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Dear Student Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

A Newbery Honor Book The day D Foster enters Neeka and her best friend's lives, the world opens up for them. Suddenly they're keenly aware of things beyond their block in Queens, things that are happening in the world—like the shooting of Tupac Shakur—and in search of their Big Purpose in life. When—all too soon—D's mom swoops in to reclaim her, and Tupac dies, they are left with a sense of how quickly things can change and how even all-too-brief connections can touch deeply. Includes a Discussion Guide by Jacqueline Woodson "A slender, note-perfect novel."—The Washington Post "The subtlety and depth with which the author conveys the girls' relationships lend this novel exceptional vividness and staying power."—Publishers Weekly "Jacqueline Woodson has written another absorbing story that all readers—especially those who have felt the loss of a friendship—will identify with."—Children's Literature "Woodson creates a thought-provoking story about the importance of acceptance and connections in life."—VOYA

Ten Rules of Being a Superhero Scholastic Inc.

Feeling like she does not fit in with the other members of her family, who are all thin, brilliant, and good-looking, fifteen-year-old Virginia Shreves tries to deal with her self-image, her first physical relationship, and her disillusionment with some of the people closest to her. 10,000 first printing.

Courage for Beginners Bloomsbury Publishing USA

Sisters Anna and Sara must rely on each other for strength as they face being separated by the foster care system in this heartwrenching tale of sisterhood, family, and survival. Sara and Anna Olsen face an uncertain world. Their mother left home and may—or may not—be coming back. Their father is a drummer in a band and comes home long after the girls go to sleep—if he comes home at all. Too often, ten-year-old Sara and twelve-year-old Anna are left to fend for themselves. Then one night, three loud knocks at the door change everything: their father is in jail and social services has come to take the girls away. Rather than risk being split up, Sara and Anna decide their only option is to run away. But the girls don't get very far, and when the authorities catch up with them, Sara and Anna are forced back into the foster care system. Along the way, the girls encounter good people who want to help them but they also meet people who have no patience for mistakes or accidents. As Anna begins to act out or withdraw completely, Sara knows that it's up to her to take care of her older sister. But what if she can't anymore? What if she finds a forever home that may not include Anna? Will Sara keep the promise she made to her mother to stay with her sister or will she find the courage to do what's best for herself? In a starred review VOYA said "Sara's story will tug at heart strings; Readers will cheer for her to succeed."

Inspired by true events, this heartrending and hopeful novel of survival, friendship, and sisterhood, tells the tale of two sisters who must find the strength to face anything that life may throw their way.

You're Not Listening Simon and Schuster

"If it wasn't for the fused-with-Zyx thing, I suppose I would just be normal—whatever that means." When Felix Yz was three years old, a hyperintelligent fourth-dimensional being became fused inside him after one of his father's science experiments went terribly wrong. The creature is friendly, but Felix—now thirteen—won't be able to grow to adulthood while they're still melded together. So a risky Procedure is planned to separate them . . . but it may end up killing them both instead. This book is Felix's secret blog, a chronicle of the days leading up to the Procedure. Some days it's business as usual—time with his close-knit family, run-ins with a bully at school, anxiety about his crush. But life becomes more out of the ordinary with the arrival of an Estonian chess Grandmaster, the revelation of family secrets, and a train-hopping journey. When it all might be over in a few days, what matters most? Told in an unforgettable voice full of heart and humor, Felix Yz is a groundbreaking story about how we are all separate, but all connected too.

Damn Delicious Macmillan

From the author of the New York Times bestseller *Fish in a Tree* comes a compelling story about perspective and learning to love the family you have. Delsie loves tracking the weather--lately, though, it seems the squalls are in her own life. She's always lived with her kindhearted Grammy, but now she's looking at their life with new eyes and wishing she could have a "regular family." Delsie observes other changes in the air, too--the most painful being a friend who's outgrown her. Luckily, she has neighbors with strong shoulders to support her, and Ronan, a new friend who is caring and courageous but also troubled by the losses he's endured. As Ronan and Delsie traipse around Cape Cod on their adventures, they both learn what it means to be angry versus sad, broken versus whole, and abandoned versus loved. And that, together, they can weather any storm.

