hatchet given him by his mother, Brian also grapples with his feelings surrounding his parents' divorce.

*El hacha*

de Gary Paulsen

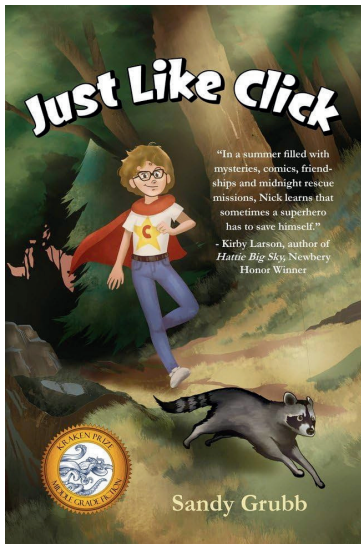
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Mientras viaja en avión para visitar a su padre, el avión se estrella, matando al piloto y dejando al joven Brian, de trece años, solo en medio de la naturaleza durante cincuenta y cuatro días. Aprendiendo a sobrevivir armado con una sola herramienta, un hacha que le dio su madre, Brian también lidia con sus sentimientos sobre el divorcio de sus padres.

*Inside Out and Back Again*

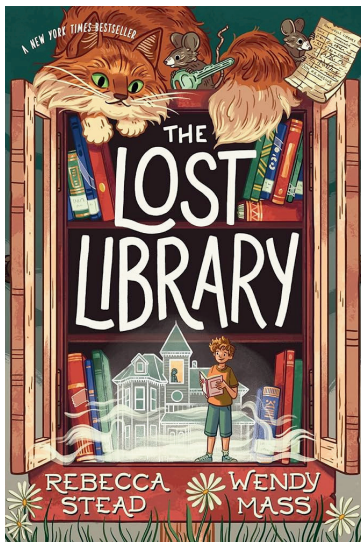
by Thanhha Lai

In South Vietnam in 1975, the violence of the Vietnam War reaches Ha's family in the midst of celebrating Tet. Captivating poems chronicle Ha's family's journey fleeing from danger and adapting to their new life in Alabama, as it's not just language and food that are foreign, but the faces and attitudes around Ha plus the feelings she has about herself.

*Just Like Click*

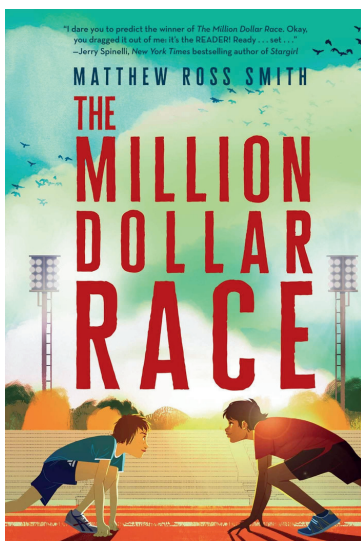
by Sandy Grubb

Nick Townley has lived his entire life at Black Butte Ranch. Preferring to retreat within the pages of his Adventures of Click comics, Nick must confront real life when a string of robberies threatens his dad's job. Desperate to stop his family from moving, Nick ventures into the night as Click, an undercover superhero. However, three kids discover his identity and want to join him. Even superheroes need friends, right?

*The Lost Library*

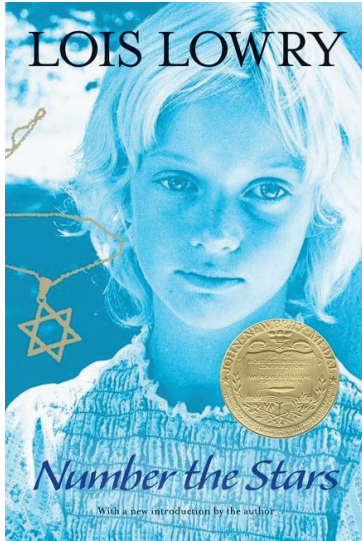
by Rebecca Stead and Wendy Mass

When Evan borrows two books from a Little Free Library, he discovers their last lendees: his own dad and a now-famous mystery writer who returned the copy on the day of the notorious Martinville library fire 20 years earlier. Intrigued, Evan begins to investigate the library fire and is surprised to discover a connection to his father, stuck ghosts, and secrets of the past.

*The Million Dollar Race*

by Matthew Ross Smith

Grant isn't just good at track; he's close to breaking a record. So when an international competition to find the fastest kid is announced, he's desperate to sign up. But not so fast. Turns out, his parents never got him a birth certificate, so he can't race for the USA and may have to invent his own country. And even if that plan works, winning gold will mean knocking his best friend—and biggest competitor—Jay, out of the competition.



Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

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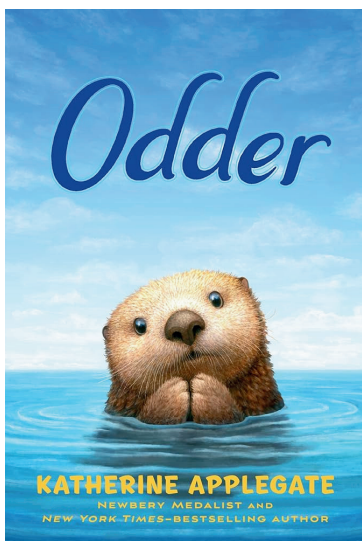
Ten-year-old Annemarie, living in occupied Denmark during World War II, must test the limits of her own courage when she and her family assist their Jewish friends in escaping from the Nazis.



