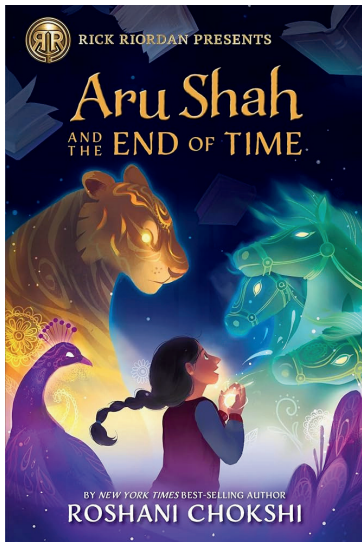


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Aru Shah and the End of Time by Roshani Chokshi

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Aru Shah, who has a tendency to stretch the truth in order to fit in at school winds herself up feeling pressure to prove the Lamp of Bharata at her museum home is cursed, and now she's unwittingly freed the Sleeper. The only way to stop this demon is to find the reincarnations of the five legendary Pandava brothers and journey through the Kingdom of Death before time runs out.



Aru Shah y el fin del tiempo de Roshani Chokshi

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Aru Shah, que tiende a exagerar la verdad para encajar en la escuela, acaba sintiéndose presionada para demostrar que la Lámpara de Bharata de su museo está maldita y ahora, sin saberlo, ha liberado al Durmiente. La única forma de detener a este demonio es encontrar las reencarnaciones de los cinco legendarios hermanos Pandava y viajar a través del Reino de la muerte antes de que se acabe el tiempo.



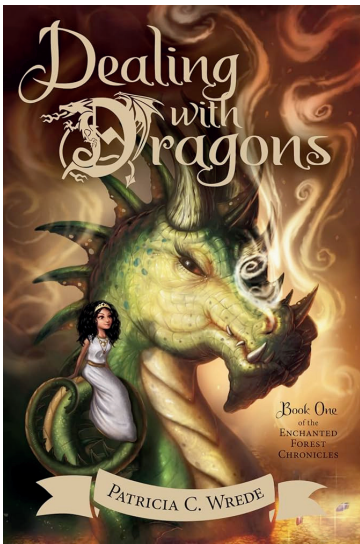
Asha and the Spirit Bird by Jasbinder Bilan

When four months go by without word from her father and a debt collector starts threatening her family, Asha and her best friend must swallow their fears and set out on a dangerous journey across the Himalayas. As desperation turns to peril, Asha keeps faith with the help of a majestic bird and a green-eyed tiger who she believes to be the spirits of her ancestors.

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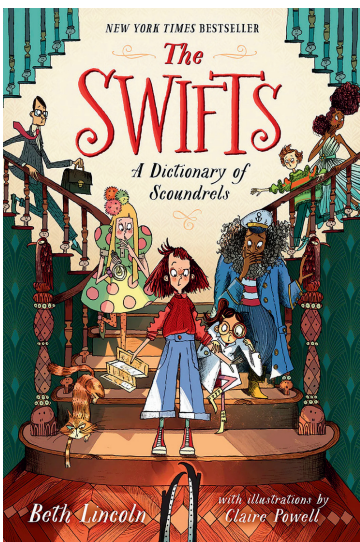
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Dealing with Dragons by Patricia C. Wrede

Princess Cimorene has a reputation of taking little interest in the "proper" pastimes befitting her social station. So news of her impending marriage prompts her to run away and volunteer to be a princess to a dragon. Once established in her new lair, Cimorene's independent spirit and intelligence soon embroil her in a non-stop adventure fighting against some disreputable wizards who want to steal away the dragons' kingdom.



A Dictionary of Scoundrels by Beth Lincoln

When born, every Swift child is brought before the sacred Family Dictionary to be given a name and a definition they will grow up to match. Shenanigan is excited for the big reunion to hunt for Grand-Uncle Vile's long-lost treasure and meet relatives—until one of them gives Arch-Aunt Schadenfreude a deadly shove down the stairs. To shake off her troublemaker perception, she's determined to follow the twisty clues and catch the killer.



Dragon Pearl by Yoon Ha Lee

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Longing to escape her impoverished planet, Min's counting the days until she can follow her older brother, Jun, into the Space Forces and see more of the Thousand Worlds. When word arrives that Jun has left his post in search of the Dragon Pearl, Min knows that something is wrong. Now, a quest to clear his name will have her meeting gamblers, pirates, and vengeful ghosts while using more of her fox-magic than ever before.