Murphy's Romance Candlewick Press

A charming novel about sisterhood, self-identity, and friendship from the author of *Flutter* Indie Lee Chickory knows she's not as cool as her older sister Bebe. Bebe has more friends, for one. And no one tells Bebe she's a fish freak, for two. So when Indie accidentally brings her pet lobster to school, makes a scene, loses him in the ocean and embarrasses Bebe worse than usual, she makes a wish on a star to become a better Chickory. She tries to do this by joining the stage crew of the community's theater production, *The Sound of Music*. (Bebe has a starring role.) But Bebe is worried that Indie will embarrass her again, so she gives her a makeover and tells her who she should be friends with. That means Owen is out. But he's fun and smart, so Indie keeps her friendship with him a secret. At night, Indie and Owen rebuild a tree house into a ship in the sky to catch Indie's pet lobster. But during the day, Indie has to hide her friendship with Owen. When things come to a head, Indie realizes that being true to yourself is more important than being cool. But what's even more surprising is that Bebe realizes it, too. Praise for *TRACING STARS* * "This improbable plot and spunky protagonist are appealing bait for a heartfelt, memorable story." --Kirkus Reviews, starred review * "This timeless story perfectly captures the growth that summer affords kids when, after endless

days and nights, they emerge truer versions of themselves." --Booklist, starred review "Moulton's sensitivity to her characters' emotions extends this quiet tale's mood and setting. (8–11 years)" --The Horn Book

After Tupac & D Foster Penguin

Josh was a squirrel without a family. Between the pelicans, the leopards, the otters, the snakes, and many more, no one seemed to want a squirrel like him. Josh didn't want a family, either. He did everything he could to scare those families away first, but the elephants weren't like other families. The elephants were very large and very patient, and they wanted Josh to be part of their family today, tomorrow, and the day after tomorrow. When Josh takes his plans a little too far and gets into a sticky situation, will Josh finally be convinced that this family is his? From award-winning motivational speaker and bestselling author Josh Shipp comes a mostly autobiographical tale about finding home.

With hilarious illustrations and a heartwarming message, *No Matter What: A Foster Care Tale* is sure to have your own family in peals of laughter and holding each other tight.

I'll Be There Random House Books for Young Readers

These three unforgettable stand-alone novels from New York Times bestselling author Lynda Mullaly Hunt celebrate unconditional friendship, unconventional families, everyday heroes, and looking beyond the labels, with a healthy dose of humor, heart, and hope. In *One for the Murphys*, Carley's life is upended when she becomes a foster child--and is placed in the Murphys' cookie-cutter-perfect household. In *Fish in a Tree*, Ally acts out because she is afraid she isn't smart enough--until she discovers that there's a lot more to her than a label, and that great minds don't always think alike. In *Shouting at the Rain*, Delsie is having a summer of discovery--finding out who her true friends are and where she really belongs. Lynda Mullaly Hunt's incredible novels remind us that we all have the power to be someone's hero, that great minds don't always think alike, and that we don't have to weather the storms of life alone.

Riviera Gold Candlewick Press

In order to be a real superhero, you have to follow some important rules: Rule #1: A superhero must ALWAYS respond to a call for help. Rule #2: Saving the day is messy. But everyone understands. In this handy guide, Captain Magma and his trusty sidekick, Lava Boy, take young readers on an adventure to learn all ten rules of being a good superhero.

One for the Murphys Penguin

In this heartfelt middle school drama, Hannah's schemes for throwing her own bat mitzvah unleash family secrets, create rivalries with best friends, and ultimately teach Hannah what being Jewish is all about. With a delicious mix of prose, poetry, and recipes, this hybrid novel is another fresh, thoughtful, and accessible Versify novel that is cookin' . - New York Times Best-Selling Author Kwame Alexander Hannah Malfa-Adler is Jew . . . ish. Not that she really thinks about it. She'd prefer to focus on her favorite pastime: baking delicious food! But when her best friend has a beyond-awesome Bat Mitzvah, Hannah starts to feel a little envious ...and a little left out. Despite her parents firm no, Hannah knows that if she can learn enough about her own faith, she can convince her friends that the party is still in motion. As the secrets mount, a few are bound to explode. When they do, Hannah learns that being Jewish isn't about having a big party and a fancy dress and a first kiss -- it's about actually being Jewish. Most importantly, Hannah realizes that the only person's permission she needs to be Jewish, is her own.

