



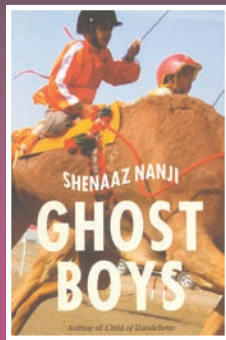
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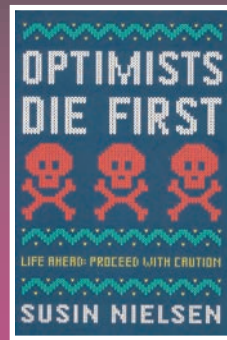
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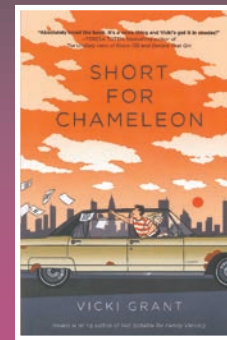
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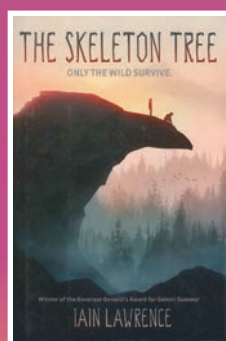
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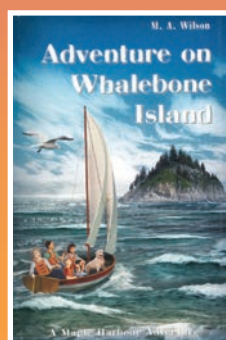


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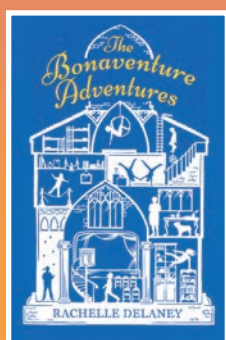


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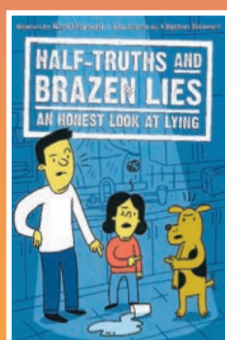
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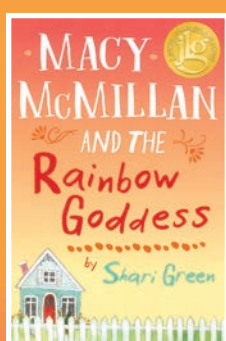
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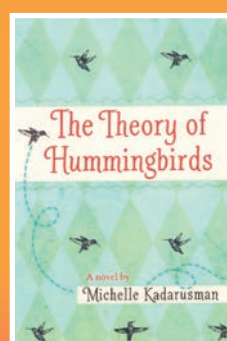
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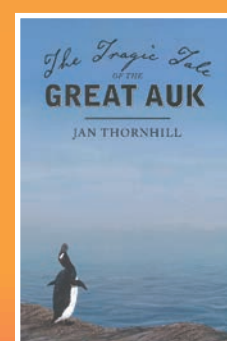
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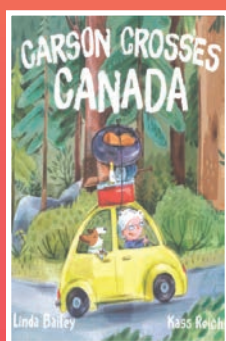


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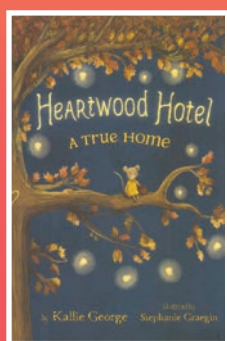
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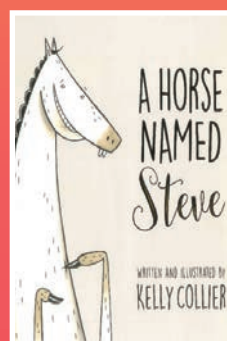
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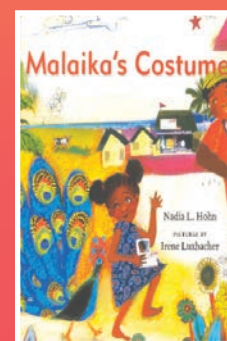
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Snow Willow (Gr. 7 & Up)

Dominion

by Shane Arbuthnott
Orca Book Publishers, © 2017
ISBN 9781459820029 (pbk)

Molly, a young engineer on her family's airship Legerdemain, is following in the footsteps of her pioneering ancestor, Haviland Stout - capturing spirits to harness their powers. When Molly catches her first spirit and it speaks to her, her world is overturned revealing a history of lies.

Ghost Boys

by Shenaaz Nanji
Mawenzi House Publishers Ltd., © 2017
ISBN 9781988449135 (pbk)

Munna is sold to a Sheikh's camel farm, where he must train the young camel jockeys. He must starve them so that they remain light, and he must win the Gold Sword race. Trapped, under pressure and forced to support cruel practices, Munna's only hope is to try to escape this nightmare.