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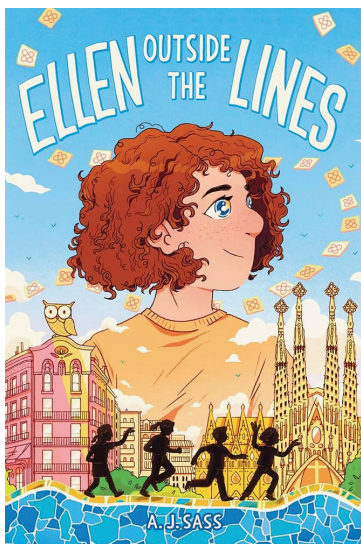
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La perla del dragón de Yoon Ha Lee

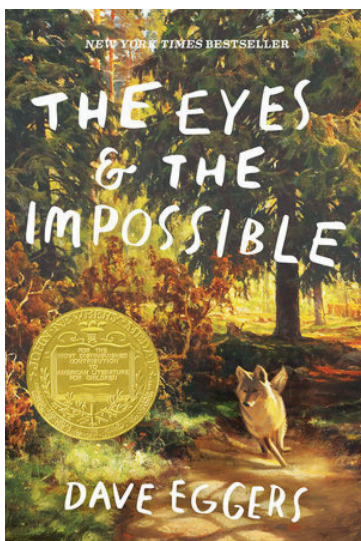
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Anhelando escapar de su empobrecido planeta, Min cuenta los días que faltan para poder seguir a su hermano mayor, Jun, en las Fuerzas espaciales y ver más de los Mil mundos. Cuando llega la noticia de que Jun ha abandonado su puesto en busca de la Perla del dragón, Min sabe que algo va mal. Ahora, una búsqueda para esclarecer su nombre la llevará a encontrarse con jugadores, piratas y fantasmas vengativos, mientras utiliza más que nunca su magia de zorro.



Ellen Outside the Lines by A.J. Sass

Laurel has always made Ellen feel like being autistic is no big deal. But lately, their relationship is changing. A school trip to Barcelona seems like the perfect place for Ellen to get their friendship back on track. Except it doesn't. Toss in a new nonbinary classmate whose identity has Ellen questioning her very binary world view, homesickness, a scavenger hunt-style team project, and this trip is anything but what Ellen planned.



The Eyes and the Impossible by Dave Eggers

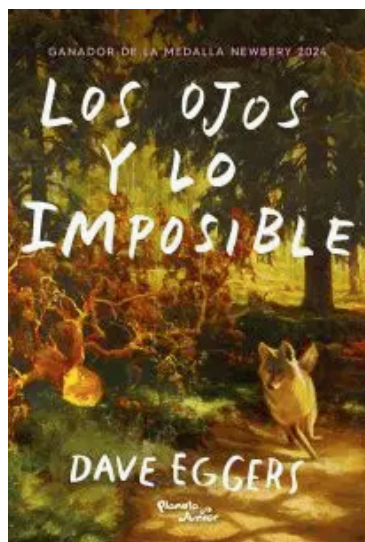
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Johannes takes his job as the “eyes” of the park where he’s lived in the wild since he was a puppy very seriously. Johannes reports nightly to the three bison, but one day he is snatched by a group of humans and comes away from the experience with a new appreciation for freedom. Johannes and his friends now desire to attempt the impossible feats of freeing the bison and getting Johannes into the newly opened museum to view the art.

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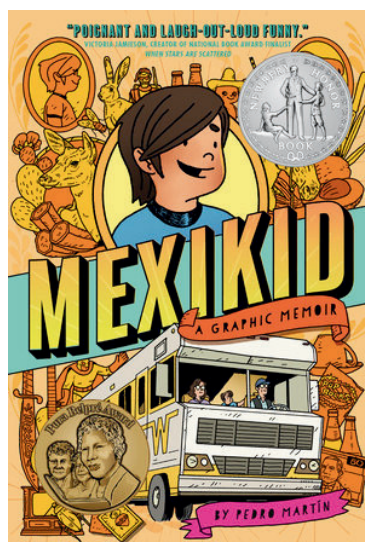
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Los Ojos y lo imposible de Dave Eggers

