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A Fine, Fine School HarperCollins
Thirteen-year-old Sunny runs away from her current foster parent in search of her twin sister, from whom she was separated ten years earlier. On the way, she'll face a tornado, bullies, and a stray dog- and the fact that her sister may not be who Sunny hoped she would be.

A Book of Narrative Verse Penguin
Ticklesome trouble from a talkative teeny-tiny flea is driving a moggy NUTS! And her crazy-kitty capering to rid herself of the pesky pest proves cat. . . astrophic! No amount of scritchng, duba-scrub-scrubbing, haircutting or Hoovering will dislodge the bothersome bug. But with a helping paw from a feline cousin (a lion) she soon sends her unwelcome guest packing - with a flea in HIS ear. Also from this award-winning team: THE DOG THAT DUG - shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal 1993 and prize-winner of the Critici in Erba Award 1993

Walk Two Moons Harper Collins
An inspirational short novel for young readers about the power of writing by Newbery Medal-winning author Patricia MacLachlan. Every school day feels the same for fourth graders Lucy and Henry and Evie and Russell and May. Then Ms. Mirabel comes to their class—bringing magical words and a whole new way of seeing and understanding. From beloved author Patricia MacLachlan comes an honest, inspiring story

about what is real and what is unreal, and about the ways that writing can change our lives and connect us to our own stories—word after word after word.

Bridle the Wind Harper Collins
“Laugh-out-loud fun...A winner in every way.” —Kirkus Reviews (starred review) “Funny and good-hearted.” —Publishers Weekly A boy who loves baseball must get past his hard-working immigrant parents—and the rhino in the outfield—to become a batboy in this laugh-out-loud middle grade novel in the tradition of The Sandlot. Nick wants to change his life. For twelve years, he’s done what his hard-working, immigrant parents want him to do. Now he’s looking for his own American dream and he thinks he’s found it. The local baseball team is having a batboy contest, and Nick wants to win. But the contest is on a Saturday—the day Nick has to work in his father’s shop. There’s one other tiny—well, not so tiny—problem. A 2,000-pound rhinoceros named Tank. Nick and his friends play ball in the city zoo—and Tank lives just beyond the right field fence. Nick’s experience getting the ball out of Tank’s pen has left him frozen with fear whenever a fly ball comes his way. How’s a lousy fielder going to win the contest? Nick practices every day with his best friend, Ace, and a new girl who has an impressive throwing arm! But that’s not enough—to get to the contest, Nick has to lie to his parents and blackmail his uncle. All while dodging the school bully, who’s determined to win even by playing dirty. Nick will need to keep his eye on the ball in this fast, funny story about a game that can throw you some curveballs—just like life!

Word After Word After Word Harper Collins
“ This quiet novel sings. A graceful profound story

for all ages that speaks well beyond its intended audience.” —Kirkus (starred review) Fans of Newbery Medal winner Sharon Creech's Ruby Holler will love this tween novel about opening your heart and finding family when you least expect it. When a young couple finds a boy asleep on their porch, their lives take a surprising turn. Unable to speak, the boy, Jacob, can't explain his history. All John and Marta know is that they have been chosen to care for him. And as their connection and friendship with Jacob grow, they embrace his exuberant spirit and talents. The three of them blossom into an unlikely family and begin to see the world in brand-new ways.

Moo Harper Collins
Gina Filomena has been told that she has an overactive imagination. With her bright clothing and artistic spirit, she's always felt different from the other kids in her class. That is, until she meets her neighbour, a mysterious boy called Anotonio. And when a creative new teacher, Miss Lightstone, arrives at school, Gina finds a world of possibilities opens up. A wonderful tale about the transformative power of imagination, the effects of an inspirational teacher, and the journey to becoming who you are meant to be.

Night of the Veggie Monster A&C Black
This is an utterly original and completely beguiling prose novel about a boy who has to write a poem, and then another, and then even more. Soon the little boy is writing about all sorts of things he has not really come to terms with, and

astounding things start to happen.

Beyond the Black Door Imprint

Short poems and songs reflect the life of a newborn baby, as he or she meets various relatives and learns about the world.

Forgive Me, I Meant to Do It Simon and Schuster

Newbery Medal winner and master storyteller

Sharon Creech spins a wonderfully funny and tender tale. As nine-year-old Dennis confronts the ghost of his uncle Arvie, Arvie's eccentric antics and wonderful wordplay keep the reader laughing. But at its tender heart, the story reveals the holes left in our lives when we lose the ones we love. Ever since nine-year-old Dennis's dad died, a veritable parade of ghosts has been passing through his bedroom. When the ghost of his uncle Arvie blows into his room on a warm breeze, Dennis isn't surprised, but Uncle Arvie is the first ghost who wants something from Dennis. Dennis would love to help Uncle Arvie, but he can't quite understand what Uncle Arvie is asking for. What, for example, is "Fraggle pin Heartfoot a wig pasta"? Dennis has to find out, because this is one ghost who isn't going to leave until he gets what he came for. Uncle Arvie's antics and Dennis's attempts to please his ghost form the heart of this touching story.