Hit the Ground Running

by Alison Hughes
Orca Book Publishers, ©2017
ISBN 9781459815445 (pbk)

Dee and her little brother, Eddie, have been on their own for six weeks. They embark on the long road trip to Canada, their birthplace and former home. Lacking a driver's license and facing a looming interrogation at the border, Dee rations their money and food as they burn down the interstate in their ancient car.

Optimists Die First

by Susin Nielsen
Wendy Lamb Books, ©2017
ISBN 9781770497832 (pbk)

A family tragedy has turned Petula into a chronic pessimist seeing danger around every corner. However, Petula's cynical outlook is challenged when optimist Jacob joins her art therapy class and they are forced to work on a school project together.

Short for Chameleon

by Vicki Grant
HarperTrophy, © 2017
ISBN 9781443448987 (pbk)

Cam and his father run Almost Family Surrogate Agency, hiring themselves out to anyone in need of a relative. When they are hired by two new clients, Cam, who is used to being a chameleon, may finally have to play himself if he is going to succeed unraveling the mysteries of his new assignment.

The Skeleton Tree

by Iain Lawrence
Tundra Books, © 2016
ISBN 9781101918371 (pbk)

Soon after Chris embarks down the Alaskan coast with his uncle and a surly boy named Frank, their boat sinks. The only survivors are Chris and Frank. With no food and no way to radio for help, the boys must learn to get along if they are going to survive.

Summer's End

by Joel A. Sutherland
Scholastic Canada, © 2017
ISBN 9781443139311 (pbk)

It's the summer before high school and Jacob and his friends are determined to make it a memorable one. The kids find themselves inexplicably drawn to an abandoned house on an island that had once been a sanatorium for children with Tuberculosis and learn that it has some haunting secrets.

FRENCH VERSION AVAILABLE

The Valiant

by Lesley Livingston
HarperCollins Publishers Ltd., © 2017
ISBN 9781443446280

Fallon, a Celtic princess, hopes to gain warrior status in her father's war band to protect her homeland from Rome and avenge her sister's death. Her dreams are destroyed and her life in peril when she is captured and sold to a training school for female gladiators, owned by her enemy Julius Caesar.

The Winnowing

by Vikki VanSickle
Scholastic Canada, © 2017
ISBN 9781443148863 (pbk)

Marivic lives with her grandfather in a small town where a medical discovery was developed that saved humankind - though not without significant repercussions. Now all adolescents must undergo the mandatory medical winnowing procedure to halt the disease ACES. When Marivic and her friend Saren develop ACES they are sent for the winnowing and uncover dark secrets about the procedure.

Yellow Dog

by Miriam Körner
Red Deer Press, © 2016
ISBN 9780889955462 (pbk)

While roaming his northern community, Jeremy is pressured into an act of cruelty that alters the course of his life. Trying to atone for his behaviour, Jeremy befriends Yellow Dog and the mysterious old man who is his owner. Soon Jeremy is caught up in the world of dog-sledding, which opens doors on family secrets.

Diamond Willow (Gr. 4-6)

Adventure on Whalebone Island

by M.A. Wilson
Rainy Bay Press, © 2016
ISBN 9780995344501 (pbk)

Ryan and his sister Kendra are excited about spending summer vacation with their cousins, Claire and Nathan. Claire teaches them to sail and they set out on a camping expedition to Whalebone Island in search of a sunken sailboat with treasure. What they uncover is more mysterious and dangerous than they bargained for.

The Bonaventure Adventures

by Rachelle Delaney
Puffin Canada, © 2017
ISBN 9780143198505

Sebastian has no circus talent and his family's old-fashion, travelling circus is struggling to survive. Seb enrolls in Bonaventure Circus School to find a way to save his circus. He soon realizes the school's survival is also counting on his "talent". Can he keep his lack of talent a secret and be everyone's hero?

Half-Truths and Brazen Lies: An Honest Look at Lying

by Kira Vermond
illustrated by Clayton Hanmer
OwlKids, © 2016
ISBN 9781771471466

What is lying? Why do people lie? Is there ever a good reason to lie? Delve into the world of lies that we create, that surround us daily, learn to spot a liar and decide if honesty really is the best policy.

Hannah and the Magic Eye

by Tyler Enfield
Great Plains Publications, © 2017
ISBN 9781927855683 (pbk)

Hannah arrives in Jerusalem to visit her archaeologist grandfather only to discover he was kidnapped by a secret society. She realizes her grandfather, close to finding King Solomon's lost treasure, has left her a coded message. With the help of Samir, her intrepid sidekick, she must find the treasure and ransom back her grandfather.

Kings of the Court

by Alison Hughes
Orca Book Publishers, © 2017
ISBN 9781459812192 (pbk)

Despite his own lack of talent, Sameer, the scorekeeper for the school team the Gladiators, loves basketball. But the team is having one of their worst seasons. The coach is fired for bullying and a clueless, Shakespeare loving, drama teacher becomes the new coach. Sameer realizes he needs a way to rally his team and save the season.

