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[The Young Merlin Trilogy](#) Penguin

You think you know the story of Sleeping Beauty, but the real story is far more spellbinding... Gorse is the thirteenth and youngest in a family of fairies tied to the evil king's land and made to do his bidding. When accident-prone Gorse falls ill just as the family is bid to bless the new princess, a fairytale starts to unfold. Sick as she is, Gorse races to the castle with the last piece of magic the family has left—a piece of the Thread of Life. But that is when accident, mayhem, and magic combine to drive Gorse's story into the unthinkable, threatening the baby and the kingdom.

[Wizard's Hall](#) Hachette UK

Whirr. Whirr. Clunkety-clank Here comes Baba Yaga! Flying her mortar and pestle, the witch with the long iron nose scours the countryside for plump young children to eat. But will she be a match for the fiery little girl she hopes to throw into her soup? New York Times best-selling author Jane Yolen has created a clever, original story based on hundreds of traditional Russian folktales about the famed scary old witch. Vladimir Vagin's remarkably detailed borders and intricate scenes will give readers chills and laughs as they read this witty tale.

[Raising Yoder's Barn](#) Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

The newly crowned King Arthur has yet to win the support of the people. Merlin must do something before the king is betrayed, or murdered, or--worst of all--gets married. So Merlin creates a trick: a sword magically placed into a slab of rock that only Arthur can withdraw. Then he lets it be known that whosoever removes the blade will rule all of England, and invites any man who would dare, to try to pull out the sword. But then someone else pulls the sword out first. . . .

[The Wizard's Map](#) Penguin Random House New Zealand Limited

When Callie interviews the band, Brass Rat, for her school newspaper, her feelings are ambivalent, but when all the children of Northampton begin to disappear on Halloween, she knows where the dangerous search must begin.

[Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher](#) Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

An inept wizard-in-training is the only one who can save his classmates from the terrible sorcery that threatens to devour their magical school. Acclaimed master fantasist Jane Yolen imagines an academic world of wonders where paintings speak, walls move, monsters are made real, and absolutely anything can happen—as she introduces readers to a hero as hapless as the legendary Merlin is powerful. It was Henry's dear ma who decided to send him off to Wizard's Hall to study sorcery, despite the boy's apparent lack of magical talent. He has barely stepped through the gates of the magnificent school when he is dubbed Thornmallow ("prickly on the outside, squishy within"). Still, regardless of his penchant for turning even the simplest spell into a disaster, Thornmallow's teachers remain kind and patient, and he soon has a cadre of loyal, loving friends. But there is something that no one is telling the boy: As the 113th student to enroll in the wondrous academy, Thornmallow has an awesome and frightening duty to fulfill—and failure will mean the destruction of Wizard's Hall and everyone within its walls.

[The Flying Witch](#) Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

For Charlie, the basement is home. He's being punished. He doesn't mean to leave--Father wouldn't allow it--but when Charlie is accidentally thrust outside, he awakens to the alien surroundings of a world to which he's never been exposed. Though haunted by fear of the basement and his father's rage, Charlie embarks on a journey toward healing and blossoms when he becomes an unconditionally loved and loving member of the right foster family. This carefully crafted and authentic portrayal of Charlie's emotional and physical abuse is gracefully matched by Susan Shaw's inspiring and deeply moving story of recovery.

[Bad Girls](#) Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

When one of the five remaining survivors of their defunct religious cult ends up dead from drowning, the rest begin to think that they too are being targeted in the way their powerful cult leader predicted so many years ago. Reprint.

[Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes](#) Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

A young motherless boy in a tribe of Blackfeet Indians is present when his people see horses for the first time and are changed forever.

[The Music of Dolphins](#) Hyperion

Argues that the rapid climate change will provoke geophysical events, such as earthquakes, tsunamis, and volcanic eruptions.

[B.U.G. \(Big Ugly Guy\)](#) Simon and Schuster

A lavishly illustrated woodland tale with a classic sensibility and modern flair--from the fertile imagination behind *Wicked Gregory* Maguire turns his trademark wit and wisdom to an animal adventure about growing up, moving on, and finding community. When Papa doesn't return from a nocturnal honey-gathering expedition, Cress holds out hope, but her mother assumes the worst. It's a dangerous world for rabbits, after all. Mama moves what's left of the Watercress family to the basement unit of the Broken Arms, a run-down apartment oak with a suspect owl landlord, a nosy mouse super, a rowdy family of squirrels, and a pair of songbirds who broadcast everyone's business. Can a dead tree full of annoying neighbors, and no Papa, ever be home? In the timeless spirit of E. B. White and *The Wind and the Willows*--yet thoroughly of its time--this read-aloud and read-alone gem for animal lovers of all ages features an unforgettable cast that leaps off the page in glowing illustrations by David Litchfield. This tender meditation on coming-of-age invites us to flourish wherever we find ourselves.

