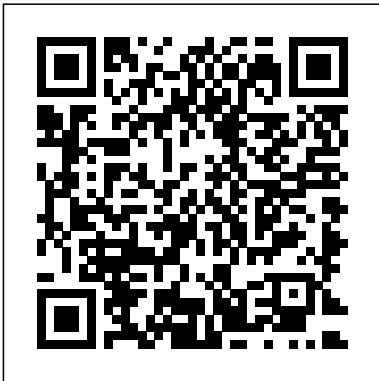


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Stick and Whittle Simon and Schuster

This is the delightfully warm and enjoyable story of an old Parisian named Armand, who relished his solitary life. Children, he said, were like starlings, and one was better off without them. But the children who lived under the bridge recognized a true friend when they met one, even if the friend seemed a trifle unwilling at the start. And it did not take Armand very long to realize that he had gotten himself ready-made family; one that he loved with all his heart, and one for whom he would have to find a better home than the bridge. Armand and the children's adventures around Paris -- complete with gypsies and a Santa Claus -- make a story which children will treasure.

Island of the Blue Dolphins Pearson UK

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

Endangered Thorndike Striving Reader

Two years after having survived a plane crash into the Canadian wilderness, a sixteen-year-old boy returns to the wild, where he befriends a wounded dog and hunts a rogue bear.

Rules Scholastic Inc.

Thirteen-year-old Sam Castine is at summer camp while his mother is in rehab, but when the camp is evacuated ahead of a fast moving wildfire, he makes the mistake of going back for his phone, and finds himself left behind, disoriented, and running for his life, together with a girl, Delphy, from a different camp--finding an old jeep keeps them going, but in the wilds of Maine, there are only logging roads and the deadly crown fire is

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everywhere.

**When Trees Explode** Random House Books for Young Readers  
Raina Telgemeier's #1 New York Times bestselling, Eisner Award-winning graphic memoir based on her childhood! Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But one night after Girl Scouts she trips and falls, severely injuring her two front teeth. What follows is a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off-again braces, surgery, embarrassing headgear, and even a retainer with fake teeth attached. And on top of all that, there's still more to deal with: a major earthquake, boy confusion, and friends who turn out to be not so friendly.

Slider Laurel Leaf

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

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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.

*Where the Red Fern Grows* Feiwel & Friends

Kek comes from Africa. In America he sees snow for the first time, and feels its sting. He's never walked on ice, and he falls. He wonders if the people in this new place will be like the winter -

cold and unkind. In Africa, Kek lived with his mother, father, and brother. But only he and his mother have survived, and now she's missing. Kek is on his own. Slowly, he makes friends: a girl who is in foster care; an old woman who owns a rundown farm, and a cow whose name means "family" in Kek's native language. As Kek awaits word of his mother's fate, he weathers the tough Minnesota winter by finding warmth in his new friendships, strength in his memories, and belief in his new country. Bestselling author Katherine Applegate presents a beautifully wrought novel about an immigrant's journey from hardship to hope. *Home of the Brave* is a 2008 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

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*The Outsiders* Scholastic  
Paperbacks

A beloved classic that captures the powerful bond between man and man's best friend. Billy has long dreamt of owning not one, but two, dogs. So when he's finally able to save up enough money for two pups to call his own—Old Dan and Little Ann—he's ecstatic. It doesn't matter that times are tough; together they'll roam the hills of the Ozarks. Soon Billy and his hounds become the finest hunting team in the valley. Stories of their

great achievements spread throughout the region, and the combination of Old Dan's brawn, Little Ann's brains, and Billy's sheer will seems unbeatable. But tragedy awaits these determined hunters—now friends—and Billy learns that hope can grow out of despair, and that the seeds of the future can come from the scars of the past. Praise for *Where the Red Fern Grows* A Top 100 Children's Novel, School Library Journal's A Fuse #8 Production A Must-Read for Kids 9 to 14, NPR Winner of Multiple State Awards Over 7

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million copies in print! "Verywell as children are drawn touching." -The New York Times [in] with a passion." -Arizona Book Review "One of the great Daily Star "It's a story about classics of children's a young boy and his two literature . . . Any child who hunting dogs and . . . I can't doesn't get to read this even go on without getting a beloved and powerfully little misty." -The Huffington emotional book has missed out Post "We tear up just thinking on an important piece of about it." -Time on the film childhood for the last 40-plus adaptation years." -Common Sense Media *We Are the Ship* Laurel Leaf "An exciting tale of love and Two boys, separated by the adventure you'll never canyons of time and two forget." -School Library vastly different cultures, Journal "A book of unadorned face the challenges by which naturalness." -Kirkus Reviews they will become men. Coyote "Written with so much feeling Runs, an Apache boy, takes and sentiment that adults as part in his first raid. But

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he is to be a man for only a short time. More than a hundred years later, while camping near Dog Canyon, 15-year-old Brennan Cole becomes obsessed with a skull that he finds, pierced by a bullet. He learns that it is the skull of an Apache boy executed by soldiers in 1864. A mystical link joins Brennan and Coyote Runs, and Brennan knows that neither boy will find peace until Coyote Runs' skull is carried back to an ancient sacred place. In a grueling journey through the canyon to return the skull,

Brennan confronts the challenge of his life.

