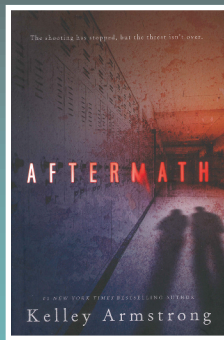




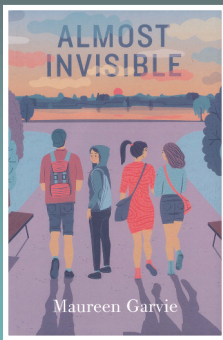
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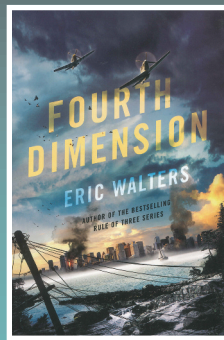
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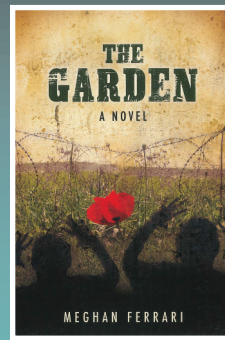
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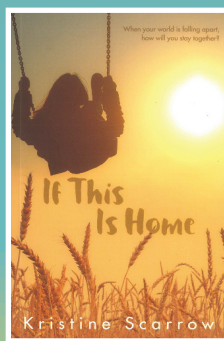
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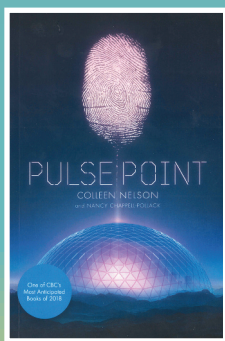
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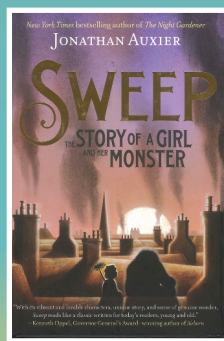
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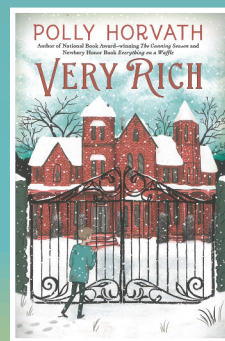
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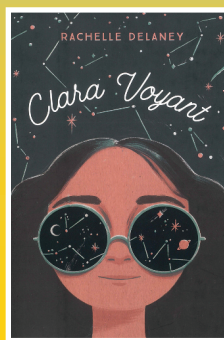


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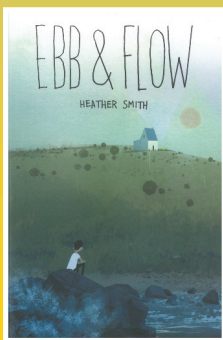