[Not One Damsel in Distress](#) HarperCollins

After his older brother is killed, David turns to anger and his parents to religion, but just as David's life is beginning to make sense again his parents press him and his sister to join them in cutting worldly ties to prepare for the Rush, when the faithful will be whisked off to heaven.

[The Bagpiper's Ghost](#) Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

What moans at midnight in Toad-in-a-Cage Castle? Toad-in-a-Cage Castle was filled with secrets -- secrets such as the hidden passages that led to every room, the long stairway that wound down to the dungeon, and the weird creature named Igor who lived there. But it was the mysterious night noises that bothered William the most -- the strange moans that drifted through the halls of the castle where he was raised. He wanted to know what caused them. Then one night he found out. . . .

[Seventeen Ways to Eat a Mango](#) Macmillan

A high school senior wins a space suit in a soap jingle contest, takes a last walk wearing "Oscar" before cashing him in for college tuition, and suddenly finds himself on a space odyssey.

[Cress](#) Watercress Turtleback

Fourteen-year-old Marina and sixteen-year-old Jed accompany their parents' religious cult, the Believers, to await the end of the world atop a remote mountain, where they try to decide what they themselves believe.

[Juliet Dove, Queen of Love](#) Graphic Universe ™

Called a "masterpiece" in a starred review from *School Library Journal*, award-winning author Chris Crutcher's acclaimed *Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes* is an enduring classic. This bestselling novel is about love, loyalty, and friendship in the face of adversity. "Superb plotting, extraordinary characters, and cracking narrative make this novel unforgettable."--Publishers Weekly Sarah Byrnes and Eric

Calhoun have been friends for years. When they were children, his weight and her scars made them both outcasts. Now Sarah Byrnes--the smartest, toughest person Eric has ever known--sits silent in a hospital. Eric must uncover the terrible secret she's hiding before its dark current pulls them both under.

Will appeal to fans of Marieke Nijkamp, Andrew Smith, and John Corey Whaley. "Once again, Chris Crutcher plunges his readers into life's tough issues within a compelling story filled with human compassion . . . with his characteristic intelligence, humor, and empathy."--ALAN Review An American Library

Association Best Book for Young Adults

[The Great Kapok Tree](#) Simon and Schuster

What do you get when you mix together-- werewolves, vampires, mad scientists, wizards, aliens, alternate dimensions, tiny people, Transylvania, ancient curses, giant frogs, evil clones, ghosts, lawyers, shape-changers, fallen angels, journeys through hell, zombie warriors, body snatchers, and two clever kids in whose hands rests the fate of Earth? --The latest madcap adventure-comedy-fantasy-mystery from bestselling novelist Bruce Coville, that's what.

[Pay the Piper](#) Simon and Schuster

This extraordinary novel in the form of a "discovered journal" tells the story of J., a young botanist who is sent to the remote tropical island of Sakahara to explore the possibility of installing a mango cannery for a multinational corporation. J. has every intention of collecting the necessary samples, writing a report, and returning home to collect his paycheck. But a series of "chance" encounters with an island sage names Katchumo send these plans totally awry. The old man's Buddha-like habit of distilling perfect pearls of wisdom forces J. to question everything from his association with the canning company to his perception of the world around him. With humor and compassion, Katchumo teaches J. the mysterious beauty of simple pleasures as he reveals the seventeen ways. An enchanting story about one man's discovery of life's elusive secrets, SEVENTEEN WAYS TO EAT A MANGO inspires us to embrace the magic in our own lives.

[The Monsters of Morley Manor](#) Open Road Media

The many different animals that live in a great Kapok tree in the Brazilian rainforest try to convince a man with an ax of the importance of not cutting down their home.

[Curse of the Thirteenth Fey](#) Voyager Books/Libros Viajeros

"A triumphantly moving book." --Kirkus Reviews, starred review Hannah dreads going to her family's Passover Seder--she's tired of hearing her relatives talk about the past. But when she opens the front door to symbolically welcome the prophet Elijah, she's transported to a Polish village in the year 1942. Why is she there, and who is this "Chaya" that everyone seems to think she is? Just as she begins to unravel the mystery, Nazi soldiers come to take everyone in the village away. And only Hannah knows the unspeakable horrors that await. A critically acclaimed novel from multi-award-winning author Jane Yolen. "[Yolen] adds much to understanding the effects of the Holocaust, which will reverberate throughout history, today and tomorrow." --SLJ, starred review "Readers will come away with a sense of tragic history that both disturbs and compels." --Booklist Winner of the National Jewish Book Award An American Bookseller "Pick of the Lists"

[Brides of Eden](#) HarperCollins

Eight-year-old Matthew tells what happens when a fire destroys the barn on his family's farm and all the Amish neighbors come to see how they can help.