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First Light HarperCollins UK

Newbery Medalist Richard Peck tells a story of small-town life, gay marriage, and everyday heroes in this novel for fans of Gary Schmidt and Jack Gantos. Archer Magill has spent a lively five years of grade school with one eye out in search of grown-up role models. Three of the best are his grandpa, the great architect; his dad, the great vintage car customizer,; and his uncle Paul, who is just plain great. These are the three he wants to be. Along the way he finds a fourth—Mr. McLeod, a teacher. In fact, the first male teacher in the history of the school. But now here comes middle school and puberty. Change. Archer wonders how much change has to happen before his voice does. He doesn't see too far ahead, so every day or so a startling revelation breaks over him. Then a really big one when he's the best man at the wedding of two of his role models. But that gets ahead of the story. In pages that ripple with laughter, there's a teardrop here and there. And more than a few insights about the bewildering world of adults, made by a boy on his way to being the best man he can be. Boston Globe Horn Honor Book Amazon Editors' Picks for Fall (Ages 9-12) New York Times Notable Children's Book Horn Book Fanfare School Library Journal Best Books of 2016 Kirkus Best Books of 2016 Chicago Public Library Best Books of 2016

**The List of Things That Will Not Change** Yearling  
Ten incredible trips into the unknown await you...

**First Light** Wendy Lamb Books

"Irresistibly appealing and genuinely inspiring—a story that helps us to see the world more clearly, and to see ourselves as powerful enough to change it." —Rebecca Stead, author of Newbery Award Winner *When You Reach Me* In this compelling companion to New York Times bestseller *Amal Unbound*, Amal's friend Omar must contend with being treated like a second-class citizen when he gets a scholarship to an elite boarding school. Omar knows his scholarship to Ghalib Academy Boarding School is a game changer, providing him—the son of a servant—with an opportunity to improve his station in life. He can't wait to experience all the school has to offer, especially science club and hopefully the soccer team; but when he arrives, his hopes are dashed. First-year scholarship students aren't allowed to join clubs or teams—and not only that, they have to earn their keep doing menial chores. At first Omar is dejected—but then he gets angry when he learns something even worse—the school deliberately "weeds out" kids like

him by requiring them to get significantly higher grades than kids who can pay tuition, making it nearly impossible for scholarship students to graduate. It's a good thing that in his favorite class, he's learned the importance of being stubbornly optimistic. So with the help of his tightknit new group of friends—and with the threat of expulsion looming over him—he sets out to do what seems impossible: change a rigged system.

Omar Rising Penguin

It's been five years since Livy and her family have visited Livy's grandmother in Australia. Now that she's back, Livy has the feeling she's forgotten something really, really important about Gran's house. It turns out she's right. Bob, a short, greenish creature dressed in a chicken suit, didn't forget Livy, or her promise. He's been waiting five years for her to come back, hiding in a closet like she told him to. He can't remember who—or what—he is, where he came from, or if he even has a family. But five years ago Livy promised she would help him find his way back home. Now it's time to keep that promise. Clue by clue, Livy and Bob will unravel the mystery of where Bob comes from, and discover the kind of magic that lasts forever. Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead, two masterminds of classic, middle-grade fiction come together to craft this magical story about the enduring power of friendship. This title has Common Core connections.

**Talking Walls: Discover Your World** Penguin

This heart-pounding mystery-adventure follows three kids who get lost in the woods at night and experience something they cannot quite explain. Secrets, spies, or maybe even a monster . . . what lies in the heart of the woods? Charlie Noon and Dizzy Heron are determined to find out. When their nemesis, Johnny Baines, plays a prank on them and night falls without warning, all three end up lost in the woods, trapped in a nightmare. Unforeseen dangers and impossible puzzles lurk in the shadows. Like it or not, Charlie and Dizzy must work with Johnny if they are to find a way out. But time can be tricky. . . . What if the night never ends?

**Other Worlds (feat. stories by Rick Riordan, Shaun Tan, Tom Angleberger, Ray Bradbury and more)** Yearling

A vibrant and enchanting debut novel about an orphan girl who discovers a magical circus, perfect for fans of Kelly Barnhill and Rebecca Stead! Maddy Adriana knows that magic is real. All her life, her heart has pulled her towards things too perfect to be ordinary. One day, that tug leads her to a magical street circus, hidden in plain sight among the canals and boardwalks of Venice Beach. For the first time in Maddy's life, she finally feels like she belongs. But the circus is in grave danger. Maddy will need to confront the frightening side of magic, as well as her own deepest fears, if she's to have any hope of saving the place she dreams of calling home. This unforgettable debut shows readers the magic of following your heart and finding where you belong.

