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A sixteen-year-old boy relates his discovery of the Pearl of Heaven and his near-fatal encounter with the feared sea monster, Manta Diablo.

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Pocahontas and early Jamestown are brought to life through the eyes of the Newbery Award winner's historical heroine.

The Hawk That Dare Not Hunt by Day Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Winner of the Scott O'Dell Award Five Starred Reviews! A New York Public Library Best Book for Kids, 2016 Grown-ups lie. That's one truth Beans knows for sure. He and his gang know how to spot a whopper a mile away, because they are the savviest bunch of barefoot conchs (that means "locals") in all of Key West. Not that Beans really minds; it's 1934, the middle of the Great Depression.

With no jobs on the island, and no money anywhere, who can really blame the grown-ups for telling a few tales? Besides, Beans isn't anyone's fool. In fact, he has plans. Big plans. And the consequences might surprise even Beans himself. Return to the wonderful world of Newbery Honor Book Turtle in Paradise through the eyes of Turtle's cousin Beans! "A surprising coming-of-age story with a remarkably honest message." –The New York Times "[Holm] captures this colorful slice of Depression history with her usual vivacious wit. . . . Children will love Beans." –Shelf Awareness, Starred "A novel as entertaining as the motion pictures [Beans] loves to see." –The Horn Book Magazine, Starred "Inspired by actual events, Holm's talent for writing historical fiction is on full display. . . . Interesting family and small-town dynamics further enrich this fascinating account of a young boy's life in Florida's 'Recovery Key.'" –Booklist, Starred "Filled with humor, heart, and warmth." –Kirkus Review, Starred "Entertaining and illuminating

historical fiction." —Publishers Weekly, Starred

The 19th Wife HarperCollins

All the way from the coal mines of West Virginia to the lumber towns of California where he is to be reunited with his father, David holds tight to a very special jar of watermelon pickles.

The Black Pearl Scholastic Inc.

Bright Dawn must face the challenge of the Iditarod dog sled race alone when her father is injured.

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

A young Indian girl, Zia, caught between the traditional world of her mother and the present world of the Mission, is helped by her aunt Karana, whose story was told in "The Island of the Blue Dolphins."

A Literature Unit for The Black Pearl by Scott O'Dell Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Spanish seminarian Juliãan Escobar, known to the Mayas as Lord Kukulcãan and worshipped as a god, witnesses the fall of the Mayan and Incan civilizations with the coming of Cortães and Pizarro.

The King's Fifth Penguin

Follows the experiences of an aristocratic family from the turbulent antebellum years through the Civil War, during which they harbor dark secrets and jealously guard their privilege and power.

Streams to the River, River to the Sea

Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)

This powerful account of the tragic defeat of the Nez Perce Indians in 1877 by the United States Army is narrated by Chief Joseph's strong and brave daughter.

The Girl of the Sea of Cortez Penguin Group

Tragedy forces Alexandra Papadimitrios, a member of a family of Florida sponge fishers, out of her traditional role into a new and dangerous course that leads her into all kinds of challenges, including the attentions of a handsome sea captain.

Thunder Rolling In The Mountains

HarperCollins

Faith, I tell them, is a mystery, elusive to many, and never easy to explain. Sweeping and

lyrical, spellbinding and unforgettable, David Ebershoff's *The 19th Wife* combines epic historical fiction with a modern murder mystery to create a brilliant novel of literary suspense. It is 1875, and Ann Eliza Young has recently separated from her powerful husband, Brigham Young, prophet and leader of the Mormon Church. Expelled and an outcast, Ann Eliza embarks on a crusade to end polygamy in the United States. A rich account of a family's polygamous history is revealed, including how a young woman became a plural wife. Soon after Ann Eliza's story begins, a second exquisite narrative unfolds—a tale of murder involving a polygamist family in present-day Utah. Jordan Scott, a young man who was thrown out of his fundamentalist sect years earlier, must reenter the world that cast him aside in order to discover the truth behind his father's death. And as Ann Eliza's narrative intertwines with that of Jordan's search, readers are pulled deeper into the mysteries of love and faith. Praise for *The 19th Wife* "This exquisite tour de force explores the dark roots of polygamy and its modern-day fruit in a renegade cult . . . Ebershoff brilliantly blends a haunting fictional narrative by Ann Eliza Young, the real-life 19th "rebel" wife of Mormon leader Brigham Young, with the equally compelling contemporary narrative of fictional Jordan Scott, a 20-year-old gay man. . . . With the topic of plural marriage and its shattering impact on women and powerless children in today's headlines, this novel is essential reading for anyone seeking understanding of the subject."—Publishers Weekly (starred review)

