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wants to pass English, he must work for extra credit on the stage crew of the school production of The Wizard of Oz. Jacob, who is usually in a fog anyway, has the job of running the fog machine. The problem is that Maria Tresser, the girl of his dreams, is cast as the Wicked Witch. Jacob's already made a fool of himself in front of Maria. How can he face her again?

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Penguin
"Sometimes having company is not all it's cracked up to be." Fifteen-year-old Finn is a loner, living with his dad and his amazing dog, Dylan. This summer he's hoping for a job where he doesn't have to talk to anyone except his pal Matthew. Then Johanna moves in next door. She's ten years older, cool, funny, and she treats Finn as an equal. Dylan loves her, too. Johanna's dealing with breast cancer, and Matthew and Finn learn to care for her, emotionally, and physically. When she hires Finn to create a garden, his gardening ideas backfire comically. But Johanna and the garden help Finn discover his talents for connecting with people.

The Amazing Life of Birds
Doubleday Books for Young Readers
"...school and public librarians will want to include this in their collections. The audio version...will be in great demand." - School Library Journal

Masters of Disaster
Yearling
Deciphering a code they find in a library book, best friends for life Amos and Dunc stumble onto a burglary ring. The burglars' next target is
the home of Melissa, the girl of Amos's dreams (who doesn't even know that he's alive). Amos longs to be a hero to Melissa, so nothing will stop him from solving this case--not even a mind-boggling collision with a jock, a chimpanzee, and a toilet. Among them are fan--a perfect combination that shows vividly the joy and wisdom that come from growing up with man's best friend. Sounder Simon and Schuster Gary Paulsen has owned dozens of unforgettable and amazing dogs, and here are his favorites--one to a chapter.

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the war comes to them. British soldiers and Iroquois attack. Samuel’s parents are taken away, prisoners. Samuel follows, hiding, moving silently, determined to find a way to rescue them. Each day he confronts the enemy, and the tragedy and horror of this war. But he also discovers allies, men and women working secretly for the patriot cause. And he learns that he must go deep into enemy territory to find his parents: all the way to the British headquarters, New York City.

Lawnboy
Bloomsbury Publishing USA

In 1938, two rival expeditions descend on an ancient temple recently discovered in the jungles of Honduras, one intending to shoot a huge Hollywood production on location there, the other to disassemble the temple and ship it back to New York. A seemingly endless stalemate ensues. Twenty years later, a rogue CIA agent sets out to exploit the temple for his own ends, unaware that it is a locus of conspiracies far grander than anyone could ever have guessed. Shot through with intrigue, ingenuity, and adventure, and showcasing
Beauman’s riotous humor, spectacular imagination, and riveting prose, Madness Is Better Than Defeat is a novel without parallel: inventive, anarchic, and delightfully insane.

The Boy Who Owned the School

Harper Collins

Libby I found Killian drunk and sprawled out on my lawn like some lost prince.

With the face taking him of a god and the arrogance to match, the pest won’t leave. Sexy, charming, and just a little bit dirty, he’s slowly wearing me down, making me crave more. He could be mine if I dare to claim him.

Problem is, the world thinks he’s theirs. How do you keep an idol when everyone is intent on taking him away?

Killian As lead singer for the biggest rock band in the world, I lived a life of dreams. It all fell apart with one fateful decision.

Now everything is in shambles. Until Liberty. She’s grouchy, a recluse—and kind of cute.

Scratch that. When I get my hands
on her, she is scorching hot and more addictive than all the fans who’ve screamed my name. The world is clamoring for me to get back on stage, but I’m not willing to leave her. I’ve got to find a way to coax the hermit from her shell and keep her with me.

Because, with Libby, everything has changed. Everything.

Idol Yearling
Adventure abounds when a toy comes to life in this classic novel! It's Omri's birthday, but all he gets from his best friend, Patrick, is a little plastic warrior figure. Trying to hide his disappointment, Omri puts his present in a metal cupboard and locks the door with a mysterious skeleton key that once belonged to his great-grandmother. Little does Omri know that by turning the key, he will transform his ordinary plastic toy into a real live man from an altogether different time and place! Omri and the tiny warrior called Little Bear could hardly be more different, yet soon the two forge a very special friendship. Will Omri be able to keep Little Bear without anyone finding out and taking his new friend away?

