The last cuentista
by Donna Barba Higuera
Earth has been destroyed by a comet, and only a few hundred scientists and their children—among them Petra Pena and her family—have been chosen to journey to a new planet. They are the ones who must carry on the human race. Hundreds of years later, Petra wakes to this new planet—and the discovery that she is the only person who remembers Earth.

Too bright to see
by Kyle Lukoff
In the summer before middle school, eleven-year-old Bug must contend with best friend Moira suddenly caring about clothes, makeup, and boys; a ghost haunting; and the truth about Bug’s gender identity.

Amari and the night brothers
by B. B. Alston
Thirteen-year-old Amari, a poor Black girl from the projects, gets an invitation from her missing brother to join the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs and join in the fight against an evil magician.

Strange birds
by Celia C. Pérez
A budding journalist, a bookish foodie and a rule-abiding birdwatcher forge an unexpected friendship with a fourth misfit girl when they organize an alternative sisterhood troop to protest their Florida community’s outdated scout traditions.

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A-okay
by Jarad Greene
Teen Graphic Greene
While dealing with side effects from his powerful new acne medication, eighth grader Jay Greene finds things not going exactly as planned with school and his friends, and hopes things will turn out to be a-okay.

A good kind of trouble
by Lisa Moore Ramée
After attending a powerful protest, Shayla starts wearing an armband to school to support the Black Lives Matter movement, but when the school gives her an ultimatum, she is forced to choose between her education and her identity.

Allergic
by Megan Wagner Lloyd
Teen Graphic Lloyd
Hoping to adopt a pet to find a sense of belonging in her busy family, Maggie is disappointed to discover she is severely allergic to anything with fur and tries to find a pet to love anyway.

Wink: surviving middle school with one eye open
by Rob Harrell
Diagnosed with a rare eye cancer, a seventh grader endures painful treatments and social abandonment while searching for laughter in life's weirdness, in a tale based on the “Adam@Home” creator's own life.

Black boy joy
by Kwame Mbalia
Featuring contributions from such critically acclaimed Black authors as Jason Reynolds, Jerry Craft and Kwame Mbalia, this celebration of Black boyhood is told through a brilliant collection of stories, comics and poems.

Troublemaker
by John Cho
Following the events of the LA Riots, a 12-year-old Korean American boy must come to terms with the racism within and affecting their community while trying to protect his father, a store owner.

A comb of wishes
by Lisa Stringfellow
When she stumbles upon the ancient comb of the mermaid Ophidia, Kela gets one wish in exchange for the comb and wishes for her mother to be alive—a wish that will exact an even bigger price.

Snapdragon
by Kat Leyh
Teen Graphic Leyh
Befriending an eccentric but savvy older woman who suggests that they help each other while raising a litter of orphaned baby opossums, a young girl discovers that the woman may possess real magic and a possible connection to her family.

Betty before X
by Ilyasah Shabazz
A powerful middle-grade novel about the childhood activism of Malcolm X's wife, written by their daughter, describes how young Betty finds confidence and purpose by volunteering for the Housewives League in 1945 Detroit, learning skills and developing awareness that inspires her future as a Civil Rights icon.

Lines of courage
by Jennifer A. Nielsen
As World War I stretches across Europe, five young people face the awful challenges of war as they fight for their dreams, their families and their very survival.

Red, White, and Whole
by Rajani Larocca
Feeling disconnected from her heritage as the only Indian-American student in her community, young Reha commits herself to a future different from her dreams when her mother becomes dangerously ill.

Tiger honor
by Yoon Ha Lee
To restore honor to the Juhwang clan after Uncle Hwan is declared a traitor, Sebrin sets out to clear Hwan's name, but nothing goes as planned as he is sabotaged and betrayed by someone he thought he could trust.