The Ice Swan HarperCollins

The Newbury Award-winning author delivers "what may be his finest novel" in this young adult narrative of Saint Francis of Assisi and the Fifth Crusade (Publishers Weekly). Rich in the atmosphere of thirteenth-century Italy, *The Road to Damietta* offers a fascinating new perspective on the man who became Saint Francis of Assisi: the guileless, joyous man who praised the oneness of nature and

sought to bring the world into harmony. Thirteen-year-old Ricca di Montanaro, who secretly loves the young Francis, watches in awe as he disavows his rich father and declares himself a servant of Christ. Following him on his journey, Ricca recounts Francis's attempt to bring peace amidst the bloodshed of the Fifth Crusade. "Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace," he said. "Where there is hatred, let me sow love, where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy." And so he set off on the road to Damietta...

The Dorothy Dunnett Companion Penguin

After her mother accidentally causes the death of her Mexican boyfriend, an illegal immigrant, Kathleen runs away with her rebellious, worldly girlfriend to Baja California.

Journey to Jericho Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
O'Dell takes a voyage up the length of the California coast in his cedar-hulled offshore cruiser named "Arctic Star" and experiences the delights and drama of life at sea along this beautiful shoreline. Along the way, he relates the colorful narratives of California's past.

The Black Pearl Random House Books for Young Readers

The arrival of Christopher Dawson, a young archaeologist, dramatically alters the life of Lucinda de Cabrillo y Benivides, a beautiful young girl protected by her fabulously wealthy father from the realities of the twentieth century.

The Captive Random House

A young girl relates her feelings and experiences as a participant in the battle of San Pasqual during the last days of the war between Californians and Americans.

Serpent Never Sleeps Scholastic Inc.

Records the courage and self-reliance of an Indian girl who lived alone for eighteen years on an isolated island off the California coast when her tribe emigrated and she was left behind.

Mustard Seed Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

A 1967 Newbery Honor Book While awaiting trial for murder and withholding from the king the obligatory fifth of the gold found in Cibola, Esteban, a seventeen-year-old cartographer, recalls his adventures with a band of conquistadors.

The Amethyst Ring Everbind

Amid the violent last days of the glittering Russian monarchy, a princess on the run finds her heart where she least expects it. 1917, Petrograd. Fleeing the murderous flames of the Russian Revolution, Princess Svetlana Dalsky hopes to find safety in Paris with her mother and sister. But the city is buckling under the weight of the Great War, and the Bolsheviks will not rest until they have erased every Russian aristocrat from memory.

Svetlana and her family are forced into hiding in Paris's underbelly, with little to their name but the jewels they sewed into their corsets before their terrifying escape. Born the second son of a Scottish duke, the only title Wynn MacCallan cares for is that of surgeon. Putting his talents with a scalpel to good use in the hospitals in Paris, Wynn pushes the boundaries of medical science to give his patients the best care possible. After treating Svetlana for a minor injury, he is pulled into a world of decaying imperial glitter. Intrigued by this mysterious, cold, and beautiful woman, Wynn follows Svetlana to an underground Russian club where drink, dance, and questionable dealings collide on bubbles of vodka. Out of money and options, Svetlana agrees to a marriage of convenience with the handsome and brilliant Wynn, who will protect her and pay off her family's debts. It's the right thing for a good man to do, but Wynn cannot help hoping the marriage will turn into one of true affection. When Wynn's life takes an unexpected turn, so does Svetlana's—and soon Paris becomes as dangerous as Petrograd. And as the Bolsheviks chase them to Scotland, Wynn and Svetlana begin to wonder if they will ever be able to outrun the love they are beginning to feel for one another. "The Ice Swan is a ray of light in the middle of a Europe that was sinking into darkness. Ciesielski's talent for storytelling from the

heart is a feast for the readers' eyes." —Mario Escobar, international bestselling author of Remember Me and Children of the Stars Adventurous World War I historical romance For fans of Kate Quinn, Beatriz Williams, and Aimie K. Runyan Full-length, stand-alone novel (approx. 120,000 words) Includes discussion questions for book clubs

Carlota HarperCollins

Left alone after the deaths of her father and brother who take opposite sides in the War for Independence, and fleeing from the British who seek to arrest her, Sarah Bishop struggles to shape a new life for herself in the wilderness.