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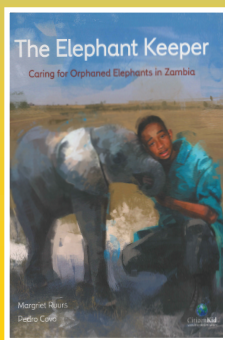
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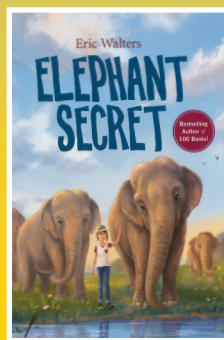
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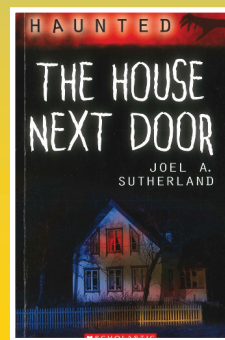
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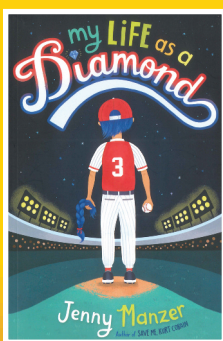
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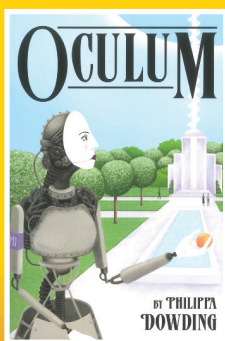
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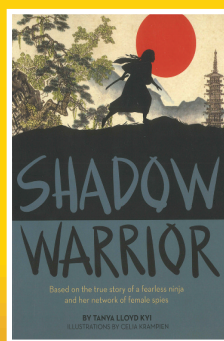
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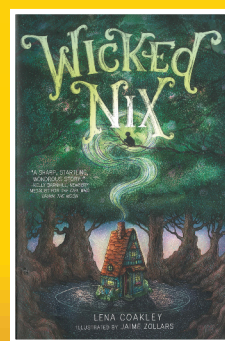
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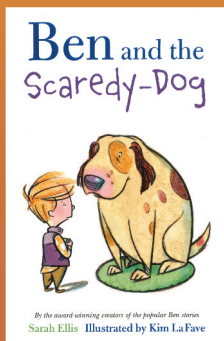


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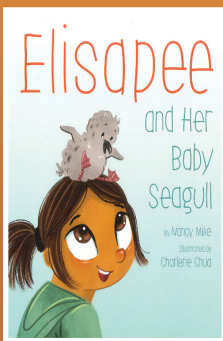


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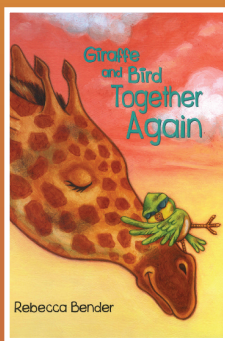
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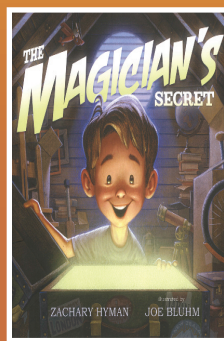
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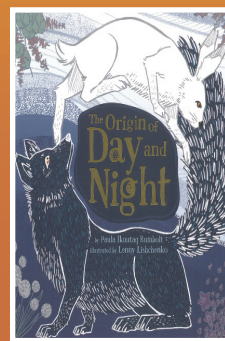
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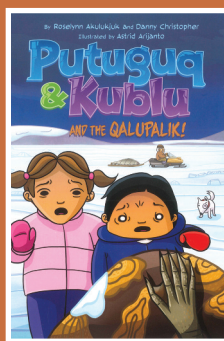
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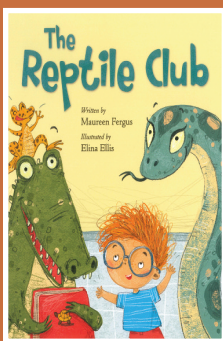
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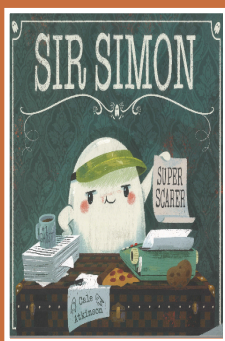
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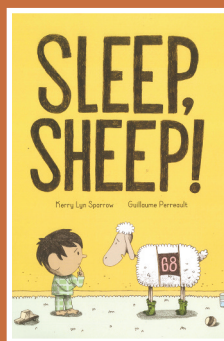
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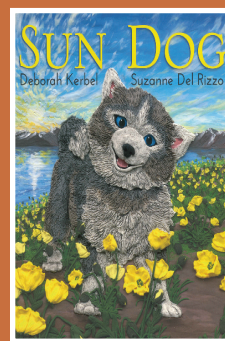
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Snow Willow (Gr. 7 & Up)

Aftermath

by Kelley Armstrong  
Penguin Random House, ©2018  
ISBN 9780385686457

It's been three years since Skye has lost her brother in a school shooting. To make matters worse, she is now going back to her old high school where the shooting took place. Things are hard for Skye, because her brother was the shooter, and now she needs to deal with the aftermath of his decision.

