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*The Art of Keeping Cool* HarperCollins  
DIVDIVWinner of Italy’s 2006 Premio Andersen Award: A young writer’s fantasy world becomes dangerously entangled with reality/divDIV  
Eleven-year-old Archie and his six-year-old brother, Oggie, are constantly going back and forth between their mother’s home and the apartment that their father shares with his girlfriend. To distract Oggie from the turbulence of endlessly bouncing from “Saturn” to “Jupiter” and back again, Archie invents a fantastic story about the Mysterious Mole People. When Oggie’s wallet is stolen by kids from a local gang, Archie tries to retrieve it and becomes increasingly ensnared in the gang’s dangerous activities. Even worse, he soon finds that his fictitious mole story is merging with the darkness of real life in a very frightening way./div/divDIV/div

*Star in the Storm* HarperCollins  
The #1 blockbuster bestselling phenomenon continues in the 14th Stephanie Plum adventure.

*The True Story of Santa Claus* Open Road Media  
DIVAfter their violin teacher is attacked, two sisters stumble on dark secrets from her girlhood in France during World War II /divDIV  
Elsie and Mary’s lives are changed when they meet Miss Fitch, a fascinating Frenchwoman who makes her living teaching children the violin. She seems to be everything an instructor should be: stern when her students are slacking; inspiring when they lose heart. She knows how to make her young players believe in themselves. Mary is captivated, though she has no talent for the violin. Her sister Elsie is the natural musician in the family, but suddenly Elsie quits without explanation./divDIV /divDIV  
Not long after Elsie stops going to lessons, Miss Fitch is attacked in her home. As the girls look more closely at their teacher, they learn that the past can rise up to wreak havoc on even those whose lives seem most exemplary./divDIV /divDIV  
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*Rabble* Starkey Simon and Schuster  
When three kittens are carelessly thrown off the back of a truck, none of the highway cats know what to make of them. They seem to have some sort of appeal?an energy, even?that Khalia Koo, Jolly Roger and the rest of the mangy, feral cats don’t understand. But there are bigger issues to figure out when the bulldozers start coming, threatening to demolish the cats’ homes as well as other historical landmarks. Can three little kittens be the answer to save the town? Illustrated with striking silhouettes, here is a spirited and original environmental story from Newbery Honor winner Janet Taylor Lisle about finding help?and hope?in the smallest, most unlikely of places.

*Sirens and Spies* Simon and Schuster  
" Well, when it was discovered that the trolls had switched you babies (you in your floating water lily cradle, with the other babe in a nest of down), my friend the kingfisher was to give you each a gift. You see, we never knew that you had been changed in your cradle until it came time for your wings to grow and you to be starting to flutter and the other to be learning to dive. By then we loved you, and the water sprites loved her, and it was beyond changing things back. But your mother wept because you couldn't fly, and the water sprite mother wept because her babe couldn't breathe underwater, so the kingfisher tried to make it right.... " *Afternoon of the Elves* Fat Glenda

Twelve-year-old Jessie spends the summer with her family on Quicksand Pond, a New England vacation spot, where she develops a star-crossed friendship with independent Terri, and meets a reclusive old lady whose connection to a murder that took place decades ago still informs her present and affects Terri in ways that Jessie gradually comes to understand the more time they spend together.

*The Lost Flower Children* Penguin  
Twelve-year-old Josie must find forever homes for seven rambunctious foster puppies in this heartwarming sequel to *The Unlikely Story of a Pig in the City*, which the Bulletin of the Center for Children ’ s Books called “ a compelling story that will appeal to the animal fans who loved *The One and Only Ivan*. ” Anytime Josie Shilling ’ s large family gets too chaotic, volunteering at the local animal clinic is the one place she can escape—and she loves working with the animals. But when a box mysteriously appears on the clinic ’ s front steps, Josie suddenly becomes responsible for seven adorable puppies! Taking care of her pig, Hamlet, last fall was a bit harder than she thought. So how is she ever going to handle a whole litter of mischievous pups and find the right homes for them all? This summer will

