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Stand Tall Scholastic

Inc .

An Aleutian Islander recounts her suffering during World War II in American internment camps designed to protect the population from the invading Japanese.

Cajun Night Before Christmas(r)

(Abbreviated Board Book) Macmillan + ORM
A young girl eagerly awaits a coming rainstorm to bring relief from the oppressive summer heat.

Just Juice Pelican

Publishing Company

From the author of the National Book Award-winning novel *Homeless Bird* comes “an absorbing saga”* about a young heroine coming of age in the tumultuous years leading up to the Russian revolution.

Gripping, accessible historical fiction that's perfect for schools and classrooms, as well as for fans of Ruta Sepetys and Elizabeth Wein. In the fall of 1914, safe behind palace walls, Katya Ivanova sees St. Petersburg as a magical place. The daughter of a lady in waiting to the

Empress, Katya spends all her time with the Grand Duchesses, and the royal family feels like her own. But outside the palace, a terrible war is sweeping through Europe, and Russia is beginning to crumble under the weight of a growing revolution. Now, as Katya's once-certain future begins to dissolve, she must seek to understand what is happening to her beloved country and, for the first time in her life, take charge of her own destiny. With her trademark lyricism, spare prose, and strong young heroine, award-winning author Gloria Whelan has again taken a chapter from history and transformed it into compelling historical fiction. *Kirkus
My Beijing Harper Collins
Two Jewish sisters, escapees of the infamous Warsaw ghetto,

devise a plan to thwart an attempt by the Gestapo to intercept food bound for starving people behind the dark Wall.

At Ellis Island Simon and Schuster

An accident at a nuclear power plant ignites a story of loss, love, and courage.

The Curse of the Squirrel

Yearling

Publisher Description

Phoenix Rising

Macmillan

Realizing that her father's lack of work has endangered her family, nine-year-old Juice decides that she must return to school and learn to read in order to help their chances of surviving and keeping their house.

Animal Crackers Paw Prints

Tree, a six-foot-three-inch twelve-year-old, copes with his parents' recent divorce

and his failure as an athlete by helping his grandfather, a Vietnam vet and recent amputee, and Sophie, a new girl at school.

Lester's Dog Turtleback Books

With bravura storytelling, daring imagination, and fierce narrative control, this dazzling debut introduces that rare writer who finds humanity in our most unconventional behavior, and the humor beneath our darkest impulses. In these ten strange, funny, and unnerving stories, animals become the litmus test of our deepest fears and longings. In the title story, an elephant keeper courts danger from his gentle charge; in "Miss Waldron's Red Colobus," a headstrong young woman in Africa is

lured by the freedom of the monkeys in the trees; in "Talk Turkey," a boy has secret conversations with the turkeys on his friend's family's farm; in "Slim's Last Ride," a child plays chilling games with his pet rabbit; in "Gallus Gallus," a pompous husband projects his anger at his wife onto her prized rooster. This fresh, inventive debut will introduce Hannah Tinti as one of the most gifted writers of her generation. Enter her world at your own risk, and you will come away bewitched.

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Maestro Publishing Group

From Newbery media winner Karen Hesse comes an unforgettable story of an immigrant family's journey to America. "America," the girl

repeated. "What will you do there?" I was silent for a little time. "I will do everything there," I answered. Rifka knows nothing about America when she flees from Russia with her family in 1919. But she dreams that in the new country she will at last be safe from the Russian soldiers and their harsh treatment of the Jews. Throughout her journey, Rifka carries with her a cherished volume of poetry by Alexander Pushkin. In it, she records her observations and experiences in the form of letters to Tovah, the beloved cousin she has left behind. Strong-hearted and determined, Rifka must endure a great deal: humiliating examinations by doctors and soldiers, deadly typhus, separation from all she has ever known and loved, murderous storms at sea, detainment on Ellis Island--and is if this is not enough, the loss of her glorious golden hair. Based on a true story from the author's family, *Letters from Rifka*

presents a real-life heroine with an uncommon courage and unsinkable spirit.