Heartbeat Harper Collins

Following a family move to Maine, twelve-year-old Reena has no idea what to expect. She hopes it's going to be beaches, blueberries and all the lobster she can eat. She certainly doesn't expect to suddenly be put in charge of a menagerie of animals, belonging to the irascible Mrs Falala, who not only has a fast-wheeling pig, a secretive snake, but the most ornery cow she ever thought to meet. A wonderfully funny, moving story of one family's move to the country, and the challenges they face.

The Boy on the Porch Yearling

Brief rhyming text and pictures introduce adjectives and their uses

Runaway Twin A&C Black

Newbery Honor Book * ALA Notable Children's Book "A beautifully written and imaginatively constructed novel that speaks to the power of survival and the delicacy of grief." —School Library Journal (starred review) This acclaimed

bestselling Newbery Honor Book from multi-award-winning author Sharon Creech is a classic and moving story of adventure, self-discovery, and one girl's independence. Thirteen-year-old Sophie hears the sea calling, promising adventure and a chance for discovery as she sets sail for England with her three uncles and two cousins. Sophie's cousin Cody isn't so sure he has the strength to prove himself to the crew and to his father. Through Sophie's and Cody's travel logs, we hear stories of the past and the daily challenges of surviving at sea as The Wanderer sails toward its destination—and its passengers search for their places in the world. "Sophie is a quietly luminous heroine, and readers will rejoice in her voyage." —BCCB (starred review) "Like Creech's Walk Two Moons and Chasing Redbird, this intimate novel poetically connects journey with self-discovery." —Publishers Weekly (starred review)

Hate That Cat Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

"By turns sarcastic, tender, and irreverent, this will quickly make its way into the hands of readers who loved Walk Two Moons." —Kirkus This beloved prequel to bestselling author Sharon Creech's Newbery Medal winner Walk Two Moons chronicles the life of a thirteen-year-old during her most chaotic and romantic summer ever via journal entries, filled with hilarious observations on love, death, and the confusing mechanics of holding hands. Mary Lou is less than excited about her assignment to keep a journal over the summer. Boring! Then cousin Carl Ray comes to stay with her family, and what starts out as the dull dog days of summer quickly turns into the wildest roller-coaster ride of all time. Named one of the New York Public Library's 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing!

The Naming Bloomsbury Publishing USA

New York Times bestselling sportswriter John Feinstein exposes the real "March Madness"—behind the scenes at the Final Four basketball tournament. When Stevie wins a writing contest for aspiring sports journalists, his prize is a press pass to the Final Four in New Orleans. While exploring the Superdome, he overhears a plot to throw the championship game. With the help of fellow contest winner Susan Carol, Stevie has just 48 hours to figure out who is blackmailing one of the star players . . . and why. John Feinstein has been praised as "the best writer of sports books in

America today" (The Boston Globe), and he proves it again in this fast-paced novel. "A page-turning thriller and a basketball junkie's bonanza." —USA Today

Granny Torrelli Makes Soup Harper Collins

In her own singularly beautiful style, Newbery Medal winner Sharon Creech intricately weaves together two tales, one funny, one bittersweet, to create a heartwarming, compelling, and utterly moving story of love, loss, and the complexity of human emotion. Thirteen-year-old Salamanca Tree Hiddle, proud of her country roots and the "Indian-ness in her blood," travels from Ohio to Idaho with her eccentric grandparents. Along the way, she tells them of the story of Phoebe Winterbottom, who received mysterious messages, who met a "potential lunatic," and whose mother disappeared. As Sal entertains her grandparents with Phoebe's outrageous story, her own story begins to unfold—the story of a thirteen-year-old girl whose only wish is to be reunited with her missing mother.

Replay Harper Collins

Jack is studying poetry again in school, and he continues to write poems reflecting his understanding of famous works and how they relate to his life.

Love That Dog Harper Collins

Michael's grandfather has a secret—a secret that's almost too strange to share . . . When Michael moves to Israel, he leaves loneliness behind and steps into the light of his grandfather's magic. Like a sorcerer's apprentice, Michael learns how to blur the lines between dreams and reality when his grandfather hands down the most precious of gifts—a gift that allows Michael passage into his grandfather's dreams. Written with a quiet simplicity that wins the reader over at once Uri Orlev writes in a style so sure and yet so unassuming that it is certain to linger in reader's minds long after turning the last page.

The Rhino in Right Field HarperCollins

Every Tuesday night, while his parents try to enjoy their dinner, a boy turns into a monster the moment a pea touches his lips.

Fishing in the Air Harper Collins

From the author of The Guards of the Shadowlands series comes a love story for the ages, set in a reimagined industrial Asia, in which a 16-year-old girl is torn between her love for an oppressed factory worker and appeasing the ghost who is

determined to protect her against any threat.

The Unfinished Angel Penguin

This Is Just to Say If you ' re looking for a nice happy book
put this one down and run away quickly Forgive me
sweetness and good cheer are boring Inspired by William
Carlos Williams ' s famous poem " This Is Just to Say, "
Newbery Honor author Gail Carson Levine delivers a
wickedly funny collection of her own false apology poems,
imagining how tricksters really feel about the mischief they
make. Matthew Cordell ' s clever and playful line art
lightheartedly captures the spirit of the poetry. This is the
perfect book for anyone who ' s ever apologized . . . and not
really meant it.