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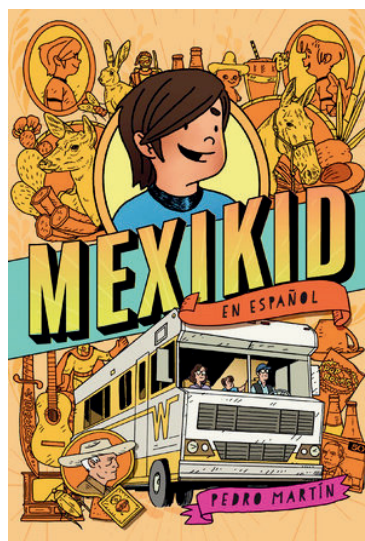
Johannes se toma muy en serio su trabajo como los “ojos” del parque donde ha vivido en libertad desde que era un cachorro. Johannes informa cada noche a los tres bisontes, pero un día es secuestrado por un grupo de humanos y sale de la experiencia con una nueva apreciación de la libertad. Johannes y sus amigos ahora desean intentar lo imposible: liberar a los bisontes y llevar a Johannes al museo recién inaugurado para ver el arte.



Mexikid: A Graphic Memoir by Pedro Martín

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A memoir recounting growing up the seventh of nine kids in a Mexican American family in the 1970s is recalled in this memoir, specifically the summer Pedro's family traveled to Pegueros, 2,000 miles away from their home, to bring Abuelito back to live with them. Having grown up in the U.S. with only the legendary stories, this family road trip allows further connection between the family members and Pedro to his own Mexican identity.



Mexikid en Español de Pedro Martín

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En esta autobiografía se relata el crecimiento del séptimo de nueve hijos de una familia mexicoamericana en la década de 1970, concretamente el verano en que la familia de Pedro viajó a Pegueros, a 3200 km de su hogar, para traer a abuelito a vivir con ellos. Habiendo crecido en Estados Unidos solo con las historias legendarias, este viaje familiar por carretera permite una mayor conexión entre los miembros de la familia y Pedro con su propia identidad mexicana.

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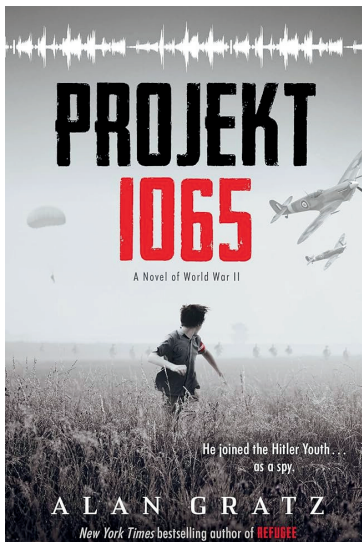
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An Occasionally Happy Family

by Cliff Burke

There are zero reasons for Theo to look forward to his family vacation. Not only are they going to Big Bend, the least popular National Park, but once there, the family will be camping. Further, they must contend with 110-degree days, wild bears, and an annoying amateur ornithologist and his awful teenage vlogger son. Then, Theo's dad drops a whopper of a surprise: the whole trip is a trick to introduce a secret new girlfriend.



Projekt 1065: A Novel of World War II

by Alan Gratz

It is 1943, and thirteen-year-old Michael O'Shaunessey, son of the Irish ambassador to Nazi Germany in Berlin, is also a spy for the British Secret Service, so he has joined the Hitler Youth. Pretending that he agrees with their violence and book-burning is hard enough—but when he is asked to find out more about "Projekt 1065" both his and his parents' lives get a lot more dangerous.



Rain Rising

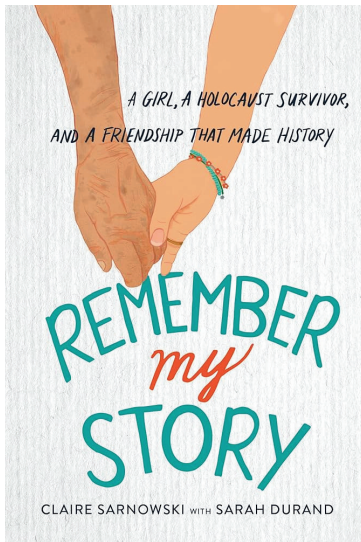
by Courtne Comrie

While on a college visit, Rain's brother is beaten by a group of white frat boys. Devastated, Rain spirals, falling behind in school, until a teacher who notices that she is struggling suggests a support group. In time, with healthier coping mechanisms and a strong support system, Rain pursues new interests and tries to love herself for who she is.