**Forget Me Not** Text Publishing

Three Newbery Medal winners—Christopher Paul Curtis's *Bud, Not Buddy*, Clare Vanderpool's *Moon Over Manifest*, and Rebecca Stead's *When You Reach Me*—come together in this collection that's perfect for catching up on old favorites and discovering new ones. Whether you're looking for an escape or eager to catch up on some summer reading, the three award-winning titles in this collection will

stay with you. Titles featured include: · *Bud, Not Buddy*: It's 1936, in Flint, Michigan, and a motherless boy named Bud decides to hit the road to find his father in this Newbery Medal and Coretta Scott King Award-winning classic from Christopher Paul Curtis, author of *The Watsons Go To Birmingham—1963*. · *Moon Over Manifest*: Armed only with a few possessions, Abilene Tucker jumps off the train in Manifest, Kansas, aiming to learn about the boy her father once was. What she discovers sends her and some new friends on an honest-to-goodness spy hunt. · *When You Reach Me*: Shortly after a fall-out with her best friend, sixth grader Miranda starts receiving mysterious notes that seem to predict the future. If that's the case, then Miranda has a big problem—because the notes tell her that someone is going to die, and she might be too late to stop it. Turn to this three-book collection for the classics you remember and the stories you'll never forget.

#### **Bob Yearling**

This is the story of Thea, who lives in a world deep within a glacier, and Peter, who has arrived in Greenland to live on the ice while his father studies climate change. Thea longs for her people to return to the sunlight. Peter is troubled by strange visions. When their lives collide Thea and Peter find themselves unravelling a deep mystery.

#### **The Best Man** HarperCollins

A story of fear and hope, loneliness and friendship -- full of the heart, engaging characters, and propulsive, page-turning mystery that made *The Goldfish Boy* so beloved.

#### **Dandelion Fire (100 Cupboards Book 2)** Wendy Lamb Books

Peter can't wait to join his parents on an expedition to the ice caps of Greenland to study global warming. But while he's there, he begins to suspect there might be another reason for this trip other than scientific research. And in another world, there is Thea, who lives with her family under the ice, and is desperate to see what's above it. When Thea and Peter meet, two worlds will collide, and a host of secrets will be released.

#### **The Age of Light** Andersen Press Limited

Molly has a strange life. Her mama collects herbs at dawn and makes potions, her father and brothers have gone away, and her house feels like a gypsy caravan. Molly doesn't want to know anything about herbs and potions. She wishes she could be more like her best friend, Ellen, who has a normal family and a normal house. But she is also secretly interested in Pim, who is inquisitive and odd and a little bit frightening. When Molly's mama makes a potion that has a wild and shocking effect, Molly and Pim look for a way to make things right, and Molly discovers the magic and value of her own unusual life. *Molly and Pim and the Millions of Stars* is a delightful story about friendship and acceptance and learning to see the wonder in the world. Martine Murray writes and illustrates picture books, middle-grade fiction and young adult fiction, including *The Slightly True Story of Cedar B Hartley*, *The Slightly Bruised Glory of Cedar B Hartley* and *How to Make a Bird*. Her books have been published internationally and translated into seventeen languages. She was born in Melbourne and currently lives in Castlemaine in Victoria. 'Murray's storytelling is so fresh and beguiling that, for a moment, we feel this is great wisdom heard for the first time.' The Times UK, 'Children's Book of the Week' 'Martine Murray's writing is majestic and sophisticated...this book has a sense of wonder about it.' Books & Publishing 'A beautiful magical story, full of surprises and brimming with wisdom.' Karen Foxlee 'Molly and Pim is wild, whimsical and wonderful. It makes you fall in love with the world and everyone in it.' Sally Rippin 'Open-hearted and magical—an utter delight.' Rebecca Stead 'Here is a middle-grade novel that sees beauty and magic in the environment around us, and celebrates seeds of friendship