The Lost Boy Penguin

When Autumn becomes the secret voice of the advice column in her middle school newspaper she is faced with a dilemma--can she give fair advice to everyone, including her friends, while keeping her identity a secret? Starting Middle School is rough for Autumn after her one and only BFF moves to California. Uncertain and anxious, she struggles to connect with her new classmates. The two potential friends she meets could not be more different: bold Logan who has big ideas and quiet Cooper who's a bit mysterious. But Autumn has a dilemma: what do you do when the new friends you make don't like each other? When Autumn is picked to be the secret voice of the Dear Student letters in the Hillview newspaper, she finds herself smack in the middle of a problem with Logan and Cooper on opposite sides. But before Autumn can figure out what to do, the unthinkable happens. Her secret identity as Dear Student is threatened. Now, it's time for Autumn to find her voice, her courage, and follow her heart, even when it's divided.

The 14 Fibs of Gregory K. Simon and Schuster

Twelve-year-old Arrow was raised by the Guardian Tree in a rainforest protected by a magical veil, but now the veil is deteriorating and humans have entered, changing his life forever.

Shouting at the Rain Harper Collins

School Library Journal Best Book * ALA Notable Children's Book * New York Public Library's "One Hundred Titles for Reading and Sharing" * Chicago Public Library Best of the Best * Cooperative Children's Book Center Choice * Connecticut Book Award Winner * American Library Association Schneider Family Book Award Winner This poignant and joyful novel is filled with meaningful moments and emotional resonance. Addie is waiting for normal. But Addie's mother has an all-or-nothing approach to life: a food fiesta or an empty pantry, her way or no way. Addie's mother is bipolar, and she often neglects Addie. All-or-nothing never adds up to normal, and it can't bring Addie home, where she wants to be with her half-sisters and her stepfather. But Addie never stops hoping that one day, maybe, she'll find normal. "A heroine with spunk and spirit offers an inspiring lesson in perseverance and hope. First-rate." —Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

Fish in a Tree HarperCollins

"This is LIFE, people! You've got air coming through your nose! You've got a heartbeat! That means it's time to do something!" announces Kid President in his book, *Kid President's Guide to Being Awesome*. From YouTube sensation (75 million views and counting!) to Hub Network summer series star, Kid President—ten-year-old Robby Novak—and his videos have inspired millions to dance more, to celebrate life, and to throw spontaneous parades. In his *Guide to Being Awesome*, Kid President pulls together lists of awesome ideas to help the world, awesome interviews with his awesome celebrity friends (he has interviewed Beyoncé!), and a step-by-step guide to make pretty much everything a little bit awesomer. Grab a corn dog and settle in to your favorite comfy chair. Pretend it's your birthday! (In fact, treat everyone like it's THEIR birthday!) Kid President is here with a 240-page, full-color *Guide to Being Awesome* that'll spread love and inspire the world.

Waiting for Normal Penguin

Believe in the possible . . . with this "warm, witty, and wise" New York Times bestselling novel from three-time Newbery Honor winner Jennifer L.

Holm. A perfect read about a child's relationship with her grandfather! Galileo. Newton. Salk. Oppenheimer. Science can change the world . . . but can it go too far? Eleven-year-old Ellie has never liked change. She misses fifth grade. She misses her old best friend. She even misses her dearly departed goldfish. Then one day a strange boy shows up. He ' s bossy. He ' s cranky. And weirdly enough . . . he looks a lot like Ellie ' s grandfather, a scientist who ' s always been slightly obsessed with immortality. Could this pimply boy really be Grandpa Melvin? Has he finally found the secret to eternal youth? With a lighthearted touch and plenty of humor, Jennifer Holm celebrates the wonder of science and explores fascinating questions about life and death, family and friendship, immortality . . . and possibility. And don ' t miss the much-anticipated sequel, *The Third Mushroom!* "Warm, witty and wise"—The New York Times "Awesomely strange and startlingly true-to-life. It makes you wonder what's possible." -- Rebecca Stead, Newbery Medal-winning author of *When You Reach Me* SUNSHINE STATE AWARD FINALIST!