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Remember My Story

by Claire Sarnowski and Sarah Durand

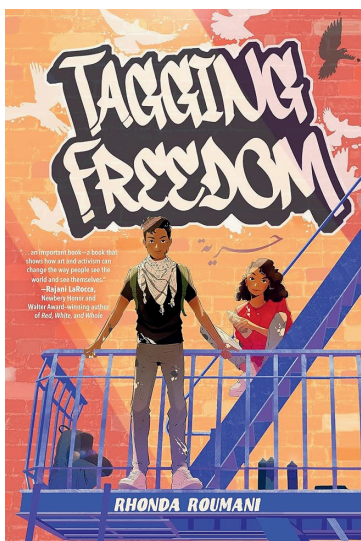
In 2018, fourteen-year-old Claire Sarnowski stood with ninety-two-year-old Alter Wiener in front of the Oregon state senate to champion a cause: making Holocaust education mandatory in the state's public school curriculum. Theirs was an unexpected friendship—she was in elementary school when they met, and he was an aging Holocaust survivor whose memoir she had read—and together they were going to change the system.



Soar

by Joan Bauer

Jeremiah is the world's biggest baseball fan. So when he's told he can't play baseball following an operation on his heart, Jeremiah decides he'll do the next best thing and become a coach. Hillcrest, where he's just moved, is a town known for its championship baseball team. But the town's caught up in a scandal and about ready to give up. It's up to Jeremiah and his can-do spirit to get the town - and the team - back in the game.



Tagging Freedom

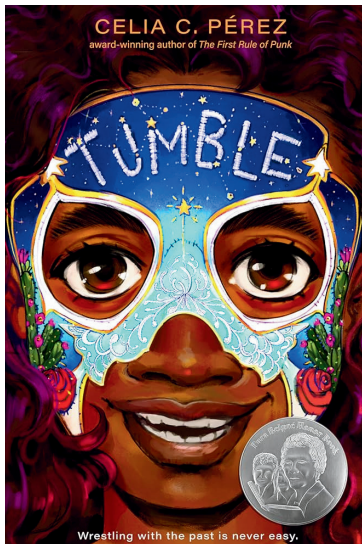
by Rhonda Roumani

Kareem of Damascus, Syria, never dreamed of becoming a graffiti artist. But as unrest in his county grows, Kareem and his friends are inspired to create messages of freedom. Then Kareem is sent as a method of protection to live with his cousin Sam in the USA. As graffiti messages appear around town and all eyes turn to Kareem, Sam must make a choice: shy away to protect her social status or stand with her cousin.

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Tumble

by Celia C. Pérez

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When Adela Ramirez's stepfather asks if he can formally adopt her, Addie needs some questions answered before she decides; the identity of her biological father, first and foremost. A little sleuthing proves that her father is none other than famous local luchador Manny Bravo. Addie's mother reluctantly arranges a meeting with the Bravo clan, all of whom are steeped in lucha libre culture leading to a discovery of what family really means.

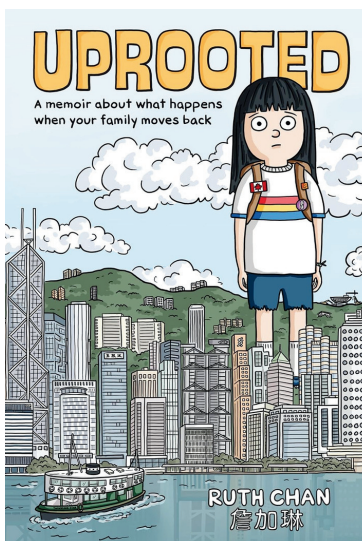


Tumbos

de Celia C. Pérez

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Cuando el padrastro de Adela Ramírez le pregunta si puede adoptarla formalmente, Addie necesita que le respondan algunas preguntas antes de decidirse; la identidad de su padre biológico, ante todo. Una pequeña investigación demuestra que su padre no es otro que el famoso luchador local Manny Bravo. La madre de Addie organiza a regañadientes una reunión con el clan Bravo, todos ellos inmersos en la cultura de la lucha libre, lo que la lleva a descubrir lo que realmente significa la familia.



Uprooted: A Memoir About What Happens When Your Family Moves Back by Ruth Chan

Devastated to leave her close group of friends in Toronto, Ruth is unsure of her new life in Hong Kong, a place she's only visited a few times. Ruth's journey is shown in parallel to the story of how her father's family fled their homeland during the Sino-Japanese War. While Ruth makes new friends, she also feels lonely and unseen as an outsider struggling with Cantonese.