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Alligator Bayou Harper Collins

When Roberto sneaks off to see a movie in his Italian village, he has no idea that life as he knows it is over. German soldiers raid the theater, round up the boys in the audience, and pack them onto a train. After a terrifying journey, Roberto and his best friend Samuele find themselves in a brutal work camp, where food is scarce and horror is everywhere. The boys vow to stay together no matter what. But Samuele has a dangerous secret, which, if discovered, could get them both killed. Lovers of historical fiction will be captivated by this tragic, triumphant, and deeply moving novel.

Fire in the Hills National Geographic Books

From #1 New York Times bestseller Mike Lupica! It's simple. All Billy Raynor wants to do is shoot. After all, he is one of the best shooters in the league. But with his dad as his coach, and his parents newly separated, somehow everything's become complicated. His brother Ben hardly talks anymore. His mom is always traveling on business. And his dad is always on his case about not being a team player. But when Ben's piano recital falls on the same day as the championship game, it's Billy who teaches his dad the meaning of being a team player.

Daughter of Venice Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

"Gripping and poignant, A Matter of Days takes readers on a heart-stopping journey of love and survival." — New York Times bestselling author Carrie Jones Their new reality begins in just a matter of days. On Day 56 of the Blustar Pandemic, sixteen-year-old Nadia's mother dies, leaving Nadia to fend for herself and her younger brother, Rabbit. Both have been immunized against the virus, but they can't be protected from what comes next. Their father taught them to "be the cockroach"—to adapt to and survive whatever comes their way. And that's their mission. Facing a lawless world of destruction and deprivation, Nadia and Rabbit drive from Seattle to their grandfather's compound in West Virginia. The illness, fatigue, and hunger they endure along the way will all be worth it once they reach the compound. Unless no one is waiting for them . . . "Fans of Rick Yancey's *The 5th Wave*, S. D. Crockett's *After the Snow*, or Cormac McCarthy's adult novel *The Road* will find this a satisfying

read." —SLJ "An exciting apocalyptic road trip." —Publishers Weekly

Beast Simon and Schuster

When his family goes on vacation to visit his grandparents in Iowa, nine-year-old Mikey is continually faced with his fear of drowning.

When the Water Closes Over My Head Delacorte Press

While driving in the Italian countryside, eleven-year-old Jackie's father suddenly collapses at the wheel. Fear for her father's life quickly turns to terror when two Italian men kidnap her and drive to their remote home in the countryside. Jackie soon discovers that her captors are actually a family, plagued by a mysterious secret. Award-winning novelist Donna Jo Napoli has created a haunting thriller that gives life to Jackie's utter desperation and determination to escape.

Hunger Penguin

Told from the point of view of Jean Baptiste Charbonneau, the baby on Sacagawea's back, this breathtaking picture book reveals the adventure and natural wonders that Lewis and Clark encountered on their Western expedition in the early 1800s. Donna Jo Napoli's lyrical text and Jim Madsen's majestic artwork offer a fresh perspective on the remarkable sights and sounds of a young country, and give voice to a character readers are already familiar with: baby Charbonneau is shown on the golden Sacagawea dollar.

How Hungry are You? Penguin

Provides a fantastical tale as a bitter man discovers he is able to spin straw into gold through the magic of his crippled leg and the wheel on which he spins.

The Smile Penguin

A riveting and dramatic story of two devoted sisters, Italian citizens, who must survive in WWII Japan. In 1940, when Simona is eight and her sister, Carolina, is five, their father becomes the cook to the Italian ambassador to Japan, and the family leaves Italy for Tokyo. The girls learn perfect Japanese, make friends, and begin to love life in their new home. But soon Japan is engaged in a world war. In 1943, when all Italians in Japan are confined to internment camps as enemy aliens, Papà and the girls are forced to part, and Simona and Carolina embark on a dramatic journey. Anyone who aids them could be arrested for treason. All the sisters have is each other: their wits, courage, and resilience, and the hope that they will find people who see them not as the enemy, but simply as children trying to survive. In this gripping, deeply moving story, Donna Jo Napoli gives readers an unforgettable and authentic new perspective on World War II.

Zel Dutton Childrens Books

Don Giovanni was once the wealthiest and handsomest young man in Messina. Then a tidal wave changed everything. When a well-dressed stranger offers him a magical purse, he knows he shouldn't take it. Only the devil would offer a deal like this, and only a fool would accept. Don Giovanni is no fool, but he is desperate. He takes the bet: he will not bathe for 3 years, 3 months, and 3 days. Beauty is a small price to pay for worldly wealth, isn't it? Unless he loses the wager—and with it his soul. Set against the stunning backdrop of ancient Sicily, Donna Jo Napoli's new novel is a powerful tale about discovering what truly matters most.

The Prince of the Pond Penguin

Having lost her family in a massive flood, sixteen-year-old Sebah finds her way onto a gigantic ark, where she must conceal herself from Noah and his family until it is safe for her and another stowaway to slip away.

Three Days Puffin

Bobby the bonobo is not accepted by the chimps at the zoo where they all live, but after he has an afternoon adventure in the city and gets a mohawk hair cut, the chimps change their minds about him.