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Macmillan

Describes anecdotes in the life of the Danish writer, and shows many of these events as the inspiration for his fairy tales.

Karen Hesse Penguin
Mags has a lot to wish for, but can a stuffed unicorn really make her wishes come true?

The Storyteller's Beads

Random House Books for Young Readers

A story of a child overcoming a common fear, conveying the special bonds of an unusual friendship. Carpenter's full-color illustrations capture the drama of confrontation and the mood of a small-town summer evening.

Hiding in Plain Sight

Graphic Universe & 8482
Personal memoirs of my journey through life acknowledging my true identity as I should be living, but could not reveal that truth until my sixth decade of life. The cost of that revelation has been immeasurable in expenses and change in relationships, but laden with learnings this book will share with readers experiencing similar challenges with either themselves. or looking for answers to questions in their relationships with loved ones. From early childhood through the end of a lengthy career, the next chapter is committed to volunteer and foundation formation for homeless LGBTQ+ experiencing a similar path.

Letters from Cuba HarperCollins

Collins

Sick with influenza during the 1918 epidemic and separated from her two sisters, a young Jewish girl living in Boston relies on the help of an old German man, and her visions of angels, to get better and to reunite herself with her family.

Sable HarperCollins

Pura Belpré Award Winner
Ruth Behar's inspiring story of a Jewish girl who escapes Poland to make a new life in Cuba, where she works to rescue the rest of her family. The situation is getting dire for Jews in Poland on the eve of World War II. Esther's father has fled to Cuba, and she is the first one to join him. It's heartbreaking to be separated from her beloved sister, so Esther promises to write down everything that happens until they're reunited. And she does, recording both the good--the kindness of the

Cuban people and her discovery of a valuable hidden talent--and the bad: the fact that Nazism has found a foothold even in Cuba.

Esther's evocative letters are full of her appreciation for life and reveal a resourceful, determined girl with a rare ability to bring people together, all the while striving to get the rest of their family out of Poland before it's too late.

Based on Ruth Behar's family history, this compelling story celebrates the resilience of the human spirit in the most challenging times.

Lavender Scholastic Inc.

Tate is overjoyed when a scrawny mutt turns up in the yard one day. She even persuades Mam and Pap to let her keep Sable, named for her dark, silky fur. But before long, the dog begins to cause trouble with the neighbors and Mam and Pap decide the dog must go. But Tate doesn't give up easily . . . and neither does

Sable.

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Perfection Learning

Even though she's outgrown other babyish things, a young girl finds she still needs to suck her thumb.

Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear

Candlewick

Bestselling author Alice Hoffman's bewitching *Nightbird* is perfect for ages 10-13: love and friendship empower a lonely girl to embrace her uniqueness and discover her strengths. Twig lives in Sidwell, where people whisper that fairy tales are real. After all, her town is rumored to hide a monster. And two hundred years ago, a witch placed a curse on Twig's family that was meant to last forever. But

this summer, everything will change when the red moon rises. It's time to break the spell. Praise Nominated for: The Great Stone Face Award (NH) Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award (Illinois) The Black-Eyed Susan Book Award (Maryland) "Hoffman reminds us that there are secrets everywhere . . . *Nightbird* soars." —The New York Times "Alice Hoffman has a gift for melding magic and realism in a way that makes nearly anything seem possible." —Shelf Awareness, Starred "The mix of romance and magic is irresistible." —Kirkus Reviews What Other Authors Are Saying "I love the way Alice Hoffman creates the most ordinary people and then

turns their lives magical. . .

. [Nightbird] is like reentering a wonderful dream that you vaguely remember.” —Lois Lowry,

two-time Newbery Medal–winning author of *The Giver*

Aleutian Sparrow

Scholastic Inc.

A girl raised by dolphins must choose between two worlds in this critically acclaimed novel about what it means to be a human being.