Laura Monster Crusher

by Wesley King
Puffin Canada, © 2017
ISBN 9780670070022

Laura hopes that her family's move to a new town will give her some relief from the constant bullying she has endured. However, when investigating a rattling in her closet, Laura uncovers a more shocking complication - a world where Laura is chosen as the next Monster Crusher tasked with saving earth from the monsters below.

Macy McMillan and the Rainbow Goddess

by Shari Green
PajamaPress, © 2017
ISBN 9781772780178 (pbk)

Macy is struggling with her mother's upcoming marriage, a fight with her best friend and an impossible family tree project. Then Macy's mother forces her to help her elderly, crabby, neighbour, Iris, pack up all her books for a move. Macy is deaf and Iris can't sign, but they discover that friendship can develop in the most unlikely circumstances.

Mary Anning's Curiosity

by Monica Kulling
Groundwood Books, © 2017
ISBN 9781554988983

Mary and her brother Joe grow up helping their father comb the beaches for fossils to sell to support their family. When her father is injured, Mary must work even harder. The discovery of a gigantic, crocodile fossil could be the answer to their money trouble, but she must unearth it before her rival Captain Cury steals it. Based on a true story.

The Theory of Hummingbirds

by Michelle Kadarusman
PajamaPress, © 2017
ISBN 9781772780277

Alba is recovering from her final surgery to correct her club foot. She aims to compete in the sixth-grade cross country race. She will need the help of her best friend Levi, but he is caught up in his own mission. Neither believe in each other's plan. Can they be true friends and overcome their differences?

The Tragic Tale of the Great Auk

by Jan Thornhill
Groundwood Books, © 2016
ISBN 9781554988655

This is the heart-breaking story of the Great Auk. The tall black and white bird, was a masterful swimmer and fisher that lived in the cold northern waters. Although it avoided predators in the water, it couldn't fly and was clumsy on land. Sadly, this magnificent bird was hunted into extinction.

Shining Willow (Gr. K-3)

The Branch

by Mireille Messier
illustrated by Pierre Pratt
Kids Can Press, © 2016
ISBN 9781771385640

When an ice storm snaps a girl's favorite branch from the tree in her yard, she is heartbroken. Her neighbour, Mr. Frank, understands her pain and helps her to transform the branch into a new treasure.
FRENCH, DUTCH AND KOREAN VERSION AVAILABLE

Carson Crosses Canada

by Linda Bailey
illustrated by Kass Reich
Tundra, © 2017
ISBN 9781101918838

Feisty Annie Magruder and her dog, Carson, are setting out on a cross Canada adventure. They travel province to province, experiencing new adventures across the country, but the biggest surprise for Carson comes at the end of the trip.

Heartwood Hotel: A True Home

by Kallie George
illustrated by Stephanie Graegin
HarperCollins Publishers Ltd., © 2017
ISBN 9781443443937

During a storm, Mona stumbled across the Heartwood Hotel seeking refuge. She ends up staying on as the new maid. But, danger is nearby, and Mona will need to protect her new home.

A Horse Named Steve

written and illustrated by Kelly Collier
Kids Can Press, ©2017
ISBN 9781771387361

On the ground in the forest, Steve finds a gold horn and is convinced that he is now exceptional! When the horn goes missing, he is frantic to find it, fearing he is no longer exceptional. Or is he?

Malaika's Costume

by Nadia L. Hohn
illustrated by Irene Luxbacher
Groundwood Books, © 2016
ISBN 9781554987542

Malaika is eager to dance in the parade for Carnival. Her mother, who lives in Canada, promised to send her money for a costume, but it doesn't arrive. Will she still be able to participate?
FRENCH VERSION AVAILABLE

Underneath the Sidewalk

by Claire Eamer
illustrated by Thomas Gibault
North Winds Press, © 2016
ISBN 9781443146364

What happens if you fall through the cracks in the sidewalk? Underneath the Sidewalk tells you exactly what would happen!
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When Planet Earth Was New

by James Gladstone
illustrated by Katherine Diemert
Owlkids Books, © 2017
ISBN 9781771472036

How has the planet Earth changed over billions of years? This book takes us to the beginning, exploring the evolution of living things and helps us understand what our place in the world is today.

When the Trees Crackle with Cold: A Cree Calendar

by Bernice Johnson-Laxdal
and Miriam Körner
illustrated by Miriam Körner
Your Nickel's Worth Publishing, © 2016
ISBN 9781927756843

By exploring the moon calendar of the northern Cree, we understand how we are all connected to the seasons and cycles of nature.

When We Were Alone

by David A. Robertson
illustrated by Julie Flett
Highwater Press, © 2016
ISBN 9781553796732

Why does her grandmother have long hair? Wear beautiful coloured clothing? Speak another language? Spend so much time with her family? A young girl is told of her Grandmother's life in a residential school.

Where Will I Live?

by Rosemary McCarney
Second Story Press, © 2017
ISBN 9781772600285

Many children all over the world have had to leave their homes because they are no longer safe. For them life is hard and full of questions. In spite of everything, they find time to laugh, play, and make friends. And most importantly, they have hope that somewhere, someone will welcome them to a new home.

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