bring big changes for Josie as she learns about growing up, letting go, and loving your pack no matter what. *Dog Days in the City* is a heartwarming blend of coming-of-age and animal friendship story that is perfect for fans of Ann M. Martin ’ s *Rain Reign*, Joan Bauer ’ s *Almost Home*, and Barbara O'Connor ’ s *Wish*.  
The Riverman Turtleback  
Companion to: Dragonswood and Dragon's keep.  
Fearless Fourteen Putnam Juvenile  
Alistair Cleary is the kid who everyone trusts. Fiona Loomis is not the typical girl next door. Alistair hasn't really thought of her since they were little kids until she shows up at his doorstep with a proposition: she wants him to write her biography. What begins as an odd vanity project gradually turns into a frightening glimpse into the mind of a potentially troubled girl. Fiona says that in her basement, there's a portal that leads to a magical world where a creature called the Riverman is stealing the souls of children. And Fiona's soul could be next. If Fiona really believes what she's saying, Alistair fears she may be crazy. But if it's true, her life could be at risk. In this novel from Aaron Starmer, it's up to Alistair to separate fact from fiction, fantasy from reality.

*How I Became a Writer and Oggie Learned to Drive* Open Road Media  
Only Alexander knows why the barn is haunted—and by what When Alexander notices an eerie light coming out of the barn,. He thinks his friend Blossom Culp is trying to spook him. But strange things really are happening there. Slimy footprints appear out of nowhere, and whimpering sounds float down from the hayloft. And when he ventures into the barn in the dark of night, his breath catches in his throat. Suddenly Blossom's words come back to him: "You can make contact with the Unseen...." Now there's a girl ghost standing right in front of him, telling him of great danger ahead. But is there time for Alexander to act on her warning? Blossom Culp #1 “ Peck ’ s blending of mystery and humor makes an unusual and entertaining ghost story. ” —Booklist, starred review  
The Ghost Belonged to Me Harper Collins

DIVWar is coming, and it will take two very unusual friends to avert a showdown in the town of Forest /divDIV  
Upper Forest is the kingdom of an ancient clan of squirrels. For years they have lived and died in the trees, building an elaborate civilization high above the earth. Since man came to Forest, the trees have been thinned, but there are still enough thick groves where the squirrels can run from branch to branch, going days without touching the ground. To avoid people, their natural enemies, the squirrels make their homes higher than any human can climb—or so they think. But they haven ’ t met Amber Padgett./divDIV /divDIV  
Swift, bright, and fearless, Amber has never fit in among humans. When she pokes her head into Upper Forest, she begins an unlikely friendship with a squirrel named Woodbine. As this mismatched pair grows close, the worlds of Upper and Lower Forest collide. But Amber ’ s father, and other people in town, think the squirrels are pests and try to get rid of them. Which will triumph: friendship or war?/divDIV /divDIV  
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*The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles* Boyds Mills Press  
DIVPoco is horrified when Angela ’ s cat disappears while under her watch. Is magic involved? /divDIV  
Together, Angela, Poco, and Georgina have investigated some peculiar happenings. They are just on the verge of a major magical breakthrough when Angela ’ s father moves to Mexico, taking Angela and breaking up the trio of friends. As consolation, Angela gives Poco her cat, Juliette, to care for and talk to while she ’ s gone. Talking to animals is Poco ’ s special skill, but no words can stop Juliette from running into the street in front of a car. Though she survives the accident, Juliette vanishes, and it will take a miracle to find her./divDIV /divDIV  
With the help of Walter Kew, a secretive boy in her class, and his Ouija board, Poco scans the neighborhood. When all mystical signs point to Miss Bone, the strange old spinster who ’ s been taking care of Angela ’ s house, Poco is quick to face her fears. She ’ ll do anything for Angela—and for Juliette./divDIV /divDIV  
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*The Dancing Cats of Applesap* Dramatic Publishing  
All non-shepherding dogs have been outlawed from the rocky coastal village where Maggie lives. Unwilling to give up her beloved Newfoundland, Sirius, Maggie defies the law and hides Sirius away. But when a steamer crashes into the rocks during a violent storm and starts to sink with a hundred passengers on board, Maggie faces a difficult choice. She knows Sirius can help rescue the people trapped on the ship, but bringing him out of hiding would put his own life in jeopardy. Is Maggie ’ s brave dog a big enough hero to save the desperate passengers—and himself? This heartwarming story of a lovable dog and his feisty mistress is based on true stories about Newfoundland dogs and filled with drama, tension, and exciting rescues.