The Rifle
Yearling

Kevin Spencer, the hero of Liar, Liar, Flat Broke, and Crush, has a
knack for tackling big ideas and goofing up, so what's next? Politics, of course! He's running for office, and his campaign is truly unique. The Transall Saga Vintage After an almost fatal car crash, novelist Paul Sheldon finds himself being nursed by a deranged fan who holds him captive. American Green: The Obsessive Quest for the Perfect Lawn Yearling "Lawnboy is, quite simply, the real thing, a novel of mystery and great beauty." -Michael Cunningham They all thought I was good-natured, upright and responsible, generous, affectionate, and kind, and of course I could be those things, but there was much more to me than that, a side that unnerved even myself, and this side included William. Seventeen-year-old Evan's adventure begins with mowing a neighbor's lawn, a summer job that leads him into an unpredictable world of desire and betrayal. Estranged from his parents and his older brother, he moves in with forty-one-year-old William and begins a disastrous series of attempts to make a new home. Must he make a choice between his family and desire? First published to wide acclaim in 1999, Lawnboy wanders the lush and tumultuous landscape of the early 1990s, its
south Florida setting as fertile and troubling as Evan's inner life.

The Indian in the Cupboard

"Ted Steinberg proves once again that he is a master storyteller as well as our foremost environmental historian."—Mike Davis

The rise of the perfect lawn represents one of the most profound transformations in the history of the American landscape.

American Green, Ted Steinberg's witty exposé of this bizarre phenomenon, traces the history of the lawn from its explosion in the postwar suburban community of Levittown to the present love affair with turf colorants, leaf blowers, and riding mowers.

Out of the Deep Ember

The government sends Brian back to the Canadian wilderness in this beloved follow-up to the award-winning classic Hatchet from three-time Newbery Honor-winning author Gary Paulsen!

Two years after Brian Robeson survived fifty-four days alone in the Canadian wilderness, the government wants him to head back so they can learn what he did to stay alive.

This time Derek Holtzer, a government psychologist, will accompany him. But a freak storm leaves Derek unconscious. Brian's only hope is to transport Derek a hundred miles...
down the river to a trading post. He's survived with only a hatchet before--now can Brian build a raft and navigate an unknown river? For the first time it's not only Brian's survival that's at stake. . .

An IRA-CBC Children’s Choice A Parents Magazine Best Book of the Year “Vividly written, a book that will, as intended, please the readers who hoped that Paulsen, like Brian, would ‘do it again.’” —Kirkus Reviews


Lawn Boy says: The summer I was twelve, mowing lawns with Grandpa’s old riding mower turned that will, as intended, into big business. With advice from Arnold the stockbroker, I learned all about making money. Six weeks and hundreds of thousands of dollars later, life got more complicated. You see, the prizefighter I sponsor, Joey Pow, won a big fight. And a TV interview made me famous. As Arnold says, “Capitalism plus publicity equals monster commerce.” Even my best friends wanted a piece of the action. Meanwhile, some scary guys showed up at Joey’s gym. . .

AMOS GETS FAMOUS

Lerner Publishing Group

A New York Times
Editors' Choice! One of Booklist’s “Top 10 Historical Fiction Novels of 2022” One of the Los Angeles Times’s “10 Books to Add to Your Reading List” One of Book Culture’s Most Anticipated Reads “A bighearted, widescreen American tale.”—Kirku s Reviews (starred review)

“Masterpiece . . . The quintessential great American novel.”—Booklist (starred review) “A vivid mosaic.”—BookPage (starred review)

Jonathan Evison’s Small World is an epic novel for now. Set against such iconic backdrops as the California gold rush, the development of the trans continental railroad, and a speeding train of modern-day strangers forced together by fate, it is a grand entertainment that asks big questions. The characters of Small World connect in the most intriguing and meaningful ways, winning, breaking, and winning our hearts again. In
exploring the passengers’ lives and those of their ancestors more than a century before, Small World chronicles 170 years of American nation-building from numerous points of view across place and time. And it does it with a fullhearted, full-throttle pace that asks on the most human, intimate scale whether it is truly possible to meet, and survive, the choices posed—and forced—by the age. The result is a historical epic with a Dickensian flair, a grand entertainment that asks whether our nation has made good on its promises. It dazzles as its characters come to connect with one another through time. And it hits home as it probes at our country’s injustices, big and small, straight through to its deeply satisfying final words.

All About Lulu
Wendy Lamb
Books
A father and son embark on a road trip to a distant animal shelter to save a homeless border collie puppy. By the acclaimed author of
Earth Day celebrates our beautiful planet and calls us to act on its behalf. Some people spend the day planting flowers or trees. Others organize neighborhood clean-ups, go on nature walks, or make recycled crafts. Readers will discover how a shared holiday can have multiple traditions and be celebrated in all sorts of ways.

The River
Yearling
Feeling abandoned by their beloved master, a vacuum cleaner, tensor lamp, electric blanket, clock radio, and toaster undertake a long and arduous journey to find him in a faraway...