If This Is Home

by Kristine Scarrow  
Dundurn, ©2017  
ISBN 9781459736504 (pbk)

Jayce Loewen's mom worked two jobs until she got sick. Jayce takes on responsibility for her little sister in the mornings. Her teachers don't understand why she is late for class every day. In after school detention, Jayce meets Kurt. He helps her to search for her missing father. Maybe he will make her family whole again.

Almost Invisible

by Maureen Garvie  
Groundwood Books, ©2018  
ISBN 9781773060781

When life at home is so bad that you have to run away, becoming invisible is the only way you can find to survive. Stay under the radar, go to school, don't get caught. But maybe all you need is two good friends to make you realize you shouldn't be invisible.

No Fixed Address

by Susin Nielsen  
Penguin Random House, ©2018  
ISBN 9780735262751

Felix has a great mind for trivia. Astrid, his mom, is a free spirit, which lands her unemployed and them living in a van. Felix needs to keep their homelessness a secret; from school, Child Welfare, and his two good friends. When Felix becomes a contestant on a quiz show, he is desperate to win the cash. Felix needs to dig deep within himself to find the answers, and his happy ending.

Fake Blood

by Whitney Gardner  
Simon & Schuster Books  
for Young Readers, ©2018  
ISBN 9781481495578

AJ is feeling a little lost heading into 6th grade but is happy doing a class project with his crush Nia Winters. Nia is drawn to vampires, so AJ starts drinking (fake) blood and pretending to be a vampire. AJ's plan to impress Nia backfires when he discovers that Nia is a slayer, one who is dedicated to destroying vampires.

Pulse Point

by Colleen Nelson and  
Nancy Chappell-Pollack  
Yellow Dog (Great Plains), ©2018  
ISBN 9781927855973 (pbk)

When Earth's climate becomes too dangerous, scientists build a perfect city where citizens create just enough energy on their pulse points to balance what they use and sustain the city. When Kaia's pulse points malfunction, she begins to uncover secrets that force her away from the safety of the city and into the dangerous world beyond its walls.

Fourth Dimension

by Eric Walters  
Penguin Random House, ©2018  
ISBN 9780143198444

A family is trying to survive after a seemingly harmless power outage. When a camping trip leaves them stranded on an island with nothing but their camping supplies and their mother's military experience, things go wrong fast. In a battle to survive, Emma and her family must use their wits and skills to fight for their lives.

Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster

by Jonathan Auxier  
Puffin Canada, © 2018  
ISBN 9780735264359

Nan Sparrow knows hardship. She lost her beloved father figure and mentor and is forced to work for a cruel master as a chimney sweep. A near death experience awakens a lump of coal left by her mentor, creating a golem to protect Nan from the cruel world around her.

The Garden

by Meghan Ferrari  
Red Deer Press, ©2018  
ISBN 97808889955684 (pbk)

Elias and his family are trying to survive in the Syrian war zone. When they make the move to a Lebanese refugee camp, life in the camp is like an open-air prison. They are hopeful that life in Canada will provide a great future for them. However, even in Canada, Elias encounters bullies and racism.

Very Rich

by Polly Horvath  
Penguin Random House, ©2018  
ISBN 9780143198611

When a boy who is from the poorest part of town randomly joins a wealthy family for an extravagant Christmas celebration, he enters an entirely new world. His connections with the unique individuals in that family continue with stranger and stranger adventures over the following months.