¿Quién cuenta las estrellas? de Lois Lowry

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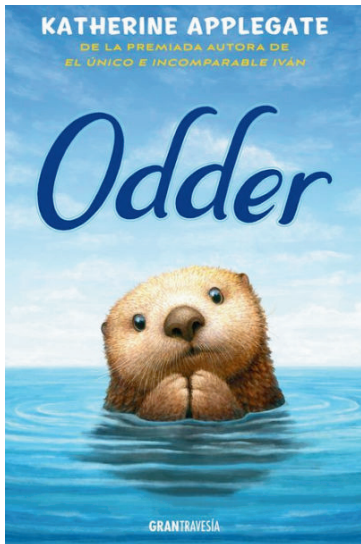
Annemarie, una niña de diez años que vive en la Dinamarca ocupada durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial, debe poner a prueba los límites de su propia valentía cuando ella y su familia ayudan a sus amigos judíos a escapar de los nazis.



Odder by Katherine Applegate

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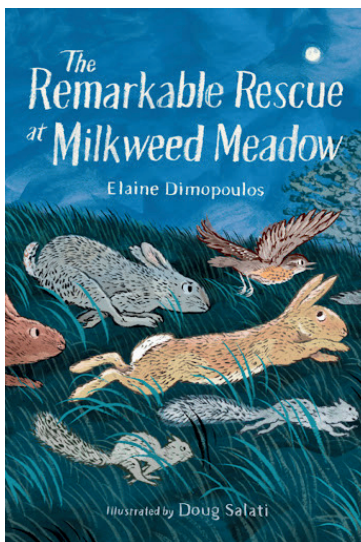
Odder the otter spends her days practicing her underwater acrobatics and spinning quirky stories. She's a fearless daredevil, curious to a fault. But when Odder comes face-to-face with a great white shark, her life takes a dramatic turn, one that will challenge everything she believes about herself—and about the humans who hope to save her.



Odder de Katherine Applegate

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Odder, la nutria, pasa sus días practicando acrobacias submarinas y contando historias extravagantes. Es una temeraria intrépida, curiosa hasta el extremo. Pero cuando Odder se encuentra cara a cara con un gran tiburón blanco, su vida da un giro dramático que pondrá a prueba todo lo que cree sobre sí misma y sobre los humanos que esperan salvarla.



The Remarkable Rescue at Milkweed Meadow by Elaine Dimopoulos

Butternut lives with her nine brothers and sisters, and together they practice strategies for survival and tell stories. With disastrous scenarios blooming in her mind, Butternut embraces the lesson she's been taught: stick to your own rabbit-kind. But after befriending a persistent robin and a wounded deer, Butternut begins to question this and seeks to rally others to be as brave and help those in crisis.



The Secret Garden on 81st Street by Ivy Noelle Weir and Amber Padilla

When her parents pass away in a tragic accident, Mary moves in with her uncle whom she barely knows. Looking for comfort in this strange, new reality, Mary discovers an abandoned rooftop garden and an even bigger secret...her cousin who suffers from anxiety. With the help of her new friends, she restores the garden to its former glory while also learning to grieve, build real friendships, and grow.



Squished by Megan Wagner Lloyd and Michelle Mee Nutter

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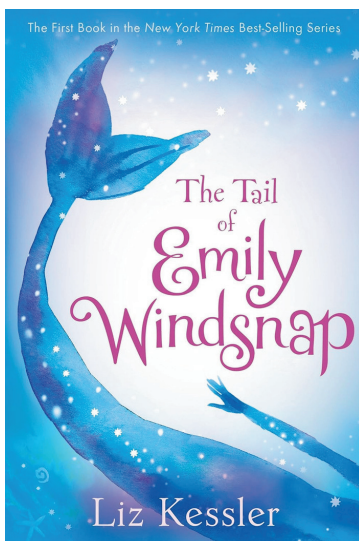
Tired of feeling squished by her six siblings, all Avery wants is her own room—space to be alone and make art. So she's furious when Theo, her grumpy older brother, gets his own room instead, and her baby brother, Max, moves into the room she already shares with her clingy sister Pearl! The plan to finally get her own room becomes even more complicated when Avery finds out that her family might move across the country.



Apachurrada de Megan Wagner Lloyd & Michelle Mee Nutter

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Cansada de sentirse aplastada por sus seis hermanos, lo único que Avery desea es tener su propia habitación, un espacio para estar sola y dedicarse al arte. Por eso se enfada mucho cuando Theo, su gruñón hermano mayor, consigue su propia habitación y su hermano pequeño, Max, se muda a la habitación que ella ya comparte con su pegajosa hermana Pearl. El plan para conseguir por fin su propia habitación se complica aún más cuando Avery descubre que su familia podría mudarse al otro lado del país.



The Tail of Emily Windsnap by Liz Kessler

For as long as she can remember, Emily has lived on a boat. And, oddly enough, for just as long, her mother has seemed anxious to keep her away from the water. But when finally given permission to take swimming lessons, Emily makes a startling discovery—about her own identity, the mysterious father she's never met, and the thrilling possibilities and perils shimmering deep below the water's surface.