*Highway Cats* Harper Collins  
The Rememberer tells the true story of Joyce Cheeka, a young Squaxin Indian girl, who is forcibly taken from her home and placed in a government-run school in 1911. As the chosen "rememberer" for her tribe an honor passed down to her from her grandfather, Mud Bay Sam it is Joyce's duty to pass on the stories, history and wisdom of her people. However, the aims of the white boarding school are quite the opposite. Their job is to eliminate any trace of Joyce's heritage. Through her friendship with the headmaster at the school, and with the help of her

"spirit guide," Joyce succeeds in forming a bridge between this new world and the world of her ancestors. Through her patience, grit, humor, curiosity and inclusiveness of spirit, she does honor to the words of her elders: "Each day is a gift. And to waste that day is inexcusable. Account for yourself. Be useful." Joyce Simmons Cheeka lived a remarkable, heroic and, indeed, useful life. Ages 7 and up. -- Publisher.  
*When Elves Attack* Simon and Schuster  
In “ this enchanting story about friendship, ” two fourth grade girls discover a magical world hidden in one ’ s backyard (Publishers Weekly). No fourth grader trusts Sara-Kate Connolly. Her boots are dirty, her clothes are weird, and she ’ s so maladjusted that the school had to hold her back a grade. But Hillary is her next-door neighbor, and can ’ t say no when the unusual loner invites her over to play. In Sara-Kate ’ s overgrown backyard, Hillary will find proof of a world of magic—the kind that can only blossom between true friends. Among the rusted car parts and wild plants, a miniature village has sprung up. It has tiny houses made from string, sticks, and maple leaves; a well with a bottlecap for a bucket; and even a little playground with a Popsicle-stick Ferris wheel. But there ’ s absolutely no sign of who built this miniature world. To Sara-Kate, the answer is clear—only elves could be responsible for something so enchanted. As she and Hillary watch for their elusive new friends, they learn that friendship, like magic, springs up where you least expect it. This ebook features a personal history by Janet Taylor Lisle including rare images and never-before-seen documents from the author ’ s own collection.

*Forest* Simon and Schuster  
*Afternoon of the Elves*  
*Dog Days in the City* National Geographic Books  
A holiday adventure finds Stephanie Plum struggling to remove an intruder from her apartment and falling for a mysterious newcomer.

*Afternoon of the Elves* Harper Collins  
DIVIn search of the truth about his heritage, Walter only finds more mystery /divDIV  
Walter Kew has grown up without a past. Orphaned since birth and raised by his grandparents, he knows nothing about his parents, who died in an accident. Obsessively curious about the mother he never knew, he turns to the occult, using Ouija boards, crystal balls, and spells to reach out to the other world. But he ’ s never had any luck—until now./divDIV /divDIV  
Walking home from school, Walter hears what he thinks is his mother ’ s voice—faint, but very real. Although he can ’ t quite understand her words, he ’ s convinced she ’ s trying to tell him something. With his friends Georgina and Poco, he looks for clues. Their quest takes them to a statue of the Little Match Girl in the park, where infant Walter was once photographed with his mother. As the three investigators chase the mystery, Walter will learn more about his past—and his present—than he ever thought possible. /divDIV /divDIV  
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*Afternoon of the Elves* Open Road Media  
From Newbery Honor author Janet Taylor Lisle comes a lyrical story about one girl ’ s discovery of her startling past—and her search to understand her complicated present. Joelle ’ s height and dark skin set her apart from everyone in Marshfield. It ’ s no secret that she ’ s adopted, but where is she from? Aunt Mary Louise says she came from Chicago on a freight train, but the story doesn ’ t sit right with Joelle. There ’ s something more. She feels it. Carlos, the quiet boy in Joelle ’ s Spanish class, sees it. When he tells her that she looks like a girl in the town library ’ s old mural of Narragansett Indians, Joelle can ’ t help sneaking a look. She ’ s surprised by a flicker of recognition. And when Carlos tells her about the Crying Rocks, where the ghosts of Narragansett children are said to cry for their lost mothers, Joelle knows she must visit them. When they finally set out through the forest, neither she nor Carlos anticipates the power of the ancient place, or the revelations to be found there—about the pasts they ’ ve both buried, and the discovery of a rare kind of courage that runs deep in Joelle ’ s family.

*The Bears' House* Open Road Media  
Moving to a new town is hard. Being friends with Fat Glenda is harder.