

### The moon within

by Aida Salazar  
CONTEMPORARY FICTION  
A modern tale of early adolescence finds Celi navigating questions about her changing body, first attraction and a best friend's genderfluid explorations while resisting her mother's embarrassing

plans for an ancestral Mexica moon ceremony to celebrate her first period.



### Dear Sweet Pea

by Julie Murphy  
CONTEMPORARY FICTION

Struggling to adjust to her parents' sudden divorce at the same time she is forced to sit next to her former best friend in class, a teen finds herself in the unlikely role of a community advice columnist. By the best-selling

author of *Dumplin'*.



### Sauerkraut

by Kelly Jones  
CONTEMPORARY FICTION

To earn enough money to build his own computer, HD Schenk agrees to help clean out his uncle's basement, but when he does, he finds an old pickling crock haunted by the ghost of his great-great-grandmother, who has

a plan of her own.



### Stargazing

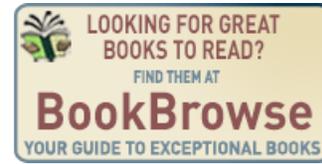
by Jen Wang  
CONTEMPORARY/GRAPHIC NOVEL

Growing up in the same Chinese-American suburb, perfectionist Christine and artistic, confident, impulsive Moon become unlikely best friends, whose friendship is tested by

jealousy, social expectations, and illness

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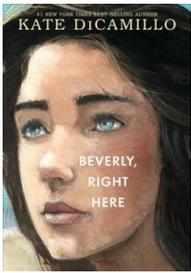
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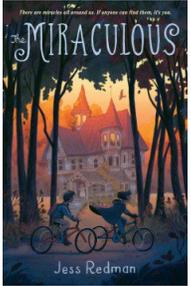
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## Beverly, right here

by Kate DiCamillo  
CONTEMPORARY FICTION  
Resolved to leave her home for good, a young runaway finds a job and a place to live before forming connections that alter her perspectives about life and herself.



## The miraculous

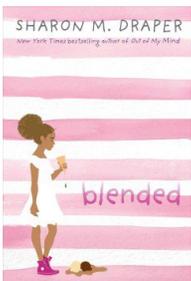
by Jess Redman  
CONTEMPORARY FICTION  
A boy who has loved stories about the inexplicable and extraordinary all his life suffers a crisis in faith in the aftermath of a family tragedy before bonding with an outspoken classmate and an eccentric letter carrier.



## The remarkable journey of Coyote Sunrise

by Dan Gemeinhart  
CONTEMPORARY FICTION  
Living on the road in an old school bus with her dad after losing her mother and sisters, 12-year-old Coyote devises an elaborate plan to convince her father to make a first

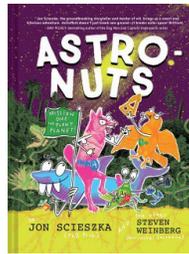
trip home to Washington state in five years, a journey marked by an eclectic group of passengers they meet along the way.



## Blended

by Sharon M. Draper  
CONTEMPORARY FICTION  
Piano-prodigy Isabella, eleven, whose black father and white mother struggle to share custody, never feels whole, especially as racial tensions affect her school, her parents both become engaged, and she and her stepbrother are

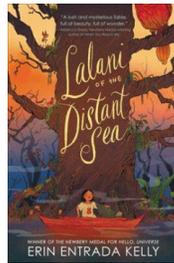
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## The Plant Planet

by Jon Scieszka  
SCI-FI/GRAPHIC NOVEL  
This laugh-out-loud, visually groundbreaking read launches a major new series by children's literature legend Jon Scieszka. AstroWolf, LaserShark, SmartHawk and StinkBug are animals that have

been hybridized to find other planets for humans to live on once we've ruined Earth. So off they rocket to the Plant Planet!



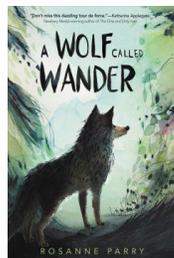
## Lalani of the distant sea

by Erin Entrada Kelly  
FANTASY  
A fantasy debut by the author of the Newbery Medal-winning *Hello, Universe* finds a young girl embarking on a quest normally reserved for boys in the hope of saving her village from life-threatening hazards, including a deadly plague affecting her mother.



## White bird : A Wonder Story

by R. J. Palacio  
HISTORICAL/GRAPHIC NOVEL  
Inspired by the author's best-selling *Wonder*, a graphic novel debut traces the heartrending story of a grandmother who as a Jewish girl was hidden by a brave, compassionate family in a Nazi-occupied French village during World War II.



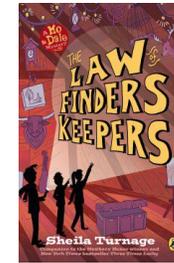
## A wolf called Wander

by Rosanne Parry  
ADVENTURE/SURVIVAL  
A young wolf travels one thousand miles across the Pacific Northwest after being separated from his family, navigating through forest fires, avoiding hunters, and struggling with hunger before finding a new home.



## Max & the Midnighters

by Lincoln Peirce  
HISTORICAL FICTION/GRAPHIC NOVEL  
Aspiring knight Max teams up with a band of brave adventurers, the Midnighters, on a madcap quest to save a kidnapped relative from a cruel king who is driving all the happiness out of the realm of Byjovia.



## The law of finders keepers

by Sheila Turnage  
MYSTERY  
With two treasure hunts underway, Desperado Detectives are trying to find Blackbeard's buried treasure which is rumored to be near Tupelo Landing and Mo is looking for her Upstream Mother, as Mo, Dale, and

Harm realize one of them may end up leaving their hometown.



## This was our pact

by Ryan Andrews  
ADVENTURE/GRAPHIC NOVEL  
Ben and his friends are determined to find out where the paper lanterns of the annual Autumn Equinox Festival go, so they follow the river as far as they can until the only followers left are Ben and Nathaniel.



## The unsung hero of Birdsong USA

by Brenda Woods  
HISTORICAL FICTION  
Forging a close friendship with an African American World War II veteran who has recently returned to their unwelcoming Jim Crow community, a 12-year-old white boy worries for his heroic friend's safety when racist locals threaten the man's family.