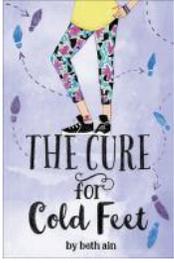


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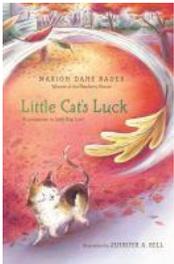
The Cure for Cold Feet: a Novel in Small Moments by Beth Ain

Now in sixth grade, Izzy continues to face the ups and downs of middle school including dances, social media, her brother's increasing distance, and her father's serious relationship.



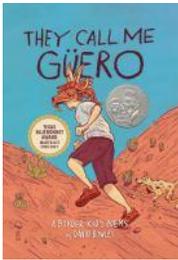
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Fourteen-year-old Josh and his twin brother Jordan live for the game and plan to play at rival colleges in this tale of family, love, loss, and basketball. Also check out Alexander's novels, *Booked* and *Rebound!*



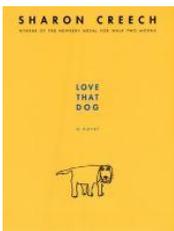
Little Cat's Luck by Marion Dane Bauer

A little cat named Patches manages to push out a window screen and leave her house, chasing a falling leaf, and sets out to find a special place to call her own. Dog lovers will also want to check out *Little Dog, Lost*.



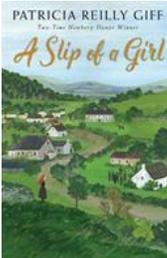
They Call Me Guero: A Border Kid's Poems by David Bowles

Twelve-year-old Güero, a red-headed, freckled Mexican American border kid, discovers the joy of writing poetry, thanks to his seventh grade English teacher. Güero's unique perspective and witty voice is expressed through many poetic forms including sonnets, raps, and haiku.



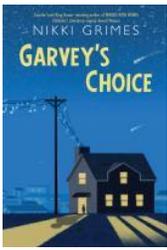
Love That Dog by Sharon Creech

Jack hates poetry. But his teacher, Miss Stretchberry, won't stop giving her class poetry assignments—and Jack can't avoid them. But then something amazing happens. The more he writes, the more he learns that he does have something to say. Also see *Hate That Cat* and *Moo*.



A Slip of a Girl by Patricia Reilly Giff

A haunting and powerful story about a poor farm girl, Anna, surviving the Irish Land Wars (1879-1882) as she tries to protect her family.



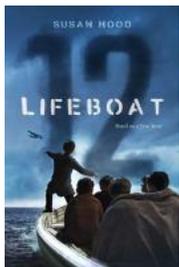
Garvey's Choice by Nikki Grimes

When his only friend encourages him to join the school chorus, Garvey finds a way to accept himself, and finally reach his distant father. This moving story celebrates being true to yourself; also check out *Words with Wings*.



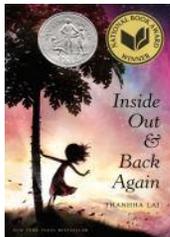
Full Cicada Moon by Marilyn Hilton

In 1969 twelve-year-old Mimi and her family move to a predominantly white town in Vermont, where Mimi's mixed-race background and interest in "boyish" topics like astronomy make her feel like an outsider. Following Mimi's journey over one year in her new town, this historical fiction story shows readers how positive change can start with just one person speaking up.



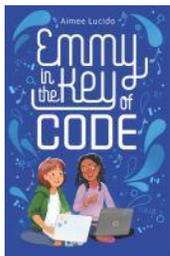
Lifeboat 12 by Susan Hood

Based on true events, this page turner tells the story of thirteen-year-old Ken's harrowing experience aboard Lifeboat 12 with five other boys after surviving a torpedo attack during World War II.



Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai

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.



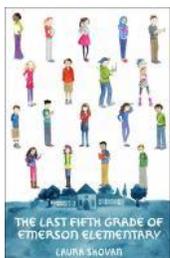
Emmy in the Key of Code by Aimee Lucido

Sixth-grader Emmy tries to find her place in a new school and to figure out how she can create her own kind of music using a computer. Young coders and fans of the Girls Who Code will want to check this one out



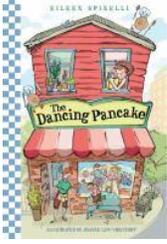
The Moon Within by Aida Salazar

Celi Rivera, an almost twelve-year-old girl growing up in California, is mortified that her mother wants to celebrate her first period with an ancestral moon ceremony. Meanwhile, her best friend Magda is also going through a life transition to a gender fluid identity. A dazzling story about family, friendship, and growing up.



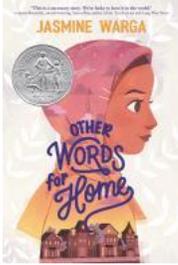
The Last Fifth Grade of Emerson Elementary by Laura Shovan

Knowing that their school, Emerson Elementary, is slated to be bulldozed at the end of the year to make way for a supermarket, Ms. Hill's fifth grade class is instructed to write poems for a time capsule. The eighteen students journal their experiences with honesty, humor, and heart, eventually joining forces to try and save their school from being torn down.



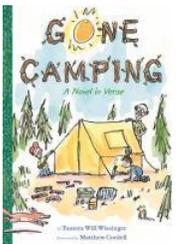
The Dancing Pancake by Eileen Spinelli

Eleven-year-old Belinda "Bindi" Winkler and her family find their way through tough times with the love and support of the community that grows around their newly opened restaurant, "The Dancing Pancake." Also see Spinelli's other novels in verse – *Birdie* and *Another Day as Emily!*



Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga

Sent with her mother to the safety of a relative's home in Cincinnati when her Syrian hometown is overshadowed by violence, Jude worries for the family members who were left behind as she adjusts to a new life with unexpected surprises.



Gone Camping by Tamera Will Wissinger

Grab a flashlight and snuggle up to experience the joy of campfires, s'mores, the great outdoors, and storytelling! Filled with family humor and adventure, also check out the companion novel *Gone Fishing*.