Hurricane Song Simon and Schuster

If she keeps far enough away from humans, perhaps she won't be forced to hurt them. Deep in the woods lives the old witch called Ugly One. All she wants is to forget—the she was once a loving mother and a healer, blessed and powerful within her magic circle, and not a witch, claimed by the devils. Then one day she hears the footsteps she dreads. Then real voices—children's voices. The Ugly One longs to take care of sturdy, sensible Gretel and her young brother Hansel. They are such good children, such delicious, beautiful children. But demons' voices scream in her head: "Eat them!" How can she? . . . How can she not? "A brilliantly conceived and beautifully executed novel." —School Library Journal, starred review "A work of great strength and powerful emotion, written with immediacy and intensity, filled with beauty and terror and pervading sense of compassion that must touch young and old." —Lloyd Alexander An ALA Best Book for Young Adults A Bulletin Blue Ribbon Book A Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year

A Matter of Days Dial

A poetic, gifty offering that combines first love, friendship, and persistent courage in this lyrical immigration story told in verse. Carrying just a suitcase and an old laundry bag filled with clothes, Kasienska and her mother are immigrating to England from Poland. Kasienska isn't the happiest girl in the world. At home, her mother is suffering from a broken heart as she searches for Kasienska's father. And at school, Kasienska is having trouble being the new girl and making friends. The only time she feels comforted is when she's swimming at the pool. But she can't quite shake the feeling that she's sinking. Until a new boy swims into her life, and she learns that there might be more than one way to stay afloat. The Weight of Water is a coming-of-age story that deftly handles issues of immigration, alienation, and first love. Moving and poetically rendered, this novel-in-verse is the story of a young girl whose determination to find out who she is prevails.

Mama Miti Simon and Schuster

With the power of creativity comes the ability to dream big . . . Ally and her mother are visiting Australia for the summer, and she can't wait to start drawing all the new animals that she'll see. But when Ally meets Pauline, an Aboriginal woman who's also an artist, she learns that art isn't always created with just paper and paints, and that mistakes are actually happy accidents. Donna Jo Napoli and her daughter were inspired to write this story after spending many summers in Australia, and Aboriginal artist Bronwyn Bancroft's dynamic illustrations bring to life this inspiring story about creativity and imagination.

Treasury of Norse Mythology Penguin

Eleven-year-old Adam finds it easier to cope with some of his worries when he regains his ability to talk with his freckles and when he makes friends with a blind boy during the family's vacation at Cape May.

Friends Everywhere Penguin

YOUNG XING XING IS BOUND. Bound to her father's second wife and daughter after Xing Xing's father has

passed away. Bound to a life of servitude as a young girl in ancient China, where the life of a woman is valued less than that of livestock. Bound to be alone and unmarried, with no parents to arrange for a suitable husband. Dubbed "Lazy One" by her stepmother, Xing Xing spends her days taking care of her half sister, Wei Ping, who cannot walk because of her foot bindings, the painful but compulsory tradition for girls who are fit to be married. Even so, Xing Xing is content, for now, to practice her gift for poetry and calligraphy, to tend to the mysterious but beautiful carp in her garden, and to dream of a life unbound by the laws of family and society. But all of this is about to change as the time for the village's annual festival draws near, and Stepmother, who has spent nearly all of the family's money, grows desperate to find a husband for Wei Ping. Xing Xing soon realizes that this greed and desperation may threaten not only her memories of the past, but also her dreams for the future. In this searing story, Donna Jo Napoli, acclaimed author of *Beast and Breath*, delves into the roots of the Cinderella myth and unearths a tale as powerful as it is familiar.

Bound Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

High in the mountains, Zel lives with her mother, who insists they have all they need -- for they have each other. Zel's life is peaceful and protected -- until a chance encounter changes everything. When she meets a beautiful young prince at the market one day, she is profoundly moved by new emotions. But Zel's mother sees the future unfolding -- and she will do the unspeakable to prevent Zel from leaving her... "Will leave readers spellbound." -- Publishers Weekly, starred review

The Crossing Harper Collins

Torrey Grey is famous. At least, on the internet. Thousands of people watch her popular videos on fashion and beauty. But when Torrey's sister is killed in an accident -- maybe because of Torrey and her videos -- Torrey's perfect world implodes. Now, strangers online are bashing Torrey. And at her new school, she doesn't know who to trust. Is queen bee Blair only being sweet because of Torrey's internet infamy? What about Raylene, who is decidedly unpopular, but seems accepts Torrey for who she is? And then there's Luis, with his brooding dark eyes, whose family runs the local funeral home. Torrey finds herself drawn to Luis, and his fascinating stories about El Dia de los Muertos, the Day of the Dead. As the Day of the Dead draws near, Torrey will have to really look at her own feelings about death, and life, and everything in between. Can she learn to mourn her sister out of the public eye?

In a Flash Wendy Lamb Books

Who is that handsome green stranger? None of the pond dwellers has ever seen the peculiar new frog before. They found him sitting in a pile of human clothes outside the hag's house. What a strange frog he is! He gets his feet tangled when he tries to jump, he refuses to eat bugs, and he can't tell a toad from a frog. He calls himself "De Fawg Pin," and he's about to turn pond life topsy-turvy! "The frog prince motif has inspired many books, but few as original as this novel." —Booklist

"An animal fantasy that fairy tale readers will relish." —Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books, starred review

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