which grow deep roots. I loved this charming and whimsical novel, and young readers will too!' Alpha Reader 'Murray gives the reader a truly delightful tale and adorns her text with charming illustrations...A magical read.' BookMooch 'Sensory and lyrical, with awe-inspiring imagery.' Boomerang Books 'A sweet and heart-warming story, perfect for children and adults too.' Bookish Manicurist 'Sensitive and wonderfully eccentric...This is a beautiful, hopeful book.' Readings 'There is a lyrical quality to this narrative, a cadence—soft and whimsical. Martine Murray's *Molly and Pim and the Millions of Stars* brings a sense of magic and wonder and is beautifully written.' ReadPlus 'This novel is *The Loveliest*. Sweet and splendid and magical, while still being of-this-world.' Steph Bowe 'A novel for young readers about difference, connections, magic, life and the forces of nature...Beautifully written.' Stuff NZ 'It's such a gorgeous story that I devoured it in one sitting, marvelling in the beauty of small little sketches that were dotted intermittently throughout the novel and the lyrical way the paragraphs were weaved together, presenting a book that was equally satisfying to admire and immerse yourself in.' Written Word Worlds 'Magical and perceptive' Parents in Touch 'Murray's storytelling is so fresh and beguiling that, for a moment, we feel this is great wisdom heard for the first time.' Times UK 'A glorious heartwarming book.' Read It Daddy 'Molly and Pim and the Millions of Stars by Martine Murray is an eccentric highly readable story about friendship and individuality. If you have ever marvelled at all the wonder in the world then join Molly on an exciting adventure of discovery.' Armadillo

#### *Crossing the Wire* Text Publishing

Beneath the sewer grates and manholes of the city lies a strange and secret world called the Downside. Every Downsider knows that it's forbidden to go Topside, and most fear a collision of the two worlds. But fourteen-year-old Talon is curious about what goes on above ground, and one day he ventures out in search of medicine for his ailing sister. There he meets Lindsay, who is as curious about Talon's world as he is about hers. When Lindsay visits the Downside for the first time, she marvels at the spirit of the Downside, and the way they create works of art from topside "trash," like old subway tokens and forgotten earrings. As awed as she is by the Downside, however, she also questions its origins, and when she finds out that this fantastic world is not all it appears to be, she is determined to tell Talon the truth. Then a construction accident threatens to crush Talon's world, and his loyalty is put to the test. Can the truth save the Downside, or will it destroy an entire civilization? Neal Shusterman takes readers on an amazing journey into a place that's only a few steps away, yet beyond their wildest dreams.

#### **Downsiders** Hachette UK

In this riveting, action-packed novel from award-winning author Will Hobbs, a teenage boy hoping to help his loved ones must fight for his life as he makes the dangerous journey across the Mexican border into the United States. When falling crop prices threaten his family with starvation, fifteen-year-old Victor Flores heads north in an attempt to "cross the wire" from Mexico into America so he can find work and help ease the finances at home. But with no coyote money to pay the smugglers who sneak illegal workers across the border, Victor struggles to survive as he jumps trains, stows away on trucks, and hikes grueling miles through the Arizona desert. Victor's passage is fraught with freezing cold, scorching heat, hunger, and dead ends. It's a gauntlet run by many attempting to cross the border, but few make it. Through Victor's desperate perseverance, Will Hobbs brings to life a story that is

true for many, polarizing for some, but life-changing for all who read it. Acclaim for *Crossing the Wire* includes the following: New York Public Library Books for the Teen Age, Junior Library Guild Selection, Americas Awards Commended Title, Heartland Award, Southwest Book Award, and Notable Books for Global Society.

*Percy Jackson and the Singer of Apollo* Harper Collins

EIGHT STARRED REVIEWS! The reassuring book kids and families need right now. "An absolute original . . . a story that kids will love."

--R. J. Palacio, bestselling author of *Wonder* At a time when everything is changing for Bea and her family, the important things will always stay the same. A soon-to-be classic by the Newbery Award-winning author of *When You Reach Me*. After her parents' divorce, Bea's life became different in many ways. But she can always look back at the list she keeps in her green notebook to remember the things that will stay the same. The first and most important: Mom and Dad will always love Bea, and each other. When Dad tells Bea that he and his boyfriend, Jesse, are getting married, Bea is thrilled. Bea loves Jesse, and when he and Dad get married, she'll finally (finally!) have what she's always wanted--a sister. Even though she's never met Jesse's daughter, Sonia, Bea is sure that they'll be "just like sisters anywhere." As the wedding day approaches, Bea will learn that making a new family brings questions, surprises, and joy, and readers will discover why the New York Times called Rebecca Stead a "writer of great feeling." "An undeniably beautiful book." --The New York Times "No author writing today observes young lives with more clarity, tenderness, and grace." --Newbery Medalist Katherine Applegate, author of *The One and Only Ivan* "Stead truly understands the inner life of kids." --Newbery Medalist Erin Entrada Kelly, author of *Hello, Universe* and *You Go First*

**The Last Polar Bears** Wendy Lamb Books

A modern-day classic. This highly acclaimed adventure series about two friends desperate to save their doomed city has captivated kids and teachers alike for almost fifteen years and has sold over 3.5 MILLION copies! The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to flicker. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save the city. She and her friend Doon must race to figure out the clues before the lights go out on Ember forever! Nominated to 28 State Award Lists! An American Library Association Notable Children's Book A New York Public Library 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing Selection A Kirkus Reviews Editors' Choice A Child Magazine Best Children's Book A Mark Twain Award Winner A William Allen White Children's Book Award Winner "A realistic post-apocalyptic world. DuPrau's book leaves Doon and Lina on the verge of undiscovered country and readers wanting more."