**Ghost Boys** Scholastic Inc.

"A collection of ten short stories that all take place in the same day about kids walking home from school"--

Speak: The Graphic Novel

Harper Collins

Golding's iconic 1954 novel, now with a new foreword by Lois Lowry, remains one of the greatest books ever written for young adults and an unforgettable classic for readers of any age. This edition includes a new Suggestions for Further

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Reading by Jennifer Buehler.	Four starred reviews and over
At the dawn of the next world	ten best-of-year lists!* Many
war, a plane crashes on an	readers will recognize
uncharted island, stranding a	themselves or their neighbors
group of schoolboys. At first,	in these pages. -- Kirkus
with no adult supervision,	Reviews, starred review Winner
their freedom is something to	of the Asian / Pacific
celebrate. This far from	American Award for Children's
civilization they can do	Literature!* Many readers will
anything they want. Anything.	recognize themselves or their
But as order collapses, as	neighbors in these pages. --
strange howls echo in the	Kirkus Reviews, starred
night, as terror begins its	reviewMia Tang has a lot of
reign, the hope of adventure	secrets.Number 1: She lives in
seems as far removed from	a motel, not a big house.
reality as the hope of being	Every day, while her immigrant
rescued.	parents clean the rooms, ten-
<b>Hatchet</b> Harper Collins	year-old Mia manages the front



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desk of the Calivista Motel	and guests, escape Mr. Yao,
and tends to its guests.	Number and go for her
2: Her parents hide	dreams? Featuring exclusive
immigrants. And if the mean	bonus content!
motel owner, Mr. Yao, finds	<i>Look Both Ways</i> Penguin
out they've been letting them	Aspiring to be the fastest
stay in the empty rooms for	sprinter on his elite middle
free, the Tangs will be	school's track team, gifted
doomed.	Number 3: She wants to
be a writer. But how can she	runner Ghost finds his goal
when her mom thinks she should	challenged by a tragic past
stick to math because English	with a violent father.
is not her first language? It	<u>Smile: A Graphic Novel</u> Houghton
will take all of Mia's	Mifflin Harcourt
courage, kindness, and hard	In 1943, during the German
work to get through this year.	occupation of Denmark, ten-year-
Will she be able to hold on to	old Annemarie learns how to be
her job, help the immigrants	brave and courageous when she
	helps shelter her Jewish friend

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from the Nazis.

**Canyons** Blue Sky Press

"The classic of modern science fiction"--Front cover.

Waiting for Normal Candlewick Press

Competitive eating vies with family expectations in a funny, heartfelt novel for middle-grade readers by National Book Award winner Pete Hautman. David can eat an entire sixteen-inch pepperoni pizza in four minutes and thirty-six seconds. Not bad. But he knows he can do better. In fact, he'll have to do better: he's going to compete in the Super Pigorino Bowl, the world's greatest pizza-eating contest, and he has to win it, because he borrowed his mom's credit card and accidentally put

\$2,000 on it. So he really needs that prize money. Like, yesterday. As if training to be a competitive eater weren't enough, he's also got to keep an eye on his little brother, Mal (who, if the family believed in labels, would be labeled autistic, but they don't, so they just label him Mal). And don't even get started on the new weirdness going on between his two best friends, Cyn and HeyMan. Master talent Pete Hautman has whipped up a rich narrative shot through with equal parts humor and tenderness, and the result is a middle-grade novel too delicious to put down.

*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* Simon and Schuster

In her own words, a young girl

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describes her feelings about starting kindergarten and what she does when she decides not to ride the bus home.

**One of Us Is Lying (TV Series Tie-In Edition)** Random House Books for Young Readers  
Capricorn (Cap) Anderson has never watched television. He's never tasted a pizza. Never heard of a wedgie. Since he was little, his only experience has been living on a farm commune and being home-schooled by his hippie grandmother, Rain. But when Rain falls out of a tree while picking plums and has to stay in the hospital, Cap is forced to move in with a guidance counselor and her

cranky teen daughter and attend the local middle school. While Cap knows a lot about tie-dying and Zen Buddhism, no education could prepare him for the politics of public school. Right from the beginning, Cap's weirdness makes him a moving target at Claverage Middle School (dubbed C-Average by the students). He has long, ungroomed hair; wears hemp clothes; and practises tai chi on the lawn. Once Zack Powers, big man on campus, spots Cap, he can't wait to introduce him to the age-old tradition at C-Average: the biggest nerd is nominated for class

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president—and wins.

Clean Getaway Laurel Leaf

The story of one African-American family fighting to stay together and strong in the face of brutal racist attacks, illness, poverty, and betrayal in the Deep South of the 1930s.

*Front Desk* Tor Books

In 1944, as World War II is raging across Europe, fifteen-year-old Jack Raab dreams of being a hero. Leaving New York City, his family, and his boyhood behind, Jack uses a false I.D. and lies his way into the U.S. Air Force. From their base in England, he and his crew fly twenty-four treacherous bombing missions over occupied Europe. The war is almost over and

Hitler near defeat when they fly their last mission -- a mission destined for disaster. Shot down far behind enemy lines, Jack is taken prisoner and sent to a German POW camp, where his experiences are more terrifying than anything he'd ever imagined.