Minions Little Golden Book Delacorte Press

Emily Bell believes in destiny. To her, being forced to sing a solo in the church choir--despite her average voice--is fate: because it's while she's singing that she first sees Sam. At first sight, they are connected. Sam Border wishes he could escape, but there's nowhere for him to run. He and his little brother, Riddle, have spent their entire lives constantly uprooted by their unstable father. That is, until Sam sees Emily. That's when everything changes. As Sam and Riddle are welcomed into the Bells' lives, they witness the warmth and protection of a family for the first time. But when tragedy strikes, they're left fighting for survival in the desolate wilderness, and wondering if they'll ever find a place where they can belong. Beautifully written and emotionally profound, *I'll Be There* is a gripping story that explores the complexities of teenage passions, friendships, and loyalties.

Zia Erases the World Scholastic Inc.

In this National Book Award finalist, Joey Pigza tries hard to be a good kid trapped in a wired body.

[No Matter What](#) Penguin

Illumination's Minions--now retold in a classic Little Golden Book! Kevin, Stuart, Bob, and all of the Minions we first met in *Despicable Me* return in this new Little Golden Book retelling of Illumination's hit movie *Minions*--perfect for boys and girls ages 3 to 5 and fans of all ages! The Minions have served the most despicable master they can find since the dawn of time, sometimes to the detriment of the villains themselves. Three Minions--brave Kevin, guitar-playing Stuart, and lovable Bob--venture out to Villain-Con to find a new boss to serve. There they meet the infamous Scarlet Overkill, and so begins the humorous and heartwarming adventure of saving their tribe and finding the best evil boss of all time.

Lynda Mullaly Hunt Collection Penguin

"Fans of R.J. Palacio ' s Wonder will appreciate this feel-good story of friendship and unconventional smarts. " —Kirkus Reviews Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to ask for help; after all, how can you cure dumb? However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker. With his help, Ally learns not to be so hard on herself and that dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of. As her confidence grows, Ally feels free to be herself and the world starts opening up with possibilities. She discovers that there ' s a lot more to her—and to everyone—than a label, and that great minds don ' t always think alike. The author of the beloved *One for the Murphys* gives readers an emotionally-charged, uplifting novel that will speak to anyone who ' s ever thought there was something wrong with them because they didn ' t fit in. This paperback edition includes *The Sketchbook of Impossible Things* and discussion questions. A New York Times Bestseller! * " Unforgettable and uplifting. " —School Library Connection, starred review * "Offering hope to those who struggle academically and demonstrating that a disability does not equal stupidity, this is as unique as its heroine. " —Booklist, starred review * " Mullaly Hunt again paints a nuanced portrayal of a sensitive, smart girl struggling with circumstances beyond her control." —School Library Journal, starred review

[Tracing Stars](#) Macmillan

The stunning companion to the National Book Award finalist--from a four-time Newbery Honor winning author Twelve-year-old Lonnie is finally feeling at home with his foster family. But because he ' s living apart from his little sister, Lili, he decides it ' s his job to be the " rememberer " —and write down everything that happens while they ' re growing up. Lonnie ' s musings are bittersweet; he ' s happy that he and Lili have new families, but though his new family brings him joy, it also brings new worries. With a foster brother in the army, concepts like Peace have new meaning for Lonnie. Told through letters from Lonnie to Lili, this thought-provoking companion to Jacqueline Woodson ' s National Book Award finalist *Locomotion* tackles important issues in captivating, lyrical language. Lonnie ' s reflections on family, loss, love and peace will strike a note with readers of all ages.