—USA Today "An electric debut." —Publishers Weekly, Starred "While Ember is colorless and dark, the book itself is rich with description."

—VOYA, Starred "A harrowing journey into the unknown, and cryptic messages for readers to decipher." —Kirkus Reviews, Starred

**A Wrinkle in Time** Yearling

This brilliant, New York Times bestselling novel from the author of the Newbery Medal winner *When You Reach Me* explores multiple perspectives on the bonds and limits of friendship. Long ago, best friends Bridge, Emily, and Tab made a pact: no fighting. But it's the start of seventh grade, and everything is changing. Emily's new curves are attracting attention, and Tab is suddenly a member of the Human Rights Club. And then there's Bridge. She's started wearing cat ears and is the only one who's still tempted to draw funny cartoons on her homework. It's also the beginning of seventh grade for Sherm Russo. He wonders: what does it mean to fall for a girl—as a friend? By the time Valentine's Day approaches, the girls have begun to question the bonds—and the limits—of friendship. Can they grow up without growing apart? "Sensitively explores togetherness, aloneness, betrayal and love." —The New York Times A Boston Globe–Horn Book Honor Book for Fiction Named a Best Book of the Year by The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, The Boston Globe, The Guardian, NPR, and more!

**The City of Ember** Harper Collins

This remarkable and acclaimed debut novel, by the Newbery-winning author of *When You Reach Me* and the new instant classic *The List of Things That Will Not Change*, introduces readers to a captivating, hidden world below the ice. Peter is thrilled to join his parents on an expedition to Greenland. But when they finally reach the ice cap, he struggles to understand a series of frightening yet enticing visions. Thea has never seen the sun. Her extraordinary people, suspected of witchcraft and nearly driven to extinction, have retreated to a secret world they've built deep inside the arctic ice. As Thea dreams of a path to Earth's surface, Peter's search for answers brings him ever closer to her hidden home in this dazzling tale of mystery, science, and adventure at the top of the world. "A mystic thriller." —Entertainment Weekly "Optimistic science fiction that highlights human ingenuity and survival under dire conditions." —The Wall Street Journal

**The Revealers** First Light

Nathan has been locked in his room ever since "it" started growing back. They're going to come for him soon, so he's got precious little time to tell us what is happening. A short story from *Guys Read: Other Worlds*, edited by Jon Scieszka.

**Lenny's Book of Everything** Disney Electronic Content

"Holy Batman, this is a gorgeous, heartbreaking, heartwarming book." --R.J. Palacio, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Wonder* Perfect for readers who love *Liar and Spy*, *Counting by 7s*, and *Bridge to Terabithia*, a heartwarming and transformative novel about family, loss, and never giving up from beloved author Karen Foxlee. Lenny Spink is the sister of a giant. Her little brother, Davey, suffers from a rare form of gigantism and is taunted by other kids and turned away from school because of his size. To escape their cruel reality, Lenny and Davey obsess over the entries in their monthly installment of *Burrell's Build-It-at-Home Encyclopedia* set. Lenny vows to become a beetle expert, while Davey decides he will run away to Canada and build a log cabin. But as Davey's disease progresses, the siblings' richly imagined world becomes harder to cling to in this deeply moving and original novel about grief, family, and wonder. "An imaginative and surprisingly tender story of the unbreakable bond between siblings." --Booklist, starred review "Lyrical and emotionally complex." --Kirkus "The heart of this story--and the magic of it--is the devotion of these two siblings who together navigate the harsh realities of life and loss." --Publishers Weekly "Foxlee's writing is infused with a hint of magic, just as the animals and places that Lenny and Davey read about fill their lives with curiosity and joy." --SLJ

**First Light** Yearling

For the first time, Newbery Medal-winning Rebecca Stead's two brilliant books are available together in an eBook-only omnibus. In the award-winning *When You Reach Me*, readers uncover an astonishing New York City puzzle with Miranda. Someone is sending her anonymous notes, and each one reveals more about a mystery that changes her life forever. Stead's debut novel, *First Light*, is a dazzling tale of science, secrets, and adventure at the top of the world. While on a research expedition with his family, Peter discovers a hidden world beneath the arctic ice of Greenland, and meets Thea, a bold explorer.