Diamond Willow (Gr. 4-6)

Clara Voyant

by Rachelle Delaney  
Puffin Canada, © 2018  
ISBN 9780143198543

After Clara's proper grandmother moves to Florida, Clara's free-spirited mother relocates the two of them to an eclectic neighbourhood to run a herbal store and "follow her bliss". Clara, an aspiring journalist, is horrified when she is assigned the task of writing horoscopes for her new school's newspaper and even more alarmed when they start coming true.

Inkling

by Kenneth Oppel  
illustrated by Sydney Smith  
HarperCollins Publishers, © 2018  
ISBN 9781443450287

The Rylance family is struggling since the death of their mother. Dad, a famous comic book creator, has writer's block. Ethan is assigned the illustrator job on a school group project, but he can't draw. Sister Sarah is fixated on owning a puppy. One night a blob of ink escapes Mr. Rylance's sketchbook and changes the Rylance family forever.

Ebb & Flow

by Heather Smith  
Kids Can Press, © 2018  
ISBN 9781771388382

Jett is heading to Newfoundland, where he used to live, to visit his grandmother and in hopes of escaping a difficult year. His father was sent to prison and Jett himself has made some shameful choices that he is trying to forget. He soon learns that he can't hide from his past but must face it to find peace.

My Life as a Diamond

by Jenny Manzer  
Orca Book Publishers, © 2018  
ISBN 9781459818316 (pbk)

Caspar "Caz" Cadman is a talented baseball player. When his family moves from Toronto to Redburn, Washington, he immediately joins a new team and hopes that he can forget the past, be himself, enjoy playing ball and, in his own time, share his secret about once going by the name Cassandra.

Elephant Keeper: Caring for Orphaned Elephants in Zambia

by Margriet Ruurs  
illustrated by Pedro Covo  
Kids Can Press, ©2017  
ISBN 9781771385619

Aaron has been taught that elephants damage crops and are a danger to humans, however, when he sees a baby elephant drowning in his employer's pool, he instinctively jumps in and saves it. The elephant is taken to an orphanage where Aaron learns the plight of elephants and takes on a job that will change his life.

Oculum

by Philippa Dowding  
DCB/Cormorant Books, ©2018  
ISBN 9781770865129 (pbk)

Miranda I and William I are two of one thousand children living in a protected dome environment where they are raised by robots and unaware of the devastated outside world. Mannfred has only known the horrors of the desolate earth. Soon their paths will cross, and the world will never be the same.

Elephant Secret

by Eric Walters  
Puffin Canada, © 2018  
ISBN 9780735262812

Along with her father, twelve-year-old Samantha has an extended family in the beloved elephants they raise on their sanctuary. When a new baby elephant is born, through a mysterious breeding program, it becomes clear the baby is unusual, so unusual in fact, that this special family and the sanctuary are put in jeopardy.

Shadow Warrior

by Tanya Lloyd Kyi  
illustrated by Celia Krampien  
Annick Press, ©2017  
ISBN 9781554519651

Chiyome, is permitted to train as a legendary ninja. When she is forced to marry, her dreams of a ninja life are crushed. However, after her husband is killed in battle, Chiyome secretly creates an army of orphaned girls trained to perform tea ceremonies and as shrine maidens, but who are really ninjas aiding her father-in-law's warring exploits.

The House Next Door

by Joel A. Sutherland  
Scholastic Canada, © 2017  
ISBN 9781443157094 (pbk)

Matt and his sister Sophie are not excited to move into a new subdivision. On the day they move in they see a horse in the neighbouring field, which thrills Sophie. The rickety house looks abandoned, so what is a horse doing there? The children decide to investigate and uncover an old murder with nightmarish consequences.

Wicked Nix

by Lena Coakley  
illustrated by Jaime Zollars  
HarperCollins Publishers, © 2018  
ISBN 9781443454698

Wicked Nix, "the foulest of the Fairies", has been left behind to guard the forest. When a "man-people" moves into a house in the woods, Nix makes it his mission to scare the man-people away to please his queen. Unfortunately, Nix doesn't have any magic, so he'll have to use his wicked tricks to chase the human away.

Shining Willow (Young - Gr. 3)

Ben and the Scaredy-Dog

by Sarah Ellis  
illustrated by Kim LaFave  
Pajama Press, ©2018  
ISBN 9781772780444

Ben is afraid of dogs, even his new neighbor's old scaredy-dog, Max. Can big, brave Ben overcome his fear and make a new kind of friend?

Elisapee and Her Baby Seagull

by Nancy Mike  
illustrated by Charlene Chua  
Inhabit Media, ©2017  
ISBN 9781772271669

Elisapee immediately falls in love with a baby seagull that her father brings home. She takes care of Nau, her new friend, and even helps it learn how to fly. Eventually, Nau is big enough to fly and to leave home. Will Elisapee be able to find a way to say goodbye?

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Giraffe and Bird Together Again

by Rebecca Bender  
Pajama Press, ©2018  
ISBN 9781772780512

Bird lives for adventure, but Giraffe is perfectly happy right where he is. One afternoon, Bird fails to return from his adventure and Giraffe has a bad feeling. Bird is in trouble and Giraffe will have to find and rescue him.

The Magician's Secret

by Zachary Hyman  
illustrated by Joe Bluhm  
Tundra Books  
(Penguin Random House), ©2018  
ISBN 9781770498945

Charlie loves Grandpa's magical imagination and his wonderful adventure stories. However, Charlie's parents warn him that the stories are just "tall tales." What is Charlie to believe? How can his grandpa convince him that all you need to do is believe and a dream can be turned into something real?

The Origin of Day and Night

by Paula Ikuutaq Rumbolt  
illustrated by Lenny Lishchenko  
Inhabit Media, ©2018  
ISBN 9781772271805

At the beginning of time, there is only darkness. Words are magic and if spoken they could become real. When a fox and a hare express the desire for light, their powerful utterances speak day and night into existence.

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Putuguq & Kublu and the Qalupalik!

by Roselynn Akulukjuk  
and Danny Christopher  
illustrated by Astrid Arjanto  
Inhabit Media, ©2018  
ISBN 9781772272284

On their way to the shoreline, Putuguq and Kublu run into their grandfather, who warns them to be careful because qalupalik, a mythical creature that snatches children, may be under the ice waiting to strike. Is Grandfather just scaring them or is the qalupalik real?

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The Reptile Club

by Maureen Fergus  
illustrated by Elina Ellis  
Kids Can Press, ©2018  
ISBN 9781771386555

Encouraged by his parents to start his own club at school, Rory knows exactly what it will be: a Reptile Club! There must be other kids out there who share his passion. He sets up his first meeting and waits for people to join him. New members arrive for the first meeting, but they are not who Rory expected!

Sir Simon: Super Scarer

by Cale Atkinson  
Tundra Books  
(Penguin Random House), ©2018  
ISBN 9781101919095

Sir Simon is a professional ghost who has been transferred to his first house to haunt an old lady - the easiest to haunt! Things don't go as planned when a KID moves in with his granny.

Sleep Sheep!

by Kerry Lynn Sparrow  
illustrated by Guillaume Perreault  
Kids Can Press, ©2018  
ISBN 9781771387965

Duncan's mom has had enough of his bedtime stalling and tells him to count sheep to help him fall asleep. As he starts counting, sheep appear and jump over his bed until Sheep #68 comes. He can't jump until he's had a drink of water, goes to the bathroom, needs running shoes and... will he ever do what he is supposed to do?

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Sun Dog

by Deborah Kerbel  
illustrated by Suzanne Del Rizzo  
Pajama Press, ©2018  
ISBN 9781772780383

Juno can't wait to be strong enough to help pull a sled across the tundra, but for now she is just a small puppy. Juno can't sleep with the midnight sun shining out across the town so she slips outside to play late at night. Encountering a hungry polar bear sniffing around, Juno has to summon her bravery.

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